



Join Tribal members on annual Run to the Rogue this spring

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Friday-Sunday, May 31-June 2, for the 29th Annual Run to the Rogue. This event, originally held in September, was moved to late spring to avoid being canceled again due to wildfires.

This is the first Run to the Rogue event since 2019. In 2020 and 2021, the event was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022 and 2023, the event was canceled due to wildfires.

This event is a 213-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest today's Tribal members can come to their ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

You can register at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 31, or at any time on the run. The run begins in Siletz on May 31 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center and ends Sunday, June 2, at Oak Flat on the Rogue River. Lunch then will be served at Cougar Lane Lodge, 4219 Agness Road; turn right when leaving Oak Flat onto Agness Road.

Please be aware of the following:

- Volunteers are welcome to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas. You do not need a relay team to participate. Individuals are welcome.
- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping sites, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided along the route.
- An orientation session will be held May 31 at 8 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz, when Run to the Rogue T-shirts will be distributed to participants.

For more information, contact Buddy Lane, cultural resources manager, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230; 541-444-8230; or buddy@ctsi.nsn.us.

Siletz Tribal offices will be closed Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day and Wednesday, June 19, for Juneteenth.

Kotek visits Siletz on initial trip to see all of Oregon's 9 Tribes

By Diane Rodriguez

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson visited the Siletz Tribe on March 28 and spent the day touring Tribal properties and learning about Siletz history.

The day began with a meet-and-greet session at the Tribal admin building with Tribal Council and various Tribal staff members. Travels in the Siletz area then commenced, with a stop at the Siletz Community Health Clinic where Executive Health Director Miranda Williams provided a tour. The focus was mostly on behavior health and addiction services, with a visit to the CARE Program's Healing Corner, stuffed with herbs from the Tribe's farm property.

The group next stopped at said farm property where Garden Manager Zeph Mullins gave a brief overview of the property before leading the group to the farm's two greenhouses. There, Mullins explained what was growing in each one, which native (to the area) plants are growing there, and how Tribal members and the local community are benefiting from this.

Lunch provided by Bristo's Place and presentations by Housing, Natural Resources and Education staff followed at the Tribal Community Center. A visit to the Siletz Tribal Collections Building came next.

The sheer amount of regalia and baskets stored there is amazing. Buddy Lane, cultural resources manager and Tribal Council member, and Robert Kentta, Tribal Council member, explained the significance of various pieces.

A visit to the Dance House came next, with Bud Lane, Tribal Council member, leading a Feather Dance demonstration. Bud also shared more history of the Siletz Tribe and the significance of the Dance House to the Tribe.

Following all of this and before a special dinner hosted by Chinook Winds, Kotek sat down for a one-on-one interview.

Rilatos receives fellowship for regalia 'borrow' closet idea

RAPID CITY, S.D. – First Peoples Fund, one of the oldest national organizations dedicated to supporting American Indian artists and culture bearers, recently unveiled its roster of 2024 fellowship recipients.

Selected from a pool of exceptional candidates, 15 artists have been chosen for the Artist in Business Leadership Fellowship and 11 artists have been awarded the Cultural Capital Fellowship. As part of their fellowship, each artist will receive a \$10,000 award and ongoing professional development support from First Peoples Fund (FPF) throughout their fellowship year.

Siletz Tribal member Savanna Rilatos has received a Cultural Capital Fellowship.



Photo by Andy Taylor

Tribal Vice Chairman Bud Lane (right) and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley (center back) welcome Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek to Siletz during the governor and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson's (left) visit to the Siletz Tribe on March 28.

Q: How do you see the state government working with Tribes? Do you see it continuing?

A: Oh yes, absolutely. This is something I learned when I came into office. The legislature didn't realize this, but there are for some issue areas quarterly government-to-government meetings. For example, my education advisor attends the education quarterly meetings that are government-to-government. That structure has seemed to provide a good ongoing relationship-building consultation communication mechanism.

So absolutely we want to keep that going. We're also following the Legislature's lead (a bill from 2023). We don't have the task force on Tribal consultation (yet). We're going to be appointing members for that. We were waiting until we had our Tribal affairs director (Shana McConville Radford, Umatilla; see December 2023 issue of Siletz News) on board to really do that in the right way.

But that Tribal consultation task force, which involves all the nine Tribes,

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The Artist in Business Leadership (ABL) Fellowship, annually assists independent Native artists with developing their crafts into successful businesses through networking, training and financial aid, aiming for their long-term success. Concurrently, the Cultural Capital (CC) Fellowship supports artists committed to preserving ancestral knowledge and celebrating Indigenous heritage in Native communities, ensuring its continuity for future generations.

Lara Evans, Ph.D., FPF vice president of programs, expressed her excitement about the new fellowship cohort.

"We are excited about the wide variety of cultural and artistic practices of the 2024 fellowship cohort," Evans said.

"Their creative endeavors bring together traditional knowledge, community perspectives, and each has their own spirit of growth and determination."

Since its foundation, FPF has honored more than 410 artists from 117 Tribes across 32 states and three Canadian provinces with fellowships. In addition to its fellowship and grants programs, FPF also helps support the inclusion of the arts in communities through values-based artist workshops, community art classes, youth programming and nationwide partnerships with other organizations invested in the arts.

With more than \$9.3 million distributed in grants, fees and honoraria since

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Gov. Tina Kotek and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson's visit

Tribal Council was pleased to host a meeting with Gov. Tina Kotek and her entourage. We experienced a rainy day but had a very pleasant visit as we toured the Tribe's farm property, housing, the clinic and our repository that holds our large collection of items that will fill our museum when it is completed.

Time was spent at the Siletz Community Health Clinic with the staff and lunch was provided at the community center while the directors provided information on services the Tribe provides.

The governor, her entourage and our staff enjoyed students dancing our traditional dances at our Dance House followed by a historical and cultural presentation.

Dinner with our guests was held at Chinook Winds in the Rogue River Room. All the staff at the Tribe and the casino did a great job of welcoming the governor and updating her on our culture and history.

We look forward to working with the governor in the near future.

Oregon Tribes meeting

Five of the nine Oregon Tribes met at The Mill in North Bend, Ore., hosted by the Coquille Tribe.

A major item of discussion was the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, under the Department of Interior, and its plans to develop offshore wind energy projects near Brookings and Coos Bay/North Bend. The development is moving forward quickly before all the Tribes' questions have been answered. The five tribes agreed to jointly send a letter to the Secretary of Interior expressing significant concerns with the process and not having answers to specific requests.

Chemawa Indian School was also discussed, including the lack of concern regarding the upkeep of the campus and the abandoned property of the old campus and cemetery. A tour of the school and all of the property has been scheduled in May.



Delores Pigsley

Washington, D.C., trip

Some Tribal Council had a recent trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with our elected officials and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss current issues, legislation and our consent decree.

We had the pleasure of viewing the eclipse while we were there.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Our annual honoring ceremony will be held this year at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds. Our usual area is currently under construction for the new museum.

Housing Committee

Current Vacancy – Term Ending February 2025

Application deadline for consideration to fill the vacant committee position is May 8, 2024

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Housing Committee must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to close of business on May 8, 2024.

Please mail your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Assistant to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549 or email celestal@ctsi.nsn.us.

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Appointment to the committee will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in May.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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 June issue is May 10. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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



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TO SIGN UP CONTACT NICK VILES AT NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US OR 541-270-5814

Announcement

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has prepared the proposed 2025-2027 477 Self-Sufficiency Program Plan (Proposal to Consolidate Various Federal Programs Under PL. 115-93 (Amended PL. 102-477) Indian Employment, Training and Related Services)

The plan document is available from May 1, 2024, through June 15, 2024, for review and comment. The document is available on the website at <https://ctsi.nsn.us/tribal-services/social-services/477-ssp/> or available to review in person at the area offices in Eugene, Salem and Portland.

Please submit comments by June 15, 2024, to:

Siletz Self-Sufficiency Program
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549
477ssp@ctsi.nsn.us
541-444-8222

USDA distribution dates for May

Siletz

Monday	May 6	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	May 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	May 8	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	May 9	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	May 10	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Salem

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

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

Sammy Hall, USDA Program Director
541-444-8279 or 541-390-0763
sammyh@ctsi.nsn.us
Fax: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

Fruit Crisp

You can choose any kind of fruit:

3 cups of blackberries
2 bags of frozen blueberries*
3 cans of peaches, drain 2 cans of juice*
3-4 pounds of apples, peel, core and slice*

1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/3 cup flour
1½ cups rolled oats*
1 cup brown sugar
½ cup butter*
½ teaspoon salt

Mix your choice of fruit, cinnamon and flour, and place in pan (spray pan with cooking spray).

Mix oats, brown sugar, butter and salt, and spread mixture over the top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

Let it cool down and enjoy your fruit crisp! Yum!

