



Tribe re-elects incumbent Tribal Council members, officers also selected

Robert Kentta, Loraine Butler and Gloria Ingle were re-elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 4.

Kentta, from Logsdon, Ore., was re-elected with 397 votes; Butler, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 360 votes; and Ingle, from Lincoln City, Ore., was re-elected with 349 votes. Seven candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Reggie Butler Sr. and Sharon Edenfield of Siletz and Joseph Lane Jr. of Salem, Ore., whose terms expire in 2018; and Lillie Butler and Alfred (Bud) Lane III, both of Siletz, and Delores Pigsley from Keizer, Ore., whose terms expire in 2019. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Six hundred forty-seven ballots were returned and accepted. Enrolled members of the Siletz Tribe who are age 18 and older are eligible to vote in Tribal elections. The Tribe has more than 5,100 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected council members took place Feb. 5. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2017 include:

Delores Pigsley, chairman
Alfred (Bud) Lane III, vice chairman
Sharon Edenfield, secretary
Robert Kentta, treasurer

Pigsley currently has served 31.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 38 years on the council, while Lillie Butler has served 25;



Photo by Andrea Taylor

The 2017 Siletz Tribal Council, from left, Reggie Butler Sr., Delores Pigsley, Loraine Butler, Robert Kentta, Alfred (Bud) Lane III, Gloria Ingle, Sharon Edenfield and Joseph Lane Jr. Not pictured: Lillie Butler.

Reggie Butler, 20; Alfred Lane, 19; Kentta and Loraine Butler, 12 each; Edenfield, nearly 7 years; Ingle, three years; and Joseph Lane, less than one year.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 39 years rebuilding its government and economic structure. The signing of Public Law 95-195 in 1977, which restored government-to-government relations between the Siletz Tribe and the federal government, started this process.

The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

The Siletz Tribe was among the first to become a self-governance Tribe, giving Tribal government more control over services provided to Tribal members. Under self-governance, the U.S. government provides general funding to the Tribe (rather than to specific programs), then Tribal employees and the Tribal Council decide how funds will be spent.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings

for Tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that have opened since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010 and 12 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in 2003; opening the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008; and opening the Siletz Recreation Center in 2009.

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15th Annual State of Indian Nations Address

Remarks of President Brian Cladoosby • National Congress of American Indians

Feb. 13, 2017 • Washington, D.C.

[Traditional language opening]

My dear people, we are thanking you for the work that you do, the road we walk to help our people. I thank you.

I thank the Creator for bringing us together: Tribal leaders, our trustees from the United States government, my fellow Tribal citizens, my fellow Americans.

The federal election in November marked the end of the Obama presidency and the most successful government-to-government relationship Indian people have enjoyed since the formation of the United States.

We welcome President Trump and look forward to working with the Trump administration to build on the tremendous successes of the last eight years.

As we begin a new Congress and a new administration, I am reminded that throughout American history – in challenging times and changing times – Native peoples have remained a constant.

We are, in the words of Chief Seattle, “like the stars that never change.”

Today, we stand ready to work with you as partners to build a stronger America. To build on the shared history between our nations. And to seize new opportunities to strengthen the relationship between Tribal governments and the federal government.

Together, we will lead America into a new era of progress and partnership.

The partnership between Tribal governments and the federal government can be described by one word: Trust.

With regard to the relationship between the United States and Tribal governments, “trust” is a sacred obligation accepted by the federal government in exchange for the millions of acres of land we ceded that created the greatest nation in the world.

The evidence of our common history is all around us. Alabama, Missouri and Miami are all names derived from Tribal nations.

Utah and Arizona, Seattle and Manhattan are names inspired by Native people and languages.

This very capital city of Washington, D.C., rests on the lands of the Piscataway people and the Patowomeck people – the namesake of the Potomac River.

The unabridged version of this history is not often taught in our schools. It needs to be.

It is not the story of colonists and intrepid pioneers, of cultural exchange and westward expansion into so-called “unoccupied” territory.

It is a story of lands and resources stolen. Families removed from their homelands. Forced assimilation into ways of life that were not our own.

Yet, it is also a story of the resilience of Native peoples and the endurance of Tribal governments. For thousands of years, we have had strong, sophisticated, sovereign governments. America’s Founding Fathers recognized this fact.

In 1789, the United States adopted its Constitution, modeled after the great Iroquois Confederacy. It specifically gave Congress the power to regulate commerce not only with foreign nations and states, but also with Indian Tribes. It recognized our treaties as the supreme law of the land.

That same year, the new Congress passed one of its most important acts: The Northwest Ordinance. Among other things, it set forth the principles of our trust relationship.

I want to quote the text of this law. It states: “The utmost good faith shall always be observed towards the Indians; their land and property shall never be taken from them without their consent; and in their property, rights and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed.”

Obviously, the young country did not do a very good job of honoring these

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Travel Oregon, OMSI share tips, resources to prepare for total solar eclipse

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Tourism Commission, dba Travel Oregon, in partnership with the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), is helping residents and visitors prepare for this summer's total solar eclipse – the first in the continental U.S. since 1979 – that will make its way across Oregon on Aug. 21, 2017.

During a total solar eclipse (aka totality), the sun, the moon and the Earth align in such a way that the moon completely blocks out the sun, briefly turning daytime into twilight for nearly two minutes. This eclipse will cross the entire length of the country on a 90-mile-wide path, known as the "Path of Totality," beginning on the Oregon Coast and ending on the East Coast near Charleston, S.C.

Touching down just north of Depoe Bay on the Oregon Coast at 10:15 a.m., the moon's shadow will race east, passing through cities in the Willamette Valley (Salem, Corvallis, Albany) and Central Oregon (Madras, Prineville, Redmond), ending its path in Eastern Oregon (John Day, Baker City, Ontario).

Due to the rapid movement of the moon around the Earth, the eclipse will traverse the entire state in just nine minutes.

"The entire state of Oregon is fortunate to have such a rare opportunity to watch the total solar eclipse," said Jim Todd, OMSI director of space science education. "Oregon will be the first U.S. state to view the totality of the Great American Eclipse. Cities closest to the center of the Path of Totality will have the best viewing opportunities, particularly those east of the Cascade Range, where clear skies are most likely."

Travel Oregon and OMSI are working with other state agencies to inform visitors and prepare communities and businesses across the state for the thousands of visitors anticipated to participate.

Travel Oregon is producing an eclipse guide book with helpful tips and resources that will also include a pair of eclipse viewing glasses. The guide is set to release in early April and will be available at Oregon Visitor Centers, State Welcome Centers and online at TravelOregon.com/Getting-Around/OnlineGuides/.

"This is such an extraordinary event that people will travel the world to see it. We're thrilled that Oregonians and our visitors will have the opportunity for a front row seat," said Todd Davidson, CEO of Travel Oregon. "With the eclipse taking place on a Monday, we're encouraging visitors to make a trip out of it and come a few days early or stay a few days late. We want everyone to enjoy this amazing celestial occurrence while also ensuring they take time to prepare and stay safe."

Many hotels and campsites along the path of totality are already booked on the dates surrounding Aug. 21. Several first-come, first-served campgrounds are set to be temporarily converted to reservation-only for the eclipse, so additional campsites will be made available in the coming months.

Regional tourism agencies are encouraging visitors to look for hotels in larger metro areas just outside the path of totality, such as Portland, Eugene and Bend. In addition to the OMSI Solar Eclipse Viewing Party in Salem, other communities are also planning events to celebrate the eclipse, including the Oregon

Solarfest in Madras, the Oregon Star Party in the Ochoco National Forest and Oregon Eclipse Festival near Mitchell, Oregon.

Visitors and residents can find out more at TravelOregon.com/Eclipse and GreatAmericanEclipse.com/oregon.

Editor's note: The Chairman's Report will resume in a future issue of Siletz News.

Changes in how we mail Siletz News

From the editor:
Starting with the April issue, the Siletz Tribe will begin mailing one copy of Siletz News to each physical address instead of one copy to each Tribal member age 18 and older.
If you find that you need more than one copy in your household, please email your name and address to pias@ctsi.nsn.us and you will start receiving a second copy.
Thank you!

STRCP amends policy on number of loans, sets new interest rates for 2017

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program (STRCP) is pleased to announce that the Tribal Council has amended its Program Declaration of Policies with the goal to further enhance Tribal member access to consumer, home improvement and small business loans.

STRCP, in addition to reporting loans to TransUnion Credit Bureau on a monthly basis with the goal of improving the loan recipient's credit score, will now allow applicants to get additional loans who meet all the conditions of their previous loans per policy.

Additionally, the STRCP Board of Directors set new base interest rates for 2017 as follows: Consumer loans are 8.75 percent, home improvement loans are 6.75 percent and business loans are 7.75 percent.

If you are interested in applying for a loan or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact the STRCP credit administrator, Shani Gilila, at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298, or visit the STBC website at stbcorp.net.

Siletz News is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Please make checks payable to CTSI and mail to Siletz News.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

Change of address: Tribal members – contact the Enrollment Department at 541-444-8258; 800-922-1399, ext. 1258; or enrollment@ctsi.nsn.us. All others – call the newspaper office.

Send information to:

Siletz News
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

541-444-8291 or
800-922-1399, ext. 1291


Fax: 541-444-2307

Email: pias@ctsi.nsn.us

Deadline for the April issue is March 10.

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages Policy on page 20 when submitting items for Passages.



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Elders Council Meeting

March 4 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

<p>Siletz Siletz Tribal Community Center March 6 – 6-8 p.m. April 3 – 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Portland Portland Area Office March 13 – 6-8 p.m. April 10 – 6-8 p.m.</p>
<p>Eugene Eugene Area Office March 7 – 6-8 p.m. April 4 – 6-8 p.m.</p>	<p>Salem Salem Area Office March 14 – 6-8 p.m. April 11 – 6-8 p.m.</p>

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Tribal members invited to apply for Phase 3 homes in the HOYO Program

The Home Of Your Own (HOYO) program was designed as a lease-with-purchase-option program for low-income Siletz Tribal members who want to become homeowners but are not able to qualify for mortgage financing or have funds saved for a down payment.

The HOYO program has provided 12 qualified participants with new single-family homes on a lease-with-purchase-option basis.

During the lease period, HOYO participants strengthen their credit scores and learn about budgeting, proper use of credit, savings, banking and predatory

lending practices by successfully completing a financial education course designed for first-time homebuyers.

