



All Tribal cultural events canceled for 2020; virtual activities to be established

All Tribal cultural events for 2020 have been canceled. It was a very difficult decision, but we cannot practice social distancing with the cultural events.

The Culture Department will develop several virtual activities, including a virtual

Run to the Rogue and a virtual Culture Camp, on the Tribal member only section of the Tribe's website. These will include videos, photographs and historical information regarding the Run to the Rogue.

For Culture Camp, staff will develop

some "how-to" videos as well as gather links to existing how-to videos on YouTube and other virtual platforms. They also will provide contact information on where Tribal members can order or purchase supplies.

Tribal members should sign in to the Tribal member only section for updates and links to information. The Tribe's website can be accessed at ctsi.nsn.us.

The Tribal Culture Department looks forward to coming together next year.

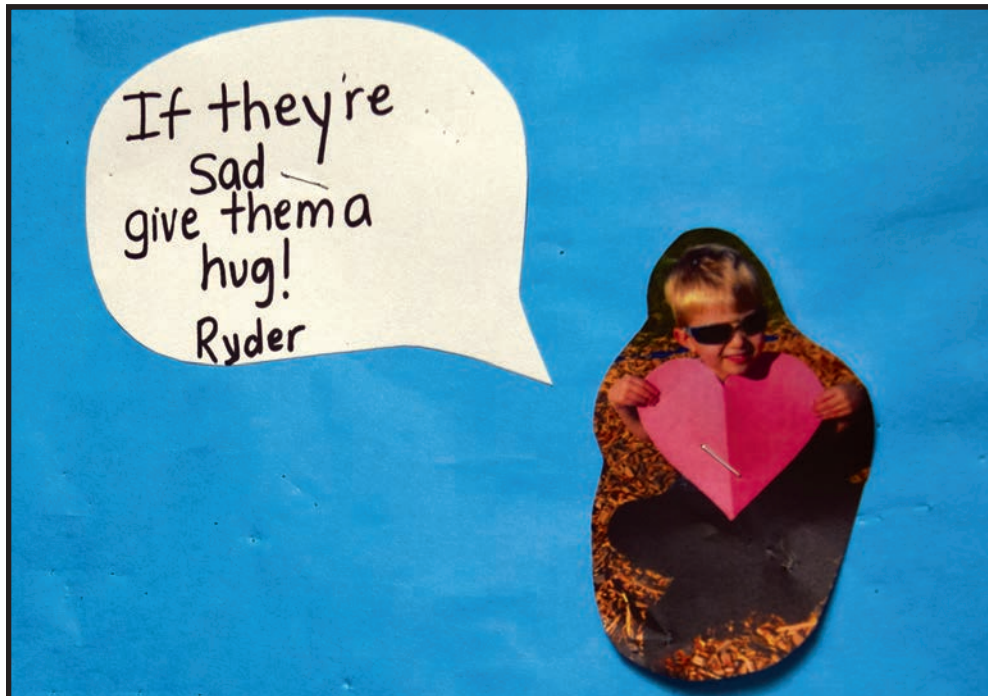


Photo by Andy Taylor

Siletz Tribal Head Start students' favorite song this year was about kindness. This sweet gesture is a reflection of what they feel kindness is and the many ways they could show kindness every day.

Council authorizes one-time economic impact payment for Tribal adults

The Tribal Council has authorized a one-time economic impact payment to all Tribal members age 18 and older as of May 19, 2020. The economic impact payment may be taxable and may be countable as an income resource.

Tribal members are encouraged to make sure they have their address up to date with the Enrollment Department. You can contact them at 541-444-8258 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1258.

The economic impact payments will be mailed out by June 15.

Tribe to provide mortgage, rent relief

Limited rent and mortgage relief is available to Siletz households that have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Assistance is a one-time payment to the Siletz household's landlord or mortgage company. Assistance is available **anywhere** in the United States and is available to low-income **and** non-low-income households.

An application is required. It is available on the Tribe's website (ctsi.nsn.us; Housing) and can be submitted to:

Mortgage Relief

Email: jeanettea@ctsi.nsn.us or caseyg@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-8313

U.S. Postal: P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Office: 555 Tolowa Court, Siletz, OR 97380

Rent Relief

Email: brett1@ctsi.nsn.us or kerrys@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-8313

U.S. Postal: P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Office: 555 Tolowa Court, Siletz, OR 97380

Households residing on Tribal land that benefited from the rent and homebuyer waiver will not be eligible for this assistance.

Program is first-come, first-served and assistance is available only until funds are exhausted.

See additional information on page 9.

For Our Tribal Members Graduating This Year

We know you've worked hard to get here and we'd like to give you a special tribute.

Graduate Families, please send us

- The name of your student and a picture of them
- Name of the school they're graduating from and degree(s) if from a college
- And a short statement about their future plans

Mail to: CTSI, Graduating Seniors
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380

Or Email: pias@ctsi.nsn.us

By submitting this you are authorizing the CTSI to publish this information on Tribally owned platforms and publications.



Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

CTSI Resource Call Line

To help connect Tribal members and their families to local resources. This could include things such as food, housing, and other essentials.



Call us at 541-444-9613.

We will be taking calls Monday through Friday between 9am-3pm.

Administration status

All employees who provide essential services are either working from home or in their offices. Administrative buildings are still closed to walk-ins, but all staff can be reached by phone. The clinic does see patients as needed, but the majority of services have been by phone.

Everyone will be notified when the offices reopen.

Coronavirus update

Staff and the Tribal Council are updated daily by counterparts in the state and consultations with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service, Housing and Urban Development, and many other entities. All share details on available grants, new information, and Tribal updates in Oregon, the Northwest and the nation.

We have never experienced anything like this in our lives. We appreciate that folks are following the governor's recommendations on staying safe and taking necessary precautions to protect those whom we love. Lincoln County has experienced a very low rate of COVID-19 cases thanks to all the county residents.

Gov. Kate Brown has held weekly calls with all nine Oregon Tribes to keep us abreast of new information and changes.

Gaming update

Chinook Winds Casino Resort had a soft opening with Tribal members and some tiered players on May 20. The casino officially opened to the public May 21.

There are many changes in the casino as well as the restaurants and hotel that were necessary to keep employees and

guests safe. We look forward to employees returning to work and having our doors open.

Our future

We all look forward to being able to gather and visit as we have done in the past, although I am sure the future will still hold restrictions. It's very sad not to be able to gather for memorial services as we have experienced many Tribal members passing, attend graduation ceremonies and visit in person.

We will all be grateful when the virus is contained and we get to our new normal. All summer events – solstice dances, Chinook Winds 25th Anniversary, Culture Camp and our pow-wow have been canceled this year.

Please be safe and stay healthy.



Delores Pigsley

Visit ctsi.nsn.us.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center, civil legal service providers for low-income Oregonians, operate a public benefits hotline where low-income Oregonians can talk to lawyers and paralegals to get advice on public benefits, including unemployment benefits:

Oregon public benefits hotline
800-520-5292
Oregonlawhelp.org

Apply Now for Siletz Tribal Head Start

Siletz Tribal Head Start is accepting applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Classrooms are located in Portland, Salem, Lincoln City and Siletz.

Children must be age 3 or 4 to attend.

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

Thank you.

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.

Census response deadline extended

The big news out of the Census Bureau is that the 2020 Census response deadline has changed from July 31 to Oct. 31. So the census began on April Fool's Day and ends on Halloween. No joke.

This is great news for those who haven't had an opportunity to show their Siletz pride and be counted. For those who have been laid off, it's an opportunity to get a well-paying temp job as a census taker. Just contact the Census Bureau at 2020census.gov/jobs.

If you haven't yet responded to the Census, it also means that Census takers will be coming to your door later than planned. Originally, they were to start on May 13. Now they will start in August.

If you want to avoid their visit, respond online at my2020census.gov or phone 888-444-2020. Phone lines may have long hold times.

So far, response from the Siletz community has been in the middle of the pack as far as other Oregon Tribes, but well below the Oregon and national rates.

Indian Country funding is dependent on getting a full response. Funding for schools, roads and health programs are highly influenced by our numbers. COVID-19 funding for states and Tribes is determined by the 2010 Census, which undercounted American Indians by 5%.

The census is not complicated and only asks the minimum of nine questions to identify the number of people in each

household. Your answers are protected and secure. They can't be released to other agencies. Remember to identify yourself as an American Indian and as a proud member of the Siletz Tribe.

In order to add a little fun to responding, the Complete Count Committee has arranged for some contests complete with prizes:

1. The first 100 people who text OREGON to 33339 will receive \$15 Taco Bell gift cards. Agree to receive census-related emails from Dancing Hearts. After sending the text, email your name, mailing address and phone number to completecount-committee@ctsi.nsn.us.
2. If you have completed the census response, tell us and send your name, mailing address and phone number to CTSI, Complete Count Committee-Planning, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. You will be placed in a drawing for a barbecue grill, five Kindle Fire 10s, five Kindle Fire 5s, shirts, insulated bags and hundreds of other prizes and gifts.

If you haven't completed your response and need assistance, contact your area office. You can also call the Siletz census hotline at 541-444-8285. Watch for upcoming special census events at your local area offices.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

Send information to:

Siletz News
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549
541-444-8291 or
800-922-1399, ext. 1291
Fax: 541-444-2307
Email: pias@ctsi.nsn.us

Deadline for the 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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General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Program

Formerly Over-Income Rehabilitation Grant

This 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). These are listed below:

1	2	3	Base 4	5	6	7	8
\$42,280	\$48,320	\$54,360	\$60,400	\$65,232	\$70,064	\$74,896	\$79,728

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 by Friday, July 31, 2020, 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 that will be held in August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

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

Comment period open for potential housing grant

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department (STHD) is applying for a USDA Rural Housing Preservation Grant for low- to very low-income Tribal members' housing rehabilitation needs.

