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#### Tribe continues to respond to COVID-19 challenges with help for membership

We're sure that Tribal members are curious about what is happening at the Tribe in response to COVID-19. The numbers in the state of Oregon continue to climb and while this is ever-changing, we continue to monitor these numbers and work hard to keep both staff and Tribal members safe.

Offices remain closed to the public and most staff continues to work remotely while we work on installaing safety measures within our Tribal offices for the time when we can bring staff back and, eventually, open back up to the public.

Some of the safety measures include installing air scrubbers in our HVAC systems to continuously clean the air, placing portable units in buildings that do not have centralized systems, installing touchless light switches and faucets, and installing glass barriers to protect staff and the public once we reopen.

We've had questions about the funding we've received from the federal government. The Enrollment and Planning departments recently mailed out a group of surveys to gather information from the membership. Some of the information we are asking for is how the membership has been affected by the pandemic.

We are using this information to help us frame programs and services to meet the needs as expressed in that survey. Early on, we developed several programs to help meet the needs of the membership.

Here is a list of available programs and the applications can be found on the Tribe's website at www.ctsi.nsn.us. If you don't have a printer, please reach out to



Photo by Andy Taylor

Mindy Wyles (left), Shantel Hostler and Fish Martinez (right) show the proper way to wear the Tribe's new 2020 Census masks and stay socially distant. See a close-up photo of the mask on page 2.

the contact person and they will mail or email one to you.

These programs are ongoing and continue to be available to the membership. Where possible, we have widened the eligibility to anywhere in the United States, depending on the funding source.

- Rent Relief Brett Lane, 541-444-8317, brettl@ctsi.nsn.us; or Kerry Short, 541-444-8310, kerrys@ctsi.nsn.us
- Mortgage Relief Jeanette Aradoz, 541-444-8316, jeanettea@ctsi.nsn. us; or Casey Godwin, 541-444-8311, caseyg@ctsi.nsn.us

• Energy Assistance – Casey Godwin, 541-444-8311, caseyg@ctsi.nsn.us

- Water/Sewer Assistance Catherine Ray or Jenifer Jackson, 541-484-4234, or catheriner@ctsi.nsn.us, jeniferj@ ctsi.nsn.us
- Food Assistance Kurtis Barker, 541-444-8247, or 477SSP@ctsi.nsn.us

Elders receive a weekly or bi-monthly call to check on them. Staff developed a resource line for Tribal members to call if they have unmet needs – 541-444-9613.

Please stay home and stay safe, wear a mask when going outside the home, practice physical distancing and wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

#### Muscogee (Creek) Nation sees historic win as Supreme Court confirms original reservation boundaries

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), along with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), applauds the July 9 decision in the recent U.S. Supreme Court case, which confirmed that the treaty-defined boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation still remain in full force today.

Through treaty, the United States "solemnly guarantied" the Muscogee (Creek) Nation its reservation as a "permanent home" in exchange for leaving its eastern homelands (Treaty with the Creeks (1832) and Treaty with the Creeks (1833)). In a later treaty, the United States reaffirmed that the reservation was "forever set apart as a home for said Creek Nation" (Treaty with the Creeks (1866)).

Today's historic decision by the United States Supreme Court reaffirms that understanding. In issuing the opinion of the court, Justice Neil Gorsuch said, "Today we are asked whether the land these treaties promised remains an Indian reservation for purposes of federal criminal law. Because Congress has not said otherwise, we hold the government to its word."

"Through two terms of the United States Supreme Court, and as many cases and fact patterns, this question has loomed over federal Indian law. This morning, NCAI joins the rest of Indian Country in congratulating the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and proudly asserting that its lands remain, and will forever be considered, Indian country – as guaranteed in their treaty relationship with the United States," said NCAI President Fawn Sharp.

NARF Executive Director John Echohawk responded to the decision, "In this case, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation had to fight long and hard to protect their homelands, which were promised in their treaty agreements with the United States. In holding the federal government to its treaty obligations, the U.S. Supreme Court put to rest what never should have been at question. We congratulate the Nation on its success."

#### CTSI Resource Call Line

We are here to connect Tribal members and their families to local resources. This includes food, housing, and other essentials. In addition, we are providing households with hard to find hygiene and sanitation items.

\*Disclaimer: Supplies are limited but we will do our best to meet your needs.

Call us at 541-444-9613.
We will be taking calls Monday through
Friday between 9am-3pm.



#### **Chairman's Report**

#### Chinook Winds 25th anniversary

Chinook Winds would have celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. But because of the COVID virus, the celebration has been delayed until Aug. 29. Hopefully we, the Tribe, the county and the state of Oregon will be on a better recovery path by that time.

#### 50th anniversary

This year, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) celebrates 50 years of providing services to Tribes. Our Tribe was very grateful to have NARF assist us during the Restoration years.

They have assisted many Tribes with Restoration, water rights settlements and many more issues. The latest was successfully stopping the Dakota access pipeline, recognizing the Dakota Tribes' treaty-reserved rights. Many Tribes made a major effort to stop the work on the pipeline.

#### Federal policy on Indian self-determination

It's been 50 years since President Richard Nixon issued a new policy on Indian self-determination, which paved the way for the Indian Self-Determination and Education Reform Act that has been in effect for 45 years. Congress passed it in 1975 just prior to the Restoration of the Siletz Tribe.

This act also paved the way for Tribal self-governance. We adopted self-determination at restoration and became one of the second tier self-governance Tribes. It allows us to compact all funds designated for our Tribe and to hire our own staff and provide essential services.

#### Coronavirus

The pandemic continues to keep Oregonians wearing masks, limiting activities and providing services mostly by telephone. It's our hope that everyone follows the protocols to protect all of our Tribal members.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort continues to operate in a very clean, sanitary fashion. Casino hours are limited so that deep cleaning can occur, which protects employees as well as all our guests.

#### **General Council**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to keep our membership safe, the General

Council meeting in August will be a video presentation just as it was in May of this year. The video presentation will be available to view Aug. 1-5, 2020, on the Tribal website under the member only area.

Your concerns normally presented can be submitted to generalcouncil@ctsi.nsn. us or mailed to the Tribal Council office at Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz OR 97380-0549.

#### **Tribal services**

Tribal offices remain closed, except for appointments. Services are still provided, however, by staff working at home or in the office. If you need services, please call.

Please stay safe!



Delores Pigsley



Photo by Andy Taylor

These We Count masks are being distributed through the Siletz Rec Center in Siletz and will be available soon in the area offices. They are meant to inspire members of the Siletz Tribe to respond to the 2020 Census (2020census.gov, 844-330-2020). The Census count is used to divide federal funds throughout the country. So a complete count will help to ensure that our community gets its fair share of resources.

#### **Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies**

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

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 September issue is Aug. 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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#### The Census is coming to your door!

Census workers will soon be coming to your door to get your response to the 2020 Census. They will go to every house that has not yet completed the questionnaire and deliver a paper form for you to complete. If you have already completed the questionnaire, they won't be coming.

If you can, it's easy to go online to my2020census.gov and complete it there. You can also call 844-330-2020 and give your information over the phone. Be certain to mark your race as American Indian and fill in "Siletz" as your Tribe.

As a reminder, your information is highly confidential and will be used only by the Census Bureau and no other agency. Nine questions about your birthdate, ethnicity, race and where you live will be asked. There are no questions about your citizenship, education level, finances, Social Security numbers and other personal questions.

The contest for \$15 Taco Bell gift cards is over. If you entered, you should have received your card by now. If you have

questions, please email CompleteCount-Committee@ctsi.nsn.us.

The drawing for those who have completed their Census response will continue until the end of the Census taking. At that time, prizes including an expensive grill, Kindle Fire tablets, shirts, insulated bags and other gifts will be awarded.

After you have completed your Census questionnaire, email your mailing address and phone number to Complete-CountCommittee@ctsi.nsn.us or send mail to Complete Count Committee at CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Be sure to affirm to us that you have completed the questionnaire.

