



Courtesy photo

Gabriel Jurado

## UNITY announces 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leaders

**Honorees will be recognized at UNITY's National Conference in Portland this month**

MESA, Ariz. – United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) has announced the latest cohort of 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leaders, which includes Siletz Tribal member Gabriel Jurado.

This esteemed recognition celebrates the exemplary achievements of young American Indian and Alaskan Native leaders who embody UNITY's core values and pursue holistic (spiritual, mental, physical and social) well-being in their lives.

Launched in 2014, this biennial initiative acknowledges the remarkable contributions of 25 outstanding youths under 25 in Indian Country. Its purpose is to:

- Recognize the accomplishments of Native young people, ages 14 to 24, who are dedicated to serving their communities and are active members of the National UNITY Council (youth council affiliates or individual members)
- Provide training and hands-on learning activities that will increase the participants' ability to serve their community
- Encourage rising Native leaders to aspire to greater levels of achievement
- Build a support network of "service to community" minded leaders that will grow with each year and further the UNITY mission of building a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement

"Our Native youth are passionate about enhancing their communities. The 25 Under 25 program by UNITY acknowledges their accomplishments and inspires them to continue their engagement while nurturing

See UNITY on page 10



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Buddy Lane, cultural resources manager and Tribal Council member, talks with visitors about elk horn purses and baskets during Elders Honor Day on May 1 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. See more photos on page 11.

## American Indian College Fund launches 'Make Native Voices Heard' voting campaign

**Campaign shares stories of why Native votes matter and how to register**

DENVER – American Indians are more impacted by the law than any other group in the United States. Native students in higher education or seeking a higher education, in particular, are impacted by federal and state laws that impact funding for education, such as Pell Grants, student loans and federal funding for Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs), 70% of which comes from federal sources.

To ensure Native students, community members and their allies are represented and heard at all levels of government, the American Indian College Fund (College Fund) has launched its Make Native Voice Heard – Vote! campaign to encourage Native people to register and vote on Nov. 5.

In addition to ensuring Native voices are heard with regard to higher education, voting also gives Indigenous communities representation within laws and policies that guide Native nations, including housing, health care, early childhood education, energy programs and reservation

See Voting on page 13



Photo by Andy Taylor

Lylah Vargas and her cousin, Penny Gomez, engage in a Bluey activity book together during Family Literacy Night on April 25 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. See more photos on page 18.


**Siletz Tribal offices will be closed Wednesday, June 19, for Juneteenth and Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day.**

## Opportunity for assistance with child support for 2024 per capita

If you need assistance with your child support case, a liaison will be available June 4, 2024, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in Siletz Tribal Court.

You can appear in person or by phone. You will need your case number and services will be on a first come, first served basis unless you would like to make an appointment.

Contact Tribal Court at 541 444-8218 to set up your appointment or with any questions.

	<b>TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS OF OREGON</b>	<b>NOTICE OF PENDING LITIGATION</b>	<b>May 10, 2024</b>
Court Address 201 SE Swan Ave. P.O. Box 549 Siletz, OR 97380-0549		Court telephone no. Phone: 541-444-8228 Fax: 541-444-8270	
<b>IN THE MATTER OF: Siletz Tribal Per Capita Distribution</b>			
These matters came before the court on review and the court being fully informed finds as follows:			
<b>FINDING OF FACT</b>			
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.			
<b>ORDER</b>			
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:			
Arden, Clayborne Bayya, Manuel Butler, Teresa Hull, Marcella Law, Jerald Morrison, Stephen Oleman, Christopher Towner, Kyle Zigler, Chad	Bayya, Amy Bostwick, John Fuhrer, Jedediah Hutchinson, Gary Jr. Lucas, Marnisha Mullins, Joshua Phillips, Gregory Williams, Willie Zosel-Sanderson, Martin		
SO ORDERED this 10 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2024			
Mark B. Williams, Chief Judge Siletz Tribal Court			

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

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

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

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

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

### Send information to:

Siletz News

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

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

Fax: 541-444-2307

Email: PIAS@CTSI.NSN.US

Deadline for the July issue is June 10. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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



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## REC CENTER RENTALS

Outdoor recreation equipment is available to check-out for Siletz Tribal Members & CTSI Staff

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For More Information

Call  
541-444-9656

Email  
TillicumFitnessCenter@ctsi.nsn.us

To rent, visit:

[confederated-tribes-of-siletz-indians.boobookable.shop](http://confederated-tribes-of-siletz-indians.boobookable.shop)

You are only charged if you fail to return equipment.

## Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 1 p.m. in the Shasta Room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

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

## SIGN UP TODAY FOR SPRING ON-LINE LANGUAGE CLASSES

LEARN  
NUU-WEE-YA'  
(OUR LANGUAGE)

TUESDAYS, APRIL 9-JUNE 11

5:30 PM-IMMERSION LEARNING SUPPORT

6:00 PM-BEGINNING CONVERSATION I

6:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2

THURSDAYS, APRIL 11-JUNE 13

12:30-LANGUAGE AND LUNCH

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



## Siletz youth need our help!

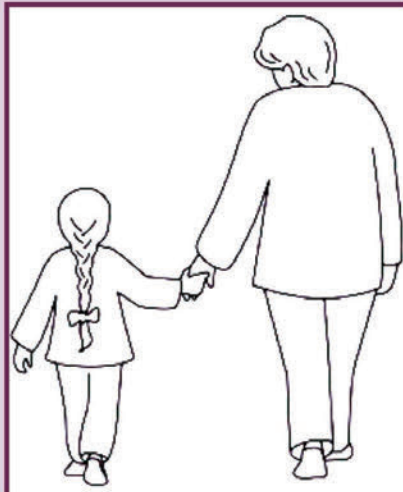
### Have you ever thought about being a foster parent?

Do you want to volunteer your time to help foster youth? Siletz Tribal members around the state are needed to host foster children and also to volunteer to support struggling Tribal families.

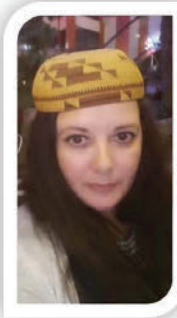
Our team at ICW is working to build a network of volunteers so we can keep foster kids close to their parents and culture, and build lasting relationships with other Tribal members.

**Foster application and Q&A:**  
<https://ctsi.nsn.us/become-a-foster-parent/>

Welcome to the ICW Team!  
Call or email Gail Barker  
Foster Family Coordinator  
541-444-8272/gailb@ctsi.nsn.us



### New Salem Area Office Supervisor



My name is Sarah Ellisor. I have an associate degree in psychology and a bachelor's degree in business management.

Over the last 26 years, my journey has always been helping others. In 1998 with the adult education fund from our Tribe, I was able to get my CNA certification and work for Salem Hospital. In 2000, I moved to Portland and worked Providence Milwaukie Hospital for 19 years. During that time, I was able to further my education with the help of the education grant, which opened up more doors in my career. My last position at Providence was managing the Outpatient Infusion Clinic and the Direct Access Colonoscopy Program.

