

# Siletz Elders News



## 2025

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## **Announcements**

- \* We would like to take this time to inform everyone that Patricia Irvin, Elders Coordinator, resigned effective April 17th. Our department is in the process of evaluating any pending matters Patricia may have been working on, and we ask for a little patience in getting back with any responses. In the meantime, we are working on posting the position and hopeful to interview, hire and onboard a new coordinator by end of May, but as soon as possible would be best. We ask that if you have any questions or pending requests with Patricia, please reach out to Maggie, Val or Jaime and we will do our very best to get back to you.
- \* If you are unsure whether you have signed up for an event, please reach out to the Elders Program at 541-444-8225, ext 1225.
- \* If you are needing transportation for meetings, shopping, or approved events, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8225, ext 1225.
- \* If you have a topic for the Elders Council meeting agenda, please contact Tina at (541) 270-8807 to get on the agenda. As time permits, she will include your topic on the agenda. Agendas are prepared in advance, so it's best not to wait until the week of the meeting as it may be overlooked.

## Elders Council Meetings

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025** ECM will be held at Aces Bar and Grill. Starting at 1pm.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025** ECM will be held at Aces Bar and Grill. Starting at 1pm.

**Please contact the Elders Department at (541) 444-8225 if you need transportation. If you cannot attend after requesting a ride, please contact the Elders Department to cancel.**

\*We will provide a Zoom link for Elders to call if they would like to participate. E-mail invitations will be sent to all Elders who have an email address on file.

# Office Closures

**Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day**  
**Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: Juneteenth**

## Important Information

- The Elders Department now has a new phone line, please call into 541-444-8225, ext 1225. You can also email us through [SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us)
- **UNPAID TOLL SCAM:** If you receive a call or text message claiming you have an unpaid toll, it is a scam. Please ignore any links that may come through. **ODOT** does not have a toll program.
- All electric heaters and A/C units have been distributed. **There are no additional supplies from the CHA's at this time.**
- If you would like us to mail or email you the Elders Council Meeting minutes please reach out to Valentina at (541) 444-8261.

## Zoom Meeting Information

For those participating in the **Monthly Elder Council Meetings via Zoom**, we would like to provide instructions on **How to change your Display Name on Zoom**. *It is important for the Display Name to be accurate for several reasons: 1. The Elders Program can keep accurate attendance records. 2. Other Elders know who you are. **Reminder: Please mute your microphones upon entering the meeting***

### *Instructions for Changing your Display Name on Zoom*

1. Sign in to the Zoom web portal.
2. In the navigation menu, click **Profile**.
3. By your account profile name, click **Edit**.
4. For your account profile name, enter your **First Name** and **Last Name**.
5. For your **Display Name**, enter your **First Name** and **Last Name** again.
6. Click **Save**.

# Elders Shopping



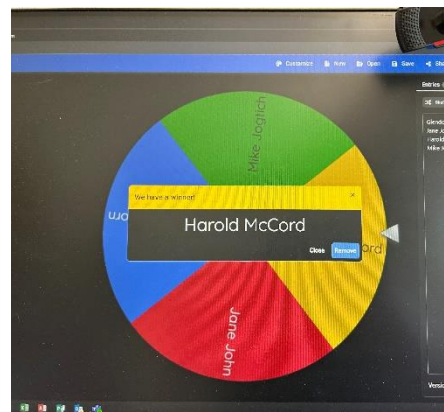
**May Shopping Days will be:**

**Siletz: Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Siletz: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Portland: Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Portland: Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Salem: Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Salem: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup>**

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up for shopping, please reach out to the Elders Program at 541-444-8225



Left: April's winner for Congregate Meals. Congratulations Harold!

## **Area Office Events: Subject to Change**

- \* Arts & Crafts Night – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY Every Month – 5pm to 8pm – PAO
- \* "Get it Done" – Every TUESDAY – 4:30pm to 9pm – SAO

## Elders Book Club

We are finishing up Braiding Sweetgrass. In June we will start the Firekeeper's Daughter, by Angeline Bouley, a novel inspired by the author's own experiences and her Ojibwe heritage. We are meeting the first Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month- 6:30 to 8 p.m. via Zoom. We are also looking for suggestions for our next book!

