



## Census campaign will end soon – make sure you get counted before Sept. 30

There are many things in this world that we have no control over. One of the things we do have control of that will help improve our lives and the life of our Siletz community is the ability to respond to the Census. On that note, there is good and bad news.

The good news is that the Siletz Tribe has responded better than 83% of all of Tribes in the country. The bad news is that we've only responded at a 52.4% rate as of this writing. Indian Country is going to be undercounted again and it's our own fault this time. Those who have responded have shown concern for their community and are to be commended.

Thanks to all who have endured eight months of Census campaigning. It will soon be over. The Census response period will close at the end of September. At that time, a drawing will take place for those Siletz Tribal members who have reported that they have completed the Census.

There is more than \$5,000 in prizes and gifts, including a Brass King Regal XLS LP gas grill and cover, Siletz Pendleton blankets, Kindle tablets, shirts and cooler bags. You can still participate a little while longer. Just complete the Census and send an email with the subject line "I Count" and your name, mailing address and phone number to CompleteCount-Committee@CTSI.nsn.us.



Complete the Census by 1) going online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov) or by 2) phoning 844-330-2020. Census enumerators are supposed to come to households that have not completed the Census. They are short-staffed, however, and may miss some people. Please don't let this happen.

If you have questions, contact your area office. If you need computer assis-

tance with your response, contact your area office. People there have been trained to answer your questions, though they can't fill out your questionnaires for you.

The Census is safe, simple and confidential. Your responses will not be shared with any other agency. The average response only takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Remember: You are Siletz and you count!



Design by Harvey Pratt/Butzer Architects and Urbanism, illustration by Skyline Ink, courtesy of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

### NMAI to host virtual ceremony to mark completion of National Native American Veterans Memorial

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will host a virtual event Nov. 11, 2020, to mark the completion of the National Native American Veterans Memorial. The event will also acknowledge the service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families. More information about the virtual event will be forthcoming.

The museum planned to host a dedication ceremony and veterans' procession to mark the memorial's completion but has postponed these events due to current health and safety guidelines. The museum will reschedule both events when it is safe to do so.

#### About the memorial

As commissioned by Congress, the National Museum of the American Indian will establish a National Native American Veterans Memorial on its grounds. This will be the first national landmark in Washington, D.C., to focus on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military.

The memorial design is by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), a multimedia artist, retired forensic artist and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran.

#### About the museum

In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, the National Museum of the American Indian fosters a richer shared human experience through a more informed understanding of Native peoples. The museum in Washington, D.C., is located on the National Mall at Fourth Street and Independence Avenue S.W.

Connect with the museum on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and [AmericanIndian.si.edu](http://AmericanIndian.si.edu).

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## CTSI Resource Call Line

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

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

Call us at 541-444-9613.

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



## Native Arts and Cultures Foundation to gain ownership of Yale Union building in historic repatriation of property

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) and Yale Union (YU) are proud to announce the transfer of ownership of the land and historic Yale Union building at 800 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Portland from YU to NACF.

“Together, the NACF board and staff believe that this free land and building transfer will set an example for recognizing the value of Native ownership of property in urban areas across the nation,” said NACF president/CEO Lulani Arquette. “It’s liberating and encouraging to witness this kind of support for First Peoples of this country. The potential for local community and national partnerships around shared interests through Indigenous arts and cultures is wide open. We are deeply grateful for this transformative opportunity afforded NACF by YU board and staff, and stand united with all to reclaim Native truth, engage anti-racism and address important issues we face today.”

NACF is a Native-led national organization committed to mobilizing Native artists, culture bearers, communities and leaders to influence positive social, cul-

tural and environmental change. It focuses on strengthening Native arts, providing artists and the creative community with the resources and tools they need to be successful, and expanding awareness and access to Native knowledge and truth.

NACF accepts this special property with great appreciation for what came before. We honor and respect the elders past and present, and acknowledge the land this building sits on and the previous Native Tribes and peoples who inhabited the land.

“I am proud of what we have accomplished with Yale Union over the last decade. Having been able to fulfill our mission through the unearned privilege of property ownership, it’s now time that we hand over the keys!” said Flint Jamison, president, Yale Union Board of Directors. “I am inspired by NACF’s leadership, unwavering commitment to their mission and capacity to operate on a large scale. I am eager to listen and learn from them as they use the land and historic building to fulfill their vision.”



Courtesy photo

The Center for Native Arts and Cultures in inner Southeast Portland

The new national headquarters for NACF will be called the Center for Native Arts and Cultures, and the property will continue to be a site of contemporary artistic and cultural production. The building will benefit the local community and be a strong cultural asset for the city of Portland.

NACF has just completed a planning process that determines its national programming and includes a vision for how it plans to maximize opportunities in the new space. The building will be a vibrant gathering place for Indigenous artists and local partnerships. It will provide space to present and exhibit, places to practice culture and make art, and areas for cultural ceremony and celebration.

There will be opportunities for broad community learning, including workshops and seminars covering pertinent issues relative to decolonizing space, anti-racism and environmental justice.

The process to transfer Yale Union’s historic property to NACF began in mid-2018 with discussions between YU’s then executive director, Yoko Ott, and YU’s board president, Jamison, regarding the art institutions’ potential for proposing models of restorative social change. Ott then made initial contact with NACF’s Arquette, which led to NACF conducting a thorough feasibility study.

In December 2019, NACF’s Board of Directors approved to move forward with taking ownership of the property. Both NACF and YU would like to acknowledge Ott’s vision and leadership in initiating this transfer of ownership.

### Yale Union background

Since opening in 2010, Yale Union has provided public programming and presented the work of hundreds of artists through the labor of its dedicated board and staff, and the incalculable support of its donors, volunteers, colleagues and friends.

Yale Union has created and fostered a cultural community by hosting countless events, providing subsidized studio space to dozens of local artists and facilitating numerous community programs. It has preserved its historic building and used its 9,400-square-foot exhibition space to present the work of internationally recognized and under-represented artists in Portland.

Through its publishing imprint, YU has published 10 books and it has housed a unique and publicly accessible art library.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yale Union has suspended in-person events for 2020, but will collaborate with NACF to co-present artistic programming in 2021. Later that year, Yale Union will dissolve its nonprofit.

The property transfer to NACF will serve as a natural culmination of Yale Union’s decade-long mission to support artists, propose new modes of production and stimulate an ongoing public discourse around art. Yale Union’s board and staff sincerely thank all of those who helped in achieving its mission and building a community of artists around the Yale Union building and beyond.

### Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

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

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

Vacancies are open until filled.

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Send information to:

Siletz News

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

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

Fax: 541-444-2307

Email: [pias@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:pias@ctsi.nsn.us)

**Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 9.**

**Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.**

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



Member of the Native American Journalists Association

**Be safe.**

**Stay home if you can.**

**Wear a mask and social distance out in public.**

**Exercise a little patience.**

**Remember – we’re in this pandemic together.**

## 2020 Deer Early Bow Tags

Tribal hunters who were issued deer early archery tags from the Siletz Tribe for the 8/29/2020-9/27/2020 season are required to return **unfilled** early season tags to the Natural Resources Department no later than Oct. 9, 2020. This is a change in practice from recent years.