* Available through USDA foods

First Cut Wood for the Elders Day is May 18

The Tribal Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources Department will sponsor the first Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year on **Saturday, May 18**. The woodcut will be held on the **Tribe's Logsdon Road property to the right of the Tribal food distribution warehouse** in Siletz.

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy. Even if you don't have any of those, we can use the moral support!

Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. We will start at 8 a.m. and go until around 2 p.m.

The goal of this event will be to deliver firewood to as many elders as possible. The Elders Program maintains a list of elders who burn wood for their winter heat.

People willing to haul firewood to elders outside of the Siletz area can contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1212, or 541-444-8212 to be paired up with an elder in need. We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and Portland areas.


Elders in need of firewood should also contact the Elders Program to get their name on the delivery list.

If you have parents or grandparents who burn wood in the winter to stay warm, you need to help out at this event!

General Council Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024 • Siletz, Oregon • 1 p.m.

Call to Order	Tribal Member Concerns
Invocation	
Flag Salute	Chairman's Report
Roll Call	Announcements
Approval of Agenda	
Approval of Minutes	Adjourn
Special Presentation	
Program Reports	Please note the General Council Meeting will be livestreamed through the Tribe's website.
477 Self-Sufficiency • Home Visiting	

 <p>TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON</p>	<p>NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION</p>	<p>April 10, 2024</p>
<p>Court Address 201 SE Swan Ave. P.O. Box 549 Siletz, OR 97380</p>		
<p>Court telephone no. Phone: 541-444-8228 Fax: 541-444-8270</p>		
<p>IN THE MATTER OF: Siletz Tribal Per Capita Distribution</p>		
<p>These matters came before the court on review and the court being fully informed finds as follows:</p>		
<p>FINDING OF FACT</p>		
<p>1) The court has jurisdiction to review this matter as the respondents are members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI). 2) Petitioners have filed a Notice to Offset/Attach for the annual Tribal per capita in the Siletz Tribal Court.</p>		
<p>ORDER</p>		
<p>The following Tribal members have an Offset/Attachment filed against their per capita, do not have a valid mailing address with the Enrollment Department and need to contact Tribal Court so that a notice can be sent:</p>		
<p>Arden, Clayborne Bayya, Manuel Butler, Teresa Hull, Marcella Law, Jerald Morrison, Stephen Oleman, Christopher Towner, Kyle Zigler, Chad</p>	<p>Bayya, Amy Bostwick, John Fuhrer, Jedediah Hutchinson, Gary Jr. Lucas, Marnisha Mullins, Joshua Phillips, Gregory Williams, Willie Zosel-Sanderson, Martin</p>	
<p>SO ORDERED this 10th day of April 2024 Mark B. Williams, Chief Judge Siletz Tribal Court</p>		

CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday, May 1 at 6 pm: Run to Rogue

Wednesday, June 5 at 6 pm: Pine Nuts

IN-PERSON LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES

May: Language Literacy Nights

Siletz (Community Center)-Monday, May 6 at 5 pm
Eugene Area Office - Monday, May 13 at 5 pm
Portland Area Office - Thursday, May 16 at 5 pm
Salem Area Office - Monday, May 20 at 5 pm

June: Pine Nut Necklaces

Siletz (Community Center)-Monday, June 10 at 6 pm
Eugene Area Office - Monday, June 17 at 6 pm
Portland Area Office - Thursday, June 20 at 6 pm
Salem Area Office - Monday, June 24 at 6 pm

Spruce Root Trip

Come gather spruce root near Lincoln City

Friday May 10, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Email or call for details and to sign up

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments
Questions? Contact Nick Viles at nickv@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-270-5814

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.

For any questions, call 800-922-1399, ext. 1322, or 541-444-8322
Fax: 541-444- 8313

Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program (TTSAP) will accept applications for the 2024-2025 academic year beginning May 1, 2024.

Program Information

- ❖ TTSAP assists Tribal students who will attend 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 is required to remit a portion of the rent. For example, if a student is working, the wages earned will affect the student's share of the rent.

STHD will accept applications May 1-31, 2024. Applications received after May 31 will not be accepted.

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 Tribe's website at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

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



Sitka Flores Gomez

Welcome baby boy Sitka Flores Gomez, born March 13, 2024, to proud parents Britnee and Fernando. Your whole family loves you very very much!

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

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

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

Interconnectedness of nourishment involves food growth, production and more

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

As part of my role as a consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families and the community. Many things can go wrong in the process of nutrition. Often this is what my articles address. This month my focus is on the interconnectedness of life that sets the framework to support nourishment for us as well as for our environmental systems.

One of the definitions for interconnectedness is a state of being connected reciprocally. With readiness and receptivity in mind, I will walk through some concepts to highlight the interconnectedness of nourishment and suggest that small shifts in our awareness may ripple into large benefits.

The information below is not an ordered list for sequenced action. It is meant to be a way to focus on consciousness through many phases of food growth, production, preparation, consumption, mindset, fellowship, pleasure, reciprocity, sustainability and so much more.

When we source our food, we may purchase it from others. We can also grow, harvest or raise it ourselves. Either way, the conscious awareness and attention to this process is likely to impact the quality of the food and how beneficial it is to those who consume it.

Some of this attention and consciousness is addressed in agriculture and farming practices with a focus on inputs. While inputs and practices are extremely important, my suggestion is broader, more inclusive and less well-studied. When our food comes from natural wholistic systems, we who eat this food benefit in profound and subtle ways.

A loving attitude is important in the kitchen or wherever food is prepared. Ancient cultures knew to not allow angry

cooks to prepare food for others because they knew it would impact those who ate it.

I invite you to think back on your personal experience, to consider what you noticed with the interplay of different moods during food preparation and the outcome for those who shared in its consumption. Moving forward, this attitude can be practiced in the simplicity of knowing the importance of this role in the kitchen. Chopping vegetables can become a meditative practice of love.

Stillness matters, as well as a place free from distraction while eating. This means that sitting in a chair at a table or on the ground vs. driving in a moving car, supports our bodies to receive, allowing greater benefits to our health.

The distraction of watching TV during mealtime or playing on your phone does not allow your focus to tune in or benefit from the meal. Distraction can make eating unconscious and allow over or under consumption, without enjoyment or readiness to receive the food.

Gratitude and giving thanks for all the hands, and many beings, who participated at each stage along the way awakens our awareness of our interconnectedness. It can change us as well as our food. This practice of gratitude can be considered a form of prayer, or meditation, extended out into our globe with knowing we are interconnected.

In addition to gratitude, our intention or prayer can be directed in two specific ways:

1. For transformation and purity of the food and water
2. For its assimilation in the body for optimal function and right action

Again, this focus appears to be apparent in ancient cultures and biblical accounts, as well as people who survived internment camps or prisons without access to clean food or water. We don't need to "turn water into wine," but this



biblical account captures the power behind transformation and assimilation.

We too can put our attention on this request to clean up our food and water, as well as for our bodies to fully benefit in our personal health. We extend our health to others with right action in the world. Again, we realize our interconnectedness.

Savoring each bite with pleasure is another way to bring about conscious awareness of the food while benefiting in the experience. Furthermore, this can be a time to focus on the balance of the many aspects of nourishing body, soul and spirit.

While pleasure can be misused, the solution is not denial. Nourishing food can be delicious and pleasurable. This experience is healthy and reverberates outward through our interconnectedness.

Fellowship with others can bring a state of joy, peace and relaxation during a meal. Companions can include classmates, family and friends. The time shared can include music, singing, laughing and storytelling.

On the other hand, please remember that even solitude can be joyful, peaceful and relaxing. Our state of mind while eating helps us receive and benefit from our food and water.

Fellowship is another reminder of our interconnectedness. While alone, fellowship is not lost when our focus is on the greater interconnectedness with all life.

The realization of reciprocity, giving and receiving, is another layer of our interconnectivity. We engage in exchange of food

for money or barter. We share gifts of food with our friends and neighbors as an offering and sometimes a hope of reciprocity.

We also know that sometimes our gifts are paid forward and received from others in different timing, rather than direct exchange. Furthermore, we return food scraps to compost.

We even deposit our human waste after we extract what our bodies use. These deposits ideally return to the soil to support our land, root structures and respiration of the soil for the earth and all inhabitants.

Exudates (substances that ooze out from plant pores) from the root structures of plants feed the microbial life to create bioavailable nutrients for soil health. Soil health transfers to the health of our food and to us. This reciprocity is at work in the natural world of interconnectedness.

Sustainability honors our sense of symbiosis that in a perfect world, all parts matter and work together without depletion. Again, sustainability is at work in nature and has become an important concept recently due to human practices that did not honor it. Tribal culture knows well that what we do today impacts our future generations. This is another expression of our interconnectedness.

Perfection is not the model I describe, yet our awareness of the interconnectedness of life is what allows us to do the impossible for maximal benefit. What we bring to the world, our families and ourselves is not in isolation. This interconnectedness is beyond nutrition, yet at the very same time I see the same principles at work.