If you want help in complet-

ing the questionnaire, the staff at your local area office has been trained to assist you. You can also phone 541-444-8285 for assistance.

Help us help the Siletz Tribal community get the resources we need and deserve by completing the Census. You are Siletz and you count!

#### Mural dedication to honor Grandma Aggie

The family of Grandma Aggie invites you to join them on Aug. 15 at noon for a mural dedication ceremony and dance (regalia not required). The artist's mural was inspired by, and done to honor, Grandma Aggie and her lifetime of accomplishments.

The dedication will be in the Taft area of Lincoln City, Ore., by the Siletz Bay down from Mo's restaurant.

#### **Tribal house on Government Hill for sale**

House has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a full-size garage and a large deck. Located at 24 Rouge River Court in Siletz, Ore.

Must be a Siletz Tribal member to buy (buyer has to be eligible for a land lease and the Tribal Council would have to approve the lease, meaning not everyone who is Siletz will qualify).

Asking \$140,000. Call Kent at 541-272-1208 for more info.

#### Be safe. Stay home. Stay well.

#### **USDA** distribution dates for August —

#### Siletz

Monday	Aug. 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Aug. 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Aug. 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

#### Salem

Monday	Aug. 17	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Aug. 18	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Aug. 19	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Aug. 20	By appt only

#### A message to all USDA clients

We are coming out of the COVID-19 virus protocols. We will allow one cli-

ent into the building at a time to do your shopping lists and to bag your own food. If this changes, we will post it on the warehouse doors.

We will accept hand-delivered application packets, but the preferred method of delivery is still email or fax.

LIKE us on Facebook at Siletz Tribal FDPIR. We would like to see more people sharing their recipes on our FB page.

Joyce Retherford, FDP Director 541-444-8393; joycer@ctsi.nsn.us FAX: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

Sammy Hall, Warehouseman/Clerk 541-444-8279; sammyh@ctsi.nsn.us

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

#### **General Council Agenda**

Aug. 1, 2020 • 1 p.m.

Welcome

Programs:

Garden Property on Logsden Road Tribal Council Committee Reports

> Tribal Members' Concerns Chairman's Report

Announcements/Closing Remarks

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to keep our membership safe, this General Council meeting will be a video presentation by the Tribal chairman. It will be available for review Aug. 1-5, 2020, on the Tribal website in the Member Only area.

Your concerns normally presented at this meeting are important to Tribal Council and Tribal staff. Concerns can be submitted to generalcouncil@ctsi. nsn.us or mailed to Tribal Council, PO. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. This email address will be set up for your use on Aug. 1-5.

#### **CTSI Jobs**

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Prefeence 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 orgnization.

CTSI constantly is looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are looking for temporary work that can last from 2-12 weeks, please submit an application for the temp pool.

## Siletz Tribal Member Survey Earn \$100!

The survey for the individual Tribal member, including children, plus the two surveys for the household must be returned to be eligible to receive the \$100.



On Monday, July 6, 2020 multiple surveys were mailed out; 1) one specific to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), 2) one is socio-economical, and 3) needs for each Tribal member. The envelope is addressed to the oldest person receiving mail at the same address. The number of surveys for Tribal members listed at the same mailing address are included in the packet. That number is listed after the name on the mailing label. An envelope was provided to return the surveys, postage needs to be applied before returning.

COVID-19 has affected every single person in one way or another. The Tribe wants to know how it has affected you, your family and household.

At the top of each survey, it lists if the survey is to be completed <u>one per household or one per Tribal member</u>.

For each survey, the Tribal Council has authorized \$100 per completed survey, including those you complete on behalf of Siletz enrolled children living in your household.

To receive the incentive, all forms must be completed and returned. We will use roll numbers to track each survey returned, so please be sure to write the correct roll number(s) on each survey. Ensure your current contact information, including email and phone number, is on file with Enrollment by returning the *Address & Contact Information Update* form that is enclosed in the packet as well.

If you have not completed your Federal Census, see the enclosed brochure with the survey packet on how you need to answer for Siletz Tribal members. Once you have reviewed the brochure, PLEASE go to www.census.gov and click "Respond", "Respond", "Start Questionnaire" and then click on "If you do not have a Census ID, click here." You will enter your residential address and answer questions about those that were living in your household on April 1, 2020. You DO NOT have to have the Census ID to respond.



Courtesy photo

Ny'Ellie Butler and Brittany Mitchell

#### Mitchell graduates from Tribal Home Visiting Program

Congratulations to Brittany Mitchell for graduating from the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program.

Brittany actively participated in the program for more than three years. While participating, she accomplished many goals she had set for herself, which included getting her own place, getting a car, obtaining her driver's license and maintaining full-time employment.

We are so proud of all she has done.

#### **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Recruitment for Advisory Board**

Applications are being accepted from Siletz Tribal members interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for a three-year appointment from September 2020 through June 2023. The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m., Aug. 31, 2020.

The STCCF Advisory Board has seven members, including one Siletz Tribal Council representative, three at-large Siletz Tribal members and three non-Tribal positions. Board members serve in a volunteer capacity but are reimbursed for travel mileage and per diem for attendance at advisory board meetings and charitable award distribution receptions.

The Advisory Board meets quarterly in January, April, July and October to review applications from charitable nonprofits, community service organizations and other local education and government programs.

Board members send award fund recommendations to Tribal Council for final review and approval. Board members also attend quarterly receptions held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort to assist with the distribution of award checks.

To learn more about the Tribal charitable fund, contact Denise Garrett at stccf@live.com; 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or visit ctsi.nsn.us/ Charitable-Contribution-Fund.

#### **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Tribal Member Application 2020**

Name:	_ Roll No:
Address:	
City/State/ZIP:	
Telephone: (Day)	_ (Evening)
Email:	

#### The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m., on Aug. 31, 2020.

RETURN TO: Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549 Attention: Denise Garrett

FAX: 541-444-2307 / EMAIL: stccf@live.com

#### **Most Often Requested Numbers**

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494 Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office - 541-484-4234

Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – 800-628-5720

Siletz Clinic – 800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599

Chinook Winds – 888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic -800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs -800-323-8517

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

#### How to access language materials online

Ch'ee-la xwii-t'i (Greetings everyone)

To assist Tribal members during this time of social distancing and the interruption of our normal schedules, this tutorial on how to access language materials and recordings from the Tribal website has been developed. I hope you and your families are safe and healthy during this time. Hopefully many folks can access these materials from the safety of their homes.

Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us. Enter in your roll number and last four digits of your Social security number to log on to the Tribal member access area.

Click on "Our Heritage." On the drop down, click on "Language."

Lots of written and recorded materials structure and word order. are available in this section. The Nuu-weeya' (Our Words) Language Dictionary is on this page. You can click on the selection A to Z to look up written English language words and their Athabaskan equivalent.

Also on this page are Siletz Dee-ni Volumes 1, 2 & 3. Just click on "Study Materials" and scroll down. Volume 1 contains lessons on body parts, counting, relatives, foods and table talk.

In these lessons, the written word on the screen is accompanied by audio of the word's pronunciation. Volume 2 contains animals, birds, colors, fish, greetings and goodbyes, insects, and trees and brush. Volume 3 contains lessons on sentence

Each lesson has a complete practical alphabet sound chart. All three volumes have a word document and audio recording for each lesson. Tests are available if you want to use them.

To access the Siletz Talking Dictionary, click on Siletz Language website. Drop down three lines and click on www. siletzlanguage.org, go to the Talking Dictionary tab and click on it. The Siletz Talking Dictionary Page will appear.

Just below the words "Search for" is an empty white box. Type in the word you are searching for and click on the "search"

button just below the box. The word and the Athabaskan equivalent will appear just below the search box. To hear the word being spoken, simply click on the red ear icon on the left side of the page.

You may have to wait a few seconds for the page and sound to load, depending on your connectivity. Some of the words also have pictures.