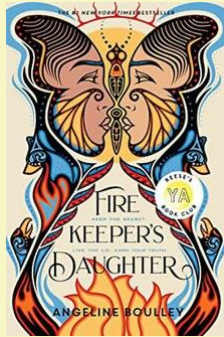
### Contact to sign up:

[Joshua\\_bookclub@proton.me](mailto:Joshua_bookclub@proton.me)

### Dates:

May 13<sup>th</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup>



## Meal Voucher Policy

We will no longer be able to take expired meal voucher tickets until the first quarter of 2026.

*"All tribal elders, spouses, caregivers, drivers and zoom participants, attending the monthly elders meeting will be issued a meal voucher as funds allow. Only two expired vouchers can be exchanged in the first quarter for the new year."*

*First quarter ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026*

## Medical Transport Info

Medical transportation from SCHC Staff can be arranged by calling Richard Faber at (541) 444-9633.

Please notify at least 48 hours in advance

### For clients with Oregon Health Plan - Schedule a Ride for medical appointments

Call 541-924-8738 or toll free 1-866-724-2975.

*Rides must be scheduled in advance to assure availability.*



Fiesta Time!! Save the Date Raffle!  
**Elders Summer BBQ**  
June 18th @ 11am  
Tribal Community Center  
Call 541-444-8225 for transportation

## **USDA Food Pantry Donations Needed**

The USDA Food Distribution Program is looking for donations of non-perishable items for their food pantry!

The food pantry is available to all Tribal members regardless of income.

### Donations can be dropped off at:

815 Logsdan Rd  
Siletz, OR 97390  
541-444-8279 - Marci

OR

3160 Blossom Dr NE #105  
Salem, OR 97305  
503-580-9081 - Lori

## Funeral Potluck Assistance

The Elders Program will help with funeral potluck supplies for Tribal Members who pass on. We offer up to \$400 towards food and paper products and can do the shopping for you. If you choose to purchase the food yourself we can reimburse you up to \$400. We ask that you give us at least a 5 day notice if you are needing assistance. We are only available to shop Monday – Friday, 9am – 3:30 pm. If you have any questions please contact Val at (541) 444-8261 or Jaime at (541) 444-8220.

## Siletz Food Pantry

Siletz Food Pantry is available the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's of every month, from 5pm – 7pm at Siletz Valley School (old music room).  
245 NW James Frank Ave, Siletz

Please contact Deanna Hockeman at (541) 444-1100 for more information or emergency needs

**Don't Forget!**  
**Real ID is required for travel**  
**starting**  
**May 7, 2025**

If you are planning to fly after May 7th, 2025, don't forget to check to see if your ID meets the REAL ID requirement

A REAL ID is a federally compliant driver's license or ID card that can be used to board domestic flights and enter certain federal facilities. Starting May 7, 2025, anyone 18 and older who plans to fly domestically or visit these facilities will need a REAL ID or an alternative acceptable form of identification.

## First Woodcutting Day 2025

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 17th**. The woodcut will be held on the **Tribe's Logsdan 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 8:00 am and go until around 2:00 pm.

People willing to haul firewood to elders outside of the Siletz area can contact Maggie in the Elders Program at 1-800-922-1399 ext. 1233 or 541-444-8233 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 Maggie to get their name on the delivery list.

**COMFORT STATION**  
**DUU-SRVN**  
*Duu-srvn | It is clean*

**The Comfort Station is open during the winter months as a Warming Center.**

### Hours

10 AM – 8 PM  
Every day of the week

*Duu-srvn is closed on all CTSI recognized holidays.*



# Honoring Our Roots

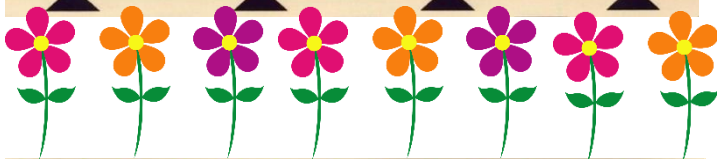
## Siletz Elders Honor Day

May 7, 2025 door open 9:00 a.m.  
 Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
 1777 NW 44th St, Lincoln City, OR

