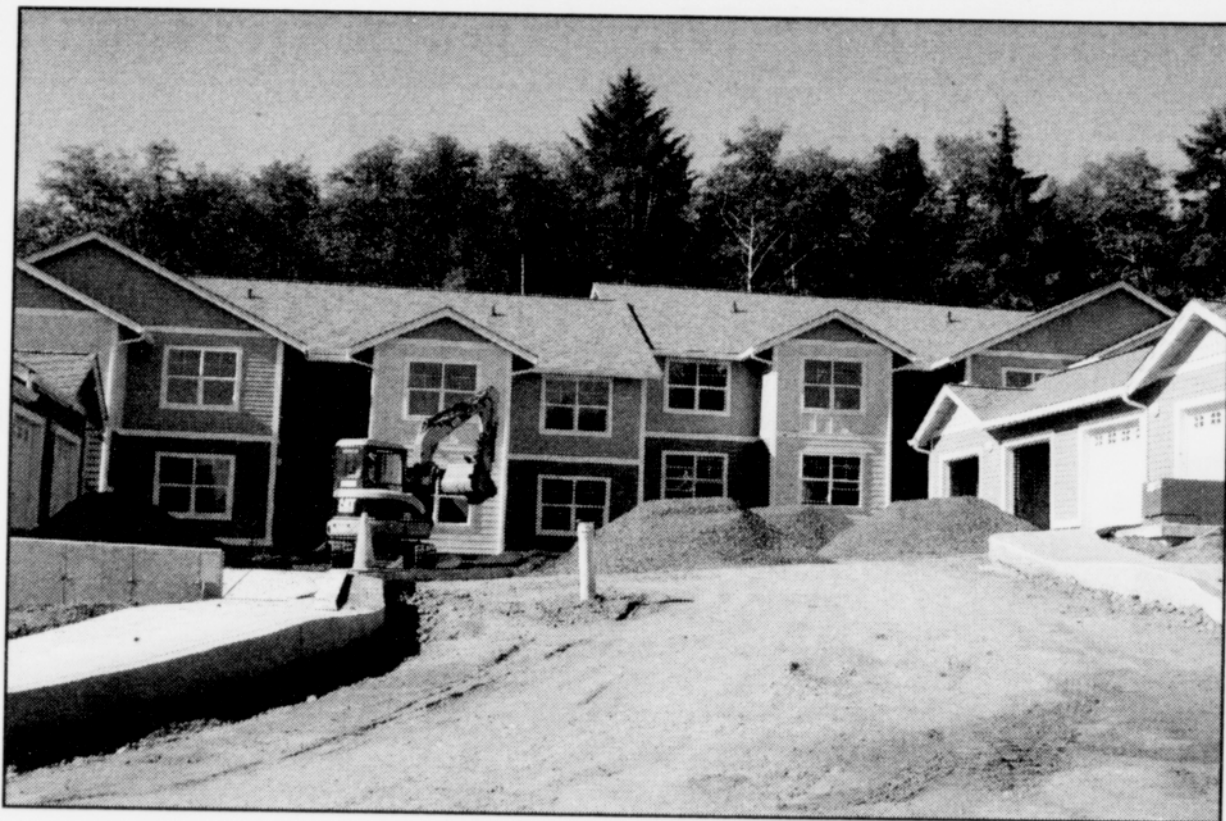




NEW HOUSING – Single-level units (above) and those in two-story buildings (right) near completion in early September. All units have a single-car garage, decks/porches with hand railings, forced-air furnaces, dishwashers, refrigerators and electric ranges.



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Open House Set for Lakeside Housing in Lincoln City

The Siletz Tribal Council and Siletz Tribal Housing Department cordially invite you to attend the open house of the newly completed Tribal housing units located on John's Avenue in Lincoln City. Shuttle service will be available from

the upper parking lot at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

The open house and ribbon cutting will take place Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Tours of the units will be available and refreshments will be served.

The completion of the much-anticipated low-income complex will help provide needed housing to the Tribal workforce and ease existing demand for affordable housing in Lincoln City.

For more information, contact Christina

McCord, housing occupancy specialist, at 541-444-8314 or toll free at 800-922-1399, ext. 1314.

Additionally, Chinook Winds will have a newly remodeled hotel suite open to view from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Northwest Tribal Language Offered for College Credit

With the collaboration of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Lane Community College will again offer this fall a course in Chinuk Wawa for college credit.

Also known as "Jargon," Chinuk Wawa has been spoken widely throughout the Northwest for centuries and many Siletz people remember family members using this language.