The grant is used for rehabilitation or repair of sub-standard housing conditions and is restricted to rural areas such as Siletz. This is a competitive grant with the maximum grant amount of \$50,000.

The general public is allowed to comment on this application intent. Comments are due by June 16, 2020.

If interested, send comments to Robert Smith at roberts@ctsi.nsn.us or Robert Smith, Siletz Tribal Housing Department, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Report shellfish harvests to Natural Resources

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

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


Shellfish safety hotline

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

USDA distribution dates for June; change in procedures

Siletz			shopping lists and bag your own food. If this changes, we will post it on the warehouse doors.
Monday	June 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Tuesday	June 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Thursday	June 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	
Friday	June 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	

Salem			We will accept hand-delivered application packets, but the preferred method of delivery is still email or fax.
Monday	June 15	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	June 16	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	June 17	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday	June 18	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
Fax: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

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

Youth Antlerless Elk Hunt Applications Due July 2, 2020 2 Tags

Hunt runs from Aug. 1 to Dec. 31

Applications available on the Tribal website under Natural Resources or call the number below to have one mailed to you 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 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232, if you have questions

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

CTSI Jobs

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

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at anytime. 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.

A message to all USDA clients

We are coming out of the COVID-19 virus protocols. We will allow one client into the building at a time to do your

Tribe's excess surplus sale canceled

The Siletz Tribe's excess surplus sale that had been scheduled for May 28 has been canceled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

How to access language materials online

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

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

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

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

Lots of written and recorded materials are available in this section. The Nuu-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 just below the box. The word and the Athabaskan equivalent will appear just below the search box. To hear the word being spoken, simply click on the red ear icon on the left side of the page.

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

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

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



Deanna Lee (Downey) Howell – 1938-2020

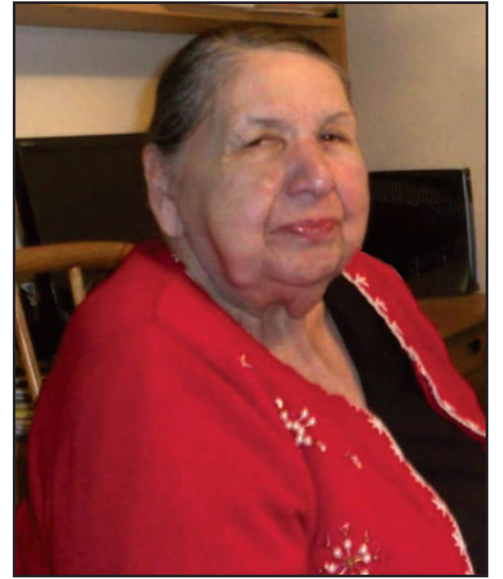
Deanna Lee (Downey) Howell, 81, passed peacefully on April 27, 2020. She was born at Chemawa on Dec. 13, 1938, to Roy F. and Mae (Adams) Downey.

Deanna married Walter D. Howell on Aug. 25, 1956, who preceded her in death in 1993.

Deanna is survived by three daughters, Judy (George) Muschamp of Siletz, Ore., Joyce (Kurk) Retherford of Siletz and Juanita (Craig) Roth of Chewelah, Wash.; and one son, Jerry (Kim) Howell of Siletz; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; siblings, Martha Lockhart, Jean Garrett, Blanch Downey-Tyler, Charlotte Noble and Thomas Downey; and many nieces and nephews.

Deanna was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Kenneth Blacketer, Roy Downey Jr, Melvin Downey, Genevive Adams-Gavin, Ila Hoiness, JoAnn Miller and Peter Downey.

In life, Deanna enjoyed music, golf (having earned two ladies championships), baseball (esp. Pete Rose), bingo and slots. Most of all, she loved her family.



Courtesy photo

Deanna Lee (Downey) Howell

She was a proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Rest in peace, Momma.

Graveside service on June 27 at Paul Washington Cemetery at 1 p.m. Potluck to follow at Twin Bridges in Logsdan, Ore.

Tristen Reed Hays – 1999-2020

Tristen Reed Hays was born July 16, 1999, in La Mesa, Calif. On April 25, 2020, he was enjoying the day at Martinez Lake in Yuma, Ariz., when he was tragically hit and killed by a boater.

Tristen was raised in Lakeside, Calif., where he attended elementary school at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, middle school at Lakeside Middle School and he graduated from El Capitan High School in 2018.

Tristen lived his life to the fullest, bringing so much love, thrill and adventure to those around him. His smile was contagious and he would stop at nothing to make those around him laugh.

Tristen was kind, generous and giving, always putting others before himself. He had an impact on so many people in his life as a son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and best friend to all. Tristen will always be missed but never forgotten.

Tristen is survived by his mother and stepfather, Kelly Hays-Duesler (Siletz) and Erik Duesler; father and stepmother, Christopher Hays and Shauna Zarick-Hays; sister, Preslee Hays; brother, Cash Hays; stepbrother and sister, Jake and Shea Sergent; grandparents, Alan and Dona Lou (Lane) James (Siletz), and Michael and Linda Zarick; grandmother, Carol Duesler; great-grandfathers, Alfred Lane Jr. (Siletz), Jim James and Clifford



Courtesy photo

Tristen Reed Hays

Ralston; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tristen is preceded in death by his grandparents, Terry Hays and Patti Hays; and great-grandmothers, Clarice Lane and Frances James.

God broke our hearts to prove to us that he only takes the best. Ride in peace, Tristen Reed.

Congratulations to Ryan Howell, Tribal Home Visiting graduate!

Ryan entered the program in February 2017 and remained activity engaged in it until April 2020 when her daughter ZaDrea turned 3 years old.

We are very proud of all the accomplishments Ryan completed while participating in the program. One specific accomplishment was gaining employment at our Tribal clinic.

Ryan is a great mother and we are very proud of her.



SILETZ YOUTH SERVICES PRESENTS

SUMMER TALENT

SERIES

COMING SOON!

Healthy Traditions

“Gus” (Siletz Dee-ni name)



Camas Harvesting

Those of you that have traveled to the Willamette National Forest meadow to harvest Camas are welcomed to take their families out this season. Please harvest responsibly and respectfully. If you have been and want to teach another tribal family our way, it is encouraged.

We have a great ongoing relationship with the staff at the Sweet Home Ranger Station and as a courtesy, please call a day prior to the Sweet Home Ranger District office.

Leave a message for:
Tony Farque at 1.541.367-5168



Container Gardening Class

Siletz Tribal Community Garden

Wednesday, June 24th

1pm-3pm (Facebook Live) stop by to pick-up your supplies!

For Questions Please Contact: Healthy Traditions at
or kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us
541-444-9627

Nettle Soup

(Use a scissor & tongs with a paper bag to gather and prepare nettles.)

1 gallon of Stinging Nettles tops, rinsed

1/4 of onion chopped

1/2 C cooked bacon or ham

6 C Chicken broth

To the this base you can add any of these additional ingredients:

Cooked noodles or rice/ navy or lima beans

Nettle in comparison to spinach, contains large quantities of protein & dietary fiber.

Mission Statement

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





Siletz Community



June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. The National Center on Elder Abuse describes elder abuse as; “intentional neglectful acts by a caregiver or ‘trusted’ individual that lead to or may lead to, harm of a vulnerable elder.” There are several different types of elder abuse and the perpetrators can exist in a variety of different forms. Elder abuse is one of the many forms of domestic violence, and is not something to be ignored. While we are all encouraged to have less face-to-face contact with our loved ones, it is especially important to make sure we are checking in with our elders in other ways. We need to help our elders stay connected to their loved ones and communities. There are many ways to do this while keeping our elders and ourselves at a safe distance.



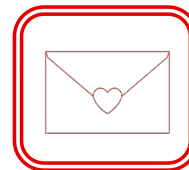
Call or video chat

Give the elders in your life a call and check in with them



Make something

Practice your traditional craft skills and make something beautiful to gift them



Send mail

Write a letter or send a card to an elder



Make a meal

Follow safe food handling guidelines and prepare a meal to drop off



Gather medicine

Get out and gather medicines or traditional craft materials for an elder



Get in the garden

Help an elder with gardening, do some weeding, planting or watering



Mow the lawn

Take advantage of a sunny day and offer to mow an elder's lawn



Pick up groceries

Offer to do the grocery shopping for an elder so they can stay safe at home



Include your kids

Show kids the importance of caring for elders and help keep the generations connected to each other

You can reach us at:

Office: 541-444-9680

If you or someone you know has experienced elder abuse

the CARE Program is here to help.

24 Hour Hope Line:

541-994-5959

Attention Siletz Tribal elders: If you have not received a phone call from the Siletz Elder Care Team, please call 541-444-9613 between 9am and 3pm to update your phone number. You can also send us a message on Facebook. Our Facebook is @SiletzHealthClinic. We are doing our best to reach all elders during this time.

Health Department



Tips for Safe Grocery Shopping During COVID-19



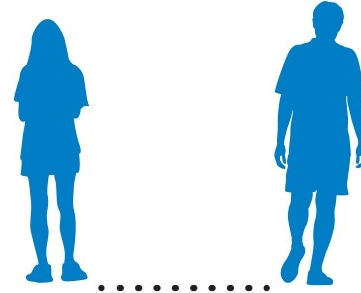
Before Leaving the Home

- Write down a shopping list on paper to avoid touching your phone in the store.
- **Stay home if feeling sick with fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, muscle pain, chills, or sore throat.**
- Bring your own hand sanitizer, wipes, or cloth with cleaning solution if you have them.
- **Go alone** to the store to reduce risk to others in the home.
- Go when store is less crowded.
- **Contact store about new hours, and if there are special times for seniors or other groups.**



Before Entering the Store

- **Wear a mask or bandana**, and make sure that it **covers both the mouth and nose.**
- **Wipe down shopping cart or basket handles** with disinfectant wipe or cloth with cleaning solution.
- Leave your reusable bags behind. Use plastic or paper bags from the store instead.



