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Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley (fourth from left) and Vice Chair Bud Lane (third from left) help cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the Mamook Tokatee apartment building in Portland, Ore., on May 5. The 56 units of affordable housing are a collaboration between the Siletz Tribe. the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and Community Development Partners. Other participants included (from right) Sami Jo Difuntorum, executive director, Siletz Tribal Housing Department; Portland City Commissioner Dan Ryan; Metro President Lynn Peterson; State Rep. Tawna Sanchez; and Paul Lumley (second from left), CEO, NAYA.





Interior releases investigative report, outlines next steps in Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative

WASHINGTON – Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland today released Volume 1 of the investigative report called for as part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, a comprehensive effort to address the troubled legacy of federal Indian boarding school policies. This lays the groundwork for the continued work of the Interior Department to address the intergenerational trauma created by historical federal Indian boarding school policies.

This investigative report, released May 11, is a significant step by the federal government to comprehensively address the facts and consequences of its federal Indian boarding school policies – implemented for more than a century and a half – resulting in the twin goals of cultural assimilation and territorial dispossession of Indigenous peoples through the forced removal and relocation of their children. It reflects an extensive and first-ever inventory of federally operated schools, including profiles and maps.

The investigation found that from 1819 to 1969, the federal Indian boarding school system consisted of 408 federal schools across 37 states or then territories, including 21 schools in Alaska and seven schools in Hawaii. The investigation identified marked or unmarked burial sites at approximately 53 different schools across the school system. As the investigation continues, the department expects the number of identified burial sites to increase.

"The consequences of federal Indian boarding school policies – including the intergenerational trauma caused by the family separation and cultural eradication inflicted upon generations of children as young as 4 years old – are heartbreaking and undeniable," said Haaland. "We continue to see the evidence of this attempt to forcibly assimilate Indigenous people in the disparities that communities face. It is my priority to not only give voice to the survivors and descendants of federal Indian boarding school policies, but also to address the lasting legacies of these policies so Indigenous peoples can continue to grow and heal:"

"This report presents the opportunity for us to reorient federal policies to support the revitalization of Tribal languages and cultural practices to counteract nearly two centuries of federal policies aimed at their destruction," said Newland. "Together, we can help begin a healing process for Indian Country, the Native Hawaiian community and across the United States, from the Alaskan tundra to the Florida everglades, and everywhere in between."

Chairman's Report

Native American Rights Fund

I was pleased to be able to attend the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) 50th anniversary celebration in Aurora, Colo., in April of this year. I was invited as a guest speaker as NARF played a significant role in our Tribal Restoration effort prior to 1975 when I was first elected. Many Tribes and lawyers were present who assisted our Tribe back in the day when we had no funds whatsoever for any legal assistance.

Our good friend Charles Wilkinson also was in attendance. He expressed many fond memories of our Restoration effort, remembering all the folks with whom he worked. We reminisced about old times.

NARF continues to work on major Tribal issues; John Echohawk is still the executive director. We are proud of our association with the organization. Through charitable donations we fund a summer intern at NARF.

Mamook Tokatee

Our housing development in Portland (Mamook Tokatee) celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony with all of the partners (Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Community Development Partners) in May. The housing development is beautiful; we are extremely lucky to have the partners working with us and us with them.

Our housing director, Sami Jo Difuntorum, is to be commended for her work Paul Lumley, NAYA CEO. The artwork in the facility, organized by Phillip Hillaire, is outstanding.

Chemawa Indian School

The Portland regional director invited the Siletz, Grand Ronde and Coquelle Tribes to participate in a meeting at Chemawa with several Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) officials to

discuss Chemawa issues that have been discussed many times in the past. We are making some headway.

The issues have centered on upkeep of the old campus and the cemetery. Funds have not been allocated for the upkeep and Tribes have always insisted that it is the responsibility of the school. We toured the facility and all the surrounding grounds, including the cemetery where the grass was knee-high.

I also had the opportunity to have the BIA officials visit our future Salem casino property. It was a good visit and I let them know they will get an application from us soon and we look forward to them approving our project.

Memorial Day

Our Memorial Day ceremony took place on May 30 at the Paul Washington Cemetery on Government Hill. It was good to see so many of you there.



Delores Pigsley

STBC seeks landscape contractor(s) for

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation is looking for a suitable vendor/vendors to perform landscaping services for both vacant land and developed land in the Salem/Keizer area

properties in Salem/Keizer area

An RFP is available by contacting Ann Lewis, acting CEO for STBC, at 541-994-2142 or alewis@stbcorp.net. Proposals are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2022.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person meeting on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem, Ore.

If you have questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8233.

Editor's note: In the article on Nellie Orton in the May issue of Siletz News, Wolverton Orton's name was misspelled. Siletz News regrets the error.

CTSI Jobs – Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

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Deadline for the July issue is June 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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Election Board Application

Qualified Tribal members interested in serving on the Election Board are encouraged to fill out this application. The Election Board consists of three regular and two alternate members (this year's appointments will be staggered terms for one, two and three years and thereafter each year's appointments will be a three-year appointment).

Compensation: Election Board members are compensated at an hourly rate set by the Tribal Council in its annual budget for their time spent performing the duties as a member of the board.

Return applications to: Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Assistant to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax 541-444-8325; email Celestal@ctsi.nsn.us.

Deadline: Applications for consideration will be accepted through Aug. 11, 2022.

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National Family Reunification Month

When children have to be removed from their homes, the goal is almost always reunification. This June we recognize National Family Reunification Month, a time to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that goes into stabilizing, strengthening and healing families in order to allow children to return to their parents.

Research shows that reunification is more likely when parents receive adequate supports to make necessary changes in order to provide a safe and stable home. Several factors support successful reunification, including:

- Regular, quality visits with parents, siblings and relatives
- Culturally appropriate services and supports for parents
- Involving family and children in case planning and decision making
- Support from foster parents
- Involvement of extended family
- Permanency services after case closure

The ICW Department works with state agencies and community partners to ensure families receive the best services available to provide children with safety and stability, and whenever possible to return home quickly. Families whose children are removed need the support of their extended families and communities to meet that goal.

We all know the damage that child abuse and neglect can cause, but removal is in itself a traumatic event. Together, we can all work to support families in crisis and ensure that all children have a safe home. Child safety is everyone's responsibility.

CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME

Upcoming Dates:

June 8 at 6 pm: Tule and Cattail

July: No Virtual Class

August 24 at 6pm: Cooking Fish

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments
Contact Nick Viles at nickv@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-484-4234 x1757 to sign up

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USDA distribution dates for June

Siletz

Sammy Hall, USDA Program Director 541-444-8279; sammyh@ctsi.nsn.us Fax: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

Salem

Tuesday	June 21	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	June 22 9	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 23	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.





Join the CTSI Education Department as we celebrate and honor our 2022 Higher Education, AUT, and Masters graduates!

All students and their families are welcome!

June 23rd at 6pm via Zoom

Registration closes June 10th at 4:30pm

CONTACT YOUR AREA EDUCATION SPECIALIST TO SIGN UP AND GET THE ZOOM LINK

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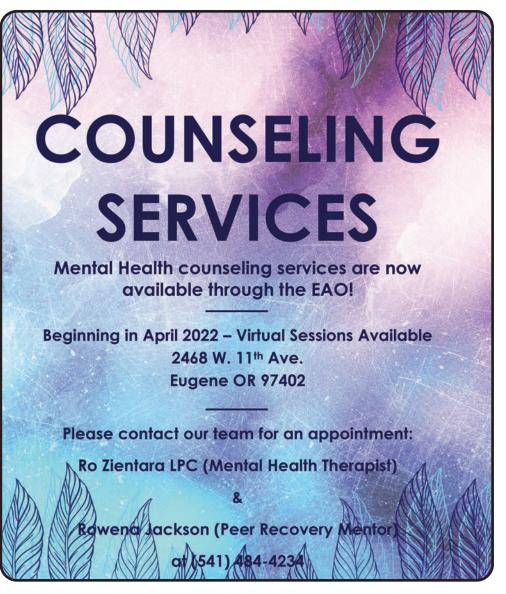
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General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Program

Formerly Over-Income Rehabilitation Grant

The Over Income Rehabilitation Construction Program funds over-income families with a \$10,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own.

The over-income grant is for eligible applicants and is limited to one grant per person/address/household. If you have already received a General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Grant, you are not eligible to apply.

If you have received services for the following programs, you are not eligible to apply for the General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Grant for five years: Down Payment Assistance, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program, NAHASDA Elders Replacement Program, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Elder Tribal Members, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Tribal Members, Homeownership Program/Mutual Help and BIA Self-Governance.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs, swimming pools, driveways, fences, etc.

Over-income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) as listed below:

1	2	3	Base 4	5	6	7	8
\$44,744	\$51,136	\$57,528	\$63,920	\$69,034	\$74,147	\$79,261	\$84,374

Applications, including proof of current annual income, enrollment and proof of homeownership with the Tribal member's name on it, must be submitted to the Housing Office Friday; July 29, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

Qualified applicants will be placed in the lottery drawing, which will be held during August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you would like an application or have any questions, please call Jeanette Mason at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.