The interest in bow hunting has increased and the number of deer archery tags is limited to 50 total for the split seasons. All **unfilled** deer bow tags must be returned by Oct. 9, 2020, to be available for requests for deer late archery season.

The first distribution of deer late bow tags is for Tribal hunters who did not receive a tag during the early season. The first distribution day for deer late bow tags is Oct. 19, 2020.

Due to Covid-19, hunting and fishing licenses and tags are being delivered by mail only. Call Natural Resources at 541-444-8227, 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232, for assistance.

### Siletz Elder Council needs you

The Siletz Elder Council is holding a drawing contest.

The grand prize is \$300. The theme is Siletz Tribal history. Send your entries to Brian Crump at [brianc@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:brianc@ctsi.nsn.us). The deadline is Oct. 2.

We look forward to seeing what all of our Tribal artists have to offer.

### 477-SSP Family Engagement Contest with a chance to win prizes!

Hosted by the 477-SSP Program

Open to Siletz Tribal families in all areas

Deadline to register: Sept. 9, 2020

To register please email [angelicae@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:angelicae@ctsi.nsn.us)

Event takes place Sept. 11-25, 2020

Families that register will be emailed/mailed a list of activities prior to the event.

The list of activities can be completed at home or locally  
(while practicing physical distancing from others).

Points will be assigned to each activity. Families will send in a photo to verify they completed the activity as a family. The families with the most points will earn a prize.

**Survey deadline is Sept. 30, 2020, in order to receive the stipend (see below). If received after Sept. 30, the information will be accepted but no stipend will be paid.**

#### REMINDER

##### Salmon Tags

(for cultural fishing at Tribal cultural fishing sites only)

Available Starting  
Aug. 17, 2020

Call 541-444-8232 or 541-444-8227 to have a tag mailed to you.

First-Come, First-Served

#### REMINDER

##### Deer General Rifle Tags

Available Starting  
Aug. 17, 2020

Call 541-444-8232 or 541-444-8227 to have a tag mailed to you.

First-Come, First-Served

#### REMINDER

##### Elk Tag

Applications Due  
Sept. 25, 2020

Applications available starting Aug. 31, 2020, on the Tribal website under Natural Resources

Call 541-444-8232 or 541-444-8227 to have an application mailed to you.

# Siletz Tribal Member Survey Earn \$100!

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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](http://Oregonlawhelp.org)**

## Babies!



### Bear Ilijah Gilbert

Bear Ilijah Gilbert was born March 23, 2020. His proud dad is Chay Gilbert.



File photo

Please welcome your 2020-2021 Siletz Royalty: Little Miss Siletz Kendall Bell-Tellez, Junior Miss Siletz Halli Lane-Skauge and Miss Siletz Felisha Howell

## 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.

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).



Courtesy photo

The Lane-Butler family (l to r): Cassandra, Nathaniel, Callen, Taykoda and Allen

## Lane-Butlers graduate from Tribal Home Visiting Program

Congratulations to Allen and Cassandra Lane-Butler for being Home Visiting's most recent graduates!

Allen and Cassandra joined the Home Visiting Program in September 2017, soon after the birth of their son Callen. They actively participated in the Home Visiting lessons and attended family events when possible, graduating this July when Callen turned 3 years old.

Over the course of the three years that Allen and Cassandra were engaged with Home Visiting, they made several changes benefiting their family. Their two older sons returned to their home full time, the family moved to a larger home with plenty of space for their family and both grew in confidence in their parenting skills and roles.

Allen and Cassandra both participated in the visits, entering in with interest, openness and a desire to learn. Their honesty and reflective responses showed wisdom and commitment to their family.

Allen commented that he valued the one-on-one communication and the lessons. The diaper wipes they got with each visit were an added bonus. Setting goals and doing the lessons gave them things to focus on and gain more awareness. When asked if he would recommend the Siletz Home Visiting Program to other Tribal families, Allen responded "Absolutely! Yes, indeed!"

Congratulations Allen and Cassandra! We wish you and your family the best!

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

# Juncus Harvesting Season

## Juncus Harvesting for Basketry September 19 & 20th

Contact Healthy Traditions at 541-444-9627

or [kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us)

Sponsored by CTSI Healthy Traditions

Space to meet out at the  
Farm is limited.  
Sign up today!

Join us for a day trip, out at the Farm  
property.

Due to COVID 19 you must sign-up  
prior and get details once you are signed  
up.



**Ava Johnson**  
Harvesting fresh veggies from her  
garden!



Siletz Tribal Members fishing at Euchre Falls 2018

Prepare now to get your  
2020

**Tribal Cultural  
Salmon Tag**  
through our Natural  
Resources Dept.

**All tags will be  
distributed  
through the mail.**

**541.444.8232**



# Siletz Community

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

- What format would most benefit you?
- Would you be willing to take on a leadership role?
- What do you want to get out of this group?

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

"I have come to believe that caring for myself is not self-indulgent. Caring for myself is an act of survival."

-Audre Lorde

## History of Tobacco

### Plantations in the American South

In 1609, English colonist John Rolfe arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, and became the first settler to successfully raise tobacco (commonly referred to at that time as "brown gold")<sup>[17]</sup> for commercial use. Tobacco was used as currency by the Virginia settlers for years, and Rolfe was able to make his fortune in farming it for export at Varina Farms Plantation.



When he left for England with his wife Pocahontas, a daughter of Chief Powhatan, he had become wealthy. Returning to Jamestown, following Pocahontas' death in England, Rolfe continued in his efforts to improve the quality of commercial tobacco, and, by 1620, 40,000 pounds (18,000 kg) of tobacco were shipped to England. By the time John Rolfe died in 1622, Jamestown was thriving as a producer of tobacco, and its population had topped 4,000. Tobacco led to the importation of the colony's first black slaves in 1619.

Throughout the 17th and 18th centuries, tobacco continued to be the cash crop of the Virginia Colony, as well as The Carolinas. Large tobacco warehouses filled the areas near the wharves of new, thriving towns such as Dumfries on the Potomac, Richmond and Manchester at the Fall Line (head of navigation) on the James, and Petersburg on the Appomattox.

There were also tobacco plantations in Tennessee, like Wessynton in Cedar Hill, Tennessee.

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

# Health Department



## BOOK CLUB

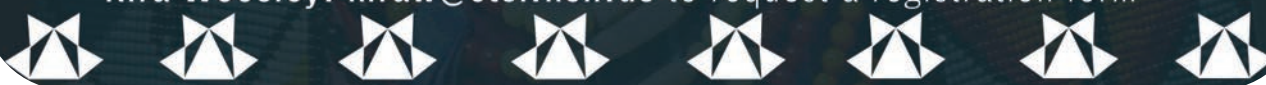
With the Siletz CARE Program & Prevention

Virtual book club for youth age 12-18 with an emphasis on empowerment and social justice issues. Our first book is #NotYourPrincess, a collection of art, poetry and short stories from Native American women.

