



‘Moccasin Telegraph’ finds new life as source of vaccine information for Tribes

Once leery of federal health initiatives, Native Americans embrace COVID-19 vaccines as way to protect communities and families

By Brian Bull, *Underscore.news*; originally posted March 10, 2021

While the U.S. as a whole is just finding its stride administering the COVID-19 vaccine to its citizens, many Native American Tribes – including the **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians** – are on a mean streak.

According to Cherity Bloom-Miller, the Tribe’s clinical services director, CTSI has vaccinated roughly one-quarter of the 5,547 enrolled members, and about one-third of those who live in Oregon. As of Friday, the Tribal government had given the Moderna vaccine to 3,000 people 18 and over, members and otherwise.

Dee Pigsley, chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, says she was concerned the initial vaccine rollout was moving too slowly. But by late January, they had enough Moderna vaccine allocated from the state for 300 people. “So we’ve been setting up appointments for tribal members,” Pigsley continues, noting that the Tribe was due to get another 100 doses the following week.

“We’ve vaccinated the clinic staff, our essential staff, elders. So we’re working down that priority list.”

The CTSI is now looking to inoculate casino workers over the next three weeks. The Chinook Winds Casino Resort has just reopened, boding well for one of the Tribe’s biggest sources of revenue.

See Vaccine on page 11

Madam Secretary

Deb Haaland is confirmed as the country’s Secretary of the Interior, blazing a trail as the first Native American to ever lead a Cabinet agency

By Aliyah Chavez, *Indian Country Today*; originally posted March 15, 2021

A fierce Indigenous woman is now the caretaker of the nation’s public lands and waters for the first time in U.S. history.

Deb Haaland was confirmed as the nation’s 54th Secretary of the Interior in a 51-40 vote Monday, making her the first Native American to lead a Cabinet agency.

Republican Sens. Susan Collins, Lindsey Graham, Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan broke from party lines to vote to confirm Haaland, a notable choice given other Republican senators publicly saying she was not the right candidate.

It is not known when Haaland will be sworn into office. But when she is, Haaland will become the highest ranked Indigenous person in an executive office across the country.

Incoming Interior Secretary Haaland stands eighth in line to the presidency. She is also only the third woman to serve in the position – a low number in stark comparison to the 50 men who have served – an accomplishment fitting for March’s National Women’s History Month.

Haaland is a citizen of Laguna Pueblo and has ties to Jemez Pueblo through her grandfather, which she frequently cites. She spent her career in New Mexico as a former small business owner, organizer and Tribal administrator before running for Congress.

In November, Haaland was re-elected for a second term in Congress representing New Mexico’s 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 2018, she made history as one of the first two Native women elected to Congress.

Now Haaland will be at the helm of the Interior, a sprawling government agency in charge of 70,000 employees, one-fifth of the nation’s land and key offices in natural resources. The agency also oversees national parks and wildlife refuges, and works with endangered species conservation.

A key role of the Interior’s duty is to respectfully manage the government’s federal trust responsibilities promised to

Tribe helps provide much-needed housing in Lincoln City



Above: Reggie Butler Sr. cuts the ribbon at new workforce housing units. Tribal staff and council members attending included (l to r) Brett Lane, Isaac DeAnda Jr., Sami Jo Difuntorum, Lillie Butler, Lisa Norton, Loraine Butler, Angela Ramirez, Delores Pigsley, Selene Rilatos, Darlene and Bill Stotts of Stotts Construction Company, Rob Smith and Tracy Bailey.

Right: Sixteen manufactured housing units are ready for occupancy in early March for victims of the Echo Mountain Complex fire. This property is near the Logan Road RV Park and was leased by the Siletz Tribe to FEMA, the first FEMA housing to be located on Tribal land.

Photo above by Diane Rodriguez; photo below by Andy Taylor



The American Rescue Plan and Native Communities

From the Democratic National Committee; *dnc.org*

Native Americans face persistent and systemic inequities and COVID-19 has exacted an especially high toll in Indian Country. People living on reservations are four times more likely to have COVID-19 and American Indians and Alaska Natives are nearly twice as likely to die from COVID-19 than white Americans.

Native American families and small businesses also face severe economic chal-

lenges associated with the pandemic. And the loss of Native elders threatens the sacred preservation of language, tradition and culture. Tribal governments and Native communities urgently need additional support and assistance from the federal government.

The American Rescue Plan will change the course of the pandemic in Indian Country, deliver immediate relief for hard-hit Native American families and Tribal businesses, and build a bridge toward economic recovery and resilience for Tribal Nations.

These investments build on actions President Biden has taken in his first weeks in office to rebuild the nation-to-nation relationship, including signing a Presidential Memorandum that directs the whole of federal government to reinvigorate formal consultation with Tribal nations, expanding access to the Strategic National Stockpile for Native communities and expanding FEMA assistance for

See Rescue on page 18

See Haaland on page 8

American Rescue Plan

By the time you read this, President Joe Biden will have signed the American Rescue Plan that will assist all Americans during these trying times. Our Oregon congressmen have worked hard on our (Tribe's) behalf to assure that we are designated funds for the interruption of our governments and lives because of the shutdowns the COVID virus has caused.

The legislation contains resources to help address the health and resource problems created by the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of \$350 billion is designated for Tribal, state and local governments, of this amount \$20 billion is set aside for Tribal governments.

Another \$11 billion will provide additional funding for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and various other agencies that serve Tribal governments. It's not clear how the money will be distributed to Tribes at this time.

Elections

Tribal elections were held successfully. Our Election Board is composed of staff volunteers (but because no one else volunteers, they are assigned this duty). The Tribal Council will review the Election Ordinance to make necessary changes to the ordinance so there is a clear process to respond to questions and issues that arise during the election.

Thank you to the staff who have worked so diligently to assure we have fair elections.

Housing

The 10 new workforce housing units in Lincoln City were completed last month. Council and staff had a ribbon-cutting event. They are beautiful and are designated as low-income and affordable-income homes (see photo on page 1). Our Tribal Housing staff did a great job planning and delivering.

Through our Tribal partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), we used available space on Logan Road in Lincoln City to enable FEMA to place 16 emergency homes on this site.

The trailers are fully equipped for occupancy by victims of the wildfires that we experienced last fall. The homes are temporary and will be in use until permanent homes are found for the unfortunate folks who lost their homes.

The homes come fully furnished with all utilities and furniture, even blankets for the beds. According to FEMA officials, it will take 18-24 months to help locate permanent homes. All of the infrastructure was completed by FEMA.

When the homes are vacated, the Tribe will then own the homes. FEMA will be in charge of assigning and managing them.

Our Siletz Tribal Business Corporation staff assisted with this project that was completed unusually fast. The City of Lincoln City also assisted in passing a change to the city ordinance to allow this event.

Chemawa Station LLC

Our first business, Chick-fil-A, is in the process of building on the Chemawa Station property in Keizer.

Getting businesses in place has been a long slow process. Since obtaining the property from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Tribe had to go to Congress to get official action changing the title on the land to the Siletz and Grand Ronde Tribes. We will have a lease in place for a gas station-mini-mart soon and hopefully other businesses will follow.

Across Chemawa Road, the Keizer Station property has been very successful. Our property is much smaller and we're hoping with the success of these two businesses, others will follow.

Memorial Day

If we continue on a downward trend with the COVID virus, we will have a Memorial Day Ceremony this year. The event will be outside with all protocols in place to stay safe and we will have a speaker to enjoy.

Every year the cemetery is decorated so beautifully by lots of people and I would like to see us pay tribute to those folks who are no longer with us. Food will not be provided but we will have a short ceremony with our veterans at the memorial.



Delores Pigsley

U.S. Department of the Interior

Former Congresswoman Deb Haaland from New Mexico was confirmed as the first American Indian Secretary of the Interior. She received a lot of Tribal support, we are extremely happy she has been selected and confirmed by U.S. Senate (see article on page 1).

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2021, at 1 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

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 May issue is April 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

ONLINE LANGUAGE CLASSES AND SPEAKING GROUPS ARE CONTINUING INTO APRIL 2021

LEARN NUU-WEE-YA'

MONDAYS AT 5:00 PM

DROP-IN

SPEAKING GROUP

THURSDAYS AT 5:00 PM

BEGINNING

CONVERSATION

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

Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program (TTSAP) will accept applications for the 2021-2022 academic year beginning May 1, 2021.

Program Information

- ✧ TTSAP assists Tribal students who will be attending a college, university, vocational or trade school.
- ✧ TTSAP is a time-limited program. Funding is for one academic year.
- ✧ TTSAP assists students with rent or room and board in a dormitory.

- ✧ The student's share of the rent is 30% of their adjusted annual income. Important Note: The student might be required to remit a portion of the rent. For example, if a student is working the wages will affect the student's share of the rent.

- ✧ Assistance is not transferable.

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department will accept applications from May 1-31, 2021. If applications are received after May 31, they will not be accepted by STHD.

To obtain an application, please stop by the STHD office at 555 Tolowa Court, Siletz OR, 97380 or call 800-922-1399, ext. 1315, or 541-444-8315.

Applications can also be downloaded from the Tribal website at ctsi.nsn.us.

Cecelia De Anda
ceceliad@ctsi.nsn.us
 Rental Assistance Program Coordinator/Resident Services Advocate

Alternative Health Care Benefit Changes

Effective April 1, 2021, Tribal Council approved an increase to the alternate health care benefit from \$50 per visit to \$75 per visit.

Available services include three visits quarterly for either: massage, chiropractor or acupuncture.

Eligibility: Enrolled Tribal members

Exciting news from the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society

By Teresa Simmons, STAHS Vice Chair

Recently the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society received a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust to develop a virtual reality exhibit.

VR exhibits can be formatted in several ways and used in multiple settings. They can be easily transported, used as a travelling exhibit or as an exhibit in the museum. They can be both a teaching and a public relations tool.

STAHS board members Gloria Ingle, Teresa Simmons, Angela Ramirez, Celesta Lee and Shantel Hostler, assisted by Josh Eddings, Peter Hatch and Loraine Butler, determined that the most pressing issue is to capture personal stories

through video-compiled interviews. The first exhibit will cover Termination in 1954 and Restoration in 1977 and the effect on Tribal members' lives as remembered by those who were there.

This VR capture will include personal stories of elders and will provide a treasure for the future. There may come a time when Tribal members will be asked to participate in one or more of the virtual reality sections.

STAHS' main focus remains raising funds to build a museum, "A Place for The People." The fundamental knowledge that the society wishes to focus on is the history of the Siletz People, which has many components.

Although the journey has been long, exciting things are happening and the story of the Siletz Tribe will be told in a personal way, by Tribal people.

The mission of STAHS is to "support and promote the practice, conservation and restoration of the Tribal cultures of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians." During the pandemic, STAHS has continued with regular monthly meetings via Zoom, plus several subcommittee sessions on various projects.

With the help of Capital Campaign Director Stephen Reichard, STAHS has sought out grant opportunities and the efforts are paying off!

CTSI Jobs – Employment information at ctsi.nsn.us

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

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

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Recruitment for Advisory Board 2021

Applications are being accepted from Siletz Tribal members interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF). This is a three-year term from July 2021 through June 2024. Applications (see below) must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2021.

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

The Advisory Board meets quarterly to review applications from charitable nonprofits, community service organizations, schools and local government programs. The board makes award recommendations to Tribal Council for final review and approval.