Love your liver and gallbladder, part 2: Bitter flavors help balance the sweet ones

By Nancy Ludwig, MS, RDN, LD, Head Start Consulting Nutritionist

Last month, our topic was a focus on liver and gallbladder health as an essential way to support optimal digestion, immunity and overall well-being. This month, my focus is on foods and recipes to adopt into our lifestyles. In my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer nutrition information for families.

When we include bitter flavors in our diets, we encourage better digestion and balance. Even more important than the amount and timing of bitterness is the regular intake of bitter flavor as a habit over a long period of time. Even small amounts are better than none.

Too many sweet foods take our bodies further from balance. Some foods are very bitter, while others have bitter compounds but taste less bitter.

Historically, in the Bible, the people of Israel were commanded to have bitter herbs with their Passover lamb. Some of those bitter herbs included horseradish, endive, parsley and coriander seeds.

Herbal mixtures, called "bitters," can be purchased and used as digestive aids. These can be liquid or powder. Common ingredients in digestive bitters include gentian root, angelica, bitter orange, slippery elm, artichoke leaf, cardamom seed, milk thistle, cinnamon, ginger root, galangal root, dandelion and burdock. Bitters are also used in cocktails. I enjoy them sometimes in soda water as a non-alcoholic cocktail.

On a practical note, there are many greens that are easy to grow that count as bitters, such as arugula, collard, kale and mustard greens. There are also many edible wild greens that have bitterness, including amaranth, chickweed,

chicory, curled dock, dandelion, lamb's quarters, nettles, pokeweed, purslane and violet leaves.

There's a lot to be said for picking and eating wild greens. Some people harvest their weeds (greens) from their own backyards (no chemical spraying, please)!

When making **fresh salad**, combine bitter greens such as endive with milder lettuces to find a balance you can enjoy. Use bitter greens from the store, your garden or wild harvested.

Cooked greens are often easier to consume and because they cook down in volume, you can actually consume more greens per bite. For me, bitter greens are much more delicious with butter and some sort of acid, like lemon juice or raw apple cider vinegar.

Boiling, sautéing and stir-fry are my favorite ways to cook greens. I find that bitter ones are easier to enjoy when boiled because they become less bitter.

Remember, finding ways to enjoy our bitter foods is the key to establishing healthy habits and digestive health (i.e., loving our liver and gallbladder). The following suggestions may help in exploring ways to cook and use bitter greens:

- 1. When washing and preparing greens, discard tough stems and center ribs. Use leaves whole or in bite-size pieces, depending on preference.
- 2. If boiling, place greens in pan with 1 inch of water. Bring water to a boil, stir greens, cover, reduce heat and cook until tender to bite (5-15 minutes). Drain and save liquid for soup.
- 3. If sautéing or stir-frying, you may want to add other vegetables in the order of cooking required, such as hard carrots first. Stir-fry in hot oil (such as sesame or olive) until tender to bite (3-5 minutes). Sautéing is a

- gentler cooking method and more frequently used for tender greens.
- 4. Be creative. For a side dish, season with butter, lemon juice, vinegar or tamari. Sauté greens and add eggs for breakfast. Add greens to soups leftover or fresh.

Warm beverages can be another easy way to enjoy bitters. Chamomile and peppermint count as gentle bitter herbs and make pleasant tea for children.

Cinnamon and cardamom have bitter properties and are delicious in teas and other warm beverages, such as hot chocolate (go easy on the sugar). Chicory and dandelion root are used in tea blends or coffee replacements. Milk thistle can be ground and added to coffee for digestive support.

Fritters with dandelion and bitter herbs

- 2 cups fresh chopped greens, such as dandelion, nettle or other bitter greens
- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons almond meal/flour*
- 2 tablespoons coconut flour*
- Garlic powder and salt to taste (optional, add coriander)
- 2 tablespoons oil for frying (such as coconut oil)

Boil bitter greens for 10 minutes and drain well (save the pot liquor for drinking or reheating due to its high vitamin and mineral content). Make a batter with eggs, almond and coconut flour, garlic and salt that is thick enough to stick to the greens.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Mix greens into the batter or dip greens in batter. Fry both sides and serve.

* Alternatively, rice and garbanzo bean flour may be substituted

Wild Pesto

- 2 cloves garlic, fresh peeled (amount needed varies with your taste)
- ½ cup hazelnuts, walnuts or sunflower or pumpkin seeds
- 2 cups cleaned fresh dandelion leaves and other greens as desired, such as plantain, nettles, lamb's quarters or arugula. Add basil if you wish.
- ½ cup olive oil, extra virgin (or other oil)
 teaspoons lemon juice (helps cut the bitterness, as would dried tomatoes)
 ½ teaspoon salt

Blanch bitter greens in water to decrease the bitterness (blanching nettles will also reduce the sting). Use a blender or food processor. Start with garlic and blend until finely minced. Add nuts or seeds; grind with garlic. Add the blanched dandelion and other bitter greens plus additional fresh green herbs if desired; continue to chop.

As the mixture is chopping, pour in the oil. Stop when the consistency is appropriate. The oil protects the herbs from discoloring, as well as providing flavor and consistency. Remove from blender; enjoy. Adjust flavorings if needed, including herbs.

Serving ideas: Use with pasta or baked vegetables. Spread on crackers or fresh vegetables as a snack. Mix with mayonnaise to make aioli (sauce) for fish, steamed vegetables or artichokes. I make pesto in season and freeze it to use later.

Please know that 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.

Container Gardening class

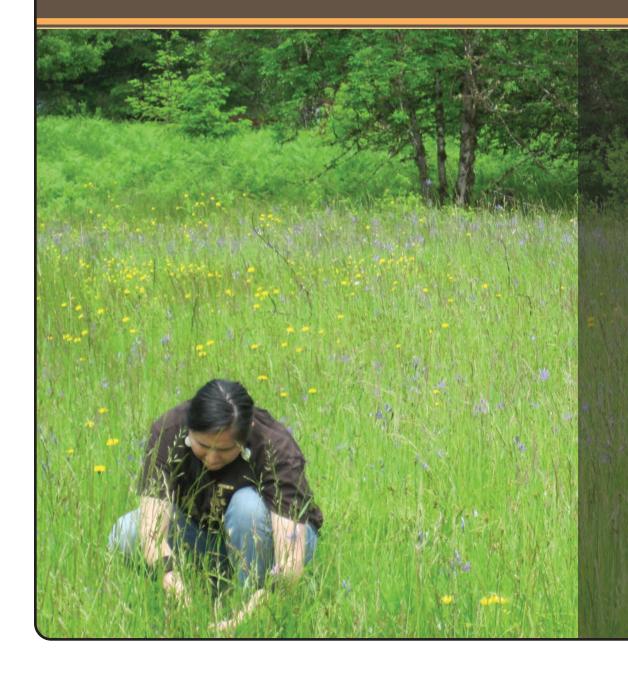
Friday 24th, 3-5:30pm Saturday 25th, 10am-1pm

Contact:
Kathy Kentta
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This activity is for Tribal members and their families



Our families continue to harvest as we have for thousands of years.



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Saturday June 18th

Call or email to sign up today so you can get directions!

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Health Benefits of Quitting Smoking

- 20 Minutes after quitting —Your heart rate drops. (CDC)
- 12 hours after quitting Carbon monoxide levels in your blood drop to normal. (CDC)
- A few months after quitting —Your sense of smell and taste may improve. (National Cancer Institute)
- 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting —Your heart attack risk begins to drop. Your lung function begins to improve. (CDC)
- 1 to 9 months after quitting —Your coughing and shortness of breath decreases. (CDC)
- 1 year after quitting —Your added risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a smoker. (CDC)
- 5 years after quitting —Your stroke risk is reduced to that of a nonsmoker, 5-15 years after quitting. (CDC)
- 10 years after quitting —Your lung cancer death rate is about half that of a smokers. Your risk of cancers of the mouth, throat, esophagus, bladder, kidney, and pancreas decreases. (CDC)
- 15 years after quitting —Your risk of coronary heart disease is back to that of a nonsmoker. (CDC)

June is National Cancer Survivor Month

National Cancer Survivors Day was established to recognize those who have successfully fought or are in the process of fighting the disease. It would not be surprising to find out that each one of us knows a person who has either succumbed to cancer or is currently battling the disease. That is simply how prevalent the disease has become, alarmingly affecting the lives of millions of Americans. This month of June, we take time to celebrate National Cancer Survivor Month as these brave survivors have managed to prevent the disease from taking their lives and deserve all the praise and support they need to get on with their lives after cancer.

Who exactly are these survivors? Experts from the American Cancer Society and the National Cancer Institute define a cancer survivor as any individual who has been diagnosed with cancer and remains alive and well. This includes patients who are currently undergoing treatment as well as those who have finished treatment and are considered cancer-free.

The good news. Thanks to a number of treatment options in both conventional and holistic cancer treatment, people are living longer lives after a cancer diagnosis.

