



Members return Edenfield and Ramirez, pick Aspria in Tribal Council election

Sharon Edenfield, Angela Ramirez and Frank Aspria Sr. were elected to the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in elections held Feb. 6.

Edenfield, from Siletz, Ore., was re-elected with 543 votes; Ramirez, from Siletz, was re-elected with 528 votes; and Aspria, from Siletz, was elected with 415 votes. Five candidates ran for the three open positions and the three who received the most votes were elected.

These individuals will serve with Lillie Butler and Alfred (Bud) Lane III, both of Siletz, and Delores Pigsley of Keizer, Ore., whose terms expire in 2022; and with Loraine Butler of Siletz, Robert Kentta from Logsdan, Ore; and Selene Rilatos from Toledo, Ore., whose terms expire in 2023. Term of office is three years for each position on the nine-member council.

Eight hundred twenty-nine (829) 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 5,500 enrolled members.

The swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected council members took place Feb. 7. Officers are elected on an annual basis and those selected for 2021 include:

- Delores Pigsley, chairman
- Bud Lane, vice chairman
- Sharon Edenfield, secretary
- Robert Kentta, treasurer

Pigsley currently has served 35.5 years as Tribal chairman out of 42 years on the council, while Lillie Butler has served 29; Reggie Butler, 24; Bud Lane, 23; Robert Kentta and Loraine Butler, 16



Photos by Andy Taylor

Sharon Edenfield (left), Angela Ramirez and Frank Aspria Sr. after the swearing-in ceremony

each; Sharon Edenfield, nearly 11 years; Angela Ramirez, 3 years; and Selene Rilatos, 1 year.

The Siletz Tribe has spent the last 43 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; and building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including 38 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City

that have opened since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010 and 20 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013.

Additionally, the Tribe had success with 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.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Cor-

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Indigenous Gardens Network receives Oregon Cultural Trust grant for “first foods”

ASHLAND, Ore. – Southern Oregon University, Tribal partners and others have received a \$35,483 grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust to initiate the Indigenous Gardens Network – a hub for conversation and coordination around traditional food gathering areas throughout southwestern Oregon.

The Indigenous Gardens Network is intended to restore areas where “first foods” and other culturally significant items can be cultivated, harvested and made accessible to Indigenous people. First foods are plant and animal species that American Indians traditionally relied upon for subsistence, medicine and ceremonial uses.

The network that will be funded by the new Oregon Cultural Trust grant will pull together new and existing resources to address urgent issues such as food security, climate change and Indigenous food sovereignty.

“The Indigenous Gardens Network centers the knowledge and expertise of Native people and communities, and

approaches all projects with a robust sense of accountability to them,” said Brook Colley, chair of the SOU Native American Studies Program and principal investigator on the OCT grant. “(The network) will be Indigenous-led, driven by their needs and solutions, and based on mutual respect.”

The project is a regional partnership that brings together diverse partners, including Tribes, educators, conservation organizations and land managers/owners to address barriers to first food access and cultivation. The **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Vesper Meadow Education Program and other regional partners are joining SOU on the project.

A history of genocide, forced treaties and removal from ancestral lands created a pervasive, detrimental legacy for Indigenous people, many of whom remain displaced from southwestern Oregon. Several Tribes from the region were forcibly relocated to Siletz and Grand Ronde reservations during the mid-1800s and descendants continue to live there as

citizens of the Siletz Tribe and the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Many members of those Tribes have not re-established the annual food-tending practices of their ancestors for reasons that include a lack of access to public and private land, scarcity of financial and human resources, concerns over safety and prejudice, divergence between Indigenous and Western perceptions of land use and degradation of Indigenous gardens caused by ranching and other industries.

The Oregon Cultural Trust grant will enable the partner organizations to initiate the Indigenous Gardens Network while additional funding sources will be sought for follow-up efforts. The network will work to re-establish specific first foods, medicines, materials and landscapes in southwestern Oregon, and to engage both private and public partners in supporting Tribal access to – and stewardship of – critical cultural resources.

The Indigenous Gardens Network supports Tribes and other Native communities in building sustainable food systems that

improve health and well-being, strengthen food security and increase their control over Indigenous agriculture and food networks.

The Indigenous Gardens Network is also supported through the SOU Foundation. Those wishing to contribute to this work can make a donation through the SOU Foundation or contact Brook Colley (colleyb@sou.edu) for more information.

Information on donating to the Oregon Cultural Trust is available at culturaltrust.org.

About SOU

Southern Oregon University is a medium-sized campus that provides comprehensive educational opportunities with a strong focus on student success and intellectual creativity. Located in vibrant Ashland, SOU remains committed to diversity and inclusion for all students on its environmentally sustainable campus. Connected learning programs taught by a host of exceptional faculty provide quality, innovative experiences for students. Visit sou.edu for additional information.

FEMA uses Tribal property to construct temporary housing for wildfire survivors

SALEM, Ore. – FEMA has begun construction on a site where temporary housing units will be provided to qualified survivor families from Lincoln County. Once completed, the new site on Siletz Tribal property next to Logan Road RV

Park in Lincoln City, Ore., is expected to hold up to 21 temporary housing units.

In addition to Lincoln County, FEMA's Direct Housing mission is in the process of providing temporary housing units to qualified disaster survivors in Jackson,

Lane, Linn and Marion counties. To date, 95 families have been placed in temporary housing units in commercial parks and two group sites built by FEMA.

Currently, 265 survivor families have been approved to receive FEMA Direct Temporary Housing in the five counties. The number of qualified families fluctuates over time as new households become eligible and other households locate alternate temporary or permanent housing on their own.

To the degree possible, FEMA works to keep survivors as close as possible to their communities, schools and places of worship. Direct Temporary Housing is provided to survivors for up to 18 months from the date of the disaster declaration (until March 2022).

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, nationality, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status. If you or someone you know has been dis-

criminated against, call FEMA toll-free at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585).

Those who use a Relay service such as a videophone, InnoCaption or CapTel should update FEMA with their assigned number for that service. They should be aware phone calls from FEMA may come from an unidentified number. Multilingual operators are available (press 2 for Spanish).

Disaster survivors affected by the Oregon wildfires and straight-line winds can also get personalized mitigation advice to repair and rebuild safer and stronger from a FEMA mitigation specialist.

For information on how to rebuild safer and stronger or to inquire as to your new flood risk following a fire near you, email FEMA-R10-MIT@fema.dhs.gov; a FEMA hazard mitigation specialist will respond to survivor inquiries. When rebuilding, check with your local building official and floodplain administrator for guidance.

Follow FEMA Region 10 on Twitter and LinkedIn for the latest updates and visit fema.gov for more information.

STAHS Cookbook returns, will be available soon

The 2017 Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society cookbook was such a success that STAHS will offer a new, expanded and updated version in the near future!

We had an overwhelming response to our request a few months ago for additional recipes from Tribal members. As a result, the second edition of the STAHS Cookbook is much larger and has a whole new look.

Chances are you will find some long sought after mouth-watering recipes remembered from your childhood or enjoyed at a potluck. As you create the delicious and wholesome recipes contained within these pages in your own kitchen, meal time may become less routine and more of an adventure.

We hope to have the book ready for Mother's Day gift-giving. More information will be available soon on the price and ways to purchase the second edition of the STAHS Cookbook created especially for you by the Siletz Arts and Heritage Society.

All proceeds will be dedicated to the proposed Cultural Center, *A Place for the People*.

More information about STAHS is available on our website at siletzarts-heritage.org.

Visit ctsi.nsn.us.

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Deadline for the April issue is
March 10.

Submission of articles and
photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages
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Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday, March 13, 2021, at 1 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

ONLINE LANGUAGE CLASSES AND SPEAKING GROUPS ARE BEGINNING MID-MARCH 2021

Learn Nuu-Wee-Ya'

MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM
DROP-IN SPEAKING GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 5:00 PM
BEGINNING CONVERSATION

SATURDAY MARCH 13 AT 11:30 AM
KICK-OFF Q+A

Please contact Nick Viles (nickv@ctsi.nsn.us)
with questions and to sign up

Questions answered about 2020 payments from Tribe: What is taxable and what is not, what is reportable

There have been questions about why the Siletz Tribe reported the \$1,200 stimulus payment on Tribal members' 1099s, as well as the payments received for filling out the COVID questionnaire. We have also heard that the federal government has said it is not going to tax the stimulus payments it sent out, so why did the Tribe show it as income to members, thus making it potentially taxable?