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

**Zoom Meetups Thursdays at 3:30pm**

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



## Virtual Sewing Circle

Bring your sewing stuff and meetup with the CARE

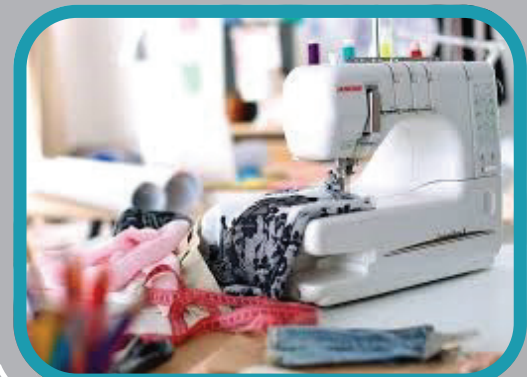
Program via Zoom to sew masks for your community.

**Tuesdays**

**10am – 11:45**

Email Jen Metcalf for meeting login & password

[JenM@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:JenM@ctsi.nsn.us)

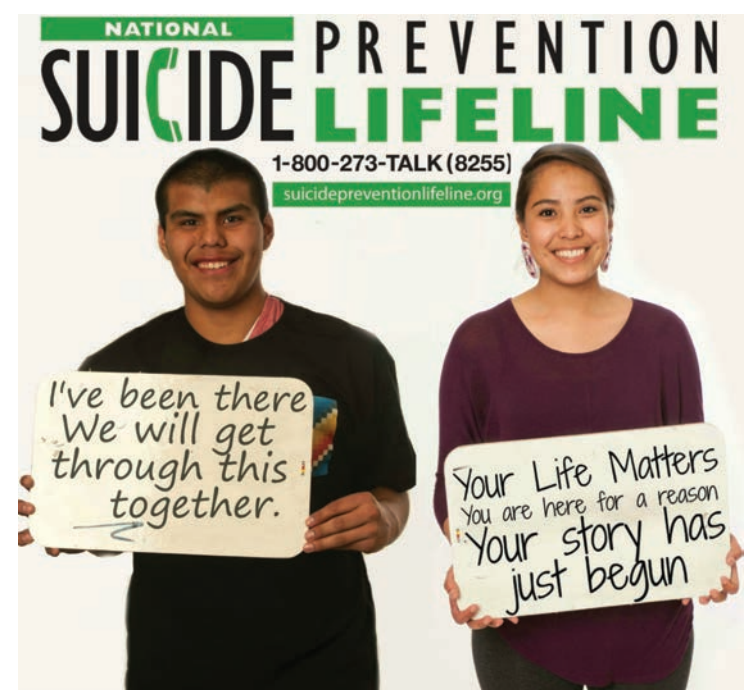


## National Suicide Prevention Month

In the United States, suicide rates for American Indian and Alaska Natives is the highest of any racial group. It is the second leading cause of death for AI/AN who are 15-24 years of age. It is important to raise awareness and reduce the stigma surrounding this topic, which includes encouraging those in need to get mental health assistance. You can make a difference by learning about the warning signs of suicide and by regularly checking in with your friends and family.

### Suicide Warning Signs:

- Hopelessness; feeling like there is no way out
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities
- Increasing alcohol and drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family, or usual activities
- Sleeping too much or too little
- Anxiety, agitation, or mood swings
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life
- Feeling that there is no one that cares about you
- Giving away possessions



**National Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255**

**Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741**

## Do you need assistance working in Oregon's legal marijuana industry?

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program may be able to provide limited support services to help you gain and maintain employment in Oregon's legal marijuana industry.

With funding provided by the Siletz Tribal Council, we are able to assist American Indians (enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe or descendant) who reside within the service area with licensing fees, background checks, testing fees, outdoor work clothing/tools and transportation assistance.

For more information on how to access this service, please contact the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program located in each of the four area offices or email 477SSP@ctsi.nsn.us.

### CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

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

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

### Vacancy for Health Standing Committee

(Open Until Filled)

Any Tribal member interested in consideration to serve on the Tribal Health 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.

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

## September USDA distribution dates

### Siletz

Tuesday Sept. 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Wednesday Sept. 2 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Thursday Sept. 3 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Friday Sept. 4 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Tuesday Sept. 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.


### Salem

Monday Sept. 21 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Sept. 22 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday Sept. 23 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.  
 Thursday Sept. 24 **By appt only**

### A message to all USDA clients

During the pandemic, we are allowing one client into the building at a time to do your shopping lists and to bag your own foods. If this changes, we will post it on the warehouse doors.

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

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

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

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

**For more information about the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society, visit [siletzartsheritage.org](http://siletzartsheritage.org).**

## 2020-2021 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

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

Type of Tag		Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
<b>Deer</b>	Early Archery	50	8/29-9/27	8/3 at 8 a.m. 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 <b>8/28</b> ; 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 <b>8/28</b> ; 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 a.m. at NR office; <i>Second Distribution:</i> 11/2 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-Come, First-Served*
<b>Elk</b>	Antlerless - Youth	2	8/1-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due <b>7/2</b> ; 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 a.m. at Natural Resources office	First-Come, First-Served*
	1 <sup>st</sup> Season Rifle	25	11/14-11/17	Lottery applications available 8/31; due <b>9/25</b> ; drawing 10/5; tags issued 10/6	Lottery
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Season Rifle	25	11/21-11/27		
<b>Salmon</b>	Antlerless	11	Various seasons beginning 1/1/21	Lottery applications available 8/31; due <b>9/25</b> ; drawing 10/5; tags issued 11/30	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	11/28-12/13	<i>First Distribution:</i> 10/19 at 8 a.m. at NR office; <i>Second Distribution:</i> 11/2 at 8 a.m. at NR office (see Note 2 below)	First-Come, First-Served*
<b>Salmon</b>	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 call to have a tag mailed no earlier than the first 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 can obtain only ONE elk tag in their name during the 2020-2021 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

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

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



# Tribe distributes \$418,054 to help local communities with multitude of needs

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has distributed \$418,054.48 to 34 organizations as it continues its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and current restrictions on gatherings of people, the reception originally scheduled for Aug. 7 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 \$14.5 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$18.6 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 Dec. 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, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at [ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund](http://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](mailto:stccf@live.com).

