

TLC Celebrates New Digs by Inviting Community to Open House

By Diane Rodriguez

The newest addition to the growing number of Tribal buildings in Siletz opened itself to the community June 4 as staff and residents of the Women's Transitional Living Center invited the community in for tours and refreshments.

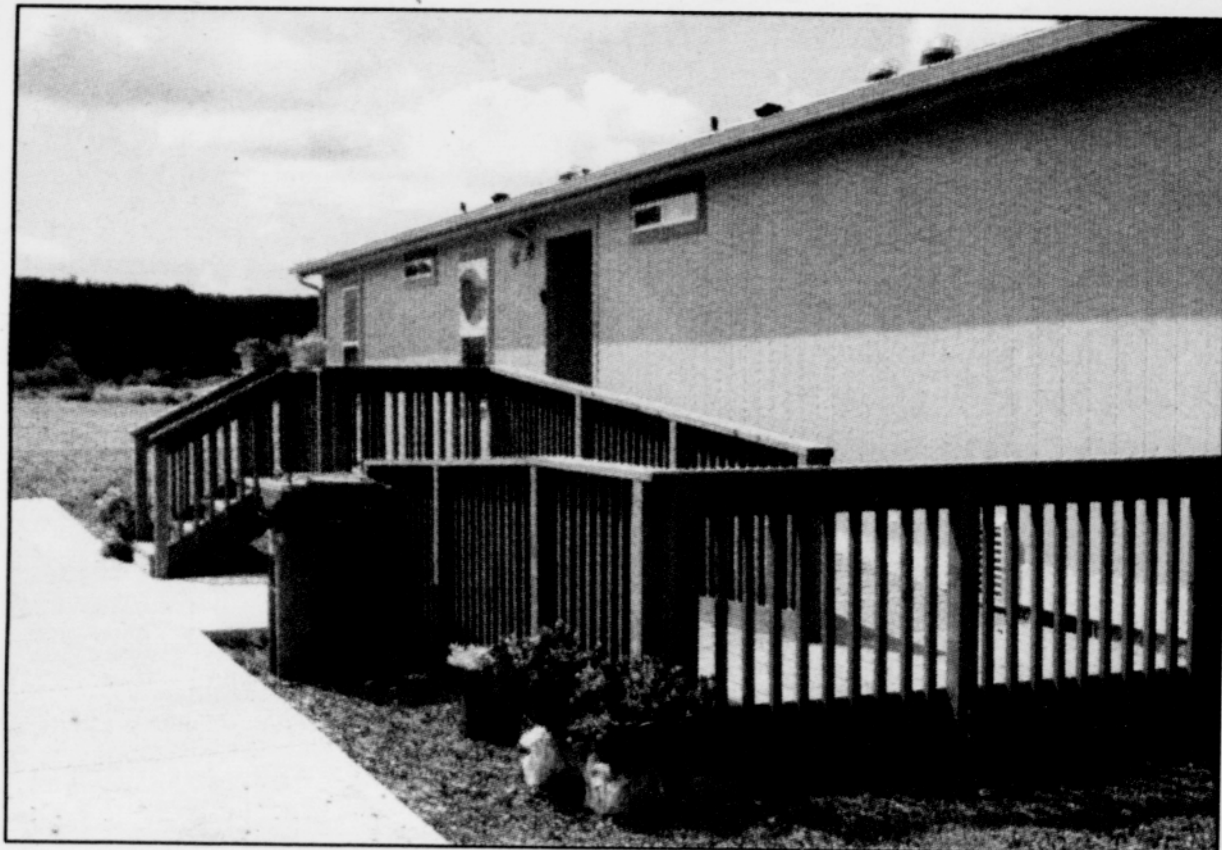
"The new TLC house reflects a genuine respect and valuing of its residents. A lot of thought and planning and hard work went into this project from the very outset – the grant writing, the site selection, the house plans, the selection of the materials and colors, the coordinating of furnishings and finding good quality for affordable prices," said Lynn Whitlow, TLC coordinator. "It is a comfortable, spacious home with both areas for communal activities and for privacy."

The five-bedroom, three-bathroom modular home includes a quiet room for adults, a playroom for children and a large island in the kitchen plus a pantry.

The utility room has two sets of stacking washers and dryers and storage space. A deck on three sides of the house provides a place to eat and play outside. An outdoor play structure is ready for use.