When Inside the Store

- **Do not touch your eyes, nose, or mouth.**
- **Keep a distance of 6 feet from others at all times**, especially in the aisles and at checkout. Stores may also have additional distancing rules.
- **Cough or sneeze into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.**
- Use a debit card instead of cash when at the register.
- Clean your hands with hand sanitizer after paying at the register.



When Entering Home

- Remove shoes and leave outside.
- **Wash your hands immediately upon returning home.**
- **Wipe down phone, wallet, debit card, and other objects touched** while in store with disinfectant wipes or cleaning solution.
- **Wipe down countertops** with disinfectant wipes or cleaning solution after unpacking food.
- Put empty grocery bags in the trash.
- **Wash hands again after unpacking food.**
- Do not use disinfectant wipes or cleaning solution to clean food. Instead, rinse fruits and vegetables with water before eating.

Tips in bold are the most important steps for staying safe from COVID-19 in public.

For more information, visit [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).



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Effective May 1, 2020
Source: CDC, FDA

How does COVID-19 affect those who use commercial tobacco products?

The news about the COVID-19 global pandemic has everyone concerned. Those who smoke or vape e-cigarettes, or care about someone who does, may be especially worried because the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 attacks the lungs and could be a particularly serious threat to tobacco users.

While the data are early in terms of the specific impacts of the virus on people using tobacco, there is conclusive evidence that smoking weakens the immune system, increases the risk of infectious diseases and respiratory infections, and is a major cause of chronic health conditions and cancer. The Food and Drug Administration has stated that "people who smoke cigarettes may be at increased risk of infection with the virus that causes COVID-19, and may have worse outcomes from COVID-19." There is also growing evidence that vaping can harm lung health.

Smokeless tobacco products

Although all tobacco products are not inhaled into the lungs and cause lung specific issues, those that are not inhaled still have ingredients that can cause health problems. Smokeless commercial tobacco products can cause the immune system to weaken, increase risk of disease, chronic health conditions and cancer.

How can I get help and support

Although it may be a little more difficult to see provider during the pandemic, you still have plenty of resources out there. There are many apps that are easily accessible on Google Play and the App Store. These can help keep you on the right track, but if you are looking for Nicotine Replacement Therapy, I suggest calling our Free Commercial Tobacco Quitline. This is a great resource and does not cost a single penny. Simply call the number provided below, press "7" if you want to access our Native Quitline. They can help set you up with Nicotine Replacement Therapy such as Nicotine Gum and/or Nicotine Patches and can talk personally with a quit coach who can help guide you to a commercial tobacco-free life.

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

STAHS presents virtual award to Mayor Dick Anderson, STCCF board member

Four years ago, the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society established an award to be given out at Lincoln City's annual Community Days Banquet. The award is presented each year to a person who has taken measures to promote, celebrate and share the unique qualities, history and culture of indigenous peoples of this continent.

The banquet is held annually to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of citizens who through volunteerism have improved the quality of life for those residing in the area. Volunteerism is huge in Lincoln City and the banquet is a high point in the community during the early spring months.

Not to be deterred by the arrival of COVID-19, many Community Days events became virtual events. Not quite as exciting as live and in person, but we still celebrated by going right ahead with the award presentation – not tuxedos, no spring dresses, no wonderful feast – but we did it anyway. Almost the same theme as the Grinch who stole Christmas, coronavirus didn't win this round.

This year's award was presented virtually online to Dick Anderson, mayor of Lincoln City and member of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contributions Fund board.



Courtesy photos

Dick Anderson (above) and the STAHS award (right)

Anderson has served on the board for many years and has proven to be an ardent supporter of the Siletz Tribe. You can find him at nearly every function held in Lincoln City, many of our Tribal functions and until our recent quarantine, he set aside one morning each week to host coffee with the mayor at a different restaurant each time.



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

Tribal construction skills bank being developed

The Siletz Tribe Housing Department is compiling a list of Tribal members who are willing and able to work on the workforce housing construction project that will commence soon in Neotsu. The project is funded in part with Indian Housing Block Grant funds that require Indian preference in employment and contracting. The list will be provided to the contractor and subcontractors who will ultimately make the decision in hiring.

If you are interested and available to work, please contact Valerie Hibdon at the Siletz Tribal Housing Department office – 541-444-8322; 800-922-1399, ext. 1322; or valerieh@ctsi.nsn.us. You will need to provide your name, phone number, enrollment number and construction trade.

If you do not have construction experience, you will be added as a potential laborer.

Be safe. Stay home. Stay well.

Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp 2020

From a place of love and care, the Native Wellness Institute has decided to cancel our annual Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp that was to be held June 29 - July 2, 2020 in Grand Ronde, Oregon. The global pandemic has struck Indian Country in such a way that we have to be mindful of the safety of our loved ones. We are sad as this is such an amazing gathering of young people and the healing that happens is indescribable. However, we know that we will be back next year and the goodness will continue.

On June 29 and 30, 2020, NWI will offer a virtual Youth Wellness Warrior Camp. The details will be forthcoming.

If your tribe or youth program are interested in financially sponsoring a portion of the virtual Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp, please contact us!

We wish you well, please stay safe.

Native Wellness Institute

Native's Classroom at Head Start of Lane County

Ages 3-4 by September 1
Beginning September 2020
Whiteaker Head Start Center- Eugene

Open to Head Start eligible families identifying as American Indian or Alaskan Native
Focus on Native American heritage & culture in the Head Start Classroom with American Indian/Alaskan Native teachers

Extended Day, Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-2:00PM
Self-transport

• **Apply now** hsolc.org

or call 541.747.2425 to request an application.

Head Start of Lane County is an equal opportunity provider

Coronavirus Information and Resources



See additional information on COVID-19 on pages 12-13.

COVID-19 Housing Relief Program

I. Purpose

To provide Siletz Tribal households experiencing negative impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic with one-time rent relief assistance. Funding for the COVID-19 Housing Relief Program is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Services are available throughout the United States. This program opened May 20, 2020, and will remain open until funding is exhausted.

II. Eligibility

1. Tribal households negatively impacted due to COVID-19. To be considered a Tribal household, the head of household, spouse or minor child (ren) must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.
2. Impact must be due to circumstances directly related to COVID-19 (i.e., loss of income due to layoff, inability to work due to government shutdown, loss of income due to quarantine, etc.)

III. Ineligibility

Households assisted with Indian Housing Block Grant funds (Rental Assistance Program) and households that benefited from the Tribal payment waiver (Low-Income Rental, HOYO, Mutual Help, Conveyed Mutual Help and PMU) are not eligible.

IV. Uses

COVID-19 relief assistance may be used for rent assistance with the total amount not to exceed \$3,000. Assistance is limited to rent payments due in the months of April, May and June 2020.

Proof of rent is required for applications to be complete.

V. Prohibitions

- A. COVID-19 Relief Assistance cannot be provided to units already receiving assistance from the Siletz Tribal Housing Department's (STHD), including but not limited to Low Rent, Mutual Help, Home of Your Own and Rental Assistance Programs.
- B. Hotel or motel rent
- C. Rent or mortgage payment will be made directly to landlord or mortgage company. Payments will not be made directly to individuals or family members.

COVID-19 CARES Act

Housing Mortgage Relief Program Policy

I. Purpose

To provide Siletz Tribal households experiencing negative impacts due to the COVID-19 pandemic with one-time mortgage relief assistance. Funding for the COVID-19 Housing Relief Program is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Services are available throughout the United States. This program opened May 20, 2020, and will remain open until funding is exhausted.

II. Eligibility

1. Tribal households negatively impacted due to COVID-19. To be considered a Tribal household, the head of household, spouse or minor child(ren) must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.
2. Impact must be due to circumstances directly related to COVID-19 (i.e., loss of income due to layoff, inability to work due to government shutdown, loss of income due to quarantine, etc.)

III. Ineligibility

Households assisted with Indian Housing Block Grant funds (Mortgage or Rental Assistance Program) and households that benefited from the Tribal payment waiver (Low-Income Rental, HOYO, Mutual Help, Conveyed Mutual Help and PMU) are not eligible.

IV. Uses

COVID-19 CARES Act mortgage or rent relief assistance is limited to mortgage or rent payments due in April, May and June. Total grant may not exceed \$3,000, regardless of mortgage or rent amount.

Proof of mortgage or rent agreement is required for applications to be complete.

V. Prohibitions

- A. COVID-19 CARES Act Relief Assistance cannot be provided to units already receiving assistance from the Siletz Tribal Housing Department's (STHD), including but not limited to Low Rent, Mutual Help, Home of Your Own and Rental Assistance Programs.
- B. Hotel or motel rent
- C. Mortgage payment will be made directly to landlord or mortgage company. Payments will not be made directly to individuals or family members.

VI. Procedure

1. The applicant must complete the COVID-19 housing relief application as follows: names of all household members, proof of Tribal enrollment, date of birth, address, income amounts and income sources for all household members. Applicant must provide documentation that household income is reduced as a result of COVID-19.
2. The families affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 will qualify with documents to prove loss or reduction of income, including but not limited to:
 - a. Proof of unemployment application submitted
 - b. Any other form of documentation that shows a layoff, furlough or reduction in hours
3. The applicant must provide a copy of the mortgage payment statement, payment book or rental agreement.
4. A receipt letter will be provided to the applicant within 72 hours from the date the application is received by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department. The applicant will be given five days from the receipt letter date to respond and correct any deficiencies. Other efforts to communicate with the applicant, to assist with completion of the application as soon as possible, will occur as needed.
5. Staff will process check requests to the landlord, financial institution or business; no payments will be issued to program participants.