It was decided that the \$1,200 payment, sent out in June, needed to be reported on a 1099 for two reasons:

1. No application was required to receive the payment. The Tribe made the decision to send it to all Tribal members age 18 and over, regardless of income or employment status
2. Federal stimulus payments only went to taxpayers at or below certain income levels. They did not go out to **all** taxpayers.

Payments received for completing the COVID questionnaire were also included on 1099s because they were an incentive to complete the questionnaire. The purpose of the survey was to gather

information on how the pandemic was affecting Indian Country.

Once again, there was no "needs" test to determine eligibility to receive the payment. Complete the questionnaire and receive a payment, which varied depending on the number of Tribal members in the household.

These two payments differ completely from the other direct payments made to individuals from CARES Act funds. For those, an application was required in order to receive the payment. The Tribe determined that they fit under its General

Welfare Exclusion ordinance and therefore were not reportable as income to the Tribal member.

Finally, there is some confusion between "reportable" and "taxable" income. While the terms are similar, they are not the same thing.

"Reportable" simply means that the person or organization making the payment is required to report that payment to both the recipient and the IRS. Income that is reported may, in fact, be "taxable" income, but that depends entirely on each taxpayer's individual situation.

2021 College Students Summer Internship Program deadline approaching

Students attending college can now apply for the Tribe's 2021 College Students Summer Internship Program. To be eligible, you must be at least a half-time student attending a two-year or four-year college and in good academic standing.

Applications will be mailed to known students, but if you do not receive an application, please contact Assistant General Manager Lisa Norton or the education specialist at any Tribal area office to request an application.

This program helps Tribal students identify internship placements to gain work experience in their field of study. Up to 10 slots are available for 2021.

Students can work up to 360 hours at Tribal minimum wage and can be placed within or outside of the Tribe. The COVID-19 pandemic may require internships to look a little different this year, so please be patient as we navigate this together.

Students selected for the program must complete an orientation, criminal history

background check and drug screening (Note: The Tribe does not recognize Oregon laws allowing the use of medical or recreational marijuana).

Placements can begin in June, but must be completed by Sept. 30, 2021.

Students should send a completed application and an unofficial copy of transcripts to:

By Mail

CTSI

Attn: College Internship Program

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

By Fax

541-444-2307

By Email

colleginterns@ctsi.nsn.us

Deadline for applications to be received at the Siletz Tribal administration building is **4:30 p.m. on March 31, 2021.**

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

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.



To Sign Up Email Jacob Reid (jacobr@ctsi.nsn.us) by **March 19** and receive a board game for your family

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT IS BACK

Play at home and then join us on Zoom
Friday March 26, 2021 @ 4 pm
for a virtual game night

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THOSE WHO ATTEND ALL 8 WORKSHOPS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAWING FOR THE GRAND PRIZE, SO DON'T MISS OUT!

RSVP – NO LATER THAN MARCH 11, 2021
JESSICA HIBLER – 541-484-4234

A ZOOM LINK AND INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO ALL WHO RSVP

Presented by the CTCLUSI Health and Family Support Services in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians



Workforce Housing Rental Program accepting applications for units

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) began accepting applications for the Workforce Housing Rental Program on Feb. 8, 2021. The intent of this program is to provide affordable housing to Tribal families that are full-time employees of Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

These two- and three-bedroom units are located in Lincoln City, Ore. Six rental units will be available for households whose income is below 80% of the national median. Four rental units will be available to households whose income is 80% and above the national median. Applications can be obtained on the Siletz Tribal website, by mail or via e-mail at brettl@ctsi.nsn.us. If you have any questions, please contact STHD at 541-444-8322 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1322.

This project was developed in partnership with funding provided by the Meyer Memorial Trust Foundation, HUD's Office of Native American Programs and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.



Courtesy photos

Tribal townhouse units in Lincoln City, Ore., will provide affordable housing opportunities for full-time employees of Chinook Winds Casino Resort



Head Start nutrition offers information with structured family meals Q&A

By Nancy Ludwig, MS, RDN, LD,
Siletz Tribal Head Start Nutritionist

As part of my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families. This month I've chosen to repeat an issue from November 2014 as it addresses important questions and answers (Q&A) around Head Start nutrition and family meals. The structured family meal guidelines teach important concepts that apply in and out of the classroom.

Why does Head Start offer family-style meals? (When in the classroom)

The structure of meal time is set up using guidelines that have the adults controlling **what** is served, **when** and **where** it is served so healthy foods are served in a safe and encouraging environment. The setup encourages children to step into their responsibility of **whether** they choose to eat what is served and **how much** they eat.

Aren't preschool children too young to know what they need?

The Head Start model helps children monitor their own intake. It is important that adults encourage children to eat in response to hunger and fullness. It is important that children have nutritious choices to select from, but adults don't know how fast children are growing. Some days, children need to eat more food than on other days. In other words, they need to eat or not eat according to their own internal cues. Trusting them to do so helps them develop good eating habits.

How can I support my children best around meals at home?

Family meals at home can create a positive environment where children can feel safe. Not only can it continue to empower children to honor their hunger cues, but children who eat family meals also do better in school and get in trouble less often. This may be due to the bonding that occurs while conversing at the table.

Also, children watch what you eat and do. You serve as a role model whether you like it or not. So think about what you want them to learn through your actions.

How do I know how much food to serve?

Portions are suggested at school but children have the opportunity to eat less or have additional servings. Some of the learning that happens at mealtime includes learning to share and how to divide the total amount of food into the number of children at the table. Mealtime is also about developing the coordination to serve themselves.

How do I encourage my child to try new foods?

It often takes many times (even as many as 20) for a child to be exposed to a food before they are ready to try it. They are still watching you and if it is a food you want them to try, watching you eat it is meaningful. After all, you aren't gagging or getting poisoned. You might want to describe the food, such as its flavor or texture, to peak their curiosity.

These kinds of discussions are also encouraged at school. It is useful to avoid the judgments of good and bad behaviors, such as look how good your sister is because she eats the broccoli. Forcing or coercing children to eat often backfires. It

matters less whether they eat it today than that they learn to eat well for a lifetime.

I have been told that my child is above the 85% weight vs. height. I've been referred to a doctor. Why?

This statistic is a red flag, or indicates a possible risk factor, to health care providers. 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 must also use common sense and good judgment.

Mathematically, it means your child is growing heavier faster than he 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.

How does a health care provider follow up regarding my child's weight?

Apparently we don't all do the same thing. I find it as an opportunity to put this number into perspective. I follow up with a series of questions looking at eating behaviors, activity and family patterns as well as the types of foods and beverages that are being consumed. In essence, the same questions are important for all people.

The reason behind the questions is to determine whether food intake isn't being regulated well. The theme I listen for is the link between internal appetite cues and

the choice to eat or stop eating. Whether you are hungry or full is an appetite cue.

Many times children are encouraged to eat for external reasons, such as "Don't you like this, I made it just for you?" "We always eat birthday cake to celebrate;" "If you want to get down from the table, you need to finish your dinner;" "This is so delicious I can't stop eating it;" "If you do your homework, I'll give you a cookie;" and so on. These external prompts teach children to eat for reasons other than hunger. People with healthy weights naturally regulate their intake. Sometimes adults undermine this natural ability without meaning to.

What can I do to get my kids to eat right?

When adults are clear about the division of responsibility around eating, they help children develop healthy eating habits while they take a long-term view. This brings us back to why Head Start offers family-style meals at school.

Adults control **what** is served, **when** and **where** it is served so healthy foods are provided in a safe and encouraging environment. This helps children step into their responsibility of **whether** they choose to eat what is served and **how much** they eat. In this way, adults support children to learn from their decisions in a safe environment while developing healthy habits for a lifetime.

Siletz Tribal Head Start offers nutritional support at no cost to Head Start families. This usually occurs over the telephone. If you have nutrition concerns about your Head Start child or want to discuss family nutrition concerns, please contact your teacher or the director and ask to speak to the nutritionist.