## Distribution of \$418,054.48

### Cultural Activities – \$1,000

Mill Creek Correctional Native American Religious Services – supplies and medicines for cultural activities and smudge, pipe and sweatlodge ceremonies; Salem, OR; \$500

Santiam Native American Religious Group – salmon, elk, buffalo and other food, supplies for handmade gifts and port-a-potty rentals for powwow in September; Salem, OR; \$500

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 or  
[Oregonlawhelp.org](http://Oregonlawhelp.org)

### Education – \$308,347.98

Eddyville Charter School – refrigerator/freezer, and medical and office supplies to expand school health center; Eddyville, OR; \$4,500

Oregon Coast Community College – services of an outside education vendor to provide one-on-one, on-demand online tutorial services; Newport, OR; \$5,000

Philomath Elementary School – early reading chapter books for first- and second-grade students; Philomath, OR; \$668.60

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library – annual professional deep cleaning of community library; Siletz, OR; \$829.38

Siletz Valley School – K-12 charter operations and sports programs for 2020-2021; Siletz, OR; \$292,000

Sweet Home Public Library – books, outreach and meeting food for One Community reading program and books for middle school teams in Oregon Battle of the Books; Sweet Home, OR; \$1,750

The Pilcrow Foundation – children's books by American Indian authors/illustrators for distribution to rural public libraries in Oregon; Cottage Grove, OR; \$3,600

### Environment & Natural Resource Preservation – \$12,500

Devils Lake Water Improvement District – IDEXX laboratory tray sealer for ongoing work to monitor and improve Devils Lake water quality; Lincoln City, OR; \$4,000

Oregon Wild – developing/editing podcasts on California condor advocacy and recovery; Portland, OR; \$2,500

Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District – heavy duty split-deck tilt trailer to transport district's mower and loader equipment between conservation properties; McMinnville, OR; \$6,000

### Health – \$30,265

ALS Association, Oregon and SW Washington Chapter – direct ALS client financial support as part of COVID-19 crisis response for high-risk individuals; Portland, OR; \$2,740

Boost Oregon – childhood vaccine education materials/workshops to improve outreach to refugee and immigrant parents of diverse cultures and spoken languages; Portland, OR; \$5,000

Lincoln County Master Gardeners Association – GreenBed raised garden kits and supplies to replace deteriorating wood beds to finish project of improving accessibility for seniors; Newport, OR; \$4,525

National Urban Housing & Economic Community Development Corporation – Safe Moms, Safe Babies diaper drive to help low-income families; Molalla, OR; \$500

Outgrowing Hunger – water/site fees, garden supplies, tools and equipment for community gardens at 12 sites serving more than 450 immigrant and refugee families; Gresham, OR; \$5,000

Philomath Community Gleaners – food for community food bank; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Portland Backpack – food and grocery gift cards for weekend backpack food programs at Martin Luther King Jr., Woodlawn and Rosa Parks schools; Portland, OR; \$5,000

RSVP of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties – durable medical equipment for fall prevention and mobility of seniors; Albany, OR; \$2,000

Salvation Army of Lincoln County – food shares for emergency food box distribution program; Newport, OR; \$2,000

South Benton County Gleaners – food resources and gas cards for volunteers doing food and firewood delivery; Monroe, OR; \$1,500

### Historical Preservation – \$25,000

Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society – Tribal museum capital building fund; Siletz, OR; \$25,000

### Housing – \$6,200

Habitat for Humanity of Lincoln County – support for critical home repair program for low-income homeowners to meet safety, accessibility (ramps) and municipal codes; Newport, OR; \$5,000

House of Grace – match secured resources to help replace heavy duty washer and dryer at young women's housing program; Bay City, OR; \$1,200

### Other – \$10,945.50

American Legion Auxiliary Post 116 – food, supplies and gifts for annual Thanksgiving meal for veterans and community Christmas party; Gleneden Beach, OR; \$2,000

Central Coast Humane Society – support for spay/neuter voucher program for qualifying low-income pet owners; Newport, OR; \$3,500

Lincoln City Senior Center – turkeys, food and supplies for annual Thanksgiving luncheon for community seniors; Lincoln City, OR; \$600

Toledo Elks Lodge 1664 – materials and lift rental for exterior lodge repairs, plus painting and rain gutter replacement; Siletz, OR; \$4,845.50

### Prevention – \$18,796

Adler's Voice – trainings, curriculum, website and materials to expand End the Silence child abuse prevention campaign in Marion and Tillamook counties; Bend, OR; \$7,500

B'nai B'rith Camp – scholarships for Lincoln County day campers and meal/food costs; Beaverton, OR; \$7,500

Old Mill Center for Children and Families – child educational books and gas cards for families in home visiting program in rural Benton County; Corvallis, OR; \$660

Southern Linn Youth Services Team – support for multidisciplinary team approach to eliminate barriers that keep children from attending school and making connections at school; Albany, OR; \$3,136

### Public Safety – \$5,000

Fire Technology Foundation – wildland fire mask/respirators for distribution at no cost to wildland firefighting teams in Linn and Marion counties; Albany, OR; \$5,000



To use **mail order pharmacy** to order your refills after hours and on weekends: Call the Siletz Clinic 7-10 days before you need your refills. This allows us time to contact your provider, if necessary, and for mailing.

- Call 800-648-0449; enter 1624 as soon as the clinic's message begins – you'll be transferred to the refill line.
- Or call the refill line direct – 541-444-9624.

# Run to the Rogue from the Past



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## 1% of Oregonians have evidence of COVID-19 exposure, study finds; rate is 10 times higher than conventional testing shows

PORTLAND, Ore. — As of mid-June, 1% of Oregonians without COVID-19 had evidence of past infection of the virus in their blood, which is 10 times higher than the reported rate of infections obtained through conventional testing, according to a new study.

Oregon Health Authority epidemiologists who authored the study, which appeared Aug. 14 in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), found that nine of 897 blood specimens collected from 19 health care facilities around Oregon between May 11 and June 15, 2020, contained antibodies against the virus that causes COVID-19.

The study also suggested that rates of infection increased with age, with no anti-

bodies detected in the blood of pediatric patients age 17 and younger. The rate was 0.4-0.5% in those ages 18-64; and 1.6-2.1% in those 65 and older.

The results indicate a "substantial" proportion of Oregon residents have undiagnosed and unreported infection from COVID-19.

"We suspected that a much larger segment of Oregon's population has been exposed to and infected with COVID-19 than traditional diagnostic testing shows," said Paul Cieslak, M.D., a study co-author and OHA medical director for communicable diseases and immunizations. "But these results also tell us that the great majority of Oregonians remain susceptible to this virus."

The first case of COVID-19 in Oregon was diagnosed Feb. 28, 2020. Through

May 31, 4,243 people in Oregon, or about one of every 1,000 people, had tested positive for COVID-19.

Because this rate doesn't account for people who were infected but did not seek testing — such as those with mild or no symptoms, or people unable to access testing — the rate is believed to be lower than the state's actual infection count.

Seroprevalence surveys like this one — testing blood samples to look for antibodies — may estimate the rate of infection more accurately than conventional testing by identifying all people who have had previous infections with COVID-19, including those who didn't show symptoms or did not seek care.

"Because most of us are still susceptible," said Cieslak, "we need to keep practicing physical distancing and masking

until we have effective vaccines, treatments or other means of mitigating illness."

The antibody test shows that people whose blood was tested for antibodies were exposed to COVID-19 at some point, even if they never had symptoms. But Cieslak emphasized it's not a good test to get if you think you have COVID-19, because antibodies don't appear in your blood until two to three weeks after exposure to the virus. Plus, he explained, "We don't know if antibodies to COVID-19 mean you are protected, so you still need to wear a face covering, maintain physical distancing and keep washing your hands."

For more information on antibody testing, visit the CDC website at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/serology-overview.html).

## Health officials urge parents to get their children caught up on vaccines now

Parents are understandably nervous about taking their children and teens to their doctors' offices right now. As a result, children in Oregon are falling behind on their childhood vaccinations.