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) is inviting low-income Siletz Tribal members to apply for participation in Phase 3 of the HOYO Program. Phase 3 will consist of eight new homes

with design features similar to the 12 existing homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz.

HOYO applications can be obtained from the STHD Office at 555 Tolowa Court in Siletz or by contacting K.C. Short, housing finance manager, at 541-444-8310 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1310.

Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program

Program Information

- ❖ The TTSAP assists Tribal students who will attend a college, university, vocational or trade school.
- ❖ The TTSAP is a time-limited program. Funding is for one academic year.
 - ❖ The TTSAP helps students with rent or room and board in a dormitory.

- ❖ The student's share of the rent is 30 percent of their adjusted annual income. **Important Note:** The student might be required to remit a portion of the rent. For example, if a student is working, the wages will affect the student's share of the rent.

- ❖ Assistance is not transferable.

To obtain an application, please stop by the STHD office at 555 Tolowa Court in Siletz; call 800-922-1399, ext.1322, or 541-444-8322; email jessicag@ctsi.nsn.us or download one from the Tribal website at ctsi.nsn.us.

By Jessica Garcia, Rental Assistance Program Coordinator/Resident Services Advocate

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program (TTSAP) will soon accept applications for the 2017-2018 academic year. Applications will be accepted from **April 3, 2017, to May 5, 2017, only.**

USDA distribution dates for March

Siletz

Wednesday	March 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	March 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	March 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	March 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	March 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday	March 20	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	March 21	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 22	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	March 23	9 – 11 a.m.

We will do Siletz distribution the first week of the month, receive food shipments the second week, then Salem distribution the third week and then conference time the last week. During that time, we will not be able to do our regular deliveries, so please try to find someone to either bring you in or at least pick up for you.

These dates are for April 2017, so you have some time to make other arrangements.

Also, LIKE us on Facebook at Siletz Tribal FDPIR.



Joyce Retherford, FDP Director
541-444-8393

Lisa Paul, FDP Clerk/Warehouseman
541-444-8279

It's that time of year again where it will be very difficult to reschedule any missed appointments. USDA staff will attend our Western Region conference the week of April 24-27.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Culture Craft Nights

Feather Tying
Ch'ee-ta' yee-li'
(Feather tying)

March 6 • 5-7 p.m.
Siletz Tribal Community Center

March 7 • 5-7 p.m.
Eugene Area Office

March 13 • 5-7 p.m.
Portland Area Office

March 14 • 5-7 p.m.
Salem Area Office

Siletz Tribal members of all ages welcome. Young people under age 10 need an adult to accompany and assist them.

Come and learn how to tie feathers for regalia and other uses. The Siletz Culture Department will provide material and instructors. If you have your own feathers/project, please bring them.

Contact: Bud Lane, budl@ctsi.nsn.us; 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320



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Tribal Court information for 2017 per capita

Siletz Tribal Court would like to remind Tribal members to keep their address current with the Enrollment Department.

Per capita notices will be mailed June 9, 2017, to the address on file with Enrollment. The 2017 per capita hearing dates are July 11 for money owed to an entity of the Tribe and July 12-13 for money owed for child support and to the IRS.

Those with questions regarding per capita should contact Tribal Court at 541-444-8228 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1228.

Any requests to update addresses must be sent to Enrollment.

!! MAIL ORDER SERVICE AVAILABLE !!

WE CAN NOW PROVIDE MAIL ORDER SERVICE TO ALL SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBERS LIVING WITHIN THE 11-COUNTY SERVICE AREA.

Please note that this service is not eligible for the "Auto-Fill" program. ALL "Auto-Fill" prescriptions must be picked up at the pharmacy.

THANK YOU – PHARMACY STAFF

2017 Standing Committee Vacancies

Applications due by April 7, 2017

Any Tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a two-year term must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to April 7, 2017.

Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

If you only want to be considered for one committee, please indicate by inserting the number 1 next to the committee of interest. If you have interest in more than one committee, please indicate by numbering your preference, 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice).

____ Education Committee (3) ____ Housing Committee (2)
____ Health Committee (1) ____ Cultural Heritage Committee (1)

Committee appointments will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in April 2017. If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner, executive secretary to Tribal Council, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

A message of hope from Behavioral Health

By Jacob Reid, Data Coordinator/
Receptionist

The story goes that the most valuable tool in the Devil's Toolbox is "despair." Not greed, not anger, not hatred. Despair.

When we lose hope, we lose our light and we can often lose ourselves. Therefore, it's extremely important that you understand that no matter what valley you're walking through, whether it's addiction or depression or some other dark and empty place, there is hope.

There is more than this and you are more than this. There is no reason you should do this alone. Our Tribe can be a

source of strength and here at Behavioral Health, we have ways to help.

We have two outpatient counselors in Siletz, Zeb and Delina, who offer individual and group counseling. These groups, including topics such as Living Skills and A&D Education, can help build a sense of community and personal strength.

At the Salem Area Office, our A&D counselor, Andulia, will be starting up a new group called "Women's Generations Group." This will be an education/support group focusing on issues of boundaries, addictions, healthy choices and co-dependency.

For those want to improve emotional

and mental health, we have two mental health counselors, Mary-Beth in Siletz and Rachel in Salem/Portland. They offer individual counseling to adults and children and can help work through issues such as grief, depression, anxiety and trauma.

Please also remember that much of your personal strength and wellness is inseparable from the strength and wellness of your community. Healing is the shape of a circle. When you help elders, youth, neighbors, etc., you also help yourself.

By going outside of yourself and participating in community events and activities such as language classes, Siletz Community Garden, CEDARR, Run to

the Rogue, etc., you are filling in an emptiness that is often left behind from years of addiction and trauma.

On March 22, we will lead a community drug-free march that starts at Siletz Valley School. You are invited to participate and more information will be provided via posters as we get closer to the event (see below). This is open to the entire community and we encourage you and your families to participate.

There is hope, for you and for our community. If you have questions or are interested in services, please call the Behavioral Health Department at 541-444-8286 or (toll-free) 800-600-5599.

Contract Health Services – Preventing Denials

1. When using CHS, you must have every appointment pre-authorized by obtaining an authorization number within 24 hours of services rendered.
2. If you are going to a specialist appointment (not your primary care physician), it must be approved through Gatekeeping. This means your doctor must fax

referrals and chart notes by Tuesday of each week for consideration on Wednesday morning. If approved through Gatekeeping, you must then obtain an authorization number from your CHS worker within 24 hours of the appointment.

3. When going to the ER or urgent care, you must notify CHS within 72 hours (3 business days) of the visit. The ER

and urgent care must be a last resort; if the service is deemed inappropriate, CHS will not cover the services. You must utilize your primary care doctor when possible.

4. CHS requires you to apply for alternate resources. This means you are required to apply for the Oregon Health Plan if you do not have other insurance, such as Moda, Blue Cross Blue Shield or

Medicare. If you are over-income for alternate resources, you can provide that proof to CHS and they can issue a waiver for that year.

CHS Phone Numbers

Toll-free: 800-628-5720

Local: 541-444-1236

Fax: 541-444-9645

Siletz Community Health Clinic Registration Form Information

Siletz Contract Health Registration applications are different from the Enrollment forms. You are required to update annually with Contract Health Services, regardless of if anything has changed.

CHS also requires you to update your application if any information changes. Addresses, name changes, phone numbers, employment and insurance information can be changed by completing an updated application. An application must be filled out for each individual person.

You also can access an application by going to ctsi.nsn.us, hover over Tribal Services, click on Health Care, scroll to bottom of the page then download registration form.

****The following documentation is needed for various changes****

• Name change

If you have a name change, we need legal documentation in the form of a state ID card, marriage certificate, divorce decree or other court documentation.

• Moving back into the 11-county service area

When you move back into the service area, we require you to provide documentation of your physical address. We accept a state ID with the **current physical address** listed or a utility bill in **your** name with the **current physical address** (we do not accept Tribal ID, envelopes addressed to your address or any other form of documentation with a P.O. Box on it).

• Newborn child

If you are registering a newborn child, please provide a copy of one of the following:

- Hospital announcement with both mother's and father's names printed
- Birth certificate
- Newspaper announcement with both mother's and father's names printed

If you currently have any private insurance (Blue Cross, OHP, HMO, Medicare, HMA, etc.), please provide a copy of the front and back of your insurance card with your registration form.

Failure to update your registration annually may leave you responsible for any and all of your health care bills. Your Caremark card (Pequot) may subsequently be held in our office until you have updated.

Please be sure to fill out the entire application. Do not forget to sign and date the application as this may hold up your registration process. You can return your form with proper documentation either by mail to Siletz Contract Health, P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380. Or you can fax to 541-444-9645.

If you have any questions, please call CHS at 541-444-1236 or 800-628-5720.

The Siletz Clinic is 100 percent tobacco-free.

Behavioral Health, Prevention to host a Healing March for community

This march is about taking a stand together as a community against drug misuse and abuse.

As a community, we continue to feel the negative impact of drug addiction in our families, homes, schools, workforce, businesses, churches and on our streets. This negative impact is at the very center of many of our problems in our community.

By marching, we are saying we see drug abuse destroying our community and we see the need for change. This march shows that as a community we want to heal our community.


We encourage everyone to participate. Come and march if you can or just come

and support this important event in any way you can. We will provide dinner after the march at the Tribal Community Center.

- March 22 • 12:45 p.m.
- Siletz Valley School Gym
 - Opening Prayer/Drum
 - Speakers
- Start marching at football field
 - We will march through Siletz 2 different routes/2 groups
 - Each group will have drummers and singers, loud speaker, posters and banners
- Community dinner – all are welcome at the Tribal Community Center

Healing March

March 22, 2017
Starts at 12:45 pm
@ Siletz Valley School
Gym



We are in need of drummers, singers and concerned community members. Join us and take a stand against drug abuse & march for a drug-free community!

Walk with us and be a part of healing our community. The march will close with a dinner at the Tribal Community Center - All are welcome

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

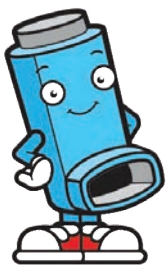
- Sheriff's Office
- Siletz Valley School
- Siletz Neighborhood Watch
- Lincoln County Prevention
- Siletz Gospel Tabernacle
- Siletz Fire Department
- City Hall

For more information call Dee Butler at 541-444-9618 or Ashleigh Ramirez at 541-444-8286



Community Health Department

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Smoking & Asthma

Smoking combined with Asthma causes damage to the lungs. Smoke irritates the airways, causing swelling, narrowing of airway, and mucus buildup.