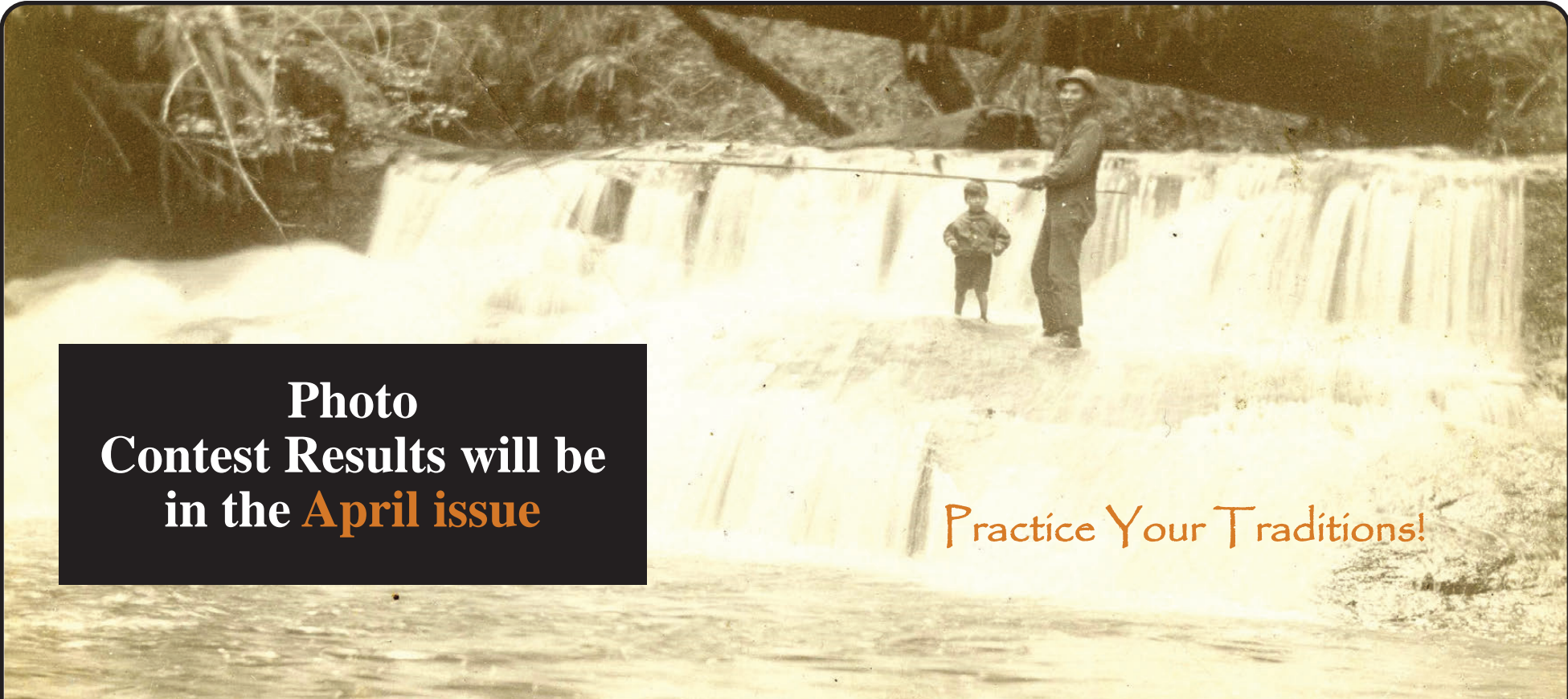


Photo Contest Results will be in the April issue

Practice Your Traditions!

Hunting and Fishing Photo Competition has concluded. Natural Resources Committee will pick the winner.

CTSI Grant Partnership



I am very happy to announce a new grant funded through the Oregon Cultural Trust. CTSI is a partner in collaboration with Southern Oregon University and the Grand Ronde Tribe. The purpose of the grant has many goals to further our connection to our ancestral territories through activities that are tribally and indigenously led. We will address urgent issues of food security, climate change, restoration and enhancement of native plant forbs and pollinator plant species. I will be coordinating activities that will include native plant identification, acorn collection and processing, seed and bulb collection for giving

to the local native plant nurseries that are propagating plant materials for transplanting on the SOU campus and other designated sites that we will continue to co-manage for eventual harvesting. Activities will commence upon announcement of COVID restrictions lifting and CTSI administration approving staff availability once we are safe to travel and practice gathering in small groups.

To participate and learn more about restoration and enhancement methods, it is encouraged that you participate and engage in the events and activities that Healthy Traditions announces on their Facebook page and in Siletz News.

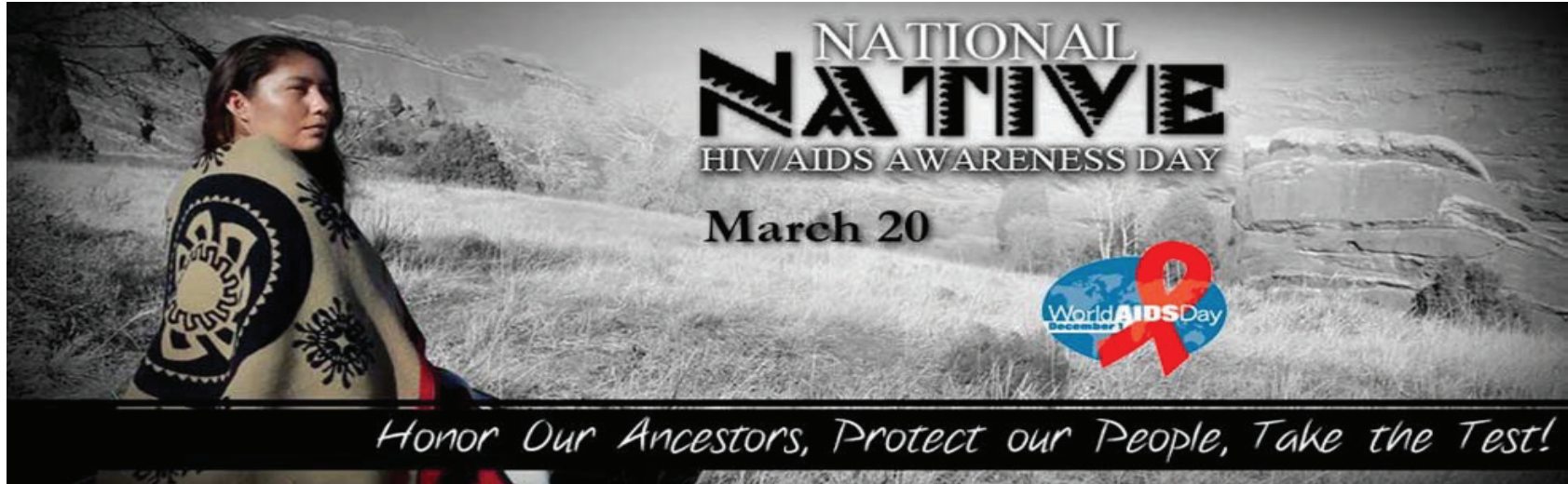
Healthy Traditions outdoor activities and gardening space would not be successful without the many other CTSI programs that allow some of their staff to assist with the coordination, and the physical work of maintaining land, and resources.

Thank you to the CTSI Public Works, Natural Resources, Diabetes/Fitness, Community Health, and Behavioral Health programs!

**Kathy Kentta
Project Coordinator
Healthy Traditions** **Office: 541.444.9627
Work Cell: 541.272.1705
Email: kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us**



Siletz Community



March 20th is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, where we focus on raising awareness, overcoming stigmas and encouraging testing for HIV and AIDS in Native communities in the United States. This presents opportunities for Native Americans, Alaskans and Hawaiians to learn more about HIV/AIDS and to promote testing and counseling where necessary.

The day appropriately coincides with the spring equinox, celebrated in many Native communities as a symbol of new beginnings. It was chosen specifically for this reason as it is an opportunity for positive change through awareness and prevention.

Question —Is this a blood draw test?

Answer — No, this rapid testing is just a finger stick and the wait time is about 15 minutes. This testing is really quick, easy and confidential.



KNOW YOUR STATUS GET TESTED

If you have questions about HIV/HEPC rapid testing please reach out to our Siletz Harm Reduction team.