"How students attend school is changing because of COVID-19," says Stacy de Assis Matthews, school immunization coordinator at the Oregon Health Authority. "We want to make sure students are fully vaccinated so they are protected in whatever form their school looks like — in

a classroom, in a small group cohort or online at home with their family."

Families have the power to protect their children against serious, potentially life-threatening diseases. Parents should talk to their child's doctor or nurse about whether they have missed any routine vaccines.

Before rescheduling any upcoming childhood vaccination or well-visit appointments, call the child's health care provider to find out if the appointment can remain as scheduled and what precautions

they are taking to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

- Many health care providers' offices are taking special precautions, such as ensuring children who are well are kept separate from sick children.
- Many providers are limiting the number of people who can go with a child to their appointment and are taking temperatures of all family members before allowing them into the building.
- Some providers are providing drive-up vaccine programs.

With so many people out of work and

without health insurance, it's important to know you can still keep your child safe. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program offers free vaccines to families who cannot afford to pay for their children's vaccines. Call 211 to find out more about VFC.

If your children need health insurance, they may be eligible for the Oregon Health Plan. **It is open to all children and teens younger than 19, regardless of immigration status, who meet income and other criteria.**

Trained community partners across the state can help you fill out an application. It's free. Visit [OHP.Oregon.gov](https://www.OHP.Oregon.gov) to find community partners in your area.

### What to Expect If You Have Been Diagnosed With COVID-19



After a health care provider lets you know that you have COVID-19, you'll get a call from your local or tribal public health authority.

#### They will help you ...

##### • Understand how to self-isolate.

- » When you self-isolate it means you stay away from everyone. This includes the people you live with.



##### • Remember who you saw and where you went while you were contagious.

- » They will ask everyone you were in contact with to quarantine. Quarantine means to stay home and six feet away from others.
- » To protect your privacy, the caller will not mention your name to your contacts.



#### They will share information about how to:



Oregon, let's answer the call.

Remember, you can spread the virus without feeling sick.

For individuals with disabilities or individuals who speak a language other than English, OHA can provide documents in alternate formats such as other languages, large print, braille or a format you prefer. Contact Mavel Morales at 1-844-882-7889, 711 TTY or [OHA.ADAModifications@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:OHA.ADAModifications@dhsosha.state.or.us).



### Staying safe while shopping

- Stay 6 feet away from people who don't live with you.
- Wear a mask or face covering.
- Don't try on items that are worn on the face (cloth masks, scarves, headbands, eyewear).
- If using fitting rooms, wash or sanitize your hands before and after trying on clothes.
- Use entrances and exits as marked.
- In checkout lines, follow the store's instructions (as shown in store signs and tape on the floor).



For more information visit [healthoregon.org/coronavirus](https://www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus) or call 211



## Information from David Gerstenfeld, Acting Director of the Oregon Employment Department

If Tribal members are having trouble getting through to the Oregon Employment Department regarding their unemployment insurance claims, please contact both David Gerstenfeld (David.K.GERSTENFELD@oregon.gov) and Teresa Rainey (Teresa.L.RAINEY@oregon.gov) at the department. They will get you routed to the right place to get those claims resolved.

If possible, when you contact David and Teresa, please include the following information regarding the person in question, which will help OED troubleshoot the issue:

- The person's full name
- Customer ID (CID) number if they have it (the format is XX.XXX-XXX-XXX)
- If they do not have or know their CID, then the person's address and last four digits of their Social Security number
- Good telephone contact number
- A brief description of what the issue seems to be is useful

## Tribal COVID Relief Programs

Many of these programs are available both within and outside of the Tribe's service area. Some are income based, but others are not – even within each category. Each one requires an application form and to show need related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To request an application, please contact the following staff:

### Mortgage Relief

Jeanette Aradoz – 541-444-8316  
Cecelia DeAnda – 541-444-8315

### Rent Relief

Brett Lane – 541-444-8317  
Isaac DeAnda – 541-444-8314  
K.C. Short – 541-444-8310

### Energy Assistance

Casey Godwin – 541-444-8311  
K.C. Short – 541-444-8310  
Val Hibdon – 541-444-8322

### Water/Sewer

Jenifer Jackson – 541-484-4234  
Cathy Ray – 541-484-4234

### Food Assistance

Danelle Smith – 541-444-9603  
Kurtis Barker – 541-444-8247

Application forms can be found on the Tribe's website at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us) and are available adjacent to the back door of the Tribal administration building in Siletz.

Funds for these programs come from the HUD-Indian Housing Block Grant, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program and U.S. Treasury-CARES Act, and are available until expended or until Dec. 31, 2020, for U.S. Treasury-CARES Act funding.

## Free service for job seekers interested in long-term care

Looking for a job? Have you thought about working in long-term care?

ConnectToCareJobs.com can help connect you with more than 680 nursing, assisted living and residential care facilities in Oregon and more than 1,400 adult foster homes.

Licensed long-term care facilities in Oregon are also invited to create accounts to post open positions. The website then matches these job seekers with appropriate openings.

"We want to do everything possible to ensure that Oregonians have options when they need long-term care," said Mike McCormick, interim director of the Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Aging and People with Disabilities. "For Oregonians who want to receive care in a long-term care facility, it is essential that those facilities have enough staff to meet the needs of people who want to live there."

## In Oregon

YOU CAN'T BE EVICTED  
FOR NOT PAYING RENT,  
FEES, OR UTILITIES  
THAT ARE DUE  
BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND  
SEPTEMBER 30.

## Safe alternatives for in-person events



Drive-through celebrations for birthdays, showers and other milestones



Multiplayer features on your computer, gaming console or favorite online game to host a game night with friends



Host watch or listening parties with your friends using your streaming app of choice



Videoconferencing such as Skype, Zoom and FaceTime for all types of informal get-togethers, including cooking parties, dinner parties and book clubs

For more information visit [healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://healthoregon.org/coronavirus) or call 211



## Staying safe while dining out

- Check the restaurant's website and social media for any safety guidelines you will need to follow.
- Wear a cloth face covering when not eating.
- Keep at least 6 feet from others who don't live with you—whether you are at your table, bar, or in a waiting area or restroom.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the restaurant, and before leaving the restroom.



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# 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/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 – Andrew Johanson at 503-238-1512

## Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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

Siletz: 800-600-5599 or  
541-444-8286

Eugene: 541-484-4234

Salem: 503-390-9494

Portland: 503-238-1512

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

**For information on Alcoholics  
Anonymous: aa-oregon.org**

## 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



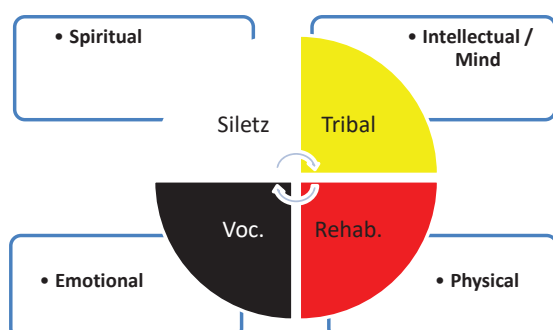
For more information about the STVRP, please inquire at 1-800-922-1399. Services are provided in ALL area offices, however, to inquire about services, ask to be transferred to the office nearest you listed below.