Smoking can...

- ◆ Undo the effect of long-term medicine use
- ◆ Force Asthma sufferers to use quick-relief medicine more often
- ◆ Disrupt sleeping due to coughing more often
- ◆ Affect ability in sports and other physical activities
- ◆ Send you to the Emergency Room with an Asthma attack.

Events

March 2

Girls' Group Open House
Tribal Community Center
Time TBD

March 7

Tobacco Cessation Series
Center for Health Education
5:30-7:00pm

March 24

Blood Drive
Siletz Health Clinic
9am-2pm

Samaritan Health Tobacco Cessation Series

March 7 - April 11
Samaritan Center for Health Education
740 SW Ninth Street, Newport
Every Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:00pm
Call Deb Myers to register: (541)574-4886



March 24

Siletz Community Health Clinic
9:00am - 2:00pm

Call Cyndee Druba to schedule an appointment (541) 444-9652



Fitness Center

Tai Chi: M & W 10:30-11:30am
Zumba Gold: T & Th 5:30-6:30pm
Sit and Be Fit: T, Th & F 10:00-11:00am
Pilates: M & W 5:15-6:15

Girls' Group

Girls age 9-19 welcome

Featuring the Daughters of Tradition curriculum

Every first & third Thursday of the month
Siletz Community Health Clinic - Behavioral Health
6pm-8pm



Courtesy photo

Angela Bailey, RN/surgery manager at Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, visits the Siletz Tribal Head Start classroom in Lincoln City during Community Helper Week.

CEDARR

Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore

Mission Statement

We will utilize resources to prevent the use of alcohol and other drugs, delinquency and violence; we will seek to reduce the barriers to treatment and support those who choose abstinence.

March 1 • Noon

Siletz Community Health Clinic
200 Gwee-Shut Road, Siletz



**Open Your Heart
Open Your Home**

**Foster
Care**

Help Tribal Children who are in need of a foster family.
Our kids need your help, your heart and your home.
Call today to make a difference. You can make a brighter, better
world for our future generations.
Foster a young tribal child today.

Call. Today.
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For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

What is BMI and why does Head Start track it?

By Nancy Ludwig, MS, RD, LD, Siletz Tribal Head Start Nutrition

As part of my role as a consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families. This segment focuses on what may seem like an uncomfortable topic – BMI, or your child's proportion of height versus weight.

Head Start children are young, they have a lot of growing ahead and this may appear to be a non-concern. Why does Head Start measure children and then refer some children to see their doctor? This can be confusing and may feel like some families are being singled out without actually receiving a benefit.

Siletz Tribal Head Start is required to track growth as well as other health information. One purpose behind measuring health indicators is to measure outcomes and therefore possible success or shortcomings of the program.

If the program demonstrates success, funding seems more likely to continue. On the other hand, if health indicators indicate increased risk, a closer look is needed. This may mean changes to the program to better support families.

Children's health and nutrition indicators are monitored in two primary ways:

1. Nutrition screening forms at parent orientation with questions about your child's eating habits
2. Periodic measurements of weight and height for all students (with confidence)

in place). High and low BMI values trigger a potential risk and therefore, a referral. This does not necessarily mean there is a problem, but it is currently the action point to provide extra care for this child. A referral may be in the form of a letter requesting that you follow up with your doctor. Another option would be to talk to me, the consulting dietitian/nutritionist. This service is available to all Head Start families even if BMI is normal. The program is currently considering other approaches to support families. We are open to your feedback and want to support all Head Start families and the health of the Tribal community.

So what is BMI? BMI stands for Body Mass Index. BMI is a number calculated from a person's height and weight. It is also called height to weight, because that is a friendlier way to state the relationship that helps to evaluate growth.

BMI measurements are an easy and inexpensive way for medical personnel and public health programs to track health indicators. Measurements between the 85th and 95th percentile are associated with risk of being overweight.

This brings up an awkward subject leading to the question "Is my child getting fat?" Maybe yes, maybe no. Statistics are not all perfect. They are screening tools that prompt us to look into the situation further. We also must use common sense and good judgment.

Mathematically, it means that your child is growing heavier faster than he or she is growing tall. This might change naturally because children don't grow proportionately through growth spurts and your child might have gained weight in anticipation of shooting tall.

It is important to look at this number over time, not just once. BMI is more complex in children than adults. The BMI of children changes based on gender and age. Therefore, to make the discussion easier, BMI is converted to percentiles.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at cdc.gov/healthy-weight/assessing/bmi/ provides free calculators and information. Be sure to look for the one for children between 2-19 years old if this is for your Head Start child.

BMI percentiles are grouped into weight categories for children of the same sex and age:

- Underweight: below the 5th percentile
- Healthy Weight: 5th percentile up to the 85th percentile
- Overweight: 85th percentile up to the 95th percentile
- Obese: 95th percentile or higher

High BMI is associated with increased likelihood of:

- High blood pressure and high cholesterol (risk factors for cardiovascular disease)
- Increased risk of type-2 diabetes or insulin resistance

- Breathing problems like sleep apnea or asthma
- Joint problems and musculoskeletal discomfort
- Fatty liver disease, gallstones and gastro-esophageal reflux (GERD)
- Risk of social and psychological problems from possible discrimination or poor self-esteem
- Becoming obese adults with additional health risks

Low BMI also can be associated with risk:

- BMI can dip in a growth spurt but also can signal a problem that warrants medical attention, especially if your child is not gaining weight or has recently lost noticeable weight, has diarrhea, vomiting, poor appetite or low energy level

Siletz Tribal Head Start offers my time at no cost to you to support family nutrition over the telephone. If you have nutrition concerns about your Head Start child, please contact me via your teacher or DeAnn Brown, program director.

I listen for how your child is being supported to learn healthy eating habits and build on your successes. I listen for possible power struggles around meal times, food security issues, food aversions and more.

Together we focus on goals to empower families to feel good about the choices they make. Healthy children make for healthy communities. We are in this together.

Register Today!



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Wednesdays

4/19, 4/26, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31

4:30-6:30pm

Classes meet for 2 hours once a week for six weeks. At the first week's class, participants will be given a gardening booklet that is theirs to keep. At the completion of classes, participants may also be given seeds and/or plant starts to take home. Over the course of six weeks participants learn about building healthy soil; planning, planting, and caring for their garden; and harvesting and using their bounty.

Please call to register!

Kathy Kentta 541-444-8329

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Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board
WEAVE-NW Project



Join gardening activities in your area through the **Healthy Traditions Team!**

Your local Community Health Advocate (CHA) is planning activities in your area. To see what classes are offered, see your local area office newsletter!

For more information, contact :
Portland: Verdene 503-238-1512
Salem: Cecilia 503-390-9494
Eugene: Adrienne 541-484-4234

Mission Statement

The CTSI Healthy Traditions project seeks to improve the health of Siletz Tribal members through educational activities which promote the use of traditional foods through hunting, gathering, gardening, cooking, food preservation and protecting our natural resources.

LOP elk tag drawing available to Tribal members

The Tribal Natural Resources Department once again will offer a limited number of landowner preference (LOP) elk tags to Tribal members for this fall's hunting season.

As a landowner, the Tribe is eligible to participate in the State's LOP program. Based on the number of acres that the Tribe owns, we can get six additional antlerless elk tags from the State.

These LOP tags are not related to the Tribe's Consent Decree tags that we receive each year. They are based solely on the Tribe being a landowner. There are a number of important differences between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags. These are summarized in the table below.

	Tribal Tags	LOP Tags
State hunting license required?	No	Yes – Tribal member must purchase both a 2017 and a 2018 State hunting license
Area to be hunted	Anywhere within the specific tag's hunt boundaries	Only on Tribal land within the unit selected during that unit's antlerless elk season. Units available include Upper Siletz, NW Alsea, SW Alsea, SW Alsea Private Lands and West Siuslaw
Eligible for other State elk tags?	Yes	No*
Give tag to another licensed Tribal member to hunt for you?	Yes	No
Application and selection process	Apply to Tribe for Tribal drawing	Apply to Tribe for LOP drawing; if selected, apply to State for controlled hunt tag (list LOP unit in LOP section on State controlled hunt application)
Obtain tag from	Tribe	State – Tribal member must purchase tag
* Note: If you are drawn for an LOP tag, you are still eligible to apply for and be drawn for a Tribal tag.		

Please note that a major difference between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags is that only the person drawn for the tag can hunt that tag. **The tag cannot be given to someone else to hunt for you.** Therefore, only those folks serious about hunting this hunt themselves are eligible to apply.

The drawing for the six LOP elk tags will be held at the Natural Resources Committee meeting on April 3 at 4:45 p.m. in the Natural Resources Department map room. Applications are available on the Tribal website and at the Tribal Natural Resources Office in Siletz.

Completed applications are due in the Natural Resources office by **4:30 p.m. on March 31**. For more information regarding these tags and the differences between the Tribe's regular tags and the LOP tags, contact Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

THRIVE seeks Native veterans for suicide prevention campaign

THRIVE (Tribal Health: Reaching Out InVolves Everyone) is the suicide prevention project at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), which serves the 43 federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

THRIVE has received funding from the Garrett Lee Smith Youth Suicide Prevention Grant to develop a suicide prevention social marketing campaign for American Indian and Alaska Native military personnel and veterans.

THRIVE is recruiting male and female Native veterans (preferably located in the Pacific Northwest) who may be interested in being photographed and interviewed for the next Lived Experience videos to be released for Veterans Day in November 2017.

A professional will conduct the interviews and the primary content discussed will be the veteran's experience struggling with depression and/or suicidal thoughts or even attempts. (Possible language: Interviewees are also encouraged to talk about how they overcame their thoughts of suicide or how they work hard now to keep suicidal thoughts out of their head. What/who helped them? How did they/it help? What tips or knowledge does the interviewee have to help another veteran in a similar situation?)

Please see our past videos to see how the interview (that turns into a video) may be setup at youtu.be/Q9D_lGw5IOc, youtu.be/d6cXssBuoqY and youtu.be/hlfpvtw1qCA.

Since 2010, THRIVE has developed health promotion messages and campaigns that resonate with AI/AN communities. It has used this community-driven process to design social marketing campaigns addressing health topics important to AI/AN communities. View past social marketing campaigns at npaihb.org/social-marketing-campaigns/.