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

Memorial Day Address

(25 years after WW1 ended, date unknown)

Siletz, Oregon

President: Aurilla Tom

Salute to Flag

America: Audience

Opening Address: Abe Tom

Gen Order No. 1: Elmer Reed

Service Song: Boys and Girls

Gettysburg Address: Edmond Ben

Remarks: Supt. Wooldridge

Song: Gladys and Myrt Tom

Address of Day: Alfred Lane

Dedication: C. Thompson

Song: Abe Tom

God Bless America

Benediction

On this Memorial Day we bow our heads in homage to the memory of the thousands of honored dead that sleep in the American cemeteries of Europe, in the unmarked graves on Bataan, Corrigador and Guadalcanal, beneath the soil of North Africa and Alaska, in the jungle swamps of the tropics, beneath the waters of the seven seas and the thousands that sleep beneath the hallowed soil of our own country.

Memorial Day glorifies the ideals and principles that these men strived to protect and preserve. By our presence here today we recognize their devotion to duty, their courage, their patriotism and loyalty to their country's cause.

Since the days of 1776, each generation has found it necessary to make equal sacrifices for the principle of freedom and those ideals which we regard a sacred obligation of American citizenship. Only 25 years ago we were visitors on the battle fields of Europe in World War No. 1 and laid down our arms with the firm conviction that we "won the war to end all wars."

Unfortunately World War I was not fought to a complete victory. Americans withdrew to their homeland, turning their backs to the affairs of other nations and lived under the selfish impression that we could live in security by and for ourselves alone.

After the Treaty of Versailles, some of our far-sighted leaders saw the necessity of world cooperation while others insisted on a policy of isolation. In a few years, Japan invaded Manchuria, Italy conquered Ethiopia, Germany took Austria and marched into Czechoslovakia and we were only shocked. Not until Japan forced war upon us through its cowardly attack on Pearl Harbor did we awaken to the grim realities we now face.

It is hoped that victory has been won when in the global war that rages today, and the barbarous hordes of Germany and Japan are banished from the face of the earth, some form of world tribunal may

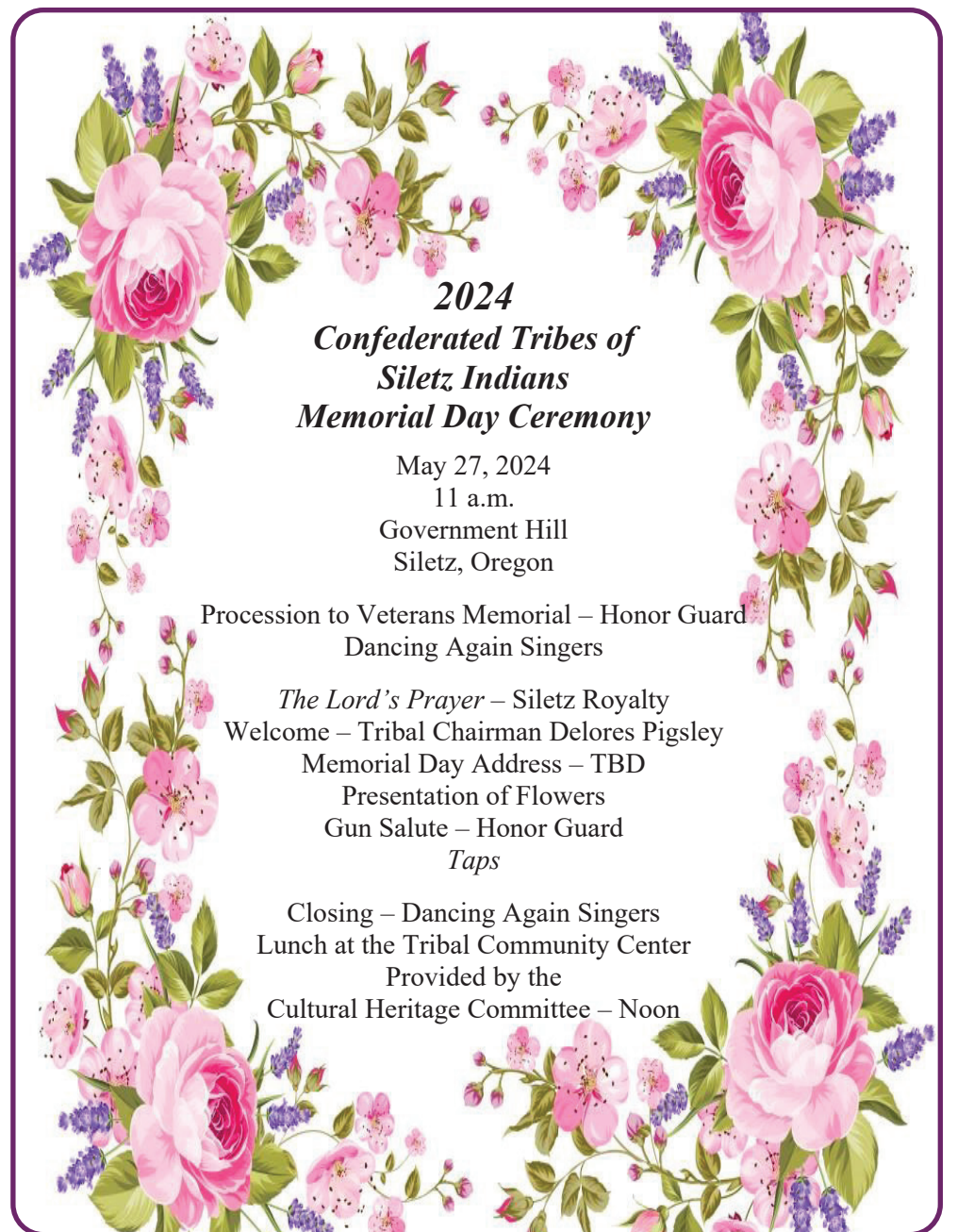
be established with the necessary power to stamp out any signs of aggression or political corruption among nations seeking to violate the peace of the world.

In this shrinking world where travel attains a speed of 800 miles per hour, the radio and long-range planes, no nation can close its frontiers to the rest of the world and hope to long live in peace and security. The time has arrived when the destinies of all nations are bound together.

We are proud of the young men of this generation and we honor them for the sacrifices they are making for the defense of their country and home. To the immortal names of Bunker Hill, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Bull Run, Manila Bay, San Juan Hill, Argonne Forest and Chateau Thierry we add Guadalcanal, Midway, Alaska and North Africa. They are adding new and glorious chapters to our nation's history. It is hoped that Memorial Day will assume renewed significances as a day of solemn tribute to the defenders of our country rather than a day of revelry, games and other aimless celebrations.

With unyielding allegiance to the American creed and with complete confidence in democracy's strength, let us pledge anew our loyalty to the defenders of our country with the firm resolution that the purpose of their sacrifice will never be betrayed at this time when every American citizen is giving his full measure of strength and substance to the struggle which will determine the rights of man to live in peace and plenty. It is fitting that we give that to the stoic descendants of a people who called this land "home" long before it became the great melting pot of many nationalities.

A people who at one time roamed the hills and prairies of this great land independent and free, unhampered by laws, regulations and other political trappings. A people who have known joy and sadness, calm living and strife, heroism and sacrifice. A people who when asked



2024

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27, 2024

11 a.m.

Government Hill
Siletz, Oregon

Procession to Veterans Memorial – Honor Guard
Dancing Again Singers

The Lord's Prayer – Siletz Royalty
Welcome – Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley
Memorial Day Address – TBD
Presentation of Flowers
Gun Salute – Honor Guard
Taps

Closing – Dancing Again Singers
Lunch at the Tribal Community Center
Provided by the
Cultural Heritage Committee – Noon

of his race will reply with great pride "I am an American."

Compare the lot today of these original Americans with the privileges and courtesies extended to the most unwelcome visitors that stream into our ports from foreign countries. While we live in the richest and most powerful nation of the face of this earth, a nation which prides itself on justice, fairness and equal rights, and while the American Indian is under every obligation and shoulders every responsibility of other citizens, he is the victim of a political administration of Indian departments, Indian bureaus and Indian supervisors whose history reveals a record of gross exploitation rather than protection of the resources and rights of the Indian people.

Often Indians are put under the supervision of people morally inferior to themselves and with little sense of justice and responsibility. All that the Indian asks for the contribution he is now making to his government is justice, fairness, equal rights and freedom of the ever-changing policies of political bureaucracy.

Considering the small number of Indians here in our community, the war has

touched us heavily. Nearly all of our young men of military age that were physically able have gone to give if need be their "last full measure of devotion." It is not an easy matter for a young man to leave his peaceful fireside and familiar faces to plunge into the horrors of war. Little do we realize the extent of grief and anger which they must endure as they say good-bye to their loved ones.

For your comfort they write letters of content and good cheer, but deep in their hearts is that longing to be back home with their loved ones and friends. So let us be patient and keep our faith, looking forward to that happy day when we shall all be united again to enjoy the blessings of a lasting peace.