Also on the www.siletzlanguage. org website are 14 Language learning videos and many other culture-related videos, materials and curriculum.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 8320; 541-444-8320; or budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

#### Apply Now for Siletz Tribal Head Start

Siletz Tribal Head Start is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Classrooms are located in Portland, Salem, Lincoln City and Siletz. Children must be age 3 or 4 to attend.

Applications are available by mail or can be downloaded from the Tribal website. To request an application, call DeAnn Brown at 541-444-2450.

Thank you.

Be safe.
Stay home.
Stay well.

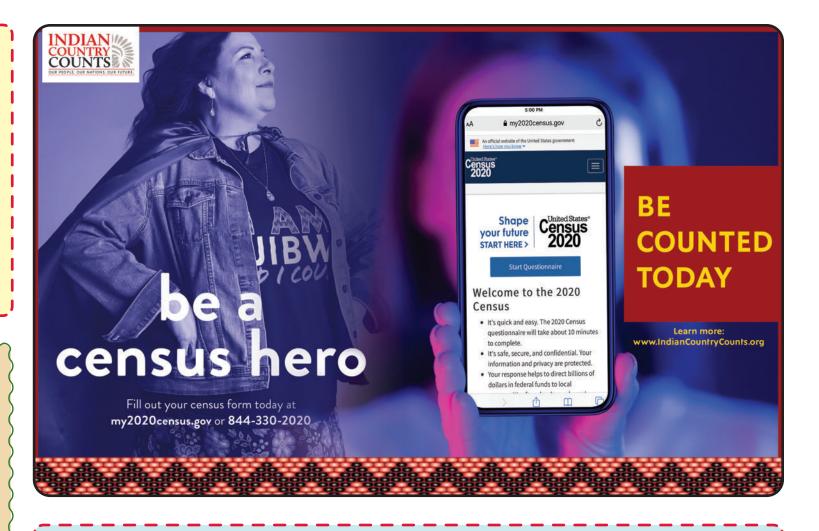
## Report shellfish harvests to Natural Resources

Spring low tides herald clam, crab and mussel gathering season. Tribal members using a 2020 Cultural Shellfish Gathering license and permit are reminded to report shell-fish harvests to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department within three business days of harvest.

Reports must include the harvest date, type and number of shellfish gathered on each trip. To report your harvest, please leave your name, phone number and details by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

#### **Shellfish safety hotline**

Domoic acid levels make clams and crab unsafe to eat. Before clamming or crabbing, check the Oregon Shellfish Hotline, 800-448-2474, for safety and conservation closures.



See more about the 2020 Census on page 2.

If you have any questions about the 2020 Census, call 844-330-2020 or visit 2020census.gov.

#### Tribal construction skills bank being developed

The Siletz Tribe Housing Department is compiling a list of Tribal members who are willing and able to work on the workforce housing construction project that will commence soon in Neotsu.

The project is funded in part with Indian Housing Block Grant funds that require Indian preference in employment and contracting. The list will be provided to the contractor and subcontractors who will ultimately make the decision in hiring.

If you are interested and available to work, please contact Valerie Hibdon at the Siletz Tribal Housing Department office – 541-444-8322; 800-922-1399, ext. 1322; or valerieh@ctsi.nsn.us. You will need to provide your name, phone number, enrollment number and construction trade. If you do not have construction experience, you will be added as a potential laborer.

#### **Vacancy for Health Standing Committee**

**Open Until Filled** 

Any Tribal member interested in consideration to serve on the Tribal Health Standing Committee (to fill a vacancy through February 2021) is encouraged to fill out this form and return to the council office.

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 have any questions, please call Tami Miner, executive secretary to Tribal Council, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

#### STAHS needs your recipes to create second cookbook, fundraise for museum

Do you have a well-loved recipe written on a tattered piece of paper or recipe card you pull out all the time that is getting harder to read? It would be heartbreaking to lose that piece of paper!

Do you have a family recipe for an amazing chocolate cake, special cookie recipe, the best comfort food or a fry bread recipe you are willing to share with the world? Are there some favorite meals you cook that you want written down so your children and generations to come will be able to have access to it?

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society is creating a second edition custom cookbook featuring favorite recipes submitted by Tribal members, their families and friends of STAHS. These cook books will be professionally published.

Our first edition was published in 2017 and we sold out last year. Many who purchased the first edition treasure their cookbook as they can recognize their family members who contributed and they can pass on that family jewel.

The second edition is sure to be a cherished keepsake as well. Money raised will be used for the capital campaign for the construction costs of the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center and Museum, A Place for the People.

Please submit 3-8 recipes so you and your family can be represented in our cookbook. We especially want your name

and the origin of the recipe if you received it as it was passed down in your family. That is what will make this cookbook a treasure for all!

Having many recipes from Tribal members, their families and friends of STAHS will ensure that our cookbook is a success. We are using the Morris Press Cookbook's website to easily submit recipes online by you or we can enter it for you

If you would like to submit recipes, please contact us at STAHS.Board@gmail.com for the website and login information. If you do not have access to the Internet or a computer to easily enter the recipe or want us to enter it, you

can email it or mail a hard copy of the recipe to STAHS, P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380-0008.

Please submit your recipes online by Aug. 30, 2020, or if mailing to us by Aug. 15, 2020, so we can meet our deadline for having it printed in time for the holidays.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks and we want to be certain we order enough. To reserve your copies, email us at STAHS.Board@ gmail.com with the number of cookbooks you would like with your contact information. Once all of the recipes have been submitted, we will know the cost of the cookbook.



## WE ARE HERE SILETZ CARE PROGRAM

Direct and support services for people who have experienced:

Domestic Violence, Sexual Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, Human Trafficking, Elder Abuse & Trauma

541-444-9680

24 Hour Hope Line: 541-994-5959



#### SERVICES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

For information on our Self-help trauma recovery videos or how to join our weekly virtual sewing circle email: Kira Woosley: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us

#### Tobacco as Tradition

**Traditional Tobacco** is tobacco and/or other plant mixtures grown or harvested and used by American Indians and Alaska Natives for ceremonial or medicinal purposes.

Traditional tobacco has been used by American Indian nations for centuries as a medicine with cultural and spiritual importance. Many Tribes maintain teachings and stories on the origin of tobacco. These teachings address tobacco in its purest form, today known as the tobacco plant *Nicotiana rustica*, and may include mixtures of other native plants.

One common teaching involves the importance of having good attitudes and thoughts while working with traditional tobacco.

Traditional tobacco is a medicine, which can be used in a prescribed way to promote physical, spiritual, emotional, and community well-being. It may be used as an offering to the Creator or to another person, place, or being. A gift of traditional tobacco is a sign of respect and may be offered when asking for help, guidance, or protection. Traditional tobacco is sometimes used directly for healing in traditional medicine. It may be burned in a fire or smoked in a pipe, yet the smoke is generally not inhaled.

In many teachings, the smoke from burned tobacco has a purpose of carrying thoughts and prayers to the spirit world or to the Creator. When used appropriately, traditional tobacco is not associated with addiction and adverse health impacts.

#### Here are a few other examples of how tobacco was/is used for traditional purposes:

**For our Hunters**, traditional tobacco would be used when our people would kill an elk or deer or when we would catch a salmon or trout. Tobacco would be placed at the location or close by so we can communicate with the creator and give our thanks and appreciation "thank you for this elk or salmon as we will use it to feed our family".

For our Gatherers, traditional tobacco would be used when our people would gather supplies so that we may use them to make our baskets, or gather traditional medicines as we use it to heal. Tobacco would be place at the location or close by so that we can communicate to the creator and give our thanks and appreciation "thank you creator for these sticks or medicines that we may use them for our baskets or medicines to help us heal"



Tobacco is a powerful medicine, keep it traditional.

