



## STAHS breaks ground on museum with event-filled day of celebration and thanks

By Teresa Simmons

It's really happening! After many long years of planning by the small volunteer Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society board, we have broken ground for the Siletz Cultural Center and Museum. Aptly named Ghii De-Nee Dvn, or A Place for the People, it's a dream being realized.

The primary goal of the STAHS board has been to build a museum in Siletz. Many long hours have been spent over the past 12 years to reach that goal and at long last, we can celebrate the beginning of the completion of this project.

Many board members have come and gone over the years, each contributing in their own special way. At times, our number was only four. Thankfully, soon we will have a full working nine-member board.

Members as of this writing include Gloria Ingle, chair; Teresa Simmons, vice-chair/secretary; Angela Ramirez, treasurer; Glendora Osborn; Kent Rilatos; Shawna Gray; Bill John; and Selina Rilatos.

Our capital campaign manager, Stephen Reichard, has guided us through the entire process and is responsible for applying for the grants and lobbying on our behalf during the years of the pandemic when nearly everything was shut down.

Ground breaking is such a good word. It speaks of hope, the beginning of something new, and progress. It describes so perfectly the full day of events that took place March 11. After weeks of nasty



Photo by Andy Taylor

Those attending the ground-breaking include (l to r) Erin Borla, Roundhouse Foundation; Herb Fricke and Dominic Nudo (kneeling), AKANA; Stephen Reichard, STAHS capital campaign manager; STAHS board members Angela Ramirez, Gloria Ingle, Shawna Gray, Glendora Osborn, Selina Rilatos and Teresa Simmons; Siletz Tribal Council members Bonnie Petersen, Buddy Lane and Loraine Butler; and STAHS board member Bill John.

weather, Mother Nature gave us the gift of a beautiful day, as if she was celebrating right along with us.

The day began with a reception at the STAHS gift shop in Siletz. An estimated 100 visitors made up the incredible mix of people who visited the gift shop/

museum and followed us to Government Hill for the ground breaking at noon. It was exhilarating to share the beginning of this project with people from all across Lincoln County and beyond.

Representatives from the Collins Foundation, the Roundhouse Foundation,

Sen. Jeff Merkley's office and members of the Warm Springs Tribe, who drove through the snow, came to our gathering. From the northern tip of what was once

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### Last Planning Community Meeting of the Year

The final Planning Community Meeting of the year will take place April 13 at the Siletz Grange Hall.

2023 weather has been a wild ride, hasn't it? Cancellation of the Siletz Community Meeting in February means you have one more chance to join us. We're looking for your input and will be glad to see you for our light dinner and some great giveaways.

The meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. All members from any area are welcome to attend.

For those not able to attend in person, there is a ZOOM option.

Link: [HTTPS://us06web.zoom.us/j/6206272290](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/6206272290)

You can also phone 1-253-215-8782 and add the meeting ID 6206272290.

A link to the Planning Department's short survey can be found in the Planning section of the Tribal website along with the Zoom link, links to staff PowerPoints and recordings of previous 2023 meetings.



Photo by Andy Taylor

### State Champion!

On Feb. 24, 2023, Chelo Garcia pinned her opponent in 4 minutes and 41 seconds to become the first two-time state wrestling champion from Siletz Valley Early College Academy. She's also the first Oregon female wrestler to win the OSAA championship in the previous single-classification format as well as in the new 1A-4A combined format. She competed in the 105-pound weight class.

To celebrate Garcia's victory, the school held a March 2 parade in Siletz, Ore. Garcia and her teammates rode through town with lights and sirens blazing on the rigs of the Siletz Valley Fire Department and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The street was lined with those out to show their support and cheer her on. An assembly followed to continue honoring Garcia, her team and their coaches.



# Run to the 2023 Rogue Update

This year, R2R will take place  
**October 13th, 14th & 15th**

This change is to avoid cancelations  
due to wildfire season.

We look forward to seeing you for  
Run to the Rogue in October!

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Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449  
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Deadline for the May issue is  
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Submission of articles and  
photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages  
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ting items for Passages.



Member of the Native American  
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Honorable Chairperson Delores Pigsley,

Reflections of gratitude – I realize many were involved in having the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon recognized as a federally recognized Tribe (example, Mark Hatfield and many others).