And now by the authority granted me by the thoughtful, energetic and strong-minded Ladies Club of Siletz, I hereby dedicate this service flag to the memory of our Indian boys that have gone to the front whose valor it commemorates. May it influence and enable this community and may we all gather renewed devotion to lead noble lives and emulate their heroic deeds.

By Alfred Lane

**The Portland Area Office
is now located at:**

3220 SW First Ave., Suite 200
Portland, OR 97239

Phone: 503-238-1512
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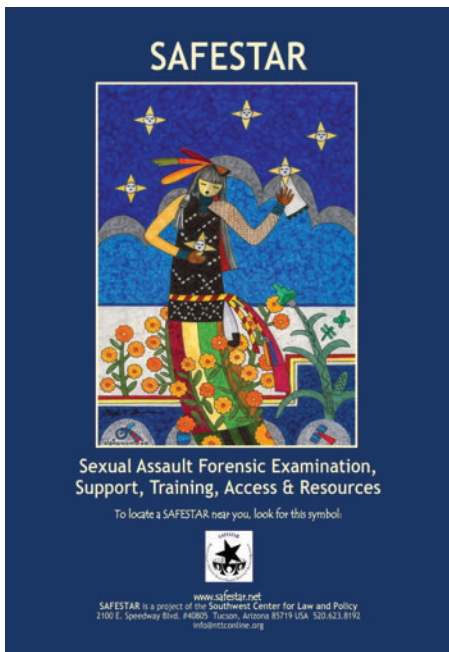
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Siletz Community

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WE NEED YOU!!!

SAFESTAR

40 hour training

DATE: May 20-24, 2024

WHERE: In Siletz Area

WHO: Anyone closely tied with our Tribal community (you do not have to be a Tribal member).
Must live in our 11-county service area.

The 40-hour training course covers emergency first aid (utilizing the American Heart Association's curriculum); human anatomy; an overview of the prevalence, dynamics and response to sexual violence in American Indian/Alaska Native communities; forensic evidence collection (rape kits); health care referrals; confidentiality; federal and Tribal sexual assault laws; service referrals; and community outreach.

Why we are bringing SAFESTAR instead of SANE Nurses into our communities

Every survivor of sexual violence deserves the same “gold standard” of health care, treatment and forensic evidence collection. At this moment in time, most sexual assault survivors in American Indian/Alaska Native communities lack meaningful access to Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners. SAFESTAR is a community-based response to the emergency that exists when survivors lack health care, safety and justice resources.

Please, only serious inquiries should contact the CARE Program to sign up.

You can call Serena Depoe at 541-444-9680 or email her at serenade@ctsi.nsn.us.

Health Department



Healthy Traditions Program

Open Garden Events

Every Saturday in May!

11 AM - 3 PM

Join the Healthy Traditions Program at the Siletz Community Garden for gardening activities, workshops and take-home goodies!

For more information, contact StephanieM@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-272-0396

OUR CLINIC WANTS OUR DIABETICS HEALTHY

Cholesterol Check

Eye Exam Ophthalmology

Medical Foot Check

Dental

Blood Pressure

Glucose Urine Test

A1C

Siletz Health Clinic Diabetics who complete all of their screenings are entered into a raffle* at the end of the year!

*the drawing takes place on 1/2/25. Winner will receive a two night stay at the Chinook Winds Casino with buffet tickets for two.

Patients are eligible for a Pendleton coffee mug when they complete their first appointment!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Heather Warren at 541-444-9668 or HeatherW@ctsi.nsn.us

MAY IS NATIONAL WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

- Prepare for Wildfires**
 - Have several ways to receive alerts. [Download the FEMA app](#) and receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide. [Sign up for community alerts](#) in your area and be aware of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA), which require no-sign up.
 - Pay attention to [air quality alerts](#).
- Make an Emergency Plan**
 - Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands what to do if you need to quickly evacuate.
 - Don't forget a plan for the [office, kids' daycare and anywhere you frequent](#).
- Review Important Documents**
 - Make sure your [insurance policies and personal documents](#), like ID, are up to date.
 - Make copies and keep them in a secure password-protected digital space.
- Strengthen Your Home**
 - Use fire-resistant materials to build, renovate or make repairs.
 - Find an outdoor water source with a hose that can reach any area of your property.
 - Create a [fire-resistant zone](#) that is free of leaves, debris or flammable materials for at least 30 feet from your home.
 - Designate a room that can be closed off from outside air. Close all doors and windows. Set up a portable air cleaner to keep indoor pollution levels low when smoky conditions exist.
- Know Your Evacuation Zone**

Risks from Smoking

Smoking can damage every part of the body

Cancers

- Head or Neck
- Lung
- Leukemia
- Stomach
- Kidney
- Pancreas
- Colon
- Bladder
- Cervix

Chronic Diseases

- Stroke
- Blindness
- Gum infection
- Aortic rupture
- Heart disease
- Pneumonia
- Hardening of the arteries
- Chronic lung disease & asthma
- Reduced fertility
- Hip fracture

Enrollment Committee

Two Current Vacancies

Terms Ending February 2025 and February 2026

Application Deadline for Consideration is June 12, 2024

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Enrollment Committee must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to close of business on June 12, 2024.

Please mail your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Assistant to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549 or email celestal@ctsi.nsn.us.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Appointment to the committee will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in June.

Enrollment Department

Enrollment Committee Meeting for Posting 325

05/08/2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, the Zoom link is on our Tribal website. Log into the Member Area and click on Enrollment Postings, or contact the Enrollment Department.

Public Posting Period from 05/22/2024 to 06/10/2024

Any member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians may protest an Enrollment Committee's recommendation for approval.

Any member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the applicant or a family member/relative may protest an Enrollment Committee's recommendation for rejection.

How to protest: Protest must be in writing within 15 days, stating their reason for believing the Enrollment Committee's recommendation is in error and signed by the person submitting the protest. Send to the Enrollment Department, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

In absence of a protest, the Tribal Council will consider the Enrollment Committee's recommendation at its regular monthly meeting on 06/18/2024.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow • Aug. 9-11, 2024

Tipi Drawing

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Roll #: _____

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug 9-11, 2024. One entry per household. Must be a Siletz Tribal member to enter. **Deadline for entries is June 3, 2024, by end of work day (4:30 p.m.)**. Names will be drawn soon after the deadline.

Return the form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi Drawing, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-549. Applications are located on the Tribal website under the Pow-Wow tab – <https://www.ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow/>.

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

2024-2025 Siletz Royalty Applications

Applications are being accepted for 2024-2025 Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Applications must be turned in by the end of the workday (4:30 p.m.) no later than May 28, 2024. Applications should be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Applications can be downloaded from the Tribal website under the pow wow tab – <https://www.ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow/>.

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

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

ABC's of Siletz Tribal Athletes

By Tiffany Stuart

The journey of Siletz Tribal athletes started in 2020. I wanted to write a story that my son and Tribal youth would be interested in reading.

I interviewed 24 people and researched the other athletes in this book. I conducted all the interviews over the phone during the pandemic. These pages are just a glimpse into the lives of Tribal people. I hope to put all the interviews together in another collection for our Tribal museum.

I completed this work in my own free time. I have a list of more Tribal athletes to interview when time allows. If you have a Siletz Tribal athlete you think should be in this collection, please email me at siletztiffanydawn@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this book. In the upcoming months, you can enjoy reading these stories in our *Siletz News*.

H

 is for **HAMMER THROW**

THROW the hammer like Jeidah DeZurney.

She started this track and field sport as a middle school student in Brownsville, Oregon. While majoring in anthropology at Willamette University, Jeidah has served as the president of the WU Native and Indigenous Student Union; resident advisor; Tribal youth delegate for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board; earth ambassador for UNITY; We R Native youth ambassador; and president of the Siletz Youth Council. As of 2021, she is currently a senior at WU.

I

 is for the American **INDIAN** Hall of Fame

HOLD THE AWARD IN THE AMERICAN INDIAN HALL OF FAME, like Arthur Bensell and Reuben Sanders.

Art attended Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio, and Bowling State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. His junior year, he earned the All-Ohio First Team Award. Arthur was a Heidelberg varsity football letterman in 1931-1933, Associated Press All-Ohio Conference end in 1932, Heidelberg College varsity football captain 1933, and Associated Press Mythical Little All-American end (honorable mention) in 1933. In 1978, Arthur received the Oregon Distinguished Service Award.

Missing Moccasins

What is a Missing Moccasin? A Tribal member who has an invalid or missing address with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Enrollment Department resulting in mail returned as undeliverable.

Enrollment staff attempts to contact the Tribal member by the email and/or phone number on file. If the Tribal member does not respond, Enrollment staff adds them to the Missing Moccasin list for publication in *Siletz News* and on the Tribal website in the Members Area. Enrollment does not publish minor Tribal members' names.