Commercial Tobacco Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW

Al/AN Line now available (option 7) 1-800-7848-663



## August 31st Overdose Awareness Day



### Win FREE T-shirt

- Add Overdose Awareness frame on your Facebook profile picture starting AUGUST 1st end of month
- Pick any of the Overdose awareness frame provided
- Take a Screenshot of Updated profile picture
- Send screen shot to Franciscar@ctsi.nsn.us with contact information
- We will meet up with you or send you a FREE Overdose awareness T-Shirt in the mail

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## Reflections By Maranda Garrett

A year ago, while preparing for the Healthy Traditions Youth Leadership Camp, I drew on my previous experience in leadership roles and recalled those whom I looked up to and respected when I was the same age as our youth attending the trip. The most impactful leaders in my life were those who led by example and believed in me despite my detrimental decisions.

Today, empathy and vulnerability are two hallmark characteristics of good leadership for me. Understanding where one is coming from and being able to share one's own hardships provides the important foundation necessary to connect with others and exemplify what makes someone a strong leader.

But how do you exemplify such characteristics when leading a group of teenagers who come from traumatic histories, some who are struggling with the same detrimental decisions I once grappled with? Who, like me at that age, are rebellious and strong-headed. It takes a lot of patience and love to sit with these difficult emotions and provide a space where youth can feel safe to work through them.

Fortunately, not only have we inherited the trauma of our ancestors, we also have within us the resilience they built through their hardships. It is with that inherited resilience that our people are strong today and it is through connection with our ancestral traditions that we may strengthen that resilience and our identities.

I have always identified as Native American. I grew up on the reservation, attending Culture Camp and powwow. When I was a young girl I helped care for my great grandmother, Gladys Muschamp. Caring for and respecting elders and learning our cultural traditions were the experiences that rooted me in my Native identity as a young girl.

But then you step out into modern society and when you selfidentify as Native American the response is, "Well, you don't look Native." And your self-identity is challenged. You begin to think about, "What does being Native look like today?" and "Am I a good Native?" This questioning of my selfidentity was world-splintering and made me feel lost.

However, it is also this questioning that allowed me to reflect a little more deeply on what it means to be Native American. It was this vulnerable space that provided me yet another experience with which I could connect with others. As a 24-year-old feeling in limbo between society's perception of me and who I actually am, I cried when other youth shared with me the same identity struggle.

The Youth Leadership Camp had an impact on both the youth and the chaperones. Being in community with each other, practicing traditional ceremonies, tending to our traditional foods and hearing the wisdom of Grandma Aggie was truly life-changing.

While youth did develop valuable leadership skills like leading a prayer or starting a discussion, developing self-awareness and building relationships, they also experienced a spiritual healing. A healing that transcends the span of our lives. One which reaches deep in time and also heals the spirits of our ancestors.

That first day at Vesper Meadow, standing in the valley through which Dead Indian Creek runs, as we gathered gus seeds I looked to the ridge that held the headwaters of the creek and as the wind blew through I could hear the songs of our ancestors who were once stewards of that same land. Tears started streaming down my face and for the first time in my life I had found that which rooted me more strongly in my identity than anything else.

For me, it is connecting to our Mother Earth and caring for her that makes me feel most grounded in my Native identity, find healing from my ancestral traumas and strengthens my indigenous resilience.

If I had had this same experience as a youth, would I have understood the significance of it? Would I have found the same spiritual healing and strengthening of my Indigenous identity? I cannot say for sure. I do pray that the youth who had the opportunity to experience this trip did walk away with deeper roots in their Native identity. I pray that they continue to grow and strengthen those roots so they may find healing from their traumas, peace with their identities and purpose in this world.

I saw parts of myself as a young woman in the youth who attended the trip. The trauma and the resilience. The pain and the joy. The struggle to feel rooted in a Native identity within a modern society that was not built with room for us. There was healing on this trip, something I hope can be provided to many more generations of youth to come.





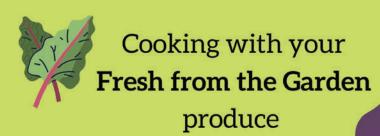




#### Fresh from the Garden

Produce Pick-Up Mondays & Thursdays 11 am to 1 pm Siletz Tribal Community Center

First Come, First Serve 1 bag per family while supplies last





Learn new recipes with your **Fresh from the Garden** produce

New videos available Monday and Thursday evenings on Healthy Traditions Facebook page.

#### Nestka IIIahee Pow-Wows from the Past















#### Nestka IIIahee Pow-Wows from the Past





We look forward to dancing together again next year.









#### **Coronavirus Information and Resources**

#### Oregon has new requirements for face coverings, limits on social get-togethers

PORTLAND, Ore. – In response to the alarming rise in COVID-19 case counts across Oregon over the last several weeks, Gov. Kate Brown has announced new requirements for face coverings and limits on social get-togethers.

Effective July 15, Oregon's face covering requirement will be expanded to apply to outdoor public spaces when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. In addition, indoor social get-togethers of more than 10 people will be prohibited.

The gathering limit applies only to indoor social get-togethers. This new rule does not change the operation of businesses or churches at this time (see graphic on next page for changes that started July 24).

Brown noted that failure to comply with the new requirements would lead to more outbreaks of COVID-19 and more restrictive closures with greater impact on Oregon's economies, communities, health care systems and families.

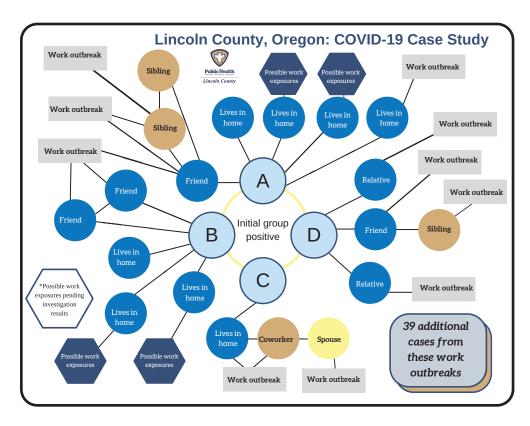
"We need to do absolutely everything

we can to reduce transmission in ways that do not require us to close down businesses again," said Brown. "The proof here will be in the numbers. Either people will adhere to this requirement and be a positive force for stopping COVID-19 or I will be forced to take more restrictive measures. It all depends on you. Your choices determine our future."

Brown shared the following facts about COVID-19 in Oregon:

 Oregon reported more cases in the past week than in the entire month of May.

- The last time Oregon had less than 100 cases in a single day was more than a month ago.
- Half of all cases in Oregon are from people under the age of 40 and one third of all cases are from people under the age of 30.
- Currently, people in their 20s and 30s are the most likely group to get sick with COVID-19.
- Two Oregonians in their 30s have died from COVID-19.



#### **Culture Camp videos to remain online**

All of the instructinal videos posted on the Tribal website during this year's Culture Camp will remain up on the Tribe's website indefinitely. You can find them in the Tribal members section of the website at ctsi.nsn.us.

Be safe. Stay home if you can.

Wear a mask and social distance out in public. Exercise a little patience. We're in this together.



#### Additional LIEHP help available

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department has received additional funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEHP), so clients can access assistance for utility bills through the Housing Department.

Please keep in mind that LIEHP is not just for housing residents.

Contact Casey Godwin at 541-444-8311 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1311, for details.

#### Siletz Clinic services provided during COVID-19 pandemic

Phone - 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449

Please call the clinic for current available services as things change rapidly and we may offer more or fewer services depending on COVID-19's impact in the community. Current services being offered are listed below along with some answers to questions we've been asked.

#### **Available Services**

**Medical/Lab** – Visits are available by phone or video. Some patients are brought in when their health care requires it. Please call your medical team to discuss any concerns.

**COVID-19** - If you think you have been exposed to someone with Covid-19, please call the clinic and we will discuss self-isolation guidelines and determine if you meet criteria for testing. The clinic does provide COVID-19 testing.

**Optometry –** Visits are available to patients with an eye emergency or hardware emergency. Please call the optometry department to discuss any concerns.

Medication Assistance Therapy (MAT)Visits are available by phone or video.

