

USDA Update

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Ribbon Dresses & Beadwork Available

No time to get ready for the Pow-Wow? Give Louise Long or Ida Paterson a call if you are in need of a dress or matching jewelry. They have a wide selection of beadwork & some ribbon dresses on hand. Dresses can also be made to order from your material. Prices vary but are reasonable. Call:

Louise 392-3751
Ida 816-9642

If anyone has a pattern for a ribbon shirt, they would really appreciate a copy of it!

This month has brought many changes in our USDA Program. Our participation came up tremendously, by about 150. I think that since we have acquired the frozen ground beef our participants like it the best. There have been many positive comments about the frozen ground beef. Deliveries are made monthly to the warehouse to assure that the beef is fresh. At this time we would like to ask our participants, if you are choosing the frozen ground beef, please be sure to bring your own coolers. This will help to insure that the beef will stay frozen until you reach home. We know especially with the summer weather and the travel time this will help.

Also, this month we bid a fond farewell to both of the clerks. Kelley Ellis has left her position at the Salem warehouse and Todd Mason has left his position at the Siletz warehouse. They have done a lot of hard work for our program. I'd like to wish them both the best of luck in their new positions. They both will be greatly missed.

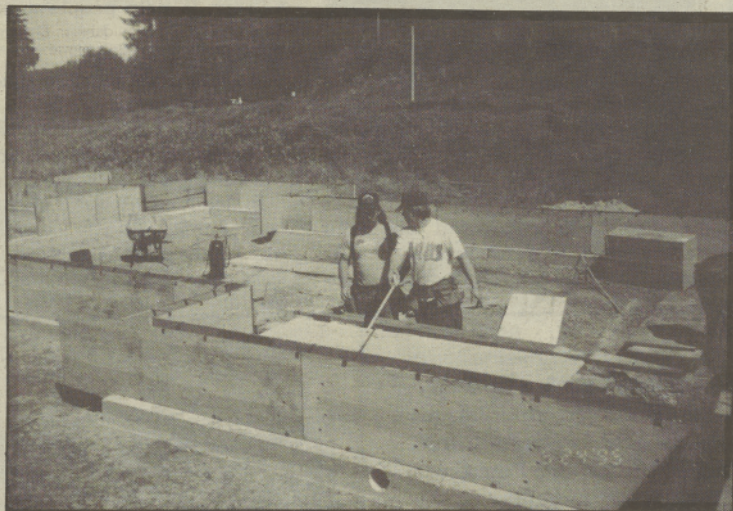
EDITORS NOTE: Get well wishes to Charlene who recently injured her back. Raymond Blacketer and Daryllyne Carey are temporarily keeping things going at USDA.

Distribution Dates

Siletz	Salem
July 25-27	July 11,12*, 13
Aug. 15-17	Aug. 1,2*,3

*Late Night Distribution

SIHA News



By: Connie Hoffman, SIHA Director

Weather has slowed work on our apartment project. We don't have any control over the weather, except to pray for sunny skies.

But, of even more concern are the reports from our contractor, Wolverine Supply, that plywood and lumber is being stolen from the site. Whoever is doing this is really stealing from the Tribal Elders and families who will be occupying these units, is how I feel about it. We would appreciate any information on the responsible parties. Additional security measures are being taken.

Despite these and other problems that have plagued this project, we are expecting the framing to start soon. The Housing Authority board recently selected colors for the exterior and interiors of the living units and administration building. I know that this will be one of the most attractive housing areas in the Northwest--one that all Tribal members can take pride in.

We have just begun notifying applicants who have been selected for units at Tolowa Court, which is the street name for this new housing area. Those applicants who have been determined ineligible are also being notified as to the reasons and given an opportunity for a hearing. This will still leave many applicants on the waiting list. These will also be notified as to the reason they have not yet been selected. We hope to get our next rental housing area under construction soon, so that they will not have to wait so long for housing.

SILETZ TRIBAL LIBRARY

The Library recently purchased 21 new Native American Books to add to our Library Collection. Many of the books purchased are children's stories. The Library recently received a gift of Native American Books from Nadine Liebertz, in Loving Memory of William J. Liebertz II. William really enjoyed learning about the life ways of the Native American and wanted his collection to go to the Siletz People. We gladly accept and appreciate this generous donation.

The Library is located at 260 Gaither in Siletz, Library Hours are 8:00 - 4:30 p.m on Mondays, Tuesday-Thursday by appointment only. For further information please call 444-4292. Stop by and check out a book to read or share with your child. Summer is here now and enjoy the sunny days reading to a child. Happy summer to you all.

ATTENTION ELDERS

An Elders Luncheon will be held in Grand Ronde on July 20. Contact your area office if you need a ride.

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