- 9:00 a.m. - Doors Open – Registration
- 10:00 a.m. - Opening Ceremony
  - ◊ Procession of flags and veterans
  - ◊ Lord's Prayer signed by Siletz Royalty
  - ◊ Opening Prayer – led by Alfred "Bud" Lane III
  - ◊ Greeting by Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley and Elders Council Chairman Tina Retasket
- 10:45 a.m. - Acknowledgments and Thank You's
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch and Cultural Video
- 1:30 p.m. - Bingo & Raffle
- 3:30 p.m. - Retire Flags
- Closing Ceremony
- 4:00 p.m. - Remaining raffle drawings  
 50/50 Drawing (must be present to win)

### Contact Information

Maggie McAfee: [maggiem@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:maggiem@ctsi.nsn.us) (541) 444-8233  
 Valentina Knott: [valentinak@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:valentinak@ctsi.nsn.us) (541) 444-8261



# Culture July Camp 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Registration forms are available on the CTSI website at [www.ctsi.nsn.us/culture-language](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/culture-language) or at your area office.

If you have any questions, contact AJ Warren at:  
 541-444-8244 or [AJW@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:AJW@ctsi.nsn.us)

Applications can be submitted online or mailed to:  
 PO Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380 or faxed to 541-444-8392

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

## Event Sign Ups

- **Siletz Elder Honor Day** – Transportation & Registration – May 7<sup>th</sup> – CWCR
- **Table Rock Gathering** – At the March Elders Council Meeting a motion was made and passed to attend the Table Rock gathering on May 31<sup>st</sup>. This is taking place instead of Run to the Rogue this year. 2 nights (leaving May 30 – returning June 1), 40 rooms not shared and \$50 a day per diem.
- **Elders Summer BBQ** – June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11am – Transportation Only – Siletz
- **NICOA** –2025 NICOA Conference - Durant, OK. September 28, 2025 – October 4, 2025. The rooms will be shared and there will be a \$50 per diem per day. Number of rooms to be determined at a later date. Deadline to sign up or cancel is May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

If you would like to sign up or need transportation, please reach out to the Elders Department at [SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us) or (541) 444-8225, ext 1225

Special Event Sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians



# CELEBRATING Our Return to TABLE ROCKS

Held at Tou Velle State Park  
 Medford, Oregon  
 May 31st 2025

Location is near CTSI's Table Rock Property

### THIS CELEBRATION IS OPEN TO ALL SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you have your own chairs, please bring them. No pets, littering, drugs or alcohol. Help us keep the park clean by picking up after ourselves.

#### Agenda

- 2 PM Opening Prayer & Song  
 Guest Speakers & Historical Information Sharing
- 4 PM Share a Meal
- 6 PM Good Time: Nee-dosh



Scan the QR code for more information & driving directions  
 If you have any questions, please reach out to AJ Warren at 541-444-8244 or [AJW@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:AJW@ctsi.nsn.us)

# Congregate Meals

Looking for good food and great company? Swing by the Siletz Community Center every **Tuesday** for Meals on Wheels! **Thursday meals will open if there's enough interest, so spread the word!**

- **Doors open:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Lunch served:** 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.

**Who's invited?** Everyone! **Siletz Tribal Elders and their care providers eat free**, while others are welcome for a small fee. **Planning to join us?** Be sure to let the Elders Program know if you'll attend or need a ride. **Meal planners need a headcount to make sure there's enough for everyone!** If you do not wish to stay and socialize, packaged meals are an option.

May's prize for attending Congregate Meals



Neck Pillow



FUNNY CARD



MASSAGE BALL



TUMBLER



WORD FINDS PUZZLES



BLANKET

# May Menu – Congregate Meals

**Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Beef Barbacoa & Chicken Mole

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Macaroni and Cheese  
&  
Cowboy Campfire Stew

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Sloppy Joes  
&  
Garden Burger

**Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:** Come and find out!

**Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Chicken Caesar Salad  
&  
Cottage Cheese & Fruit Salad

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Chicken Pot Pie  
&  
Vegetables & Pork Roast w/ Gravy

**Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:** Creamed Chicken w/ Veggies  
&  
Pork Roast w/ Gravy

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Shaved Turkey Half Sandwich  
&  
Egg Salad Half Sandwich

**No Meals May 29<sup>th</sup>. Community Center Unavailable**

Join the Fun  
& Win an  
May Basket  
of Goodies!