SILETZ HARM REDUCTION 541-444-9672

E-Cigarettes/Vape Pens

E-cigarettes are a form of a Inhalant Delivery Systems (IDS). These devices typically deliver nicotine, flavorings, and other additives to users via an inhaled aerosol. These devices are referred to by a variety of names, including e-cigs, vape pens, e-hookahs, Juul, mods, tank systems and other devices that deliver a nicotine aerosol. E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that heat up liquid into an aerosol that users then inhale. The liquid usually has nicotine, which comes from tobacco; flavoring; and other additives that are known to have adverse health affects. E-cigarette products can also be used as a delivery system for marijuana and other illicit drugs.



Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol can contain substances that harm the body. This includes cancer-causing chemicals and tiny particles that reach deep into lungs. Harmful substances found in e-cigarettes include nicotine, volatile organic compounds, ultrafine particles, cancer causing chemicals, heavy metals such as nickel, tin and lead, and flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease.

It has been found that even though e-cigarettes produce a vapor, they still cause second-hand exposure for those who are around and inhale. E-cigarettes can also weaken your immune system causing you to be more vulnerable to illnesses and take longer to recover.

Although e-cigarettes may have less chemicals in them, they still cause the body harm and Individuals who start using e-cigarettes are 4 times more likely to start smoking.

If you are interested in quitting commercial tobacco products, there are several Nicotine Replacement Therapy's (NRT's) available that are proven to help assist.




There are a few Over The Counter (OTC) that you can pick up from a store at a cheaper rate than cigarettes. Nicotine patches, nicotine gum and nicotine lozenges. This is a great way to reduce your nicotine use without all the extra harmful chemicals until you're ready to quit for good.

Commercial Tobacco Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW
AI/AN Line now available (option 7) 1-800-7848-663

Health Department





BOOK CLUB

With the Siletz CARE Program & Prevention

Virtual book club for youth age 12-18 with an emphasis on empowerment and social justice issues.

Once you have registered, we will have your book shipped to your house. **We will meet up every Thursday at 3:30pm on Zoom** to talk about what we have read and our thoughts on the book and the topics we are learning about.

Zoom Meetups Thursdays at 3:30pm

If you are interested in joining this group please email **Kira Woosley: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us** to request a registration form



If you or someone you love has experienced domestic violence, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, elder abuse or any other type of interpersonal violence - the CARE Program is here to help. Our goal is to empower victims and survivors of violence by encouraging self-determination and self-sufficiency. We offer direct and support services and meet survivors wherever they are at in their trauma recovery journey. CARE Program staff all have specialized training in trauma-informed care and **all services are highly confidential.**

CARE Program Office: 541-444-9680

24-Hour Hope Line: 541-994-5959

End Colon Cancer ▶▶▶▶ in Indian Country

What is colon cancer?

A disease in the large intestine (colon) and rectum. Most colon cancers start as small noncancerous clumps of cells called polyps. Without treatment, polyps may turn cancerous.

What can I do?



QUIT SMOKING



EAT FRUITS & VEGGIES



WEIGHT CONTROL



GET SCREENED



EXERCISE



LIMIT ALCOHOL USE

Screening tests

Colon cancer screening for American Indians is recommended for those ages 45-75

- ▶ **STOOL-BASED TESTS**
 - Looks for blood in the stool
 - Take test at home every 1-3 years
 - Mail or return to clinic
 - If positive, must have colonoscopy
- ▶ **VISUAL TESTS**
 - Looks directly in the colon
 - Test is done at a medical center
 - Colonoscopy can prevent cancer by removal of polyps during test

Talk to your health care provider about when screening is best for you.



Courtesy photo

Miguel Hernandez and Rochal Cole-Gonzalez with their daughter, Alahiilaah Hernandez

Cole-Gonzalez graduates from Tribal Home Visiting Program

Congratulations to Rochal Cole-Gonzalez for graduating from Home Visiting!

Rochal began Home Visiting in January 2018 soon after the birth of her daughter, Alahiilaah, participating until this January when Alahiilaah turned 3. While in the program, Rochal and her family faced some challenges, including stable housing, yet through it all Rochal stayed positive, hopeful and remained a caring attentive mother.

For a period of time they lived with other family members, made several moves and are now in stable housing of their own. Rochal engaged fully in the Home Visiting lessons, and was willing to listen and share her ideas. She and her family also participated in Home Visiting family events.

Rochal has a desire to learn and grow, and is currently attending Chemeketa Community College.

Rochal says she is “super grateful for the program. It has been very helpful to me and I wasn’t a first-time parent, although it had been several years since I had a little one. As a first-time parent, it would be very helpful.”

She says she would absolutely recommend Home Visiting to other families.

For information about Home Visiting, contact Jessica Hibler at jessicah@ctsi.nsn.us, 541-484-4234 (Eugene Area Office) or 541-337-2285 (cell).

**Be safe.
Stay home.
Stay well.**

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poration, 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.

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 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 1995. In 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 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 \$18.8 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 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.



Fearn (Kenny Duncan) Henry Blacketer Jr. – 1940-2021

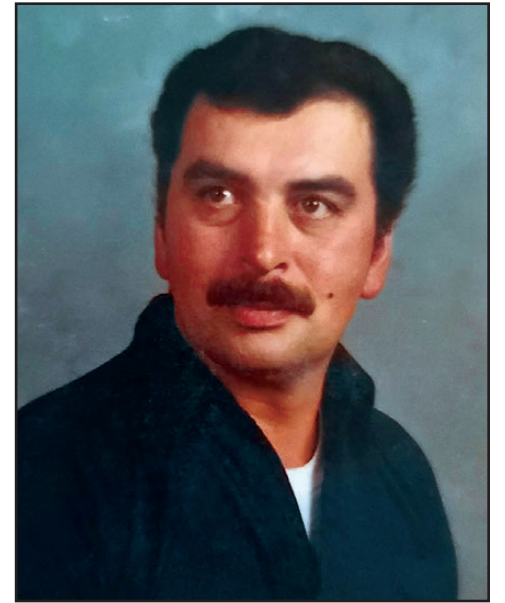
Fearn was born in Hoquiam, Wash., to Caroline Agnes Duncan and Chester Millete on Nov. 22, 1940. He graduated from Seaside High School and began his career in logging and truck driving.

Fearn was a proud member of the Elks. He loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, laughing and working on his lawn.

Fearn married the love of his life, Ida Blacketer, on May 30, 1987, in Myrtle Creek, Ore. Fearn and Ida retired to Sublimity, Ore.

He was preceded in death by his younger brother and his sister Sharon Henry; and his children, Louise Blacketer, Ronald Blacketer, Debbie Pirtle and Fearn Henry Blacketer III.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Blacketer; sister, Jesse Thomas; his children, John Blacketer, Joe Blacketer, David Blacketer, James Blacketer, Mari Woosley, Delores Parker, Theresa Gubser, Mike McCorkhill, Derek McCorkhill, Ricky Scott and Johnnie Scott; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.



Courtesy photo

Fearn (Kenny Duncan) Henry Blacketer Jr.

He passed on Jan. 13, 2021, due to natural causes with his wife by his side at Santiam Hospital in Stayton, Ore. Memorial services will held on the Oregon Coast at a later date.

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
Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512	Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665
Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234	Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823
Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – 800-628-5720	Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517
Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569	Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

March USDA distribution dates, recipe

	Siletz		
Monday	March 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Tuesday	March 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Wednesday	March 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Thursday	March 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Friday	March 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

	Salem		
Monday	March 22	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	March 23	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	March 24	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday	March 25	By appt only	

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

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

Fax: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

Black Pepper Bison and Cabbage Stir Fry

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil*
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound ground bison*
- 1 head cabbage, shredded*
- 2 onions, cut into strips*
- 2 green bell peppers, cut into strips*
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon corn starch
- ½ cup water
- 1 tablespoon black pepper

Heat wok or large skillet over medium-high heat and add oil. Saute garlic for about 5 seconds, then add ground bison.

Stir in cabbage, onion and green pepper. Cook until vegetables are tender and beef is fully cooked. Stir in soy sauce.

Mix together cornstarch and water, and stir in. Season with pepper. Cook, stirring until sauce has thickened.

This is so good and easy to make.

Babies!