I just wanted to reflect on the following and share with you (I know you were there).

From President Jimmy Carter

Sept. 5, 1980

I am pleased to sign into law S. 2055, an act to establish a reservation for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians of Oregon.

Early in my administration I signed into law the Siletz Indian Restoration Act of 1977, restoring Federal acknowledgment of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and making them eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States for Indians. Section 7 of that act provided for the establishment of a reservation for the tribe and required the administration to submit to the Congress within 2 years a plan for the establishment of the reservation.

Blessing to all,  
Diana P. Murray

## Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the banquet room at Aces Sports Bar & Grill 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

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NUU-WEE-YA'  
(OUR LANGUAGE)

TUESDAYS, APRIL 4-JUNE 13

NEW TIME

6:00 PM-BEGINNING CONVERSATION 1

6:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2

THURSDAYS, APRIL 6-JUNE 15

12:30-LANGUAGE AND LUNCH

5:00 PM-ONGOING CONVERSATION

SATURDAYS 5/6, 5/27, 6/10

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TO SIGN UP CONTACT NICK VILES AT [NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US](mailto:NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US) OR 541-484-4234 X1757



## Changes coming to Childcare Assistance Program

Beginning May 1, 2023, changes to the CTSI Childcare Assistance Program will be in effect. These changes include the return of co-payments for families with incomes above the federal poverty level and new payment rates for providers.

Co-payments are based upon household income and household size, and range from 1-4%. Payment rates for providers are based on the geographic area or ZIP code of the provider and their qualifications and training.

The CTSI Childcare Assistance Program helps Siletz Tribal families living in the Tribal 11-county service area pay for their childcare expenses while they participate in a work activity. Work activities include working, looking for work, students or participating in a job training program.

To be eligible, children must be 12 years of age or younger, and either an enrolled member of the Siletz Tribe or eligible to enroll in the Tribe, or be the descendant or dependent of an enrolled member of the Tribe.

For more information about the CTSI Childcare Assistance Program, please call DeAnn Brown, Head Start director, at 541-444-2450 or email at [deannb@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:deannb@ctsi.nsn.us).

## 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)

P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380

Toll free: 800-628-5720; Local: 541-444-1236; 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.

## Home Visiting

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone has a role to play in helping the families in our communities be resilient and access support. Find some great protective conversation guides here: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/conversation-guides/>



The Siletz Home Visiting Program is a great way for families of young children to gain knowledge and support. Siletz Home Visiting provides parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting.

The model and curriculum we use is Family Spirit developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health. Family Spirit is the only evidence-based home visiting program designed specifically for American Indian families.

We serve all federally recognized and Alaskan Native families in our 11-county service area that meet the eligibility requirements. Program starts prenatally or before child turns 1 year old and continues until child turns 3.

For more information contact Lori Christy, family support specialist, 503-390-9494 or [loric@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:loric@ctsi.nsn.us).

# Culture Camp

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<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 Buddy Lane at:  
1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-8230 [BuddyL@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:BuddyL@ctsi.nsn.us)

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

# CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS



ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES WELCOME

## Upcoming Dates:

**April 12 at 6 pm: Maple Bark**

**May 3 at 6 pm: Spring Foods**

**June 7 at 6 pm: Nee-dash**

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments

Contact Nick Viles at [nickv@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:nickv@ctsi.nsn.us) or 541-484-4234 x1757 to sign up

## Tipi Drawing

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll #: \_\_\_\_\_

For Siletz Tribal members to use during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug 11-13, 2023. One entry per household. Must be a Siletz Tribal member to enter.

Deadline for entries is June 9, 2023. Names will be drawn soon after the deadline. Return the form to Siletz Pow-Wow, Attn: Tipi Drawing, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications are located on the Tribal website under the Pow-Wow tab – <https://www.ctsi.nsn.us/heritage/pow-wow/>.

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

## 2023-2024 Siletz Royalty Applications

Applications are being accepted for 2023-2024 Miss Siletz, Junior Miss Siletz and Little Miss Siletz.

Applications must be turned in by the end of the workday (4:30 p.m.) no later than June 1, 2023. Applications can be sent to Siletz Pow-Wow Committee, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

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

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



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And the dozens of individuals who put their hard-earned dollars into making this capital campaign a success.