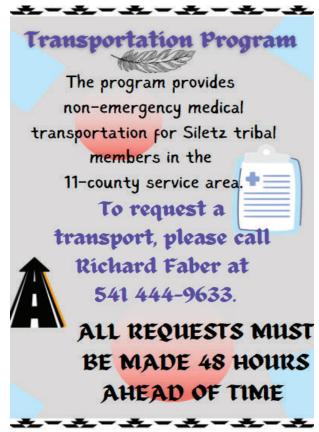


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Health Department **EVENTS**

Community Health and PRC Show Their Support for Sexual Assault Victims by Wearing Denim on April 27, 2022



TNASU – Indian Ed SAAM Necklace Making and MMIP Assembly







JUNE 2022

Virtual Book Club

Every Thursday @ 3:30 pm

New Trauma Support Group

Starts June 8 and continues every Wednesday after, until finished.

Virtual Talking Circle

Thursday, June 23, 2022

@ 5:30 pm

Contact Rachelle Endres at rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us





Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

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Educating and empowering our community to live a healthy,

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CARE office line and DV Advocate:

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Education/Outreach

(541) 444-9638

24- Hour Hope Line: (541) 994-5959

- C Community
- A Awareness
- R Respect
- E Empowerment





shower facilities.

To make an appointment, please call the Community Health resource line at (541) 444-9613.

Area office accomplishments/successes in 2021 and 2022 Eugene Area Office

Our office is fully staffed with a variety of programs to serve our Tribal community. Programs include 477-SSP, Community Health, Behavioral Health, Education, Vocational Rehabilitation and Culture/Language. Our office works with Tribal community members living in Lane, Linn and Benton counties.

The Eugene office is always working on making good community connections to better support our Tribal community. One very strong connection we have made is with Food for Lane County. We are currently involved in their Produce Plus Program, which has been a huge support to our members. Each week, staff travel to FFLC to pick up produce/bread, bring it back to the office and make it available for those in need.

Month/Year	Number of individuals served	Number of house- holds served
January 2021	148	49
February 2021	281	98
March 2021	289	92
April 2021	207	65
May 2021	207	61
June 2021	281	84
July 2021	206	54
August 2021	300	91
September 2021	171	56
October 2021	254	87
November 2021	163	54
December 2021	100	32
January 2022	176	63
February 2022	203	65
March 2022	287	86
April 2022	203	63

Impact stories from a few Tribal members who pick up food from the office

"It's been a huge help. I hardly have to buy any fresh fruits and veggies. Since my mom passed, I buy groceries for a household of seven. This saves me a lot of money. Now I eat plain yogurt, never thought that would happen. Very little goes to waste. I make sure to use everything because I would feel bad if it did go to waste and someone else could have used it. Also it pushes me to cook more and not eat out as much. I am always making new things; last night I made roasted garlic for the week. I'm excited to use it. I have found different ways to use the meatballs; they are good in the air fryer. I have put them in spaghetti and on pizza. I actually found a recipe to make the pizza crust with the plain yogurt from the family food box. I then used the cheese from the box and the meatballs. I have all these new habits. I cut apples/oranges and put them in baggies each week for ready-to-grab snacks. I cut the brick of cheese into chunks as snacks as well. I have also started making cabbage steaks."

"I am grateful for the Trillium Produce Plus Program. These foods impact me positively weekly. I get excited to visit the distribution spot where I am exposed to my community. The foods I receive nourish my mother as well as myself. I learn to incorporate items that I wouldn't normally choose with the help of the amazing staff at the Eugene Area Office offering ideas and recipes. I am more likely to use up foods given to me quickly and readily. The ability to attain foods without having to traverse grocery stores during a pandemic has also been a great benefit. Thank you for the awesome work in making this program available to me!"

Another community partner we have been working with is the NAACP. They have a really nice pantry that we are invited to "shop" in for needed items for our community members. These items are non-perishable food items as well as hygiene products. This has been a great addition to Food for Lane County because these items have a longer shelf life and the hygiene products are necessities.

Month/Year	Number of households who picked up
August 2021	8
September 2021	0
October 2021	19
November 2021	6
December 2021	3
January 2022	5
February 2022	14
March 2022	15
April 2022	13

In 2021, we held two successful socially distant events for our community.

The first was a barbecue on the go, along with a mask decorating contest. Staff worked together to prepare a full dinner with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and dessert. Community members arrived and in the safety of their cars, picked up dinner and mask decorating supplies. We served 91 dinner plates and received many entries for the mask decorating.

The second activity was a soup-in-a-jar and culture craft event. Staff made chicken noodle soup-in-a-jar kits. The jars contained all the ingredients to make a family-size pot of soup. Each household member also chose a cultural craft activity to take home and complete.

This was a well-received event as 35 households picked up soup and crafts. Many have called the office since to request the soup recipe.

Our goal for 2022 is to offer four events/activities for our community members. So far this year we have completed one event and we have one in the planning stage.

In March we held a drive-through Indian taco event. Staff worked together to make more than 160 pieces of fry bread and all the toppings for a delicious dinner. We also made up key chain kits as a take-home project. We served 95 taco plates.





Salem Area Office

The Salem Area Office is home to many Tribal programs, including Alcohol/Drug, Mental Health, Home Visiting, Education, Community Health and 477-SSP, plus community, holiday and culture events for Salem Area Office Tribal members.

Many departments exist within these programs, including:

- Education: JOM program for children age 3-18, Adult Education, Adult Vocational Training and Higher Education
- 477-SSP: Tribal Aid to Needy Families, General Assistance to single adults, Work Experience, Youth Work Experience, Emergency Assistance, client training and growth conferences
- Community Health: Nutrition, Health, Diabetes advocates and prevention, Elder assistance, health and immunization screenings at Head Start, car seat program, cooking and food preservation classes, and wellness clinics
- Vocational Rehabilitation: Provides support to overcome barriers to employment, job coaching, résumé writing, interview practices, employment success
- Peer Mentoring: Provides support and assists Tribal members in re-entry services.
- Alcohol and Drug: counseling, prevention awareness/support, and talking circles.
- Mental health: Youth counseling, marriage counseling, and crisis intervention and prevention
- Home Visiting: Parenting programs and trainings, mentorship while families participate in the program
- USDA: Food and nutrition program that provides food to families
- Indirect staff: Assist all program staff as well as provide assistance to Tribal members with programs not staffed in the Salem area, such as housing programs, energy assistance, program applications and updates, Tribal IDs, per capita, minor trust, enrollment applications, elders and health clinic-related inquires, updates and forms

In a community office, staff also has additional duties that for most of us include some of the following:

- Assisting with community events, meetings and distributions such as fish, health fairs and clinics, Tribal meetings and Covid-related programs
- During the recent heat waves, distributing foot baths, neck cooling scarfs and water, and telephoning at-risk Tribal members to do safety checks
- Tribal Council provides funding so area offices can hold community, holiday and culture events based on the area's individual interests and requests. When funds allow and we can locate instructors through staff or volunteers, we are also able to have teacher-led experiences for our service area.

See Salem on next page

Salem, continued from previous page

Here is a list of classes/activities we have held to meet those needs during 2021 and 2022:

- Moccasin making instruction
- Medicine bags
- Flat peyote-beaded pens
- Freezer jam
- Drum making
- Shawl making
- Shell necklaces
- Bear grass weaving
- Holiday events included beaded Christmas ornaments, Native-style stars, and bone and bead snowflakes

This year we have completed peyote and flat stitch projects. We are planning for the rest of the year and hope to include a jam making class, basic crochet, dream catchers, ornament drum painting, leather/beaded gift pouches and a basic sewing skills group to acquaint people with using a sewing machine.

Covid has not been a pleasant time, but Salem office staff truly are champions when it comes to being responders and forward thinkers. Staff teamed up with the Elders Program to divide the entire service area into equal sections and each staff person "masked up" and went out to deliver elder packages to every elder residence in our service area.

Staff donated material and along with stretchy cord donated by Chinook Winds made more than 200 masks and mailed them out to those in need. Since elder volunteers had canvased the Salem area and provided many of them with masks, the SAO teamed up with the Eugene area supervisor and mailed masks to elders and at-risk Tribal members in the Eugene area.

Salem became a drop-off and pickup station for other areas. Staff received packages, sanitized them and kept track of contamination times before forwarding to be opened and used safely.

During the canyon fires, the Salem staff was involved in assisting Tribal members who either lost their homes or were displaced. We gathered bear grass and cattail and dried, sorted and packaged it for weaving kits to send to interested Tribal members.

Youth Antlerless Elk Hunt Applications Due July 1, 2022 3 Tags

Hunt runs from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31

Applications available at kiosk at the back door of the Tribal admin building in Siletz and on the Tribal website under Natural Resources beginning June 1

Open to Tribal youth age 12-17 who have a valid Hunter Safety Card

Call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 if you have questions

Greetings, fellow Siletz Tribal members and community!

As we move into the summer of 2022, we want to an update about the happenings at the Portland Area Office (PAO).

Undoubtedly 2021 was another rough year for many if not all of us.

As we move further into this year, we remain optimistic about the remainder of 2022 and what it will bring. Being a Tribal office in Phase 2 has meant that we are still closed to in-person visits and large gatherings. We want you to know, however, that we too miss visiting, meeting and having regular contact with you like we did before Covid.

We are happy to say we're still here, serving Tribal members as always.

We continue to prepare for that future date when we can open our doors again

In 2021 we were busy making improvements to the area office that included a front door intercom/ doorbell, a temperature reading station and many hand sanitizing stations throughout the

Portland Area Office office. All improvements have been made

office. All improvements have been made with the safety of everyone in mind.

