



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Tribal Council members Reggie Butler Sr., Bud Lane, Tina Retasket, Loriane Butler, Delores Pigsley, Lillie Butler and Sharon Edenfield break ground on Oct. 29 on the housing project being constructed on the Miller property located between SW Swan Avenue and SW Buford Street in Siletz. Plans call for single-family homes to be built by Tribal contractor Jeremy Cearley of Cearley Construction LLC.

Fundraiser set for Siletz Valley Grange

Auditions have been scheduled for the *Happy Humor Hour* fundraiser for the Siletz Valley Grange.

Happy Humor Hour, coordinated by Elizabeth Kosydar, will feature humorous stories told by local residents. This family-friendly event will be held Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the grange. Cost is \$5 per person, with group/family rates available.

Auditions for the show will take place Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. at the Newport Library. People of all ages are encouraged to audition.

For tickets or more information, please call 541-444-1212.

Tips from the Tribal STEP program

Tips to help you save power, money this winter

- Install a programmable thermostat. Use it to automatically control the heat when you're not at home and overnight while you're sleeping.
- Check to see if cold air is getting into your house. Seal air leaks and install additional insulation.
- Use drapes. Where windows face the sun, keep the drapes open. Close all drapes at night.
- Repair cracks in windows and caulk and weather-strip leaky frames. Even a small crack drives up fuel bills.
- Install storm windows and doors in climates that are cold enough. Remember to take them down once summer begins.
- Clean and close your fireplace. Remember to have an annual inspection as well. Close your fireplace flue when it's not in use to keep the drafts out.
- Find out if you qualify for weatherization assistance or for tax credits for energy improvement.

Tips to help you save power, money while cooking

- Use glass or ceramic pans in ovens. They heat faster than metal pans.
- Always take care when cooking – it's the No. 1 cause of home fires in the U.S.
- Use toaster ovens, crock pots and microwaves. They use less energy than the stove or oven when you are cooking small or medium-size meals.
- Keep the inside of your microwave clean. It will cook your food more efficiently.
- Use the smallest pans possible. It takes less energy to heat them.
- Match the pan size to the burner size for more efficient cooking.
- Use lids. Keep the steam in and cook the food more quickly.
- Keep pre-heating to a minimum. Only preheat if you are baking bread or pastries.
- Don't peek. You lose heat every time you open the door or lift the lid.

These tips provided by Project Energy Savers, LLC.

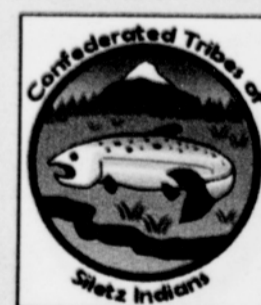
For more information, contact the Siletz Tribal Energy Program toll free at 800-922-1399, ext. 1271 or 1300; or e-mail step@ctsi.nsn.us. Search for Siletz Tribal Energy Program on Facebook and "like" us for even more information and tips.



Over a hundred years ago Black Elk had a vision of the time when Indian People would heal from the devastating effects of European migration. In his vision the Sacred Hoop which had been broken, would be mended in seven generations.

The children born into this decade will be the seventh generation.

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"When the Children Grow Old ... We Want Them to Know We Fought for Them"

There are many ways to fight to protect our children ~ one of those ways is by being a foster parent.
The Siletz Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department is accepting and recruiting foster homes on behalf of our Tribal children.
For more information, call Christy Hurt, foster care certifier, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1338, or 541-444-8338.