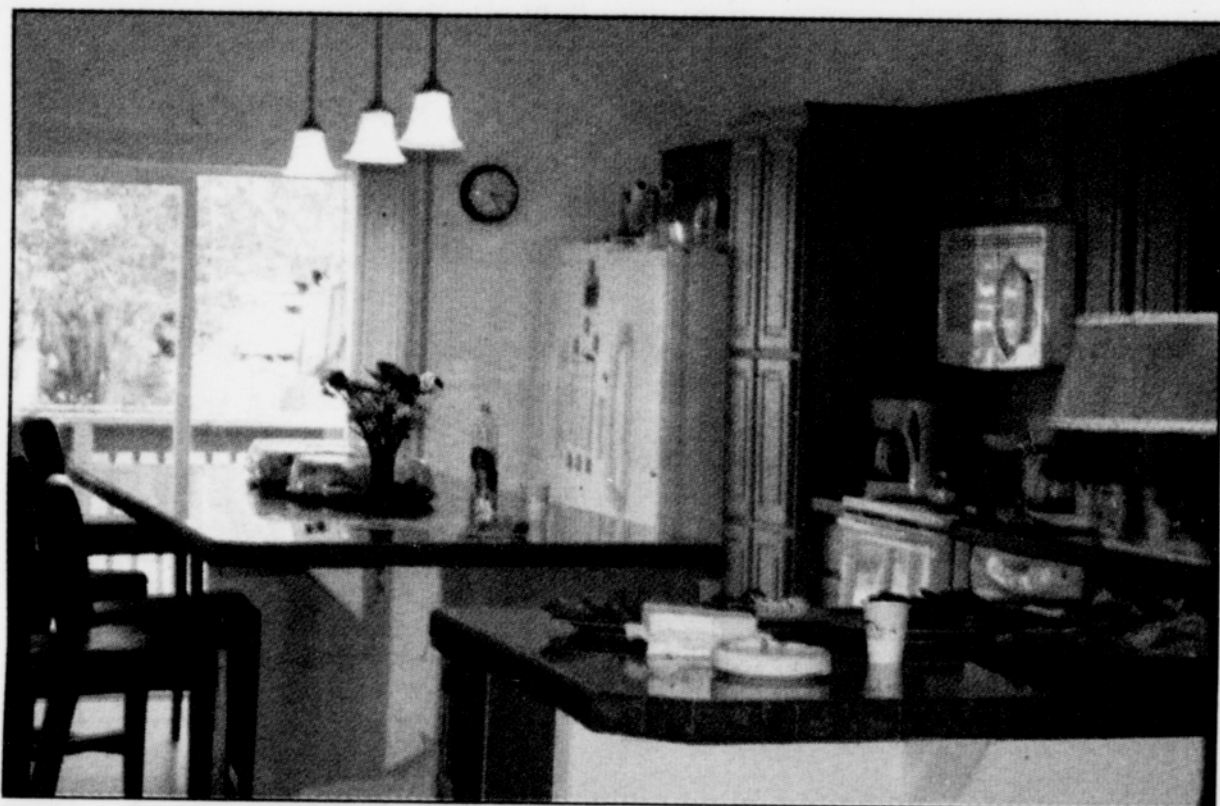
"This home was a team effort with many players. We aren't finished yet. We are working on a landscape plan, fencing and a paved parking area when the new section of Molalla Street is put in this summer," said Whitlow. "Our intent is to provide an environment that supports recovery and encourages residents to take pride in themselves and their home, whether it be here or their future homes."

The TLC is a transitional residential program available for women with children and single women who have completed residential alcohol/drug treatment. Services include life skill building, domestic violence education, parenting skill building, referral to appropriate resources and support for family reunification.



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The front of the TLC features newly built stairs and a ramp for those who are disabled as plants await placement in pots to help brighten up the area.



The kitchen (above) and playroom (right) are places for people to gather for good food, conversation, games and fun.



Robert Lee Johnson – 1912-2010

Robert Lee Johnson of Oakland, Calif., was born Dec 21, 1912, in McCloud, Calif., and died May 15, 2010, at age 97.

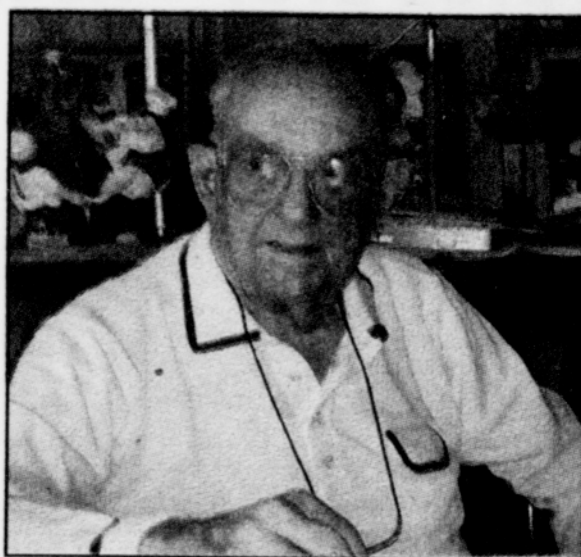
He was united in marriage to Margaret "Peggy" Fitts on June 18, 1932. She preceded him in death in 2000.

His early years were spent as a butcher and also as a delivery driver and supervisor for Langendorf Bakery. He retired from Langendorf after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. He was the oldest male member of the Siletz Tribe.

He was an avid golfer and also enjoyed cooking and taking care of his orchids.

He was the dear father of Richard Johnson and Gayle (Alan) Schmidt; loving grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather and great-great-great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Patricia, his parents, two brothers and one sister.



Robert Lee Johnson

He will be forever missed by his family and friends. May God greet him with open arms and rejoice with him for a job well-done.

Services were held in May.

Edward G. Collins – 1923-2010

Edward "Eddie" G. Collins, 86, of Lincoln City, Ore., died June 4, 2010, in Corvallis, Ore.

He was born June 27, 1923, in Siletz, Ore., where he spent his childhood and attended school. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in World War II. He had a wonderful career serving his country from 1940 to 1964. After retiring from the military, he worked as a logger for 16 years.

He took great pride in being a member of the VFW and the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arless West.

He is survived by his daughters, Edell Richards, Theresa Collins, Divona Christiansen and Georgene McAlhany, all of Albany, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held June 12 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. Burial followed at the Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.

Bateman Funeral Home in Newport handled arrangements.



Eddie Collins at Run to the Rogue in 2009