

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Computer Funding Approved

by Bonnie Petersen

Tribal Council has again approved funding for desktops and a limited number of laptops for college students.

The Tribe is in the process of obtaining bids for price per individual unit to obtain the most computers for the least amount of money. These will be new, state-of-the-art computers. Bids closed June 30 and a recommendation should go to Tribal Council in July for awarding a contract.

Desktops are for Tribal members who have not received one before and as replacements for those who received computers in 2002 as these are beginning to fail because of use and time. Laptops are for Tribal member college students who have completed two terms with a minimum 2.0 GPA, carrying at least six credit hours and must verify current enrollment in a third term.

Households that are non-Tribal but have legal custody of a Tribal child are eligible to apply on behalf of that Tribal child (Non-Indian Custodian Application). The adult is responsible for all taxes associated with receipt of the computer and if the child should leave the home, the computer must go with the Tribal child.

Applications will be available on the Tribe's website - [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us). If you would like more information or need to have an application mailed or faxed to you, please call Darlene Carkhuff, administrative supervisor, at 541-444-8201, or Rosie Williams at 541-444-8200. They also can be reached toll-free at 800-922-1399, ext. 1201 for Darlene and ext. 1200 for Rosie.



### Siletz Community Carnival May 31, 2008

Above: Lynn Whitlow and several carnival-goers stop at the concession stand at the Siletz Grange Hall.

Photos by Natasha Kavanaugh

Left: Christopher LeLaCheur is properly fitted for a helmet at the Siletz Community Carnival. The helmets were donated by ODOT.



## Tribal Children Need You

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the Tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact Shawna Nagunst, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html).



## Time to Gather Basket Materials

Spring is here and hazel sticks are ready to pick and peel. Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

Basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different items:

**July:** Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

**August:** Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

**September:** Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

## Deadline Nears for Over-Income Grant

The Over-Income Rehabilitation Construction Program funds over-income families with a \$5,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own or families who have possessor rights to their home.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs swimming pools, etc.

Over-income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These are listed below:

1	2	3	Base 4	5	6	7	8
\$38,150	\$43,600	\$49,050	\$54,500	\$58,850	\$63,200	\$67,600	\$71,950

If you are a Siletz Tribal member and have not received an over-income grant, call the Housing office to request an application. Applications, including proof of income, enrollment and mortgage statements, must be submitted to the Housing office by July 31, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

Qualified applicants will be placed in the lottery drawing, which will be held during August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1331, or 541-444-8331.

## Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

July 1 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 13 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office

July 9 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office

July 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 12 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office

June 30 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Aug. 4 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Athabaskan Language class started for beginners in January 2008. These classes began with basic instruction and will progress over the next year. It also will be a refresher course for those more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).