"The course is being offered via video conferencing technology," said Drew Viles, member of LCC's American Indian Lan-

guages initiative. "The technology allows teachers in Grand Ronde to offer lessons to students outside their classroom."

In the case of this fall's Chinuk Wawa classes, students in Eugene, Portland and Salem are expected to start – or continue – their studies of this Northwest Indian language.

Both an introductory class and an advanced class in Chinuk Wawa are slated to begin soon.

According to Viles, community college students need to show first-year

proficiency in a language other than English to transfer to a public university in Oregon while university students seeking a bachelor's of arts degree are required to complete two years of language study.

"These classes are ideal for college students who need to study a language. Chinuk Wawa satisfies both transfer and university graduation requirements," said Viles.

Classrooms on the Grand Ronde reservation and at Chemeketa Community College, Lane Community College and Portland State University again are the gathering spots for students of Chinuk Wawa every Monday and Wednesday nights from 4:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. Classes started Sept. 30.

"Everybody is welcome," said Viles. "Last year, we were blessed to have both credit students and community members who just like to come and speak and practice the language. With these classes, more definitely means merrier."

The classes will be taught by Tony Johnson, Grand Ronde Tribal language expert, and Janne Underriner, the director of the University of Oregon's Northwest Indian Language Institute, with help from Henry Zenk and others.

Interested persons can call the Languages, Literature and Communication Division at Lane Community College at 541-463-5419 for more information or for instructions on how to register.

New Bilingual Smokey Bear Story Mentors a New Generation

Forest Service celebrates bear's 65th birthday

WASHINGTON – The USDA Forest Service celebrated the 65th birthday of an American icon – Smokey Bear – in August and released the new Smokey Bear Story "big book."

This bilingual (English and Spanish) illustrated educational book introduces Smokey Bear and fire prevention messages to a new generation of American children. Smokey Bear's trademark message, "Only you can prevent wildfires," is one of the longest-running PSA campaigns in U.S. history.

"Smokey Bear is one of the most beloved symbols in American history and his important message has been communicated to generations of Americans during the past 65 years," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "This new book will help mentor a new generation in carrying on Smokey's message."

The celebration featured a bilingual reading of the Smokey Bear Story to local preschool children. Additionally, the illustrator for the book was on hand to sign complimentary copies of the Smokey Bear Story "big book." This beautifully illustrated children's book is tied to na-

tional education standards of learning and suggests activities and programs that can be conducted with children while learning five rules to prevent wildfires.

Since his birthday on Aug. 9, 1944, Smokey Bear has been a recognized symbol of conservation and protection of America's forests. His message about forest fire prevention has helped to reduce the number of acres lost annually to forest fires, or wildfires, from about 22 million (1944) to an average of 6.5 million annually today.

Wildfire prevention remains, however, one of the most critical issues affecting our country. Many Americans believe lightning starts most wildfires. In fact, nine out of 10 wildfires nationwide are started by humans. The principle causes are campfires left unattended, trash burning on windy days, careless discarding of smoking materials and barbecue coals and operating equipment without spark arrestors.

To learn more about Smokey Bear and wildfire prevention, visit www.smokeybear.com. Smokey's "big book" is available for purchase (free to teachers) at www.symbols.gov.

Grants Available to Non-profits for Public Humanities Programs

Oregon Council for the Humanities opens its 2010 grants cycle

PORTLAND, Ore. – Non-profit organizations across Oregon can apply for public program grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 from the Oregon Council for the Humanities (OCH).

Grant guidelines are available for download on the OCH website (www.oregonhum.org) or by request from Development and Program Coordinator Annie Dubinsky at 503-241-0543, ext. 116.

Letters of inquiry must be postmarked by Oct. 31, 2009. Full proposals, if invited, will be due by Dec. 15, 2009. Public program grants are awarded once a year through a competitive process and grant decisions are made by the OCH statewide volunteer board of directors.

OCH funds programs that offer opportunities for civic engagement and humanities learning, respond to timely issues and ideas in communities across

Oregon, and inform and broaden the context for public conversation. Special consideration will be given to projects that explore globalism, media and consumer culture, and place and community.

The Oregon Council for the Humanities (813 SW Alder St., #702, Portland, OR 97205) is an independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities that is dedicated to the belief that knowledge and ideas are fundamental to the health of our communities.

More information about OCH's programs and publications, which include Oregon Chautauqua, Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Teacher Institutes, Summer Honors Symposium, Public Program Grants and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at www.oregonhum.org.