To learn more about the Tribal charitable fund, contact Denise Garrett, board secretary, at stccf@live.com or visit ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable-Contribution-Fund.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Tribal Member Application 2021

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____

Deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2021.

RETURN TO: CTSI STCCF
 P.O. Box 549
 Siletz, OR 97380-0549
 Attention: Denise Garrett
 Fax: 541-444-2307 (Email: stccf@live.com)

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.

USDA distribution dates, recipe for April

	Siletz	Cheeseburger Macaroni
Monday	April 5 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	1 pound hamburger*
Tuesday	April 6 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	1 onion*
Wednesday	April 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	1 can diced tomatoes*
Thursday	April 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Small can tomato sauce*
Friday	April 9 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	1 tablespoon butter or margarine*
		2 pounds cheese*
		1 bag elbow macaroni*
		½ teaspoon mesquite seasoning
		Salt and pepper
		Flour (enough to make a roue)*
		1½ cups milk*
	Salem	
Monday	April 19 1:30 – 6:30 p.m.	
Tuesday	April 20 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Wednesday	April 21 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday	April 22 By appt only	

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

Joyce Retherford, FDP Director
 541-444-8393; joycer@ctsi.nsn.us

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

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

Brown hamburger and onion in skillet with the salt, pepper and mesquite. Add tomatoes and tomato sauce. Let this simmer. Cook noodles according to package directions, then drain and rinse.

Melt butter in saucepan over medium heat and add enough flour to make a good paste. Add the milk and whisk until hot. Add ¾ of the shredded cheese and whisk until smooth. Add all ingredients, including the meat sauce, to a baking dish and top with the remaining cheese.

Bake at 400 °F for about 10 minutes or until brown on top.

*Indicates food available in food package

Jurado graduates from Home Visiting

Congratulations to Kim Jurado for graduating from Siletz Home Visiting!

Kim entered the program in November 2017 prior to the birth of her son, Saul Jr, and continued until he turned 3 this February. Kim's loving concern and attentiveness for her children was apparent as she fully engaged in the program, participating in the lessons and eager for any information that helped her be the best mother she could be.

Kim, Saul and their children, Eva and Saul Jr., often attended Home Visiting family events, sharing in the activities and community connection. While in the program, Kim completed her BS in interdisciplinary studies, purchased a new home with Saul, and she and Saul got married.

Kim says she "liked the lessons and adult conversation; the lessons were very informative and all good. Our family, as a whole, appreciated our home visitor Lori and the program over the last three years."

When asked if she would recommend the program to other Siletz families, she replied "Yes, I would!"

Congratulations, Kim!

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

Need Rental Housing?

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department encourages you to apply for the Low-Income Rental Program waiting list in Siletz (1-4 bedrooms) and Lincoln City (2-3 bedrooms – Neachesna Village).

Applications can be obtained at any Tribal area office (Eugene, Salem, Portland, Siletz) or online from the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us; follow links – Tribal Services-Housing-Low Rent Apartments & Home Ownership.

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



Courtesy photo

Saul, Kim, Eva and Saul Jr. Jurado

Why do I reach for that specific food? Is it a craving or am I truly hungry?

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

How has our relationship with food changed during the COVID-19 pandemic this past year with stress, various forms of quarantine and grief? In my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families. Today's nutrition topic asks us to look at why we reach for specific foods.

Earlier in the year we looked at an exercise examining how we feel when we eat certain types of foods (specifically around composition of protein, carbohydrate and fat). Those of you who did the kitchen science may have learned that some foods keep you full longer than others and some cause changes in mood. Sometimes there is a high followed by a crash. With that awareness, let's go a little deeper and look at what is behind our habits to consider the role of cravings in our health.

When I reach for a food, am I experiencing a **craving** or is it **true hunger**? How would I know?

Usually a craving feels urgent and perhaps includes the thought, "I gotta have this now." Often, it is related to wanting to change how we feel. Our heads tend to drive this behavior and if we were able to go into slow motion, we might notice that we feel it in our heads more than in other parts of our bodies. True hunger tends to be less specific and it tends to come on more gradually.

To explore this, when you think of reaching for a snack between meals, consider setting the timer for 15 minutes. During that time, allow yourself to notice if there is a location in your body that is trying to tell you what to do.

Is this an attempt to self-soothe or change your mood? Are you trying to calm yourself or to relax? Are you trying to boost your energy because you are

tired? Or are you genuinely hungry? You may also consider, are you actually thirsty?

If you realize you are trying change or shift your mood, there could be other non-food choices you might want to consider to find balance. If you are trying to calm yourself or relax, you might want to pet your dog, listen to calming music, sit in nature or if the time is right, take a soothing bath.

If you are actually attempting to boost your mood or energy level, you might consider moving to energetic music or a brisk walk outside in the sunshine. The point is that if you are reaching for food to change your mood and not because you are hungry, a non-food activity makes sense, especially if the food you might have reached for is not a nutritious or truly balancing choice.

For most of us, when we do not feel balanced, safe or centered, we are more vulnerable to sweets. When we eat sweets frequently to influence our moods, our nutrition often suffers. In the long run, our moods can also suffer because they are linked.

Let's face it. Many children (and adults) experience chronic illness. Frequently, some of our food habits and choices play a role in the development of illness. Conversely, our food choices can support our health in powerful ways.

So let's consider a writing exercise to get clear about the risks and benefits of our specific snack choices. The purpose is to support self-discovery of possible hidden motives and mysteries that are "behind the scenes" in our food selections. This awareness can then be included in conversations with children to assist in their own discovery using targeted and age-appropriate questions.

The following questions are for the adult or older youth to consider directly before guiding discussion with a young child:

- What are the rewards or benefits?
- What might I lose if I continue this behavior?
- Do I have blocks or negative associations with healthy foods?
- Do specific foods, such as gluten or dairy, cause problems or symptoms for me (or my child)?
- Am I eating because I'm bored?
- Is snacking associated with a specific activity, such as TV?
- If I eat food that I'm sensitive or allergic to, how do I feel and how does that change my health and function?
- Is that a choice I want to make if I don't feel well?
- Even though I might like the way it tastes, do I feel poorly afterwards?
- Does my discomfort last longer than the pleasurable time of eating it?

In time, when those associations are clear, the question can be reframed from "I can't eat that" to "I don't want to eat that because I want to feel good." When adults demonstrate these healthy choices and explain why we make them, we help children see the relationship between what they eat and how they feel. In so doing, we empower our children to take responsibility for their choices.

The advanced benefit of taking personal responsibility for our food choices with knowledge of our hidden motives is that our behaviors and choices play a role in our vagal tone function.

The vagus nerve, also called the wandering nerve, is the two-way communication pathway between our brain and gut (as well as many other body functions). Scientists and health professionals are actively exploring this emerging field. Expect more information in the future.

For now, I'll share that low vagal tone is an epidemic and it is behind many health problems. The stress we place on our gut (digestive system) can decrease

this function. When we do not feel safe, balanced or centered, our vagus nerve becomes less active.

When we eat more sweets or foods that we may be sensitive to or intolerant of, such as gluten or dairy, our messages to the brain turn toward survival and digestion slows, leading to other possible problems.

We can support or stimulate healthy vagal function with mindfulness, compassion, finding our calm center, giving gratitude or feeling grateful for finding the tools to feel better and improve our relationship with food.

Some of the benefits include stronger immunity and digestion – including our flow of digestive juices (stomach acid, pancreatic output) and muscle contractions (peristalsis) for bowel movements to support less inflammation and fermentation (or gas) in the gut. Oddly, this further supports our mood in the full cycle where multiple systems work together to restore and balance.

In summary, awareness of what our body is asking for is at the core. By being willing to listen and reflect on questions to help us identify what we truly need, our subtle shifts can support our health in profound ways.

Epidemic health issues are our wake-up call, requiring personal responsibility. As parents and community members, when we step into this role and model these behaviors, we support our children and strengthen our entire community (which, of course, ripples out to changing our world at this critical time).

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

Hunting and Fishing Photo Contest Winners!

Thank you to the Natural Resources Committee members for selecting the winning photos for the competition.

William Lane Chair, Dennis Tufts Vice-Chair, Oscar Hatfield, Thomas Siniscal, Max Hoover, Frank Logan, Robert Kentta Tribal Council Representative



Kailea Taylor \$100 Cabelas Gift Card

Kailea went on her first hunting trip in Eastern OR in September with her dad, Livingston Taylor. Liv has been working with her to pass on the tradition of hunting and being able to pull back on a bow. She was able to make the kill on her own and provide food for our family. Liv has 4 daughters and she is the first to hunt with him. We are so proud and she is so proud when we sit down for dinner that she has provided for our family.



Brandon Larrabee \$100 Cabelas Gift Card

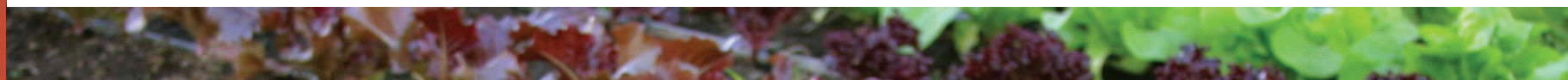
Brandon Fishing at Euchre Falls. 2020

Healthy Traditions Community Garden

- . **Grow fresh vegetables to add to your diet**
- . **Enjoy the pleasure of growing foods and learning new gardening skills**

**Please call to register for your garden spot!
Most of our gardeners are returning this year, we have limited spaces available.**

541-444-9627





Siletz Community

Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2021

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Look for these opportunities for healing and showing your support for those who have experienced sexual violence.

Tobacco Ties

Join the CARE Program in making and carrying tobacco ties through the month of April in support of healing for those who have been affected by sexual violence. Email or call the CARE Program to get your tobacco tie materials. Join us at the end of the month for a virtual Letting Go Ceremony.
Email: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us
Phone: 541-444-9638

Denim Day

A campaign that began after a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court where a rape conviction was overturned because the justices felt that since the victim was wearing tight jeans she must have helped the person who raped her remove her jeans, thereby implying consent. The following day, the women in the Italian Parliament came to work wearing jeans in solidarity with the victim. You can join us in solidarity on **April 28** by wearing jeans.

Teal Tuesdays

Show your community that you support survivors of sexual violence by wearing teal every Tuesday in April. You can practice giving consent by sending a selfie of you in teal to the CARE Program and also get entered in a drawing at the end of the month! Send your selfies to Kira Woosley at: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us - OR- 541-270-7168

Talking Circle

Join the CARE Program for a virtual Talking Circle on **April 14 at 5:30pm**. We will come together to create a virtual safe space to process, share our thoughts and offer support to others in our community. Contact the CARE Program for meeting information.
Email: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us

Decorate for SAAM

Decorate something in teal. It could be your home, yard, desk, door, car, anything you like in teal. Most creative decorating will win a prize. Submit a photo of your teal creation by **April 30** for your chance to win.

Letting Go Ceremony

Join the CARE Program for a virtual Letting Go Ceremony on **April 28 at 5:30pm**. We will come together virtually to let go of things we have been holding on to and create space for healing and growth to take place.

