

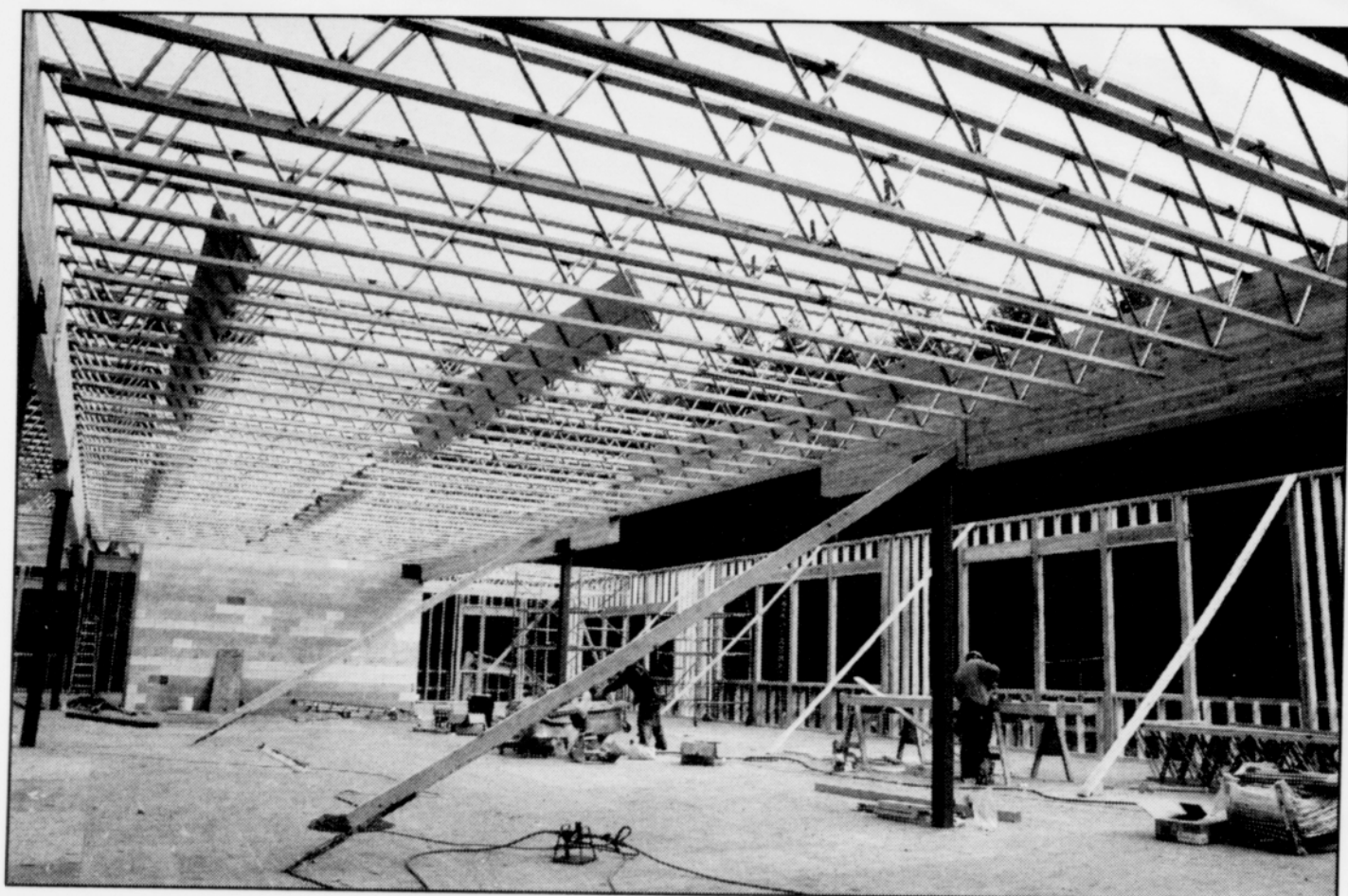


Photo by Natasha Kavanagh

Walls Take Shape at New Clinic, Following Construction of Towers for Stairs, Elevator

The walls of the new Siletz Community Health Clinic are clearly defining the footprint of this building nearly two months after construction began.