During the pandemic, I was given an employment opportunity with NARA NW from a CDC grant given to the Oregon Health Authority to help raise awareness for colorectal cancer screenings in American Indians/Alaska Natives. I coordinated the CRC Control Program and was part of the Chronic Disease Team, where we helped clients get their preventative services while addressing their barriers to care. We would get them food, clothes, transportation, help with housing and whatever else they needed.

I have given presentations to the Portland Indian Health Board, Tribes in Oregon and Washington, OHA, OHSU Research Network Collaborative, and the Kaiser Research Center on the different needs of Native communities. I was given the opportunity from Kaiser Permanente to help make an educational visual story pamphlet for American Indians on colorectal cancer screenings. In 2023, I received an award from the Western Colorectal Cancer Consortium for my work with Native communities on CRC awareness and addressing barriers that each community has in both Oregon and Washington.

On a personal note, I am a mother of four young men. I moved back to Salem last year from Portland so I could be closer to my parents and other family. I just recently found out I'm going to be a grandmother for the first time in October. It's a girl and I am so excited.

My hobbies include crafting, painting, playing games, gardening, cooking and learning new things. I got my master food preserver certification from OSU because I wanted to learn how to preserve the foods I have grown so I can have them all year long.

Feel free to reach out to me anytime if there is anything else you would like to know.

For information about the Siletz Tribe, visit our website at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us).

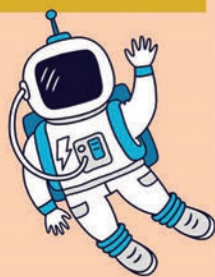
## CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS

### Upcoming Dates:

**Wednesday, June 5 at 6 pm: Pine Nuts**



## IN-PERSON LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES



### 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

### July

No evening culture classes. Join us for Culture Camp!

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

## Patient Financial Navigator

### Supporting Your Health Care Financial Wellness

Are you confused, frustrated and lost in the maze called health care? Patients are often unaware of the many changes with their insurance, government programs, employer's coverage and all the "rules" associated with getting health care services paid.

#### It's not easy to navigate health care, but help is available!

- Have you lost coverage or have no coverage?
- Are you receiving past due bills? Collection agency contacting you?
- Are you turning 65 in the next year and need to enroll in Medicare?
- You decided not to enroll in Medicare and are now facing penalties?
- You want to be sure your care is covered and how much it will cost?

These are a few examples of where a patient financial navigator can help. They are certified by the State of Oregon to provide Oregon Health Plan and Federal Marketplace counseling and enrollment assistance. Help is confidential, non-judgemental and individualized to you and your family.

**Dedicated to the health and well-being of the members of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and the local community.**

Patient Financial Navigator – Amy G. Garrett – SCHC Business Office  
Phone: 541-444-9674 – Email: [amyg@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:amyg@ctsi.nsn.us) – Fax: 541-444-9678

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

# SILETZ ORTHODONTIC SCREENING DATES

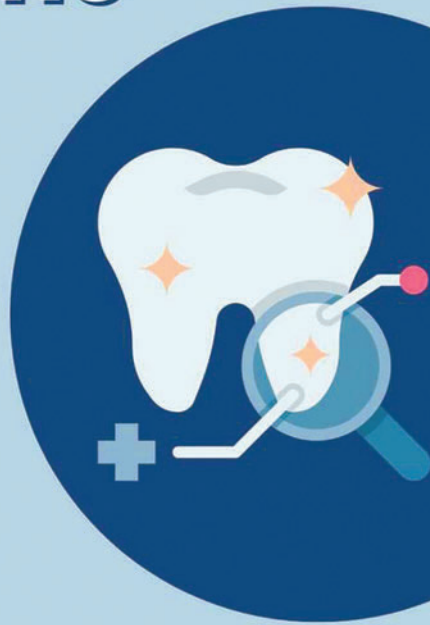
Monday, June 3rd, 2024

Monday, June 10th, 2024

Thursday, June 13th, 2024

Friday, June 14th, 2024

Please call us at 541-444-9681 to schedule an orthodontic screening for the 2025 Ortho Program.



## 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

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

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

## What is our story and our path? Are we listening to the earth and what she needs?

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. This month my focus is on the power of story as we evolve on this planet.

Our world is heating up. It appears that Mother Earth is struggling. Perhaps she is reaching the end of a cycle to die and to be reborn. What is our part in this story and in this cycle?

Throughout the ages, the original peoples of earth have carried prophecy and instruction for these times.

I recently watched a video call with Leah Lamb interviewing Jyoti Ma (Jeneane Prevatt, Ph.D.) about *Earth Stories: Myths and Prophecies*. Jyoti Ma is an internationally renowned spiritual teacher who has cultivated projects that demonstrate ways of life that honor the earth and all peoples.

As the grandmother vision keeper of the Center for Sacred Studies, she co-founded Kayumari with spiritual communities both in America and Europe. Other projects she has helped to convene are the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers and the Unity Concert.

She is the founder of The Fountain. Its mission is to restore an economic model based on reciprocity and collaboration guided by nature and the sacred. Currently as a delegate of the Mother Earth Delegation of United Indigenous Nations, a collaboration with The Fountain has grown, creating a global movement for and with the earth that is ready to activate the New Day.

Stories are used in many different ways. Sacred storytellers generally have a message to share. Story has a way of bypassing the mind to reach our hearts and shape our consciousness.

In a medical setting, our health history can be considered as our story or our narrative. People can use the term story to

mean something we tell ourselves that may or may not be true. Sometimes it is suggested that we “change our story.” Stories instruct us. There are codes in stories told by elders.

Prophecy is a live story with an intelligence of its own that prepares us. Stories are not literal; they are spoken with symbol and metaphor, etc. Story often offers a way to see what is possible.

Apocalypse, or the end of the world, is also seen as a lifting of the veils according to Michael Mead. To prevent our stories from being hijacked and used against us, we must listen deeply for new opportunities and new ways. It is time to brighten up in this moment of truth.

Apparently from what I have learned from many sources around the Eagle Condor Prophecy, we are in a great cleanse as an earth cycle ending falls into a beginning around 2026. Earth travels through 26,000-year cycles as she expands and continues to develop her own evolutionary consciousness. We are finishing up a cycle and this is to be earth’s sixth extinction.

Jyoti Ma explained that this time, human beings are part of the “choicing moment” to enter into this next 26,000-year cycle. In order to unify us, we can step away from blame about what went wrong as this divides us.

She stated that according to prophecies of many nations (Indigenous and spiritual paths), earth has moved through the lower chakras and we are moving into heart. We have been told to get ready for this moment of climate change with tornados, volcanoes, earthquakes, etc. “The mother is in movement,” as the elders say. I was moved as she asked if we can we say **yes** to her.

Every single one of us has a cord of understanding from our own family lineage and our own personal work that we have come to stand with in this moment. We are encouraged to light ourselves up, as light and bright as we can – in the middle of our family, our community, our village. To light ourselves fully so that radiance can mingle with who we really are. This is

our story. I ask, “What does this mean? I wonder how we step fully into our stories?”

Colonization was the movement that marginalized Indigenous populations and cut us off from nature – our access to receive instruction. The colonizers were takers with an attitude of extraction from nature. In other words, what we could take or get, rather than receive. This economy did not work and brought us to this global crisis.