**Behavioral Health** (A&D counseling/mental health counseling) – Visits are available by phone or video.

**Pharmacy** – Continues to provide services. You can pick up your medication at the clinic for curbside pickup or your medication can be mailed to you. Delivery services are also available in the Siletz community.

**Dental -** Visits are available to patients with a dental emergency only. Please call the Dental Department to discuss any concerns.

**Community Health -** Continues to support members in navigating resources

during the pandemic. For additional information, follow Community Health @ Siletz Health Clinic on Facebook.

**Purchased/Referred Care** – Is providing PRC numbers and processing claims. Staff is working altered/reduced hours, so please call again if you do not receive a call back as staff may be out

#### **Ouestions we've been asked**

- 1. Will the clinic call me to reschedule my March appointment that was canceled?
- a. If you've not received a call from the clinic to date, please contact the clinic to schedule a phone or video appointment.
- 2. May I schedule a routine physical now?
- a. Probably not, but call if there are special circumstances. For example,

- if you need a physical for your job, every effort will be made to assist you.
- 3. I have an optometry appointment scheduled in three weeks. Will my appointment be canceled?
- a. Possibly. The clinic is canceling appointments within a two-week period in hopes that appointments will not have to be canceled, but for now it's likely to be canceled.
- 4. I'm a Tribal member and need A&D services (or MAT) now. Do I have to wait until the pandemic is over?
- a. No, call the clinic to schedule. You can access any service being offered.

We thank you all for doing your part in overcoming the pandemic and doing your best to keep us all healthy and safe. We're all in this together.

#### **Coronavirus Information and Resources**

#### Emergency Board allocates resources for struggling workers, small businesses, those facing disparate impacts

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon Legislature's Joint Emergency Board on July 14 allocated more than \$200 million to support COVID-19 relief efforts, specifically targeting investments to struggling workers, small businesses and Oregonians facing the deepest and most disparate impacts of the pandemic.

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) applauded the work that has been done by community organizations, individual legislators, workgroups and the presiding officers to take immediate and significant steps to help people now.

"For the countless Oregonians struggling during this time, whether they are

**BUILDING A SAFE AND** 

waiting on unemployment insurance, trying to figure how to keep their business open or are experiencing the disproportionate impacts of deep-seated racial inequality, today will hopefully provide some small measure of relief," Warner said. "The work of the Legislature's Emergency Board over the last several months has been focused on getting resources to Oregonians as quickly as possible because they need help now. While we recognize that these are just small steps forward, we will continue to work together over the coming months to best utilize whatever resources we have at our disposal to build a better Oregon for all."

Among the investments made by the Emergency Board are:

\$62 million to the Oregon Cares Fund for Black Relief and Resiliency to provide economic relief to Black individuals and businesses. National and state data show that the Black community is experiencing a dispro-

- portionate share of negative economic and health effects due to COVID-19.
- \$50 million to support music, culture, and community venues and organizations that have been closed, cancelled or postponed due to the pandemic.
- \$35 million to fund \$500 Emergency Relief Checks to Oregonians who are still waiting for unemployment benefits.
- \$30 million to the COVID-19 Leave Fund for workers who contract or have been exposed to the virus but do not qualify for traditional sick leave.
- \$25.6 million in emergency assistance for small businesses facing financial shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This supports businesses with no more than 25 employees that have not received support under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or other provisions of the federal CARES Act.
- \$3.58 million of General Fund for infrastructure and improvements to the Warm Springs Indian Reservation water and wastewater systems.

#### EFFECTIVE JULY 24 STRONG OREGON

#### **NEW STATEWIDE RULES**



Face coverings are required for ages 5 and up



Capacity limit for restaurants, gyms, venues (e.g. concert halls, movie theaters) is reduced to 100 people indoors.



Face coverings are required when exercising indoors, plus outdoors when you can't physically distance



Bars and restaurants must close at 10pm statewide, regardless of phase

#### **OHA** announces new mask requirements website

Face coverings, or masks, are now required statewide for all adults and for all children age 5 and up in all indoor public spaces and outdoors when physical distancing isn't possible.

To help Oregonians understand the requirement, the Oregon Health Authority has created a website resource that aims to be a clearinghouse of the latest information about face coverings and masks, from requirements to FAQs to tips about how to effectively wear them - healthoregon.org/masks.

Properly worn, a face covering should cover a person's nose and mouth and fit snugly against the sides of the face. Many types of face coverings can be used, including handmade cloth face coverings, scarves, bandanas and more. They should be washed frequently after using.

#### **Beacon Crest Apartments**

2897 NE 47th Street, Lincoln City 11:45am-12:30pm

Monday (pickup 3 days' food) and Thursday (pickup 4 days' food)

#### GRAB & GO

FREE SUMMER MEALS Food Program for ages 1-18

June 15-September 4

#### **Ridge Apartments**

3340 Southeast Harbor Dr, Lincoln City
11:45am-12:30pm
Tuesday (pickup 3 days' food)

Tuesday (pickup 3 days' food) and Friday (pickup 4 days' food)

#### B'nai B'rith Camp

3509 NE East Devils Lake Rd, Lincoln City 10:30am-11:15am

Monday (pickup 3 days' food) and Thursday (pickup 4 days' food)

- Only one bag of meals per child per day from any Summer Food Program site.
- Observe Physical Distancing Guidelines of site
- Meals served on First Come, First Served basis
- If picking up for another household, please provide a note from that household authorizing you to pick up the food for the kids in the other household





Free lunch program provided by **B'nai B'rith Day Camp** 

Day Camp Scholarships Available!
bbcamp.org/lincolncity





## How risky is this activity? Four questions to ask yourself.

Who is involved?

The fewer people involved, the lower your chances of getting or spreading COVID-19. The lowest risk activities involve only you and the people you live with.

Where will you be?

Private spaces, like your home or backyard, carry the lowest risk. Outdoor activities that can be done away from crowds are less risky than activities that put you in close contact with others.

How close will you be to people who are not members of your household?

Activities that allow you to stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household are less risky than activities that don't allow for physical distancing.

How long will you be around people who are not members of your household?

Spending less time around people who are not members of your household is less risky than spending more time with them.

For more information visit

healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211



#### **NEW SERVICES AVAILABLE** Mental Health Services & Life Alert

#### **Mental Health Services**

#### What services are available?

- Counseling Services individual or
- **Psychiatry Services**
- **Psychology Services**
- Up to 8-visits annually (more if medically necessary)

#### Who's eligible?

Siletz Tribal members eligible for Purchased/Referred Care (PRC), formerly Contract Health Services (CHS)

#### How do I get benefits?

Call PRC at 800-628-5720 or 541-444-9648 to speak with Rhonda Attridge, PRC Tech I.

- Prior to making an appointment with a provider – confirm the provider will accept PRC as payment.
- Benefits are limited, first-come, firstserved

#### What you need to know:

- After calling PRC for benefits, the patient will receive a letter with program details. The letter also provides information that the patient can give to their provider for payment processing information.
- You will not be required to use other resources first. This will allow you to go to a provider who does not accept Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid or your private insurance.

#### **Life Alert**

Please contact your local community

health advocate (CHA) if you think you or another Tribal elder could benefit from Life Alert.

- Eligibility Criteria:
  - Enrolled Tribal member eligible for PRC
  - Work with CHA to determine need/apply for local services

#### **Steps to get Life Alert:**

- Contact your local CHA -
- The CHA will determine if you meet the criteria for Life Alert (examples: live alone, health condition, etc.)
- The CHA will assist you in applying for Life Alert at no cost through com-

munity options. If you do not qualify for Life Alert at no cost, the Siletz Community Health Clinic will cover the cost.

#### You can reach the community health advocates at:

- Siletz Amy Garrett or Hannah Glaser at 541-444-1030
- Salem Cecilia Tolentino at 503-390-9494
- Eugene Adrienne Crooks at 541-484-4234
- Portland Verdene McGuire at 503-238-1512

#### Scholarships, resources guide available at EduMed

At EduMed, we're always looking for ways to help students in health care and other fields achieve their college and career goals through the free resources we publish on our website. The latest example of our efforts is a new scholarships and resources guide we created specifically for American Indian and Alaskan Native students.