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



Courtesy photo by Creeanna Logan

STAHS sends a huge “thank you” to Ed Ben Jr. for driving all the way from California to hand-deliver a basket for the STAHS collection. Ed is joined by STAHS board members, Angela Ramirez (left) and Shawna Gray.

## Special thanks to past STAHS board members

Many amazing, talented people have served on the STAHS board from the beginning in 2011 to the present day. Our past board members deserve recognition for their contributions.

We pay tribute to Grace Castle, Celesta Lee, Cynthia Farlow, Josh Eddings, Dave Hatch, Margo Hudson, Sharon Edenfield, Chantel Rilatos, Shantel Peacock, Jacob Reid, Loraine Butler, Sophie Kaady, Carlotta Edenfield, Kathy Kentta, Jerome Viles and Robin Murphy.

# Environmental toxins impact our health and can cause weight gain, inflammation

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

Every day we are exposed to toxins that impact our health. In my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families. This month, let's focus on some of the common exposures, their possible impacts, and how we can make choices to avoid and to reduce our exposures.

Previous articles have focused on toxins with an emphasis on risks of the herbicide glyphosate (Jan 2018), the connections of food additives and behavior (Feb 2019), and ways to remove toxic burdens from our bodies (April 2018).

I recently heard a talk by Dr. Vivian Chen, a medical doctor, who through her own illness and that of her newborn child realized the connections of environmental toxicity with illness. This changed her medical practice.

When she moved from the United Kingdom to San Francisco, she made it her mission to help people reduce their toxin load. She went on to explain the reason diets often don't work for weight loss. The link with “obesogens” (a specific class of toxins) changes metabolism and makes it difficult to maintain weight loss.

Her talk was very research-based. One slide showed that as toxins increased, so did the prevalence of diabetes, revealing a magnifier of the widely accepted view of the relationship with BMI and diabetes. Specifically, the toxins in this slide were POPs, persistent organic pollutants, such as PCBs that are stored in fat.

She also referenced NHANS, the National Health and Nutrition Examina-

tion Survey of 36,000 people, which showed that people were 2.3 BMI points higher in 2006 than they were in 1988, when adjusted for calories and exercise. This clearly means that there is more going on than the standard message of calories and exercise for managing weight.

Environmental toxins can cause inflammation, impair mitochondrial function (energy), damage DNA, act as neurotoxins, and are associated with autoimmune conditions and allergies, as well as endocrine disruptions, including fertility issues. Endocrine disruptors are a class, or group, of chemicals that affect the normal function of hormones in animals and people.

Within the endocrine disruptors, many are also identified as obesogens. Obesogens disrupt normal metabolic processes and increase susceptibility to weight gain. These chemicals can alter metabolism, disrupt energy balance, modify hunger and satiety, change fat cells and disrupt hormones. In simple terms, these chemicals change the way our bodies make, store and use fat.

Common obesogens include:

- Parabens – preservatives in cosmetics, personal care, paper products, medicines
- Phthalates – plasticizing agents in personal care, cleaning products, laundry, fragrance
- PFAS – chemicals used to make fluoropolymer coatings to resist heat, oil, stains, grease, and water. Found in Teflon, waterproof coatings, takeaway packaging, dental floss, water
- Pesticides – used in agricultural industries supplying foods

- PCBs, also known as polychlorinated biphenyls – found in fatty animal products, seafood
- BPA, also known as bisphenol A – found in water bottles, can linings, thermal receipts
- BPS – another sister chemical to BPA that is similar and used to replace BPA

Children may be particularly susceptible to the effects of these compounds, given that they have higher relative exposures compared with adults (because of greater intake per pound), their metabolic (i.e. detoxification) systems are still developing, and key organ systems are undergoing substantial changes and maturation that are vulnerable to disruptions.

The potential for endocrine system disruption is of great concern, especially in early life, when developmental programming of organ systems is susceptible to permanent and lifelong disruption.

Additional caution is called for in pregnancy as there is some evidence that obesogens can affect babies while they are in the womb. Avoiding obesogens during pregnancy may help your baby.

## Action steps to reduce exposures (as shared by Lara Adler, educator on toxins)

1. Open your windows.
2. Take off shoes indoors.
3. Stop buying and toss out household fragranced items.
4. Regularly wet dust and vacuum.
5. Decline cash register receipts.
6. Hand wash regularly.
7. Eliminate consumption of canned foods.
8. Eliminate plastic food storage containers and replace with glass.

