

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



## Housing Youth Incentive Day

by Angela Martin

To finalize our Housing Youth Activities for 2007, we took a group of youth to Chinook Winds and the Lincoln City Recreation Center. It has been a pleasure working with our Housing Youth throughout this year.

These youth have made efforts to make their community a better place by working hard at elder woodcuts and elder assistance day, updating the housing bus shelters, and river cleanup.

We thank Jim Kikumoto for donating buffet tickets for our well-deserving

youth. Pictured above from left to right are Chloe Oliphant, Alexis Metcalf, Christine Perkins, Jonathan Benedict, Joshua Rilatos, Avery Perkins, Jeffrey Sweet, "Mini Elvis," and Chris Garza.

Future youth activities will be in combination with tribal departments administering funds for youth. This will make it possible to expand activities to all Siletz-area youth and special activities for tribal youth living within our 11-county service area.

## Youth Center Gets Ready for Fall Events

Hoka Hey! My name is Aleatha (Levi) Simmons, my father is R.E. (Bobby) Simmons, and my mother is Arliss M. Chatterson. I am the current temporary coordinator for the Siletz Youth Center.

I've been employed in this position since Culture Camp and have initiated seven recreational activities for our youth in that time. The first was a day camp located in Taft called "Native American Traditions and More," instructed by Juanita Whitebear and attended by eight of our youth.

With the assistance of Housing, Education, and the cooperation of the youth, we spent two afternoons at the Siletz River, one at Moonshine Park, two days of Salmon Camp with the Warm Springs Tribe, then had a billiards tourney. This was followed by Run to the Rogue, for which I had five youth registered.

In particular, I would like to thank Felicia Carmona, Mona Fisher, Spencer Hatch, Ric Leaton, Angela Martin, Justin Mason, and Chuvonne Metcalf for their assistance and support. I enjoy this position as it gives me the opportunity to interact with (and culturally engage with) our upcoming leaders.

In October, with the help of my supervisor, Bev Youngman, we will begin a Chinook Jargon linguistics course at the Youth Center. This class, which may be attended by all ages, is planned to be an hour-long class, two times a week. "Linguistics" is more

than the language; it's also the speaking (pronunciation) of it – which in Chinook is most important – as words are not spelled as they sound.

The Youth Services Network has chosen to hold Half-Day Club at the Youth Center, which entails a variety of activities for youth in the afternoons of half school days.

Also in October, the Youth Center will host a Pumpkin Carving Contest with three age divisions that is open to everyone. In mid-November, there will be a Solstice (or Prayer) Stick-making class to ready ourselves for winter.

The fall hours for the Youth Center are 2 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. – Ikt Tillicum –



Above: Levi and her dad, Bobby Simmons

Right, 1 to r: Marcos Muniz, Levi's fiancée; Levi; her mom, Arliss Chatterson; and her brother, Jason Simmons

## Elder and Disabled Persons are First Priority for Energy Assistance

Energy assistance through the tribe's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is prioritized first to elder and disabled tribal members for the month of October. All other tribal households will be served beginning Nov. 1.

Eligibility for LIHEAP services is based on income. If you meet the income eligibility requirements (see table below) and need energy assistance, please call the tribal office for your area to schedule an appointment. Phone numbers and staff members to call for assistance are as follows:

Salem Office 503-390-9494 Edwinna Flagg Charmon Cook Cecelia Tolentino Bev Owen	Portland Office 503-238-1512 Clay Arden Anna Renville	Eugene Office 541-484-4234 Mary Haidar Nora Moore Lou Carey	Siletz Office 541-444-8311 Angela Martin 541-444-1220 Bonnie Petersen
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Staff will begin taking phone calls for appointments on Oct. 1, 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Martin at 541-444-8311 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1311.

Size of Family Unit	Gross Annual Income	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$19,110	\$1,592.20
2	\$24,990	\$2,082.50
3	\$30,870	\$2,572.50
4	\$36,750	\$3,062.50
5	\$42,630	\$3,552.50
6	\$48,510	\$4,042.50
7	\$49,613	\$4,131.41
8	\$50,715	\$4,226.25
Each add'l member	\$1,102.50	\$91.87

## General Council Meeting

Nov. 3, 2007 • 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center • Siletz, Oregon  
Agenda

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Flag Salute  
Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes

Program Report:  
Siletz Tribal Economic Development Corporation  
Tribal Member Concerns  
Candidate's Declarations  
Chairman's Report  
Announcements  
Adjournment