Tribal officials, including General Manager Brenda Bremner, Health Director Judy Muschamp and Tribal Planner Pamela Lind, toured the facility Sept. 25 and received an update on construction progress.

The walls that form the 15,000-square-foot basement are shown in the photo at left. When the building is completed, all Tribal Health Department programs will be housed in one location, including the medical, dental and optometry clinics, expanded pharmacy area, counseling rooms, specialty clinic areas, Contract Health Services and the Tribal Alcohol and Drug Program.

The new building will enable an upgrade of the clinic's computer systems to accommodate wireless electronic health records, digital radiography in the Dental suites and improved emergency patient loading and unloading.

October Notes from Healthy Family Healthy Child Project

This summer, especially the months of July and August, has been a very busy one for the project and as a result, time has passed so very quickly.

The primary focus of Healthy Family Healthy Child Project over the past 10 months, as many of you know, has been bringing Don Coyhis and the White Bison movement to the Tribe.

First, White Bison presented its "7 Trainings" during three days in December 2008. Then Coyhis came to Siletz twice in July, assisted by Marlin Farley, to work with the community coalition, CEDARR.

Coyhis then returned to our community during the middle of August for

Community Visioning Day. Add to this a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the annual grantee's meeting, summer all-staff meeting, the pow-wow and here we are in September writing the article for the October issue of *Siletz News*.

Coyhis was in Siletz on Aug. 19 to assist those interested Tribal members in the formulation of the Siletz Tribal Vision Book. On Aug. 18, Coyhis received a block of time to talk to the Tribal Council. This conversation resulted in several council members participating the next day in the preparation of the Tribal Vision Book. HFHCP would like to take this opportunity to thank those council members for their input and participation.

The morning of Aug. 19 was a beautiful and powerful summer one. With wonderful ceremony, the White Bison staff and the sacred hoop were carried into the Tribal community center, accompanied by the drumming and singing of Fish Martinez, Darin Rilatos, Chantele Rilatos and Tyee Rilatos.

The White Bison sacred hoop is made up of 100 eagle feathers. Each feather represents a Native community in wellbriety. As each community earns its feather, it also will be given a ceremonial drum. The Siletz drum is in the process of being made.

It is Coyhis' vision to call for all 100 drums to come together on the banks of the headwaters of the Mississippi River in September 2010 to drum and sing together. His vision of this ceremony is for the first drum given to begin the ceremony by drumming and singing. At the completion of the song, the first drum will be joined by the second drum and then by the third drum until all 100 community drums are playing and hundreds of voices are singing.

This will be a very powerful moment. The Siletz Tribal Council has agreed it's important for our drum to participate in this ceremony.

At the end of the day, the staff and the hoop of 100 feathers was carried out of the community center, again accompanied by the drumming and singing of Fish Martinez, who was joined by Alan Nelson, Lisa Brown, Bonnie Petersen and Miguel Bransford.

White Bison will return the completed Siletz Tribal Vision Book to our community before this article is read. Copies of it will be available to all community members upon request by calling either Bekki Lundy, HFHCP manager, at 541-444-8262 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1262; or Mark Kimball, project specialist, at 541-444-8233 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1233.

Meals were provided by Bristo Bayya, Kelley Ellis, Kenneth (Charlie) Black and many helpers who provided participants with a wonderful, traditionally prepared salmon dinner.

HFHCP would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone in the community and from the area offices who contributed to the success of White Bison's visit to Siletz. Special thanks to the Tribal Council and Tribal elders who attended and participated in this day.

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Live on Oregon's beautiful coast and operate a fast-growing business. The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is seeking an onsite contract manager for its Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City.

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