# Honor, Remember & Win!

Dine,  
Socialize &  
Get Entered  
to Win!

- WHEN: EVERY TUESDAY**
- WHERE: SILETZ COMMUNITY CENTER**
- DOORS OPEN: 11:00 AM**
- TAKE OUT OPTIONS AVAILABLE\***

Every time you attend a Congregate Meal in Siletz, your name will be added to our Wheel of Luck! 🎡  
On the last working day of May, we'll spin the wheel and crown a lucky winner! 🎉

Come together to honor, remember, and celebrate as we pay tribute to those who served!   
Join us for delicious meals, warm conversations, and your chance to WIN! 🎉

For more info, contact Maggie McAfee, Title VI Coordinator

## **SILETZ TRIBAL MEMBER MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT INFORMATION**

**What:** The Siletz tribe reimburses any Siletz tribal member for their Medicare B (Medical) and D (Pharmacy) premiums.

**How:** Forward a copy of the letter you receive from Social Security or your Part D coverage provider that states how much they will deduct or you will have to pay monthly for your premium to:

Siletz Community Health Clinic  
Attn: Sara Bell-Tellez  
P.O. Box 320  
Siletz, OR 97380  
Or email to: [sarab@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:sarab@ctsi.nsn.us)  
Or Fax to: 541-444-9678

Once you have submitted your paperwork, you will receive your reimbursement on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the following month however you receive your elder's stipend – paper check or direct deposit (if you are not an elder please let Sara know how you would like to be reimbursed. If you would like direct deposit, please include a blank “voided” check with your letter).

**\*\*\*In case of any change in cost of premium, you must provide a copy of your new letter with updated premium information.\*\*\***

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Do you back reimburse?
  - No, we do not back pay; reimbursement starts the month after paperwork is submitted.
- Do you reimburse for Medicare supplements?
  - No, only for the cost of the Medicare B and D premiums.
- Will I receive a 1099 for taxes?
  - No, it is a reimbursement program and not a payment, per capita, etc. so a 1099 is not needed.

### **Chinook Winds Casino Resort Events**

Call the Elders Program at 541-444-8225 – Maximum of 20 sets of tickets are available for elders

- King of the Cage – May 17<sup>th</sup> – 8pm
- Comedy at the Coast – May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – 8pm
- The Music of ABBA – May 24<sup>th</sup> – 8pm
- Jay Leno w/ Arsenio Hall – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 8pm
- Comedy on the Coast – June 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – 8pm
- Comedy on the Coast – July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – 8pm

Elders must pick up their tickets at the box office the day of the event. Please be prepared to show I.D. when picking up tickets. If you are suddenly unable to attend, you need to give 48 hours notice by calling the Elders Program prior to the concert in order to not be sanctioned from future events.

### **Newsletter Update**

The Elders newsletter is now digital. It will be emailed to Elders who have an email address on file with us, and will continue to be posted on the Tribe's website. Please make sure that we have your email address so that you can continue to receive the monthly newsletter, by calling Val Knott at (541) 444-8261, or via email at: [valentinak@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:valentinak@ctsi.nsn.us). If you do not have email, please contact Val and let her know that you need to continue to receive paper newsletters.

# ELDERS STIPENDS

At the March 8th Elders Council meeting, a discussion was held amongst Elders regarding submitting a request through the budgeting process to increase the monthly Elders stipend. What was proposed was a \$300 monthly increase to the existing monthly Elders stipend in each of the three tiers – currently \$100/\$200/\$300 (based on age), would increase to \$400/\$500/\$600 per month. Estimated cost for this increased stipend is approximately \$4.8 million dollars over what is currently approved for Elders stipend. It is not clear what impacts an increase would have to Elders who are enrolled in specific programs (ie. Disability, Supplemental Security Income, Housing, etc.). Elders stipends are not included in the 1099 Misc. Income forms that are mailed out, but some programs count the Elders stipends as a source of income. Elders would like to hear from other elders on the following topics:

- a. Should we request an increase in the stipend?
- b. How will an increase in the stipend affect you personally?
- c. Should we request a smaller or different amount?
- d. Are you enrolled in any programs that would count the additional income, and would it have any negative impacts to you?