EUGENE AREA OFFICE	SALEM AREA OFFICE	SILETZ ADMIN. OFFICE
2468 West 11 <sup>th</sup> Eugene, OR 97402	3160 Blossom Dr NE, Ste 105 Salem, OR 97305	201 SE Swan Ave Siletz, OR 97380

**EUGENE – JERAMIE MARTIN**, Program Director

**SALEM – TONI LEIJA**, Counselor/Job Developer

**SILETZ – RACHELLE ENDRES**, Counselor/Job Developer



## The Gates Scholarship

The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding minority high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a scholar's college or university.

### Awards

Funding is for the full cost of attendance, including tuition, fees, room, board, books and transportation, and may include other personal costs.

### Eligibility

To apply, students must be:

- A high school senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities: African American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian/Pacific Islander American and/or Hispanic American
- Pell-eligible
- A U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)

Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full time in a four-year degree program at a U.S.-accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

*\*For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of Tribal enrollment will be required.*

### Deadline

Applications are due Sept. 15, 2020.

## 2020 Out-of-Area Benefits

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

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

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

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

**Call PRC – 800-628-5720**

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

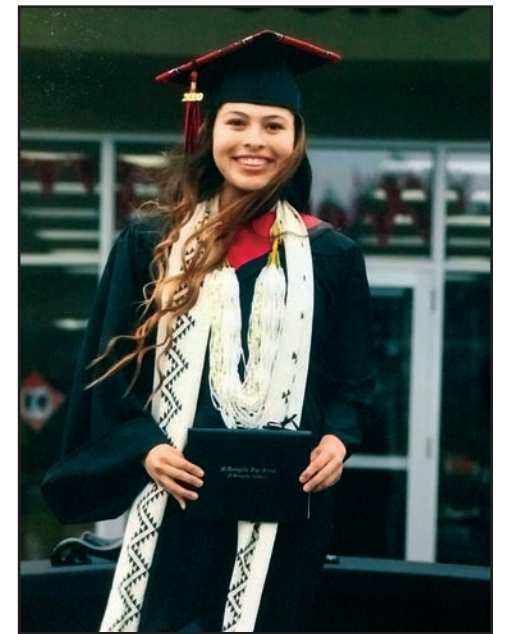
## Scholarships

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

## Internships

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

## Graduates!



**Hope Kibby**  
**McKinleyville High School**

Hope, great-granddaughter of Ed and Delores Ben, graduated from McKinleyville High School in McKinleyville, Calif. She plans to stay in California and sign to play basketball at College of the Redwoods.

## Other Opportunities

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

## Fellowships

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

For more information about the Siletz Tribal language program, please visit [siletzlanguage.org](http://siletzlanguage.org).

### Outside Scholarships for NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

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

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

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

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

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

## Chemawa Indian School

"Providing opportunities for every student to achieve success."

### QUICK FACTS

- Located in Salem, OR
- Oldest continually operating off reservation boarding school
- Established in 1880
- Tuition and Board Free—Transportation provided
- Support services (medical, dental and behavioral health) provided adjacent to our campus
- Bureau of Indian Education Operated
- Home to between 300-400 students each year
- Accredited through AdvancEd
- Oregon diploma granted

### Our Students:

- Grades 9-12
- From 24 different states
- From more than 75 tribes

### WHERE DO CHEMAWA STUDENTS COME FROM?



**COLLEGE BOUND?**  
Over \$190,000 was awarded to our seniors in scholarships in 2019

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

#### ACADEMIC

- ⇒ AVID—college readiness program
- ⇒ Honors Courses
- ⇒ Credit Recovery
- ⇒ Enrichment Classes
- ⇒ Vocational opportunities
- ⇒ Dual Credit with Chemeketa Community College and Western Oregon University
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- ⇒ State of the art technology in every classroom
- ⇒ 20:1 Teacher/Student Ratio

#### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- ⇒ Full year round sports program
- ⇒ Tutoring
- ⇒ Robotics/AISES
- ⇒ Cultural Arts
- ⇒ Traditional Cooking
- ⇒ Social, academic and cultural clubs
- ⇒ Intermural activities
- ⇒ Full recreation department
- ⇒ Dorm activities
- ⇒ Olympic size swimming pool
- ⇒ State of the art fitness room

### For More Information

503-399-5721 x1345  
[www.chemawa.bie.edu](http://www.chemawa.bie.edu)

# Tribal Council Timesheets for July 2020

## Lillie Butler – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
7.5	7.5					7/2-8 Packets
1.25	1.25	1				7/9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packets
		5	2.5			7/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg/packet
5	5	4.5				7/13-16 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packets
2.75	2.75					7/17 Regular TC
4	4					7/20-21 Lincoln Co. Comm, Lincoln City Council, packets
6.25	6.25					7/22-27 Wkshp, packets
6	6.25					7/28-31 Council, packets

## Lorraine Y. Butler – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
		3	3			7/6-8 Packets
		1				7/9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde
		5	2			7/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
.25	.25					7/13 Meet w/ Grand Ronde
3.5	3.75					7/17-19 Regular TC, packets
1.25	1.25					7/20 Lincoln Co. Comm, packets
1.75	1.75					7/21 Tour sites for CDC project, wkshp
.5	.5	2.5				7/24-27 Chemawa Station, packets
2.5	2.75					7/28-31 Special TC, packets

## Reggie Butler Sr. – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
6.5	6.5					7/2-7 Packets
1.25	1.25	4.5				7/8-9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packet
		5	2.5			7/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
7.5	7.5	.5				7/13-16 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packets
4.5	4.5					7/17-18 Regular TC, packets
2.75	2.75					7/20 Lincoln Co. Comm, Lincoln City Council, packets
3.25	3.25					7/21 Tribal property, packets
5.25	5.25					7/22-27 TC wkshp, packets
6.75	7					7/28-31 Council, packets

## Sharon Edenfield – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.5	.5					7/2 WH Indian Country COVID
3	2.75					7/7-8 STCCF, WH Indian Country COVID, packets
.75	.75					7/9 NW regional fed/Tribal briefing
		4				7/10 Special TC – gaming
.5	.5					7/14 DOI BIE consultation
2.75	2.75					7/17 Regular TC
2.75	2.75					7/20-21 Lincoln Co. Comm, Lincoln City Council, application review, packets, minutes
.75	.75					7/22 TC wkshp
.5	.75					7/28 Special TC
.5	.5					7/30 NW regional fed/Tribal briefing
.75	.75					7/31 WH Indian Country COVID

## Alfred Lane III – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
		.5				7/6 Meet w/ Rep. Bonamici's staff
		1.5		4		7/7 Meet w/ Keizer mayor
.5	.5	1				7/9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packets
		4				7/10 Special TC – gaming
		.5				7/13 Meet w/ Grand Ronde
		1				7/14 Meet w/ CW GM

.25	.25	.5				7/15 Meet w/ Sen. Thatcher
2.75	2.75					7/17 Regular TC
1	1	.5				7/20-21 Lincoln Co. Comm, Lincoln City Council, Marion Co. Comm
.75	.5					7/28 Special TC
		1.25				7/29 Meet w/ State Rep. Alonzo and City of Salem officials/staff