Information

- ❖ We will reimburse for travel to/from the interview location (most likely Seattle or Olympia, Wash.).
- ❖ Each interviewee will receive a monetary stipend.
- ❖ We can make the interview anonymous if necessary (use a silhouette and make the audio sound different).
- ❖ Each interviewee will need to discuss his/her experience over the phone with the interviewer (a licensed psychologist) 2-3 times prior to the interview so he/she feels comfortable with the content.
- ❖ The recording of the interviews will be set up for one full day and each interviewee will have a scheduled time slot. This may be a weekend day to be sure everyone is available.
- ❖ Dates TBD

Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

Prevention, Outpatient Treatment, and Women's and Men's Transitional

Siletz: 800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286
Eugene: 541-484-4234
Salem: 503-390-9494
Portland: 503-238-1512

Narcotics Anonymous Toll-Free Help Line – 877-233-4287

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: aa-oregon.org

Tribal RV parks have space available for you

Logan Road RV Park, Lincoln City, Ore. – loganroadrvpark.com or 877-LOGANRV

Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort, Salem, Ore. – heeheeillahee.com or 877-564-7295

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Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001 and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006. The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business, now called Siletz Tribal Prints & Gifts, in Lincoln City in 2008.

Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (STAHS) was formed in 2013 as a nonprofit to enhance the Tribe's ability to develop the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center. STAHS also helps the Tribe with acquiring object and archival collections.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the Tribe purchased the

former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has made the Siletz Tribe the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$13 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

Alfred Lane Jr.: A love of Siletz, both Tribe and community

By Diane Rodriguez

Alfred Lane Jr. is 90 and lives in National City, Calif.

He was married to his wife, Clarice, for 67 years before she passed away two years ago. They have seven children – Christy, Alana, Dona, Bud, Randy, Paula and Brett, 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Alfred and Clarice met when she moved to Siletz in the seventh grade.

“I always liked Siletz – it was a great big playground for me,” said Alfred. “I used to know the name of every person in Siletz, plus the names of their cats and dogs, back in the 1930s.”

Alfred enlisted in the Navy in 1943 as a seaman and served until World War II ended, then went into the reserves. He was back in the Navy during the Korean Conflict, then in fleet reserve to complete 25 years in the Navy. He retired as a senior chief petty officer.

“I took care of guns,” he said. “I also was part of an explosive ordinance demolition team. We blew up ordinance that was no good, like old World War II ordinance – torpedoes and bombs. We took them to the ‘blowhole’ and we’d blow them up.”

He then worked 20 years as a contractor for the Navy, handling mounted rocket launchers and traveling nearly as much as when he was in the Navy.

By then, the family was living in the house in National City that Alfred now has lived in for 56 years. This, Alfred said, is when it all started coming together.

“The kids started going to the same school. Not much changed, except the kids grew up,” he said. “Then we retired and we started running around. We retired in 1987 and we did nothing after that but travel. We drove to Alaska on the Al-Can Highway and crossed the United States two or three times.”

Five of Alfred’s children currently live in the National City area and two live in Siletz. His fondness for the community of Siletz and his pride in being a Siletz Tribal member of Chetco descent are evident.

“I’ve always been proud of Siletz,” said Alfred, “Mostly I was proud of Grandma and Grandpa Lane (Minnie and Scott Lane). Grandma Lane did a lot of things for me that I thought were real nice. I stopped by their place on the way to school in the mornings when I could and I always stopped after school. I did everything they did.

“Dad (Alfred Lane Sr., married to Maude) was on the council most of his life. I really liked living around here ... I’ve always been proud of all these people of Siletz.”

Alfred says the most significant thing the tribe has done since 1977 (Restoration) is “build the casino and put people to work. It’s the greatest thing to ever come our way. It gives all these people around here the chance to work and have a job. Before, they worked in the woods or they didn’t work. The casino has given people a chance to live better. Most kids around here have a car; we never even had a bicycle.

“The casino has helped our tribe so much. Things can’t happen until you make them happen. I’m glad of the things kids get to do now.”

In addition to giving to the United States and the Siletz nation as a Navy veteran, Alfred shared his everyday experiences with his family and friends.

“Everything I’ve done, everyone could do along with me. If I knew something, I always tried to make sure others knew about it too. We shared everything in our whole life with the kids,” he said. “Clarice and I had a pretty nice life. If I had to do it



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Alfred Lane Jr.

all over, I don’t know where I would make any changes.”

CTSI Jobs – Employment information available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: “Open Until Filled” vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe’s Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Tribal Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Naytlh - ‘a “We Carry the Children”



How has the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped you and your family since participating?

- ❖ “The home visiting program has helped prepare us for our new addition by letting us know what is to be expected before and after the baby comes and how to best deal with certain situations that come up.”
– Andrea & Robert, 4 months in the program
- ❖ “I’ve learned all the things I thought I should know that I did not know already with the help and support of the program. Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped me become a better mom.”
– Shyann, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “I feel like Siletz Tribal home visits have helped me be more on track when it comes to my child’s development. Home visits have also helped me keep a better schedule, helping my whole family.”
– Jennifer, 1 year and 9 months in the program
- ❖ “Getting the help when you’re a new parent is life-saving, to know you are doing it right and if not, finding out the right way.”
– Samantha, 1 year in the program
- ❖ “The program has helped me to realize there are a lot of different ways to parent and there is always help if you are willing to look for it. The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped make my life a little simpler just knowing I have resources to help me be the best mom I can be.”
– Chandra, 1 year and 10 months in the program
- ❖ “The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped me with my child’s growth, my motivation with being a parent and I’ve also established a friendship.”
– Brinee, 1 year and 8 months in the program
- ❖ “Home Visiting Program helped us better understand the developmental milestones that our child is at and also the reassurance that each child is unique and not to be worried. The program has been helpful, especially with different resources also.”
– Ale & Seth, 1 year and 1 month in the program
- ❖ “As a first-time mom, Siletz Home Visiting Program has been a good addition to my support system, not only emotionally, but also mentally.”
– Janet, 1 year and 1 month in the program

If you are interested in or have any questions about our Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program, please call Jessica Phillips, Program Coordinator, at 541-484- 4234.



Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

Tribal Member Recruitment for Advisory Board

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Advisory Board is accepting applications from Siletz Tribal members to fill one board position. The appointment by Tribal Council is on a volunteer basis for a three-year term from July 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017.

The STCCF Advisory Board is composed of seven unpaid members, including one Siletz Tribal Council representative; three Siletz Tribal members; two non-Tribal members agreed upon by the governor and Tribal chairman and approved by Tribal Council; and one non-Tribal member selected by the Tribal chairman from a list submitted by the governor and approved by Tribal Council.

The advisory board meets quarterly (January, April, July and October) to review approximately 75-125 applications for charitable funding received from non-profit organizations, schools and local government agencies. The advisory board makes award recommendations to Tribal Council for review and approval by resolution.

Board members attend quarterly distribution receptions held in February, May, August and November at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Board members will receive travel reimbursements for attendance at quarterly board meetings, award distribution receptions and other approved public relations events.

For more information, please visit ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund or contact Board Secretary Denise Garrett, stccf@live.com, 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Tribal Member Advisory Board Application

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____

Applications must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2017, at the address below to be considered for appointment at the regular Tribal Council meeting in June 2017.

Return application to: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Denise Garrett, STCCF Secretary
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Peter Hatch, temporary historical researcher/cultural resources technician, shares baskets and other elements of Siletz Tribal culture with young people.



Rebecca J. Dobkins, curator at the Hallie Ford Museum in Salem and professor of anthropology at Willamette University, talks with Tribal Council member Robert Kentta and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley.

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commitments. Tribes were invaded and disturbed. Many of us were relocated off our homelands. My own Tribe had our reservation land taken without our consent.

Despite continuing breeches of these promises, in hundreds of instances, Tribal governments entered into solemn agreements with the federal government. My own great-great-grandfather, Kel-Kahl-Tsoot, signed the Treaty of Point Elliott in 1855.

Through these treaties, Tribal nations relinquished significant portions of our original territories. And the federal government became the trustee for hundreds of Tribal governments and the millions of acres of Tribal lands that remained.

This means, now and forever, that every federal official is our trustee.

It's the sacred responsibility that all of our elected officials share. That is where our story of progress and partnership begins.

From the very start, Tribal governments have been on equal footing with state governments. And must remain so today.

In exchange for our lands, the federal government made three promises: To never take our remaining lands without our consent. To safeguard our right to govern ourselves on those lands. And to enact laws that protect our economies, our treaties and our ways of life.

This is the foundation of the trust relationship on which we have built our modern government-to-government partnership.

Recently, we worked with Congress to pass the Tribal Law and Order Act and the Violence Against Women Act to strengthen community safety and Tribal justice systems.

And now, Tribal law enforcement departments like the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla in Oregon have access to national criminal databases that help them better protect their people.

We worked with Congress to pass the HEARTH Act and the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act to further empower Tribes

to make decisions about their lands and their assets.

And now, Tribes like Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico are regulating wind and solar energy leases on their lands.

We worked with Congress to pass the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modernize Tribal health care networks and ensure that every Native American and Alaskan Native receives the health care promised in our treaties.

And now, Tribal governments are implementing these – and other – new policies.

These policies work because they provide us the flexibility we need to craft our own local solutions to our own distinct challenges. In the process, we are innovating in our governments, revitalizing our communities and growing our economies.

And we continue to partner with other governments to meet common challenges.

Partnerships like these are especially important in rural areas. More than 70 percent of Indian Country is rural. Indian people know firsthand that quality health care is harder to get outside of the cities.

Native peoples like the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho have set out to change that. In partnership with the city of Plummer, Idaho, they built the Benewah Medical Center. Today, the center serves thousands of people from Plummer and the surrounding area.

Tribes are stepping up not only to take care of their own people, but to take care of their entire region.

Indian people define prosperity in many ways, not just economic but also spiritual, cultural and collective prosperity. When Tribal nations lift up communities, we want no one to get left behind.

That is why the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma built a health care center for the non-Native spouses and children of Tribal citizens.

There are countless examples of Tribal governments investing in their com-

munities and creating jobs for their own people and those who live in surrounding communities.

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community – a Tribe of just a few hundred – employs more than 4,000 through its retail, gaming and other businesses.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has been the economic engine for its region of Mississippi, transforming one of the poorest areas in the country into a growing economy that employs thousands.

Nearly 72,000 Tribal farm operators run more than 56,000 farms with a market value of products sold that exceeds \$3 billion.

Indian Country stands ready to partner with anyone and everyone who will work with us to help build a stronger America.

So this is what we ask of the new Congress and the new administration:

Make good on the promise of our trust relationship. Abide by the treaties. Affirm the wisdom of local decision making by Indian Country, for Indian Country.