VI. Procedure

1. The applicant must complete the COVID-19 housing relief application as follows: names of all household members, proof of Tribal enrollment, date of birth, address, income amounts and income sources for all household members. Applicant must provide documentation that household income is reduced as a result of COVID-19.
2. The families affected by loss of income due to COVID-19 will qualify with documents to prove loss or reduction of income, including but not limited to:
 - a. Proof of unemployment application submitted
 - b. Any other form of documentation that shows a layoff, furlough or reduction in hours
3. The applicant must provide a copy of the original lease or rental agreement.
4. A receipt letter will be provided to the applicant days from the date the application is received by STHD. The applicant will be given 14 days from the receipt letter date to respond and correct any deficiencies. Other efforts to communicate with the applicant, to assist with completion of the application as soon as possible, will occur as needed.
5. STHD will process check requests to the landlord, financial institution or business; no payments will be issued to program participants.

Graduates!



Gabrielle Severson
Newberg High School

Gabrielle (Gabby) will attend the University of Oregon in the fall, majoring in art.

She wants to have a fun, educational experience in college. She hopes to be part of the Native community at UO as well as the art community. Gabby really enjoys ceramics, painting and other art projects.



Dylan Edwards
Hillsboro High School

Dylan plans to attend the University of Oregon, majoring in biochemistry to become a family practitioner.



Jillian Barnhurst
Harrisburg High School

Jill will attend Simpson University in Redding, Calif. She plans to take general courses and then venture into journalism.

We are so proud and excited for her!



Shayla Mortenson
Cleveland High School

Shayla's goal is to attend college and major in environmental science as well as indigenous studies, to make a change and bring our culture alive in everyday society.



Jazlin Perez-Keene
Toledo Junior/Senior High School

Jazlin plans to attend Linn-Benton Community College this fall or fall 2021 and study to become a social worker to help those in need.



Mason Yarbrough
Springfield High School

Mason plans to start at Lane Community College, majoring in social sciences to become a sociologist and a political scientist.



Talon Ray Grant
Taft High School

Congratulations, Talon! My youngest free-spirited grandson. Best of the best for your future endeavor of joining a band, playing your bongos and traveling ♡

Your family is proud of you and loves you to pieces.



Mary Waddell
Taft High School

Congratulations, Mary! We're so proud of you. Your senior year has been challenging for sure. You did some hard work, stayed the course and you finished! You're a strong, smart and beautiful young woman. Remember to seek God always and he will guide your path.

We love you very much and wish you the very best in everything you do. We are your biggest supporters.

Mom, Lee and all your brothers, sisters and family

Mary plans to move to Portland, Ore., to attend Portland Community College to obtain an associate degree and then on to Portland State University. She is interested in social services and public health as potential career paths.



Sophia Smith
Siletz Valley School

Hunter Cox
Roosevelt High School

Sophia is the Siletz Valley valedictorian. Hunter played tenor saxophone in the Roosevelt Jazz Ensemble.

The family loves you and is so proud of you. Congratulations, Sophia and Hunter!



Gus Garcia
Newport High School

Gus's big plans are to make money, lots of money!

Proud parents are Oscar and Jessica Garcia; siblings Treigh, Chelo and Dae Garcia; and grandmas Elouise Case and Ardella Parr

Anthony J. Simmons
Siletz Valley School

Anthony plans to attend Clackamas Community College to get an associate degree as well as attempt to play basketball for the community college team.



Kalena Trachsel
Siletz Valley School

Kalena has applied to attend the University of Oregon in the fall to study forensics. She loves animals and hopes to start a dog rescue.

Graduates!



Jamie Boe
Dare2Care CNA2 Program

Congratulations to Jamie for completing his CNA2 program. You worked so hard and your mom is so proud of you! He received a grant from the Tribe's 477 Self-Sufficiency Program for his courses.

Jamie hopes to work at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend in Springfield, Ore., or Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis, Ore.



Bella Christensen
Siletz Valley School

Bella's plans were to attend college to become a clinical psychologist, but with the Covid19 shutdown, that is on hold for now.

She started a job and likes what she does because she gets to interact with people. She has great skills dealing with people and is not fearful or intimidated by talking to anyone.

She has worked very hard to finish school and I am so very proud of her. She has blossomed into a beautiful young lady. I know that whatever she wants in life, she will make it happen!

Congratulations, Bella! I love you so very much.

Mom

Alina Mason
Siletz Valley School

Alina plans to get an associate degree from a community college, either Oregon Coast Community College (finished three classes during senior year) or Linn-Benton Community College, and play club sports. She plans to go into criminology to become a youth corrections counselor.



Matt Morsman
Portland State University

Matt graduated with a BS in Indigenous Nation Native American Studies. He plans to go to graduate school in public administration and/or a Ph.D. in film. The possibility of running for council for our Tribe is something that interests him as well. If not that, then some sort of governance.

His college experience also included being a UISHE (United Indian Students in Higher Education) coordinator for two years, co-president of AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) for four years, Healing Feathers advocate for four years, mentor for NATIONS (previously NDNSS) for two years and administrative assistant in the Indigenous Nations Studies Department for two years.

He also instituted policy changes at the university surrounding student groups and renting out the Pavilion, where the PSU Miss Naimuma Pow-Wow is held each year.



Cameron Rilatos
Siletz Valley School

Cameron plans to go into nursing in the fall, following in the footsteps of her grandma, Terry Hosford.



Paige Lane
Oregon State University

Paige Lane, daughter of Erica Patten and Nolan Lane, has graduated with a double major in public health management & policy and human development & family sciences.

It wasn't until her sophomore year that Paige chose to push herself even further by pursuing a second degree with OSU. In order to stay on track and graduate with two degrees in four years, Paige added summer classes to her already busy schedule.

While maintaining above a 3.5 GPA each term, Paige was also a highly involved member of a campus sorority, where she participated in a wide variety of volunteer work and philanthropy events throughout the community.

She is a first generation member of her family to obtain a college degree and after graduation she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master's of social work to become a licensed social worker in a health care facility.



Izaiah Fisher
Siletz Valley School

Congratulations, Izaiah! We are so proud of all you've accomplished and what you continue to work toward. We've enjoyed watching you grow and become the beautiful, wonderful person you are. Your contagious smile and appetite for life inspires us. Enjoy this next chapter in your life.

Mom and Dad



Megan Martinot
University of Portland

Megan majored in environmental science with a concentration in biology and a psychology minor. She plans to apply to graduate schools in the fall for a doctorate of physical therapy.



Shane McClintock
Western Oregon University

Shane graduated with a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, minoring in forensic anthropology. He hopes to use his education to help achieve his aspirations of becoming a detective.



Jenna Leigh Richards
George Fox University

Jenna graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in biblical studies from George Fox University. She was named the outstanding student for her major cohort.

After being accepted to Harvard, Yale, Vanderbilt and Princeton to pursue a graduate degree, she has decided to attend Princeton Seminary and start her Master of Arts in theological studies with an emphasis in Hebrew Bible. After she finishes her master's, she plans to get a Ph.D. and eventually teach within the realm of religion and politics at the university level.

This summer, she will continue to work as a teaching assistant for her now alma mater, aiding in the administration and teaching of three different online courses.

TESTING FOR CORONAVIRUS

Who can be tested?

- Anyone who has symptoms
- Anyone who is having a medical procedure



Testing requires a clinician's order

How do I get a test?



- If you have a medical provider, call them first.
- If you don't have a medical provider you can call:
 - Lincoln Community Health Center
 - 541-265-4947
 - Samaritan Health Services
 - 541-768-7080

What is the cost?



Free! Most health insurers in Oregon have agreed to waive co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles for:

- COVID-19 testing
- An in-network provider office visit or a visit to an in-network urgent care center to be tested for COVID-10
- An emergency room visit to be tested for COVID-19,
- Immunization for COVID-19, should it become available

If you don't have health insurance call 541-265-0430 for help enrolling



News update from Portland Parks & Recreation

Hello, Portland Parks & Recreation friends, customers and partners,

First and foremost, I hope you and your family are healthy and safe. We have missed you, but we also appreciate everyone following Gov. Brown's Stay Home, Save Lives directive during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Our team has adapted to help meet the community's most urgent needs while continuing to keep your parks clean and safe:

- Your neighborhood parks, trails and natural areas are still open.
- We have redeployed team members as Park Greeters to make sure people know how to use their park system safely during the pandemic.
- To diminish the spread of COVID-19, we closed pools, community centers and art centers. We also canceled our recreation programs, environmental programs and permitted park events.

These actions have helped protect public health but have also impacted revenues that fund bureau operations. We have had to lay off or not hire hundreds of valued seasonal employees – your exercise instructors, swim teachers, camp counselors and many other important PP&R team members. These employees are the heart of our programs and they will be missed.

This summer, we are refocusing our resources on the community's most urgent needs. That includes an enhanced Lunch + Play program to help make sure families have nutritious food during the summer.

Due to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19, we will be unable to open our community centers or outdoor pools this summer. We must also cancel all summer programming and events, including outdoor camps, Summer Free For All and the Portland World Soccer Tournament. If you are registered for an activity now through the end of August, or if you have any questions about refunds, please visit portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/756846.

As you may know, many of PP&R's services depend on program fees paid by you, our customers, including revenues from our community centers, classes, tree permits, swimming lessons, permitted events and more. Closures and cancellations mean that we cannot earn those necessary revenues.