The Tribe has installed a perimeter fence around the Portland Area Office. Taking into account rising crime rates throughout the Portland Tribal service area, we've taken these measures to ensure your safety when visiting in the future.

We also resumed our three-part community craft series, taking place in May through July. Each month we send out athome beaded necklace kits by mail with some pretty awesome color schemes for folks to work with. We anticipate more participation in the series as time goes on.

As always, programs are still available in the office, such as Education, Self-Sufficiency, Alcohol/Drug and Behavioral Health counseling, and Community Health services. Our programs and their components are the same as those at the Eugene and Salem area offices, complete with exceptional staff available to provide those services to you.

Looking back on 2021

In August, we hosted our first drive-

through salmon distribution. All Tribal members who showed up that day were served salmon and cooling kits.

From October through December, we had a lot of participation in our adult culture craft series by mail. The series included a dream catcher kit, pine needle basket kit and beaded necklace kit.

In December, we hosted our first remote holiday event called Santa's Reindeer Games, which included prizes, small gifts, activities and games with grand prizes for any Siletz household that signed up in advance. The event was well-received by those who participated. We are pleased so many folks enjoyed it!

We at the Portland Area Office are here to serve. We will continue to serve and to provide activities and programs. We will have more changes and updates for you in the very near future!

In closing, we hope that 2022 brings you health and safety, and look forward to when we can all gather in person again.

Until then! Warm regards, Portland Area Office Team

2022-2023 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

Tribal offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions. Tribal members who want a tag should call to have tags mailed to them beginning the first date of tag issuance – 541-444-8227 or 541-444-8232.

	Type of Tag	Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance	
Deer	Early Archery***	50	8/27-9/25	8/1 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first- served*	
	General Rifle	375	10/1-11/4**	8/15	First-come, first- served*	
	Antlerless – Adult	12	10/1-11/4	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/26 ; drawing 9/6; tags issued 9/7	Lottery – open to elders only	
	Antlerless – Youth	8	10/1-11/6	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/26 ; drawing 9/6; tags issued 9/7	Lottery – open to youth ages 12-17 only	
	Late Archery	50 (minus # of early season tags filled)	11/19-12/11	First Distribution: 10/17 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 10/31 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first-served*	
Elk	Antlerless – Youth	3	8/15-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due 7/1 ; drawing 7/5; tags issued 7/6	Lottery – open to youth ages 12-17 only	
	Early Archery	25	8/27-9/25	8/1 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-come, first- served*	
	1 st Season Rifle	25	11/12-11/15	Lottery applications available 8/29; due 9/23 ; drawing 10/3; tags issued	Lottery	
	2 nd Season Rifle	25	11/19-11/25	10/4	Lottery	
	Antlerless	15	1/1/23- 3/31/23	Lottery applications available 8/29; due 9/23 ; drawing 10/3; tags issued 12/1	Lottery	
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/26-12/11	First Distribution: 10/17 at 8 a.m. at NR office Second Distribution: 10/31 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-come, first - served*	
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	8/15	First-come, first- served	

^{*} No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must call to have a tag mailed no earlier than the first day of distribution.

*** Unfilled Deer Early Bow tags must be returned to Natural Resources by 10/7.

NOTE 1: A Tribal member can obtain only **one** elk tag in their name during the 2022-2023 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: *First Distribution:* For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags).

Second Distribution: For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.

^{**} Season for youth ages 12-17 is 10/1-11/6 (two additional days at end of general season)

Siletz Health Clinic has COVID vaccines, boosters available for the community

The Siletz Community Health Clinic continues to offer COVID-19 vaccinations every Friday. Times of the vaccination days may change based on need or new information received from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and/or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Our vaccine clinics are open to anyone who would like a vaccine and is within categories recommended to get a COVID-19 vaccine. You do not have to be a Siletz Tribal member or live in our community, and you do not need an appointment – just arrive between the opening and closing hours.

We offer Pfizer for 5-11 year olds; Pfizer for 12 years and older; and Moderna for 18 years and older.

You can receive a first, second and third dose of COVID-19 vaccine, and first and second booster doses. Please note that the third dose is for those individuals who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

The second booster dose is for those individuals who are immunocompromised and/or age 50 years or older or fall into the categories in the Thinking About Getting a Second Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Dose flyer (see below) and have received your first booster at least four months prior.

We encourage BIPOC communities to consider getting vaccinated as we are the communities who may be at greater risk from the COVID-19 virus because sometimes we lack the ability to get proper

health care when we are sick. The Siletz Clinic offers a safe, non-judgmental place to receive a vaccination. As always, vaccination is free of charge.

If you know someone who is looking to get vaccinated and they are unsure of where to turn, please recommend our facility. We have notices on our social media pages or they can call the Covid Line for information on vaccine days and times at 541-444-9636. We also have information on that line for getting a new vaccine card. The message has a lot of information on it, so please be patient if you need specific details. The Covid Line is checked Monday through Friday.

Please consider getting a vaccination if you have any of the conditions listed below. The CDC reports that based on current evidence, persons with any of these condition are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19.

If you have one or more of the conditions, you may be more likely to be hospitalized, need intensive care, require a ventilator to help you breathe or even die. The list below is not in order of risk.

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
 - Asthma, if it's moderate to severe
 - Bronchiectasis (thickening of the lungs' airways)

- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia (chronic lung disease affecting newborns)
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), including emphysema and chronic bronchitis
- Damaged or scarred lung tissue, such as interstitial lung disease (including idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis)
- Pulmonary hypertension (high blood pressure in the lungs)
- Cystic fibrosis, with or without lung or other solid organ transplant
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Disabilities
 - Any type of disability that makes it more difficult to do certain activities or interact with the world around them, including people who need help with selfcare or daily activities
 - Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
 - Cerebral palsy
 - Birth defects
 - Intellectual and developmental disabilities
 - Learning disabilities
 - Spinal cord injuries
 - Down syndrome
- Heart conditions (heart failure, coronary artery disease, cardiomyopathies

- and possibly high blood pressure [hypertension])
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised condition or weakened immune system
- Mental health conditions (mood disorders, including depression, and schizophrenia spectrum disorders)
- Overweight and obesity
- Physical inactivity (little or no physical activity)
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell trans-
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease, which affects blood flow to the brain
- Substance use disorders
- **Tuberculosis**

Visit https://www.cdc.gov/ coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions. html) for more in-depth information.

Getting vaccinated is a very personal choice; we want everyone to be safe and healthy. Even if you choose not to get vaccinated, you can keep yourself and your family safe by wearing a mask in areas of large groups/gatherings. Maintain distance between yourself and people you do not know, stay home if you are sick and remember to sanitize your hands frequently.

Be safe. Get vaccinated. Get boosted. Stay well.



Thinking About Getting a

Second COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose

In March 2022, CDC updated its COVID-19 vaccination guidance to say that certain groups of people may get second boosters. If you're in one of those groups, it's up to you whether or not to get a second booster right now, based on the benefits and risks the vaccine may provide to you. Your healthcare provider can help you review your options.

Here are factors to think about as you consider a second booster.

- 1. Are you eligible?
- Right now, you're eligible for a 2nd COVID-19 booster if you're:
- 50 years of age and older and received an initial booster at least 4 months ago. 12 years of age and older and moderately or severely immunocompromised and received an initial booster at least 4 months ago
- Received 2 doses of Janssen vaccine at least 4 months ago
- 2. Are you (or is someone you live with) more likely to

get very sick?

Certain factors can make it more likely someone will get very sick from COVID-19. If you are eligible for a second booster (see above), it may be helpful to get a second

- booster now if you are (or if someone you live with is): Moderately or severely immunocompromised
- More likely to get very sick from COVID-19 More likely to be exposed to COVID-19 through your job, where you live, or other
- factors (such as frequent travel or large gatherings) In an area with medium to high COVID-19 community levels
- 3. Can you wait?

Even if you are eligible for a second booster, you may consider waiting to get a second booster if you:

- Had COVID-19 within the past 3 months
- Feel that getting a second booster now would make you not want to get another if a new vaccine for a future COVID-19 variant becomes available).
- If you get a second booster:

 Make sure it's been at least 4 months since your last COVID-19 booster. Remember that second boosters can only be Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech (and for 12-17 year-olds, only Pfizer-BioNTech)

You can self-attest that you have a moderately or severely weakened immune system. This means you do not need any documentation that you have a weakened immune system to receive COVID-19 vaccines (including boosters) wherever they're offered.