Together, we must remove the obstacles that prevent Tribes from fulfilling our potential as nations and neighbors. We must ensure that Tribes can deploy all of the essential tools that all governments must have in order to build prosperous communities.

Not everyone realizes that most Tribes cannot tax sales on their reservations because of the problem of dual taxation by the states. A few states have reached tax agreements with Tribes, but for the most part the states enjoy taxing our reservations without providing services.

We have a great opportunity for the Department of the Interior to issue new regulations that will eliminate the unfair burden of dual taxation on reservation economies.

The new administration has already scheduled a series of consultation meetings that start next week at Swinomish.

Unlike every state and local government, Tribes cannot issue tax-exempt

bonds for economic development because the IRS only allows us to use them for public works – like water treatment.

This unfairness is short-sighted and cannot stand. Tribal governments should be able to use the same tools that other governments use every single day.

Congress should include Indian Country in broader tax reform. And when it does, it must give us full authority to generate revenue, access capital and invest locally.

In a rare moment of bipartisanship, Congress recently passed the General Welfare Exclusion Act, recognizing that Tribal government programs benefitting Tribal members are not taxable by the federal or state governments.

Tribal governments have demonstrated that when we exercise our innate authority, with adequate resources and autonomy, we will devise local solutions that work for our communities.

We plan and budget our governing operations based on commitments made through the federal trust responsibility. Like other governments, we provide police services, education, fire protection and a range of core public services for our people.

But Tribal self-sufficiency is not merely an integral component of the trust responsibility. It is also an investment opportunity.

Investing in Indian Country has proven, time and time again, to produce high returns. And perhaps no investment has a greater potential upside than infrastructure.

Today, the National Congress of American Indians released an initial report regarding Tribal infrastructure investments. It provides Tribal leaders and policymakers with data to inform the many ways in which Indian Country is proposing to meet its infrastructure needs.

To us, infrastructure means more than roads and bridges. More than housing and broadband Internet connection. It also means education and health care infrastructure. Workforce development



Tribal Council member Gloria Ingle (left) and Peter Hatch (light blue shirt) discuss Siletz Tribal history and culture with interested individuals.



Tribal Council member Joseph Lane Jr. (left) greets Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson.



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Tribal member Izaiah Fisher talks about his bow tie, among several things, with Oregon Governor Kate Brown. Fisher is a member of the Grand Ronde Youth Council.

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infrastructure. Data and planning infrastructure to support smart, informed decision-making.

Both Indian Country and rural America, where infrastructure has fallen into a state of disrepair, share a common concern here. Necessary maintenance and new projects have met delay after delay.

Let me be clear. Economic development is important. Investing in community infrastructure is important. And the most important long-term investments are in our children.

Partnering creates winning scenarios. When this Congress takes up infrastructure, it can create American jobs by addressing the \$388 million backlog of deferred maintenance of Bureau of Indian Education schools.

Statistics show that when Indian kids graduate from high school and college, they become contributing members of society. They break the cycle of drug and alcohol abuse. They break the cycle of jail and prison. They break the cycle of poverty and dependence on the federal government.

Educated Tribal members not only make their Tribal communities stronger, they also make America stronger.

Kevin Gover, the former assistant secretary for Indian Affairs, once said, "Sovereignty isn't about power. It's about responsibility."

We take that responsibility to our people very seriously. Just as we had long before European explorers and settlers arrived. Just as we always will.

President Ronald Reagan astutely recognized in 1988, and I quote, "Tribes need the freedom to spend the money available to them, to create a better quality of life and meet their needs as they define them. Tribes must make those decisions, not the federal government."

The federal government should partner with us to remove burdens that Tribal governments bear alone.

Our partnership and progress must extend to the issue of energy development.

Colorado does not charge a fee to explore for energy resources on its land and it turns around permits in two months. But to undertake the same exploration on Tribal land includes the additional challenge of the Bureau of Land Management fee of \$9,500 and takes seven months to turn around the same permit.

The result of regulations like these is that Tribes pay more and spend more time – a lot more – for a lot worse service.

This is a missed opportunity for all of America. Indian Country holds 20 percent of the oil and gas reserves. If fully developed, these resources could generate a trillion dollars in economic activity.

Whether or not to develop their energy resources is a choice that each Tribal nation must make – on their own terms and in accordance with their own values and goals. For Tribal nations that make this choice, the tools are in place to get started.

Congress created the Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program. If the federal government invested just \$9 million, it would support up to \$85 million for energy projects that would employ people in Indian Country and the surrounding communities.

Congress should back up their investment idea with real investment – and fund the program.

Tribal governments are proving what real investment can accomplish. Decades ago, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Colorado created their own Tribal Department of Energy and an economic growth fund. Today, they control the distribution of roughly 1 percent of America's natural gas supply.

Last year, one of the Moapa Band of Paiute of Nevada solar projects began powering more than 100,000 homes in Los Angeles. And last month, the seven bands of the Sioux Nation began construction on one of the largest wind power developments in the entire nation.

These projects are designed with sustainability in mind. Not just environmental sustainability, but also the cultural, spiritual and economic sustainability of the entire Tribal community.

Tribal governments embody the enduring values of Native peoples. We understand that each of our decisions connects our past to our future. We think about the Indian Country we want our grandchildren to pass on to theirs.

Culture matters. It is both who we are and how we govern. That is what makes working with Tribal governments different from working with other governments.

Each Tribe has its own customs and priorities. And that is why the local Tribe must be at the table where local decisions are made – starting at the earliest planning stages.

We have seen too many examples of what happens when Tribes do not have a seat at the table.

The Dakota Access Pipeline is one. In that case, the company consulted the nearby city – but not the nearby tribe – and made the mistake of turning sacred lands into a construction site.

Other Tribal governments have tried to prevent the worst – only to succeed in stopping the project after hundreds of gravesites were unearthed.

We cannot forget the period in the 1950s and '60s when rivers across the west were dammed for irrigation and power. Hundreds of thousands of acres of Tribal lands were flooded. Hundreds of Tribal homes were destroyed.

In the Columbia River region, the salmon way of life was threatened. All disturbed without the consent of Tribal governments. All in violation of treaties that protected these lands and resources.

One day, the Spokane Tribe in Washington, like so many others, woke up to find that there were no more salmon in their river.

When this happens, no one wins. Not Tribal governments. Not the federal government. Not developers. Everyone pays a high price. An unnecessary price.

And yet, there are so many instances in which we see what's possible when Native people do have a seat at the table.

The Blackfeet from Montana partnered with hunters, anglers, conservationists, energy companies and the Department of the Interior to cancel more than 40,000 acres of illegal oil and gas leases. By working together, they prevented drilling on the sacred lands at Badger-Two Medicine.

We will continue to work with the Department of the Interior to create lasting solutions.

Partnerships have proven to generate the highest return on investment, for they avoid the high costs of conflict between governments. Work with us to identify and implement win-win solutions.

There is a Seneca proverb that says: "He who would do great things should not attempt them all alone."

Our partnership goes back a long way. Back to the time before the stars and stripes were first sewn into the flag and before the republic for which it stands was born.

Tribal nations have been a constant. Like the stars that never change.

We stood with you at every critical moment in American history. From the Revolutionary War to the World Wars to the Vietnam War to the war on terror. A greater percentage of Native people have served and died in the military than of any other group of Americans.

We will always stand with you. We will always fight alongside you. And through our age-old partnership, we will usher in a new era of progress.

God bless you. God bless our Indian Nations. And God bless the United States of America.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Recipients of grants distributed by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund on Feb. 3 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Tribe gives back through charitable fund, overall giving tops \$13 million

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$153,325.12 to 38 organizations on Feb. 3 as it continued its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed nearly \$10.6 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$13 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fundraising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is March 7, 2017. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund; by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mailing Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at stccf@live.com.

Contact the **Siletz Community Dental Clinic** if you experience dental pain or a dental emergency. Staff will do everything they can to see you as soon as possible.

Morning check-in time is Monday-Thursday from 8:30-9 a.m. and Friday from 10-10:30 a.m.

Afternoon check-in time is Monday-Friday from 1-1:30 p.m.

Feb. 3, 2017 – Distribution of \$153,325.12

Arts – \$12,000

- Community Arts Project – venue rental, printing/media and postage/supplies for Your Art's Desire fundraiser for arts literacy in public schools; Cloverdale, OR; \$2,250
- Lincoln City Cultural Center – replace wheelchair lift; Lincoln City, OR; \$8,000
- Polly Plumb Productions – media and printing for Yachats' Pride/Two Spirit celebration; Yachats, OR; \$750
- Porthole Players Ltd. – royalty fees, rehearsal space and music recording fee for presentation of Really Rosie in three Newport schools; Newport, OR; \$1,000

Cultural Activities – \$10,815

- Northwest Indian Veteran Association – flag and uniform supplies; Portland, OR; \$2,315
- Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association – sponsor annual intergenerational conference and gathering; Covington, WA; \$7,000
- Two Rivers Correctional Institution – beading and cultural craft supplies; Umatilla, OR; \$1,500

Education – \$21,250

- Altrusa International of Yaquina Bay Inc. – copies of book and supplies for Inspired Writers Project for sixth-grade classes; Newport, OR; \$2,200
- Foster Grandparent Program of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties – support for program volunteers; Albany, OR; \$1,000
- Oregon Sea Grant – student scholarships for Hatfield Marine Science Center programs; Newport, OR; \$3,000
- Salem-Keizer School District, Indian Education Program – food and supplies for graduation celebration and dinner for Native students and their families; Salem, OR; \$1,785
- Science Factory Children's Museum – tools and equipment for new in-house exhibit fabrication shop; Eugene, OR; \$7,510

- Siletz Tribal Head Start, Parent Committee – swim lessons, classroom activities, field trips and transition ceremony supplies; Siletz, OR; \$3,577
- Siletz Valley Friends of the Library – annual liability insurance for library volunteers; Siletz, OR; \$678
- Yachats Youth & Family Activities Program – study lessons and materials to support Creative Curriculum activities in pre-school program; Yachats, OR; \$1,000
- Youth Movement – lunch for university visit featuring traditional sports/games for 170-200 Native students; Eugene, OR; \$500