This crisis has grown our resolve to fulfill Commissioner Nick Fish's vision of a Sustainable Future for PP&R to ensure that we can serve all Portlanders. That work is ongoing and we will continue the community and City Council dialogue to gauge Portlanders' willingness to preserve and restore critical park and recreation system services.

Thank you for reading this important update. I'd like to leave you with one exciting piece of news – PP&R is now delivering online recreation programs with our new Stay and Play video series! We want Portland kids, families and seniors to stay healthy, learn new things, play and be entertained by their friends at PP&R while community programs are canceled.

We look forward to seeing you again soon. Until then, know that your PP&R team is hard at work, keeping our community healthy, active and connected.

Best,

Director Adena Long, Portland Parks & Recreation

Be safe. Stay home. Stay well.

Money for rental relief in Oregon

Oregon Housing and Community Services will receive \$12 million from the (Oregon) Emergency Board, with \$8.5 million for the COVID-19 Rent Relief Program. Eligibility threshold is 50% AMI (area median income, middle number of all incomes for a given area). Funding will go through Community Action Agencies.

The other \$3.5 million is for Safe Sheltering Resources that will be utilized for Oregonians experiencing homelessness and the farmworker population.

Details are available at oregon.egov.com/ohcs/Pages/statewide-homeless-populations-taskforce-covid-19.aspx.

See additional information on COVID-19 on pages 1 and 9.

Below is a map of Community Action Agencies throughout Oregon. All of the agencies have their own websites and phone numbers are listed below. Each agency receives Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program funds that can be used to pay for short-term emergency assistance like hotel/motel. Some have Rapid Rehousing programs or other housing programs.



- ACCESS - 541-779-6691
- Community Action Agency (CAO) - 503-693-3221
- Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO) - 800-752-1139/541-278-5671
- Community Action Team, Inc (CAT) - 503-397-3511, ext. 2003
- Community Connection of NE Oregon (CCNO) - 541-963-3186 Office/541-786-2311 Cell
- Clackamas County Social Services (CCSS) - 503-655-8641
- Community in Action (CinA) - 541-889-1060, ext. 101
- Community Services Consortium (CSC) - 541-704-7627
- Klamath/Lake Community Action Services (KLCAS) - 541-882-3500
- Lane County Human Services Division (LCHSD) - 541-682-3797
- Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC) - 541-298-5131
- Multnomah County Dept. of County Human Services - 503-988-7453
- Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA) - 503-585-6232
- NeighborImpact - 541-323-6502
- Oregon Human Development Corporation (OHDC) - 503-245-2600
- Oregon Coast Community Action (ORCCA) - 541-435-7080/541-435-7773
- United Community Action Network (UCAN) - 541-492-3501
- Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP) - 503-883-4172



Pandemic EBT for children

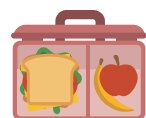
Extra grocery money for families, while school is closed

Who Will Get Pandemic-EBT



All Students who normally get free school meals

if they are enrolled in a K-12 school, school-based preschool or school-based Headstart that provides National School Lunch. Even if meals are free for all.



You can get "grab and go" meals while school is closed **AND** get P-EBT to buy groceries.



Immigration status does **NOT** matter for Pandemic-EBT. P-EBT will **NOT** count in a public charge test.

If you already qualify for free school meals



You will receive money for each child enrolled in a school that normally serves school lunch



Make sure your school has your current mailing address!

If you do **NOT** get free school meals

Apply for free school meals by June 30th.

www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp

How Much \$ You Will Get

Grocery Money

March = \$69 per child
April = \$126 per child
May = \$120 per child
June = \$69 per child

EBT

Money will be put on a Oregon Trail card. It works like a debit card to buy groceries at stores and farmers markets.

Stay Safe. Stay Strong. Stay Fed.

www.oregonhunger.org/covid-19

GUIDANCE FOR FUNERALS AND SERVICES

Tribal Council Order

On April 17, 2020, the Siletz Tribal Council adopted Resolution 2020-XXX, which ordered funerals to be conducted in a manner that does not conflict with the limitations of social distancing and the following criteria:

Services

The Dance House and Siletz Community Center will not be made available for funeral services at this time. Graveside services may occur with the following recommendations: 1) Limit the gathering to 10 people or less and 2) All individuals maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any person who is not a member of their immediate household.

Social Distancing Guidelines

As COVID-19 continues to spread in the surrounding areas, it is imperative that social distancing guidelines are followed to control the spread of COVID-19, decrease the burdens on hospitals and equipment supplies, and lessen the number of infections and deaths caused by this disease.

Limit Attendance

Attendance should be limited to the greatest extent possible. Ask all those who are not feeling well to stay home.

All attendees should self-quarantine for 14 days following attendance.

Protect Elders

Elders and those with underlying health conditions such as COPD, asthma, diabetes, kidney disease or heart disease, who are most at risk for a serious viral infection, should not attend.

If elders attend, it should be a **priority** that all attendees limit contact with elders and provide them ample space (6 feet) to follow social distancing.

Limit Person to Person Contact

Even though someone is not feeling sick, they could still have the novel coronavirus and pass it to others. Limiting contact with others is the best way to ensure the virus does not spread. This includes:

- It is highly encouraged that all attendees wear masks and wash hands frequently. If there are no hand washing stations, hand sanitizer should be used frequently and after handling any items that are handled by multiple people.
- Use disinfecting wipes on all hard surfaces and prioritize multiple cleanings for surfaces that will be touched frequently, such as door handles.
- Stand 6 feet away from others who are not a member of your immediate household.
- No handshakes and hugs.
- If food is being provided, as few people as possible should serve it. It should not be buffet style. Those serving should practice good hand washing, wear gloves, wear masks and frequently sanitize all serving utensils.
- Tables and chairs should be set for every other space.
- Giveaway items should either be avoided or held at another time

Attendance Tracking

One attendee will be responsible for logging the names of all attendees. This attendance log will be provided to the Siletz Community Health Clinic and will be kept confidential. This log will be used in the event that a funeral attendee tests positive for COVID-19 in the two weeks following the funeral and all funeral attendees need to be notified that they may have been exposed.

Resources

- Reopening Oregon: govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon
- What's Happening Around the State: myoregon.gov/
- Frequently Asked Questions & Answers: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html
- Symptoms to Watch For: co.lincoln.or.us/sites/default/files/styles/gallery500/public/imageattachments/hhs/page/6271/updated_covid-19_symptoms.png?itok=HdsDHHTN
- If Someone In Your Home Has Symptoms: admin.safestrongoregon.org/assets/English-06-If-someone-in-your-home-has-symptoms.png
- Food Resources: govstatus.egov.com/or-dhs-food
- Homemade/Cloth Masks Effectiveness: co.lincoln.or.us/sites/default/files/styles/gallery500/public/imageattachments/hhs/page/6271/homemade_masks_effectiveness.png?itok=fu0lfa9_
- Face Mask Guidance: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html
- Prevention: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html
- All CDC Guidance Documents Related to COVID: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/guidance-list.html?Sort=Date%3A%3Adesc
- Renter/Homeowner resource guide: consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus/mortgage-and-housing-assistance/

Additional LIEHP help available

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department has received additional funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEHP), so clients can access assistance for utility bills through the Housing Department. **Please keep in mind that LIEHP is not just for housing residents.**

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

Help with your bills and energy costs



As you and your family manage the impacts of this pandemic, we want you to know we're here to help.

Our team is available to provide you with bill support. We're also sharing tips to help you manage your energy use while everyone is home more.

Helping customers

To help our customers through the impacts of COVID-19, we're:

- Suspending disconnections and late fees
- Offering payment options to help make paying bills more manageable
- Connecting those who qualify to bill payment assistance
- Committing \$250,000 in energy assistance to directly help our customers impacted by COVID-19

Please note that it will take a full billing cycle for any change to take effect.

Call us for a payment plan: We will work with you to set up payment arrangements that work for you. A payment arrangement operates like an interest-free loan and will help you with your bill balance. This helps you pay off your outstanding balance and stay current on your bill.

Request energy assistance: If your financial situation has been severely impacted, you may qualify for energy help through a service agency or from PGE's COVID-19 fund.

Bill support

If you need help with your bill, we offer several options to fit your unique needs.

Request more time to pay: If you just need a little more time to pay, you can request a payment extension on your current bill 24/7 by logging in to your account online or calling our automated phone system at the numbers below.

Change your due date: If you need to change the day your bill is due each month, you can do that online or by calling us.

- **Energy assistance funding:** Oregon's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists eligible low-income households with energy costs. To see if you are eligible and start the application process, visit portlandgeneral.com/assistance.
- **PGE's COVID-19 fund:** In addition to agency dollars, PGE is committing \$250,000 in energy assistance to directly help our customers impacted by COVID-19. If you do not qualify for LIHEAP funds, call us to see if you qualify for this fund.



If you're on Equal Pay:

This program helps you even out your monthly payments for more consistent, predictable bills. However, during this time, when we are all staying home more, you will most likely use more energy. That means your Equal Pay amount and energy use may be mis-matched.

To help, we'll monitor your Equal Pay amount every four months and will let you know if we adjust the amount to help you avoid a higher true-up bill amount later. You can also check your Equal Pay balance (amount you owe from extra usage, or amount we owe you for smaller usage) on the back of your bill. If you're concerned about your balance, please call us.

Connect with us

PGE Customer Service at 503-228-6322 or 800-542-8818 Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sign up (or sign in) for online account access at portlandgeneral.com.

Download the PGE mobile app at your app store or portlandgeneral.com/app.

See if you qualify for energy assistance at portlandgeneral.com/assistance.

Get up-to-date information on how we're helping customers during COVID-19 at portlandgeneral.com/coronavirus.

Election Board Application

Tribal members interested in volunteering to serve on the Election Board are encouraged to fill out this form and return it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549 or fax 541-444-8325.