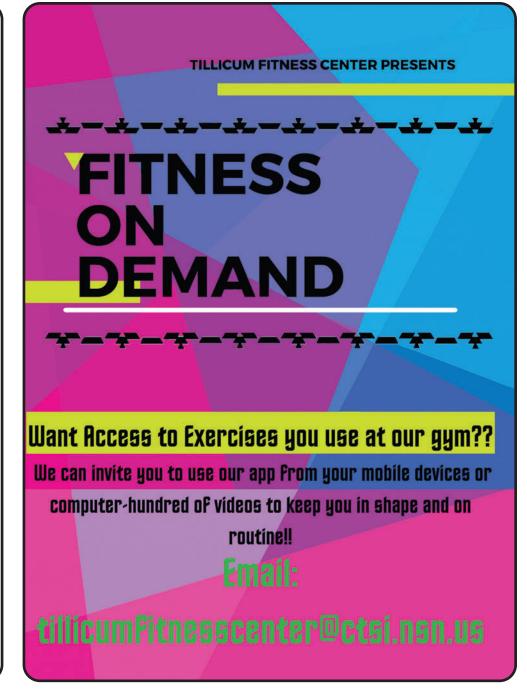
CDC References and Resources:

COVID-19 by County www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html Interim Clinical Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Approved or Authorized in the United States: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/interim-considerations-us.html Interim COVID-19 immunization Schedule for Ages 5 Years and Older: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/downloads/COVID-19-immunization-schedule-ages-5yrs-older.pdf

People with Certain Medical Conditions

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html
U.S. COVID-19 Vaccine Product Information: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/info-by-product/index.html





PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE

WHAT IS PRC AND HOW DO WE USE IT?

June 21 from 6 – 6:30 PM on Zoom

Join the Siletz PRC staff for a presentation about Purchased/Referred Care, the authorization process and how to prevent the denial of services. There will be time at the end of the evening for Q&A.

All Tribal members are invited to join us!

To sign up: Email SiletzPRC@ctsi.nsn.us or call 541-444-9648

Purchased/Referred Care Updated Hours Effective May 2022 PRC will be open to calls: 8 AM to 11 AM and 2 PM to 4:30 PM PRC will be closed for calls during admin time between 11 AM-2 PM for lunch, team meetings and to process claims. During admin time and after hours, calls will go to

Vocational Rehabilitation Eligibility Awareness

June Awareness: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) affects people in different ways. Some people may develop PTSD after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like war zone combat, a natural disaster, sexual assault or a car accident. PTSD can affect anyone at any age.

Symptoms (varies from individual to individual):

- Upsetting memories, nightmares of reliving the incident
- Intrusive thoughts or feelings, i.e., guilt
- Feeling on edge or numbness
- Trouble sleeping after a traumatic event
- Avoiding people, places or memories of the trauma
- Increased alertness, anger, irritability, rage or hatred

PTSD affects people in different ways. At first, it may be difficult to do daily activities you are used to doing, like going to work or to school, or spending time with people you care about. Most people start to feel better after a few weeks or months. For some people, PTSD symptoms may start later or they may come and go over time.

If it's been longer than a few months and thoughts/feelings from the trauma are upsetting you or causing problems in your life, you may have PTSD. Your primary medical provider may refer you to a mental health clinician who can work with you to overcome the effects of trauma Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (nih.gov).

The Siletz job developer/vocational rehabilitation counselors are available to assist you with your vocational needs:

Jamie Bokuro (Siletz) 541-444-8266

Makayla Jackson (Eugene) 541-484-4234, ext.1752

Tamra Russell (Portland) 503-238-1512, ext.1411

Toni Leiia (Salem) 503-390-9494, ext.1861

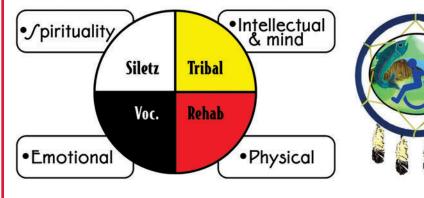
Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

the PRC voicemail and will be processed accordingly.

STVRP is here to help members of ANY federally recognized Tribe (living within the Siletz Tribe's service area) with barriers to employment. We work with individuals who have disabilities.

Examples of Services

- Guidance and counseling
- · Referral to employment services
- Résumé writing
- Interviewing techniques
- Job coaching
- Culturally relevant and individualized services
- Evaluations, assessments and training placement opportunities
- · Adaptive equipment



For more information about STVRP, please inquire at 800-922-1399. We also maintain resource and employment boards, so please make an appointment if you're interested. You can speak to VR staff in the following locations:

Makayla Jackson Job Developer/Counselor Eugene Area Office 2468 W 11th Ave. Eugene, OR 97402

541-484-4234, ext. 1752

Tamra Russell

Job Developer/Counselor/TSS 1

Portland Area Office

Portland Area Office 12790 SE Stark St., STE 102 Portland, OR 97233 503-238-1512, ext. 1411 Toni Leija
Job Developer/Counselor
Salem Area Office
3160 Blossom Dive NE, STE 10

3160 Blossom Drive NE, STE 105 Salem, OR 97305 503-390-9494, ext. 1861

Jamie Bokuro Intake Specialist/Job Coach Siletz Area Office 201 SE Swan Ave. Siletz, OR 97380 541-444-8266

Missing Moccasins

What is a Missing Moccasin? This is a Tribal member who has an invalid address on file with the Siletz Enrollment Department. The Enrollment Department or other Tribal department (Accounting, Elders, Elections, etc.) has received returned mail for the Tribal member that was undeliverable.

Enrollment staff attempts to contact the Tribal member at the most recently provided phone number and/or email address. If the Tribal member does not answer or return the call and it is determined there is no way to reach the Tribal member, they will be added to the Missing Moccasin list for publication in Siletz News and posting on the Tribal website.

In order to receive any mail from the Tribal administration building, including per capita checks, 1099-MISC tax forms, election information and Siletz News, the Tribal member must submit their address change on the Enrollment form "Address and Contact Information Update." For security reasons, address changes are not accepted over the phone; the address change must be in writing.

As of May 10, 2022, at noon, there are 70 adult Siletz Tribal Missing Mocca-

sins. If you are on this list, please update immediately. There are also 10 children with an invalid address. If you are not receiving the annual statement of your child's minor trust account, they may have an invalid address on file. Children's names are not published.

If you know someone on this list, please ask them to contact the Enrollment Department to have a form sent to them. The form is also available on the Tribal website at www.ctsi.nsn.us under Government, then select Enrollment; or at any of the four area offices. If you have any questions, contact the Enrollment staff at 541-444-8258.

Aaron Scott Adams Jose Frede Aguilar-Rodriguez II Jillianne Leigh Arden Delight Rose Attebury Emely Nicole Avila Russell Gage Ryan Barnhurst Amy Marie Bayya Manuel Joseph Bayya Kyle Carl Beals Kenneth Cody Blacketer Mark Steven Bremer Jr. Adam Charles Bremner

Jarron Lester Brown **Barry Curtis Butler** Clayton Lee Butler Dent Ward Butler Jacob Dylan Lightening Bear Butler Zocyus Leroy Butler Darod Anthony Cheek Elise Marie Cook Sarah Jean Cook Vidal Rene Davis Dennis Augustus Davis-Hawkins Amanda Renee Dorame Jacob Dylan Downey Anne-Marie Eddings David Roy-Lee Erickson Sonva Rae Foster Chay Anthony Gene Gilbert Jordan Marcus Glickert Mosher Adam Hall William Patrick Hall Rhiannon Yvonne Hamel-Fox Robert Nelson Harrison Erik Daniel Hochstetler Jr. Lilliana LeAnn Hochstetler Shatara Rosemarie Holmes Fredrick Duane Hostler Griffin Jay John II Travis James Douglas Johnson Ryan Fredrick Knight Jr.

Brandon Taylor Lane Mason Leach Steven Dean Martin Ashley Pearl Marzan Joshua Jesse McKnight Jr. Danica Lea Montana Jacqueline Rita Moreno Christopher A. Mortenson Mariah Jean Mortenson Stacie Ann Mortenson Patrick Robert Olson Korey Matthew Orloff Myckeal Irwin Parker Tiernan Rhyse Pettit Shane Michael Plumondore-Rife Delisa Marie Rafaela-Carmona Christopher Lee Ray Charles Eugene Richardson Seajay Phillip Lee Saunders **Dustin Derek Scott** Athena Shepherd Kyle Scott Spangelo Tori Lynn Spangelo Margaret Cecelia Swanson **Doniven David Tompkins** Antoinette Mary Van Kirk Vera Mae Vasquez Athena Marie Wedel David Earl Yarbrough

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





Tipi Drawing

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	_Roll#:

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug 12-13, 2022. One entry per household. Must be a Siletz Tribal member to enter. Deadline for entries is June 30, 2022. Names will be drawn soon after the deadline. Return the form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi Drawing, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

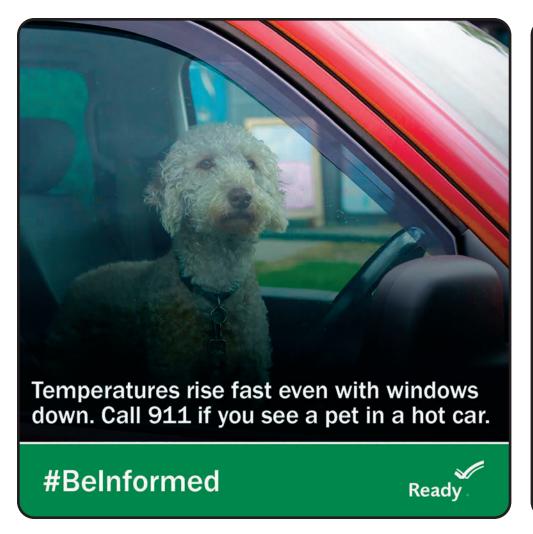
Note: You do not win the tipi. The drawing is only for a stay in the tipi over powwow weekend.

