



Liz John, Rose Bremner, and Susan Trachsel show new blanks to the children.

## Elders Make Blankets

by Kathryn Dick

The elders approved a purchase of materials to make small children's blankets for the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center.

Liz John headed up the group of ladies who met and put the blankets together. The blankets were then

presented to Susan Trachsel, director of the child care center.

The blankets will be used at the center for nap times. Elders who participated were Rose Bremner, Jean Garrett, and Gladys Bolton. Thanks, ladies!

## Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Geraldine Ashley, 12/12  
Cathleen Barnhurst, 12/22  
Edmond Ben, 12/25  
Gladys Bolton, 12/19  
Dennis Chambers, 12/11  
Melvin Downey, 12/6  
Deanna Howell, 12/13  
Ardith Jobin, 12/17  
Lindsey John, 12/23  
Anthony Jucutan, 12/17

Elmunt Koehler, 12/10  
Dennis Lane, 12/4  
Larry Lee, 12/15  
Cynthia Lozano, 12/22  
Pauline Montana, 12/25  
Frank Simmons, 12/27  
George Siniscal, 12/6  
Thomas Siniscal, 12/17  
Esther Stutzman, 12/1  
Lois Thudium, 12/26

## 13 Spokespersons Now Available

Tribal Court Spokesperson training was held in October and 13 spokespersons now are available, with six more coming on board pending completion of training.

A Department of Justice grant has funded Tribal Court's enhancement project. The funds have contributed to the spokesperson program, completion

of two tribal law guides, and specialized software for the Tribal Court office.

Special thanks go to the individuals who contributed to the enhancement of Tribal Court, especially spokespersons representing the Siletz community.

Tribal Court encourages all interested Siletz Tribal members or other federally recognized tribal

## Computer Distribution Program

This year marks the second year that Tribal Council allocated funds to purchase and distribute computers to tribal member households. Last year, 1,053 computers were distributed to tribal member households. This summer and fall, 786 computers were distributed to tribal member households and those of guardians of tribal children.

The deadline to apply for this year's distribution was July 15, 2003. Many applications were received and processed, resulting in the current level of distribution this year.

Many households already have received and installed their computers and are using them in a variety of ways. Some are students attending college, others are using their computer in their business, and still others are using them for fun and recreation and accessing the Internet. There are as many uses as there are households that own them.

Tribal staff and Tribal Council members are aware that some households may have been excluded because of

duplicate addresses – either two or more people applying from the same household or someone having used the address previously and then moving. Tribal Council appointed staff and council members to develop criteria to help tribal members in this situation apply for computers.

Additionally, remaining funds exist to purchase an additional 200 computers this year. Therefore, the application process is being reopened, with additional criteria for duplicate households/addresses, to give tribal members an opportunity to apply for these additional computers. You'll find the application form on page 9 of this issue of *Siletz News*, along with criteria for applicable verification of address and/or custody.

**The deadline to apply for this final round of computers is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 15, 2004.** Applications should be originals (faxes not accepted) and include verification of residence. A list of acceptable verification is included on page 9.



Reggie Butler Jr., Lillie Butler, Maria Westervelt, Gladys Bolton, and Jerry Howell attend the AMERIND Risk Management Corporation conference in Las Vegas. The conference theme was "A Tradition of Native American Housing."

### Elder Council Meeting

Dec. 13, 2003 – 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Chinook Winds Casino

Attention:  
Meeting will start one hour earlier!  
Christmas Gift Exchange  
\$10 Limit  
Ladies – Bring a ladies gift  
Men – Bring a man's gift