All photos and submissions can be sent to Kira Woosley via email: kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us - remember to look for more event info on the Siletz Health Clinic Facebook page

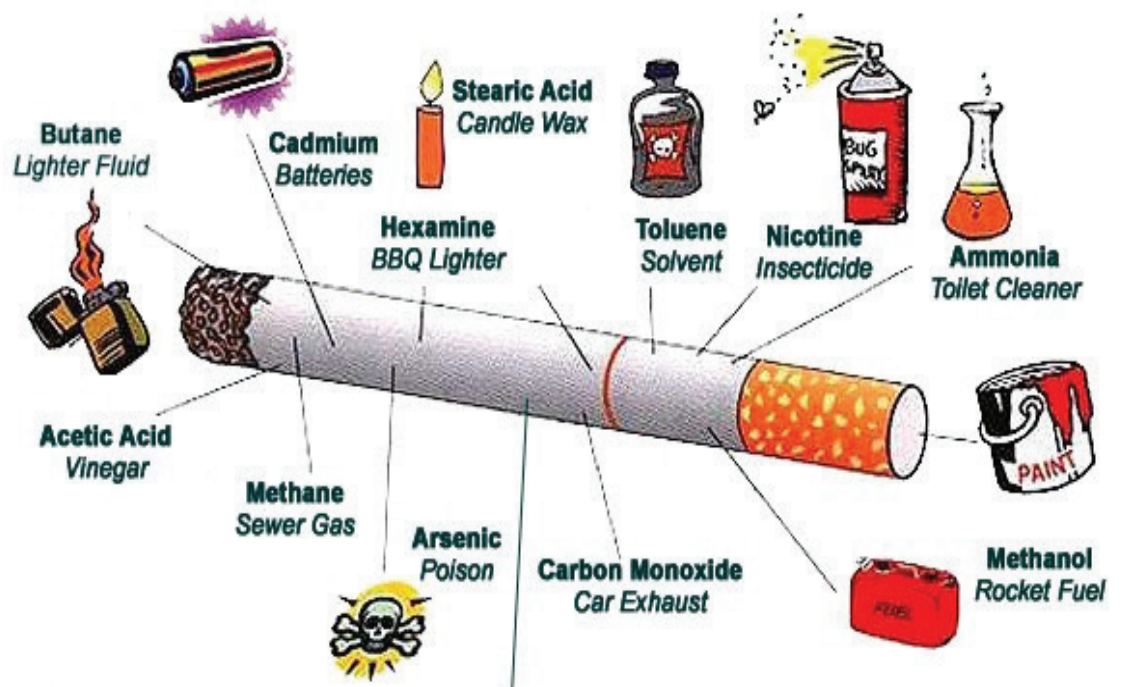
Tobacco Related Cancers for the Month of April



Esophageal Cancer: Esophageal cancer is cancer arising from the esophagus, the food pipe that runs between the throat and the stomach. Symptoms often include difficulty in swallowing and weight loss. Other symptoms may include pain when swallowing, a hoarse voice, enlarged lymph nodes ("glands") around the collarbone, a dry cough, and possibly coughing up or vomiting blood.

Causes: The two main types (i.e. squamous-cell carcinoma and adenocarcinoma) have distinct sets of risk factors. Squamous-cell carcinoma is linked to lifestyle factors such as smoking and alcohol. Adenocarcinoma has been linked to effects of long-term acid reflux. Tobacco is a risk factor for both types. Both types are more common in people over 60 years of age.

Tobacco: More than just Nicotine



Tar: includes the majority of mutagenic and carcinogenic agents in tobacco smoke

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



April 10th is National YOUTH HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses occurs in young people ages 13-24.

Sexual health services, including HIV testing and treatment, can significantly improve an adolescent's immediate and lifelong health.

Contact a Harm Reduction Specialist for free and confidential services.

Chris Oleman (541)272-2721

Sissy Rilatos (541)270-9643

Sharon Bruns (541)272-9083

Michael William Spencer – 1988-2021

Heaven has gained another angel. Michael William Spencer died as a result of car accident on Jan. 20, 2021. He was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. He was also a member of the Newport Lighthouse Vineyard Church in Newport, Ore.

Michael was born Sept. 11, 1988, to Virginia Martin and Jack Spencer. The couple split and Virginia married Richard Slonecker. Although Richard did not adopt the children, he became dad to all of them.

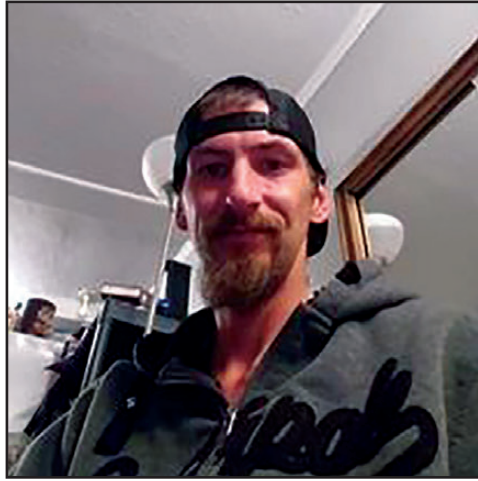
Michael met the love of his life, DeMirra Schroeder, when she wrecked her bicycle at his gas station. Three days later Michael stated, "I'm gonna marry that girl, Mama." They were married May 11, 2011, in Newport. They were then blessed with a daughter on Oct. 6, 2014.

Michael was a source of sunshine to everyone he met. He never knew a stranger. He always gave people the benefit of the doubt. His favorite sayings were "living the dream" and "another day in paradise."

Michael worked briefly at Toledo Food Fair but returned to work at Carvers Towne Pump in Toledo, Ore. He was a people-person who was loved by all he came in contact with. He made people laugh, lifting their spirits even when he was down. Michael brought window washing back to service stations.

A Tribal drum send-off ceremony and a candlelight vigil were held Jan. 22. Both were beautiful services.

There was never a dull moment with Michael around. Michael spent his time playing and dancing with Rozalynn and his



Courtesy photo

Michael William Spencer

wife. Family always came first in his life and his heart. Michael loved hiking, singing, drawing, writing poetry and cutting wood.

Michael is survived by his wife Demirra Spencer and his daughter Rozalynn Spencer; father Jack Spencer; parents Virginia and Richard Slonecker; brother Richard Eley (Jennie); sisters Jackilynn Grant (Josh) and Jami Pierce; tons of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and a great-great-nephew too.

Michael is preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Katherine Klamath and Sam Klamath; grandparents Marie Klamath, Gene Spratt and Harold Spencer; uncles Walter Klamath and Virgil Spratt; aunt Arliss Chatterson; and great-nephew Aaron Glickert.

Services were held Feb. 6 at Newport Vineyard Church. Bateman Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Jean (Downey) Garrett – 1935-2021

With faith in God's love and grace, the children of Jean Arlene (Downey) Garrett announce her peaceful passing, age 85, on Jan. 30, 2021, at her home in Logsdon, Ore. Mom suffered a heart attack in April 2020 and in the weeks between Christmas Eve and her death, she had steadily withdrawn from this world and turned toward the next.

Jean was born in Siletz, Ore., on June 27, 1935, to Mae (Adams) and Roy Downey. She was the middle daughter of 13 children and was raised on the small family farm on Logsdon Road.

She married her sweetheart, Homer Garrett, on May 14, 1954, at the Assembly of God Church in Newport, Ore., and celebrated 59 years of marriage before he passed in 2013.

Mom was an exceptional cook, caregiver and homemaker. She worked hard to keep a beautiful home and yard, and equally hard for lucky employers. Early part-time and seasonal jobs included laundress, motel room cleaner, crab shaker at Newport Shrimp Company, assistant cook at Newport junior and senior high schools, and later full-time cafeteria assistant cook at Pacific Communities Hospital.

Mom retired several times but couldn't stay retired. She earned the nickname "Mean Jean" while working security, first at "The Tent" for Chinook Winds Casino Resort and then in the Siletz community for the Siletz Tribe.

Once truly retired, Jean stayed busy quilting, crocheting, gardening and feeding the backyard birds. She would drop everything to babysit the grandchildren.

Mom's experience in food service was a valued talent in retirement. She was an Elder WEX worker, then volunteered with Meals on Wheels at the Siletz Tribal Community Center and helped prepare meals for many family and community funerals.

Jean was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and grateful for the health care, housing and employment programs. She always wanted to give back and served many years on the Enrollment and Health committees and Siletz Tribal Elders Council.

Mom embraced 12-step recovery for the last 27 years of her life. She participated in adoption of the mission and vision for the Tribe's TLC program and volunteered with other women in recovery to establish a safe, drug-free transitional home in Siletz.

Jean is survived by her son Randolph Garrett and wife Rachele of Lincoln City, Ore., and daughters Denise Garrett and



Courtesy photo

Homer and Jean Garrett

Amy Garrett of Logsdon; grandchildren Keith Garrett, Kymber Walker and husband Sage, Brandon Larrabee, Jason Lewis and wife Caitlin, Maranda Garrett, Matt Garrett, Luke Garrett, Sam Anderson, Grant Wilson, Mack Wilson and partner Shannon Jackson, and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by sisters Blanch Downey Tyler and Charlotte Noble of Siletz, and brother Thomas Downey of Newport.

She was preceded in death by her husband Homer Gean (HG) Garrett; parents Mae and Roy Downey; sisters JoAnn Miller, Ila Hoiness, Deanna Howell and Martha McMahon; brothers Melvin Downey, Roy Downey Jr. and Peter Downey; and half-siblings Genevieve (Mickey) Gavin and Kenneth Blacketer.

We are forever grateful for the love and prayers of family, friends and community during the past year and for the kindness and support of Nurse Laura of Samaritan Evergreen Hospice.

Mom hoped to see the groundbreaking for a Siletz Tribal museum in her lifetime. A hard-working group of Tribal and community members are actively fundraising for the museum. Jean's children would be honored to have memorial donations directed to the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society, P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says: "There, she is gone!" There are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout: "Here she comes!"

Henry Van Dyke, 1852-1933

Haaland, continued from page 1



Courtesy photo by Sarah Silbiger/Pool via AP

Rep. Debra Haaland, D-N.M., testifies before a Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing on her nomination to be Secretary of the Interior on Capitol Hill in Washington on Feb. 24.

Haaland's path to the Interior Department has included wide support from Indigenous leaders, advocates and allies.

For months, hundreds of Tribal leaders have submitted letters of support for her confirmation. Some of the nation's most prominent Native organizations came together in a way they never had before to support Haaland.

Organizations like the National Congress of American Indians, IllumiNatives, NDN Collective and others created online campaigns, social media tool kits and "tweet-storms."

Frequently celebrities, including Mark Ruffalo, lent their star power and social media platform to support Haaland.

"If an Indigenous woman from humble beginnings can be confirmed as Secretary of the Interior, our country and its promise still holds true for everyone," Haaland said in her opening statement of her hearing before the Senate energy committee last month.

Haaland was born to a Marine veteran father and a Navy veteran mother. She has described herself as a single mother who sometimes had to rely on food stamps and is still paying off student loans after college and law school.

Tribal nations. She will also lead the most important government agencies affecting Indian Country, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education.

All eyes are on Haaland at the helm, who has frequently vowed Tribal consultation, inclusivity and collaboration in her work.

President Joe Biden, who ran on a presidential platform with goals to "restore the soul of America" and to "build back better" has already confirmed a diverse and record-breaking Cabinet.

Some notable confirmations include Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, the first woman to lead the department; Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, the first Black person to lead the Pentagon; and Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, the first openly gay Cabinet member.

For CTSI Families with Youth Age 18 and Under

Earth Day April 22nd

If sending a video, please limit it to 10-20 seconds. You can send in your submissions by messaging us on the CTSI Youth Facebook page or by emailing Kat at katrinah@ctsi.nsn.us.