## Delores Pigsley – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5					7/2-5 Mail
.75	.75	.5		.5		7/6 Conf call w/ Rep. Bonamici, mail
.5	.5	1		1		7/7 OTGA, meet w/ Keizer mayor, mail
2	2	.5		1.25		7/8-9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, mail, prep for council, news articles
2	2	5.5	1.5	.5	2.5	7/10-14 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, mail, agenda items, conf calls, admin
2	2			1		7/15 Mtgs w/ state legislators, Keizer Times, mail
1	1	.25				7/16 Mail, agenda items, prep for cncl
3.5	3.5	.25				7/17-19 Regular TC, mail, agenda items
1.5	1.5					7/20 Conf call w/ Lincoln City Council, mail
3	3	.5		1	4	7/21-23 Marion Co. Comm, mail, personnel, Gen. Council prep
2.5	2.5	.75				7/24-27 Chemawa Station, mail, agenda items
1	1					7/28 Special TC
2.5	2.5			1		7/29-31 Meet w/ mayor and state legislator, Investment Comm, mail

## Angela Ramirez – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
4.5	4.5					7/1-3 STAHS, email, packets
.5	.5	1				7/6 Health Comm
.5	.5	1	.5			7/7-8 Interview panel, email, packets
		.5				7/9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde
1	1	4	.5			7/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, email, packets
17.5	17.5	.5				7/11-16 STAHS, meet w/ Grand Ronde, email, packets
3.75	3.75					7/17-19 Regular TC, email, packets
2.25	2.25					7/20-21 Lincoln Co. Comm, Lincoln City Council, property tour for CDC project, email, packets
2.25	2.25					7/22-25 Interviews, email, packets
1.25	1.25					7/27 STAHS, email, packets
1.75	1.75					7/28-31 Special TC, email, packets

## Selene Rilatos – 7/1/20-7/31/20

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
7	7					7/2-8 Tribal member concerns (TMC), COVID, email, packet
.5	.5	1			1	7/9 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, email
.25	.25	5	2		1	7/10 Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, TMC
1.5	1.75	1				7/13 Meet w/ Grand Ronde, packet, mail, email
5.5	5.75					7/14-15 NPAIHB, email
6	6				1	7/16-19 TMCs, email, packets
4.25	4.25				1	7/20-21 Lincoln Co. Comm, site visit, TMC, email, report
3	3				1	7/22-23 TC mtg, COVID, TMC, email, packet
6.5	6.5				2	7/24-27 JI, TMC, COVID, email, packet
5.25	5.25				1	7/28-31 TC mtg, COVID, TMC, email



# Chinook Winds

## CASINO RESORT

### FRUIT FRENZY

#### FRIDAY SLOT TOURNAMENTS

Slash your way to a share of 1000 Sand Dollars  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2020**



Free entry if you've earned at least 100 points in the last year!  
 Rounds played 8pm-11pm. Tournament entry is open to 144 players.  
 Registration starts at 7pm. Register at any promotional kiosk.  
 Rules available at Winners Circle. Management may change offers at any time.



Make a big noise with  
 Chinook Winds as you  
 spin for a share of

**\$34,000** in  
**CASH & PRIZES!**

Drawings Sundays in September at 7pm  
 Win your way into the Cash Boom Bang Slot Tournament  
 by collecting entries starting August 31, 2020.  
 Top finisher in each tournament collects \$5000 CASH!

**Free entries weekly with your  
 Winners Circle Card**



**MEMBERS - COLLECT 1 FREE ENTRY**  
**MVP- COLLECT 2 FREE ENTRIES**  
**PREMIER- COLLECT 3 FREE ENTRIES**  
**ELITE- COLLECT 4 FREE ENTRIES**

Collect bonus entries with every 100 points earned on Slots, Tables, Keno or Bingo.  
 Complete rules available at Winners Circle. Management reserves the right  
 to alter or withdraw promotion at any time.



If you've had at least 55 birthdays, the first  
 Tuesday of the month is just for YOU!

**FREE SLOT TOURNAMENT • SEPTEMBER 1 • 10:30AM**

**DOUBLE POINTS 10am-3pm!**  
**Win up to 500 Sand Dollars!**

Tournament entry is open to 288 players. Registration starts two hours  
 before tournament begins. Register at any promotional kiosk. Double points  
 credited by 8am the next day. Rules available at Winners Circle.  
 Management may change offers at any time.



Night Owls, win a share of 3500 Sand Dollars!  
**Thursday, September 24, 2020**



Free entry! Rounds played 7pm-11pm and collect **DOUBLE POINTS**  
 until midnight. Top session finishers win 25 Sand Dollars. Top  
 tournament finishers win up to 500 Sand Dollars!



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## National Native organizations issue joint statement on Census Bureau change to 2020 Census operations

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced that it is ending its Census 2020 field operations on Sept. 30, 2020, despite severely low response rates in historically undercounted areas, including in many Tribal areas across the country.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the National Urban Indian Family Coalition (NUIFC) are deeply alarmed and concerned with this unwarranted and irresponsible decision.

An accurate Census count is essential to ensure fair and accurate representation of all Americans, including this country's First Americans, because Census data is used for reapportionment of congressional seats and in redistricting to elect representatives at every level of government. Ending the 2020 Census count early during a global pandemic is not only bad policy, it puts at risk the ability of our communities to access social safety net and other ben-

efits that a complete Census count affords Americans wherever they are.

Our Tribal nations and Tribal communities have been ravaged by COVID-19 and an extension of the Census enumeration period was a humane lifeline during an unprecedented global health catastrophe that provided critically needed additional time to Tribal nations to ensure that all of everyone in their communities are counted.

For millions of American Indians and Alaska Natives, whether they live on rural reservations or in America's large cities, an inaccurate Census count will decimate our ability to advocate for necessary services for our most vulnerable communities. An incomplete count also undermines our representative system of government in violation of the U.S. Constitution and in derogation of the federal government's trust responsibilities to Tribal nations.

NCAI, NARF and NUIFC strongly support a complete Census count and call on the U.S. Congress to take urgent

legislative action to include an extension of the Census field operation timelines in the next COVID-19 package.

### About NCAI

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country.

NCAI advocates on behalf of Tribal governments and communities, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

For more information, visit [ncai.org](http://ncai.org).

### About NARF

Founded in 1970, NARF is the oldest and largest nonprofit dedicated to asserting and defending the rights of Indian

Tribes, Tribal organizations and individual Indians nationwide.

For the past 48 years, NARF has represented more than 275 Tribes in 31 states in such areas as Tribal jurisdiction, federal recognition, land claims, hunting and fishing rights, religious liberties and voting rights.

For more information, visit [narf.org](http://narf.org).

### About NUIFC

Created in 2003, NUIFC advocates for American Indian families living in urban areas by creating partnerships with Tribes as well as other American Indian organizations and by conducting research to better understand the barriers, issues and opportunities facing urban American Indian families.

NUIFC works to ensure access to traditionally excluded organizations and families, and to focus attention on the needs of urban Indians.