Health – \$42,945

- Alsea Valley Gleaners – food; Alsea, OR; \$2,000
- College United Methodist Church – replace commercial refrigerator; Philomath, OR; \$2,995
- Fish of Lebanon – food; Lebanon, OR; \$2,000
- Food Roots – one MacBook Air and one Dell laptop to improve technology for farm-to-school programs; Tillamook, OR; \$1,600
- Food Share of Lincoln County – food for Lincoln County food banks and agencies; Newport, OR; \$11,000
- Harrisburg Harvesters Gleaners – protein to supplement contributions to families; Harrisburg, OR; \$2,000
- Mario Pastega House – patient and family lodging assistance for Lincoln County residents; Corvallis, OR; \$10,000
- Marion-Polk Food Share – greenhouse for youth farm and community garden programs; Salem, OR; \$2,000
- North End Senior Solutions – food and caregiver training for adult day service programs; Otis, OR; \$2,850
- Pacific Communities Health District Foundation – i-STAT handheld device for Telestroke Program; Newport, OR; \$2,000
- RSVP of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties – durable medical goods for elders or disabled people; Albany, OR; \$2,500

- Sweet Home Gleaners Inc. – food; Sweet Home, OR; \$2,000

Historic Preservation – \$14,230

- Chetco Historical Memorial Committee – design and installation of interpretive panels at Chetco Indian village memorial; Brookings, OR; \$14,230

Other – \$12,586.42

- Salmon River Grange – replace roof of grange that serves Rose Lodge community; Otis, OR; \$9,375
- Siletz Valley Grange – replace two front entry doors and outdoor lighting; Siletz, OR; \$3,211.42

Prevention – \$2,878

- City of Sweet Home – sponsorship of Sweetheart of a Run in a Sweetheart of a Town fundraiser for summer parks and recreation youth activities; Sweet Home, OR; \$1,878
- Lebanon High School, Grad Night Committee – gifts and prizes for drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration; Lebanon, OR; \$500
- Sprague High School, Grad Night Committee – venue rental for drug- and alcohol-free graduation celebration; Salem, OR; \$500

Public Safety – \$36,620.70

- Adair Rural Fire and Rescue – replace two turnouts of fire protective clothing; Adair Village, OR; \$4,410.70
- Siletz Valley Fire District – salary and benefits to retain fire chief as a full-time position; Siletz, OR; \$25,000
- Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District; two video laryngoscopes for emergency services; Sweet Home, OR; \$4,000
- Tillamook County Search and Rescue – handheld in-reach satellite two-way communicators; Milwaukie, OR; \$3,210



**Seashore Family Literacy Center
Waldport, Chain Link Fence**



**Lincoln County Joint Transportation
Committee, Lincoln City
Medical Bus Vouchers**



**Alsea Community Effort, Alsea
Emergency Power System**



**Siletz Valley Fire District, Siletz
Dispatching Voice Pagers**



**Youth Movement, UO Eugene
Lunch for Campus Visit**



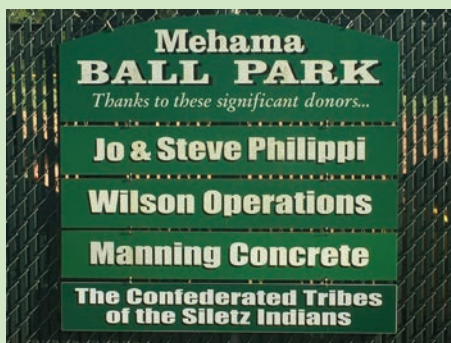
**Sharing Hands, Brownsville
Food for PackSnack Program**



**City of Sweet Home
Sweetheart of a Run in a
Sweetheart of a Town**



**Yachats Youth & Family Activities
Food for Family Events**



**Mehama Ball Park, Lyons
Baseball Softball Field Projects**



**Siletz Valley Schools, Siletz
Charter School Operations**



**Soldier's Angels, Newport/Portland
Hygiene Kits for Veterans**

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ODE supports Native American curriculum, Educator Advancement Council

From Education Update, Oregon Department of Education, February 2017

Feb. 9 was Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol, which was appropriate since Senate Bill (SB) 13 was heard that day in the Senate Education Committee.

Deputy Superintendent Salam Noor and Indian Education Specialists April Campbell and Ramona Halcomb were among the dozens of people testifying in support of the bill, which would create a curriculum relating to the Native American experience in Oregon and also provide professional development for teachers on the subject.

The meeting time was almost doubled in order to make sure that everyone who wanted to support the bill could give their testimony to the committee.

Modesta Minthorn, director of education for the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla and also a State Board of Education member, testified that having a Native American curriculum will result in increased academic achievement.

"It provides an opportunity to tell Oregonians who we are as a people," Minthorn said. "Native American students will get a reinforced sense of identity, which affects test scores."

Valerie Switzler, Tribal Council representative for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, told the committee the bill has been a long time coming.

"We don't have connection with communities surrounding us anymore," she said. "They don't know who we are as Tribes. Because knowledge of who we are

isn't there anymore, it's getting lost, even with our children. We need to educate all children to recognize who we are as people."

State Rep. Tawna Sanchez, only the second Native American legislator in Oregon history, testified it's past time to teach about Native Americans.

"The history of Oregon deserves to be told from the perspective of all residents, especially its first residents," she said. "Every day, non-Native kids see themselves in history. How amazing would it be for our Native students to hear about their culture and contributions?"

After nearly two hours of testimony, Noor thanked the Tribal leaders and others who spoke in support of SB 13.

"We have heard the clear need for this curriculum in our state," he said. "From

ODE's perspective, we are excited to work with the Tribes in consultation."

At that same meeting, Noor spoke on behalf of SB 182, which establishes the Educator Advancement Council, created through an executive order by Gov. Kate Brown. Noor said he hears from teachers the need for mentoring and culturally relevant professional development, which the council recommended.

Noor also testified on behalf of SB 183, which would establish an Early Indicator and Intervention System to help students get back on track to graduation before it's too late. He told the committee "This focuses efforts on what works, it validates what we know and makes the commitment to continue investment in what works."

Funding available to rebuild long-lost Tribal housing on Columbia River

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley (D-OR), Patty Murray (D-WA) and Ron Wyden (D-OR), along with Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR3), announced on Feb. 13 that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Army Corps) has dedicated funding to begin the process of replacing long-lost Tribal housing along the Columbia River.

The Army Corps will immediately dedicate up to \$1.56 million for a village development plan to replace housing that was lost during construction of The Dalles Dam, with plans to dedicate \$1.49 million more, depending on congressional funding for the rest of fiscal year 2017. The current funding bill runs through April 28, 2017.

"With this funding, we are beginning to right this historic wrong for Tribal members," Merkley said. "Leaving our

Tribes displaced, without relocation assistance, was simply wrong. We are another step closer to making good on the federal government's obligation for housing and infrastructure. I will continue fighting to honor this decades-old promise, ensuring Tribal members have the safe, reliable housing they deserve."

"This is another promising step toward fulfilling the federal government's obligation to the Tribes along the Columbia River, but this is not the end of the road," said Murray. "I commend the Army Corps for its recent work and urge fast action to use this much-needed funding to develop plans to provide Tribal members with safe, sanitary housing and related infrastructure near The Dalles Dam."

"I am gratified an injustice that's lingered far too long for Native American communities in Oregon will take this

needed step to get the resources to reverse a deeply troubling history," Wyden said. "Native children and families deserve safe housing that can protect them from serious health and safety hazards along the Columbia River."

"It's about time that the federal government put some much-needed funding towards fulfilling its obligations to the Lower Columbia River Tribes," said Blumenauer. "I'm encouraged that those impacted by the Dalles Dam will be able to move forward, but this is only a drop in the bucket for what is needed. I urge the federal government to move quickly to remedy this situation."

Beginning in the 1930s, the construction of the three lower Columbia River dams displaced members of the four Columbia River Treaty Tribes – Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe

and Yakama Nation. These Tribes have a treaty-protected right to fish along the Columbia River in their usual and accustomed places.

The senators and congressman have been fighting to address the urgent need for adequate housing and infrastructure at Tribal fishing access sites constructed by the Army Corps following construction of The Dalles, Bonneville and John Day dams.

The Army Corps designed the sites to be used primarily for daily, in-season fishing access and temporary camping. In many cases, however, Tribal members now use the areas as longer-term or even permanent residences.

A Fact-Finding Review on Tribal Housing prepared by the Army Corps found that as many as 85 Tribal families who lived on the banks of the Columbia River prior to construction of the Bonneville and The Dalles dams did not receive relocation assistance, despite the fact that several non-Tribal communities inundated by dam construction did receive such assistance.

TRADITIONAL POW WOW

**** NEW LOCATION ****
formerly at Covington Middle School

HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
7825 NE 130th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98682

Saturday, March 4, 2017
Grand Entries 1pm & 6pm



FREE ADMISSION—PUBLIC IS WELCOME!!

Please join us for our traditional powwow sponsored by Evergreen, Vancouver & Battle Ground Schools, Native American Education Program Title VI and Native American Parent Association of Southwest Washington. For more information call NAE Program at 360-604-6757.



MC: BOB TOM

Host Drum: FOUR DIRECTIONS

Color Guard: NIVA

Arena Director: ED WULF

Head Male: TBA

Head Female: TBA

Vendor Contact: DAVE JOLLIE 360-601-3764

All Dancers and Drummers Welcome!

12:00 pm - Doors Open to the Public

1:00 pm - Grand Entry

5:00 pm - Presentation/Dinner Break

6:00 pm - Grand Entry

10:00 pm - NIVA Retire the Colors



Drug & Alcohol Free Event ~ Committee is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.

Natural Resources Department Contractors List

The Tribal Natural Resources Department periodically solicits bids from contractors for a variety of work.

If your company would like to be included on our lists to receive requests for bids/proposals for any of the services listed below, please contact Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232, to be put on the appropriate list.