Your submission will be used in a special Earth Day video posted on the CTSI Youth page! If you would like to opt out of the video and only receive the packet, please let us know when sending in your photo or video.

Send us a video or picture of ways your family is honoring the earth by April 19th and receive a free earth packet!

Your submission will be used in a special Earth Day video posted on the CTSI Youth Facebook page.

Follow us on Facebook: [@CTSIYouth](https://www.facebook.com/CTSIYouth)

Public Notice

Publicly Posted from 3/23/2021 to 4/12/2021

Tribal Council Actions Affecting the Tribal Membership Roll

Posting #312

Per the Enrollment Ordinance §2.302 (c)(2), the Enrollment Committee, with the assistance of the Enrollment staff, shall post notice of final enrollment actions taken by the Tribal Council under this ordinance in the same manner it posts notices of proposed actions.

On 3/19/2021, the Siletz Tribal Council by Tribal Resolution made the following 38 actions affecting the Tribal membership roll. Contact the Enrollment Department for a copy of the Tribal Resolution.

This notice has been published on the Tribal website under the Enrollment Postings in the Tribal Member area.

Enrollment Ordinance §2.304 (e)(6)

When the Tribal Council approves an application for enrollment, the applicant shall be notified by certified mail, shall be posted as required by Section 2.302(c) and the Enrollment Committee and Enrollment staff shall enter the name of the applicant on the official Tribal membership roll.

If the Tribal Council decides to reject an application for enrollment, the applicant shall be so notified by certified mail and advised of his or her right to appeal in accordance with §2.315 of this ordinance or to request reconsideration of the decision in accordance with §2.314 of this ordinance. Such Tribal Council decisions shall be enacted in the form of resolution.

If the Tribal Council rejects the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee either as to approval or rejection for enrollment, Enrollment staff shall post the council's action in a manner consistent with §2.302(c) and in the Tribal newspaper, so as to notify the Tribal membership of the council's action, and shall notify the applicant and any interested parties by certified mail of the council's action.

Any appeal period for Tribal members who do not receive notice directly by mail of Tribal Council action approving

or rejecting an enrollment application shall commence 10 days after notice of such action pursuant to this section was received.

Siletz Tribal Court Rules and Procedures Ordinance §3.009(a) Time for Filing

Civil actions to review Tribal Council action or other Tribal action shall be presented to the court clerk in writing not more than 60 days after an action of the Tribal Council or Tribal officials as specified in the Tribal code, is alleged to have violated the plaintiff's right or rights or not more than 60 days after the alleged harm first manifested itself if such harm was not apparent on the date of the Tribal Council's or other official's action.

Removal from Roll – Deceased

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-082

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------|
| 1. Fearn Henry Blacketer Sr. | 0084 |
| 2. Larry Andrew Bostwick Sr. | 0103 |
| 3. Sally Ann Brock | 6102 |
| 4. Solinna Monique Butler | 2379 |
| 5. Lavina Lou Carey | 0550 |
| 6. Bernardino Jose Garcia Jr. | 2220 |
| 7. Alice Louisa Keene | 0464 |
| 8. Sherelle Leigh Martin | 2513 |
| 9. Phillip Walter Rilatos Sr. | 0784 |
| 10. Tori Lynn Scott | 1200 |
| 11. Yvonne Joyce Scott | 0878 |
| 12. Ralph David Steele Jr. | 1382 |
| 13. Keyontae Lamar Taylor | 4849 |
| 14. Donna Mae Woods | 1041 |

Name Change
Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-083

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| 1. Kristina Marie Argueta | 2576 |
| 2. Nakoa Grace Arnold | 4355 |
| 3. Dakota Cameron Morgan Bell-Towne | 4271 |
| 4. Terrance Denali Morgan Bell-Towne | 4942 |
| 5. Kylie Shannon Elliott | 3640 |
| 6. Kathleen Lynn House | 2930 |
| 7. Kassandra Little Pearl Navarro | 2652 |
| 8. Heather Shy Rice | 1216 |
| 9. Athena Rose Robertson | 3889 |
| 10. Cora Eileen Rodriguez | 1163 |
| 11. Raylynn Kay Louise Rogers | 4590 |
| 12. Brittani Nycole Rushing | 3768 |
| 13. Mayela Talasa Wible | 2259 |

Blood Quantum Correction: Robert Service

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-084

- | | |
|------------------------|------|
| 1. Curtis Mathew Viles | 1231 |
|------------------------|------|

Blood Quantum Correction: Eva Moody

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-085

- | | |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. Malena Gene Keppinger | 6127 |
| 2. Adalena Ann Moody | 2427 |

Blood Quantum Correction: Rachel Carson

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-086

- | | |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Curtis Matthew Viles | 1231 |
|-------------------------|------|

Blood Quantum Correction: Coquelle Thompson Jr.

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-087

- | | |
|------------------------------|------|
| 1. Kenneth Coquille Thompson | 3159 |
|------------------------------|------|

Blood Quantum Correction: Marilyn Belgard

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-088

- | | |
|--------------------------|------|
| 1. Donna Doreen Chacon | 1115 |
| 2. Sara Elizabeth Chacon | 4769 |

Application for Enrollment

Enrollment Committee Recommendation to Tribal Council: Approval

Tribal Council Decision: Approval

Resolution #: 2021-089

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Leo Axl Christensen | 6491 |
| 2. Maverick James Keppinger | 6492 |
| 3. Jett James Ransier | 6493 |
| 4. Tahlea Nawassa Turner | 6494 |

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

How can I reduce my "carbon footprint"?

From climatekids.nasa.gov/how-to-help/

Your carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide released into the air because of your own energy needs. You need transportation, electricity, food, clothing and other goods. Your choices can make a difference.

Swap old incandescent light bulbs for the new compact fluorescent lights (CFLs). They use only 25% as much electricity to give the same light. They last 10 times longer.

Turn off lights, TVs and computers when you do not need them.

Unplug! Any electronic gadget you can turn on with a remote (TV, DVD player, Nintendo, Xbox) uses power even when it is "off." Appliances with a digital clock (like a coffee maker) or a power adapter (like a laptop computer) also suck power like a sneaky vampire. Plug these kinds of things into a surge protector or power strip that has

an on/off switch. Then you can shut off all the power without unplugging each gadget.

There are even power strips that glow to show you how much power is going through them and power strips you can control from your computer or iPhone.

Turn up the thermostat on the air conditioning when it's hot. Use fans if you're still hot. They use much less power.

Turn down the thermostat on the heating when it's cold. Sweaters, blankets and socks are good for you and better for the planet.

Walk or ride your bike instead of taking a car. Even a two-mile car trip puts two pounds of CO2 into the atmosphere!

If you must ride, carpool.

Stay out of the drive thru! When you go to a fast-food place, ask your driver to park the car and let you walk inside, rather than sitting in a line of cars with the engine running and polluting.

Siletz Tribal Student Incentives Program

If you have completed any of these milestones, please send a copy of your certificate or diploma to your area education specialist. The Siletz Tribal Student Incentive Program rewards student achievements as follows:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Head Start/Preschool | \$10 |
| Kindergarten | \$10 |
| Elementary School | \$20 |
| Middle School | \$50 |
| High School or GED | \$100 |
| Adult Vocational Training | |
| One-year program | \$100 |
| Two-year program | \$200 |
| Higher Education | |
| Bachelor's Degree | Pendleton blanket plus \$75 |

- | | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| Master's Degree | \$300 |
| Doctorate Degree | Pendleton blanket plus \$300 |

Tribal Education Specialists

Portland Area Office: Katy Holland, 503-238-1512, 12790 SE Stark St., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97233

Salem Area Office: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494, 3160 Blossom Drive NE, Suite 105, Salem, OR 97305

Eugene Area Office: Nicholas Viles, 541-484-4234, 2468 W 11th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402

Siletz Area Office: Alissa Lane, 541-444-8373, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380

Coronavirus Information and Resources

Siletz Community Health Clinic

COVID-19 – Vaccine Information

16- and 17-year-olds able to receive COVID-19 vaccine at Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine clinic

- In Siletz on **April 16, 2021**, by appointment
- Available to Tribal members and household members ages 16-17
- To schedule an appointment:
 - * Text 541-270-5603 with your:
 - ♦ First and last name and date of birth
 - ♦ Texting option is **only** for scheduling 16- and 17-year-olds (at this time)
 - * Or call
 - ♦ 541-444-9636 (specify age and Pfizer vaccine)

Covid-19 vaccines available for all – age 18 and older – Tribal members, Tribal households/family members/friends, patients, community members Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic(s)

- In Siletz **every Friday** by appointment (Tribal members and family are priority)
 - * To schedule, call: 541-444-9636

Johnson & Johnson vaccine – 1 shot only

The clinic is requesting a supply of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine – 1 shot only. Please watch the Tribal website and the clinic's Facebook page for the latest updates. We hope it will be available soon but do not have a date yet.

Traveling to Siletz for vaccine Resources available to enrolled Tribal members

The following resources are available:

- Lodging for out-of-state OR southern/central/eastern Oregon travelers – at time of scheduling your vaccine, let the scheduler know you're traveling a long distance.
- Gas cards – limited supply available at COVID clinics

Be safe. Stay home. Stay well.

Purchased/Referred Care – Newly Available Service

PRC funding for specialty surgery

Tribal Council has approved funding for medically necessary surgeries that are not currently approved services. To qualify, you must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member AND PRC-eligible. Eligible surgeries:

- Excess eyelid skin removal
- Breast reduction
- Excess abdominal skin removal

PRC will process requests through Gatekeepers; funding is limited and will be first-come, first-served. The established medically necessary criteria are consistent with CMS and insurance guidelines. Requests deemed as cosmetic will not qualify.

Vaccination gives us hope the pandemic will end

But in the meantime, we need to continue safety measures to keep the virus from spreading:

- Wear a mask
- Physically distance from others
- Wash your hands
- Avoid gatherings
- Stay home when you're sick



Vaccine developer:	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson	AstraZeneca	Novavax
How it works	Messenger RNA	Messenger RNA	Inactivated Adeno-virus base (Non-replicating vector vaccine)	Inactivated Adeno-virus base (Non-replicating vector vaccine)	Protein-based (recombinant nanoparticle tech)
Date approved/Expected approval	December 11, 2020	December 18, 2020	February 27, 2021	Has not submitted application for EUA in U.S. yet, but possibly in April	Has not submitted application for EUA in U.S. yet. Currently in phase 3 clinical trials
Efficacy in preventing COVID-19 related hospitalization and death	All five vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca and Novavax) have demonstrated efficacy in preventing severe COVID-19 disease, hospitalizations and deaths. Out of 75,000 people who have received these vaccines as part of research studies, no one, has died from COVID-19.				
What percentage of people did it protect from getting infected in clinical studies?	95% efficacy to prevent symptomatic COVID-19 infection after 2 doses	94.1% efficacy to prevent symptomatic COVID-19 infection after 2 doses; 86.4% for those ≥65	66-72% efficacy to prevent symptomatic COVID-19 infection after 1 dose; 85% efficacy in preventing severe disease	70.4% efficacy to prevent symptomatic COVID-19 infection after 2 doses	89.3% efficacy to prevent symptomatic COVID-19 infection after 2 doses in UK, 85.6% for B.117 strain
How many shots do you need?	Two doses, 3 weeks (or 21 days) apart	Two doses, 4 weeks (or 28 days) apart	One dose	Two doses, 4 weeks (or 28 days) apart	Two doses, 3 weeks (or 21 days) apart
What are the potential side effects?	Fatigue, headache, chills, muscle aches, especially after the second dose	Fever, muscle aches, headaches lasting a few days. Effects worse after second dose	Fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea and injection site pain	Injection site pain, fever, muscle aches, headache	Fatigue, headache, muscle aches and injection site pain
Storage	-112°F to -76°F (before mixing, vaccine may be stored at 36°F to 46°F for up to 120 hours or 5 days)	-13°F to 5°F (vaccine vials may be stored at 36°F to 40°F for 1 month or 30 days)	36° to 46°F (may be stored at 36° to 46°F for at least 3 months)	36°F to 46°F (may be stored at 36°F to 46°F for at least 6 months)	36°F to 46°F (ready to use)