The Election Board consists of three board members and one alternate board member. Applications for consideration will be accepted through June 18, 2020.

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

For additional information regarding responsibilities and duties of the Election Board, please refer to the Tribe's website – ctsi.nsn.us; under the Government Listing tab select Tribal Ordinances and then select Election Ordinance.

Vacancy for Housing Standing Committee

Open Until Filled

Any Tribal member interested in consideration to serve on a Tribal Standing 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 have any questions, please call Tami Miner, executive secretary to Tribal Council, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

2020-2021 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

Type of Tag		Estimated Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer	Early Archery	50	8/29-9/27	8/3 at 8:00 AM at Natural Resources Office	First Come First Served*
	General Rifle	375	10/3-11/6**	8/17	First Come First Served
	Antlerless – Adult	8	10/3-11/6	Lottery applications available 8/3; due 8/28 ; drawing 9/8; tags issued 9/9	Lottery – Open to Elders Only
	Antlerless – Youth	8	10/3-11/8	Lottery applications available 8/3; due 8/28 ; drawing 9/8; tags issued 9/9	Lottery – Open to Youth Ages 12-17 Only
	Late Archery	50***	11/21-12/13	<i>First Distribution:</i> 10/19 at 8:00 AM at NR Office <i>Second Distribution:</i> 11/2 at 8:00 AM at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come First Served*
Elk	Antlerless - Youth	2	8/1-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due 7/2 ; drawing 7/6; tags issued 7/7	Lottery – Open to Youth Ages 12-17 Only
	Early Archery	25	8/29-9/27	8/3 at 8:00 AM at Natural Resources Office	First Come First Served*
	1 st Season Rifle	25	11/14-11/17	Lottery applications available 8/31; due 9/25 ; drawing 10/5; tags issued 10/6	Lottery
	2 nd Season Rifle	25	11/21-11/27		
	Antlerless	11	Various seasons beginning 1/1/21	Lottery applications available 8/31; due 9/25 ; drawing 10/5; tags issued 11/30	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/28-12/13	<i>First Distribution:</i> 10/19 at 8:00 AM at NR Office <i>Second Distribution:</i> 11/2 at 8:00 AM at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come First Served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	8/17	First Come First Served

* No early calls to “save” an early archery tag for someone. Must physically show up to obtain tag on first day of distribution. May call to have a tag mailed beginning on the second day of distribution.

** Season for Youth ages 12-17 is 10/3 - 11/8 (2 additional days at end of general season)

*** Minus number of tags filled in Deer Early Bow Season. Unfilled Deer Early Bow tags must be returned to Natural Resources by 10/9.

NOTE 1: A Tribal member may obtain only ONE elk tag in their name during the 2020-2021 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count towards 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.

New Living-Learning Communities at OSU will focus on cultural identity

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Oregon State University is introducing two new Living-Learning Communities to the Corvallis campus this fall that will center on the experiences of Indigenous people and those with Black and African American identities.

Living-Learning Communities (LLCs) are academic programs that collaborate with residential communities on campus to bring together students with the same academic focus and help them build relationships with faculty and advisors. In addition, University Housing & Dining Services holds events in the communities related to their areas of interest.

These are the first Living-Learning Communities at OSU focused on ethnic cultural communities. Currently, Living-Learning Communities range from specific disciplines like engineering and business to shared passions, such as environmental activism and outdoor activities.

The new Living-Learning Communities have partnerships with several cultural centers on campus. Both communities will be located on the first floor of Poling Hall, a residence hall in the center of campus. The programs are open to all students, regardless of identity.

The munk-skukum Indigenous Living-Learning Community offers a place for students to find community, explore cultural identity and learn more about the lands on which they will reside. The name “munk-skukum” means “to strengthen” in chinuk wawa, an Indigenous language originating as a pidgin trade language in the Pacific Northwest.

“When we speak about Indigenous communities as a focus, we are specifically talking about the Indigenous people of the Americas and Pacific Islands, while also balancing the integral responsibility we have to supporting an understanding and respect of Tribal sovereign nations,” said Luhui Whitebear, the Native American Longhouse Eena Haws assistant director, who is leading the munk-skukum group.

The Nia Black Scholar Living-Learning Community offers a space for

See OSU on the following page

Tribe gives away \$206,190 as STCCF distributes grants to nonprofits in Oregon

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has distributed \$206,190.36 to 68 organizations as it continued its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and then-current restrictions on gatherings of people, the reception originally scheduled for May 1 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 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$18.1 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, 2020. 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, Mult-

nomah, 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 \$206,190.36

Arts – \$3,000

Toledo Schools Theatre Program – stage drapes/curtains, construction materials and costuming for elementary and junior/senior high school theatre arts education program; Toledo, OR; \$3,000

Cultural Activities – \$2,000

Deer Ridge Native American Religious Services – pow-wow expenses or other cultural enrichment purposes; Madras, OR; \$500

Native American Peoples Association – pow-wow expenses or other cultural enrichment purposes; Salem, OR; \$500

Snake River Correctional Institution – pow-wow expenses or other cultural enrichment purposes; Ontario, OR; \$500

Two Rivers Correctional Institution Native American Circle – pow-wow expenses or other cultural enrichment purposes; Portland, OR; \$500

Drug & Alcohol Treatment – \$2,000

Celebrate Recovery of Lincoln City – child care provider incentives and advertising for faith-based 12-step recovery program; Lincoln City, OR; \$2,000

Education – \$23,617.40

Clemens Primary School – books to take home for children attending the Jump Start kindergarten orientation program; Philomath, OR; \$617.40

Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs – bilingual game app and teacher resource site to integrate teaching of math and Ichishkin language; Warm Springs, OR; \$5,000

Lebanon Community School District – clothes, coats, food, backpacks and other items to support homeless students; Lebanon, OR; \$6,000

Native American Rights Fund – Native law clerk position; Boulder, CO; \$9,600

Sharing Hands Preschool – books, toys, games and supplies for monthly art, science and field trip projects; Brownsville, OR; \$1,400

Tillamook Early Learning Center – update and replace outdoor play equipment for children 18 months to 5 years old; Tillamook, OR; \$1,000

Health – \$92,948

Albany Gleaners – food for community food pantry; Albany, OR; \$2,000

Alsea Valley Gleaners – food for community food pantry and costs of food/firewood delivery; Alsea, OR; \$2,500

Alsea Valley Gleaners – food storage supplies, emergency and first aid kits, and CPR and first aid training; Alsea, OR; \$3,443

Canyon Gleaners – repair evaporator coil and valve of walk-in cooler; Mill City, OR; \$4,000

Cascade AIDS Project – food and clothing for CareLink Program that connects people living with HIV to medical treatment; Portland, OR; \$2,500

Community Chapel at Ames Creek – ready-to-eat food for Kids Food Pak weekend food security program; Sweet Home, OR; \$4,405

Human Solutions – food for meals provided in family and women's emergency shelters; Portland, OR; \$2,000

Lane Senior Support Coalition – elder emergency assistance with utilities, minor home repairs, health and dental care and medical transportation when other resources are not available; Eugene, OR; \$2,500

Mountain Gospel Fellowship – fuel costs for volunteers who transport fresh produce; Falls City, OR; \$1,100

Sharing Hands – food for community food pantry; Brownsville, OR; \$2,500

Due to **economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic**, the following organizations are eligible for a one-time food security award for food only:

Albany Gleaners; Albany, OR; \$1,000

Alsea Valley Gleaners; Alsea, OR; \$1,000

Business for Excellence in Youth; Lincoln City, OR; \$2,000

Canyon Gleaners; Mill City, OR; \$2,000

Catholic Community Services; Salem, OR; \$2,000

Central Linn Gleaners; Halsey, OR; \$2,000

Coastal Range Food Bank Inc.; Blodgett, OR; \$2,000

Fair Share Gleaners; Sweet Home, OR; \$2,000

Fish of Albany; Albany, OR; \$2,000

Fish of Lebanon; Lebanon, OR; \$2,000

Florence Food Share; Florence, OR; \$2,000

Food Share of Lincoln County; Newport, OR; \$10,000

Harrisburg Harvesters Gleaners; Harrisburg, OR; \$2,000

Junction City Local Aid; Junction City, OR; \$2,000

Lebanon Gleaners; Lebanon, OR; \$2,000

Mapleton Food Share; Mapleton, OR; \$2,000

Marys River Gleaners; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Meals for Seniors; Rockaway Beach, OR; \$2,000

Mountain Gospel Fellowship; Falls City, OR; \$1,000

Newport Food Pantry; Newport, OR; \$2,000

North End Senior Solutions; Otis, OR; \$2,000

North Santiam Gleaners; Scio, OR; \$2,000

Philomath Community Gleaners; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Sharing Hands Inc.; Brownsville, OR; \$1,000

South Benton County Gleaners; Monroe, OR; \$2,000

St. Vincent de Paul – Lebanon; Lebanon, OR; \$2,000

Stone Soup Corvallis; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Sweet Home Gleaners; Sweet Home, OR; \$2,000

Waldport Lions Club; Waldport, OR; \$2,000

Willamette Valley Gleaners; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Yamhill Community Action Partnership; McMinnville, OR; \$2,000

Housing – \$5,000

Shangri-La – portion of rent and household items for housing assistance program; Salem, OR; \$5,000

Other – \$15,281

Greater Toledo Pool Recreation District – replace pool chair lift; Toledo, OR; \$4,500

Linn County Animal Rescue – gravel to improve ADA access to Healing Hearts with Horses human/horse interactions; Lebanon, OR; \$2,200

Siletz Tribal Head Start Parent Committee – materials to replace flooring in Siletz classroom; Siletz, OR; \$2,000

Tides of Change – playground structure, cedar chips and basketball hoop to improve play area for children in emergency shelter; Tillamook, OR; \$6,581

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students with a shared interest in centering black people and people of the African diaspora. Nia allows students to build strong community, explore racial identity and understand what it means to be black and African American in Oregon.