- Tree Planting
- Precommercial Thinning
- Hazard Tree Removal/Tree Trimming
- Mechanical Brush Cutting
- Logging Road Construction/Maintenance
- Logging
- Log Hauling
- Timber Falling
- Herbicide Spraying
- Concrete Construction
- Statistical Analysis
- Macroinvertebrate Identification
- Water Quality Monitoring/Analysis

Outside Scholarships for NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

Cobell Scholarship
<http://cobellscholar.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

American Indian Services
<https://www.americanindianservices.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

American Indian College Fund
<http://www.collegefund.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Bureau of Indian Education
<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Native American Scholarship Fund
<http://catchingthedream.org/>
various scholarships available
*essay may be required
Open to descendants/enrolled members

Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- NJOMA Student Chief Earl Old Person Scholarship Opportunity
Deadline: March 10, 2017
- Udall Undergraduate Scholarship
Deadline: March 15, 2017
- Cobell Scholarship
Deadline: March 31, 2017
- American Indian Education Foundation: Undergraduate Scholarship
Deadline: April 4, 2017
- Catching the Dream Scholarship (Fall 2017)
Deadline: April 30, 2017
- Oregon Student Child Care Grant
Deadline: May 31, 2017
- American Indian College Fund: Full Circle Scholarships
Deadline: May 31, 2017
- American Indian College Fund: TCU Scholarship
Contact TCU Financial Aid Office for deadline
- American Indian Services Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fisheries Scholarship Opportunities
Multiple
- National Johnson O'Malley Association Scholarship
Multiple

Internships

- US Department of the Interior - Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance
Portland, OR
Open until filled
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
Rolling
- Friends of Tryon Creek - Outreach & Membership Intern (Unpaid)
Rolling
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates
Deadline: Multiple
- Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)
Deadline: Multiple
- Fish & Wildlife Service
Deadline: Multiple
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation
Deadline: Multiple
- Mosaics in Science (MIS) Diversity
Deadline: Multiple
- Environmental Protection Agency
Deadline: Multiple
- US Department of the Interior – Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance
Open until filled
- US Department of the Interior - Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance
Portland, OR
Open until filled
- City of Vancouver, Wash – Water Center Educator Intern
Open until filled



Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

March

- Check for three Tribal scholarships at ctsi.nsn.us.
- Complete scholarships.
- Start working on Tribal higher education or adult vocational training grant application. This can be found on the Tribe's website and is due June 30.
- Review the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- You should start receiving admission responses.

April

- Send thank you notes to people who have helped you.
- Make final decision about which college or university you will attend.
- If you decide to decline enrollment to a college or university to which you have been accepted, send notice indicating this to the college's admissions office.

May

- This is the deadline for final decisions for universities.
- Send letter of intent to registrar.
- Line up a summer job.
- Attend your Senior Awards Night.
- Review any award letters and be sure you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each type of aid.
- If necessary, arrange for housing and a meal plan (at school).
- Send thank you notes to any person/committee from which you received a scholarship.

June

- Tribal higher education and AVT applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Arrange for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!

Other Opportunities

- OMSI – Native Family Science Night
March 13, 2017
- Youth Ecology Corps (Portland, Ore.)
Spring Crew – Deadline: March 21, 2017
Summer Crew – Deadline: June 1, 2017
- Northwest Indian Youth Conference
Colville Confederated Tribes Youth Council
April 2-6, 2017
- WSU Na-ha-shnee Native American Health Science Institute
Deadline: April 14, 2017
- University of Washington Bothell: RAIN Reaching American Indian Nations
April 21, 2017
- NY'EHE: Native Youth Exploring Higher Education
Washington State University
July 17-21, 2017
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates
Deadline: Multiple
- EPA Environmental Research and Business Support (ERBS) Program
Deadline: Multiple
- National Youth Leadership Forum: STEM Program Nomination Form
Deadlines Vary
- Saturday Academy - FREE Classes for Native American Students
- ON TRACK OHSU!
- Caldera Youth Program
- The Student Conservation Association
- The SMART Competition



Siletz Tribal Prints & Gifts LLC (STPG) is seeking products from Tribal members who wish to sell their products through its retail location at 1520 NE Highway 101 in Lincoln City, Ore., as well as its online store located at store.stpgifts.com.

Please contact Casey Cox, interim manager of STPG, at 541-996-5550 or manager@stpgifts.com for more information. Come by the store or visit our website at stpgifts.com to see the other products and services we offer.

Tribal Council Timesheets for January 2017

Lillie Butler – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
7.5	7.5	5		1/3-6	Packets
10	10			1/9-12	Packet
		6		2	1/13 Special TC – gaming
6	6	5		1/16-19	Packets
3.25	3.25			1/20	Regular TC
11.25	11.25			10	1/22-25 ATNI
7.5	7.5	3		1/26-31	Packets

Loraine Y. Butler – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
.5	.5			1/9	Packets
1.25	1.25			1/10	CPT, packets
		1		1/11	Packets
		5		2	1/13 Special TC – gaming
.5	.5			1/19	Siletz community mtg
3.25	3.25			1/20	Regular TC
8.5	8.5			10	1/22-25 ATNI
		1.5		1/26	Packets
			2	2	1/27 Gaming ad-hoc
			2	2	1/28 Reception
1	1			1/30	Packets

Reggie Butler Sr. – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
9.5	9.5			1/2-6	Packets
8.5	8.5			1/9-12	Packets
		6		2	1/13 Special TC – gaming
8.75	8.75			1/16-19	Packets
3.25	3.25			1/20	Regular TC
11.5	11.5			10	1/22-25 ATNI
8.25	8.25			1/26-31	Packets

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- Gloria Ingle gloriai@ctsi.nsn.us
- Joseph Lane Jr. josephl@ctsi.nsn.us

Funded Orthodontic Treatment Screening

The 2017 Funded Orthodontic Treatment Program is fast approaching!

All interested parties should contact the Dental Department to be placed on a list. The screening dates are April 26-27 and May 22-23, 2017.

The program and amount of accepted applicants will be dependent on the funding for that year. Applicants are selected by case severity, motivation of the patient and guardian, reliable transportation, routine dental check-ups and the oral hygiene history of the patient, to name a few.

We want the best results possible for the patient and thus place emphasis on these items in order to achieve this. The unbiased selection process is performed under the guidance of an orthodontic specialist and chosen through a committee.



Open to all ages who are CHS-eligible only. Must have a scheduled screening appointment during one of the four screening days to be considered.

Each year's selection process is independent from previous years and does not carry over. Selected and treated individuals can only be selected once for the duration of the program.

All applicants will be notified by mail if they have been chosen.

Please contact the Siletz Dental Clinic, 541-444-9681 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1681, to be put on the list.

Alfred Lane III – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
		6		2	1/13 Special TC - gaming
.5	.5			1/19	Packets
3.25	3.25			1/20	Regular TC
1	1			2	1/28 Reception

Joseph Lane Jr. – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
1.5	1.5	.5	.5	1/5-11	Review info, email
		5.5		2	1/12-13 Special TC – gaming
.75	.75		.5	1/15-17	Packets, review info
3	3			2	1/18-19 Interviews
.5	.5	.5		1/24	Packets, email
.5	.5		.75	2	1/31 Packets, email, sign STBC docs

Delores Pigsley – 1/1/17-1/31/17

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	Tvl	
3	3	.25	1	1.25	1/1-8 Casino event, mail, agenda items
3	3			1/9	Governor's inaugural, mail
.75	.75	.5		1/10-11	Mail, prep for council
.5	.5	6		2.5	1/12-13 Special TC – gaming, mail
6.75	6.75			7	1/16-18 NPAIHB, mail
1	1	1	1	2.75	1/19 Mail, prep for council, sign STBC docs
3.5	3.5			3	1/20 Regular TC
2	2	1		1/21-25	Mail, agenda items
2.75	2.75			5.75	1/26-27 UO mtg, mail
1.5	1.5			2.5	1/28 Legislative reception, mail
2.25	2.25			1/29-31	Mail, agenda items, prep for council



Photo by Andrea Taylor

Judi Annunzio (left) and Carol Blomstrom (center) work with master gardener Rebecca Hooper at the Lasagna Gardening Demo outside the Tillicum Fitness Center on Feb. 24. Hooper will help the local OSU Extension Services office teach a free six-week Seed to Supper gardening class that starts in April in Siletz (see page 7). Those who attended the demo above learned how to make an instant garden with sheet mulching.

Chinook Winds

CASINO RESORT

SEE OUR STARS SHINE



**Joan Jett and
The Blackhearts**
March 3 & 4, 8pm
Tickets \$35-\$50



Three Dog Night
April 21 & 22
Tickets \$23 - \$38



Clint Black
June 22 & 23, 8pm
Tickets \$30-\$45
On Sale March 22



Air Supply
July 6 & 7, 8pm
Tickets \$23-\$38
On Sale April 6

For tickets call 1-888-MAIN ACT (1-888-624-6228) or purchase online at chinookwindscasino.com. Discount available for Winners Circle Members.

\$64,000 CASH MADNESS

March is the month when "Madness" seems to take over. We're embracing the crazy with **CASH!**

Collect free virtual entries starting February 27 by swiping your Winners Circle card in one of our promotional kiosks and selecting "free entries" to redeem your free entries every week during the promotion.

Then, play in the casino with your Winners Circle card to collect even more virtual entries:

- Collect one virtual entry with every 100 points you earn on slots
- Collect one virtual entry with every 100 points you earn in bingo
- Collect one virtual entry every 20 minutes of active play at the tables
- Collect one virtual entry with every hour of play in a cash poker game*
- Collect one virtual entry with every \$20 keno buy-in*

CASH DRAWINGS • 8pm
March 16-19 • March 23-26 • April 1 & 2
Top Prize is \$10,000! \$64,000 in total prizes!

Activate your virtual entries between 6pm and 7:55pm on drawing days by inserting your Winners Circle card into any slot machine or by swiping in at one of our promotional kiosks, entering your PIN and activating your virtual entries.

*Poker and keno entries are posted to guest accounts within 72 hours of live play. Complete rules at Winners Circle.

Twilight

SLOT TOURNAMENT

Win a share of 3500 \$and Dollars!
March 16, 2017

Free entry for all Winners Circle members!

Sign-ups begin at 6pm at any promotional kiosk. Three-minute tournament rounds from 8pm to 11pm. Double points until midnight. Double points earned will be applied by 8am the next day. First sign-up, first play. 270 player maximum.



Rules available at Winners Circle.

COMEDY ON THE COAST

HEADLINER
JAKE JOHANNSEN

FEATURING
DAN GABRIEL

HOST
CORY MICHAELIS

MARCH 31 & APRIL 1 • 8PM
TICKETS \$15, DOORS OPEN AT 7:30PM

21 AND OVER EVENT, WITH A NO-HOST BAR.
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BOOMER

tuesdays

ATTENTION BABY BOOMERS!
(That includes YOU if you're over 55 years old.)

BOOMER SLOT TOURNAMENT

MARCH 7, 2017
Free entry for all Winners Circle members!

The Boomer Slot Tournament starts at 8:30am. The first 315 players to register beginning at 6:30am receive **DOUBLE POINTS** from 8am-2pm, and the top finishers share 3500 \$AND DOLLARS!

Double points will be applied by 8am the next day. Complete rules are available at Winners Circle.