Summary is continued on the other side

Vaccine developer:	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson	AstraZeneca	Novavax
Who can receive this vaccine?	16 years and older	18 years and older	18 years and older	18 years and older	18 years and older
What about pregnant and breastfeeding women?	The vaccine has not yet been studied in pregnant or lactating women. Pregnant women are allowed to get the vaccine, but should first consult with their doctor. mRNA vaccines are not thought to be a risk to the breastfeeding infant	The vaccine has not yet been studied in pregnant or lactating women. Pregnant women are allowed to get the vaccine, but should first consult with their doctor. mRNA vaccines are not thought to be a risk to the breastfeeding infant	The vaccine has not yet been studied in pregnant or lactating women. Pregnant women are allowed to get the vaccine, but should first consult with their doctor.	The vaccine has not yet been studied in pregnant or lactating women. Pregnant women are allowed to get the vaccine, but should first consult with their doctor. The vaccine is not considered to be a risk to the breastfeeding infant	Not yet available
Who should not get this vaccine?	Caution and consultation should be taken with persons who have a history of serious allergic reactions. Contraindicated in people with prior reactions to vaccine ingredients	Caution and consultation should be taken with persons who have a history of serious allergic reactions. Contraindicated in people with prior reactions to vaccine ingredients	Contraindicated in people with prior reactions to vaccine ingredients	The vaccine should not be given to those who have had a previous severe allergic reaction to a previous dose of the same COVID-19 vaccine or an ingredient in the COVID-19 vaccine	Not yet available
Any significant side effects?	During December 14–23, 2020, there were 21 cases of anaphylaxis after the first dose. 4 cases of Bell's palsy in clinical trial vaccine group	During December 21, 2020–January 10, 2021, there were 10 cases of anaphylaxis after the first dose. 3 cases of Bell's palsy in clinical trial vaccine group	One case of hives and swelling of the lips, one case of severe pain in the injected arm, and one case of generalized weakness, fever, and headache	Four total serious adverse events, including one case of transverse myelitis	Not yet available
What about people with lowered immune function and autoimmune diseases?	Ok for people whose immune function is lowered by HIV, immunosuppressing drugs, or autoimmune disease. People with these conditions may still get the vaccine if they have no other contraindications. There is limited safety data in this group	Ok for people whose immune function is lowered by HIV, immunosuppressing drugs, or autoimmune disease. People with these conditions may still get the vaccine if they have no other contraindications. There is limited safety data in this group	Ok for people whose immune function is lowered by HIV, immunosuppressing drugs, or autoimmune disease. People with these conditions may still get the vaccine if they have no other contraindications. There is limited safety data in this group	Not yet available	Not yet available

For more information please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/> Updated 3/1/2021

Vaccine Voices: Oregon's Teacher of the Year Nicole R. Butler-Hooton

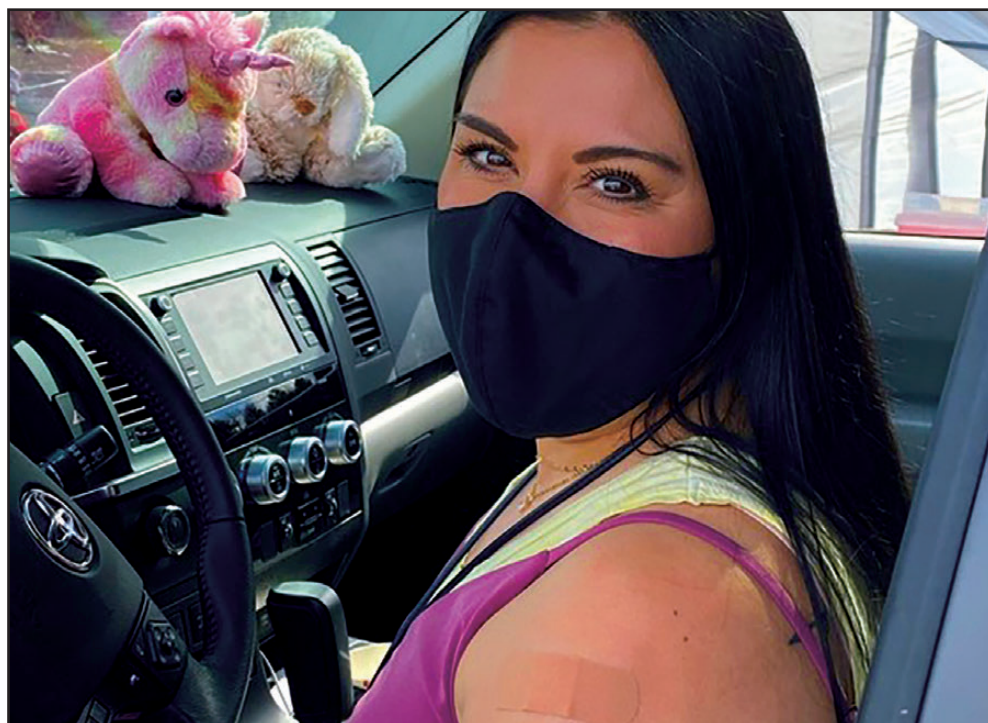
From the Oregon Health Authority

Nicole R. Butler-Hooton, Oregon's 2021 Teacher of the Year, is a second-grade teacher at Irving Elementary (Bethel School District, Eugene). Butler-Hooton's story on Oregon's Teacher of the Year webpage says that her "teaching style goes beyond instruction and serves to build lasting relationships with students and families."

As a teacher and a Siletz and Apache Tribal member, Butler-Hooton felt it was important to get the COVID-19 vaccine. She shared:

I got vaccinated against COVID-19 because I want to feel safe to be around my family members and friends. I want to feel safe returning to the classroom and teaching. The evidence has shown that it can help bring an end to the pandemic. In addition, Indigenous communities have been disproportionately affected by coronavirus and I know I am more likely to have a negative outcome than many of my colleagues if I get sick. I believe the vaccine is safe.

The first vaccine I experienced a sore arm, lethargy and a mild headache. I was back to normal within a few days. The second vaccine caused me to experience severe flu-like symptoms for two days following. I had a high fever, chills, headache, body aches and nausea.



Vaccine, continued from page 1

The Oregon Health Authority says that as of March 9, 14,077 people identifying as American Indian or Alaska Native have been vaccinated against COVID-19, 2% of the 750,486 people vaccinated so far. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 1.8% of Oregon's 4 million residents identify as American Indian or Alaska Native.

A long history of mistreatment by the U.S. government, from chronic underfunding of the Indian Health Service to Native women being sterilized without their knowledge or consent, have understandably made Tribal communities wary. Yet an Urban Indian Health Institute survey shows 75% of American Indians and Alaska Natives expressed a desire to get the COVID-19 vaccine (but with nearly 40% reporting having trouble getting to their clinics for the shot).

Tribal governments in Oregon have had success getting vaccines into arms through social media apps including Facebook and Nextdoor and through community word-of-mouth (which elders half-jokingly call the moccasin telegraph, more used to inform friends about pow-wows than about vaccine clinics, until recently.)

"In Oregon and the broader Northwest, it's been very good for Tribes," says Bryan Mercier, Northwest regional director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He says Tribes have strong social networks and have also leveraged existing resources such as Indian Health Service clinics to promote positive messaging about the COVID-19 vaccines.

"So what I've seen regionally, not just in Oregon, are Tribes surpassing their state colleagues because of those infrastructures and networks," Mercier says.

He recounted an example he shared at a recent Portland Indian Leaders Roundtable meeting in early February.

"The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Reservation in Mission had done something like 700 shots in arms. And the neighboring county had only done less than ten at that time."

The vaccines are provided to Tribes through either the State of Oregon or the federal Indian Health Service. Once the vaccines are allocated, Tribal officials can

determine for themselves which groups will be prioritized outside what the state government decides. Mercier says that after Tribes have vaccinated the majority of their immediate members, they've opened up clinics to other Native Americans willing to travel. The Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Cowlitz Indian Tribe have done just that in recent weeks. The Coquille are also vaccinating relatives who share a home with an inoculated Indigenous person, such as spouses.

In cities, a different story

This might help in an area where Oregon has been less successful: getting vaccines to Native people who live in urban areas. This includes urban Tribal members like 54-year-old Vikki Mata. Even before the heavy winter storms canceled many vaccine clinics and testing stations around Portland, Mata, a member of the Tlingit people, was struggling to find information about the shots.

"I've been doing a lot of research on what options are available to American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the greater metropolitan area," Mata said. But she was unable to find clinics in Portland.

In contrast, she was hearing about vaccines available at Tribal health centers in other parts of the state. Eventually, through social media apps including Facebook and Nextdoor, and by asking around, she learned that the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde were holding vaccination clinics across the state, including in Eugene and in Salem at the Chemawa Indian Health Center.

"I learned about other clinics because a friend saw my post on Facebook and messaged me," adds Mata. "He is also American Indian. He'd driven out to Pendleton to get his. One of his motivations was that he'd lost his mother to COVID-19."

Mata says she's still not yet vaccinated, but after recuperating from shoulder surgery, she's hoping to get a shot this month.

One of the star players in Oregon's vaccine drive is the Coquille Indian Tribe. Based in Coos Bay, the Tribe has invested



Photo by Alex Milan Tracy for [Underscore.news](#)

Clinical Services Director Cherity Bloom-Miller provides information to Troy Kessinger before she gives him his COVID-19 booster vaccine at a temporary site organized by the Siletz Community Health Clinic for Tribal members and their families in Salem.

its casino revenues and grant money in a number of ventures well beyond its traditional territory.

In January, the Coquille began operating an outpatient health clinic in Eugene, more than a hundred miles to the north. With a \$900,000 Indian Community Development Block grant from HUD, a basement space has been transformed into a facility that serves an area where an estimated 6,000 Native Americans live.

Kelle Little, health and human services administrator for the Coquille, says the Tribe has expanded its reach to clinics in Roseburg, Medford and the Portland area. As of March 5, she estimates they've vaccinated more than 1,500 people, which exceeds Tribal enrollment. This includes Coquille Tribal members and employees, other Native Americans who've traveled to the Coquille's clinics and relatives who live with inoculated members such as spouses.

Little says the Coquille had vaccinated approximately 80% of its Tribal elders and spouses 55 years of age or older who live in their primary service area and 50% of those living in Oregon.

Yet another Tribe getting recognition is the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Matt Johnson, interim deputy executive director for the Tribe, says that as of early March, he believes 694 out of 3,100 Tribal members have been needed in the arm.

"We have also vaccinated 443 non-CTUIR member Indians through Yellowhawk (Tribal Health Center)," he adds. In addition, the Tribe offered a mass vaccination clinic for non-Indians living on the reservation, which resulted in 840 people getting their first of two shots.