In order to receive any mail from the Tribal administration, including per capita checks, 1099-MISC tax form, elections, *Siletz News*, etc., the Tribal member must submit their address change in writing. If you are on this list, you can update Enrollment by email at EnrollmentDepartment@ctsi.nsn.us; by mail at P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; or in person at the Enrollment Department in Siletz or at Tribal area offices. If you have questions, call Enrollment staff at 541-444-8258.

As of April 9, 2024, there are 128 ADULT Siletz Tribal Missing Moccasins.

Ashley Janice Kelsy Adams	Jose Frede Aguilar-Rodriguez II	Jeremiah Nathaniel Anderson
Clayborne William Arden	Amy Marie Bayya	Manuel Joseph Bayya
Jason Leonard Bennett	Jesse Matthew Dean Bostwick	John Paul Bostwick
Rene Marie Bowar	Joseph Grant Brents	Eric Lee Brown
Leslie Renee Brown	Breena Mia Butler	Clayton Lee Butler
Daniel Tyler Butler	Freedom Butler	Randall Lee Butler Jr.
Sebastian Robert Atreyo Butler	Teresa Melissa May Butler	Chelsea Monet Calloway
Sadie Mateya Camacho Bravo-Hudson	Ashley Raye Carpenter	Andrea Lynn Case
Breonna Rae Case	Darod Anthony Cheek	Johnathon Adam Cherry
Margaret Marie Cochran	Wesley Derrick Cole	Elise Marie Cook
Larell Lee Covington	Cheyann Elizabeth Cronin	Shayla Breanne Doherty
Ryan Matthew Elliott	David Roy-Lee Erickson	Tara Lynn Fields
Alexis Michelle Fisher	Frank Bensell Fisher	Nichole May Fisher
Mahlja Germaine Florendo	Kayonda Lin Flores	Sonya Rae Foster
Theodore Josef Fry	Jedediah Joseph Fuhrer	Jack Otis Fultz
Emma Bertha Gilila	Antonio Solomon Gonzalez	Rhiannon Yvonne Hamel-Fox
Kendall Margaret Hammer	Makayla Marie Harris	Robert Nelson Harrison
Joseph Keith Hendrickson	Amber Renee Horne	Marcella Carmel Hull
Gary Duane Hutchinson Jr.	Sylvia Rose Hutchinson-Hernandez	James Merrill Ingle
Ashley Ann Jake	Tawny Elan Jenkins	Felicia Ann Johnson
Johnnie Ray Johnson III	Colton Scott Jordan	Syanne Amaya Kaiser
Kiah Linn Kearn	Michael David Keene	Calina Delores Kirk
Crystal Nichole LaChance	Brendan Elias Taidje Lal	Bobbie John Land-Hutchinson
Devon Bruce Lane	Virgil Alan Lane	Jerald John Law
Eric James Leppert	Toniette Leigh Lindsey	Marnisha Rochelle Frances Lucas
Haily Annamaria Magrum	Joseph Luis Martin	Steven Dean Martin
Ashley Pearl Marzan	Roman Meril McCarty	Joshua Jesse McKnight Sr.
Brittany Jade Medina	Nahni Lavonne Metcalf	Marissa Danee Mitchell
Stephen Andrew Morrison	Joshua Lennon Mullins	Charlotte Anne Nelson
Christopher Ray Oleman	Gregory Shawn Phillips	Mariah Justine Pigsley
Christopher Scott Prevatt	Jonathan Alex Prevatt	Daniel Lee Randall
Tee'hun Marcelino Reese	Tobias Tee Reese Jr.	Diego Alfredo Reyes
Charles Eugene Richardson	Robert Carl Richardson	Tisha Marie Roark
Quiana Shanice Rodriguez	Raylynn Kay Louise Rogers	Jennifer Louise Russell
Dustin Raymond Ryan	Jesse James Sampson	Rebecca Jean Sanders
Joshua James Scott	Yolanda Louise Simmons	John Eugene Snider
Kent Alan Strickler	Starr Redlighting Strong	Kianna Marie Swartout
Doniven David Tompkins	Kyle Jacob Towner	Louise Roberta Towner-Flure
Alicia Joy Unger	Mannito Hawkshaw Yontocket Vera	Yolanda Gheit'Sigh Vera-Simmons
Timothy Alfonso Villegas Sr.	Craig Daniel Wallace	Derek Kirk Washington Jr.
Rachel Lynn Washington	Stormy Nawitka Chee-Chako Whitehurst	Willie Joseph Williams
Amberly Diane Yarbour	Sapphire Dawn Yarbour	Chad Everett Zigler
Lawrence Raymond Zosel	Martin Dean Zosel-Sanderson	

CTSI Jobs

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

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

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

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, 3220 SW First Ave., Suite 200, Portland, OR 97239

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

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

Siletz Area Office: Jeff Sweet, 541-444-8207, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549

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



Photo by Andy Taylor

Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley and Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek approach the Tribe's garden property.

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Above left: Executive Health Director Miranda Williams (left), Gov. Tina Kotek and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson check out The Healing Corner at the Siletz Clinic.

Left: Tribal Council member Robert Kentta talks to Gov. Tina Kotek and First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson about items in the Siletz Collections Building.

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is the venue to say, let's look at how we've been doing business in the state in terms of consultation. How can we do it more consistently across agencies? We have some agencies that just have very robust consultation processes that they do regularly. Others struggle. So what we want to see is consistency across state enterprise for working with Tribes. I take the government-to-government communication and consultation very seriously. It's about when you do it; how do you do it. It's not, 'Oh by the way, we've made a decision after the fact. We're going to tell you that's not consultation. So I'm looking forward to the task force to give us some direction. You always have to take stock of how you're doing and see if you can do it better.

The goal is to have the appropriate conversations so that you can at least try to get consensus. There are so many issues that we have to work on, from natural resources, education to how state dollars get distributed to Tribes. I'm a big believer in creating systems so people can predict things better.

And this year, making the commitment that I made last year when I first met with Tribal leaders, my goal in the second year is have visits with every Tribe, spend an in-depth amount of time so we can really learn the history, more about the culture, more about the priorities.

(For example), everybody wants to provide housing. But there are different ways you need to do it. In Southeast Oregon, it's going to be different to get resources and to get things, which only makes sense as

governments are different, right? This is a sovereign nation with different processes, different perspectives, meeting people where they are based on what I know.

Q: What are your impressions from today's visit?

A: I think everyone's been incredibly gracious today. We've seen physical locations. We've talked about important issues, learning about the wonderful things they're doing at the clinic around helping community members who are fighting addiction. That was an eye-opener for me, just really impressive.

You see that many services co-located in a spot where somebody could get (nearly) everything we need in one spot, that's most incredibly impressive. And that (rapid) induction thing I didn't know anything about. That's amazing. We've traveled to a lot of rural communities who just don't have these resources.

(I was) very impressed with the farm. I mean, you talk about new initiatives, the farm just being not only a place for Tribal members, but (also) the community; and the love of the land and the indigenous plants.

We were at the clinic in the kind of the comfort area (The Healing Corner) and they had the jars of the different names (herbs) and things that had been grown at the farm.

Q: What experience have you had in the past with Tribes?

A: When I was speaker of the house, I did interact regularly with Tribes over

the years, whether in the Capitol or when I was visiting communities. But it's different when you're governor because the relationship as the head of a government with other heads of government is just a different relationship.

When I was sworn in in January last year, the very first group I met with were the members of the nine Tribes who were there for the inauguration. And I know that we sometimes would sit the Tribal chairs in some odd spot and I said no, they should be all in the front. These are dignitaries that should be in the front.

Then we went to a conference room afterwards and that was my very first meeting with the Tribes. So it's really important to show the respect that the leadership of the Tribes deserves. Building those relationships early on I think is brilliant.

It helps coming on after Kate and I hope it's okay to say this, but because there was a good relationship there everybody knows that there can be. Gov. Brown had a strong legacy. She really understood the Tribes in the sense as secretary of state; I know she visited every Tribe.

In fact, the first lady used to work for Brown and would accompany Secretary of State Brown at the time on these visits. So, she was very excited to be doing the trip here. And now Governor Brown, I think, was very focused on having strong relationships with the Tribes.

It's a good foundation to come into. What we learned about today with the work with our DFW on hunting and fishing is really important. It's heartbreaking

to hear what it used to be like when they talk about previous administrations and how the Tribe was treated and how we've come a long way.

Q: What are the priorities for Shana Radford, state Tribal affairs director?

A: First of all, being the first governor to have an actual Tribal affairs director, I think that sends a message, but also makes it clear that people don't have to question who's the first contact. I think that clarity is really important. We're focusing on improving consultation, making sure that we have consistency across our agencies, helping me to get up to speed on issues that are important.

So having someone who that is their sole job I think is really important because there's always a lot of things going on as it relates to issues with state government or things that we could be helping with at the federal level.