Evelyn Vazquez

This is Evelyn LeeAna Beth Vazquez. She was born Jan. 6, 2021. Welcome to the world, baby girl. We love you!

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



Courtesy photo from William DePoe Jr.

Artist Doug Lofstrom presents his painting of Chief DePoe to Mayor Diana White during the ground-breaking purification ceremony he did for the Edmonds (Wash.) Waterfront Ferry terminal.

Use Amazon Smile to donate to STAHS

Here's how you can donate to the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS) painlessly and effortlessly. It's as easy as 1,2,3,4. Thank you!

- 1--Go to Amazon.com. 2--In the Department drop down box, type Amazon Smile.
- 3--See Amazon Smile – You shop. Amazon Gives. 4--Follow the easy directions.

Elk Tag Opportunity

The Tribal Natural Resources Department will once again offer a limited number of Landowner Preference (LOP) elk tags to Tribal members for the 2021-2022 hunting season.

As a landowner, the Tribe is eligible to participate in the state's LOP program. Based on the number of acres 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 2021 and a 2022 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 West Stott, North Alesa, South Alesa and 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 hunting license and elk tag prior to the start date of the hunt
* 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 **only** the person drawn for the tag can hunt that tag. The tag cannot be given to someone else to hunt for you. Only Tribal members serious about hunting an LOP tag personally are eligible to apply.

The drawing for the six LOP elk tags will be held during the Natural Resources Committee meeting on April 5 at 4:45 p.m. Applications are available on the Tribal website, in the kiosk at the back door of the Tribal admin building in Siletz or by calling the number below.

Completed applications must be received by the Natural Resources office by 4:30 p.m. on April 2, 2021.

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.

Oregon Lifeline can reduce cost of phone or broadband service

Oregon Lifeline is a federal and state government program that reduces the monthly cost of phone or broadband service for qualifying low-income Oregon households. If you qualify, you could get one of the following benefits of the program with a participating service provider in your area:

- Receive a discount on your phone bill of up to \$12.25 per month
- Receive a discount on your broadband bill of up to \$16.25 per month
- Receive free cell phone and data service

COVID-19 note: Through June 30, 2021, the Oregon Lifeline program is providing an additional \$5 discount per month.

Oregon residents on federally recognized Tribal lands may qualify for an additional \$25 discount per month. Discount amounts are subject to change. Federal and state regulations limit the Lifeline benefit to one person per household for phone or broadband service.

You may qualify for Oregon Lifeline if you receive one of the following benefits.

No Documentation Required

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income

Documentation Required

- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans or Survivors Pension Benefit
- Total household income is at or below 135 percent of federal poverty guidelines
- BIA General Assistance
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
- Tribal Head Start (only households that meet the same qualifying standard)

Additional information: co.lincoln.or.us/boc/page/oregon-lifeline-reduces-cost-phone-or-broadband-service

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 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.

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.

CDC: Mask, distance and quarantine recommendations following vaccination

From [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

Do I need to wear a mask and avoid close contact with others if I have gotten 2 doses of the vaccine?

Yes. Not enough information is currently available to say if or when CDC will stop recommending that people wear masks and avoid close contact with others to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

Experts need to understand more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide in real-world conditions before making that decision. Other factors, including how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities, will also affect this decision.

We also don't yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don't get sick yourself. CDC will continue to update information as we learn more.

While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using

all the tools available to help stop this pandemic.

To protect yourself and others, follow these recommendations:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid crowds
- Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
- Wash your hands often

Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC's recommendations for how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19.

Feb. 10, 2021

Updated quarantine recommendations for vaccinated persons

Fully vaccinated persons who meet criteria will no longer be required to quarantine following an exposure to someone with COVID-19.

While mRNA COVID-19 vaccines have demonstrated high efficacy at pre-

venting severe and symptomatic COVID-19, there is currently limited information on how much the vaccines might reduce transmission and how long protection lasts. In addition, the efficacy of the vaccines against emerging SARS-CoV-2 variants is not known.

At this time, vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including wearing a mask, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, avoiding poorly ventilated spaces, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands often, following CDC travel guidance, and following any applicable workplace or school guidance, including guidance related to personal protective equipment use or SARS-CoV-2 testing.

However, vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Are fully vaccinated (i.e., more than 2 weeks following receipt of the second

dose in a 2-dose series, or more than 2 weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)

- Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
- Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

Persons who do not meet all 3 of the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated persons who do not quarantine should still watch for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure. If they experience symptoms, they should be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing, if indicated.

In addition, vaccinated persons should continue to follow current guidance to protect themselves and others, including all other SARS-CoV-2 testing recommendations and requirements, and state, territorial, Tribal, and local travel recommendations or requirements.

Be safe. Stay home. Stay well.

CTSI Resource Line
541-444-9613



We are here to connect Tribal members and their families to local resources. This includes food, housing, and other essentials.

We have hard to find items available for general membership. This includes:

- Thermometers
- Hygiene and sanitation items
- Smudge kits
- and more!

Available while supplies last

If you need assistance, call us Monday through Friday between 9am-3pm.

Support wherever and whenever you need it.

Text **NATIVE** to 741741 or message **Crisis Text Line** on Facebook



COVID Vaccine - Updated Priority List

To be added to the wait list, please call the Covid line at 541-444-9636.

We are currently serving:

- Siletz Tribal Members aged 18 and older, with Tribal Elders being a priority.
- Siletz Tribal Household members age 18 and older
- Other Natives age 18 and older
- All Siletz Clinic Patients
- CTSI staff

Tribal emergency rental assistance still available

The COVID-19 pandemic poses an immediate and imminent threat to the health, safety and well-being of the Tribe. The purpose of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is to provide emergency rental assistance for the payment of rents and utilities, and arrearages for the same, for low-income Tribal households that have disproportionately suffered from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To participate in the ERA Program, an applicant must first submit a complete, written application on the forms provided by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD). Applications for the ERA Pro-

gram can be submitted to STHD by mail, email, fax or dropping off the applications to the following address:

P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549
555 Tolowa Court, Siletz, OR 97380
Fax: 541-444-8313

For more information, contact Cova Metcalf at covam@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-444-1331; Jeanette Aradoz at jeanettea@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-444-1316; or either one at 800-922-1399.

Applications must be received by Dec. 1, 2021.

COVID vaccine availability in your area

Local IHS (Indian Health Service) or Tribal clinics may be an option for you to get your COVID vaccine. Give them a call to find out if this can possibly work for you.

FCC program helps with broadband, computer costs

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has a new program, the Emergency Broadband Benefit, which is being developed to provide relief to households that are struggling to pay for Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for those on Tribal lands.

Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop or tablet from participating providers if they contribute between \$10 and \$50 toward the purchase price. For more information, visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit).

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PROTECT OUR ELDERS SAVE OUR CULTURE GET VACCINATED

Elders are our culture keepers. They hold our stories, songs, and traditional ways of living.
Protect Our Elders.

AI/ANs are disproportionately impacted by the pandemic

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) AI/AN People have the highest COVID-19 hospitalization rate at 281 per 100,000 – a rate 5.3 times higher than for non-Hispanic Whites.



Why should we get vaccinated?

To protect yourself, your family and your community. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine adds one more layer of protection for you, your coworkers, patients, and family.

COVID-19 Guidance for Older Adults What you need to know



- Risk for severe illness with COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk.
- Certain medical conditions can also increase risk for severe illness.
- People at increased risk, and those who live or visit with them, need to take precautions to protect themselves from getting COVID-19.

What to Expect at your vaccine visit?



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What to Expect after your vaccine visit?

You may have some side effects, which are normal signs that your body is building protections and the side effects may feel like flu like symptoms, and they should go away in a few days.

Common side effects:

- Pain or swelling the injection area
- Fever, chills, tiredness or headaches

Helpful tips to reduce pain and discomfort:

- Apply clean, cool, wet washcloths over the area
- Lightweight movement of your arm

To reduce discomfort from fever:

- Stay hydrated and cool to reduce discomfort from fever

When to call the doctor:

- If the redness or tenderness where you got your shot increases after 24 hours. If your side effects are worrying you or do not seem to be going away after a few days

How to Protect Yourself and Others



- Wear a mask to protect yourself and others and stop the spread of COVID-19.
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arm lengths) from others who don't live with you.
- Avoid large gatherings and crowded spaces to lessen your contact with more people.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

We're on Facebook!

