

Title V News

By: Fred Ryder

COORDINATORS MESSAGE:

Well, here we go again! We are back at school with great hopes for the new year. There has been a lot of tragedy this past year that we have all had to deal with in one way or another. With the stresses of today, due to many trials put upon the families, it is only with great internal strength that families and individuals are able to overcome. The family unit is the essential support system for family and individual survival through whatever trials that come along. We parents need to remember that the young people have much to offer to the success of the family structure. The young folks need to realize and respect the experience and leadership of their parents as they do their own parents.

PARENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

At the first Parent Committee Meeting, September 23, 1993, the attending committee members planned a yearly Parent Committee Calendar for this school year: October 28th, November 18th, December 16th, January 20th, February 17th, March 17th, April 21st, May 12th, and June 9th. All Parent Committee Meetings will be held at Siletz Schools in the Title V classroom at 7:00 p.m. We would like

to have your support!
HELP NEEDED:

In the never ending quest to serve the students and families that are in the boundaries of the Lincoln County School District area, we are asking for your HELP in finding information on students, families and organizations that need recognition. We would like to honor these people and recognize their achievements. If you know of anyone who has Native American heritage, that might benefit from the Title V Program, or that might be strong support person for other Native Americans, please let the Title V Program know by calling 444-2523/ Your help is needed and appreciated!!!
BEADING CLASS

A beading class, a joint venture between the Title V Program and the Johnson O'Malley Program, began on October 22. The class is being taught by Pam Blacketer and runs from 3:15 to 4:30 in the Title V Room at Siletz School. Space is limited. If you are interested, call 444-2523.

COMING EVENTS:

11/18: Parent Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
11/20: Head Start Mini Pow Wow
11/21: Restoration Pow Wow

Housing Report

By: Connie Hoffman, Housing Director

The long-awaited word on funding to develop rental units for Tribal members in Siletz arrived October 23! A total of \$2.1 million has been approved by HUD's Office of Indian Programs to build 26 units for low-income Elders and small families. The rents will be subsidized by HUD so that the families who occupy the units will pay no more than 30% of their income for rent and utilities.

Sites for the units will be provided by the Tribe. Planning and design of the units will begin immediately. This process takes a number of months, however now that the funding has been committed we can assure the persons who have applied for these units over the past year and a half that they are really going to be built.

We received word the middle of October that we will be receiving 25 Section 8 housing vouchers to distribute to tribal members for use throughout most of the 11-county service area. The HUD funds committed to these vouchers is \$128,965 per year, so this is a significant addition to the Tribe's housing program.

The Section 8 vouchers, while they do not create any new housing units, will enable low-income families, as well as Elders and disabled persons, to obtain decent, affordable housing on the private rental market. The person to whom the voucher is issued will pay no more than 30 percent of their adjusted monthly income for rent and utilities. The Housing Authority will pay the balance of their housing cost, directly to their landlord. For those with very little or no income, the Housing Authority will also subsidize their utilities (heat, lights, water, sewer, and garbage).

There is a considerable amount of paperwork which needs to be submitted to HUD before we can begin to issue the rent vouchers.

Siletz Tribal Head Start

By: Denise Wilson, Head Start Director

Siletz Tribal Head Start is fully enrolled at Siletz and Springfield with twenty children at each center. Classes started September 15. Children attend a three-and-a-half-hour session four days per week, Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Both centers have waiting lists for families we were unable to enroll. The Siletz center currently has sixteen children and Springfield center has five children on the waiting list. It's been a challenging period of recruitment and enrollment, and although we cannot enroll every eligible child, we will continue to make Head Start an option for as many children as we possibly can.

Welcome to the new Teacher at the Siletz Center, Robin Limbert. Robin has an Early Childhood Education degree and an Elementary Education Teaching Certificate. She and her family, Tim, Jana, and Packy live in Siletz. Robin joins Vella Feller, Assistant Teacher/Bus Driver, and Madge Mason, Classroom Assistant, in the classroom. DeAnn Brown, Family Services Coordinator, while based in Siletz, actually implements the Head Start health, nutrition, dental, and social service components in Siletz and Springfield.

Sheri VanRysselberghe has returned as the Teacher at the Springfield Center. Sheri was on parental leave to enjoy her newborn son, Taylor, for a six week period. During her absence we were fortunate to have the temporary teaching talents of Cynthia Sheppard. Susan Davis, Assistant Teacher/Bus Driver, teams with Sheri to make things happen in the Springfield classroom. I'd like to acknowledge Susan's positive attitude while working under these challenging circumstances.

If you have any questions about Siletz Tribal Head Start or would like an application, please contact Denise Wilson, 444-2532. If you have questions about the classroom or visitor policy, call the Teacher for your area, Robin at 444-2423, or Sheri at 747-0161.

We will get this done as quickly as possible.

Advance notice will be given when applications will be accepted, so that all interested persons will have an equal opportunity to apply. While this is largely a first-come first-served program, there are some federally mandated preferences which will be implemented. Those receiving preferences are those who are (1) involuntarily displaced, including those leaving abusive situations; (2) paying more than 50 percent of their income for housing; and (3) living under substandard conditions. These preferences must be documented as set out in the federal regulations.

We are excited about starting a new housing program, particularly one where we will be able to serve the housing needs of Tribal members throughout the service area. Some of the advantages of the Section 8 voucher program are that it gives the family a choice of housing, the subsidy continues until the family's income reaches the point where their housing cost is less than 30 percent of their income, and the subsidy fluctuates to take into account increases and decreases in household income.

JOM News

Instructors Needed

The Siletz JOM is looking for interested people to help out with craft classes. Please describe the skill you wish to teach, ages of children you prefer to work with, and maximum number of children per class. Call 444-2532 Ext. 163 or write to Rena Blacketer Philbrook, PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

Beading Classes

The Siletz JOM will be having beading classes from 3:30 to 4:30 Mondays. Locations will be announced. Please call Rena at 444-2532 Ext 163 to sign up your Child.

We Want Your Hide!

Siletz JOM is requesting donations of deer and elk hides. Donations will benefit our JOM students in our culture and craft classes. We would truly appreciate your donations. Please drop them off at the STEDCO apartments in Siletz. Ask for Rena.

JOM Raffle

JOM is having a raffle to help students attend a ski trip to Mt. Hood. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each and the drawing will be held at the Siletz Restoration Pow Wow on the 21st of November. Some of the prizes are a doll-sized cradle board, earrings, beaded hat, and a Pendleton blanket. The JOM parent committee would appreciate any donations to help this event be a success.