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clinic ... the community of Siletz is very lucky to have such an opportunity," said Dr. Hank Taylor.

Casey Szukolski, general contractor and owner of Silver Star Construction, brought the poster of what the final environmentally friendly building will look like.

Pastor Rick Russell from the First Baptist Church of Siletz said a closing prayer, pointing out what an extraordinary clinic we will have to share with the community.

Muschamp related to some of the attendees following the ceremony that she recalls the ground-breaking ceremony for the current clinic in 1989.

"At that time we had a staff of eight, including two half-time physicians and one nurse and medical assistant," she said. "Look how far we've come!"

Many thanks to Wendi Schamp for helping me with organizing the event and Sharon Mason for doing such a wonderful job decorating the ceremonial shovels.

Construction continues on the project on Gwee-Shut Road. The contract calls for



A crowd of interested Tribal and community members gathers at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Siletz Clinic.

Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

a 12-month construction period, so with luck all Tribal health services will move into the new building this time next year.

The project is funded by a \$2 million

grant from the Indian Health Service (IHS), \$860,000 plus \$400,000 from EPR set-aside, a \$176,356 equipment grant from IHS, \$3,395,611 from third-party revenue,

\$93,256 from interest on an IHS grant and a \$1,831,006 loan from Tribal EPR funds to be repaid from third-party revenue at 6 percent interest.

Get Ready for Pow-Wow Dance Classes

Come and join us and learn how to dance traditional, fancy, grass or jingle.

When

Oct. 11 – Traditional
Oct. 18 – Fancy
Oct. 25 – Grass and Jingle

Time – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where – Siletz Tribal Community Center

Contact

Mona Fisher at 541-444-2532 or 800-922-1399
Lillie Butler at 541-444-2448

Dance classes are open to people of all ages. Get your moccasins (and pedometers) on and dance the afternoon away!

USDA Changes Schedule in Salem, Food Demonstrations on Agenda

By Margo Hudson

USDA food distribution serves clients in Siletz and Salem. Set appointments are needed for both warehouses. We can be reached at 800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or you can call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.

We are changing our schedule for the Salem warehouse to better accommodate clients. We will schedule appointments during distribution week (full third week of the month):

Monday	Noon – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Call to make an appointment for Siletz (full first week of the month) dates and times.

Upcoming events at USDA include food demonstrations for new commodity users to learn to cook with commodities.

You do not have to be a new commodity user to join the fun. If you are someone who has used commodities and would like to help, please contact us.

This should be fun and anyone who would like to help with a dish will receive a small stipend. We can be reached at the numbers above.

If you have community service hours you need to get done, are in the Self-Sufficiency Program or are just a concerned citizen of the community, we can use assistance with volunteer time. There is an application process, so please call if you are interested.

Upcoming distribution weeks:

Siletz – Sept. 8-11
Salem – Sept. 21-24



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Get Help with Saving Money for Your First Home

By Yvonne Messmer

It's new and available now. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has launched a new matched savings program, called the Siletz Saves! IDA Program, for low-income Tribal members. The pilot program is based in the Salem Area Office.

Participants in the Siletz Saves! Program make regular deposits into a special savings account called an Individual Development Account or IDA. The amount saved is then matched \$3 for every \$1 saved for a 300 percent return.

Participants are required to save for at least six months up to three years and to attend a series of financial fitness classes in Salem. Participants must be first-time homebuyers and their household income must be at or below 80 percent of the area median income.

Call for more information – 503-390-9494 or 888-870-9051.