CTSI has several official Facebook pages that you can check out, including the new Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians page!

You can like us on Facebook to keep up to date with the Tribe, along with reading our official publications and visiting the Tribe's website at ctsi.nsn.us.



To find the official Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Facebook page, just search for **@CTSIgov**



For more information about the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society, visit siletzartsheritage.org.

Tribe distributes more than \$78,000 to help organizations assist communities

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has distributed \$78,775.75 to 25 organizations as it continues its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and current restrictions on gatherings of people, the reception originally scheduled for Feb. 5 was canceled.

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 more than \$14.6 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$18.8 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 million in cash and fund-raising 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 June 1, 2021. 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.**

Distribution of \$78,775.75

Education – \$23,734

Albany Public Schools Foundation – licensing, advisor kits and campaign materials for Sources of Strength suicide prevention and mental health curriculum; Albany, OR; \$6,660

Clemens Primary School – 80 copies of hardback story book for students' use at home during virtual reading lessons; Philomath, OR; \$1,280

Friends of the Lebanon Public Library – books for preschool to young adult ages for summer community reading program; Lebanon, OR; \$1,500

Newport Discovery Zoo – interior remodeling and supplies to improve reptile room and visiting area where children interact with animals; Newport, OR; \$5,000

Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals – Wi-Fi repeaters, modem and contract services to update website resources for STEM education; Hillsboro, OR; \$4,000

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library – replace window blinds in the library's study and meeting rooms; Siletz, OR; \$1,294

Tillamook Childcare – cribs, cubbies, rocking chairs and play equipment to establish new emergency childcare center; Tillamook, OR; \$4,000

Environment & Natural Resource Preservation – \$9,145

Greenbelt Land Trust – interpretive kiosk and signage for Bald Hill Farm natural area; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Lower Nehalem Community Trust – permanent educational signs at Alder Creek Farm Community Garden; Manzanita, OR; \$2,145

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership – support phase 2 of Oregon's Kitchen Table community outreach to inform Mid-Coast integrated water resource management plan; Seal Rock, OR; \$5,000

Health – \$16,912.75

Alsea Valley Gleaners – repairs to program vehicles and purchase of refrigerator cooler with glass doors; Alsea, OR; \$1,703

Bradley Angle – emergency food, supplies and services to assist survivors of domestic violence; Portland, OR; \$5,000

Bright Horizons Therapeutic Riding Center – tuition scholarships for 100 hours of equine-assisted activities and therapy; Siletz, OR; \$5,000

Jefferson Lions Club – support for eyeglasses, hearing aids, food pantry and Kids Diabetes Camp; Jefferson, OR; \$2,710

Mountain Gospel Fellowship – fuel costs for volunteer transporters who pick up and deliver fresh produce for good share distribution; Falls City, OR; \$1,100

Philomath Community Gleaners – food dryers for members to check out and use at home, and heavy duty storage racks for warehouse; Philomath, OR; \$1,399.75

Historical Preservation – \$10,000

Adair Living History – interior renovations of World War II-era structure for interpretive center; Adair, OR; \$5,000

Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education – design of exhibit and interactive virtual tour, teachers' guide, etc., for Discrimination and Resistance, An Oregon Primer; Portland, OR; \$5,000

Housing – \$4,000

Community Warehouse – assist 10 Native families at \$400 each with access and participation in home furniture bank; Portland, OR; \$4,000

Prevention – \$8,420

HIV Alliance – supplies, incentives, postage and technology for virtual Camp Alliance summer program for LGBTQ+ youth; Eugene, OR; \$2,420

Newport High School, Senior Graduation Party – alcohol- and drug-free graduation celebration; Newport, OR; \$500

Sprague High School, Senior Graduation Party – alcohol- and drug-free graduation celebration; Salem, OR; \$500

The Pathfinder Network – client supplies and materials for participants in the Caring Dads violence intervention program; Portland, OR; \$5,000

Public Safety – \$6,564

Alsea Community Effort – concrete generator pad and first fill of propane tank for emergency power system of community facility; Alsea, OR; \$1,564

East Lincoln County Emergency Responders – training curriculum and supplies for emergency responder continuing education requirements; Toledo, OR; \$5,000



Siletz Tribal Youth Council!

March 21st
11:00am
Via Zoom



Area Office Contact Info

Portland: Katy Holland
(503) 238-1512, Katyh@ctsi.nsn.us

Salem: Sonya Moody-Jurado
(503) 390-9494, Sonyamj@ctsi.nsn.us

Eugene: Nora Williams
(541) 484-4234, NoraW@ctsi.nsn.us

Siletz: Jacob Reid
(541) 270-1909, Jacobr@ctsi.nsn.us



Please join for opportunities to learn leadership, travel, & get to know CTSI youth from across Oregon (& beyond via Zoom)

Youth Council is for ages 12 to 24. Middle School, High School, & Higher-Ed students welcome!

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

Come Join Us for Mindfulness Monday!



*Event for CTSI Youth Ages 12-17
(Parents/Guardians of ages 5-11 youth please register and we can work out a different time)*

This event will take place on Mondays via Zoom from 4:00 pm to 5:00pm

Guided Meditation, Mindfulness Activities, and more!

Register by emailing:

Elizabeth Madden-
elizabethm@ctsi.nsn.us

How to access language materials online

Virtual speaking groups and beginning community classes will start online in mid-March. Contact Nick Viles (nickv@ctsi.nsn.us) for login information or drop by the Kick-off Q+A session on Saturday, March 13, at 11:30 a.m. for more information.

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 are available in this section. The Nuw-wee-ya' (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 structure and word order.

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. 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.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Mental Health Services & Life Alert

Mental Health Services

➤ What services are available?

- Counseling Services – individual or family
- 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 a PRC representative.

- Prior to making an appointment with a provider – confirm the provider will accept PRC as payment.

- Benefits are limited, first-come, first-served.

➤ 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 Crookes at 541-484-4234
- Portland – Andrew Johanson at 503-238-1512

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**

2021 Out-of-Area Benefits

The Tribal Council has approved Out-of-Area Benefits for 2021. 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 1-800-628-5720

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- Culturally Relevant Individualized Services
- Evaluations and Assessments
- Training Placement Opportunities
- Adaptive Equipment



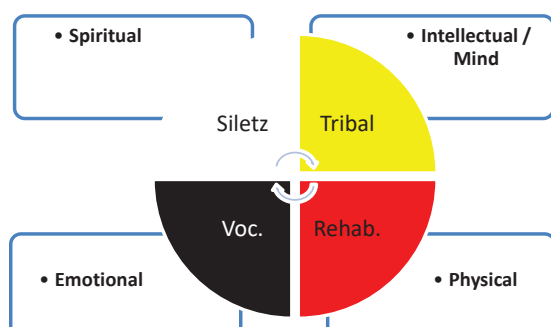
For more information about the STVRP, please inquire at 1-800-922-1399. Services are provided in ALL area offices, however, to inquire about services, ask to be transferred to the office nearest you listed below.

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2468 West 11 th Eugene, OR 97402	3160 Blossom Dr NE, Ste 105 Salem, OR 97305	201 SE Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380

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2021 Call-In Dates

April 1 and July 1 and Oct. 1

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Other Youth 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

Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- American Indian Education Fund Graduate/Undergraduate Scholarships
Deadline: April 4, 2021
- NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship
Deadline: April 30, 2021
- Cobell Scholarship
Deadline: April 2021
- Full Circle Scholarship
Deadline: May 31, 2021
- Assoc. on American Indian Affairs Undergraduate/Graduate Scholarships
Deadline: May 31, 2021
- Accenture American Indian Scholarships
Deadline: May 2021
- Wells Fargo Undergraduate Scholarships
Deadline: May 2021
- AIS Scholarship
Deadline: Varies
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College and University Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian s Science and Engineering Society (AISES) 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

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Close Date: 03/05/2021

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Students will also receive opportunities to raise their awareness of traditional ecological knowledge education and land-management practices in use today by Tribes.

Students can intern with the BIA, Tribe or a Tribal-related program.