Nia, one of seven Nguzo Saba Kwanzaa principles, means "to make our collective vocation the building and development

of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness."

Nia Black Scholar Living-Learning Community aims to create a stronger sense of community with black and African American students, cultivate student leadership and involvement, and explore the history of black and African American people in Oregon and beyond.

"We welcome all students," said Dorian Smith, coordinator of Black Student Access and Success, who is leading the Nia Black Scholar Group. "We will focus on centering people from the African diaspora in our curriculum and programming in an engaging way. I think it will be engaging for anyone because black history is American history. We are looking to support students

holistically by creating a stronger sense of community and helping with academic and personal development for anyone that stays on our floor."

Participants in both communities will live with students of shared or similar interests. For more information, visit uhds.oregonstate.edu/housing/living-learning-communities.

NEW 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 Rhonda Attridge, PRC Tech I.

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

➤ Steps to get Life Alert:

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

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

➤ You can reach the community health advocates at:

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

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

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

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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

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

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

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: aa-oregon.org

Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

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

Examples of Services:

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



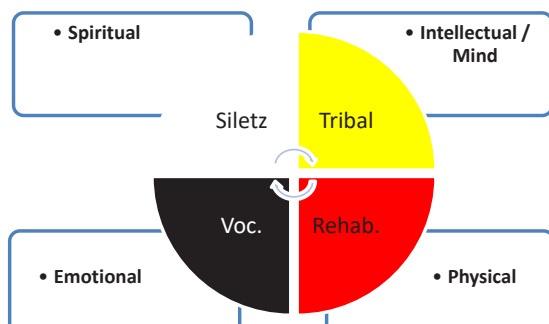
For more information about the STVRP, please inquire at 1-800-922-1399. Services are provided in ALL area offices, however, to inquire about services, ask to be transferred to the office nearest you listed below.

EUGENE AREA OFFICE 2468 West 11 th Eugene, OR 97402	SALEM AREA OFFICE 3160 Blossom Dr NE, Ste 105 Salem, OR 97305	SILETZ ADMIN. OFFICE 201 SE Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380
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EUGENE – JERAMIE MARTIN, Program Director

SALEM – TONI LEIJA, Counselor/Job Developer

SILETZ – RACHELLE ENDRES, Counselor/Job Developer



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MAY 25, 2020

OREGON 63.0%

NATIONAL 60.1%

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COW CREEK

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Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- CVS Business Scholarship
Deadline: August 2020
- CVS Pharmacy Scholarship
Deadline: August 2020
- USRA Space Scholarship Awards
Deadline: August 2020
- Gates Millennium Scholars
Deadline: September 2020
- QuestBridge National College Match Scholarships
Deadline: September 2020
- Horatio Alger National Scholarship Program
Deadline: Sept. 25 and Oct. 25, 2020
- Native Agriculture & Food Systems Scholarship Program
Deadline: Late September
- Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) Member Scholarships
Deadline: Sept. 30, 2020
- Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship Program
Opens November 2020
- NABI College Scholarship Fund
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2020
- NSCDA American Indian Nurse Scholarship Awards
Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- Dell Scholars
Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- Society for American Archaeology Native American Scholarships
Deadline: Dec. 15, 2020
- ACS Scholars Program
Deadline: March 1, 2021
- ALA Scholarship Program
Deadline: March 1, 2021
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College & University Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Services Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Institute of CPAs
Deadline: Varies
- American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Army Emergency Relief Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Catching the Dream Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- College Board Scholarship
Deadline: Ongoing
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
Deadline: Varies
- NOAA Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing

Internships

- NOAA Internships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Code Switch Internship
Deadline: Various
- HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern
Deadline: Open until filled
- Pearson Packaging Systems Engineering Internship
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

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

June

- Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!

Fellowships

- Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Journalism Fellowship
Deadline: June 30, 2020
- AAUW American Fellowships
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2020
- AAUW International Fellowships
Deadline: Nov. 15, 2020
- AAUW Professions Fellowships
Deadline: Dec. 1, 2020
- American Indian Graduate Center
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships
Deadline: Ongoing
- NBC News Summer Fellows Program
Deadline: Ongoing
- Master of Forest Resources Fellowships
Deadline: Open until filled
- NW Native American Research Centers for Health Research Support Fellowship
Deadline: Rolling
- Northwestern University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Undergraduate Fellowships
Deadline: Rolling
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Deadline: Multiple
- Claremont Native American Fellowship
Deadlines: Multiple

Other Opportunities

- U. of Oregon Future Stewards Program
Deadline: July 1, 2020
- 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!
- Caldera Youth Program
- The SMART Competition

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

Tribal Scholarships Available

Applications are under Education on the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us

Arthur S. Bensell Memorial Scholarship – Application due June 30

Arthur S. Bensell was an educator, civic leader, Tribal Council member and Tribal chairman. He spent many years in service to his community and Tribe as mayor of the City of Siletz and Tribal Council member and chairman.

Art attended Ohio State University and graduated from Heidelberg College in 1934. During his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he served as a teacher, principal and reservation principal in Minnesota, Alaska and North Dakota.

Upon returning to Siletz, Art became involved in Tribal business affairs, served many years on the Tribe's Education Com-

mittee and always strove for better educational opportunities for Tribal members.

A memorial scholarship fund was established through the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to honor and award Tribal members in education. The \$1,000 scholarship is administered by the Tribal Education Committee and strengthened by various fundraising activities throughout the year.

This scholarship is open to Tribal members in an education field of study.

Pepsi-Craig Whitehead Scholarship Application due June 30

Pepsi, Inc. donates scholarship funds to the Siletz Tribe and has asked that this

scholarship be known as the Pepsi-Craig Whitehead Scholarship in honor of Craig Whitehead.

Craig was a Tribal member who was employed by the Tribe as the pow-wow coordinator at the time of his death in 2004. He was also the pow-wow whip man, coordinated a dance troupe that visited schools and the peace keeper for the Citizens Advisory Board.

This scholarship is open to any field of study.

Siletz Scholarship Application due June 30

This scholarship is open to any field of study.

Cathern Tufts Memorial Scholarship Application due June 30

Cathern Tufts, affectionately known as "Cat" in the offices and hallways of the Tribal administrative offices and at Tribal elder woodcuts, was the Tribal attorney for 14½ years until she passed about two years ago following a short illness.

Cat graduated from the Arizona State University School of Law and served an internship in Washington, D.C., prior to going to work as an attorney. Her parents and friends wish to honor her life and achievements through this memorial scholarship.

The scholarship is open to students in a natural resources field, pre-law or law school.

Tribal Council Timesheets for April 2020

Lillie Butler – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.75	1.75					4/1 Special TC, packets
8.5	8.5					4/2-9 Packets
		3	2.5			4/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg/packet
5.5	5.5	4				4/13-16 Packets
2	2					4/17 Regular TC
3.5	3.5					4/20-22 Packets
2	2					4/23 Chemawa Station conf call, packets
9.75	9.75					4/24-30 Packets

Lorraine Y. Butler – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75					4/1 Special TC
		1.5	4			4/3-8 Packets
.5	.5	3	1			4/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
1.75	1.75					4/13-14 Packets
2	2					4/17 Regular TC
.25	.25					4/23 Chemawa Station conf call
		1				4/28 Packets

Reggie Butler Sr. – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.25	2.25					4/1 Special TC, packets
11	11					4/2-9 Packets
		3	2.5			4/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg/packet
5.25	5.25	3				4/13-16 Packets
2	2					4/17 Regular TC
15	15					4/20-30 Packets

Sharon Edenfield – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75					4/1 Special TC
1.75	1.75					4/4-5 Minutes, packets
1	.1					4/6 STCCF mtg, fed/Tribal briefing
		2				4/10 Special TC – gaming
.75	.75					4/13 477 wkshp
1.75	1.75					4/15 Mtg prep, 477 consultation
2	2					4/17 Regular TC
.75	.75					4/22 National COVID
.75	.75					4/23 WH Indian Country COVID
.75	.75					4/24 OR Tribes mtg
		1				4/26 USDA/SBA PPP
.5	.5					4/27 Fed/Tribal briefing
.5	.5					4/28 Congressional town hall

Alfred Lane III – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75					4/1 Special TC
.25	.25					4/6 Review COVID info
		2				4/10 Special TC – gaming
1	1					4/16 Packets
2	2					4/17 Regular TC

Delores Pigsley – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2	2	.5				4/1-2 Special TC, mail, agenda items
6.75	6.75	1				4/3-9 Governor's conf call, mail, prep for council, agenda items
.5	.5	3	2.25			4/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, governor's conf call, mail
1.75	1.75					4/13-14 Conf call w/ Rep. Schrader, mail, agenda items
2.75	2.75			4		4/15-16 Conf call with Sens. Merkley & Wyden, mail, prep for General Council & Tribal Council
3.25	3.25					4/17 Regular TC
3.75	3.75	1.5				4/18-23 Mail, news article, agenda items
4.25	4.25	1				4/24-28 Conf call w/ OR Tribes & governor, mail, agenda items
2.25	2.25	1				4/29-30 Conf call w/ governor, mail, gaming agenda items

Angela Ramirez – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1	1.5				4/1-2 Special TC, email, packets
3.5	3.5					4/3-4 STAHs, email, packets
.5	.5					4/5 Email, packets
1	1					4/6 Health Comm, email, packets
2	2	1				4/7-9 Email, packets
.5	.5	2				4/10 Special TC – gaming, email, packets
2.5	2.5	.5				4/11-12 Email, packets
4.5	4.5	1				4/13-16 Conf call, email, packets
3	3					4/17 Regular TC, email, packets
2	2	1.5				4/18-21 Email, packets
1.25	1.25					4/22 Conf call, email, packets
3.5	3.5	1				4/23-29 Email, packets

Selene Rilatos – 4/1/20-4/30/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.25	1				4/1 Special TC, conf call
6.25	6.25					4/2-9 Email, packets
		2.25	2.25			4/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
2	2.25					4/13 COVID, Tribal member concern, packets
1.5	1.5					4/14-16 COVID, Tribal member concern
2	2					4/17 Regular TC
3.25	3.25					4/20-22 COVID, Tribal member concerns, email
8.25	8.25					4/24-30 COVID, Tribal member concerns, email

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

Win \$15 Taco Bell gift cards

Be one of the first 100 people to text the word Oregon to 33339 and win a \$15 Taco Bell gift card.