2022-2023 Siletz Royalty Applications

Applications are being accepted for 2022-2023 Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz. Applications must be turned in by the end of the work day (4:30 p.m.) no later than June 30, 2022.

Applications can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be downloaded from the Tribal website located under the pow-wow tab.

If you have any questions, contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, 541-444-8230 or buddyl@ctsi.nsn.us.



Sheryl K. Simmons - 1957-2022

Sheryl was born to Shirley (Goodell) and Richard Strickler on July 17, 1957, in Newport, Ore. Sheryl and family moved to Oakland, Ore., when Sheryl was 2, where they lived on a farm and raised sheep. Her family later returned to Siletz, Ore., where Sheryl went to school.

Sheryl met the love of her life, Lenford Simmons, and they married on March 23, 1974. They settled and lived in Siletz. They raised two sons, Derek and Richard, and two daughters, Shyla and Cheyenne.

Sheryl worked for the Toledo Library and then for the Siletz Tribe as a preschool aide. She made her career working for the City of Siletz, first as deputy recorder and later as city recorder.

Sheryl also served the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in the Elders Program, helping to coordinate events for the elders. Annually she would oversee the giving tree gifts for children in need that was sponsored by the Elders Program.

Sheryl was a generous person who never hesitated to help someone in need. Her favorite color was purple. She had many interests, including beading, sewing, reading, mud truck racing, shopping, playing bingo, gaming, traveling, spending time with family, camping, watching the kids play sports and also watching the kids dance at our annual pow-wow celebrations.

Sheryl retired in February 2021 from the City of Siletz after 38½ years of service. She was a member of the Siletz Grange for many years. Sheryl was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. She descended from the Chetco, Chinook, Clatsop, Joshua, Sixes, Smith River/Tolowa, Tututni and Yamhill.



Sheryl passed away on March 27, 2022, in Newport. She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Shirley (Goodell) Strickler; her brother, Randy Strickler; and sister, Stacie (Strickler) Oleman.

Sheryl is survived by her husband, Lenford Simmons; her sons, Derek Simmons and Richard Simmons; her daughters, Shyla Simmons and Cheyenne Maldonado; six grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Sheryl was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend to many. There are no words to describe how greatly she will be missed.

A celebration of life was held for her in Siletz on April 5. The Simmons family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the Siletz Tribe and to the family and friends who assisted with the service and potluck.

CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information available at ctsi.nsn.us.

"Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy applies. 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.

Elouise Butler Case - 1937-2022

WHEN TEMPS RISE

Head somewhere like a shopping mall or library with A/C to #BeatTheHeat

OUTSIDE, GET INSIDE!

On Thursday, March 17, 2022, at her home and surrounded by her family, Elouise Butler Case was called from this life to join her Heavenly Father.

FEMA

Elouise was born at Chemawa in Salem, Ore., on March 23, 1937, to Alton Ivan Butler and Ella Brown Butler Simmons. She spent most of her life in Siletz, Ore., where she graduated high school, cared for her five younger siblings after their mother passed and eventually raised her own four children.

Elouise gave her heart to the Lord in 1963; he was the love of her life. She was a member of the Siletz Gospel Tabernacle for almost 60 years. She led her life serving the Lord, her church and her community.

A proud Siletz Tribal member, Elouise was an ardent advocate for her people. She was a member of the first Tribal Council and helped with the drafting of the Tribe's Constitution. Much of her professional life was spent in service of the Tribe, working in multiple Tribal departments and as a Grandma Teacher in the Head Start program.

After retirement, she continued to attend Tribal Council meetings to speak on issues she believed were most important for the good of the people. She cared for others up to her last days, when she told her family, "I want our Tribe to succeed. I've only ever wanted what was best for the people because I remember when we had nothing."

Elouise was an avid gardener, expert seamstress, baker, and a beach and river rock collector. She spent countless hours studying scripture and taking long drives. More than anything, she loved spending time with her family. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought immense joy to Elouise's life and she often expressed how blessed she was.



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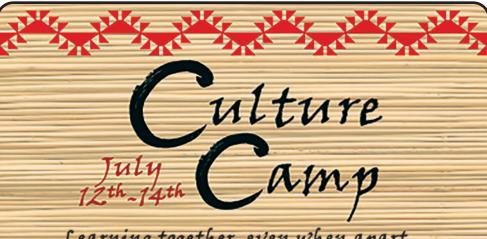
Her favorite things were family gatherings at her home and watching her kids and grandkids play ball and coach.

After her God and her family, Elouise loved nothing more than supporting her community. She was always the first to lend a hand to anyone in need. She would often drive around town just to check in with her friends and neighbors, attend various sports events to cheer on the Warriors and was always happy to whip up fry bread when local kids needed to raise funds for sports or school activities.

Elouise was kind and strong, with a sense of humor and a steady candor. You could always count on her to "tell it like it is." She was a beacon of light and love. Her smiles, hugs, laughs, prayers and words of encouragement have touched the lives of so many.

Elouise was preceded in death by her grandson, Joshua Parr; her stepfather, Calvin Simmons Sr.; and siblings, Nathaniel Butler, Delmar Butler Sr., Ronald Butler Sr., Alfred "Buck" Butler, Elaine Thomas, Darwin Simmons and Leonda "Babe" Simmons.

For more information about STAHS, visit siletzartsheritage.org.



Learning together, even when apart.

Join us in the Member Area on the CTSI website for language & culture lessons, songs, cooking videos, and other fun activities!

Location

To participate, log in to the Member Area everyday July 12th-14th. It will be available on the "Pow-Wow & Culture" page. Follow along with the schedule and have fun-virtual content from previous camps will be available along with new content!

To Log In

Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us/member-area and enter in your Roll Number as your username and the Last Four Digits of Your Social Security Number as your password. You can also scroll down to Member Login on the CTSI website homepage.



TRIBAL COURT OF THE **CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON**

NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION

MAY 9, 2022

Court Address 201 SE Swan Ave. P.O. Box 549 Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Court telephone no. Phone 541-444-8228 Fax 541-444-8270

In The Matter Of: Siletz Tribal Per Capita Distribution

These matters came before the court on review and the court being fully informed finds as follows:

Finding of Fact

- 1. The court has jurisdiction to review this matter as the respondents are members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI)
- Petitioner filed a Notice to Offset/Attach Tribal Per Capita in the Siletz Tribal Court

Order

The following Tribal members have a lien filed against their per capita, do not have a valid mailing address with the Enrollment Department and need to contact Tribal Court so that a notice can be sent:

Amy Bayya Manuel Bayya Barry Butler Mosher Adam Hall **Dustin Scott**

SO ORDERED this 9th day of May 2022 Mark B. Williams, Interim Chief Judge

Siletz Tribal Court

JOM FAMILIES

Follow the CTSI Education department on the CTSI Youth Facebook page and in your local area newsletter for monthly youth program information.



@CTSIYouth

Email your local Education Specialist to be added to our email list:

Portland Area Office

Siletz Area

Salem Area Office Eugene Area Office

Katy Holland 503-238-1512

Jeff Sweet 541-444-8207 Sonya Moody-Jurado 503-390-9494

Candace Hill 541-484-4234

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Eligibility Change to the CTSI Higher Ed & AVT Applications

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR FAFSA IS NOW JUNE 301

FAFSA applications become available Oct. 1st each year

Higher Education and AVT grant application deadlines remain the same- June 30th

Please contact your local Education Specialist or visit the Education section of our webpage @ www.ctsi.nsn.us with any questions.

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2022 Out of Area Benefits

The Tribal Council has approved Out of Area Benefits for 2022. 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 may access benefits up to \$2,000 annually by calling on the authorization date. For example, an individual may call in January for medical of \$500 and then call again in October for dental of \$1,500 for a total of \$2,000. All benefits are subject to funding availability. When you call for pre-authorization, PRC will authorize for household members only and voice messages do not hold funds. The individual must speak to PRC staff and obtain an Out of Area (OOA) number to secure funds.

> Remaining 2022 Call-In Dates **July 1 - Oct. 3**

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

Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- AIANTA Tourism & Hospitality Scholarship

Deadline: July 15, 2022

Oregon Native American Chamber **Scholarships**

Deadline: July 30, 2022

- 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 Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- Army Emergency Relief Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- Catching the Dream Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- College Board Scholarship Deadline: Ongoing
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering Deadline: Varies
- **NOAA Scholarships** Deadline: Ongoing

Internships

- Habitat Restoration Internship Deadline: Various
- Meta (Facebook) Data Center Engineering Internships Deadline: Various
- Public Lands Internship Program Deadline: Various
- NOAA Internships Deadline: Ongoing
- Code Switch Internship Deadline: Various
- **HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern** Deadline: Open until filled
- WOTE Agricultural Incubator Internship Deadline: Various
- Saturday Academy Internships Deadline: Multiple

Apply for Siletz Tribal Head Start

The Siletz Tribal Head Start program is accepting applications now for the 2021-2022 school year. We have classrooms in Siletz, Lincoln City, Salem and Portland.