Our online guide showcases 20 scholarship opportunities (including many in the health care field) that can make all the difference in affording college. We've also provided a list of valuable academic and career resources that American Indian and Alaskan Native students can use to maximize their success during and after college. Scholarships and resources for American Indian and Alaskan Native Students are available at edumed.org/financial-aid/native-american-students-scholarships-resources/.

#### **Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs**

Prevention, Outpatient Treatment, and Women's and Men's **Transitional Living Center** 

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

#### **Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation** Program (STYRP)

STVRP is here to assist members of ANY federally recognized Tribe to overcome barriers to employment. We work with individuals who have disabilities and are living within the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 11 county service area.

#### **Examples of Services:**

- **Guidance and Counseling** Referral to Services
- **Employment Services**
- **Resume Writing**
- **Interviewing Techniques** Job Coaching
- **Culturally Relevant Individualized Services**
- **Evaluations and Assessments**
- **Training Placement Opportunities**
- **Adaptive Equipment**



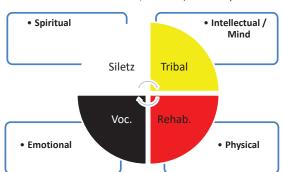
For more information about the STVRP, please inquire at 1-800-922-1399. Services are provided in ALL area offices, however, to inquire about services, ask to be transferred to the office nearest you listed below.

> **EUGENE AREA OFFICE** 2468 West 11th Eugene, OR 97402

SALEM AREA OFFICE 3160 Blossom Dr NE, Ste 105 Salem, OR 97305

SILETZ ADMIN. OFFICE 201 SE Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380

SALEM - TONI LEIJA, Counselor/Job Developer



## **EUGENE** – JERAMIE MARTIN, Program Director SILETZ - RACHELLE ENDRES, Counselor/Job Developer

#### 2020 Out-of-Area Benefits

The Tribal Council has approved Out-of-Area Benefits for 2020. These benefits are for Tribal members who live outside the 11-county service area. To qualify, Tribal members must be registered for health care with the Siletz Community Health Clinic AND reside outside of the Tribe's 11-county service area. These funds are intended for Tribal members who are not eligible for Purchased Referred Care.

#### All benefits are dependent on available funding.

#### Annually

\$2,000 Total in Medical + Mental Health + Dental + Hearing Plus \$500 Pharmacy Card Benefit

#### **Biannually**

\$450 in total Vision Care for Adults\* \*Available Annually for Elders, Children, Students or Diabetics

#### Call PRC - 800-628-5720

Prior authorization by PRC is required and benefits must be used within 90 days. Any funds not used within 90 days, or claims not received, will be returned to the pool for redistribution. An individual can access benefits up to \$2,000 annually by calling on the authorization date. For example, an individual can call Jan. 2 for medical of \$500 and then call again Oct. 7 for dental of \$1,500 for a total of \$2,000. All benefits are subject to funding availability. When calling for pre-authorization, PRC will authorize for household members only. Voice messages do not hold funds, the individual must speak to PRC staff and obtain an out-of-area (OOA) number to secure funds.

#### **OPEN HEARTS & OPEN HOMES**

We are looking to certify Tribal homes as foster home resource placements. Please consider opening up your home for our Tribal children who are in need of foster care.

Families, couples & single adults can become certified foster home resources.

OUR CHILDREN NEED:

\*\*Permanent Care\*\* \*\*Short-term Care\*\* \*\*Temporary Care\*\*

Please take the time to consider opening up your loving and safe home & sharing your lives with our nrecious Tribal children

Please contact our ICW Department for a foster home application today.

ICW: 541-444-8338



#### Graduates



Haylee Flores Oregon City High School

Haylee plans to attend Oregon State University this fall, if it's not shut down, to major in music education.





#### Kaitlyn Blair Camas High School

Kaitlyn will begin her studies toward a degree in business at Washington State University this fall.



#### Andrew Simmons-McClintock Taft High School

Andrew is the son of Shyla Simmons and Kenneth McClintock, and the grandson of Sheryl and Lenford Simmons. He plans to attend college to study psychology, join the local police cadet academy and pursue a career in law enforcement.



#### **Chalene Raymond University of Oregon**

Chalene graduated with a master's in curriculum and teaching. She has accepted a position as an English language development teacher on the Warm Springs reservation in Central Oregon. Her plans are to move to the reservation with her significant other and her pets so she can begin this new adventure as a teacher.

#### **Scholarships**

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- CVS Business Scholarship Deadline: August 2020
- CVS Pharmacy Scholarship Deadline: August 2020
- USRA Space Scholarship Awards Deadline: August 2020
- Gates Millennium Scholars Deadline: September 2020
- QuestBridge National College Match Scholarships
   Deadline: September 2020
- Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program
  - Deadline: Sept. 25 and Oct. 25, 2020
- Native Agriculture & Food Systems Scholarship Program Deadline: Late September
- Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Member Scholarships
   Deadline: Sept. 30, 2020
- Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Program Opens November 2020
- NABI College Scholarship Fund Deadline: Nov. 1, 2020
- Tebughna Foundation General Scholarship
  - Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- NSCDA American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- Dell Scholars Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020

- Society for American Archaeology Native American Scholarships Deadline: Dec. 15, 2020
- ACS Scholars Program Deadline: March 1, 2021
- ALA Scholarship Program Deadline: March 1, 2021
- AIS Scholarship Deadline: Varies
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College & University Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian's Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Services Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Institute of CPAs Deadline: Varies
- American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- Army Emergency Relief Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- Catching the Dream Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- College Board Scholarship Deadline: Ongoing
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships Deadline: Varies
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering Deadline: Varies
- NOAA Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing

#### **Internships**

- NOAA Internships Deadline: Ongoing
- Code Switch Internship Deadline: Various
- HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern Deadline: Open until filled
- Wisdom of the Elders Agricultural Incubator Internship Deadline: Various
- Saturday Academy Internships Deadline: Multiple
- EPA Environmental Research and Business Support Program Deadline: Multiple
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates Deadline: Multiple
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation Deadline: Multiple
- Environmental Protection Agency Deadline: Multiple
- American Fisheries Society Deadlines: Multiple
- Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)
   Deadline: Multiple

#### **Fellowships**

- AAUW American Fellowships Deadline: Nov. 1, 2020
- AAUW International Fellowships Deadline: Nov. 15, 2020
- AAUW Professions Fellowships Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- American Indian Graduate Center Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships Deadline: Ongoing
- NBC News Summer Fellows Program Deadline: Ongoing
- Master of Forest Resources Fellowships Deadline: Open until filled
- NW Native American Research Centers for Health Research Support Fellowship Deadline: Rolling
- Northwestern University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Undergraduate Fellowships Deadline: Rolling
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Deadline: Multiple
- Claremont Native American Fellowship Deadlines: Multiple

#### Other Opportunities

- NAYA Ninth Grade Counts
  Deadline: Rolling
- Dept. of Energy Scholars Program Deadline: Ongoing
- National Park Service Tribal Stewards Inclusion Program Deadline: Ongoing
- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute – Generation Indigenous Network Youth Ambassador
- National Youth Leadership Forum STEM Program Nomination Form Deadline: Various
- The Student Conservation Association
- Northwest Youth Corps
- Saturday Academy FREE Classes for Native American Students
- ON TRACK OHSU!
- The SMART Competition

#### **Tribal Council Timesheets for June 2020**

#### Lillie Butler - 6/1/20-6/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2	2					6/1	Packets
2	1.75	.5				6/2	Special TC, packets
3	3					6/3-4	Packets
5.5	5.5					6/5-9	Packets
2.75	2.75	4				6/10-11	Budget wkshp, packets
		5	3			6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg/
							packet
3	3					6/15-16	Packets
1.75	1.75					6/18	Council, packets
2.75	2.75					6/19	Regular TC
10.5	10.5					6/22-29	Packets
2.25	2.25					6/30	Special TC, packets