Now is our time to listen more than ever to the earth and what she needs. As we restore and heal our relationship with Mother Earth, she is pleading for us to “change our ways.” It is time to surrender to the mother. Not give up, but to listen.

Life is in motion, expanding and growing itself. What is our part? What do we need to cultivate individually – or as a collective? How do we shine our light and turn the table of economy upright where we are all sacred and valued?

How do we align with nature? How do we practice and what is our impact on earth? How do we balance giving and receiving? What is the importance of our light and what we bring to this pivotal time?

In Jyoti Ma’s telling of the “Blue Bonnet,” she called it a story of our times. This is a story of drought where a rainmaker came to help a village. He created a bonfire and asked all to sit with themselves, consider what was their most precious item and then put it into the fire so the rains would come. Much detail was shared in story form, of course.

In the end, the story focused on a small child who was clinging to her most precious doll. Her mom and dad had died several years earlier and the last thing they had given her was this doll, who wore a blue bonnet. She felt her parents were in this doll and she connected with them through this doll.

After rocking the doll all night while wondering what to do, she realized she needed to give her most precious doll to the fire. The fire was calling for it. With tears rolling down her cheeks, she walked with intention and love for her people and

the earth. She said her last goodbye to this precious doll and placed her in the fire. Then she went back home to sleep. She awoke to cheering and rain. Then she saw there were blue bonnets everywhere, as far as the eyes could see.

This is the choice we are in right now! How will we feed this story?

My role in my writing is about health and nutrition as a community concern with cultural relevance. Perhaps I’m deviating a bit far by venturing into story. After all, blue bonnets in this story are symbolic.

I do not recommend them for consumption as they are toxic when consumed in large quantities. They do have a place in our environment for beauty, however, and they are ecological powerhouses. As legumes, they are soil enrichers, grabbing and fixing nitrogen into the soil to support the plants that follow. Pollinators love them too.

Now is the time for listening to Mother Earth and responding in our transformation and our health. With colonization, many of us have lost our connection with nature. Earth carries our story. As for food and our nourishment, it seems logical that we align with nature vs. fighting her as we bring our attention, our light and our gifts to support Mother Earth.

Without her, we are lost. May we bring this alignment to our food sources and practices.

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.

### Resources

- Center for Sacred Studies at <https://centerforsacredstudies.org/>
- The Fountain at <https://thefountain.earth/>
- The prophesy at <https://thefountain.earth/mother/>

# Carrot Cake Roll with Cream Cheese Filling

## Carrot cake:

- 3 large eggs
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup cake flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 cups shredded carrots (drained if they are too wet)
- Powdered sugar for rolling

## Cream cheese filling:

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
- 6 ounces cream cheese at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups powdered sugar

## Cake roll:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Generously spray a 10x15-inch jelly roll pan with cooking spray and line with parchment paper. Spray paper with cooking spray and lightly flour it. Set aside.
2. Beat eggs on high for 3 minutes. Add sugar and beat for 3-4 minutes on high until pale and frothy. Add vanilla extract and oil, mix to combine.
3. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt, baking powder, ginger, nutmeg and cinnamon. Stir dry ingredients into wet ingredients, just until combined. Do not over-mix. Stir in carrots.
4. Transfer mixture into prepared pan, spread it using a spatula. Bake for 15-16 minutes until done but still soft.
5. While carrot cake is baking, line a clean kitchen towel and sprinkle a generous amount of powdered sugar over it.
6. When cake is finished baking, take it out of the oven and quickly turn it

# USDA distribution dates for June

## Siletz

Monday	June 3	1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	June 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	June 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	June 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	June 7	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

## Salem

Tuesday	June 25	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	June 26	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 27	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.

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



- over onto the kitchen towel sprinkled with powdered sugar.
- 7. Starting at the short end, roll the cake with the towel. Let it cool completely for a few hours.

## Frosting:

1. While cake is cooling, make the frosting.
2. In the bowl of a stand mixer with paddle attachment, beat butter and cheese until smooth. Add vanilla then powdered sugar and beat until smooth.

## To assemble:

1. When cake is completely cool, carefully unroll it. Spread cream cheese frosting evenly and roll tightly. Chill cake roll for 1 hour so it firms up a little.
2. Dust the top with powdered sugar. Slice and enjoy!

**The Portland Area Office is now located at:**  
3220 SW First Ave., Suite 200 Phone: 503-238-1512  
Portland, OR 97239 Fax: 503-238-2436

## Transportation Update

The Medical Transport Team services are limited due to recent staff shortages, and we will no longer be able to provide rides out of the Area Offices at this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is important that we comply with these changes.

If any of you need assistance finding alternative transportation options, please feel free to reach out to Richard Faber for further guidance and support at 541-444-9633.

We hope to address this issue as soon as possible and appreciate your understanding and patience during this time.

Thank you.

# Youth Basket Workshop a success

Siletz youth who attended the Youth Basket Workshop hosted by the Culture Department recently had an opportunity weave a small medicine basket using all traditional materials. Under the guidance of special guest instructor Chantele Rilatos, students learned the process from start to finish, with some even completing more than one basket during the four-day workshop.

Courtesy photo

Sunny Jimenez weaves at the Youth Basket Workshop.



# YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND

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# ON THE JOB TRAINING

## 477 Self-Sufficiency Program

On the Job Training (OJT) is an incentive-based program for employers to directly hire clients who need additional training/skills to meet the needs of the position.

### Employers:

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

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

### Clients:

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

### Who can apply:

Enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes or descendants

### Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians:

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

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





# Siletz Community

Find us on Facebook! Siletz Community Health Department

## Fire extinguishers

**Fire extinguishers** play a vital role in any fire protection plan in any environment. They are a first aid response to fire and can help prevent catastrophic damage to property and even loss of life.

In approximately 80% of all **fire** incidents, a simple portable fire extinguisher is all that is needed to put out the fire. Studies have also shown that 60% of fires go un-notified. This means that the fire is not severe and can be handled easily with a fire extinguisher.

Fire safety experts advise that you attempt to extinguish a fire only if you have first made sure that everyone else has left or is leaving the building, and that someone has called the fire department. Remember, lives are more important than property.

## Can fire extinguishers be recycled?

Not only is it possible to recycle fire extinguishers, it's more responsible. To make **safe disposal of fire extinguishers** simpler, it's best left to professionals – those trained in the correct handling, storing, emptying, disposing and recycling of units. For more information, please visit <https://csafire.com/fire-extinguisher-disposal/>



### 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

## IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE

The Siletz Rec Center is planning a last-day-of-school bash to celebrate all our students' accomplishments this year!

**Watch our Facebook page for more information!**

# Health Department



June 13th, 2024

## LGBTQIAP+ PRIDE MONTH



Come Celebrate Pride Month with Siletz Harm Reduction & CARE Team!



- ✘ Come join & tie dye your own shirt! ✘
- ✘ Get a pride goodie bag ✘
- ✘ Enjoy some good snacks ✘
- ✘ Learn about what "two-spirit" means, safe relationships & safe self ✘

1 PM - 4 PM in Siletz  
in the field behind the Community Garden



*Pride is for everyone!*



## RELATIONSHIP WITH CAMAS



Sign up for Camas seed collection and bulb digging!