This topic will be an agenda item at the next Elders Council meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We'd love to get your feedback. You can send it to Rebecca Crocker, at [rainywa7@gmail.com](mailto:rainywa7@gmail.com); or Tina Retasket, Elders Council Chairman, at [retasket@hotmail.com](mailto:retasket@hotmail.com).

The Tribal Budget Committee and Tribal Council approve all funding for the Elders Stipend. The Elders Council cannot vote to amend the stipend, this would need to be done through the regular budgeting process. We know that Elders are grateful for what has been previously approved through the Budget Committee and Tribal Council. Please reach out with your comments so we can hear from Elders.

## Elders Council Meeting Motions – April 12, 2025

**Motion #1:** Sandi Steele moved to approve the April 12, 2025 meeting agenda. Bob Mannering seconded. Motion Passed.

**Motion #2:** Glendora Osborn moved to approve the April 12, 2025 Elders Council meeting minutes; Bonnie Hart seconded. Motion Passed.

**Motion #3:** Danielle Billmyre made a motion to include the STAHS video at Elders Honor Day; Terrie Helgersen-Warren seconded. Motion Passed.

**Motion #4** Sue Langstaff made a motion to uphold a sanction following Rules of Procedure; Sylvia Butler seconded. Motion Passed.

**Motion #5:** Sylvia Butler made a motion to give centerpieces away at Siletz Elders Honor Day. Tonya Fawver seconded. Motion Failed.

**Motion #6:** Sandi Steele moved to adjourn; Juanita Smart seconded. Motion Passed.

# Classified Page

If you have a service you would like to provide, please reach out to the Elders Program at [SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:SiletzElders@ctsi.nsn.us) or 541-444-8225.



## In-Home Haircuts

- \* Chris Garza (Tribal Member) – Siletz Area  
(458) 277-8220
- \* Roni Logan (Tribal Member) – Siletz Area  
(541) 272-7113
- \* Kim Goodell (Spouse of Tribal Member –  
Siletz & Portland Area)  
(503) 867-3616
- \* Jake Carr – Lincoln County  
(541) 270-1616

Please contact the service provider directly. All fees are the responsibility of the Elder, and the service provider sets their own price. This is not a service funded by the programs.

## Sylvia Butler is Offering Light Chore Services for Elders – Lincoln County

Reliable and friendly helper available to assist elders in Lincoln County with light household chores.

- **Please No smoking or no pets**
- Please provide any needed supplies
- **Local transportation** available for a few hours per day

**Note:** An **assessment through the Elders Program** is required before services can begin.

Compassionate and dependable support to help make daily life a little easier. Available hours Monday – Friday 9am – 2pm but flexible. **Call/Text Sylvia Butler at 541-270-5639 for availability and details.**



# AREA REPS

**Siletz:** Danise Barker (541) 272-4100

Sylvia Butler (541) 270-5639

Marci Rilatos (541) 270-4921

**Salem:** Donna Kessinger (971) 218-7192

**Eugene:** Verdene McGuire (503) 890-0742

**Portland:** Sandi Steele (503) 819-2931

# ELDERS COUNCIL

**Chairman:** Tina Retasket (541) 270-8807

**Vice Chairman:** Jolyne Downey (503) 310-3710

**Secretary:** Debra Cearly (503) 930-9302

**Co-Treasurers:** Lucilla “Kay” Stainbrook (503) 508-3132

Lydia Kentta (503) 508-8494

**Sergant at Arms:** Elena Cordts

Danielle Billmyre

## Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

Many of you signed up for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) offered by the federal government. It was a federal program, not a tribal program. Congress did not renew the funding, and the grant program has ended. At this point, to continue receiving internet services, you will need to contact your service provider (i.e. Centurylink, Astound Broadband, Spectrum, etc.) to continue services at your own expense. Many of the service providers have programs for low-income households, but you need to contact your service provider to sign up. Astound Broadband has an on-line portal to sign up: <https://www.internetfirst.com/>, and you should be able to connect via your smart-phone. If Astound Broadband is not your carrier, please contact the service provider directly to ask about these programs.