#### **Loraine Y. Butler - 6/1/20-6/30/20**

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.25	.25	.5				6/2	Special TC
.5	.5					6/3	Senator phone
.5	.5					6/4	Culture
1	1					6/8	Packets
1.25	1.25					6/10	Budget wkshp
		3	2.5			6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
2	2					6/16-17	Packets
.25	.25					6/18	Phone mtg w/ Grand Ronde
2.75	2.75					6/19	Regular TC
		1				6/23	Mtg w/ Grand Ronde
.75	.75					6/30	Special TC

#### Reggie Butler Sr. - 6/1/20-6/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2	2					6/1	Packets
.5	.25	.5				6/2	Special TC, packets
5.5	5.5					6/3-5	Packets
5.5	5.5					6/8-9	Interviews, packets
2.5	2.5	4				6/10-11	Budget wkshp, packets
		5	3			6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg/packet
5.25	5.25					6/15-17	Packets
1.75	1.75					6/18	Council
2.75	2.75					6/19	Regular TC
11	11					6/22-29	Packets
1.75	1.75					6/30	Special TC, packets

#### **Sharon Edenfield - 6/1/20-6/30/20**

TC	Ind	Gmg STB	BC ED Tvl	
.25	.25	.5	6/2	Special TC
1.5	1.5		6/3	NW Regional Fed/Tribal briefing,
				Indian Country COVID, packets

#### Alfred Lane III - 6/1/20-6/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.5	.5					6/1	Packets
.25	.25	.5				6/2	Special TC
2.75	2.75					6/3	Budget Comm
.25	.25					6/5	Investment Comm
1.25	1.25					6/10	TC budget wkshp, mtg w/ governor
		2				6/12	Special TC – gaming
		.5				6/18	Mtg w/ Grand Ronde
2.5	2.75					6/19	Regular TC
		.5				6/23	Mtg w/ Rep. Schrader's staff
.5	.75					6/30	Special TC

#### **Delores Pigsley - 6/1/20-6/30/20**

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1	1	.5				6/1	Conf call w/ Rep. Schrader, mail, agenda items
.25	.25	4.25				6/2	Conf call w/ OTGA, Special TC, mail, prep
3.75	3.75	.75				6/3-4	Budget Comm, mail, agenda items
1	1	1			2.5	6/5	Sign OLCC & Chemawa Station docs, mail, agenda items
6	6	.5			4	6/6-9	Mail, agenda items, news article, personnel
1.5	1.5					6/10	Budget wkshp, conf call, mail
.5	.5	.5		.5		6/11	Conf call, mail, prep for council, agenda items
1	1	2.5	2	.5		6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, gov conf call, mail
3.5	3.5	.5				6/13-17	Mail, agenda items, prep for council
.75	.75			.5		6/18	Mtg w/ Grand Ronde, mail, news article
4	4					6/19	Regular TC, Tribes conf call, mail
3	3	1.5			2.5	6/20-24	Mail, agenda items, sign docs, news article
3.75	3.75					6/26-29	Conf call w/ governor, mail, agenda items, prep for council
1.5	1.5	.25				6/30	Special TC, mail

#### **Angela Ramirez - 6/1/20-6/30/20**

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.75	.75	1				6/1	Health Comm, email, packets
2.25	2.25	.5				6/2	Special TC, STAHS
.5	.5					6/3	Email, packets
.75	.75					6/4	STAHS
2	2					6/5-6	Email, packets
3.75	3.75					6/7-8	STAHS
		.5				6/9	Email, packets
1.75	1.75		.5			6/10-11	STAHS, budget wkshp, STBC
							packet
		2.5	2	.5		6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
4	4					6/13-16	STAHS
1	1					6/17	Email, packets
.5	.5					6/18	Mtg w/Grand Ronde, email, packets
2.5	2.5	.5				6/19	Regular TC
1	1	1				6/20-21	Email, packets
1	1					6/22	STAHS
		1			3	6/23	Interviews
5.5	5.5	1				6/26-29	Email, packets
2	2					6/30	Special TC, email, packets

#### **Selene Rilatos - 6/1/20-6/30/20**

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1	1					6/1	COVID, email
2	1.75	.5			1	6/2	Special TC, COVID, email, Tribal member concern (TMC)
2.25	2.25					6/3-4	COVID, TMC, email
2.25	2.25					6/5	NPAIHB mtg, email
5.75	5.75					6/6-9	Email, TMCs, packets, COVID
4.5	4.25				1	6/10-11	Budget wkshp, interviews, COVID, email, TMC
1.5	1.75	3	2.5		1	6/12	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, TMC, email
5.5	5.75					6/13-17	TMCs, email, packets, COVID
		1.5			1	6/18	Special TC, packets, email
4.25	4.25				1	6/19	Regular TC, TMC, email
10.5	10.5					6/20-29	TMCs, email, COVID, packets
1.5	1.5					6/30	Special TC, email, COVID

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#### Statement from the Washington Redskins football team (July 13, 2020)

On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we announced the commencement of a thorough review of the team's name. That review has begun in earnest. As part of this process, we want to keep our sponsors, fans and community apprised of our thinking as we go forward.

Today, we are announcing we will be retiring the Redskins name and logo upon completion of this review.

Dan Snyder and Coach Rivera are working closely to develop a new name and design approach that will enhance the standing of our proud, tradition-rich franchise and inspire our sponsors, fans and community for the next 100 years.

#### NCAI statement on Washington football team's retirement of R-word mascot (July 13, 2020)

WASHINGTON – Today is a day for all Native people to celebrate. We thank the generations of Tribal nations, leaders and activists who worked for decades to make this day possible.

We commend the Washington NFL team for eliminating a brand that disrespected, demeaned and stereotyped all Native people and we call on all other sports teams and corporate brands to retire all caricatures of Native people that they use as their mascots.

We are not mascots – we are Native people, citizens of more than 500 Tribal nations who have stood strong for millennia and overcome countless challenges to reach this pivotal moment in time when we can help transform America into the just, equitable and compassionate country our children deserve.

NCAI is the oldest, largest and most representative national organization serving American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal nations and their citizens, and has been leading Indian Country's movement to eradicate offensive Native "themed" mascots from sports and popular culture for more than 50 years.

About NCAI: Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal

government-to-government policies and promoting a better understanding among the general public of American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. For more information, visit neai.org.

#### Statement from the Washington Football Team (July 23, 2020)

LOUDOUN COUNTY, Va. – On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we announced a thorough review of the team's name in light of events in the country and feedback from our community. As the process has continued internally, we want to keep our players, alumni, fans, community and sponsors apprised of key developments.

For updated brand clarity and consistency purposes, we will call ourselves the "Washington Football Team" pending adoption of our new name. The Redskins name and logo will officially be retired by the start of the 2020 season. We encourage fans, media and all other parties to use "Washington Football Team" immediately.

In addition, we are rolling out an aesthetic that reflects the direction of the franchise as we progress toward a new name and design scheme.

The decision to use "Washington Football Team" for this season allows the franchise the ability to undertake an in-depth branding process to properly include player, alumni, fan, community and sponsor input. To date, we have been pleased to see so many people putting forward their vision of what the new name and design should be on their social media channels and we look forward to including their feedback as this process progresses.

Starting tomorrow and over the next 50 days, we will begin the process of retiring all Redskins branding from team properties, whether it be FedExField, Redskins Park or other physical and digital spaces. We hope to complete this process in full by the team's home opener against the Philadelphia Eagles on Sept. 13.

The team will debut its home uniforms in its Week 1 contest against the Philadelphia Eagles and away uniforms in Week 2 against the Arizona Cardinals.

