

Blue Earth Makes Progress on Four-plex, Two Duplexes

BY CELISA BUFORD

Blue Earth has been very busy and growing rapidly. Three separate dwellings totaling eight units for Tribal members are in the process of being built.

The four-plex is completed on the outside (painted with primer and waiting for Mother Nature before the final paint can be applied). Inside, we are in the process of sheet rocking. Completion is targeted for 6 to 8 weeks from now.

The first duplex (Duplex 1) is being sheeted and roofed. It is expected to be dried in for plumbers and electricians work by Memorial Day. Duplex 2 has the foundation poured. The stem walls are formed and the interior framing will begin soon.

Blue Earth has lots of future work including building future housing for Tribal Members in Florence; work at the Administration building in Coos Bay consisting of new parking lot paving, roof repair, new siding & painting, new main entry doors that will be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible, removal of old system and installation of a new HVAC (Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning) system. The Community Center projects consist of installation of (6) solar tubes in the older part of the building in addition



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to remodeling and enhancing kitchen preparation areas.

Future Management projects will be demolition of the Coos Head facility buildings & the installation of the new sewer system. Blue Earth thanks the Tribal Council, Tribal membership and the Board of Directors for their support and hard work. Special thanks to John Williford, without his support and leadership Blue Earth would not be what it is today.

Police Chief Earns Executive Certification

BY JEANNIE BARTON

The Tribal Police Chief, Brad Kneaper was recently granted the highest certification possible with the State of Oregon's Department of Public Safety Standards and Training.

It takes a combination of college credits and training progress through the certification process.

Training that is applied to a lower level of certifications cannot be applied to the next level, so you basically start over at each level.

A Police Chief has to have a minimum of Supervisory and Management experience. In order to get Executive Certification, you have to have all of the lower certificates, plus a minimum of 100 hours of executive level training.