"When all is said and done, after this last group from the mass vaccination receives their booster shot in a couple of weeks, the Tribe will have fully vaccinated over 2,100 individuals who are either Tribal members, CTUIR non-Indian staff, non-CTUIR member Indians or non-Indian residents of the reservation and surrounding community," Johnson says.

Fueling a lot of this is a need to restore community and a sense of nor-

See Vaccine on page 12

Mary Jean (Speakman) Downey King – 1931-2021

Mary Jean, or Jean as she was called, was born Oct. 30, 1931, during the Great Depression and passed away Feb. 27, 2021, during a world pandemic. She was 89 years old.

Jean spent the last year at Willamette Springs Memory Care where the staff treated her with dignity and love while she suffered with Alzheimer's. For most of this time the family was unable to visit because of the pandemic and the risk to the residents there. The staff made sure to post lots of fun pictures on their Facebook page, which helped to lessen the loss of such precious time just a little.

Jean attended Siletz High School while living in Logsdon, Ore., with her parents and was the salutatorian of her class.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Mary Speakman; brothers, Sam and Jim; and sisters, Joy and Eva.

Jean raised a big family and was preceded in death by her daughter, Rosemarie, and son, Patrick, which was a deep heartache for her. She found solace in family gatherings with her other children, Michael, Rebecca, Penny, Scott (Ginger), Brenda and Kathleen (Stan).

She loved to bake sweets, which were a delight not only to her children, but also to her former husband of many years, Roy Adams Downey Jr., and the neighborhood children who sensed it was doughnut making day.

She loved to crochet and made beautiful blankets for family. Flowers were her passion and she had a gift for growing



Courtesy photo

Mary Jean (Speakman) Downey King

anything she planted. She was praised by her neighbors for the beautiful flower beds that always adorned any home she lived in. She loved the colors purple and pink, and hummingbirds.

She was a banker and spent many years in the laboratory at a cannery. She worked in crops when her children were growing and even rode Patrick on the handle bars while Mike rode his own bike to get to the fields during the summer while Becky watched the younger children. She was not afraid of hard work.

Jean was married to Jerry King until 2012 and they made their home while

married in Washington and Redmond, Ore. She lived at the coast with her daughter, Kathy, and son-in-law, Stan, for several years until moving to assisted living in Sublimity, Ore., and then to memory care in Corvallis, Ore.

Jean leaves behind a large family of grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends who will miss her presence in their lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 8, 2021, at 1 p.m. at the VFW Cemetery in Logsdon, where Jean will be buried near her late husband, Roy, and son, Patrick Downey.

Anyone is welcome to attend the Celebration of Life (COVID rules, whatever they may be at that time, will be followed).

**Legal Aid Services of Oregon,
Orebon Law Center can help
with public benefits**

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:

800-520-5292

Oregonlawhelp.org.

Siletz Tribal Veterans

For information and assistance from Tony Molina, Tribal Veteran Representative, call 541-270-0569 or email tonym@ctsi.nsn.us

Vaccine, continued from page 11

malcy. When Dee Pigsley's sister, Donna Woods, died before Thanksgiving last year, it wasn't from COVID-19; a brain aneurysm claimed Pigsley's elder sister. But the novel coronavirus still cast its omnipresent shadow over Woods' funeral as mourners paid respects.

"We belong to the Catholic Church in Keizer," explains Pigsley. "At the time it was 50 people inside the church, 50 in a different part of the church. And our family, when we have a service, it's usually a couple hundred people.

"And you have to tell people they can't come, because that's the way it is," sighs Pigsley. "It's been difficult."

Responsibility to vaccinate

Dr. Thomas Weiser, medical epidemiologist for the Portland Area Indian Health Service, said the federal government has a duty, based on treaties signed with Native American Tribes, to ensure rapid vaccinations. IHS has been working on COVID-19 response with 23 of 43 Pacific Northwest Tribes across Oregon, Washington and Idaho since the pandemic hit a year ago.

"It's really that federal trust responsibility that we have to make sure that Tribes are provided with the resources that they need to care for their people, and that's what we do," Weiser says.

Another urgency has been protecting elders.

"We've been really worried, especially with really small Tribes that maybe have

fewer than a thousand members, if the critical culture bearers are not there to carry that culture forward, that so much could be lost," he says.

"So I think that is driving a lot of the Tribes to make sure they're protecting each other, not just through vaccinations but through all the things we do to minimize the spread of COVID in communities."

The concern about protecting elders has prompted criticism of the State of Oregon's prioritization. Earlier this year, Gov. Kate Brown's prioritization put teachers ahead of elders, which for traditionally multigenerational households, posed a risk.

"From everything I understand about how COVID works and spreads, there's no way I'd send my kids back to school without my parents being (vaccinated) first," says Se-ah-dom Edmo, executive director of MRG Foundation. She says without a vaccine for youngsters currently, sending her children to interact with their classmates could mean bringing the coronavirus back home with disastrous consequences.

"It's putting our elders at risk if we're sending our children out willfully to be engaged with people outside of their bubble. For Native and Tribal communities, it just didn't make sense."

Brown's office did not respond to a request for comment. The prioritization was announced in January, once state officials learned there was no federal reserve

of doses. Starting March 7, seniors aged 65 and older were eligible for vaccination.

Edmo does appreciate some of the partnerships she says have helped connect Native communities to vaccines. She says the Native Wellness Institute, Native American Youth and Family Center and others have internally prioritized urban Natives, which included a direct phone call she received informing her of openings at a Portland-area vaccine clinic (a number of Portland-area organizations were asked to comment for this article, but either declined or did not respond).

Far from any services

Perhaps those having the hardest time accessing the vaccines are those living beyond the reservation and the city. In the Columbia River Basin are traditional village sites that members of the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, Nez Perce and other Tribes have shared for generations, largely for fishing. The lack of modern infrastructure limits communication and pandemic protocols considerably, as the federal government has yet to rebuild fully the original sites flooded by dam development back in the 1950s.

"The only running water are in the bathroom facilities, those with bathroom facilities," says Jeremy FiveCrows of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. "Others are just pit toilets. People just pull in trailers, tents, tipis, vans, RVs. It's such an easy situation for COVID to spread, because it's not like people can be

like, 'Oh, I'll just quarantine here.' You still need to use the bathroom or take a shower, where everybody uses the same place."

CRITFC applied for grants through the Oregon Community Foundation, and with One Community Health based in The Dalles and Hood River area, received a specialized medical van for testing and vaccination for the Native people living in the basin area.

"It's a lot of effort to get if you're 200-300 miles from your reservation," says FiveCrows. He says their first venture was in January at the Celilo Village site. In less than a day, all 100 doses were accounted for, something he attributes to a "brute force" outreach campaign with partner The Next Door.

"They went from site to site, just knocked on doors or campers and told them, 'If you're in these age groups, you're eligible. Can we sign you up?'" FiveCrows said. "It took a lot of effort to get the success that they did."

He says there are already two other mobile clinics planned for the village sites and he credits the higher interest among Native Americans in getting the needle in the arm for that success.

"You also wonder how much of that is from the cultural memory of how different pandemics swept through the Tribal populations and decimated us," FiveCrows said. "So how much of that played into trying to fight that, knowing we probably have grandparents or parents that may have died from other pandemics?"

Tori Lynn Scott – 1971-2021

Tori Lynn Scott was born April 2, 1971, in Klamath Falls, Ore. She began her journey home Feb. 7, 2021.

Tori was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and a descendant of the Klamath Tribes. She grew up on her family's ranch at the end of nine-mile road and loved the spring and pine trees that surrounded her home.

Tori had many nicknames, including Birdies and Goof. She was an awesome basketball player and loved the game. She graduated from Chiloquin High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College to play basketball.

She loved to spend time with her kids and made the most amazing cinnamon rolls, sugar cookies, wiener wraps and frybread.

Tori is survived by her children, Haley, Wesley, Tohtehl and Nekichwey; and her husband, Wesley Scott. She also leaves behind all her cousins and her aunts, Cassie, Jackie, Delores and Jesse. She will be greatly missed by her sister and best friend, Leah Parazoo, and her sister, Lori Mitchell, and her granddaughter, Winterbelle.

She is preceded in death by her son, Garrick Case-Scott; her parents, Eliza-



Courtesy photo

Tori Lynn Scott

beth and Edward Case; her grandparents, William and Wynona Rentz and Edward and Cassie Case; and her great aunty, Lavina Smith.

Tori took in many and had an amazing extended family of sisters, brothers and kids, and loved them all.

Tori was laid to rest Feb. 13, 2021, at David Hill Cemetery in Chiloquin, Ore. Her family plans to hold a service this summer.

She is home now with her son, G-Dubs, and her family will continue to carry on her memory.

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
Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569	Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

General Council Virtual Meeting

Saturday, May 1, 2021 • 1 p.m. • Siletz, Oregon

Call to Order
 Invocation
 Flag Salute
 Roll Call
 Approval of Agenda
 Approval of Minutes
 Special Presentation
 Tribal Council Members Committee Reports
 *Tribal Members' Concerns
 Chairman's Report
 Announcements
 Adjourn

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to continue to keep the membership safe/healthy, the May 1, 2021, General Council Meeting will be on the Zoom platform.

For access to the meeting link and access code, please email generalcouncil@ctsi.nsn.us. Please include your name and roll number in the email. The meeting link and access code will be distributed to your email address on April 30, 2021, by 4:30 p.m.

*If you would like to discuss Tribal members' concerns, please indicate so in your email. The Tribal chairman will call upon Tribal members in the order the requests are received.

The deadline to request the meeting link and to discuss Tribal members' concerns is April 28, 2021. If you sign up to discuss your concerns, your name with Zoom will need to match the name with which you register.



To Sign Up Email Jacob Reid (jacobr@ctsi.nsn.us) by April 22 and receive a board game for your family

FAMILY BOARD GAME NIGHT IS BACK

Play at home and then join us on Zoom
 Friday April 30, 2021 @ 4 pm
 for a virtual game night

Be safe. Stay home if you can.

Wear a mask and social distance out in public.

Exercise a little patience.

Remember – we're all in this together.

How to access language materials online

Virtual speaking groups and beginning community classes have begun again. Contact Nick Viles (nickv@ctsi.nsn.us) for login information.

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

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

Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us. Enter in your roll number and last four digits of your Social security number to log on to the Tribal member access area. Click on "Our Heritage." On the drop down, click on "Language."

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

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

In these lessons, the written word on the screen is accompanied by audio of

the word's pronunciation. Volume 2 contains animals, birds, colors, fish, greetings and goodbyes, insects, and trees and brush. Volume 3 contains lessons on sentence structure and word order.

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

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

Just below the words "Search for" is an empty white box. Type in the word you are searching for and click on the "search" button. The word and the Athabaskan equivalent will appear just below the search box. To hear the word being spoken, simply click on the red ear icon on the left side of the page.

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

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

SERVICES AVAILABLE

Mental Health Services & Life Alert

Mental Health Services

➤ What services are available?

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

➤ Who's eligible?

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

➤ How do I get benefits?

- Call PRC at 800-628-5720 or 541-444-9648 to speak with a PRC representative.

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

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

➤ What you need to know:

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

Life Alert

- Please contact your local community

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

• Eligibility Criteria:

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

➤ Steps to get Life Alert:

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

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

➤ You can reach the community health advocates at:

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

Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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

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

Eugene: 541-484-4234

Salem: 503-390-9494

Portland: 503-238-1512

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

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: aa-oregon.org



"Hi, I can help with OHP."