Fans will be able to purchase "Washington Football Team" merchandise from Fanatics and NFL Shop in the coming days. Full mockups of the logo, uniform concepts and FedExField design can be viewed at redskins.com/team/washingtonfootball. redskins.com/team/washingtonfootball.

For the first time, Vision Maker Media will host an online, five-week celebration of American Indian, Alaska Native and worldwide Indigenous films from Aug. 31 to Oct. 5, 2020. Sign up for updates on films, Q&As, prizes and more – #OnlineVMFF or https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GDFD8R8

Accompanying the films, our festival will host a collective of our most inspiring filmmakers and Native celebrities in engaging digital conversations, creating a space for both healing and learning. We're excited to share our Indigenous knowledge and stories with the online world.

Vision Maker Media (VMM) empowers and engages Native people to share stories. We envision a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. We work with Native producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all media.

VMM supports training to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives producing quality public broadcasting programs. A key strategy for this work is the development of strong partnerships with Tribal nations, Indian organizations and Native communities.

Reaching the general public and the global market is the ultimate goal for the dissemination of Native-produced media that shares Native perspectives with the world. With funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), Vision Maker Media, a nonprofit 501(c) (3), empowers and engages Native people to share these stories.

For more information visit visionmakermedia.org.



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To the editor:

#### **Appreciation for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz and Elders Council**

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of the Siletz Tribe and Elders Council. As an out-of-area member, I faithfully read the newsletters to stay updated and have always been proud to be a Tribal member, however, did not understand the commitment of this community to the entire Tribe until the COVID crisis.

It is an understatement to say that I have been amazed by the support and outreach I have received from members. Representatives from the Elders Council have called me every two weeks to check in and make sure I am healthy, and reinforced a sense of community that is so needed in times like this. I want the Elders Council and those callers to know how much these discussions have meant to me.

I was sent a package that included many essentials along with a beautiful yellow mask that my wife loves and wears every time we leave the house.

With regard to the financial assistance, the rent assistance program was a lifesaver and alleviated the extreme stress associated with needing to pay ongoing monthly bills when our family business effectively shut down in early March.

In life, especially during a crisis, it is important to recognize the blessing of those who go above and beyond in terms of supporting and uplifting others. Thank you for the kindness and compassion that has been so generously given by the Siletz Tribe, Elders Council and every single member of the Tribe who has been in contact with me. I am humbled and honored to be a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Respectfully submitted, Norman "Jason" Brown

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To the editor:

#### **Blood Quantum: Is this really the issue**

People who read and hear your words, they feel your attitude. Well, with positive thinking my favorite three R's – Rebuilding, Renewing and Restoring. A path the people have traveled forever!

We cannot walk in the past, but we can, if we are smart, learn from it.

In the past couple of years, blood quantum has been boiling over among our families, with some rewarded and others disciplined. A fever that the powers that be of the past times set upon Native Americans by which they hoped to create an assembly line of destruction upon forgotten undone deals, working with blood quantum.

Unfortunately, we may become our own worst enemy. Utilizing the mind set of per say, creditability (blood quantum), does not change who we are and does not change our family ancestry.

Trying to redefine Native blood quantum in your family? Fine, if this is what you are about. But to mess with the rights of direct descendants' Tribal recognition, to put up guidelines or blood degree to me totally disrespects our ancestors who dearly paid the price. Their perseverance, their dying commitment of survival for all. Their direct descendant families forever!

We are a generous Tribe. Our helping hands reach out to all levels of society with our grants. My thought: What about allocating, or a distribution of, funds to be put aside toward a very worthwhile project to address the acceptance or recognition of our Tribal direct descendants who deserve their place within our Tribe by birth.

Question: Why do we want, it seems, to silence these direct descendants who represent the geographical lands of our harshly removed ancestors?

Life is a tick-tock, tick-tock clock. I can continue to submit articles until I am blue in the face while another generation falls by the wayside. At the rate of acceptance the past few years, changes, where our quantum now is, a direct descendant is a rare bird. Open your hearts.

Tribal Council, any recognized Tribal member – food for thought? If it becomes about money, try cop out! Remember, charity begins at home. Council, please do what is right.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva E. Clayton

#### **Siletz News Letters Policy**

Siletz News, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, is published once a month. Our editorial policy encourages input from readers about stories printed in Siletz News and other Tribal issues.

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Please type or write legibly. Letters longer than 450 words may be edited for length as approved by Tribal Council Resolution #96-142.

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

Editor-in-Chief: Tina Retasket Editor: Diane Rodriquez Assistant: Andy Taylor Courtesy photo

The Nashville Store is where Coastal Range Food Bank clients shop for the food of their choice. This food bank was one of the first shopping-style pantries, where clients shop in the store just like any market. Coastal Range also has a large food storage room, a kitchen with freezers and a walk-in cooler. Overhead costs of this totally volunteer-run organization are covered by the Trading Post, a combination thrift, trade and free items for clients and the general public. Currently the Trading Post is closed during this virus shutdown. Each Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., however, it is open with a modified safety shopping style.



#### Dear readers:

In the June issue of Siletz News, there was a list of all the organizations the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund made donations to. The Tribe gives grants to nonprofits that apply in every year.

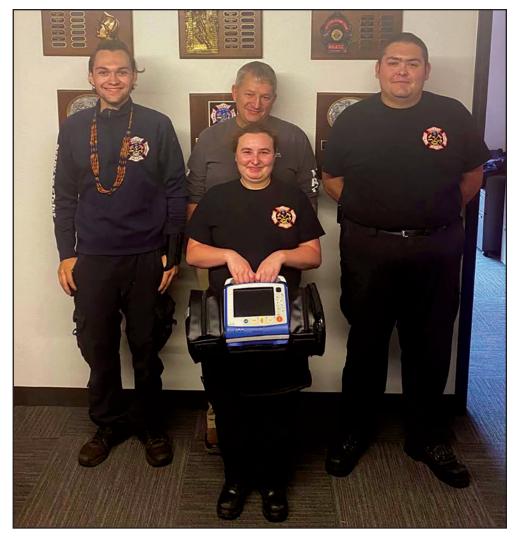
As the article said, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community. The Coastal Range Food Bank Inc., located in Blodgett/Nashville, Ore., received \$2,000. The most amazing part of this donation is even with reduced revenue and negative financial impact caused by the coronavirus, the Tribe still reached out to nonprofit organizations without them even having to apply.

This kindness and generosity extended by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is beyond what anyone would expect and has touched our hearts. Thank you so much for believing in us.

Sincerely,

Carol Adams

Volunteer Board Chair, Coastal Range Food Bank Inc.



Courtesy photo

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Members of the Siletz Valley Fire District and the new cardiac monitor

To the editor:

Siletz Valley Fire District would like to thank The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for the generous grant that allowed us to purchase a Zoll Cardiac monitor.

This piece of equipment will allow our volunteers to quickly take blood pressure, pulse, O<sub>2</sub> levels, along with analyzing heart rhythms and will assist volunteers when preforming CPR.

Siletz Valley Fire district had a much older model cardiac monitor that was no longer operational and did not have all of these features.

This monitor will greatly enhance our medical services we are able to provide to the community. We will be placing this unit into service immediately.

Siletz Valley Fire District

CTSI would like to start a virtual Two Spirit and LGBTQ youth group. We are looking for the following feedback:

• What format would most benefit you?

• Would you be willing to take on a leadership role?

• What do you want to get out of this group?

Let us know how we can best support you! Please contact Hannah by text/call at 541-270-8472.



Photos by Andy Taylor

Tribal Natural Resources staff cut, split and stacked 20 cords of wood in three days in preparation for the Elders Firewood Distribution event on July 18. Thirty-five elder households received a half-cord of wood each.







Happy 24<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our beautiful Savannah "Bob." We hope you have an incredible birthday month.

Love you to the moon and back – Finn, Mom, Chad, Hayden, Grandma D, Papa and Aunt Booboo



Happy Birthday, Margo! We love you very much.

Love, Maggie, JD, Trevor, Madison and Jaylee

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