9. Prioritize organic foods, including dairy and meats.
10. Eat low-food-chain, wild domestic seafood.
11. Properly filter drinking water.
12. Clean up personal care products.
13. Choose safer household cleaners.
14. Use safer cookware.

Of course, there are many additional actions, but the above covers a lot!

People of any age can have extra difficulty with detoxification due to genetic tendencies. They may need additional support beyond avoidance. Stay tuned for another article describing children's health and important holistic approaches to support detoxification through nutrition and lifestyle.

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.

## Resources

Dr. Vivian Chen on Instagram @plateful.health, [www.platefulhealth.com](http://www.platefulhealth.com), and take her quiz to see if you have blocked detox pathways: [www.joindetoxright.com/quiz](http://www.joindetoxright.com/quiz)  
Lara Adler on Instagram @environmentltoxinsnerd, [www.talkingtoxins.com](http://www.talkingtoxins.com), or [www.laraadler.com](http://www.laraadler.com)  
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Courtesy photos by Teresa Simmons

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society sends out a huge thank you to David Gray and Kent Rilatos, who volunteered to assemble chairs for the office/meeting room in the upstairs area of the STAHS gift shop in Siletz.



## Moffitt family donates artifacts found near Waldport to Tribe

By Teresa Simmons

On the morning of March 11, Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society board members held a reception in the STAHS Gift Shop/Museum that was followed by the actual noon groundbreaking ceremony for the museum to be built on Government Hill. We all arrived early to set out snacks and spiffy the place up so everything would look its absolute best for our guests.

At the stroke of 10 a.m., the appointed time to open, we heard a knock on the back door of the shop that was the beginning of a marvelous gift!

Dave Moffitt, whose family settled in the Waldport area in 1936, had contacted us earlier in the week. Over the phone, he told of arrowheads, scrapers, spear points and a net weight that he wished to donate to STAHS for possible display in the soon-to-be-built museum.

Dave and his sister, Betsy Maxfield, along with other family members found the artifacts on the beach of Alsea Bay and in the fields of their family farm between 1940 and 1960. His family felt that the items should be returned to a place where they would be treasured as they had been for many years.

Dave's actions are an example of how we are seeing items returned to the care of the Siletz Tribe as we build a place to share Tribal history today and for generations to come.



Courtesy photos by Teresa Simmons

Above: Spear point with arrowheads in the background

Right: Dave Moffitt with the family collection



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part of the Siletz Reservation, representatives from the Tillamook Pioneer Museum came to wish us well.

State Sen. Dick Anderson, representatives from the Lincoln County Historical Society and the North Lincoln County Historical Museum, along with Lincoln County commissioners, Tribal Council members, architects from AKANA, individual donors, Tribal elders and so many more joined in.

To view the groundbreaking video, visit our website at [siletzartsheritagesociety.org](http://siletzartsheritagesociety.org).

The celebration continued and our numbers increased to about 160 at a dinner hosted by STAHS to thank all those who have helped us reach our capital campaign goal. State Rep. David Gomberg joined us for the evening meal that was held at Chinook's Seafood Grill in Lincoln City.

A silent auction with donations supplied by STAHS board members, a very short program and delightful food gave the evening an informal air, allowing all of us to spend time enjoying each other's company. It was a proud and joyful event.

The largest portion of the funds needed to reach our goal was secured through the efforts of Rep. Gomberg and Sen. Anderson, who lobbied on our behalf as did U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Merkley. We can't thank them enough.

Now with the assurance of a 3-to-1 match from the Siletz Tribal Council, it's time to start digging and building!



Courtesy photo

An artist's drawing of the new cultural center and museum

Photos by Andy Taylor

Left: Gloria Ingle, Bill John, Loraine Butler, Teresa Simmons and Carlos Calica

Below: Connor Mason, Tyee Yanez, Kent Rilatos, Ron Butler Jr. and Carter Mason







# Siletz Community

Find us on Facebook! Siletz Community Health Department

## EVENTS

**APRIL 2023**

**April 14 10am - 1pm**

**STI awareness event**

**Every Thursday 5:30pm**

**Trauma Group**

**(SA) Door decorating contest**

**All Month**

**Contact [rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us) for more information.**



**APRIL IS  
STI  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

The Siletz Harm Reduction Team is having an STI awareness event @ the Siletz Library on April 14 from 10 am-1 pm. Come join us, get some good information and grab some safe sex supplies.