Fellowships

- Native American Journalism Fellowship
Deadline: April 30, 2021
- Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Journalism Fellowship
Deadline: June 30, 2021
- 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

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

Outside Scholarships for NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

Cobell Scholarship
<http://cobellscholar.org/>
various scholarships available
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American Indian Services
<https://www.americanindiandiservices.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

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

March

- Check for four 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.

Visit OregonStudentAid.gov to check out more than 500 grant and scholarship opportunities.

PSU extends application deadline for BSW program

Due to the Portland State University closure during the February snow/ice storms, it is extending the Bachelor of Social Work Online Program application deadline to Monday, March 15. This means materials need to be **postmarked by March 15**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email bswadvising@pdx.edu.

CTSI Virtual College Info Night

Part III: Tribal Ed Programs and Financial Aid

THURSDAY,
APRIL 22
6:00 PM

online
via
zoom

Get Info About:

- ◆ Tribal Grants and Scholarships
- ◆ Important Deadlines
- ◆ Financial Aid Process
- ◆ Other Tribal Programs for Students
- ◆ Transitioning to College/University

All Students and Families Welcome

Contact katyh@ctsi.nsn.us to sign up and for login information

Tribal Council Timesheets for January 2021

Lillie Butler – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.25	2.25	4			1/4-6	TERO wkshp, packets
		2.5			1/7	Special TC – gaming
4.5	4.5				1/8-12	Packets
1	1		4		1/13	STBC mtg/packets, Eugene community mtg
2	2				1/14	Packets
2.75	2.75				1/15	Regular TC
4	4				1/18-20	Packets
3.75	3.75		.5		1/21-22	Siletz community mtg, STBC mtg, packets
10	10				1/25-28	ATNI, Council
1.5	1.5				1/29	Packets

Lorraine Y. Butler – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.25	2.25				1/3-5	TERO wkshp, packets
		1			1/7	Packets
		3.5			1/8	Special TC – gaming, packets
.75	.75		4		1/11-12	Packets
			3		1/13	STBC mtg
1.5	1.5				1/14	CP2, packets
2.5	2.5				1/15	Regular TC
1.5	1.5				1/21	OSU mtg, Siletz community mtg
			2		1/22	STBC mtg/packets
4	4				1/26-27	ATNI, packets
1.25	1.25				1/30-31	Discuss exhibit STAHS, packets

Reggie Butler Sr. – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
4.75	4.75				1/4-6	TERO wkshp, packets
		4.5			1/7	Special TC – gaming, packets
4.75	4.75				1/8-12	Packets
2.5	2.5		4.5		1/13-14	STBC mtg/packets, Eugene community mtg, packets
2.75	2.75				1/15	Regular TC
1.25	1.25				1/18	Packets
3.5	3.5				1/19-20	Mtg w/ Coquille, packets
3.5	3.5		.5		1/21-22	Siletz community mtg, STBC mtg, packets
11	11				1/25-28	ATNI, Housing, Council, packets

Sharon Edenfield – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75				1/4	STCCF
1.75	1.75				1/5	TERO, minutes, packets
		2.5			1/8	Special TC – gaming
2.5	2.75				1/15	Regular TC
1.75	1.75				1/19	Mtg w/ Coquille, STRCP, 477
1	1				1/21	Siletz community mtg
3.25	3.25				1/26-28	ATNI, 477, fed/Tribe briefing

Alfred Lane III – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5				1/5	TERO wkshp
		2.5			1/8	Special TC – gaming
.5	.5				1/14	Packets
2.5	2.75				1/15	Regular TC
.75	.75			4	1/19	Meet w/ Coquille, meet with City of Salem
1	1				1/21	Meet w/ OSU president, consent decree w/ GR
.5	.5				1/26	Consent decree wkshp

Delores Pigsley – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.25	2.25				1/1-5	TERO wkshp, mail, agenda items
.5	.5	.5			1/6	Mail, prep for council
.5	.5	4			1/8	Special TC – gaming, governor's conf call
2.5	2.5		1		1/9-12	Mail, prep for STBC mtg, agenda items
2	2		2		1/13-14	STBC mtg, conf call, mail
3	3				1/15	Regular TC, mail
2.5	2.5	.5			1/16-18	Mail, agenda items
2.75	2.75	3			1/19-20	Mtg w/ Coquille, OR Tribal gaming, mtg w/ City of Salem, mail, prep for mtg
1	1				1/21	Mtg w/ OSU president, mail
3	3				1/22-24	LCIS conf call, mail, agenda items
1.5	1.5	.5			1/25	Salem City Council mtg, mail
2	2				1/26	Council wkshp on consent decree, mail, agenda items
3	3	.5			1/27-28	Governor's call, mail, agenda items
3.75	3.75				1/29-31	LCIS, interviews, mail, prep for council

Selene Rilatos – 1/1/21-1/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.5	2.25				1/1-3	Packets, email, mail
2.5	2.75				1/4	Clinic mtg, packets, email
2.5	2.5				1/5	TERO wkshp, email, packets
2.75	2.75			1	1/6-7	Interviews, COVID, email
		5.5			1/8	Special TC – gaming, interviews, email
4	4				1/9-11	Email, packets, mail, COVID
1	1				1/12	Interviews, email
2.75	2.75		3		1/13	STBC mtg, Eugene community mtg, email, packets
1.25	1.25				1/14	Comm mtg, email
2.5	2.5				1/15	Regular TC
1.5	1.5				1/17-18	Email, packets
4.5	4.5				1/19-20	TC mtg, NWPAlHB, email
2.75	2.75				1/21-25	OSU mtg, email, mail, COVID
1.25	1				1/26-27	TC mtg, email, COVID

2021 Standing Committee Vacancies

Culture and Housing Positions Are Open Until Filled

Any Tribal member interested in consideration to serve on a committee 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 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) and 2 (second choice).

____ Housing Committee (2 vacancies)

____ Cultural Heritage Committee (2 vacancies)

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

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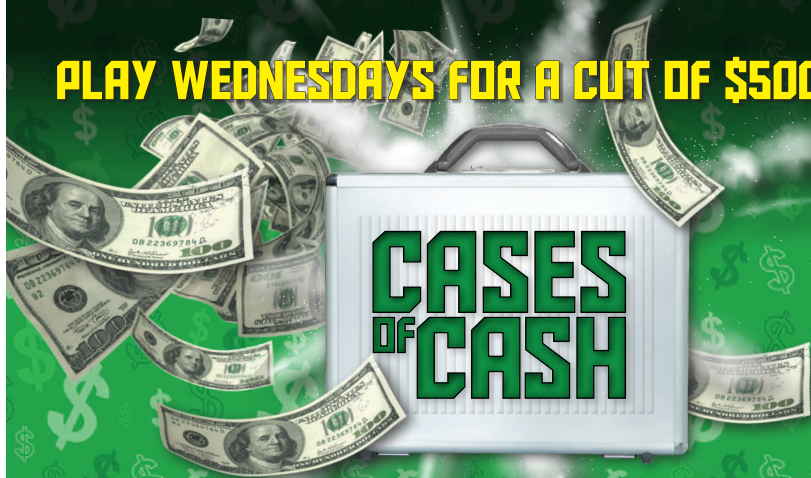


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OMSI engages new partners, including ATNI and CRITFC, to develop property

Metro awards \$750,000 grant to explore restoring American Indian presence to the Willamette as Portland Community College, Portland Opera join OMSI's master plan

PORTLAND, Ore. – While navigating immediate-term challenges wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is planning to expand science education for the community and build an endowment through the development of its property located on the southeast bank of the Willamette River in Portland's Central Eastside.

The 76-year-old science institution and newly engaged partners are envisioning and planning a new sustainable neighborhood, waterfront education park and inclusive community destination that restores the Native community's presence on the Willamette in the central city.

As OMSI advances the vision for the district and prepares for approval of the OMSI District master plan, it has engaged new partners. Metro recently awarded a grant to OMSI and the City of Portland to engage a broad coalition of partners to explore the possibility of developing a Center for Tribal Nations.

Led by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) and Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC),

the project seeks to leverage the redevelopment of the OMSI property to model a new partnership between the museum, Tribal and inter-Tribal organizations, and the City of Portland to restore the Native community's presence on the Willamette and address the shared challenges of sustainability, resilience and inclusion.