Events will take place at the end of June and early July  
Locations TBD. Open to Tribal members, Siletz families, and CTSI staff

Please reach out to the Siletz Clinic Farm Program to sign up:  
JamesM@ctsi.nsn.us or 541-444-8237 ext. 1327



**Myth:** "Light" cigarettes are less harmful.

**Truth:** "Light" cigarettes only refer to the flavor of the cigarette and have the same levels of nicotine and tar as "Regular" cigarettes.

Siletz Community Health Department



CULTURE IS PREVENTION



1-800-QUIT-NOW  
AI/AN Line Now Available



Alex Lane  
Community Education Coordinator  
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Services  
541-444-9682  
Monday—Friday, 7am-3:30pm

- . 1-on-1 Counseling
- . Nicotine Replacement Therapy
- . Creating a Personalized Quit Plan
- . 24/7 Support, 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) and Press 7



### Tribal RFPs now on website

The Siletz Tribe often solicits Request for Proposals (RFPs) for construction projects, contracted positions, professional services, etc. Those RFPs are now located on the Tribal website ([www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)) under the Tribal Links tab.

We will make an effort to publish notice of each RFP in *Siletz News*. The current solicitations include:

- Veterans Honor / Color Guard Coordinator

### Proposed rule changes now on website

The Tribal Administrative Procedures Ordinance outlines the process for public notice and comments on proposed rule changes. The Tribe will publish the actual rule changes on the Tribal website ([www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)) with notice provided in *Siletz News*. The current policies / procedures available for public comment include:

- Funeral Assistance & Benefits Policy

### CTSI Childcare Assistance Program

The CTSI Childcare Assistance Program provides assistance with childcare expenses to families living within the Tribe's 11-county service area.

To qualify for assistance, parents and children must meet certain eligibility requirements. Parents must be employed or attending school or a job training program. Children must be under age 13 and be either an enrolled member of CTSI, eligible to enroll, or the dependent or descendent of an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

Applications to apply for the CTSI Childcare Assistance Program are posted on the Tribal website and available at Tribal area offices.

If you need more information or to request that an application be sent to you, please contact DeAnn Brown, Head Start director, at 541-444-2450 or [deannb@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:deannb@ctsi.nsn.us).

### 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](mailto: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.

### Natural Resources Committee

#### Current Vacancy – Term Ending February 2025

Application deadline for consideration to fill the vacant committee position is June 12, 2024

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Natural Resources 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](mailto:celestal@ctsi.nsn.us).

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Telephone: Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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](mailto: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*.

# J

is for **JUMP**



Photo: Savanna is on the far right in the back row.

**JUMP** for the ball like Savanna Rilatos.

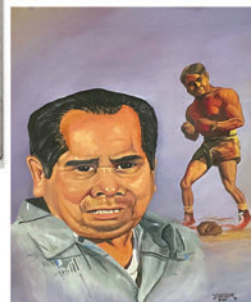
While attending Brown University, Savanna played on the rugby team. Her leadership skills showed on and off the field. Savanna was Miss Siletz, UNITY Top 25 Under 25, and she grew up in Siletz playing sports as a child. She graduated from Toledo High School in 2016. Recently in life, she is working in schools as a cultural resource facilitator for the Native American program. She enjoys spending time with her son and Native American pow-wows.

# K

is for **KNOCKOUT**



Donald Bellinger on the right holding award.



Stanley Strong

**BOX** like Stanley Strong and Donald F. Bellinger.

Stanley was known as a scrappy boxer. Local newspapers noted that Stanley as a heavyweight boxer would knock his opponents unconscious in the second round.

Donald was an amateur boxer and trainer. During his 10-year service in the Marines, he boxed and trained boxers for the Olympics. He played sports at Siletz High School. He attended Oregon State University and later became a building contractor.



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WALKING ON EGGSHELLS



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JUNE 1 - JULY 28, 2024  
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CHANTELE RILATOS  
WOVEN FROM THE LAND



WHERE WATERS MEET  
JUNE 1 - JULY 28, 2024  
COVAS SHOWCASE



## New four-gallery exhibition in Newport celebrates emerging Indigenous artists

NEWPORT, Ore. – Oregon Coast Council for the Arts has announced an extraordinary exhibition coming to Nye Beach this summer. *Where Waters Meet* – celebrating the next generation of Indigenous creators – is on display June 1 to July 28 at the Newport Visual Arts Center (VAC) and in the Olive Street Gallery Newport Performing Arts Center (PAC), curated by Leonard D. Harmon.

Honoring heritage while establishing new paths of contemporary expression, five talented artists from diverse backgrounds and Tribes present their work throughout four galleries and two separate buildings, showcasing photography, videography, installation, painting, sculpture and basketry.

In the VAC's Runyan Gallery, Leonard D. Harmon (Lenape/Nanticoke) and Leland Butler (Grand Ronde/Siletz/Yurok) present their collaborative contemporary exhibit, *Walking on Eggshells*. The show features photography, film, sculpture and installation components.

Harmon, a contemporary mixed-media artist, comes from a long line of creators and craftsmen. While he draws

inspiration from his ancestors and Tribe, he is primarily self-taught. His inaugural solo exhibition took place in the VAC's upstairs gallery in April and May 2023.

Curiosity about self, land and people led Butler to photography a decade ago. His sophisticated and often mysterious compositions explore the duality of light and shadow.

Booker Bartow (Wiyot) will present his bold and eclectic debut exhibit – *South Beach Salamander* – in the VAC's Upstairs Gallery. Son of celebrated artist Rick Bartow, Booker's early years were filled with music, art and long days spent searching for frogs and salamanders in the wetlands near his home.

While much of his adult life has been devoted to skateboarding and sharing his love of the sport through videography, he has recently rediscovered his love for visual art. His work is a reflection of the joy he finds in mixing mediums, experimenting and approaching the process with a sense of innocence that comes from working with no rules or self-judgment.

The intricate and beautiful basketry of traditional weaver Chantele Rilatos

(Siletz) will be on display in the COVAS Showcase at the VAC. Using varied plant materials native to her homelands, Rilatos creates beautiful woven works representing the land and her ancestors.

"Being a basketweaver connects me to my ancestors and homelands," said Rilatos. "It is a sacred practice I look forward to having a lifelong relationship with."

And at Olive Street Gallery, located inside the PAC, *Memories at Night* will be on display through Aug. 25, featuring the bold and exciting large-scale work of multidisciplinary artist Isabella Saavedra (Pit River Tribe).

Saavedra's work depicts introspective accounts of significant moments ranging from person to viral scale, a subject she refers to as her "Now-isms." Her work is informed by queerness, radical vulnerability and philosophies of visual sovereignty.

"Some nights, the realms of the spirit world, dream world and the real world exist simultaneously," said Saavedra. "And at these times, one can commune with one's self, memories and previous versions of themselves and consult with spirit

guides. This is also the time I most often find myself painting."

An opening reception for all four exhibits will take place at both locations (VAC and PAC) on Saturday, June 1, from 12-5 p.m. Artist talks begin at 1 p.m. Admission is free, light refreshments will be served and DJ True Justice will provide entertainment.

From 2:30-3:30 p.m., the public is invited to join in a leisure-focused arts engagement experience at the Olive Street Gallery (at the PAC). The space will be temporarily transformed into a reading room and attendees can peruse related art books and converse with one another and the artist.