CLUB NIGHT BINGO

Saturday, March 18 • 10pm

Only \$5 to play every game in the session!

Dance club music, no-host bar, prize giveaways and lots of fun. Don't miss out on this late-night session paying out \$1,400!

Must be 21 or older to play this session. \$20 Minimum purchase for machines.



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Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Entertainment

March 3-4: Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
8 p.m., \$35-\$50
March 31-April 1: Comedy on the Coast
8 p.m., \$15
April 14-15: Comedy on the Coast
8 p.m., \$15
April 21-22: Three Dog Night
8 p.m., \$23-\$38
May 5-6: Gary Allan
8 p.m., \$50-\$65
June 22-23: Clint Black
8 p.m., \$30-\$45
July 6-7: Air Supply
8 p.m., \$23-\$38

Rogue River Lounge

Fri & Sat: Ultrasonic DJ, cover
10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Chinook's Seafood Grill

Weds: Kit Taylor (pianist) – 5 - 9 p.m.
March 3-4: Triple Edge (rock)
March 10-11: Beth Willis Rock Duo
(classic rock)
March 24-25: Mike Branch Band (rock)
March 31-April 1: White Water Band
(classic country)
8 p.m. to Midnight

Special Events

Sun: 100% Payout Blackjack Tourney
Sparkling Sunday Brunch at Siletz
Bay Buffet
Sunday Shrimp Gumbo at Chi-
nooks Seafood Grill (CSG)
\$30 Sunday at Rogue River Steak-
house (RRS)
Mon: Margarita Mondays at CSG Lounge
\$30 Monday at RRS
Tue: Boomers Club
\$2 Taco Tuesdays at Aces
Fisherman's Catch at CSG
Wed: Wine Wednesdays at CSG
Fri: Free Weekly Keno Tournament
Mon-Fri: Happy Hour at Rogue River
Lounge (3-6 p.m.)
First Tuesday: Boomer Slots
Third Thursday: Twilight Slots

**Tickets go on sale 90 days
in advance.**

**Concerts in the showroom are
for ages 16 and older. Comedy
on the Coast in the convention
center is for ages 21 and older.**

**For more information or to obtain
tickets for all concerts, call
the Chinook Winds box office
at 888-CHINOOK (888-244-6665)
or 541-996-5825; or call
888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228).**

**All events, concerts and promotions are subject to
change at the discretion of Chinook Winds Casino Resort.**

**Follow us on Twitter, find us on Facebook or visit our website
at chinookwindscasino.com.**

**For more information about events in North Lincoln County, visit
lcchamber.com, oregoncoast.org or lincolncity-culturalcenter.org.**



Would you like to be a part of the Chinook Winds team?

Find out why "Employment is Better at the Beach" at:

www.chinookwindscasino.com

Job Line: 541-994-8097 Toll Free: 1-888-CHINOOK ext 8097

Human Resources Office: 541-996-5800 Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

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Calling all Tribal member business owners

If you would like to be on the preferred Tribal members business list with Chinook Winds, please fax, mail, email or drop off your business card, brochures, or business information to:

Chinook Winds Casino Resort
Attn: Purchasing Dept.
1777 NW 44th St.
Lincoln City, OR 97367
Phone: 541-996-5853
Fax: 541-996-3847
erica@cwresort.com

Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore., offers 24-hour Las Vegas-style gaming, an 18-hole golf course, headline entertainment from some of music's most legendary stars, three full-service restaurants, a secure child care facility and arcade, and a 243-room ocean-view hotel.

For more information, visit chinookwindscasino.com, or call 888-CHINOOK (244-6665) or 541-996-5825.

Siletz Tribal members enjoy the golf resort!

In addition to green fees, Siletz Tribal members can use the golf resort's fitness center at no charge. This provides full access to daily use of all fitness equipment, weight room, sauna and steam room.

Charges will apply for all other amenities, such as personal trainer classes, golf cart fees, etc.

Please show your Siletz Tribal ID.

**Human Resources is looking for
Tribal member EVENT TEMPS
who are eager to start as soon as possible!**

If you are looking for a position that outlines, helping departments when needed, ushering guests in our showroom or even door greeting at MMA fights, **Event Temp** is your position.

To apply, stop by our HR office anytime Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Visit our website at chinookwindscasino.com/careers to download our employment application. Or you can stop by the HR office at the Siletz admin building to complete and fax your application to us.

If you have any questions regarding this flier, please contact
Mariah Garza at 541-996-5800.

Siletz News Letters Policy

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All letters must include the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks or unsubstantiated statements.

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Please note: The general manager of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of *Siletz News*.

Editor-in-Chief: Brenda Bremner
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SAVE THE DATE

**12th Annual Native Caring...
A Conference to Learn, Connect & Share**

Hosted by the Oregon Indian Tribe of ...
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Other Oregon partnering Tribes include:

Coquille Indian Tribe ~ Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians ~ The Klamath Tribes ~
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The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians



April 19-20, 2017
Grand Ronde, Oregon at,
Spirit Mountain Casino

Come and join other caregivers of native elders and relative caregivers of children from Northwest Indian communities in this two-day event. You will have the opportunity to attend valuable workshops that will enhance your caregiving skills and provide you with a break from your daily responsibilities.

For more information, contact Darlene Aaron darlene.aaron@grandronde.org 503-879-2078

VENDORS- To register, please contact Suzy Deeds at 503-304-3429

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399	Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449
Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494	Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599
Salem Finance Office – 888-870-9051	Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665
Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512	Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823
Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234	Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517
Contract Health Services (CHS) – 800-628-5720	Website – ctsi.nsn.us

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

**NATIVE AND INDIGENOUS STUDENT UNION
15TH ANNUAL SOCIAL POW WOW**



Art by Ashley Jackson '19

**SATURDAY
MARCH 11, 2017**
Sparks Athletic Center • Free Admission

Grand Entry 4 PM
Funding guaranteed for first 10 drums.

DANCE CONTEST

Bob Tom
Master of Ceremonies

Native Arts & Crafts, Dancers,
Drum Groups,
Food Vendors

Men's Fancy Dance
First Prize \$200
Second Prize \$100
Third Prize \$75

Dietz Peters
Arena Director

Grand Prize Drawing:
Pendleton Blanket

Chute #8
Host Drum

Sponsored by ASWU, Office of Multicultural Affairs, & Native American Programs
Contact Office of Multicultural Affairs 503.370.6265

**HILLCREST
POW WOW**

WHEN: March 4th 12:00pm-4:00pm
Check in at 11:00am, Grand Entry at 1:30pm



WHERE: Hillcrest YCF
2450 Strong Rd SE, Salem, OR 97302

FEATURING · Your Drum Group · Your Dancers · Your Tiny Tots · Traditional Games · Your Mad Fry Bread Skills ·
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Final Pow wow at Hillcrest before facility closure in July

ALL CULTURAL
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Aaron Weldon-Pineda
971-301-0286
Paige Smith
971-264-4867
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503-507-0508

AT THE DOOR:
Photo ID required:
Driver's license,
Passport, School ID,
Matricula consular,
etc.



BENEFITING: The
young men and
community of
Hillcrest

Multicultural Student Union
23rd Annual

POW WOW

Saturday, April 29, 2017
Noon-Midnight

Free Admission
Everyone Welcome!

Werner University Center
Western Oregon University
Monmouth, Oregon

Master of Ceremonies: Nick Sixkiller

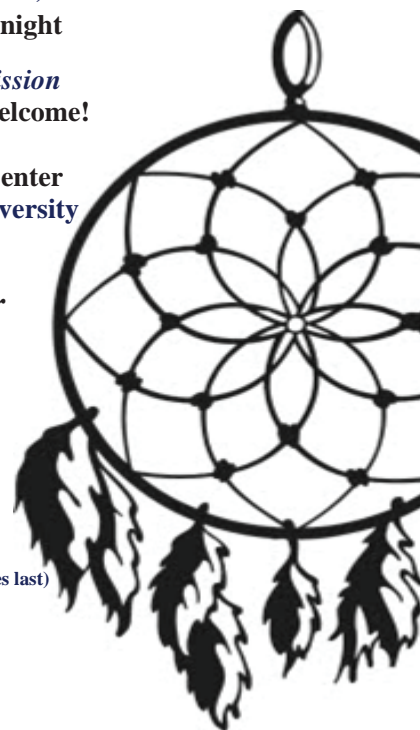
Whipman: Tony Whitehead

Flag Bearers: Wayne Chulik

Host Drum: Woodsmen

1st Grand Entry: Noon
Dinner Break: 5-7pm
(Free dinner provided, while supplies last)
2nd Grand Entry: 7pm

“JACKPOT DANCING”
All Ages Welcome
And Prize Money Dances



For vendor registration and information, please contact MSU at
503-838-8403 or 503-838-8195, or email us at msu@wou.edu



Rylee – Happy 13th Birthday to our little Love Bug on March 1! Cannot believe you're a teen! Hugs, kisses and much love to you.
Grandma and Grandpa



Happy 6th Birthday to Jaylee McAfee!
Love, Mom, Dad, Brother and Sister

Happy Birthday, Harold!
Love you, Rose

The Siletz Clinic is 100 percent tobacco-free.

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit siletzlanguage.org.



Happy 1st Birthday to our sweet girl, Naiya Lucia Mason, on March 1! We love you. xoxo
Mama and Dada

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece, Naiya Lucia! I cannot believe you're already 1. You have such a great personality and are so full of energy. We love you!
Aunty Jamie and cousins Aaidyn and Aviana

Free child ID kits from the Oregon State Police
503-934-0188 or 800-282-7155
child.idkits@state.or.us

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Congratulations to Nicole Darcy for completing her first term at OSU and being in the OSU Marching Band.
Gramma and Grampa Darcy



Siletz Tribal Youth Council Meeting

Date: Next meeting TBD
Time: TBD
Location: TBD

Lunch will be provided
Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend with youth

Transportation

Youth carpool from the area offices. Contact us as soon as possible if you would like to join.

Area Office Contact Numbers

Portland: Katy Holland, 503-238-1512
Salem: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494
Eugene: Nora Williams-Wood, 541-484-4234
Siletz: Dee Butler, 541-444-9618

Youth Council Objective

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the Tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future Tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing Tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects; and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship.



Happy 3rd Birthday to my beautiful granddaughter, Hayleigh Bennett! I love you so so much, my lil angel. Have a great day.
Love, Grandma Trish

Happy Birthday to my lil brother, Dennis Carey! Very proud of you, bro. You're a great man, keep up the good work.
Love, your sister Trish

Passages Policy

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