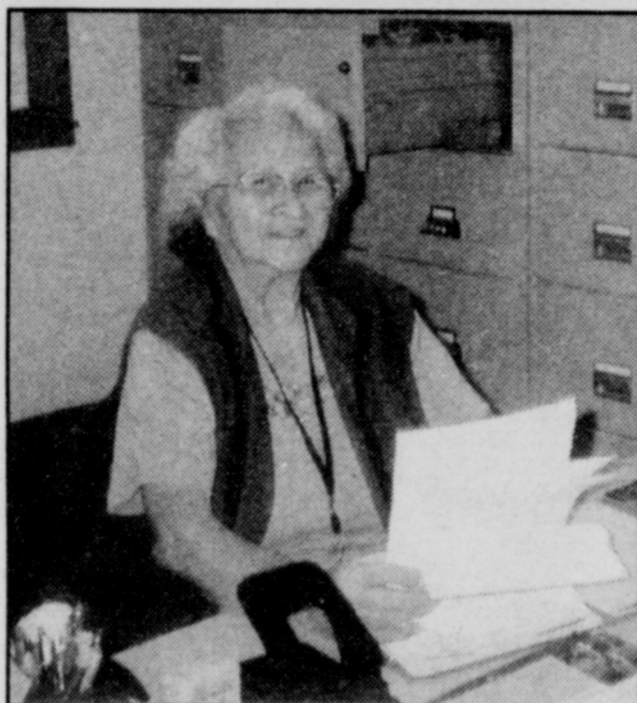


Another Year of Wisdom Happy Birthday!

Kenneth Blacketer, 1/11
Delmer Butler Sr., 1/12
Christy Cadena, 1/24
Ialeen Collins, 1/22
Richard Dodds, 1/18
Emmet Douthit, 1/6
William Hedrick, 1/24
Harold Hoiness, 1/21
Diana Jacobs, 1/28
Constance James, 1/22
Pamela Keller, 1/29
Vera Lafferty, 1/7
Terry McCord, 1/4
Diane Robertson, 1/4
Linda Sage, 1/17
Rosalie Sepulveda, 1/1
William Service, 1/18
Frances Severson, 1/13
Wilma Strong, 1/17
Darlene Taylor, 1/21
Sherryl Thies, 1/2
George Thompson, 1/19
Lynda Timeus, 1/30
Ernestine Wooten, 1/7



Elders Enjoy New Work Experiences

Vickie Nelson (Enrollment), Jean Garrett (Siletz meal site) and Rose Bremner (Culture) are taking part in the elders employment work experience program. They work up to 20 hours per week for a maximum of 360 hours.

This program is funded through 2002 excess pledge revenue funds. It started in July 2003.



Vickie Nelson (above, left), Jean Garrett (above) work for the tribe through the Elders WEX program.



Rose Bremner works with Robert Kentta and Bud Lane arranging cultural items in the showcase of the Culture Department (photos by Maria Westervelt).

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.

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(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members
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Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Feb. 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Feb. 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Feb. 17 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Feb. 19 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Elder Council Meeting

Jan. 11, 2004

Chinook Winds Casino

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Election of Chairman

New Area Open for Firewood

In addition to the South Fork #2 firewood area, which has been open for some time, two other small areas are now open for tribal member personal use firewood cutting. These are known as the Williams Ridge and Sugus Hill firewood areas.

Both have a very limited amount of maple, alder, and some fir. The good news is that, unlike the South Fork #2 unit, these new areas are accessible by two-wheel-drive vehicles.

Permits are required for all firewood cutting areas. They can be obtained during regular office hours at the tribe's Natural Resources Department.

For more information, contact Mike Kennedy, tribal forester, at 541-444-8232 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 232; or Tami Miner, Natural Resources assistant, at 541-444-8227 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 227.