To learn more about *Where Waters Meet* and each of the individual exhibits, please visit [www.coastarts.org/wwm](http://www.coastarts.org/wwm).

Exhibits at the VAC are free to the public and can be viewed most Wednesdays through Sundays from 12-4 p.m., at 777 NW Beach Drive in Newport. Exhibits at the Olive Street Gallery (at the PAC) can be viewed Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and/or starting one hour before ticketed events.

### 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](http://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

### CTSI Jobs

Employment information available at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us)

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

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

## 2024 Hunting Tags Distribution Schedule

**Tribal hunting area is the Trask, Stott Mtn., Alesa and Siuslaw units (available hunts vary by unit).**

Tag Type	Number Available	Weapon	Bag Limit	Season Dates	Date Tag Issuance Begins	Method of Issuance	
Deer	Up to 3 per Tribal member	Any legal weapon	Buck with visible antler	8/1 – 8/30	7/1	First come, first served	
		Bow only	Buck with visible antler	8/31 – 9/29			
		Any legal weapon	Buck with visible antler	9/30 – 12/31			
	Antlerless – Elders	113	Any legal weapon	Antlerless deer	10/5 – 11/8	Elders: 9/3 All others: 9/17	First come, first served
Antlerless – Youth	27	Any legal weapon	Antlerless deer	10/5 – 11/10	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/30; drawing 9/3; tags issued 9/4	Lottery – Open to youth ages 12-17 only	
Elk	1 per Tribal member	Any legal weapon	Cow or spike	8/1 – 8/30	7/1	First come, first served	
		Bow only	Any elk	8/31 – 9/29			
		Any legal weapon	Any elk	9/30 – 11/30			
		Any legal weapon	Bull elk	12/1 – 12/31			
	Antlerless	59	Any legal weapon	Antlerless elk	12/1/24 – 3/31/25 (varies by unit)	Lottery applications available 10/1; due 10/25; drawing 11/4; tags issued 11/5	Lottery
Late Archery Antlerless	83	Bow only	Antlerless elk	11/30 – 12/13	11/1	First come, first served	
Cougar	General Cougar	Unlimited	Any legal weapon	One cougar	1/1 – 12/31	1/2	First come, first served
Bear	General Bear	1 per Tribal member	Any legal weapon	One bear	6/3 – 12/31	6/3	First come, first served

## New Tribal hunting seasons go into effect

The Tribe will implement new deer, elk and bear hunting seasons this year.

Tribal members who obtain a Tribal license and tag from the Tribal Natural Resources Department will be able to hunt for deer and elk from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31. Certain weapon and bag limits will apply during different parts of the season, but one tag will cover the entire time period. Bear season begins June 3 and runs to the end of the year.

All the details can be found in the Siletz Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Gathering Plan on the Tribe's website under the Services & Programs/Natural Resources/Fish & Wildlife tab.

Questions can be directed to Tribal Natural Resources Director Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232.

### Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399  
Website – [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494  
Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512  
Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234  
Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – 541-444-9677

Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569  
Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449  
Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599

Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665  
Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823  
Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517

### UNITY, continued from page 1

their leadership abilities," said Mary Kim Titla, executive director of UNITY.

Each recipient will receive a distinctive handmade beaded medallion and experience specialized training provided by UNITY over the next eight months to foster their personal growth. The honorees will be celebrated at the National UNITY Conference in Portland, Ore., scheduled for June 29, 2024.

More information about the conference, registration, exhibit space, awards, and sponsorships can be found at <https://unityinc.org/national-conference/>.

#### 2024 Class of 25 Under 25 National Native Youth Leaders

- Alyssa Mosley, 23, Nanticoke Leni Lenape, New Jersey
- Anagali Duncan, 21, Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma
- Carmella Bear, 17, Penobscot Nation, Maine
- Dasia Peters, 22, Mashpee Wampanoag, Massachusetts
- Derek Capitan, 24, Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico
- Elise Lamas, 19, Tohono O'odham, Arizona
- Evelyn Enos, 19, Akimel O'odham/Tohono O'odham, Arizona
- Faith Iukes, 14, Tulalip Tribes, Washington
- Gabriel Jurado, 19, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Oregon**

- Gabriella Nakai, 17, Choctaw Nation, Arizona
- Georgia Harjo, 17, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Oklahoma
- Ian Teller, 23, Navajo Nation, Arizona
- Jenna Makes Good, 22, Spirit Lake Nation, Kansas
- Jori Cowley, 23, Cherokee Nation/Shawnee, Oklahoma
- Kiara Tanta-Quidgeon, 23, Mohegan Tribe, Connecticut
- Laney Marie Lupe, 23, White Mountain Apache, Arizona
- Mariah Hernandez-Fitch, 23, United Houma Nation, Louisiana
- Natalie Battiest, 21, Choctaw Nation, California
- Nizhoni Deschene, 16, Navajo Nation, Maryland
- Precious Vicente, 24, Akimel O'odham/Hopi, Arizona
- Racquel Jean Oliver-Britton, 22, Round Valley Indian Tribes, California
- Samantha Eddy, 22, Navajo Nation, Arizona
- Sophia Turning Robe, 21, Spokane/Siksika, Washington
- Steve Harvey, 22, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Arizona
- Talon Watchman, 17, Navajo Nation, Arizona

#### About UNITY

Founded in 1976, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) is a

national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship and leadership among Native youth. UNITY's mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 14-24, and to help build a strong, unified

and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

UNITY's network currently includes 320 affiliated youth councils in 36 states. Tribes, Alaska Native villages, high schools, colleges, urban centers, and others sponsor youth councils.



**Elders Honor Day  
May 1, 2024 • Chinook Winds Casino Resort**

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Above: Bill DePoe and Kevin Goodell

Above, middle: Ed Ben

Above, right: Patricia Fredrickson (l) and Sylvia Butler

Right: Mike Darcy (l), Kat Brigham (Umatilla) and Delores Pigsley

Middle right: Siletz Valley School drummers

Bottom right: Jolyne Downey sells raffle tickets.

Bottom photo: Color Guard members William Lane (l), Gerry Marzan, Nolan Lane and Stan Werth

Below: Selene Rilatos (l), Raymond Ben and Ilene Somes dance to karaoke tunes.



# J3 Group, Tribe complete first-of-its-kind research study in First Peoples community

By Chucri (Chuck) Kardous

Siletz Tribal members John Johnson (Tribal elder) and son Shawn Johnson, J3 group LLC, were in Siletz in early April to perform a Personal Attenuation Rating (PAR) fit testing study for their hearing protector device – Sert-A-Plug (SAP) – that fits foam earplugs directly into the user’s ear canals. Siletz Tribal members participated in the PAR study.

Individual fit-testing of hearing protectors is a recommended best practice by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the National Hearing Conservation Association. In November 2023, fit testing of hearing protectors became a Department of Defense mandatory requirement for all service members and ancillary components.