Learn more by visiting [nuifc.org](http://nuifc.org).

### Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494

Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234

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

Siletz Clinic – 800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599

Chinook Winds – 888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517

Website – [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)

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

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

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

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

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

For more information visit [visionmakermedia.org](http://visionmakermedia.org).

## VISION MAKER MEDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS ONLINE FILM FESTIVAL



AUG 31 - OCT 5, 2020

## Chinook Winds Casino Resort

### Calling all Tribal member business owners

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

Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
Attn: Purchasing Dept.  
1777 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln City, OR 97367  
Phone: 541-996-5853  
Fax: 541-996-3847  
[erica@cwresort.com](mailto:erica@cwresort.com)

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

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

Follow us on Twitter, find us on Facebook or visit our website at [chinookwindscasino.com](http://chinookwindscasino.com).

For more information about events in North Lincoln County, visit [lcchamber.com](http://lcchamber.com), [oregoncoast.org](http://oregoncoast.org) or [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).



If you want to be part of a great team and looking for a new career opportunity, Please call Human Resources at (541) 996-5800 or (541) 996-5806.

[www.chinookwindscasino.com/careers](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com/careers)

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

# Apply now for Siletz Tribal Head Start

Apply now for your child to attend our Head Start program. We have classrooms in Siletz, Lincoln City, Salem and Portland.

We give preference for enrollment to children who are American Indian, but you do not have to be American Indian in order to attend our Head Start program.

Our program offers round-trip transportation, two meals each class day, structured learning activities to support children's readiness skills, health screenings, family events, parent training and services to support family success.

To apply, call us at 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2450 and ask for Head Start.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Courtesy photo

Tamiya Yanez, Lexi Jackson, Lilianna Garcia, Isabella Gomez and Neveah Jackson

To the editor:

A big thank you to all the Siletz Tribal ladies who participated in the #MaskUp video project: Sahaylee Mason, Tasha Rilatos, Scout Jay, Penelope Gomez, Marlene Stuart, Shantel Hostler, Kaye Stainbrook, Kaylee Polk-Myers, Tamiya Yanez, Lexi Jackson, Lilianna Garcia, Isabella Gomez, Neveah Jackson, Kendall and Beyonka Bell-Tellez, Selene Rilatos and Lexi Christensen.

During this time of a global pandemic, we are all struggling in different ways. For me, I continue to create art to help me cope and express myself during this weird and difficult time.

If you are reading this Siletz News, please remember you are not alone. If you are not sure who to call, pick up the phone and call the Tribe for assistance. There are many programs to help you during this COVID19 pandemic.

I encourage you to create art and share it on social media or facetime with a friend or family member. The #MaskUp video of Siletz Tribal girls and women who wore regalia with a mask can be found on the Facebook CTSI page. I also put together a TicToc of the photos of the ladies at <https://vm.tiktok.com/J6EUFJP/>.

When I made my video, I really looked past the mask and understood that by wearing the mask, I am helping save our traditions. We can save our elders and our people by wearing the mask. Do your part and wear a mask.

With Love and prayers to everyone.

Hvmchi,  
Tiffany Stuart

## 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.

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

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

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

## Childcare Assistance Program expands services

The CTSI Childcare Assistance Program has expanded the definition of an "Indian child" for the FY 2020 application.

We can now serve children who are under age 13 and live in the 11-county service area who are the descendent or dependent of an enrolled Siletz Tribal member. Parents must be working or enrolled in college or job training in order to be eligible for this program.

If you are interested in applying for the Childcare Assistance Program, call DeAnn Brown at 541-444-2450.

## Gwich'in Tribes condemn Trump administration's approval of oil and gas development in Arctic Refuge

On Aug. 17, Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt signed the record of decision approving oil and gas development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's Coastal Plain. This approval represents the latest move by the Trump administration to rapidly develop lands significant to the Neets' aii Gwich'in Tribes.

The Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government, Arctic Village Council and Venetie Village Council (collectively "the Tribes") are unequivocally opposed to development in the Coastal Plain and will continue to fight to protect the Coastal Plain and their way of life.

In 2017, Congress enacted tax reform legislation that included a provision opening the Coastal Plain to oil and gas development. In less than a year, the Trump administration slapped together an environmental impact statement based on pre-existing data and research from other regions in Alaska. The environmental impact statement goes so far as to remove specific references to Gwich'in cultural and subsistence resources in an effort to downplay the negative effects development would cause.

Approval of the Coastal Plain oil and gas leasing program comes at a time when the Tribes are tirelessly working to protect the health and well-being of their communi-

ties from increasing threats such as climate change and the spread of COVID-19. The decision to rush ahead with oil and gas development despite the COVID-19 pandemic forces the Tribes to choose between devoting limited time and resources to protecting their communities or protecting their way of life from the catastrophic effects of development in the Coastal Plain.

In response to the approval of the record of decision, Native Village of Venetie Tribal Government First Chief Margorie Gemmill stated: "The Coastal Plain is one of the most important natural, cultural, and subsistence resources to the Neets' aii Gwich'in of Arctic Village and Venetie and to the Gwich'in people as a whole. The cultural identity of the Gwich'in people as caribou people is intertwined with the Porcupine Caribou Herd's calving areas in the Coastal Plain. Any impacts to the Porcupine Caribou Herd from changes in migration patterns, lower fertility rates and loss of habitat will have significant adverse social, cultural, spiritual and subsistence impacts on our people. This process must be stopped. We call on all our allies to join the Gwich'in in opposing this attack on our way of life."

More information is available at [narf.org/cases/arctic-national-wildlife-refuge/](http://narf.org/cases/arctic-national-wildlife-refuge/).

## 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



# ELDERS FIREWOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT

Cut and Split Firewood Available for Pickup  
 Limited Delivery Available in the Greater Siletz Area  
 Limit ½ Cord per Elder Household, While Supplies Last



**Stay in your vehicle – we will load!**



Must contact  
 Elders Program  
 (541-444-8212)  
 to get on the list for  
 pickup or delivery



For more information about the Siletz Tribe, visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

## Use Amazon Smile to donate to STAHS

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

Thank you for supporting STAHS!

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



11 years old on the 11<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday, Kendall! We hope your day is as amazing as you are. We love you to the moon and back!

Love, Mama, Papa, Bee, Sylvia and Sylvester

**Free child ID kits  
 from the  
 Oregon State Police**

**503-934-0188 or  
 800-282-7155**

**[child.idkits@state.or.us](mailto:child.idkits@state.or.us)**

## 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.



See more about the 2020 Census on page 1.  
 If you have any questions about the 2020 Census, call 844-330-2020 or visit [2020census.gov](http://2020census.gov).

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 OUR PEOPLE. OUR NATIONS. OUR FUTURE.

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 OUR PEOPLE . OUR NATIONS . OUR FUTURE

# Like to Draw?

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Use your creativity to help support our littlest language learners

All Ages (toddlers to elders) and Skill Levels Welcome to Participate

To get started please contact: Nick Viles ([nickv@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:nickv@ctsi.nsn.us) or Jessica Hibler ([jessicah@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:jessicah@ctsi.nsn.us))  
 541-484-4234