

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

May USDA Distribution Dates

Siletz

Wednesday, May 3 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday, May 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday, May 5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday, May 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday, May 15 1:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 16 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 17 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



I wanted to give our Salem-area clients a heads-up for June distribution. We will be in our **new** warehouse at 3160 Blossom Drive, so please remember that we will not be at the old address.



An array of fruits and vegetables are available through USDA distribution.

We will have maps to distribute to those who haven't been able to get out there to see the new building. If we experience a delay, we will contact everyone in the schedule book to let you know what is going on.

Here is an example of the fresh produce we distribute: oranges; red grapefruit; Fuji, red delicious, granny smith, and golden delicious apples; cucumbers; and red and russet potatoes.

Happy meals!

TLC Attitudes of Gratitude

by Lynn Whitlow

If April showers bring May flowers, I think, so far, that we are up for a few bouquets! Looking forward to all that color up here at A&D/TLC.

I try to keep blooming plants and cut flowers around all year long to keep spirits up. We have enjoyed the daffodils and hyacinths that we planted last year and look forward to the many rhododendrons that will bloom in a three-month progression.

The TLC is a wonderful resource for women who want and need a safe and secure place to live upon graduating from inpatient drug and alcohol treatment. Our first priority for residence is Siletz Tribal members.

We recently have been approved for women to have children here, depend-

ing on space availability. Our facility is small and has only three bedrooms.

We do have a very comfortable attractive house. The Siletz Tribal A&D outpatient offices are downstairs, so aftercare services are onsite. We have structure, expectations, and house rules.

We are a transitional facility, however, to help women make good and healthy choices for themselves, to eventually find employment and safe, drug-free housing, so there are more freedoms here than in inpatient treatment.

We sponsor a Women's Talking Circle once a month, preceded by a potluck meal. A weekly NA meeting is held here, which makes it easier for residents to attend one of their required meetings. For more information, call me

at 541-444-8238 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1238.

A huge "thank you" to our volunteers – Elizabeth Kosydar, Jackie Ashley, Jenifer Metcalf, Pat Darcy, and Alice McCain. Thanks also to Denise Riding In for covering some weekend overnights. We are in need of a few more volunteers to fill in shifts when these women need a break.

In April, two volunteers were unable to fill most of their shifts for family or work reasons. Our fill-in person was ill for part of that time too, so we could use some extra help. Please call the number above if you are available.

Our next Women's Talking Circle will be held May 10. Please join us. We hope to see some new faces in our circle!

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Golly gee, but time does fly. Missed last month, don't remember why. But judging from this month, probably couldn't think of anything to write about that hasn't been written before.

Many have said I should write about that when talking about things in the hills, cutting wood or fishing or eeling, but I have written about everything I know, I think.

I attended the youth conference this year at Silver Creek Falls. I didn't participate, mostly represented the elders. One thing though I did notice, and it was confirmed by the presence of Dee, Bob, and Ed, was that our young people need to know where they come from.

I tell the young people, when I get the chance, to know who their relatives are. I use our council as examples of that. When they address the General

Council, they tell us who their parents are, their grandparents, and so on.

I think our elders should be more represented at this gathering, not saturate them too much but enough to maybe get the young ones interested in who they are. Sometimes we are surprised at to whom we are related.

We need to impress on the young people's minds the importance and honor of belonging to the Siletz Tribe and some of the woes that were encountered in getting to where the tribe is today. They also need to know the responsibility of that heritage will be part of their obligation in the years to come.

They need to know that they do need a wealth of knowledge to face the coming opposition to the Siletz Tribal government. It's here now and it will not get better. It will be a constant battle

that will take knowledge of what the tribal government has done in the past.

I think that we should have a big conference – maybe two or three days – to have our very few elders tell of our ancestry and how it came to be. Personally, I have heard from four or five elders and they know more about me than I do. Some have crossed over into the Spirit World and soon we will lose this generation of knowledge.

I have mentioned this to a few and the ones that I have talked to think it needs to be done soon.

Many of the Old Ones told me stories when I was young and wasn't interested. Today, I am very sorry I didn't listen. The stories that were told that I do remember, however, do not go along with the written history and today there is no way of proving what I

heard. Right or wrong? I don't know; it does leave confusion.

So again referring to our elders, I think we need to bring them all together, listen to what they have to say because soon this too will be gone.

When I say elders, I am not referring to the young elders – OJT elders I call them – but the ones who are 70+, the ones who lived through the oppression and the Great Depression, the ones who had to forage for food and clothing, the ones who made it better for us.

I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in a project such as a conference of the elders and if any of the younger generation would like to be involved in something like this. You can reach me at 541-444-8286 or 1-800-600-5599.

Summer Internships Available

by Tina Retasket

The tribe once again is offering summer internship opportunities for higher education students.

Applications will be mailed automatically to higher education program participants. If you are attending college and would like an application mailed to you, please contact the education specialist in your service area or call Darlene Carkhuff at 541-444-8201 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1201.

Summer internships are paid positions that offer real-life experience with a job at the tribe or at a position in the area where you reside. The tribe is interested in giving our college students work experience to supplement their education in hopes that students will return to work for the tribe in the future.

By working within a tribal organizational structure, students get a better idea about the broad range of positions within the tribe that might be of interest to them in the future.

Deadline for applications is June 9, 2006. Applications must include an **unofficial copy** of the student's transcripts.

Selections will be made the week of June 12-16, with a projected start date of June 19.

Don't forget the **community meetings** to discuss the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center Pre-Planning Project.

Siletz – May 11, 5:30 p.m.
Salem – May 30, 6 p.m.
Portland – May 31, 6 p.m.
Eugene – June 1, 6 p.m.

Also, May 13 at 1 p.m. at Chinook Winds Casino Resort prior to the Elder Council meeting