Then email your name, mailing address and phone number to CompleteCount-Committee@ctsi.nsn.us.

You will receive occasional texts from Dancing Hearts Consulting encouraging you to respond to the 2020 Census and telling you why it's important to you.

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Chinook Winds opens with safety protocols during phase 1

LINCOLN CITY, Ore. – On March 17, 2020, the Siletz Tribal Council made the unprecedented decision to shut down Chinook Winds Casino Resort due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The closure was for the safety of our community, students, staff and guests.

As the state began to reopen in mid-May, the Siletz Tribal Council made the decision to reopen Chinook Winds, in phases, to ensure the safety of team members, guests and Tribal members. Chinook Winds opened to the public May 21.

“We want to thank everyone in the community, our team members and Tribal members for their patience in waiting to hear about our plans for reopening. We are ready to welcome all those who feel safe to visit,” said Michael S. Fisher, general manager.

We continue to stay informed by local and state health authorities and have implemented necessary protocols for safety throughout the resort. During the closure, we have taken advantage of this time to fully disinfect all guest and team member areas.

The casino has modified hours in phase one to allow for daily cleaning and disinfecting of the property. The Executive Management Team regularly reviews local coronavirus data and trends to provide recommendations to the Tribal Council as the situation changes.

As part of a 13-page phased process, below are protocols that have been implemented in phase one of our reopening:

- Non-smoking across the property
- Modified hours: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily
- Limited to 1,000 guests occupancy, with procedures for excess guest populations
- Facemasks or face shields are required of team members and guests.
- Non-invasive temperature checks utilizing no-contact infrared thermometers for team members and guests
- Guests and team members who demonstrate signs of illness will be immediately removed from the building to seek health care.
- Markers will be visible to guests to ensure physical distancing.
- Use of mobile queuing to avoid lines
- Increased health and hygiene reminders throughout the property, including the proper way to wear, handle and dispose of masks
- Hand sanitizer dispensers located at key guest and team member contact areas

Phase one will reopen with limited capacity throughout the property:

- Slots – 50% of machines available
- Bingo – 200-seat sessions
- Keno – kiosks only
- Sports Wagering – based on available sporting events
- Deli, Rogue River Steakhouse and Chinook’s Seafood Grill – modified menus
- Lodging – open with no in-room daily stayover service and limited hotel lobby occupancy

Chinook Winds is fully committed to following recommended health and safety protocols to protect its team members and guests. We will continue to re-evaluate and make adjustments in the coming weeks and months to slowly open the remaining venues and amenities when it is safe to do so.

Siletz News Letters Policy

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

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.

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

Editor-in-Chief: Tina Retasket
Editor: Diane Rodriguez
Assistant: Andy Taylor

To the editor:

April 16, 2020, was not a happy day for me. I was informed of the passing of a respected friend and relative, Chuck Ricks. He was the loving husband of Pauline Ricks and father of Randy Ricks.

Many of us who know him can remember his many contributions to the success of the Siletz Tribe. His support of the Tribe can be traced clear back to the termination years. The value of his participation in our Restoration cannot be measured.

I am comforted in knowing that when he reached the other side, he was welcomed by the drum songs of our departed relatives.

Edmond A. Ben

To the editor:

So correct me if I’m wrong here, but isn’t the reason our people fought for restoration and the driving force that caused the Supreme Court of the United States of America to rule in our favor the fact that we were losing generations of our people and no one was helping them? Isn’t that why we have a Tribe? To take care of own, to help those who struggle with people who understand that struggle?

My mother and all her siblings were orphaned when she was a little girl. There was no Tribe, no ICW, no one to step in or help. She had a hard life and as a direct result of that I too fell through the cracks.

All my life I was on the outside looking in, I never quite fit in. I was always apologizing for being myself because I was just too much for people.

I never knew any of you, I never so much as met my own mother until I was 10 years old. Not one thing was ever done to help me. I’m not here to blame anyone or cry for it, the simple fact is that my life, my mother’s life, the children and grandchildren being left to the state today are the direct progression and result of the things done to us. And most specifically of the legislation that took our recognition from us altogether.

So when I read in the Nesika Illahee that it is happening again to my cousin Levi’s grandchildren, when I read the words of my two aunties who sit on Tribal Council that there is nothing they can do, I am sick inside and beyond furious.

Our greatest resource is our children, we are caretakers only – unto seven generations – am I lying?! Why do we have a Tribe? Why are we paying \$300,000 in wages and reimbursement to Tribal Council this year if we cannot even nurture and raise our own families?

Do you have any idea what it feels like to be one of those kids? Because I am one. The first time in my life I ever felt connected or accepted was in the penitentiary when my Native brothers pulled me in. I don’t care whose fault it is – it is every one of our responsibility to see that it doesn’t happen again.

Randall Hartwell

CTSI Youth Community Art Challenge

HELP UPLIFT OUR TRIBAL COMMUNITY BY CREATING A WORK OF ART

The past few months have been hard on so many in our community. Beginning in May, the CTSI Youth Services Team invites you to help raise community spirits by creating a piece of artwork that encourages those around you.

You can submit any type of art
{ drawing poster painting essay collage video }
{ song weaving poem beadwork story animation }

that you feel will help uplift our tribal community.

If you need some inspiration, you can use your artwork to answer the question “*Siletz is strong because...*” but submission can be up to your artistic interpretation.

Submit all entries via email to Jacobr@ctsi.nsn.us. With your submission, include the youth’s age, name, and any description about the art that you’d like to share.

Age Categories

0-5 (with family help)	6-10	11-14	14-17	18-24
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Prize

All submissions will receive raffle entry with a chance at winning a digital Amazon gift card.

Deadline for submission is June 30th, 2020

All art will be displayed on the CTSI Youth Facebook Page.

LIVE Virtual THRIVE Gathering

June 22-26, 2020
Zoom or Social Media Platforms

Participants will have virtual **LIVE** 1-hour cultural skill building interactive sessions with special guest...





Auntie Amanda & Uncle Paige
We R Native



Steven Paul Judd



J Ross Parrelli
Beats, Lyrics, Leaders

& Much More!

Registration and details coming soon!
Visit: www.npaihb.org/thrive/

Contact: cmccray@npaihb.org
Celena McCray, THRIVE Project Coordinator





Happy 21st Birthday to Anita on June 22. We love you tons. Aunt Selina, Cameron, Mateas and Deenie



Happiest 3rd Birthday on May 13 to our "Super" Nova (above). Happiest 8th Birthday on June 5 to our "Artsy" Annabelle (below). Nana, Mom and Dad love you both bunches more each day! XOXO Always and Forever 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

SAVE THE DATE

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS!



10th Annual THRIVE Conference

June 21-25, 2021
Portland, OR

#WeNeedYouHere

WHO: For American Indian and Alaska Native Youth 13-19 years old

WHERE: PSU Native American Student and Community Center - Portland, OR

WHAT: This conference is made up of four to five interactive workshop tracks!

WHY: Participants will...

- * Build protective factors through creative self-expression using traditional learning strategies
- * Connect with other Native youth!
- * Learn about healthy behaviors and develop healthy coping skills!
- * Embrace their culture pride and enhance their resiliency.

REGISTRATION IS FREE AND WILL OPEN THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL!

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Happiest of birthdays to our Tye-man on June 18. I pray you always know joy and choose happiness, and always remember you're loved beyond measure! Happy 20th, sunshine. Love, Mom and Dad



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President Franklin Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that men have died to win them." But this Memorial Day, as we once again join together in spirit, we refuse to forget all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedom. In this 75th anniversary year of World War II, we particularly think of all those of our Greatest Generation who answered their nation's call to save the world from totalitarianism. Today, as we commemorate all of the soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and coast guardsmen who have given their lives for this country, may we resolve to carry their memories and their spirit with us always. And let us resolve to follow their example, to stand up for our nation's and our communities' well-being even when that requires sacrifice, and to always keep America a beacon of hope, equality and freedom. In this challenging year, I wish for you and your families a meaningful and safe Memorial Day. All my best, Sen. Jeff Merkley

Passages Policy

Submissions to Passages are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo if desired.

All birthday, anniversary and holiday wishes will appear in the Passages section. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any submission for clarity and length. Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Please type or write legibly and submit via e-mail when possible.

OPEN HEARTS & OPEN HOMES

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

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

OUR CHILDREN NEED:

- **Permanent Care**
- **Temporary Care**
- **Short-term Care**
- **Emergency Care**

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

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

ICW: 541-444-8338



2020 Out-of-Area Benefits

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

All benefits are dependent on available funding.

Annually	Biannually
\$2,000 Total in Medical + Mental Health + Dental + Hearing Plus \$500 Pharmacy Card Benefit	\$450 in total Vision Care for Adults* *Available Annually for Elders, Children, Students or Diabetics

Call PRC – 800-628-5720

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