Do you need help with OHP?

You don't have to leave your home to apply!
Applications can now be done online or over the phone.

The Health Care Marketplace is open now through May 15, 2021.

Shop for health plans at <https://or.checkbookhealth.org/> or call direct at 855-268-9767.

541-444-9611

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

Come Join Us for Mindfulness Monday!



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

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

Guided Meditation, Mindfulness Activities, and more!

Register by emailing:

Elizabeth Madden-
elizabethm@ctsi.nsn.us

BIA picks Bremner for Warm Springs Agency superintendent position

From Bodie Shaw, Northwest Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs; originally posted March 5, 2021

Good afternoon,

While I am introducing new folks today, I am taking the liberty to introduce the newest member of our team, Warm Springs Agency Superintendent Brenda Bremner. Brenda started this week here at the agency, allowing me to transition out of the acting superintendent role. No one is happier than I about her arrival! Please allow me introduce Ms. Brenda Bremner!

Brenda is an enrolled member of the Siletz Tribe and has most recently been the general manager (GM), Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, a position she held for over 20 years.

In that role she led and managed Tribal government operations by directing management teams and oversight of operations that included budgets and service provision for the Tribe. More specifically, she was responsible for programmatic oversight of Administration, Maintenance, Education, Culture, Social Services, ICWA, Planning, Natural Resources, Housing, Community Health Clinic and three satellite Tribal offices.

Also in her role as GM, Brenda managed programs serving the Native American population in the 11-county service area targeting the Siletz Tribal members, which includes over 5,000 in number. She coordinated implementation of self-governance compacts, 638 contracts, grants and special projects to increase and expand programs for enhanced services provided to Tribal populations.

Of note, Ms. Bremner has taught physical education and health to grades 9-12 and was also a volunteer coach in the community for youth basketball for over 15 years. Brenda has also volunteered for many civic and community activities, including event coordination, grant writing and fundraising for charitable groups. Brenda has been a foster parent for over 30 years, has eight children ages 27 to 4 and a partner of 30 years.

Brenda received her bachelor of science in physical education from the College of Great Falls – Great Falls, Mont. Her ties to Montana are very strong as her father, Cecil, was an enrolled member of the Blackfoot Nation and also a contracting officer in the then Portland Area Office.

Please help me in welcoming our newest member to the superintendent ranks, Ms. Brenda Bremner! Brenda's email is Brenda.Bremner@bia.gov.

Welcome, Brenda!

Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- NAJA-Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship
Deadline: April 30, 2021
- Cobell Scholarship
Deadline: April 2021
- Full Circle Scholarship
Deadline: May 31, 2021
- Assoc. on American Indian Affairs Undergraduate/Graduate Scholarships
Deadline: May 31, 2021
- Accenture American Indian Scholarships
Deadline: May 2021
- Wells Fargo Undergraduate Scholarships
Deadline: May 2021
- AIS Scholarship
Deadline: Varies
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College and University Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian s Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Institute of CPAs
Deadline: Varies
- American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Army Emergency Relief Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Catching the Dream Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- College Board Scholarship
Deadline: Ongoing
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
Deadline: Varies
- NOAA Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing

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

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

April

- Send thank you notes to people who have helped you.
- Make final decision about which college or university you will attend.
- If you decide to decline enrollment to a college or university to which you have been accepted, send notice indicating this to the college's admissions office.

May

- This is the deadline for final decisions for universities.
- Send letter of intent to registrar.
- Line up a summer job.
- Attend your Senior Awards Night.
- Review any award letters and be sure you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each type of aid.
- If necessary, arrange for housing and a meal plan (at school).
- Send thank you notes to any person/committee from which you received a scholarship.

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

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

WE HELP YOU SHAPE YOUR FUTURE

Leadership Academy 2021-2022
Apply by April 9th online at agsci.oregonstate.edu/leadershipacademy



Academy Components:

- ✓ Year-long program
- ✓ Community service project
- ✓ Seminar 1x week
- ✓ Paired with a faculty mentor
- ✓ Over \$14,000 in scholarships available

Requirements:

- ✓ On-campus CAS or CoF
- ✓ Sophomore or above by Fall
- ✓ No minimum GPA
- ✓ Willing to learn, grow and support your peers



Oregon State University in Corvallis, OR is located within the traditional homelands of the Mary's River or Anpinetu Band of Kalapuya. Following the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855 (Kalapuya etc. Treaty), Kalapuya people were forcibly removed to reservations in Western Oregon. Today, living descendants of these people are a part of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon (<http://www.gronde.com>) and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians (<http://www.ctsi.edu>).

CTSI Virtual College Info Night

Part III: Tribal Ed Programs and Financial Aid

THURSDAY,
APRIL 22
6:00 PM

online
via
zoom

Get Info About:

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

All Students and Families Welcome

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

Fellowships

- Native American Journalism Fellowship
Deadline: April 30, 2021
- Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Journalism Fellowship
Deadline: June 30, 2021
- American Indian Graduate Center
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships
Deadline: Ongoing
- NBC News Summer Fellows Program
Deadline: Ongoing
- Master of Forest Resources Fellowships
Deadline: Open until filled
- NW Native American Research Centers for Health Research Support Fellowship
Deadline: Rolling
- Northwestern University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Undergraduate Fellowships
Deadline: Rolling

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

Tribal Council Timesheets for February 2021

Frank Aspria – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.25	.25					2/7 Swearing-in
		4	4			2/9-10 Packets
			2.5			2/11 STBC mtg
		3.5				2/12 Special TC – gaming
2	2					2/17 Packets
3.25	3.25					2/19 Regular TC
.25	.25					2/24 Ribbon cutting – housing

Lillie Butler – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
8.5	8.5					2/1-5 Budget, packets
1.5	1.5					2/6 Housing, Health, General Council
.25						2/7 Council
3.5	3.5	4				2/8-10 Packets
			3.5			2/11 STBC mtg/packet
		3.75				2/12 Special TC – gaming
5.5	5.5					2/15-17 Packets
1.75	1.75					2/18 Enrollment wkshp, packets
3.25	3					2/19 Regular TC
5.5	5.25			2		2/22-24 NCAI, ribbon cutting – housing, packets
4.25	4.25					2/25-26 NCAI

Lorraine Y. Butler – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
3	3					2/1-4 TC wkshp, Indirect mtg, packets
2	2					2/6 Health, Housing, General Council
.25	.25					2/7 Swearing-in
2	2		2			2/8-10 Packets
2	2		2.25			2/11 CPT, STBC mtg, Salem community mtg
		3				2/12 Special TC, gaming
2.75	2.75	2				2/15-17 Packets
1.75	1.75					2/18 Enrollment wkshp, packets
3	3					2/19 Regular TC
2	2					2/23 NCAI
.5	.5	2				2/24 Ribbon cutting – housing

Reggie Butler Sr. – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
8.75	8.75					2/1-5 Council, packets
1.75	1.75					2/6 Health, Housing, General Council

Sharon Edenfield – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.75	1.75					2/6 Health, Housing, General Council
.25	.25					2/7 Special TC

Alfred Lane III – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.5	.5					2/2 IDCP wkshp, Special TC
1.5	1.5					2/3 State/Tribal safety cluster
1.75	1.75					2/6 Health, Housing, General Council
.25	.25					2/10 Packets
		3.25				2/12 Special TC – gaming
1	.75					2/16 NILI task force mtg
.5	.5					2/17 STRCP, packets
1.5	1.25					2/18 Enrollment wkshp, consent decree, packets
3	3.25					2/19 Regular TC

Delores Pigsley – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2	2	.5				2/1-2 Indirect Cost Proposal wkshp, Special TC, mail, agenda items
3	3					2/3-5 Mail, prep for council
2.5	2.5				3	2/6 Special TC, General Council, mail
2	2				3	2/7-8 Special TC, mail, agenda items
.5	.5	2				2/9 OTGA, mail, prep for council
1.25	1.25	1	2.5			2/10-11 STBC mtg, mail, agenda items, prep for council
2.5	2.5	3				2/12-15 Special TC – gaming, mail, prep for council
2	2	.25				2/16 Comm on Indian Services mtg, mail, prep for council
2.5	2.5					2/17-18 Enrollment wkshp, conf call – consent decree, mail, prep for cncl
3.5	3.5					2/19 Regular TC
1.75	1.75	.25				2/20-23 Mail
1	1				2.5	2/24 Ribbon cutting – housing, mail
4.25	4.25					2/25-28 Governor's conf call, mail, agenda items

Selene Rilatos – 2/1/21-2/28/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5				1	2/1 Health Comm, email
1.25	1.25					2/2 Wkshp, TC mtg, email, COVID
2.5	2.5					2/4-5 NPAIHB mtg, email, packets
1.75	1.75				1	2/6 TC mtg, General Council, email
.75	.75				1	2/7 TC mtg, email
2.5	2.5					2/9-10 Packets, email, COVID, mail
.75	.75		2.5			2/11 STBC mtg, email, mail, packets
		4.5				2/12 Special TC – gaming, email
4	4					2/13-17 Packets, email, COVID
.75	.75					2/18 Wkshp, email
3.5	3.5					2/19 Regular TC, email
2	2					2/22-23 Email, mail, COVID
1	1				2	2/24 Ribbon cutting – housing, email
2.75	2.75					2/25-26 Portland community mtg, email, packets

2021 Standing Committee Vacancies

Culture and Housing Positions Are Open Until Filled

Any Tribal member interested in consideration to serve on a committee is encouraged to fill out this form and return to the council office.

Please **mail or fax** your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

If you only want to be considered for one committee, please indicate by inserting the number 1 next to the committee of interest. If you have interest in more than one committee, please indicate by numbering your preference 1 (first choice) and 2 (second choice).

____ Housing Committee (1 vacancy)

____ Cultural Heritage Committee (2 vacancies)

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

Chinook Winds

CASINO RESORT

COSTCO WHOLESALE
ITEM OF THE MONTH



April 17 at 4pm

Collect **FREE ENTRIES DAILY** starting April 5.

GRAND PRIZE:
 Arlo Pro3 2K Security Camera Kit, one year of service and 100 \$and Dollars!

			
1 entry	2 entries	3 entries	4 entries

Collect even more entries with your tracked play in the casino; one bonus entry for every 100 points earned on Slots, Tables, Keno, Bingo and Sports Wagering.

BANG!

REFUND HEROES

BOOM!



POW!

LET CHINOOK WINDS SAVE THE DAY THIS APRIL

OVER \$45,000 IN CASH & PRIZES!

APRIL DRAWINGS AT 7PM:
STATE REFUND THURSDAYS
 Maximum refund \$3,000!
FEDERAL REFUND SUNDAYS
 Maximum refund \$5,500!

LATE NIGHT EDITION

Comedy on the Coast



April 9 & 10 • 9:30pm, \$15

Tickets available at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort Box Office. Buy by phone at 1-888-MAIN-ACT (1-888-624-6228), 541-996-5776 or online. 21 and over event, doors open at 9pm with a no-host bar.

HEADLINER
 JOHN KNIGHT

FEATURING
 RICK D'ELIA

HOST
 WILLIE MACC





April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
DRAWINGS
 7pm • 8pm • 9pm

Fuel Up Fridays

TABLE GAMES ARE A GAS!

ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 GAS GIFT CARD




To be eligible activate your entries one hour prior to each drawing in April.