Q: The Oregon Tribal Student Grant has really opened up doors for Tribal members. Do you see that continuing in the future? Is there funding for it?

A: So I had just left the Legislature when it was considered in '22 because I had stepped down when I was running (for governor).

They created the program and we funded it for one year. And so I was coming into office and I said, Well, that's got to be ongoing. You don't say to someone, 'Here, you can go to college for a year,'



Courtesy photo from the Office of the Governor

L to r: First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson; Tribal Council members Bud Lane, Selene Rilatos, Loraine Butler and Delores Pigsley; Gov. Tina Kotek; and Tribal Council members Robert Kentta, Gerald Ben and Buddy Lane.

Photo by Andy Taylor

Top right: Tribal Council members Robert Kentta (l) and Selene Rilatos, and Gov. Tina Kotek

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Right: Tribal Council members, Tribal staff, the governor and first lady listen to Garden Manager Zeph Mullins (right) talk about how the garden benefits Tribal members and the community.

Bottom right: Mullins answers one of the governor's questions.

Below, l to r: Dr. Michael Flaningam, Executive Health Director Miranda Williams, Gov. Tina Kotek, First Lady Aimee Kotek Wilson, Health Navigator Laura Bremner and Financial Services Manager/Interim HR Director Mindy Suttter



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right? So it was in my budget ... we put it in there. We made it very clear to folks, this has to be ongoing funding. And the good thing is, the bulk of legislators agree. They think this is a really good thing to do. The response has been overwhelmingly supportive of the Tribes. And from the universities, they're like, 'Can we do more?' because they want to serve folks too.

I think right now, focusing on members of the nine Tribes at Oregon universities, the question is will we have the ability to expand it. I don't know about that, but we should maintain what we're doing. And I would definitely be a champion for that.

Q: A lot of the Tribe's priorities align with state priorities, including housing, homelessness, the fentanyl crisis, behav-

ioral health, etc. Do you see Tribes as a strategic partner in dealing with those things?

A: Oh absolutely, and you and I could hear that today when we were talking about services for substance use disorder and mental health.

Community members don't live in a vacuum, right? So we have to make sure that we do have capacity in regions around the state for treatment beds and things like that. It was amazing to hear some of the new things that they're doing here at the clinic with medically assisted treatment that becomes a model that we can take outside of the clinic and show to other people.

I'm really interested in making sure we have clarity for our Tribes when we have housing and or homelessness. Money is there. Is there a pot of money for the Tribes? Is it clear what that is? And we

did that for the first time with the shelter money; we had a set-aside for Tribes.

We have to trust each other. We should have the shared goals and how best to serve your community. We've worked on early literacy, so we have the early literacy grants that are really an important issue for me, making sure that the ability to read at grade level is something for every child in Oregon.

So we need to be partners with the Tribes on all three issues – housing, behavioral health and education are everyone's priorities, right? No matter who you are in the state. So I'm always looking for opportunities to leverage existing resources. I've seen it today, bringing so much to the table for their community.

And we just want to be working alongside them to help them be successful, so

it's a really great opportunity. I think if we learned anything from living through a global pandemic, it's that we have to work together overall or we won't succeed.

Q: Is there anything else you want to say to Tribal members?

A: I just want to say the way the first lady and I think about it, this is first visit, is it not last. So we look forward to coming back.

I can't tell you the overwhelming feeling of being in the dance house. And to know the history and the pain of where things have been, but where they are today and just seeing the resilience. It's really inspiring. And it's good to be among folks who are hopeful for the future, so it's been really, really amazing.



Courtesy photo

Rogue Stokes

Stokes earns triple crown

Rogue Stokes achieved an amazing feat in April at the OWA Freestyle and Greco Roman State Tournament. He secured a state championship in Freestyle wrestling on April 19 and then on April 21, he also secured a state championship in Greco Roman wrestling. As a result, Rogue received the Triple Crown Trophy for holding the state title in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco Roman this year.



Photo by Andy Taylor

Congratulations to Chasta Marceau for winning a Tribal Pendleton blanket from the Tribal Planning Department for completing and returning the Siletz Grid Reliance survey.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund

Recruitment for Advisory Board

Applications are being accepted for one Siletz Tribal member position and one Lincoln County non-Tribal member position interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for a three-year appointment from July 2024 through June 2027.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

The STCCF Advisory Board has seven members, including 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 in January, April, July and October to review applications from charitable nonprofits, community service organizations and other local education and government programs. Board members send award fund recommendations to Tribal Council for final review and approval.

Board members also attend quarterly receptions held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort to assist with the distribution of award checks.

To learn more about the Tribal charitable fund, contact Nolan Lane at stccf@ctsi.nsn.us or 800-922-1399, ext. 1200; or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable-Contribution-Fund.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund 2024 Application for Advisory Board

Name: _____ Tribal Member Non-Tribal

Lincoln Co.
Resident

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email: _____

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

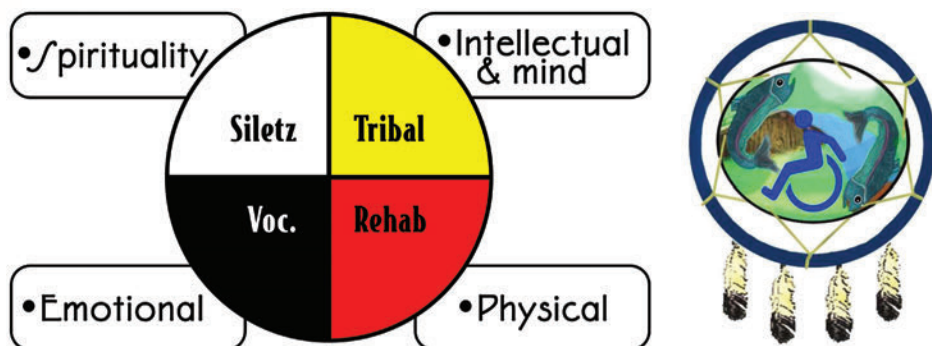
Return to: Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549
Attention: Nolan Lane
Fax: 541-444-2307 / Email: stccf@ctsi.nsn.us

Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

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

Examples of Services

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



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

Makayla Jackson
Job Development Specialist
Eugene Area Office
2468 W 11th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97402
541-484-4234, ext. 1752

Toni Leija
Job Development Specialist
Salem Area Office
3160 Blossom Drive NE, STE 105
Salem, OR 97305
503-390-9494, ext. 1861

Tamra Russell
Self-Sufficiency Counselor 1
Portland Area Office
3220 SW First Ave., Suite 200
Portland, OR 97239
503-238-1512, ext. 1411

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

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN/PEOPLE/RELATIVES

DID YOU KNOW?

95% of MMIW cases in the UIHI study were never covered in the media.

Murder is the third leading cause of death for American Indian/Alaska Native women.

The highest rates of murder and missing people reports occurred in western states, with the highest populations of Native Americans.

Non-Hispanic AI/AN males had the second highest rate of homicide compared with males in all other racial and ethnic groups. Homicide was in the top 10 leading causes of death for AI/AN males age 1-54 in 2020.

WHEN OUR RELATIVES GO MISSING

MISSING SIMPLY MEANS LOCATION UNKNOWN. THERE IS NO WAITING PERIOD TO FILE A REPORT.

File a Missing Persons Report as soon as you confirm your missing relative's location is unknown. You know your relative best, trust your instincts.

Where to file a Missing Persons Report

Nearest police department

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MISSING
MISSING INDIGENOUS PERSON

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- Gather the most recent photos of your relative.
- Try to obtain relatives last known location.
- Identify what they were wearing & note identifying markings, tattoos, etc.
- If missing relative is a child, ensure law enforcement enters them into NCIC—National Crime Information Center.
- Obtain name and contact number of the officer assigned to your case.
- Indicate to law enforcement any mental health, alcohol and other drug issues your relative is/was experiencing, and if you believe them to be in immediate danger.

NATIONAL MISSING AND MURDERED

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

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MAY 5, 2024



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Applicant must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member at time of completion/graduation.

