

## TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



*Siletz Valley Builders LLC recently received a loan for their new business from the Siletz Small Business Program. L to r: Paul Petrequin, Floyd Wiley, LaVonne Butler and Leon Araiza.*

### Siletz Valley Builders – A New Tribal Business

*by Rosie Sufficool, STBC Business Information Counselor*

When LaVonne Butler and her partners received a small business loan recently for their new business, Siletz Valley Builders LLC, it was the beginning of a dream of owning her own business.

Butler and her partners – Leon Araiza, Paul Petrequin, and Floyd Wiley – will use the \$10,000 loan from the Small Business Loan Program to help purchase needed equipment for their construction business.

Siletz Valley Builders specializes in remodeling and new home development, and already has bid on several projects.

"We are really excited about our new business," Butler said, "and look forward to making it successful."

Before starting their business, Butler and the partners did a lot of preparation. All of them successfully completed requirements for their contractor's license. Through the Small Business Program, Butler received one-on-one counseling and business development advice.

Butler also successfully completed several workshops through the Siletz Tribal Action Network (S.T.A.N.), which helped her prepare herself for being in business.

Prior to receiving the loan, Butler and her partners had to prepare a business plan describing their business, how it would operate, and their financial goals for the first year of business.

The loan package then was presented to the Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program Board, which reviews applications of prospective Siletz Tribal entrepreneurs.

After it was approved, the loan was funded and Siletz Valley Builders LLC is now on its way to becoming another successful business owned by a Siletz Tribal member.

If you are a Siletz Tribal member and are interested in becoming an entrepreneur, please contact me at 541-994-2142 or 1-877-564-7298.



*Four generations of the Ben family attend Crystal's wedding on the beach in Maui on Jan. 26.*

### Mortenson in Active Service in Iraq

Brandy Mortenson is a sergeant in the Army and currently is stationed in Spenger, Iraq, as a supply sergeant.

Brandy is a 2001 graduate of Lake Oswego High School. She was known for her unique talent in girls' basketball as a point guard. She has been playing basketball since she was 10 years old and just kept getting better and faster.

Brandy has enjoyed traveling while in the service. She's already been all over Europe. Her goals upon returning to the states are to return to college and eventually become a police officer or a Texas Ranger.

Brandy's mother, Kathy Bremer, says the whole family is so proud of Brandy, including her dad, Ron LeRoy Perry; sisters Margo Bremer and half-sister Lisa Perry; brother Mark Bremer; and grandparents Wayne and Freida Perry. It would have made Brandy's grandfather, Verdon Mortenson, so proud of her.



*Brandy Mortenson*

The Portland-area Siletz Tribal community remembers Brandy growing up. We would all like to send our good wishes to her and we hope to see you one day soon. We also are proud of how you are serving our country. Be safe!

### Logan Family and Friends Reunion

The family of Abram and Louisa Logan, Pengrey Logan, Larkie Logan, and Anne (Logan) Winkler is having a reunion on July 22, 2006, at the Siletz Tribal Community Center in Siletz, Ore. This will be a potluck event.

Abram and Louisa's family was James (Jim) Logan, Ethel Gardipee, John Logan, Jack Logan, Gus Logan, Abeson (Ab, Abe) Logan, Lillian Easter, and Elmer Logan.

Anne and Jack Winkler's daughter was Agnes Doherty.

A family tree is being developed and if you have family tree information you would like to share, contact Jim McCormick at 503-838-3783.

Others to be contacted are Elaine Thomas in the evening at 503-623-6253; Claudia Leno at 971-241-2031; Donna Holmes at 541-444-2578; or Lillie Butler at 541-444-2448, e-mail lebutler2@hotmail.com or send a letter to Lillie at P.O. Box 26, Siletz, OR 97380.

Please leave a message with your phone number on the answering machines.



*Chewescla, William DePoe Jr., in the grand entry at the IWASIL pow-wow in Seattle doing the good things.*