			
---	---	---	---

COLLECT FREE ENTRIES DAILY STARTING MARCH 29:

	Member: 1 FREE ENTRY		MVP: 2 FREE ENTRIES
	PREMIER: 3 FREE ENTRIES		ELITE: 4 FREE ENTRIES

Complete details available at Winners Circle.



chinookwinds.com • 1-888-CHINOOK • Lincoln City



Tribal governments. The bill is one of the most progressive pieces of legislation in history, with more than two-thirds of its tax cuts and direct payments going to families making less than \$90,000 per year.

The \$31.2 billion investment in Native communities includes:

\$20 billion for Tribal governments

To combat COVID-19 and stabilize Tribal community safety net programs through Treasury’s State/Local “Coronavirus Relief Fund”

\$6+ billion for Native health systems

- Indian Health Service
 - \$2.34 billion for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, tracing, mitigation and workforce expenses
 - \$2 billion for lost third-party medical billing reimbursements
 - \$600 million for health facilities construction and sanitation programs
 - \$500 million for clinical health services and Purchased/Referred Care
 - \$420 million for mental and behavioral health
 - \$140 million for improving health IT and telehealth access
 - \$84 million for Urban Indian health programs

- \$10 million for potable water delivery
- Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems
 - \$20 million set-aside for Papa Ola Lokahi and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems within the Community Health Centers funding at the Health Resources and Services Administration

\$1.248 billion for HUD Tribal & Native Hawaiian housing programs

- \$498 million Tribal set-aside within Treasury’s Homeowners Assistance Program for Tribes and Native housing programs
- \$450 million for the Indian Housing Block Grant
- \$280 million for the Indian Community Development Block Grant
- \$15 million for technical assistance, administrative costs and oversight
- \$5 million for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant

\$1.1+ billion for Native education programs, including Bureau of Indian Education schools, Tribal education agencies, Tribal colleges and universities, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native education programs

- \$850 million for Bureau of Indian (BIE) education programs, BIE K-12 schools and dormitories, and Tribal colleges and universities
- \$190 million for Department of Education grants to Tribal education agencies, and Native Hawaiian and Alaska Native education organizations
- \$142+ million for Tribal colleges and universities through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- \$89+ million for Native-serving institutions of higher education, including Alaska Native- and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund

\$1+ billion for Native families

- \$1+ billion for Tribal child care programs and supports
- \$75 million for Tribal TANF grantees to provide assistance to families in need through the Pandemic Emergency Assistance Fund

\$900 million for Bureau of Indian Affairs programs

- \$772.5 million for Tribal government services (i.e., general welfare assistance, assistance to Tribal governments, public safety, child welfare)

- \$100 million for the Housing Improvement Program
- \$20 million for potable water delivery
- \$7.5 million for administrative costs and oversight

\$600 million for Native communities’ critical economic and infrastructure investments

- \$500 million for Tribal governments to support capital investments in Native businesses within Treasury’s State Small Business Credit Initiative
- \$100 million for critical infrastructure projects in Native communities

\$20 million to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Native languages

- \$20 million for a new emergency Native language preservation and maintenance grant program through the Administration for Native Americans to mitigate impacts of COVID-19 on Native language communities

\$19 million for Native communities’ efforts to combat domestic violence

- \$18 million for Tribal awardees through the Family Violence Prevention & Services Act
- \$1 million for “Stronghearts” Native Domestic Violence Hotline

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Follow us on Twitter, find us on Facebook or visit our website at chinookwindscasino.com.

For more information about events in North Lincoln County, visit lcchamber.com, oregoncoast.org or lincolncity-culturalcenter.org.

Calling all Tribal member business owners

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

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



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

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

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, or call 888-CHINOOK (244-6665) or 541-996-5825.

Use Amazon Smile to donate to STAHS

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

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

OHA announces ‘PartnerSHIP’ members for Healthier Together Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore. – Oregon Health Authority is announcing members of the next PartnerSHIP: the decision-making body overseeing the 2020-2024 State Health Improvement Plan known as Healthier Together Oregon.

The PartnerSHIP includes representatives from priority populations and Tribes, as well as agencies and organizations that will implement the plan, including coordinated care organizations (CCOs), local public health authorities, hospitals, regional health equity coalitions and community-based organizations.

The PartnerSHIP roster is as follows:

- Alisha Overstreet, Oregon Family Advisory Council
- Amy Thuren, Health Care Coalition of Southern Oregon
- Connie Dillinger, AllCare Community Advisory Council
- Dalia Baadarani, Lutheran Community Services
- Esther Kim, Oregon Health Equity Alliance
- Ian Winbrock, Whiteaker Community Council
- Jennifer Little, Klamath County Public Health
- Jenny Pool Radway, Consejo Hispano
- Jess Gasper, Oregon Marshalllese Community Association

- **Kimberly Lane, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**
- Maria Morales Donahue, Euvalcree
- Lauren Gottfredson, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette
- Monica Yellow Owl, Klamath Tribal Health Center
- Rachel Schutz, Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland
- Stan Baker, Crossroads Christian Fellowship
- Susan Blane, PeaceHealth
- Timur Holove, Slavic Community Center of NW
- Toc Soneoulay-Gillespie, Health Share of Oregon
- Veronica Leonard, Latino Network
- Kirt Toombs, Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living

As OHA moves toward community-centered decision-making and power-sharing, the PartnerSHIP will oversee implementation of the plan. The PartnerSHIP is charged with making modifications to the plan, allocating resources and driving collective work toward health equity.

The first meeting will be scheduled soon and additional details will be posted at oregon.gov/oha/PH/About/Pages/ship-process.aspx. For more information, email publichealth.policy@state.or.us.

TAPP program honors student attendance with hand drums

By Fish Martinez, TAPP Family Advocate

The TAPP program at Siletz Valley Charter School is a collaborative effort between the Siletz Tribe, Lincoln County School District and the school. Embracing Native culture and finding ways to connect it to the student's educational values is the challenge.

Bo Johnson is the school district's Indian Education specialist and he shared his thoughts of the hand drum: "As an educator, I can see firsthand how tough it has been this year to keep focused and motivated in our school and work places. As a singer and cultural learner and practitioner, not being able to have our gatherings that we host and travel to has been tough. But I'm still able to use the drum and teachings in my home with people and future gatherings in mind. The drum will take you a long way in the right direction if you let it. Everything has to start somewhere and an opportunity to learn more and use the drum can open up a whole new experience for youth. The drum can pull people away from bad things and bring balance to others. So for a youth that could mean a healthy outlet to move towards or a good starting point to move away from and grow."

This year, I am making hand drums out of all buffalo hide and lacing. Each quarter I review our Native students' attendance. If they met or exceeded the attendance goal for a quarter, they are entered into a drawing.

The K-5th grade youth attendance incentive award is a 10-inch buffalo-

hide hand drum. The junior high youth attendance incentive award is a 12-inch buffalo-hide hand drum. The senior high school youth attendance incentive award is a 15-inch buffalo-hide hand drum.

SVCS principal Sam Tupou selects the winners for each quarter. First quarter Hand Drum Attendance Incentive Awards go to:

- Hoxie Yontockett – Elementary
- Aurora Carmona – Junior High
- Rip Kimbell – Senior High

Second quarter Hand Drum Attendance Incentive Awards go to:

- Deh Nah Hee Gonzalez – Elementary
- Dean Smith – Junior High
- Colton Garrett – Senior High

The TAPP program has also purchased kits to make three-strand hair pipe bone necklaces as incentive awards for attendance. If anyone in the community would like to donate their time to help make a necklace from one of the kits, please feel free to contact me at 541-444-1100, ext. 121, or fish.martinez@lincoln.k12.or.us.



"With Dean having his own drum, it can open the door if he decides he would like to learn how to drum. It provides opportunity for drummers in the community to step in with their teachings and create mentorship." Theresa Smith, Dean's mother.



Deh Nah Hee Gonzalez



I think culture is important because I think that if we learn how to dance and learn our language, the new generation would teach it to their kids and grandkids. I also think culture is important because we were taught to respect our elders and our family.

It also helps me as a Native student teaching non-Native students (to be) aware of our culture. I'm grateful I won this drum because it helped me understand that if I put my mind to something, I can be successful.

Aurora Carmona, 8th grade (pictured above with Fish Martinez)



Courtesy photos

Hoxie Yontockett

Dear Tribal members:

Congratulations to Frank Aspria, Sharon Edenfield and Angela Ramirez on being elected to Tribal Council.

Thank you, Reggie Butler Sr., for your years of service and dedication to our Tribe.

A huge thank you to the 312 Tribal members who voted for me and to those who reached out to me after the election with words of encouragement.

Now, let's rise together, lift each other up and support our Tribal Council and Tribe.

I have the best job that I love and that is the opportunity to work for the Tribal Council. It truly is an honor. I've learned from different Tribal Council members over the past 15 years and I will continue to do so.

Kindly,
Celesta Lee

CTSI Tribal Youth

Online Academic Support

- *24/7 On-Demand Access to Online Professional Tutors
- *All Subjects and Grade Levels-Including College and University
- *Individualized Help
- *All Tribal Students Eligible to Apply, Regardless of Residence

To sign up contact your local education specialist:
Siletz and Out of Area-Alissa alissal@ctsi.nsn.us; PDX- Katy Katyh@ctsi.nsn.us;
Salem and Eugene-Sonya sonyamj@ctsi.nsn.us

PLEASE NOTE:
On-line tutoring access is funded with US CARES Act Funds: Students MUST register by October 31, 2021. Tutoring hours are available on a first-come-first-serve basis as resources are available

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: Mike Kennedy
Editor: Diane Rodriguez
Assistant: Andy Taylor

CTSI Youth Cultural Sharing Night

MONTHLY/VIRTUAL
4/15, 5/20, 6/17
6-8pm

TO REGISTER EMAIL
JACOB@CTSI.NSN.US
OR USE QR CODE:



Storytelling
Art
Poetry
Music
Modern
Traditional
Nuu-Wee-ya'



Phoenix turns 1 on April 4

Happy Birthday to my beautiful baby boy, Phoenix! Thank you for the best year of my life with the first year of yours! I'm beyond blessed to be the mama of such a smart, healthy and happy baby.

All our love, Mama, Papa and your whole family

Happy 1st Birthday, Phoenix! It's hard to believe it's already been a year! You're such a blessing to everyone's lives. We love you so much!

Love, the Navarros, Auntie Savanna, Grandpa Phil and Grandma Sherry ♥

We're on Facebook!

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

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

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

Free child ID kits from the Oregon State Police

503-934-0188 or 800-282-7155

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.

CTSI ELDERS INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

To Form a Virtual CTSI History Book Club

To learn, preserve and pass on our Tribal history, the Siletz Tribal Elders are exploring hosting a regular Book Club meeting to read and discuss "The People are Dancing Again." We invite interested people to respond to this notice and answer the following questions:

1. Your name and the best way to contact you.
2. What days/times would you be able to attend?
3. How often would you like to meet? Monthly? Weekly? Other?
4. Suggestions of other books to read.

Please respond to:

Brian Crump Phone: 541-444-8233
Elders Council Coordinator Email: brianc@ctsi.nsn.us

Native American Culture

Keeping our Heritage alive through Education and Celebration

UNITED AS ONE PEOPLE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

ELDERS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The Elders Council is holding a T-Shirt fundraiser. We are now taking pre orders. T-Shirts and V-Necks will cost \$20 each and Sweatshirts will be \$30 each. Please contact Brian Crump at 540-444-8233 to reserve yours today.