We offer services to promote children's school readiness skills and assist families with supporting their child's lifelong learning. Classrooms offer 3½ hours of service per day, Monday-Thursday, round-trip transportation and developmentally appropriate activities to promote each child's success. To qualify, children must be age 3 or 4 by the local school district's age cut-off date, and income limits may apply.

Head Start applications can be found on the Siletz Tribal website or can be requested by calling 541-444-2450 or 800-922-1399 and asking for Head Start.

- EPA Environ. Research/Bus. Support 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

- NSA Postdoctoral Program Deadline: July 1, 2022
- Institute for Citizens and Scholars **Fellowships** Deadline: Various
- American Indian Graduate Center Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships 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

Important information for college-bound **Tribal seniors**

June

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

Other Opportunities

- **Amber Grants** Deadline: Rolling
- 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

See page 19 for information about the new **Oregon Tribal Student Grant available for** the 2022-23 school year.

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

Siletz Tribal Members Online Academic Support

Free Virtual Tutoring!

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- * GED Support
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- * All Tribal Students Eligible to Apply, Regardless of Residence.

Contact your local Education Specialist to sign up:

Siletz & Out-of-Area JeffS-JeffS@ctsi.nsn.us

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Portland Katy- KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us

Eugene Candace-CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

Please Note:

Students MUST complete a Tutoring Application to register. Tutoring hours are available on a first come first serve basis as resources are available.

Tribal Council Timesheets for April 2022

Frank Aspria - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1.75	1.75					4/4-5	Email, notes
7.5	7.5	8.25		1		4/6-11	Housing Comm, email, packets, reports
8.5	8.25	5				4/12-14	Gaming & indirect cost wkshps, email
3	3					4/15	Regular TC
2	1.75					4/21-22	Email, minutes, reports
13.25	13					4/26-30	Review code report, email

Loraine Y. Butler - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
2	2				4/2-3	Packets
2.25	2.25				4/5-7	Culture Comm, packets
.5	.5	2.5	1.5		4/8-11	Special TC – gaming, packets
2.5	2.5	1			4/12-14	Gaming & indirect cost wkshps,
						packets
3	3				4/15	Regular TC
3	3				4/20-27	Packets
2	2				4/28-30	Chemawa Station, packets

Sharon Edenfield - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
.75	.75				4/4	STCCF
1.5	1.5				4/7	MOA, packets, minutes
		2.5			4/8	Special TC – gaming
		1			4/12	Gaming wkshp
1.75	1.75				4/14	MOA, packets
3	3				4/15	Regular TC
1	1				4/18	SMLCC, STRCP
1	1				4/21	MOA, City of Siletz
.75	.75		.5		4/25	ED project, Consent Decree
.5	.5				4/28	Fed/Tribal briefing

Alfred Lane III - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
.25	.25				4/5	Meet w/ Sen. Merkley
.5	.5			1	4/6	STBC mtg

Bonnie Petersen – 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
2.5	2.5				4/1-4	Email, packets, reports
2.5	2.75			1	4/6-7	STBC, Housing Comm, email, reports
3	3	2.5	.75		4/8-11	Special TC – gaming, HR wkshp, packets, email, reports
.75	.75	1.5			4/12	Gaming & indirect cost wkshps, packets, email
3.5	3.5		2		4/13-14	STBC mtg, email, notebook
3.75	3.75				4/15-18	Regular TC, email, phone calls
2	2				4/19-21	Pow-Wow Comm, email
1.25	1.25		1		4/25	Email, reports, docs, prep for Head Start monitoring visit, Salem econ dev
2	2				4/26	HS monitoring mtg, interviews, email
.5	.25		.75		4/27-28	Chemawa Station, email,

packets

Delores Pigsley - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
3.75	3.75				4/1-4	City of Keizer, mail
1.5	1.5				4/5	Meet w/ Sen. Merkley, mail
1.5	1.5		1.25	2.5	4/6	Meet w/ investor, STBC mtg, Special TC, mail
2	2	.25			4/7	Mail, agenda items, prep for cncl
1	1	2.5			4/8	Special TC – gaming, mail
3.25	3.25				4/9-11	Mail, agenda items, prep for cncl
2.5	2.5	1			4/12	Legis Comm on Indian Svcs, gaming & indirect cost wkshps
2	2				4/13-14	STBC mtg, mail
3.5	3.5				4/15	Regular TC, mail
2.5	2.5			14.5	4/16-17	NARF anniversary, mail
1.5	1.5				4/18	Mail, agenda items
		17		12.75	54/19-21	NIGA, mail
3	3			2.5	4/22-27	Mail, sign docs, agenda items
1	1				4/28	Chemawa Station, mail
1	1				4/30	OR Tribes, mail

Angela Ramirez - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
1.5	1.5	- 8			4/2-6	Email, packets
3	3	1			4/3	STAHS mtg & financials, gaming docs
.25			.75		4/4	Health Comm, STBC docs
			1		4/6	STBC mtg
5.5	5.5				4/7-21	Email, packets
		2.5			4/8	Special TC – gaming
			2		4/13	STBC mtg
3	3				4/15	Regular TC
			7	6	4/21	Tour in Portland, property video
8	8				4/21-5/4	Email, packets
.5	.5				4/26	Head Start review
.75	.75				4/28	STAHS and admin interviews

Selene Rilatos - 4/1/22-4/30/22

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
3.25	3.25					4/1-4	Health Comm, NPAIHB webinar, mail, packets, email
1	1					4/5	Re-open mtg, email
1.25	1.25				1	4/6	Special TC, email, packets
4.5	4.5	2				4/8-11	Special TC – gaming, workshop, email, JI, packets
1.75	1.75					4/12	Teams mtg, COVID, workshop
2.75	2.75		2			4/13-14	STBC mtg, health cluster, email, JI
4.75	4.75					4/15-16	Regular TC, email, packets
10.25	10.25					4/19-21	NPAIHB quarterly mtg, powwow mtg, JI, email
2.5	2.5			.25		4/22-25	Email, packets, econ dev
2	2					4/26	Blanket Comm, COVID, email
5	5					4/27-30	Email, packets

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Twenty-six years ago in June ...

Submitted by the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society; reprinted from the August 1996 issue of Siletz Newsletter

Siletz Tribe Hosted a Full House for Chinook Winds Grand Opening

It was a spectacular grand opening!

An estimated ten thousand awestruck guests streamed into and toured our gleaming new gaming and convention center. Here are a few of the comments: "Fantastic," "As impressive as anything in Las Vegas or Reno," "Classy – not gaudy," "Absolutely beautiful," "Wonderful," "Siletz did a great job," "WOW!"

Our own Tribal members echoed the same sentiments, adding words like, "And to think this is on our very own reservation," "This is our Tribe's ... OURS," "It makes you proud to be Siletz."

To the cheering crowd below, three skydivers with their chutes of blazing colors made pinpoint landings in the parking lot in front of Chinook Winds.

The ribbon was cut by members of the Tribal Council signaling the Grand Opening of Chinook Winds. Once inside the bingo hall/showroom, Chairman Dee Pigsley introduced and welcomed officials of other Tribes and honored guests.

Vice Chairman Jessie Davis recognized those who had an important part in making Chinook Winds a reality and presented to each a sterling commemorative Chinook Winds coin. Among the honored guests was Tom Acevido of the National Indian Gaming Commission.

To add to the festive mood, a Dixieland band jazzed it up in the foyer, a combo played in the lounge, another on the casino floor and throughout the day our guests feasted on hors d'oeuvres.

Tammy Wynette and Williams and Ree were the featured opening night entertainers but because of an injury, Tammy's performance was cut short and some tickets refunded. In the spirit of "the show must go on," Williams and Ree filled in with their hilarious comedy act.

Lou Rawls was a sensation the following weekend, performing to several standing ovations, and on July 12&13 Chinook Winds featured the spirited Nitty Gritty Dirt Band that brought the audience to life and to their feet.



Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Calling all Tribal member business owners

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

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

erica@cwcresort.co



If you want to be part of a great team and looking for a new career opportunity,
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www.chinookwindscasino.com/careers

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm



Courtesy photos from STAHS

Members of the community visit Chinook Winds during the grand opening of the permanent structure in 1996.

Boarding Schools, continued from page 1

As part of the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative and in response to recommendations from the report, Haaland has announced the launch of The Road to Healing. This year-long tour will include travel across the country to give American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian survivors of the federal Indian boarding school system the opportunity to share their stories, help connect communities with trauma-informed support and facilitate collection of a permanent oral history.

"The department's work thus far shows that an all-of-government approach is necessary to strengthen and rebuild the bonds within Native communities that federal Indian boarding school policies set out to break," added Haaland. "With the president's direction, we have begun working through the White House Council of Native American Affairs on the path ahead to preserve Tribal languages, invest in survivor-focused services and honor our obligations to Indigenous communities. We also appreciate the ongoing engagement and support for this effort from members of Congress and look forward to continued collaboration."

Volume 1 of the report highlights some of the conditions children endured at these schools and raises important questions about the short- and long-term consequences of the federal Indian boarding school system on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities.

The investigation found that the federal Indian boarding school system deployed systematic militarized and identity-alteration methodologies in an attempt to assimilate American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian children through education, including but not limited to renaming Indian children from Indian to English names; cutting the hair of Indian children; discouraging or preventing the use of American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian languages, religions and cultural practices; and organizing Indian and Native Hawaiian children into units to perform military drills.

