

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



At the election in January, Shirley Walker was selected Elders Council chairman through January 2010. Kay Steele was selected treasurer until the end of the position term in January 2009. Elders Council Officers (l to r): Cynthia Farlow, treasurer; Kay Steele, treasurer; Shirley Walker, chairman; Jean Garrett, vice chairman; and Margo Hudson, secretary (photo by Angela Ramirez)

## I Am an Elder, Now What Do I Do?

by Angela Ramirez

The Elders' Program receives a listing from Tribal Enrollment at the beginning of each year of all tribal members who will reach the status of "elder" throughout the year.

Automatically, their names will be added to the mailing list for the elders newsletter. In addition, the monthly stipend paid to all elders will begin the month following the tribal member's 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Elders' Council is **all tribal members** age 55 and older, and at the monthly meeting, elected officers are present to organize, represent and advocate for the elders as a whole.

It's very important to read the elders newsletter because that is where you will find the announcements for the upcoming trips and activities. The sign-up sheets are opened at the monthly elders meetings and then those unable to attend the meeting can call the office the next business day after the meeting. The Rules of Procedure the Elders' Council approved states that you must sign up for trips and activi-

ties yourself either at the meeting or by calling in; someone else cannot do it for you.

The *Elders News* is mailed out at the beginning of each month to all elders, currently 504 tribal elders nationwide and 36 more by the end of 2008.

You can request to be added to the elders e-mail group by sending me an e-mail request at [angelar@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:angelar@ctsi.nsn.us). Past newsletters and other elder services information also can be found on the tribe's Web site at [www.ctsi.nsn.us/Elder\\_Services.html](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/Elder_Services.html). Mark it as a favorite so you can find it when needed. In addition, reminders and announcements are sent out if you give us your e-mail address. E-mail addresses are private and not shared with anyone else.

On the trips the elders take as a group, the Elders' Council (different than Tribal Council) budget pays the cost of lodging, provides a per diem for meals and can provide transportation from each of the four areas as space permits.

Spouses and caregivers are welcome to attend these events, just be sure to write their name down at the time you sign up to arrange for the proper lodging and transport if needed.

## Tribal Court News

from the office of Tribal Court

### Attention Tribal Spokespersons

On March 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Siletz Tribal Court will sponsor a training for spokespersons and the public is invited to attend.

The training will take place at Siletz Tribal Council Chambers/Courtroom, located upstairs in the tribal administration building.

The topic for the evening will be the Eviction Procedure and will include an overview of the Housing Ordinance pertaining to eviction and Tribal Court procedure for evictions. Tribal Court Chief Judge Calvin Gantenbein will be the trainer.

We will have a question-and-answer period as time permits. Submitting your questions in writing to the court office prior to the training would be helpful for the judge to be able to answer more questions.

To plan adequately for the training, court staff needs to know how many people to expect. If you plan to attend the training, contact Dianne McLeod at the Tribal Court office, 541-444-8228 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1228.

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

### Royalty Crown Proposals Due

The Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2008-2009 Royalty Crowns, which are for Miss Siletz, Jr. Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz. All entries must be submitted with a proposed design, including color scheme, size of crown(s), size of beads and total cost. You can submit a proposal for as many crowns as you would like and they **must be received no later than March 28, 2008.**

You can send proposals to:

Siletz Pow-Wow Committee  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Entries also can be dropped off with Mona Fisher at the Tribal Community Center.

### Attention Tribal Artists

The 2008 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is having a logo contest for this year. The winner will receive a cash prize and their work will be used for pow-wow flyers and merchandise. Please submit your drawings to Mona Fisher at the tribal community center or send them to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

All entries must be received no later than March 28, 2008.

## Elders' Council Meeting

March 8, 2008

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Angela Ramirez at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or [angelar@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:angelar@ctsi.nsn.us)