J3 Group invited me (an acoustical engineer with 30 years’ experience as a hearing loss research scientist with NIOSH) to join their team alongside Dr. John Takacs, a well-established Portland-based doctor of osteopathic medicine. Together their team conducted the hearing protection fit testing study to evaluate the effectiveness of the patented SAP insertion tool in collaboration with Miranda Williams, executive health director of the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

J3 Group is proud that this pilot research study is the first of its kind to be conducted in a First Peoples community. It was vitally important to recruit Tribal members who could participate in our study on Tribal lands and in Tribal facilities to help prove or disapprove SAP’s effectiveness.

Preliminary data results suggest that this pilot research study was a huge success in proving SAP’s overall effectiveness compared to traditional methods of earplug insertions.

The study aimed to examine the difference in the PAR between regularly and fit-tested earplugs and those inserted using the SAP tool to document its effectiveness analytically and based on real-world data.

The study examined the hearing and the personal attenuation rating of 30 Siletz Tribal members (ages 18-64; 21 women and nine men) using the FitCheck SoloTM

system. Most participants had in the past been exposed to recreational noise (loud music, shooting firearms, motorcycles, power tools, etc.) and some had on-the-job noise exposure.

Everyone was asked to sign an informed consent form before the beginning of the study. Preliminary results showed that the SAP tool achieved 83% improvement on naïve-fitted earplugs and an almost 19% improvement on those who had been properly trained fit-tested individuals.

Participants were asked to provide feedback upon completion of the study and every participant who responded indicated a positive experience with increased awareness about the proper fitting of earplugs and the importance of hearing protection. They also indicated a willingness to participate in follow-up J3 Group research studies.

Overall, the PAR study was well-executed and would not have been possible without the support of the members of the Siletz Tribal community and Williams’ oversight. Plans are under way to present the findings from this study at national hearing conferences and to submit a manuscript for publication to a scientific journal (such as the *International Journal of Audiology* or the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene*).

J3 would like to thank all of the PAR study participants for their patience, the fun and laughs, and to remind them that they are encouraged to participate in future SAP studies. We also wish to thank the Siletz Tribal Council for approving our proposal and for allowing the use of Tribal facilities to execute the PAR study. Special thanks go to Williams for taking on this extra duty on very short notice and for expertly coordinating all aspects of this endeavor. You are a star!

John Johnson is a member of the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Council. NORA is a NIOSH sub-agency that sets the occupational safety and health agenda for the Nation.

He sits on two NORA committee groups - Fit Testing, Hearing Protection Devices; and Hazard Awareness, Noise & Ototoxins.

For additional information, contact John Johnson at john@Sertaplug.com.



Shawn Johnson (l), Chuck Kardous and John Johnson in front of the Siletz Community Health Clinic



Courtesy photos

Dr. John Takacs and Chuck Kardous at the Siletz Community Health Clinic

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


## Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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

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

Narcotics Anonymous Toll-Free  
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# General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Program

Formerly Over-Income Rehabilitation Grant

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

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

If you have received services through the following programs, you are not eligible to apply for the General Welfare Exclusion Housing Rehabilitation Grant for five years: NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program, NAHASDA Elders Replacement Program, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Elder Tribal Members, NAHASDA Rehabilitation Program for Disabled Tribal Members, and HIP Program.

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

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

1	2	3	Base 4	5	6	7	8
\$54,768	\$62,592	\$70,416	\$78,240	\$84,499	\$90,758	\$97,018	\$103,277

Applications, including proof of current annual income, enrollment and proof of homeownership with the Tribal member's name on it, must be submitted to the Housing office by Wednesday; July 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

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

If you would like an application or have any questions, please call Jeanette Mason at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316; or email [jeanettem@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:jeanettem@ctsi.nsn.us).

## PRC process for getting hearing aids

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) has collaborated with Costco Hearing Aid Centers to purchase hearing aids for Siletz Tribal members regardless of where the referral is made for a hearing evaluation. Purchasing hearing aids at Costco will stretch PRC funding, allowing for more services that will benefit you and all Siletz Tribal members. Once you have your hearing evaluation and referral for hearing aids, you'll need to make a request for the Gatekeeping Review Committee to approve the first pair. Once approved, you will be sent an approval letter and a copy of the protocol for purchasing hearing aids, which can be purchased every three years. Contact PRC at 541-444-9677 for more information.

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## Pequot Prescription Reimbursements

If you have paid out of pocket for your prescriptions, Pequot can reimburse you up to \$500 for the calendar year. Please do not wait until the end of the year to send in receipts as there is no guarantee how far back Pequot will do reimbursements.

To start the process for reimbursement, please send in your receipts quarterly to Purchase and Referred Care (PRC) via mail or email. It takes 4-8 weeks to receive Pequot reimbursements.

### Purchased/Referred Care

Email: [siletzprc@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:siletzprc@ctsi.nsn.us)  
Website: [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)  
PO. BOX 320 Siletz, OR 97380  
Local: 541-444-9677  
Fax: 541-444-9645

If you would like to mail them yourself and avoid the PRC middleman, please email Selina Rilatos via [selinar@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:selinar@ctsi.nsn.us) to receive a Pequot reimbursement form by email or mail.

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infrastructure. With other critical issues, such as the high rate of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, environmental protections and economic development in the balance, Native voices need to be heard at every level of government.

One hundred years ago on June 2, the U.S. government unilaterally extended U.S. citizenship to American Indians with the passage of the Indian Citizenship Act. As dual citizens of their Tribal nations and the United States, members of federally recognized Tribes have the right to register and participate in both non-Tribal (federal, state and local) elections and Tribal elections to decide who should represent them.

"Native people were often deterred from exercising that right and continually litigated for that right to be honored. Only in 1958, 38 years after the Indian Citizenship Act, did Native voters participate in elections in all 50 states," said Cheryl Crazy Bull, president and CEO of the College Fund. "By voting in Tribal, local, state and national elections, Native people exercise their legal right to vote and honor the ancestors that fought for it, while ensuring we have a say in our futures as Native people and sovereign nations."

To make Native voices heard and exercise the right to vote, every Native citizen must register to do so in their state of permanent residence. The College Fund's Make Native Voices Heard webpage

shares information on how to register to vote in every state at <https://collegefund.org/vote/register/>.

As part of the campaign, the College Fund will also share information about how to make a voting plan and how voting impacts Native communities in big ways. Native students; Tribal college presidents, faculty and staff; and others are also invited to share their reasons for voting and voting plans in blogs and videos at <https://collegefund.org/vote/>.

The College Fund also offers \$500 awards to TCU students who are leading voter education events.

For more information on how to submit a blog or video, grants for voter education events and to follow the campaign, visit <https://collegefund.org/vote/> or follow the College Fund on Facebook at American Indian College Fund and Native Pathways. The campaign will run through early November.

### About the College Fund

The American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for 34 years. It believes "Education is the answer" and provided \$17.4 million in scholarships and other direct student support to American Indian students in 2022-23.

Since its founding in 1989, the College Fund has provided more than \$319 million in scholarships, programs, com-

munity and Tribal college support.

It also supports a variety of academic and support programs at the nation's 35 accredited Tribal colleges and universities, which are located on or near Indian reservations, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers.

The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators and is one of the nation's top 100 charities named to the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance.

For more information, please visit [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org).