In addition, OMSI has partnered with Portland Community College (PCC) and the Portland Opera to engage them in master planning for the district. Their collaboration creates new opportunities to co-develop district-wide programming and leverage transportation investments to connect Portlanders to the city center.

"For many years, OMSI has been a critical partner for the larger Portland community and served as a center for knowledge, growth, the exchange of information, as well as a catalyst for the community to better understand the world around them," said James Parker, deputy director of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI).

Parker said OMSI and its partners are creating a model for other public-private partnerships across the country that can serve as a catalyst for educating the public about Tribal people's past, present and future.

"This project serves as a reconciliation for Native people. It underscores that

they need to be present, acknowledged, visible and provided space," said Laura John, Tribal relations director for the City of Portland. "Ultimately, as the city works towards our vision of making Portland a destination location for Native People – whether they're coming to visit or live and work here – having that space will help accomplish that vision."

As a part of Metro's grant, OMSI and its partners will host listening sessions this spring to engage with key groups from the community for the development of a waterfront education park. This process will include Native communities and stakeholders representing a wide variety of interests, such as bikers and commuters, birders and conservationists, and educators and swimmers. These sessions will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share their ideas for how the waterfront might be developed to create an inclusive community destination.

The waterfront education park will serve as an extension of OMSI's mission to educate about science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) while framing it within the context of cultural, historic, and Tribal knowledge relative to the Willamette River.

"What piqued our interest was the waterfront education aspect of it, which really meshes well with our goals," said Jeremy FiveCrows, public affairs specialist with the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fishing Commission (CRITFC). "When you

connect the city to a healthy, natural river, it allows you to reimagine the possibilities of how a river ecosystem can coexist with a city. In the end, we would like for people to understand why salmon and healthy rivers are important not only to Tribes, but also why they should be important to everybody."

FiveCrows said he looks forward to the day when people can learn about the river – its history and the people who have lived there before – and how they can make a positive impact on its future.

"As people learn about the river, they get interested. As their interest grows and they learn more, they become advocates. As they advocate for the river, they start to take action. And once people start to take action on behalf of the river, things change for the good," he said.

Plans for the OMSI district currently include:

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- A waterfront education park
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Toledo Art Committee now accepting applications for Phantom Galleries

TOLEDO, Ore. – The Toledo ART (Arts Revitalization of Toledo) Initiative is now seeking submissions from local and regional, including Tribal, artists who are interested in displaying their works in the new Phantom Galleries that will be installed on Toledo's Main Street. Submissions are open until March 8, 2021, and the application can be found online at tinyurl.com/ToledoARTApplication.

Phantom Galleries are small, temporary art galleries created in vacant storefronts to allow visitors to enjoy the works of local and regional artists in a COVID-safe environment. The galleries will not only enliven Toledo's Main Street but will also showcase available street-level storefronts that are ripe for new business development.

Each gallery will have information about the artist, their displayed work and how it can be purchased as well as the commercial space and its amenities. QR codes will allow visitors to scan and then visit the artist's page on ARTToledo.com, a website under development by students in the Digital Media CTE class at Toledo High School. The gallery backdrops were made possible by a generous donation from the Visual Arts Center of Newport.

"This project has energized an already enthusiastic class and has given the students the opportunity to work on a real-world project that will help their community," said Rachael Wallace, digital media instructor. "We could not have asked for a better project to partner on."

Artists are encouraged to apply to display their work, which will be selected

by the Toledo ART committee. The galleries will officially launch this spring with several events to follow in the spring and summer. The initial round of artists will be on display for 90 days in the galleries.

Future Toledo ART projects include art events, Main Street beautification work and a new mural program. If you would like to learn how to get involved in Toledo ART, please contact Rachael Maddock-Hughes at rachael@sequoiaconsulting.org.

"This project is the beginning of a vision that Toledo artist Michael Gibbons and I shared with each other back in 2008," said Toledo's Mayor Rod Cross. "I am excited for the future of where ART can go in our town. Toledo truly is where art and industry meet!"

ART is a project launched by the City of Toledo and supported by local businesses, nonprofits, the county and other stakeholders who are dedicated to revitalizing downtown to serve the needs of current residents and to breathe new life into Toledo's Main Street.

ART Committee members include the Timbers Restaurant and Lounge, Crow's Nest Gallery, Port of Toledo, Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County, Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society, Yaquina River Museum of Art, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, local artists, Toledo High School, Toledo Chamber of Commerce, Bank of the West, members of the community and more.

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Frank Aspria Sr.

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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.

Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Siletz News, Tribal employees, or Tribal Council.

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

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Happy 21st Birthday, Isaiah! You can now wander the casino freely.
Love, the Ben/Tomlinson families



Happy 5th Birthday, Crystin! You are now a whole hand.
Love, the Ben/Tomlinson families



Happy Birthday, Gerald! We won't tell how old you are.
Love, the Ben/Tomlinson families

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Happy Birthday to our Angel Dump-ling (Rylee) on March 1 and Pop on March 7! Hope you both have a wonderful birthday!
Love, Grandma/Deb and the rest of the Williams family



I would like to wish my twins, Elijah and Noah, a very Happy Birthday on March 4. I love you boys so very much.
Love, Mommy, Zay and Sissy

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Questions? Call 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322; fax: 541-444- 8313

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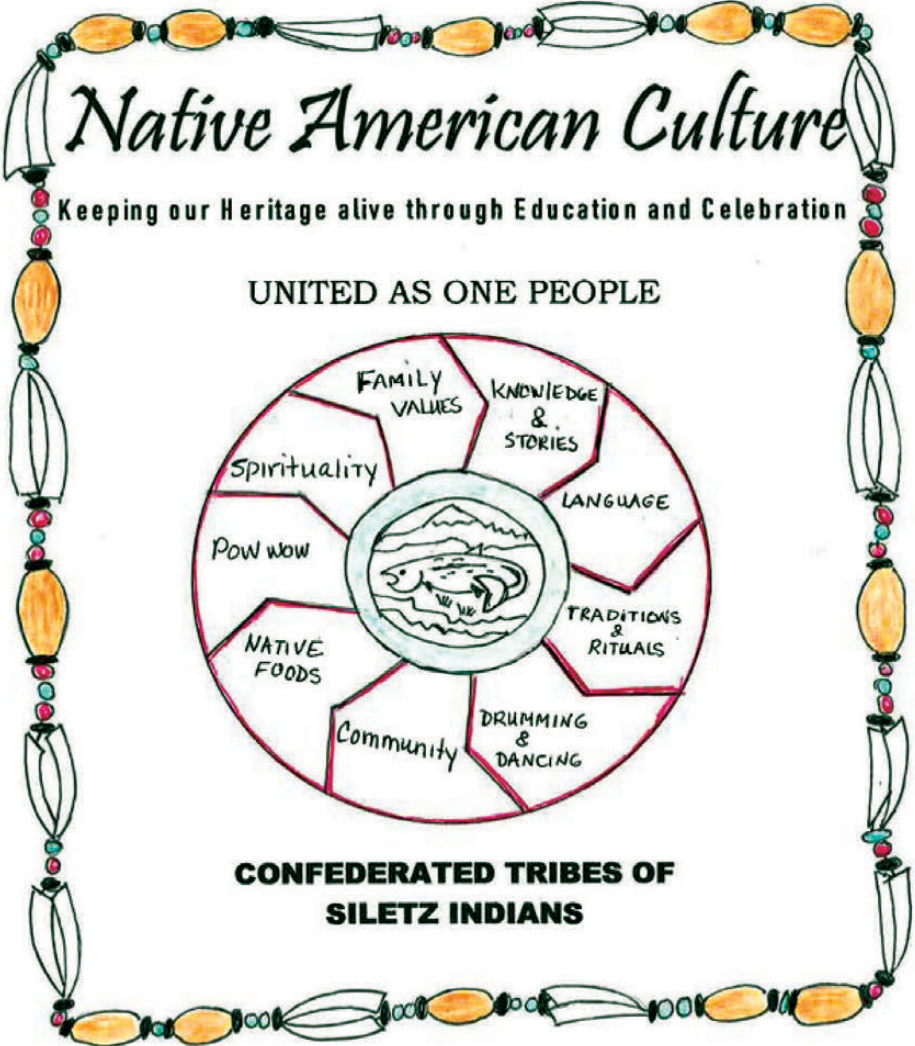


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