

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



The new homes in the Oak Flats housing development near completion in March. Cabinets are installed (above) while Willie Metcalf works on a roof (right). The contractor, Lucky-Mackelly, provided employment for up to seven tribal members at a time. Families should be able to move into these homes this month.



Join Elders for Treasures on the Beach Honor Day

This year's annual Elder Honor Day theme is Treasures on the Beach and it will be held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on April 12.

For those wishing to attend, lodging will be provided for elders traveling to the gathering. Rides also are available for those needing one. We will get more information out as the plans get completed.

Please come and welcome the elders traveling from other tribes. We expect 500 to attend this year for lots of fun, laughter, and entertainment.

If you have questions, please call Kathryn Dick, elder council coordinator, at 541-444-8261 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1261.

There will be no Elder Council Meeting in April because of the annual Elder Honor Day on April 12.

The next meeting will be May 14, 2005 – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Another Year of Wisdom for Our Elders ... Happy Birthday!

Michael Alicante, 4/1
Andrew Brown, 4/10
Mildred Bueno, 4/13
Darelle Butler, 4/8
Laverne Butler, 4/26
Sally Childs, 4/23
Martin Dugan, 4/4
Mary Fisher, 4/8
Regina Furlong, 4/7
Esther Gray, 4/25
Tessabelle Green, 4/15
Clementine Hartt, 4/14
Donna Holmes, 4/9
Nathan Huffman Jr., 4/17
Gerald Lane, 4/14
Juan Marzan, 4/13
Clarice McKnight, 4/25
Evalina Medley, 4/17

Charles Miles, 4/23
Mary Newport, 4/15
Catherine Paez, 4/22
Jeri Parman, 4/26
Doris Riding In, 4/21
Manuel Rilatos, 4/20
Philip Rilatos Sr., 4/13
Wilma Rodgers, 4/15
Patricia Rodriguez, 4/25
Calvin Simmons Jr., 4/25
Donald Simmons Sr., 4/23
Lawrence Sondanaa, 4/10
Richard Strickler, 4/27
Wreatha Tollefson, 4/8
Antoinette Vankirk, 4/6
Alice Werth, 4/28
Daniel Wilcox, 4/13

Make Sure Application is Complete for Rental Assistance Program

Many applications that we receive are not complete. This means that the applicant does not follow directions or understand what is expected to accompany the application before it is returned to the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) office (555 Tolowa Court/P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549).

Our process is to review the application; input the application on our computer software; write the receipt letter; if the application is incomplete, a deadline is given to complete it; and list the number they may be on the active waiting list.

If the application is incomplete and the applicant does not respond by the deadline, his/her file will be placed into inactive status.

More often than not, applicants who have submitted an incomplete application have been sent the receipt letter and for some reason, the applicant calls a day or so after their application has been placed in inactive status. Until the application is complete, there is no extended grace period of time beyond the deadline.

If documentation to complete the application is received after the file becomes

inactive, the application may be placed onto the active waiting list with the date of the received documents. The original date stamp on the application is null because it does not reflect the complete status.

What is complete? The application filled out completely, all signature areas signed, copies of Social Security cards for all household members, copies verifying income (i.e. benefit statements, pay stubs, etc.), and documentation of residence for

non-Siletz or Siletz-enrolled members (i.e., bills, ID, a legitimate source that shows the name and resident address; for minors, this could be a divorce decree, school records, etc.).

The Rental Assistance Program is a temporary rental assistance program for enrolled tribal members. The approximate wait time on the active waiting list is four years. There is no preference to speed up the process.

Although the Rental Assistance Program accepts applications from any location, we do not provide assistance outside the tribe's 11-county service area.

Call Marci Simmons or Angela Martin at 541-444-8314 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1314, if you have questions.