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- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
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- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- Salliemae.com/scholarships/search
- Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarships
Deadline: May 31, 2024
- IJA-AAJA Pacific Islander Journalism Scholarship
Deadline: May 31, 2024
- American Indian College Fund Scholarships
Deadline: May 31, 2024
- LA Tutors Innovation in Education Scholarships
Deadline: 20th of each month
- Scholarship Points \$2,500 Scholarship
Deadline: Monthly
- Nitro College Scholarship
Deadline: Monthly
- Smart Owl Scholarship
Deadline: Monthly
- Be Bold \$25,000 Scholarship
Deadline: Monthly
- CollegExpress Monthly Scholarship
Deadline: Monthly
- Christian Connector \$2,500 Scholarship
Deadline: Quarterly
- Scholarship for Social Impact
Deadline: Rolling
- AIS Scholarship
Deadline: Varies
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships
Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College/University Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing

Internships

- Wisconsin Public Radio News Fellows
Deadline: Various
- Cronin and Company
Deadline: Open
- Roku
Deadline: Multiple/Open
- Nike N7 Undergraduate Internship
Deadline: Multiple
- Nike Internships
Deadline: Multiple
- DMS Internships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Apple Business, Marketing and G&A Internships
Deadline: Multiple
- Amazon Undergraduate Program Internships
Deadline: Multiple
- Habitat Restoration Internship
Deadline: Various
- Meta (Facebook) Data Center Engineering Internships
Deadline: Various
- Public Lands Internship Program
Deadline: Various
- NOAA Internships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Code Switch Internship
Deadline: Various
- WOTE Agricultural Incubator Intern
Deadline: Various
- Saturday Academy Internships
Deadline: Multiple
- EPA Environ. Research/Bus. Support
Deadline: Multiple
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates
Deadline: Multiple

Other Opportunities

- Oregon Promise Grant
- Portland Community College Career Pathways Program
- UO Home Flight Scholars Program
- Oregon Tribal Student Grant
- UC Native American Opportunity Plan
- Indigenous Youth Media Workshop
June 19-29, 2024 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)
- Native Youth Wellness Warrior Camp
June 24-27, 2024 (Grand Ronde, Ore.)
- THRIVE Conference (Portland, Ore.)
June 24-28, 2024
- NPAIHB Youth Intern Host Sites
Deadline: Rolling
- Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on MMIWG2T
Deadline: Rolling
- Fund for Women Journalists
Deadline: Rolling
- Fund for Indigenous Journalists
Deadline: Rolling
- Amber Grants
Deadline: Rolling
- NAYA Ninth Grade Counts
Deadline: Rolling
- Dept. of Energy Scholars Program
Deadline: Ongoing
- National Park Service Tribal Stewards Inclusion Program
Deadline: Ongoing
- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute – Generation Indigenous Network Youth Ambassador
- National Youth Leadership Forum STEM Program Nomination Form
Deadline: Various

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

- | May | June |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30! • Attend graduation – congratulations! • Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities. • Good luck! |

Fellowships

- Native American Journalism Fellowship (The Oklahoman)
Deadline: Various
- NHPR Reporter/Producer Fellowship
Deadline: Various
- MBA Special Advisor Fellowship
Deadline: Ongoing
- Franklin Talent Exchange Program
Deadline: Ongoing
- NYT Local Investigations Fellowship
Deadline: Rolling
- Institute for Citizens and Scholars Fellowships
Deadline: Various
- American Indian Graduate Center
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships
Deadline: Ongoing
- Master of Forest Resources Fellowships
Deadline: Open until filled
- NW NA Research Centers for Health Research Support Fellowship
Deadline: Rolling
- Northwestern University's Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Undergraduate Fellowships
Deadline: Rolling
- Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Post-Doctoral Research Fellow
Deadline: Multiple
- Claremont NA Fellowship
Deadlines: Multiple

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Eugene
Candace- CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

Please Note:

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

Tribal Council Timesheets for March 2024

Gerald Ben – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75				3/1	Workshop
2	2.25				1.5 3/8-10	Meet w/ Siuslaw NF packets
.5	.5				3/12	Pow-Wow Cmte
1	1				2.5 3/13	Meet w/ Shana Radford
2	2.25				1.75 3/14	Regular TC
4.5	4.5				5.25 3/16-19	TC retreat
		1.75	.75		2.5 3/22	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg
.75	.75				3/25	Packets
5	5				3 3/28	Governor's visit
					3 3/31	Travel for OR Tribes mtg

Lorraine Y. Butler – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
3.5	3.5				2 3/12-13	Meet w Shana Radford, packets
3	3				3/14	Regular TC
5	5				6 3/17-19	TC retreat
		2			2 3/21	STBC, packets
		2			3/22	Special TC – gaming
2	2				3/24-25	Packets
.75	.75				3/26	Chemawa LLC
3	3				2 3/28	Governor's visit
1	1				3/29	NASRAC, DOC mtg
					2 3/31	Travel to OR Tribes mtg

Alfred Lane III – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	.75				3/1	TC wkshp
.25					3/7	Investment Cmte
1.5	1.5				2 3/13	Meet w/ governor's liaison, packets
2	2.25				3/14	Regular TC
5.25	5.25				5 3/17-19	TC retreat
.75	.5				3/20	STRCP
5.5	5.5				2 3/27-28	Governor's visit, prep for visit

Alfred Lane IV – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2	1.75				3/1-3	TC wkshp, reading, email
1.25	1.5				3/4	Natural Resources Cmte
4.25	4.25	4.25			3/7-14	Reading, email
5.25	5.25				5 3/17-19	TC retreat
2.5	2.5	2.5			3/20-25	Special TC – gaming, reading, email
3.75	3.75				3/28-29	Governor's visit, reading, email

Judy Muschamp – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1.25				3/1	TC wkshp, applications, email
.5	.5				3/4	IS trng, TC office
6.25	6.25				3/5-12	Interviews, applications, email
2	2.25				1.75 3/13	Meet w/ Shana Radford, packets
2	2				3/14	Regular TC
5.25	5.25				5 3/17-19	TC retreat
1.5	1.5		1.5		2 3/20-21	Blue Stone mtg, STBC packets
		2.5			1.5 3/22	Special TC – gaming
.5	.5				3/26	NPAIHB update
.5	.5				3/27	COHO benefits mtg
3	3				3/28	Governor's visit
1.25	1.25				3 3/30-31	Email, travel for OR Tribes mtg

Bonnie Petersen – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5				3/1	TC wkshp, TCIP wkshp, email
.75	.75				3/2	Email, mtg prep
1.75	1.75				3/3	STAHS mtg, email
1	1				3/4	Meet w/ CEO, email, mtg prep
1	1				3/5	Culture Cmte, email
.75	.75				3/6	Housing Cmte, email
4	3.75				3/7-10	477 Plan mtg, STAHS wkshp, mail, packets, mtg prep
2	2				3/11	STAHS wkshp, econ dev, email, correspondence
1.75	1.75				3/12-13	Interviews, email
2	2.25				3/14	Regular TC
1.25	1.25				3/15-16	Email, admin
6.75	6.75		1		5 3/17-20	TC retreat, email, mtg prep
1.5	1.5				3/21	STBC canceled
1	1	2	.5		3/22	Special TC – gaming, STBC mtg, email, calls
1.25	1.25				3/25-26	Chemawa LLC, email
1	1				3/27	Email, mtg prep
1.75	1.75				3/28	STPSC mtg, NASRAC mtg, email
.5	.5				3/29	DOC mtg, email

Delores Pigsley – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
4.5	4.5				5.5 3/1-6	Return from event, mail, agenda items
3.5	3.5				2 3/7	Investment Cmte, meet w/ Siuslaw NF, mail
5.25	5.25				3/8-12	Mail, prep for council
2	2				2.5 3/13	Meet w/ Shana Radford, mail
3	3				3.5 3/14	Regular TC, travel to Florence
.5	.5				3/15	Attend elders gathering
1	1				1 3/16	Elders gathering, mail, travel to North Bend
6.75	6.75				3 3/17-19	TC retreat, mail, return home
2	2	.25			3/20	Salem City Hall, mail
2.75	2.75	.25		1.5	3/21	Northgate Assoc. mtg, prep for governor's visit, mail
.75	.75	3			2.5 3/22	Special TC – gaming, mail
4.75	4.75				3/23-27	Mail, agenda items, prep for governor's visit
5	5				4.5 3/28	Governor's visit, mail
2.25	2.25				3 3/29-30	Mail, travel for OR Tribes mtg

Selene Rilatos – 3/1/24-3/31/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5				3/1	TC wkshp, email
5.75	5.75				1 3/4-11	Email, packets
2.25	2.25				3/12-13	NPAIHB, email, packets
3	3				3/14	Regular TC, email
2.25	2.25				3/15-16	Civil Comm OJP, email, packets
5.5	5.5				5 3/17-19	TC retreat, email
2	2				1 3/20	Blue Stone mtg, email
2.5	2.5				3/21	OHA, email, packets
.75	.75	1.5		.5	3/22	Special TC – gaming, STBC, email
1.75	1.75				3/24-25	Email, packets, calls
2.25	2.25				3/26-27	NAPIHB mtg, email, packets
4.5	4.5				3 3/28	Governor's visit
2	2				3/29-30	DOC mtg, email, packets

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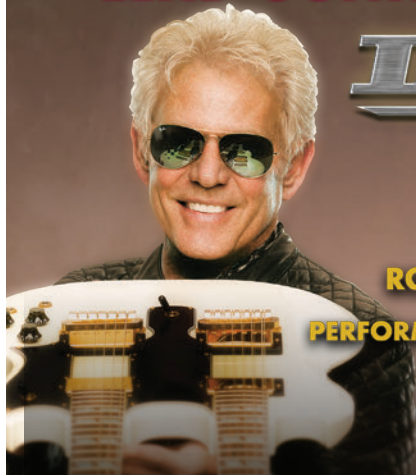
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On behalf of the Oregon Zoo, I want to thank you and your community for sharing your time with us this week for what turned out to be a meaningful, fun and mostly-not-rainy day at the zoo!