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## 477 Self-Sufficiency Program

### Supplemental Youth Services

Employment & Educational Services for Tribal Youth

#### SYS Work Experience

- Youth develop employment skills in a field that interests them.
- Placements are 240 hours and pay is \$15.90 per hour.
- Youth must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better and all necessary credits to participate.



#### SYS Classroom Training

- Youth who lack education credits or GPA can earn a stipend to attend summer school.
- Stipends are \$12 per hour for a maximum of 120 hours.

#### Basic eligibility criteria includes but is not limited to:

- Youth must be between ages 14-24.
- Reside within the 11-county service area
- Native American verification (includes American Indian, Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian) and those enrolled in a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Participants can also be eligible with verification of descendency from a family member who is enrolled with a federally recognized Tribe.
- Latest school grade report
- Income eligibility requirements apply

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

Siletz Office	Salem Area Office	Portland Area Office	Eugene Area Office
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**2024 Application Period:**

**June 1st - June 30th**

#### **Eligibility:**

- Enrolled Siletz Tribal Member and enrolled full/part time college student
- Submit completed application (with required documentation) by the deadline
- Can not have received a laptop stipend within the last 4 academic years

Visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/student-laptop-stipend-program/](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/student-laptop-stipend-program/) for an application.

**If you have any questions, contact Candace Hill at [CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us) or 541-484-4234.**

Funding is limited: stipends will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

## SILETZ GRADUATION & PROMOTION INCENTIVES

It's that time of year to get ready for the Tribe's Student Incentive Program for youth, college, AVT and graduates at all levels!!

To apply please fill out the [Student Incentive Form](#) (found on Tribe website under Education) or contact the Education Specialist in your area. Remember to attach required documentation.

Pre-K - 12th Grade Achievements	Incentive	Higher Ed / AVT Achievements	Incentive
Headstart / Preschool	\$10	1-Year AVT	\$100
Kindergarten	\$10	2-Year AVT, AA, AS, AAOT	\$200
Elementary School	\$20	BA, BS	\$75*
Middle School	\$50	MA	\$300
High School / GED	\$100	PhD	\$300*

\* Plus Pendleton Blanket

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

## Thinking of attending college during the 2024-2025 Academic year? Here's what you need to know

↗ FAFSA Opens for Applications Oct. 1st  
(at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))

\*If applying for Higher Education funds for the 2024-2025 academic year, students must completed their FAFSA by June 30th

↗ Oregon Tribal Student Grant

<https://oregonstudentaid.gov/grants/oregon-tribal-student-grant/>

\*If applying for Higher Education funds for the 2024-2025 academic year, students must complete this application by June 30th

↗ CTSI Higher Education Grant Application Due June 30th

[www.ctsi.nsn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Higher-Education-Application.pdf](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Higher-Education-Application.pdf)

↗ CTSI Graduate Application Due June 30th

[www.ctsi.nsn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Graduate-Student-Application.pdf](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Graduate-Student-Application.pdf)

Contact an Education Specialist in your area for more information.

Siletz Area & Out-of-State Jeff Sweet JeffS@ctsi.nsn.us 541-444-8373	Eugene Area Candace Hill CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us 541-484-4234	Portland Area & Washington Katy Holland KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us 503-238-1512	Salem Area Sonya Moody-Jurado SonyaMJ@ctsi.nsn.us 503-390-9494
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Visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/post-secondary-education/](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/post-secondary-education/) for applications.

# JOM FAMILIES

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

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## Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- Salliemae.com/scholarships/search
- LA Tutors Innovation in Education Scholarships  
Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> 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
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships  
Deadline: Ongoing
- American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships  
Deadline: Ongoing
- Army Emergency Relief 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
- Native American Youth Entrepreneurship Program July 8-12, 2024 (online)
- 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

## Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

June

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

## Website is one-stop shop for college grants

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) encourages students and families preparing for college to go to OregonStudentAid.gov to check out the more than 500 grant and scholarship opportunities. It's a one-stop shop for information, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Oregon Promise and the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

## Fellowships

- NDN Changemaker Fellowship  
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2024
- Peggy Girshman Fellowships  
Deadline: Various
- 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

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Contact your local Education Specialist to sign up:

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Salem  
Sonya- SonyaMJ@ctsi.nsn.us

Portland  
Katy- KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us

Eugene  
Candace- CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

#### Please Note:

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

# Tribal Council Timesheets for April 2024

## Gerald Ben – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.25	1.25				4/4	TC wkshp
.75	.75				4/16	Packets
			3		2.5 4/18	STBC mtg
2.5	2.5				3.5 4/19	Regular TC
		1			4/23	Packets
		.5			2.5 4/24	Ribbon cutting CW
		4			2.5 4/26	Special TC – gaming

## Loraine Y. Butler – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.5	.5				4/4	Meet w/ DOC
1	1				4/6	Packets
		10			18 4/8-10	NIGA
1	1				4/11	CPT
		1			2 4/13	Concert
2.5	2.5		2		4/15-17	Packets
1	1		2.75		4/18	STBC mtg, packets
2.5	2.5				4/19	Regular TC
		2		1	2 4/24-25	Ribbon cutting CW, packets
		4			4/26	Special TC – gaming
1.75	1.75				4/30	SVS School Board, calls

## Robert Kentta – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
8	8				16 4/7-10	DC mtgs
1.25	1.25				4/18	Packets
2.5	2.5				4/19	Regular TC
1.75	1.75				4/22	Budget Cmte
.75	.75				4/24	Will. Falls Locks Auth mtg, email
		2			4/25	Packets
		5			2 4/26	Special TC – gaming
1	1				4/29	Media interview, packets
1.75	1.75				5.5 4/30	WFT interviews

## Alfred Lane III – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2	2				5 4/1-2	OR Tribes mtg
1	1				4 4/3	Mtg prep
1.25	1.25				4/4	TC wkshp

## Alfred Lane IV – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1				4/1	Natural Resources Cmte
1.25	1.25				4/4	TC wkshp
8	8				26.5 4/6-10	DC mtgs
2.25	2.25		1		4/11-14	Email, packets
			3		4/18	STBC mtg

### Tribal Council Email Addresses

- Tribal Chairman: Delores Pigsley [dpigsley@msn.com](mailto:dpigsley@msn.com)
- Vice Chairman: Alfred “Bud” Lane III [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us)
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- Bonnie Petersen [bonniep@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:bonniep@ctsi.nsn.us)
- Selene Rilatos [maritar@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:maritar@ctsi.nsn.us)

## Judy Muschamp – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.25	2.25				2.5 4/1	OR Tribes mtg
2.25	2.25				4/2-3	Review wkshp docs & code report
1.25	1.25				4/4	TC wkshp
.5	.5				4/9	NPAIHB update
3	3				4/14-16	NPAIHB update, packets
			5		2 4/17-18	STBC mtg/packet
2.5	2.5				4/19	Regular TC
9.5	9.5				13 4/23-26	NPAIHB mtg
1	1				4/30	SVS School Board, NPAIHB update

