

Tribal Loans Available for Home Improvements

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program currently offers loans to tribal members for home improvements. Tribal members can use these loans for such things as a new roof, new siding, new carpeting, room additions, a new furnace, and new appliances.

For more information about the Home Improvement Loan Program, call Dave Litchy at the Siletz Tribe Finance Office in Salem, Ore., at 503-304-4064 or 1-888-870-9051 (toll-free).

Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Bert Bartow, 8/16
Delbert Bell, 8/25
Rosalie Bremner, 8/27
Joyce Britton, 8/11
Ronald Butler, 8/21
Geri Calaba, 8/19
Charles DePoe, 8/14
Peter DePoe Sr., 8/21
Elizabeth Dotson, 8/4
Duane Endres, 8/2
Consuelo Fernandez, 8/1
Richard Fernandez, 8/30
Stephen Flores, 8/17
Kathleen Forester, 8/15
Mary Grabert, 8/28
Robert Jordan, 8/19
Joseph Lane Jr., 8/24
Lois Lanier, 8/13
Martha Lockhart, 8/12
Sharon Mason, 8/14

Wanda Melton, 8/17
Charlotte Noble, 8/9
Maxine Rilatos, 8/7
Marie Spratt, 8/4
Betty Stahr, 8/13
Gloria Stott, 8/16
Lorene Tedmon, 8/20
Mary Viles, 8/11
Shirley Walker, 8/1
Joan Washington, 8/7

**Elder Council
Meeting
Sept. 13, 2003
Chinook Winds Casino
& Convention Center
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.**



*Arlissa Rhoan,
Isaac Butler,
Cecillie Butler,
Reggie Butler Jr.,
William Whitehead
and Craig
Whitehead
participate in an
exhibition dance
at the Lincoln
County Fair.*



Vickie Nelson and her great-nephew Jayden Ben

Elders Attend Nez Perce Gathering

by Kathryn Dick

Twenty-five Siletz elders traveled to Idaho to attend the Nez Perce Elder Honor Day in June. It was a great trip filled with lots of fun.

The Siletz elders' bus broke down just as it arrived to pick up the Salem-area elders. A big thanks to the Salem staff, who quickly transferred luggage and elders into the Salem office vans.

We had a nice trip to Idaho with exciting things happening along the way. We hadn't realized how great our state of Oregon was. We have nice rest areas along our roads and highways, not quite so in Idaho. As we traveled, we needed a stop but there were no rest areas to be seen, just rolling hills everywhere.

As we were getting quite desperate, we happened onto a porta-potty sitting

on a trailer along the side of the road. There just happened to be enough room for all three vans to pull over to the side of the road.

Jack McCord III, our notorious volunteer bus driver, jumped from the van to check to see if it was open and luckily it was. The elders jumped off the vans and lined up to use the porta-potty. Such relief!

After getting back on the vans and heading toward our destination, we drove about two miles and finally saw a rest area sign. Things like this always make our trips memorable. We always look back and get a good laugh.

After arriving in Lewiston, we found our rooms and settled in. The next morning, we went to the Nez Perce Casino for Bingo Breakfast.

The afternoon was spent at the Nez Perce Community Center, where we had lunch. It was a fun trip and we all had a very enjoyable time with people from the other tribes who attended.



*Jack McCord III and
Eva Clayton*