We were thrilled to be able to explore the stories of sea otters, condors and lampry together and the zoo staff in attendance all conveyed how grateful they were to spend that time and learn from you all.

Special thanks to Katy (Katy McDonald, Metro) for orchestrating such a huge event (Katie said 206 people came!) and to Peter (Hatch) for wearing both his Siletz and Elakha Alliance hats to put on a meaningful lunchtime program. It spoke volumes that so many people stayed to watch and interact with the program while there was a zoo right outside the door to explore!

Our Tribal partnerships are among our most powerful in conservation and serve as a constant source of inspiration. We look forward to deepening our relationship with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and hope you have a great rest of your week!

Shervin Hess
Conservation Manager
Oregon Zoo



Courtesy photos

Left and bottom left: Tribal youth enjoy a variety of exhibits at the Oregon Zoo.

Below, from left: Philip Fensterer, zoo keeper; Peter Hatch, Tribal history & archaeology specialist; Travis Coons, curator of birds, reptiles and Northwest wildlife; and Chanel Hason, outreach & community relations director at the Elakha Alliance



Rilatos, continued from page 1

1999, FPF champions Indigenous artists. The achievements of the 2024 Artist in Business Leadership and Cultural Capital Fellows highlight the significant impact and importance of supporting and celebrating Indigenous artistry.

Visit [firstpeoplesfund.org](https://www.firstpeoplesfund.org) to explore how these cultural advocates contribute to their communities and how you can help preserve Indigenous arts and culture for future generations.

The FPF fellowships receive generous support from several foundations. These include the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, HRK Foundation, Margaret A. Cargill Foundation, McKnight Foundation, Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation and the California Wellness Foundation.

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homa Choctaw), Robert Yellowhawk (Cheyenne River Sioux), Richard York (Cherokee Nation) and Ashley Young (Tlingit).

2024 Cultural Capital Fellows

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From <https://www.firstpeoplesfund.org/cultural-capital-fellows/savanna-rilatos>

Art Form/Medium: Regalia/Fashion Design, Leatherwork, Beadwork, Quilting/Sewing, Social/Community Cultural Engagement

Location: Salem, Ore.

Year of CC Fellowship: 2024

Chee-la Savanna Rilatos waa 'vm-nvsh-shi. I am a citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. My Tribal bands are Molalla, Galice Creek and Yamhil. I graduated from Brown University in 2023 and will be completing the University of Oregon's Sapsik'wałá Master's Program in summer of 2024 with plans of becoming a teacher.

I grew up in my Native community and have had many cultural mentors over the course of my life so far – and I'm sure many, many more to come. I was extremely blessed to have so many people in my life that always ensured I had regalia

or access to regalia to participate in ceremony as well as pow-wow, but not everyone has that same access to support. My grandpa always told me that culture is prevention; my culture shaped my life and my identity, it's given me balance, strength and community.

My dream is to bridge this gap between accessibility and culture. To do this, I have been working towards creating a regalia "borrow" closet with my cousin that will eventually travel around Oregon (and beyond) to various pow-wows for Native people to wear and participate with. The closet will be compiled of donated regalia as well as new regalia crafted specifically for this project in inclusive sizes.

The last few years, I have been practicing different styles, making regalia for my family, and teaching cultural arts to get regalia in the hands of Native youth and families. I have crafted multiple grass dance outfits, ribbon skirts (these have begun being danced), moccasins, beadwork and necklaces, and my initial closet launched in August 2023 at our Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.



To the editor:

We need protection at Siletz.

Here's the reason. As recently as this year, *Siletz News* refused to publish a letter (by me) that documented a September 2022 approval of an enrollment application that was alleged to have violated Tribal law.

That allegation of an enrollment error followed several other allegations that the Siletz Tribal Council recently had not always followed Tribal law when passing resolutions.

Furthermore, as recently as the February 2024 regular Tribal Council meeting, the Siletz Tribal Council was urged by a Siletz Tribal elder to conduct an audit of recent enrollment decisions. That elder shared reports of new Siletz Tribal members stating surprise at the success of their enrollment applications because "we aren't even Siletz."

And last year, a Siletz Tribal member posted on Facebook about the trauma she was experiencing because her Siletz Tribe was disenrolling her. Apparently, a clerical error had been made in her enrollment decades before and Tribal Council's decision to disenroll her came after an investigation following an anonymous complaint that revealed this clerical error.

The Siletz Tribal member who was recently disenrolled and the new Siletz Tribal members who reportedly expressed surprise to have ever been enrolled are not at fault – they should not be made to suffer if an error was made by others.

Plus, an "error" today might change to become "correct" in the future, and vice-versa. What doesn't count as an error today might be considered an error in the future. Such switcheroos can happen for political reasons. Sometimes families – even whole Tribes – become pawns in political chess matches between Tribes and within Tribes.

Grand Ronde provides an example. Families who were considered in past generations to be Grand Ronde were talked about and then alleged not to be Grand Ronde. Official investigations proceeded and dozens of people were disenrolled eventually by action of the Grand Ronde Tribal Council.

These poor people had done nothing wrong themselves.

Their disenrollment set up a long and painful conflict that ended, miraculously, with the Grand Ronde Tribal Court stepping in to order the re-enrollment of the disenrolled Tribal members and, perhaps even more miraculously, the Grand Ronde Tribal Council deciding to abide by the court's decision.

Other Tribes have had similar experiences. Disenrollment campaigns – always painful – have become relatively common.

Good news exists! Grand Ronde people changed their constitution to prevent anyone from being disenrolled for any reason except fraud in the future.

Everyone is protected at Grand Ronde now. Neither the Tribal Council nor anyone else has the power to kick a Grand Ronde Tribal member off the enrollment rolls – unless that member has committed fraud, i.e., intentionally lied to gain Tribal membership.

Siletz people need similar protection.

Drew Viles

To the editor:

Hunting and Fishing Rights

The agreement with the State regarding our hunting and fishing rights, the governor said, "The legislation gives the Siletz and the State of Oregon the legal ability to change a discriminatory legal clause" ... which is inaccurate. This legislation does not negate the Consent Decree.

Additionally, in the new agreement between the State and Tribe, the State is still maintaining that we are an executive order reservation, which means that our status as a Tribe can be taken away by the president without payment or authorization from Congress. A treaty reservation gives protection in the seizing of land and rights, but only by Congress and compensation must be paid.

On March 19, 1976, Mark Ackerman from the Congressional Research Service gave Mark Hatfield a position letter that Mr. Hatfield had request about whether the Siletz Tribe retained its hunting and hunting rights after termination. He concluded that the Tribe had retained those rights, but it had to be recognized and claimed.

He points out that if the Tribe was forced to give up those hunting and fishing rights in return for land for the reservation, then adequate compensation was needed. No money was given or received. Tribal Council maintained they had never seen it or been told of it.

This new agreement with the State makes few changes. We get two more areas to hunt in using Tribal tags. Some changes to the gathering section, but ODFW maintains control of what we can do with our hunting and fishing rights. This agreement can also be ended by either party at any time.

In 1855 or so, Joel Palmer was employed to write treaties with the Western Oregon Tribes. He did so. However, the coast Tribes' treaties weren't ratified, but the valley tribes were ratified. Palmer was instructed to make the Tribes move east of the Cascades but couldn't do so.

He designated reservations for the Rogue, Molalla and Umpqua Tribes. Gold was discovered in those areas and miners were killing Indians who were trying to keep miners off their reservations. Palmer decided the solution was to move those Tribes to the Coast Reservation, which he enlarged to 1.3 million acres rather 800,000 acres. He did so with congressional consent.

This made this reservation a ratified treaty reservation rather than an executive order reservation. 200,000 acres were taken to create a road between Newport and the Valley in 1865 and in 1875, another 700,000 acres were taken from the southern part of the reservation, taken without the consent of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz and not paid for.

This distinction is important for all our Native rights, including the right to commercial fish.

Raymond Blacketer



Easter Egg Hunt
Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 30, 2024

Photo by Andy Taylor

Left: Rowan Kinney



Courtesy photos by Jordan Taylor

Top right: A group of our youngest ones hunts for eggs.

Below: Jaelene DeAnda-Sweet



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We all love you very much.
Your village



Congratulations, Tadee (Bill) Hatfield, for your hard work and earning a spot on the Honor Roll for Winter 2024! Great job!

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Registration is open to Siletz Tribal members and Siletz Tribal households.

Run to the Rogue 2024 Update

This year, R2R will take place **May 31st - June 2nd**

This change is to avoid cancellations due to wildfire season.

We look forward to seeing you for Run to the Rogue this spring!

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