## Bonnie Petersen – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
3.25	3				4/1-2	OR Tribes mtg, STAHS wkshp, email, admin
1.5	1.5				4/3	477 plan mtg, email, mtg prep
2	2				4/4	TC wkshp, meet w/ DOC, email, packets
.75	.75	.5		.5	4/8-10	Econ dev, email
2.75	2.75				4/11-13	CPT, email, mtg prep
3.75	3.75		1.5		4/14-16	STAHS mtg, email, mtg prep
2	2				4/17	LCISO mtg, email, mtg prep
1	1		3		4/18	STBC mtg, email
3	3				4/19	Regular TC, email
2.5	2.5	.5		.5	4/22-24	Salem PR mtg, email, mtg prep
2.25	2.25				4/25-27	CWACT mtg, email, calls
2	2				4/29-30	STAHS mtg, email, mtg prep

## Delores Pigsley – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2	2				3.5 4/1	OR Tribes mtg
2.75	2.75				4/2-3	Mail, agenda items
2	2				4/4	TC wkshp, mail, agenda items
1.25	1.25	1			2.5 4/5-6	Audit Cmte, mail, mtg prep
9	9				22.5 4/7-10	DC mtgs, mail
6.25	6.26	.5	.5		4/11-17	Mail, agenda items, calls, mtg prep
.75	.75		3		4/18	STBC mtg, mail
2.5	2.5				4 4/19	Regular TC, mail
2	2				4/20-23	Mail, agenda items
1.75	1.75	2.5			2.5 4/24-25	Ribbon cutting CW, mail, mtg prep
1.75	1.75	4			2.5 4/26-28	Special TC – gaming, mail
1.75	1.75				1.25 4/29-30	Mail, travel to Lincoln City

## Selene Rilatos – 4/1/24-4/30/24

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
3.5	3.5				4/1	9 Tribes Health & Ed Cmte
1.5	1.5				4/2	NPAIHB mtg, email, packets
3.5	3.5				4/3	SB 770 mtg, email
1	1				4/4	Meet w/ DOC, email
3.75	3.75			.5	4/5-10	SCP, NPAIHB, email, packets
1.75	1.75				4/11	BH ECHO, Title VI mtg, OUSA
2.5	2.5				4/12	OHS, email, packets
2.75	2.75				1 4/15-17	NPAIHB, email, packets
.75	.75		3		4/18	STBC mtg, email, packets
3	3				1 4/19	Regular TC
2.25	2.25				4/21-22	Pow-Wow Cmte, email, packets
7.5	7.25	2.25			2 4/23-25	QBM, ribbon cutting, email, packets
1.5	1.5	4			4/26	Special TC – gaming, TICCC, email
2	2				1 4/29-30	NPAIHB, SVS School Board, email, packets



# Chinook Winds

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**Family Literacy Night**

**Siletz Tribal Community Center • April 25, 2024**

*Photos by Andy Taylor*

*Above: Siletz Tribal Head Start teacher Robin Limbert puts Disney book trivia questions to the crowd. Trivia troop helpers include Seana Acosta and Naiya Mason.*

*Top left: The Wawrak family (l to r): Wendy, BJ, Noah, Chelsea, Aryah and Elijah play a game together.*

*Bottom left: Friends and family have a great time playing games. Clockwise from Blaike Stringer (center, back) are JC, Clifton, Angelo, Starlette, Estrella and Cielo Berry.*

## Paid Internships in Habitat Restoration

The Native American nonprofit, **Elderberry Wisdom Farm** is recruiting Native Americans and other people of color for its Fall Habitat Restoration Internship. This paid opportunity integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge with local environmental conservation practices and is supported by multiple collaborative partners.

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- Both classroom education and experiential service learning activities
- September 30 - December 6, 2024

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**TRACY GARRISON  
541-351-9152**

To the editor:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Education Department for hosting the Family Literacy Nights. My son and I have had so much fun attending the events. There was always good food and even better company at each event.

We appreciate how much time and effort went into planning and executing each event. These events created a sense of community while fostering literacy-focused activities. They were wonderful evenings spent with Tribal families.

I have seen my son's literacy grow because of the books and games we were gifted at each event. He's now reading sight words from one of the games we were able to take home. I love that the Education Department has made these events family-friendly and all ages are welcome.

Thank you to the Culture Department for the last literacy night. We had lots of fun learning our language and playing games around our language.

Thank you to both Education/Culture Department staff for allowing us to create such wonderful memories.

Many thanks,  
Misty Mocekis and Malachi Lou



To the editor:

I am a concerned Siletz Tribal elder trying to make ends meet!

I do appreciate the \$100 stipend, however nowadays it does not go far in this day and age. I get to feeling bad, especially when I hear that the Grand Ronde Tribe gives \$1,300 a month to their elders.

Maybe we could cut down on some of the money we give to all the charities and give more to our own people. I see all the money going to all the charities; I can't understand why so much to those and so less to Tribal elders. Something should be addressed about this situation.

D. Free



Courtesy photos  
Students at Siletz Tribal Head Start in Salem learn about metamorphosis during their Insect and Bug Study. They read books, sang songs about the butterfly life cycle, made their own caterpillars and chrysalis, and waited for them to hatch into butterflies. They also observed and documented the changes of real caterpillars over time and helped release them into the field.



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SILETZ TRIBAL COUNCIL

Chair Dee Pigsley  
Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380

Dear Chair Pigsley and Members of the Tribal Council,

I am writing to extend my deepest gratitude to you and the CTSI staff for the warm welcome and enriching experience you provided my team and I during our visit on March 28, 2024. It was an honor to be on the ancestral lands of the Siletz people and to learn more about the rich history, vibrant culture, and significant contributions of your Tribe. I was particularly impressed by the passion and commitment displayed by everyone I met during my visit, which speaks volumes about the strong leadership and sense of community within the Tribe.

It was a pleasure to learn about the incredible projects you are spearheading. Your work not only enriches your community but also serves as a model of community economic development and environmental stewardship. These values are commendable. They represent a model of resilience and innovation that we can all aspire to emulate.

The conversations we had deepened my understanding and appreciation of the unique challenges and opportunities facing your community. My administration is committed to fostering a working relationship based on mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation in order to achieve our shared goals of prosperity, health, sustainability, and cultural preservation. I look forward to continuing the strong and productive relationship between the State of Oregon and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, which is rooted in respect of your Tribe's sovereignty.

Please extend my gratitude to the tribal members and CTSI departmental leadership who took the time to share their knowledge, stories, dances, and hospitality.

Thank you again for your gracious invitation and for making our visit such a memorable experience. I hope to visit again soon and continue our conversations on how we can work together for the betterment of our communities.

Sincerely,  
*Tina Kotek*  
Governor Tina Kotek

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Siletz Tribal Head Start students in Lincoln City go on a field trip to a local horse stable to learn how to care for a horse and about barn safety.

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

Please note: The chief executive officer of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of Siletz News.

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



I would like to thank Luta and Socetna Butler for their help in verifying Bingos at our Siletz Elders Honor Day.  
Love you, Gramm



Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Matthew Castro!  
We love you so much.  
From Dad, Mom, King, Arianna and Carmen



Happy Birthday to our mother/grandmother/great-grandmother, Tanya and Nadine. We want you both to know how much we love and cherish you. Have a wonderful birthday filled with joy and happiness.  
Love, your kids, grands and greats!



Courtesy photo

Students at Siletz Tribal Head Start in Lincoln City fly kites after learning about kites and electrical safety from a Pacific Power representative.

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