

# PROGRAM NEWS

## THE HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

by Howard Roy  
For new Siletz Tribal members please remember we can only serve our clients within the eleven county service area.

### SUB SURFACE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE SILETZ TRIBE IN COOPERATION WITH INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE.

The Indian Health Service supplies water and sewage disposal systems in the eleven county service area of Oregon. However in some cases we have been able to provide service in other areas of Oregon with the assistance of other Oregon Tribes and I.H.S. working cooperatively.

Who qualifies for this program? Any Siletz Tribal member is eligible for this program and the good news is there are no income requirements for this program. The question is what do I do first in order to get sewer or water assistance? You must first obtain a I.H.S. application from one of the area offices or the H.I.P. office in Siletz. Fill out the application and sign it and send it to the H.I.P. office in Siletz.

Septic Systems that are spilling effluent onto the ground present a health hazard and should be reported to the Housing Improvement Program for site evaluation from I.H.S.. H.I.P. will provide the necessary personnel deployment and procedures to begin the process. This type of situation is a definite priority for service. We also serve new home sites such as manufactured homes and new construction for residential homes. It is important to get your application request to us as soon as possible for scheduling purposes. There is a waiting list and new septic systems can only be installed between the months of May through October. The sooner you let us know about your problem or upcoming project the easier it is to maintain and schedule service for everyone. C.T.S.I. HIP and IHS applications are available at all area offices or contact Howard Roy at (541)444-8261 (541)-444-8262 or 1-800-922-1399

### WHERE TO FIND VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION HOMES FOR BELOW MARKET VALUE!

Regional Office:  
Federal Building 1220 SW 3rd Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97204  
(503) 326-2484

Ask for the current list of VA repossessions. You do not have to be a veteran to purchase a VA home or qualify to take over the loan. The homes are usually sold on a closed bid basis. The classified ad department of the registered guard or the Oregonian will list these new properties on certain days call the ad department for those days. With VA properties are sales are "as is." That means you must check out your property as thoroughly as possible before you place your bid. Sometimes the listing will mention the repairs that need to be made after closing. After the inspection submit your bid on the property through a real estate agent or broker. "Good house hunting"

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Tammy Chuck Wagner on their son Tanner Edwin born July 9, 1997 at 7:02 am, 8lbs. 3oz. and 22" long. Sue Hendrickson will be filling in for Tammy during her absence. Sue Hendrickson is very knowledgeable in all areas of case management systems. Sue will be a welcome addition to the CTSI team. We are looking forward to great accomplishments from Sue while she is here.

### WORDS OF WISDOM I

1. Lifestyle is the art of discovering ways to live uniquely.
2. Lifestyle is not an amount ; it's a practice.
3. Managers help people to see themselves as they are. Leaders help people to see themselves better than they are.
4. We could all use a little coaching. When your playing the game, it's hard to think of everything.
5. Never attack a problem without first presenting a solution.

### IDEAS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES!

There is still matching funds available for people who own their own home and have a very low to low income as specified by FmHA. Please contact us at the HIP program on how to access these funds. These funds are for Tribal member HIP clients with houses residing in the Lincoln County area only!

### HOME OPPORTUNITIES!

There is a USDA owned dwelling in Siletz that is currently being repaired which they will be selling to a low income family. Contact Sharon Shaffer at (541) 465-6483.

Northwest Homes  
Dan James  
(541) 764-5055  
3414 NE Highway 101  
Depoe Bay, Oregon 97341

Conestoga Homes  
Doris Brown  
(541) 764-4270  
Manufactured home solutions and financing available.

### INSPIRATION

" Nothing splendid has ever been achieved except by those who dared, believe that something inside them was superior to circumstance"

## Siletz Cultural Camp

Aug. 12-15, 1997

Sponsored by the Cultural Dept./Committee

We would like to invite all tribal members to our four-day Cultural Camp on Government Hill from Aug. 12-15, 1997. Cultural classes and activities are still being planned. Class suggestions have been elder's panel, basket making, traditional food gathering/preparation, shell making, language classes and storytelling. Teepee's will be available on a first come first serve basis, please phone us to reserve a teepee. Meals will be provided. Families are encouraged to attend. Youth under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. If you would like to attend, participate in any capacity, or have any suggestions, please give our office a call. Volunteers are needed to help make this encampment a successful one. We look forward to working together to continue the revival of our culture. Hum'Chil

No Drug's, Alcohol or weapons are allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS. To register or questions: Cultural Dept. P.O. Box 549 Siletz, Or. 97380 1(800)922-1399 Ext. 246 or (541)444-8244

## HOUSING REPORT

By Connie Hoffman, SIHA Executive Director

The Housing Authority received word from HUD July 21 that funding for ten more housing units has been approved. We applied for these units in May, the last time that Indian housing development funds were available through HUD grants. These units will probably be added to the ones that we are presently planning for the Dickenson property, which would result in about 17 additional homes for Tribal members.

HUD's Indian Housing Program changes to a Block Grant Program Oct. 1. We are presently reviewing the new proposed regulations. Our primary areas of concern are the amount of funds that we will receive for housing operations under the block grant and the status of our Section 8 program here.

The Tribe's housing committee, which is made up of Housing Authority, Tribal Council, and Tribal Department representatives, is working on the development of a housing plan which is required under the block grant program. This committee will be making a recommendation to Tribal Council this month regarding the designation of the Tribe's Housing Entity, as required under the new law.

Two new Housing Commissioners and a new Housing Board Chairman took office last month. The new Commissioners are Kelley Ellis and Randy Austin, both of whom are residents in our Mutual-Help housing. Our new Housing Chairman is Shannon Case, who has been a member of the Housing Board for about five years. This will be a year of change and growth for the Housing Authority.

For those of you who will be in the Siletz area for Pow-Wow, we invite you to take a few minutes and visit our homes and our apartments. We are proud of our renters and homebuyers and the attention and care that they give to their units. Our elders have added flower beds to their apartments, which beautify the riverfront site. Visitors to our Housing Authority from other areas often comment that this is one of the nicest housing developments that they have seen. The reason for this, I tell them, is that our residents are proud of their housing and take good care of it.

To the Right:  
Brett Lane, son of Brett Lane & Kelly Lane, (Simmons), seen in Feather Dance.