Despite assertions to the contrary, the investigation found that the school system largely focused on manual labor and vocational skills that left American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian graduates with employment options often irrelevant to the industrial U.S. economy, further disrupting Tribal economies.

The COVID-19 pandemic and its resulting closures of federal facilities reflect the need for further investigation. The report identifies next steps that will be taken in a second volume, aided by a new \$7 million investment from Congress through fiscal year 2022.

Recommendations by Newland include producing a list of marked and unmarked burial sites at federal Indian boarding schools and an approximation of the total amount of federal funding used to support the federal Indian boarding school system, and further investigation to determine the legacy impacts of the school system on American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities today.

Oregon to provide financial aid for Tribal students, who should apply for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant

SALEM, Ore. – The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) has announced that the application is now open for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant for 2022-23, a new state financial aid program supported by the Oregon Legislature's 2022 historic investment in equitable college access and success for Tribal students.

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is expected to pay for most or all public college-related expenses – including tuition, housing, books and other costs not covered by other grants – for eligible students who are enrolled members of Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribes. It can be applied toward undergraduate or graduate study at Oregon public colleges and universities as well as eligible private non-profit institutions, where award amounts can go up to the public institution maximum level, in the upcoming 2022-23 school year.

The HECC Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) will administer the grant, and encourages Tribal students to apply by the priority application deadline of Aug. 1, 2022. Visit oregonstudentaid. gov/oregon-tribal-student.aspx for details.

Gov. Kate Brown proposed this program in the 2022 legislative session, in consultation with Oregon Tribal government leadership and working closely with HECC, to address longstanding educational equity gaps by removing financial barriers to college for Oregon Tribal students. With the Oregon Legislature's approval of program funding for the 2022-23 academic year, the grant is now available to enrolled members of:

- **Burns Paiute Tribe**
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower **Umpqua** and Siuslaw Indians
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla **Indian Reservation**
- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Coquille Indian Tribe
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Klamath Tribes

"The launch of the Oregon Tribal Student Grant marks a historic moment for Oregon. For far too long, due to disparities caused by systemic barriers, too few Tribal students have had access to postsecondary education," said Brown. "This grant program is a remarkable step forward that will serve as a model for the rest of the nation. help to right historic wrongs and profoundly impact the future of Oregon's Tribal students and our dynamic Tribal communities."

Tribal partners, schools, universities, communities and families are encouraged to learn more and help share news on the grant with potential applicants. Students must submit the Oregon Tribal Student Grant application and either a 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Oregon Student Aid Application (ORSAA).

The grant will apply to the estimated average total cost of attendance, which is calculated by each institution, including tuition and fees, living expenses, books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses. Grant amounts vary based on each student's college choice and enrollment level, with private institution awards capped at the average Oregon public university cost of attendance.

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is currently only funded for the 2022-23 academic school year and renewal of the grant for following years is dependent upon reauthorization and permanent funding that will need to be considered by the Oregon Legislature in 2023. The HECC is currently developing its recommendations for the next budget cycle on sustaining this and other financial aid investments.

At its April 14 public commission meeting, the HECC voted unanimously to approve the initial administrative rules for the program after hearing testimony on the critical need to intentionally dismantle historic systemic barriers to college access and success for Tribal learners.

Among American Indian/Alaska Native undergraduates at Oregon public institutions, 40 percent of those who apply for financial aid cannot afford college costs, even with the support of public grant aid, most institutional aid, expected family contributions and student earnings.

A recent HECC report on education and training after high school for Oregonians who identify as American Indian/Alaska Native illustrates the extensive barriers Tribal students face in the Oregon education system at every level, including affordability challenges. These barriers contribute to a serious equity gap in college-going rates, with 48.5 percent American Indian/Alaska Native high school students going to college compared to 61.8 percent for all high school graduates (HECC Key Performance Metrics #1, #2).

"I am pleased and excited to see the new Tribal Student Grant program come to fruition. It has been the vision of the HECC for some time to support Oregon's Tribal students' college and university education as we actively apply the HECC Equity Lens," said Terry Cross, HECC chair. "Now with the leadership of the governor and the action of the Legislature, the HECC is implementing this exemplary program. We hope all who are eligible will apply!"

Juan Báez-Arévalo, director of the HECC Office of Student Access and Completion, said, "By addressing the cost of attendance in a time of rising college costs, the Oregon Tribal Student Grant removes one of the most serious barriers to college success for a population that has been deeply underserved. We are honored to work in consultation with Oregon Tribes to build equitable college opportunity and support the talents and promising futures of Tribal students, their families and communities."

The State of Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) envisions a future in which all Oregonians – and especially those whom our systems have underserved and marginalized benefit from the transformational power of high quality postsecondary education and training. For more information, visit www.Oregon.gov/HigherEd.

Tribal members:

Recently I was in a chat with Tribal members discussing going to descendancy for Tribal enrollment. I tried to make a point that enrollment could more than double and would have an impact on Tribal services. What feedback I received showed me that many Tribal members do not understand how the Tribe gets funded, how much it is funded and what limits are on that funding.

A comment was made that if we double our enrolled members, the government would double the funds given out in per capita. Another person said that the money we get for services would be doubled if we increased our membership by double. While it would be nice if that was the way the funding was given out, it is not what really happens.

I have participated in the BIA funding process on the national, regional and Tribal level, but the people I was chatting with do not believe me. So, what I would like the Tribal Council or Tribal administration to do is put a series of articles in the Tribal newspaper outlining how funds are distributed to the Tribe from BIA, Indian Education, Indian Health and the casino net profit fund. They could outline how funds are established and what things can and cannot be provided with those funds. If available, they might also briefly describe the impact of doubling the enrolled membership.

Just to be clear, this is not a statement for or against changing the blood degree. I just want people to understand what the Tribal Council and the administration have to consider when establishing the annual budgets.

Gerald Ben

Oregon Tribal Student Grant

Funding is now available for undergraduate and graduate student college costs for enrolled members of:

Burns Paiute Tribe

Eligibility

- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Siletz
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Confederated Tribes of Warm
- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Coquille Indian Tribe

Klamath Tribes

Awards

Springs

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is available to new and existing students. Eligibility requirements are: Must be an enrolled member of an Oregon federally

recognized Tribe Enrolled or accepted for enrollment at an Oregon

Working toward earning first associate, bachelor's or graduate

Application

- Submit a Free Ap-plication for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Oregon Student Aid Application
- (ORSAA) Priority consideration for applications and FAFSA/ ORSAAs received by
- Aug. 1 at 5pm information

Funding is available for the 2022-2023 academic year for undergraduate and graduate students. Grant renewal is dependent on funding being allocated for the 2023-2024 academic year by the Oregon State Legislature

The Oregon Tribal Student Grant is expected to pay for

most or all public college-related expenses not covered by other grants for students pursuing their first Associate, Bachelor's or Graduate degree. Award amounts will vary depending on where the student attends school and the degree pursuing

> **Undergraduate Public Colleges or** Award will be calculated based on the

average Cost of Attendance (COA) federal grants and scholarshing **Undergraduate Private**

Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost public university reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Undergraduate Other Private Institutions: Award will be calculated based on the average COA at the highest cost

public community college reduced by **Graduate Student Awards**

Award will be calculated based on the average undergraduate COA at the highest cost public institution reduced by the amount of state/federal grants and scholarships

Additional information can be found on our website:



Siletz News Letters Policy

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OregonStudentAid.gov/Oregon-Tribal-Student.aspx

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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.

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

Editor-in-Chief: Kurtis Barker Editor: Diane Rodriquez Assistant: Andy Taylor



Happy 1st Birthday (on May 20) to Alluka Skye Navarro! You're an absolute light in our lives and we love you so much! Love, Mommy, Daddy and your sissys



Wishing you the very best 15th birthday! You are loved and missed so very much! We are so proud of you in all you do. All our love, Mom Natasha, brothers Hoxie and Johnny



Above: Happy Birthday, Shine! We

Right: Happy Birthday, Rena! We love you!

We want to wish our brother, Patrick Pullam, a big Happy Birthday on June 3. Do something special!

Passages Policy

ited to two 25-word items per person,

holiday wishes will appear in the Pas-

to edit any submission for clarity

plus one photo if desired.

sages section.

and length.

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submit via e-mail when possible.

Love, Angella, Tina, Mark and Frank



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ON THE JOB TRAINING

477 Self-Sufficiency Program

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Employers:

- · Hire the client as a regular employee
- · OJT reimburses a percentage of the client's initial wages
- · Provide training that meets your needs

If you are an employer interested in hosting an OJT placement, please contact your local Tribal office.

- · OJT provides employers an incentive to hire you
- Gain hands-on experience
- · Enhance your skills and employability
- Clients must apply within 7 days of hire

Who can apply:

Enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes or

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians:

Siletz Area Office: Jamie (541) 444-8266 Portland Area Office: Tamra (503) 238-1512 Salem Area Office: Angelica (503) 390-9494 Eugene Area Office: Cathy (541) 484-4234

Clients must meet eligibility criteria and services are available on a budgetary basis.









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