## HOUSEHOLD SAFETY CHECKLIST



### FIRE

- ☐ Install and test smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors as recommended.
- ☐ Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless they have a long-life battery. Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- ☐ Prepare a fire escape plan and practice drills with the entire family.
- ☐ Keep furniture, curtains, dish towels, and flammable materials at least three feet from any heat source.
- ☐ Use a fireproof and waterproof safe for your valuables.
- ☐ Place fire extinguishers in the home; inspect and learn how to use them as recommended.
- ☐ Assemble a disaster kit, store it in a safe place and refill it every 6 months if needed.
- ☐ Place an escape ladder near any window or balcony above ground level.
- ☐ Place fire starter items in a safe place and away from open flames such as lighters, stovetops, and candles.
- ☐ Store chemicals and flammables safely, away from open flames and out of reach of children. Read all labels before using them and become familiar with warnings and safe disposal recommendations.

### ELECTRIC

- ☐ Clean electrical appliances as manufacturers recommend.
- ☐ Sign up for alerts from local weather stations in the event of a weather emergency.
- ☐ Place flashlights and backup batteries in nightstands and other areas of the home.
- Check electrical sources for needed repairs**
- ☐ Replace outlet covers if they are damaged or missing.
- ☐ Install ground circuit interrupters near water areas such as the kitchen, bath, laundry and garage.
- ☐ Keep small appliances away from water sources.
- ☐ Don't overload outlets with too many electrical plugs.
- ☐ Check all cords and wiring for damage.

[Emergency Preparedness](#)

[Partnership With Native Americans \(nativepartnership.org\)](http://nativepartnership.org)

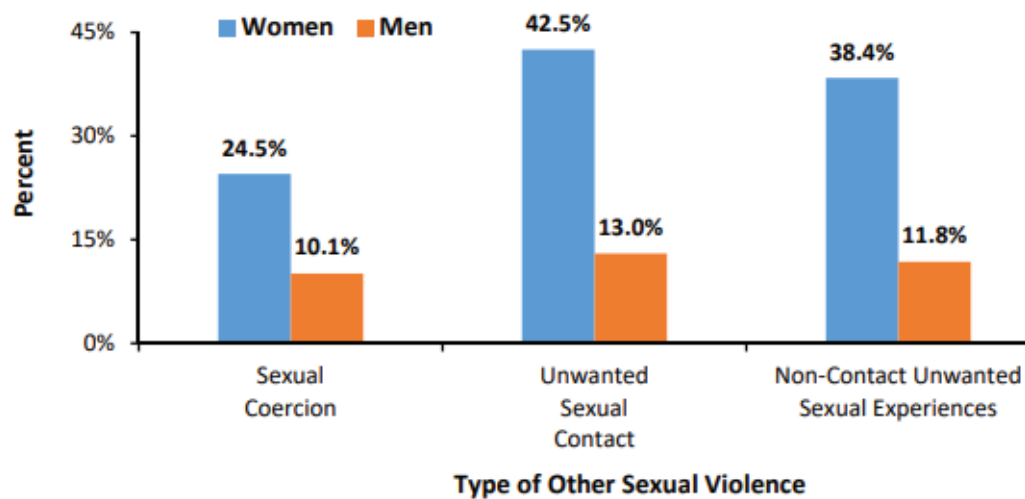


# Health Department



## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Figure 3. National Lifetime Prevalence of Other Sexual Violence Among American Indian/Alaska Native Women and Men, by Type



Of the Native victims of “Other Sexual Violence” in the U.S., 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men experience sexual coercion; 1 in 3 women and 1 in 8 men experienced non-contact unwanted sexual experiences, and roughly 1 in 2 (2.4) women and 1 in 8 (7.7) men experience unwanted sexual contact.

## DOOR DECORATING CONTEST FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Decorate your office, home or any door in honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

There will be 3 grand prizes for the best decorated door in one of the 3 categories.

- 1.) Impact
- 2.) Creative
- 3.) Cultural



We are so excited to see everyone’s amazing doors. Please email a picture of your masterpiece to Rachelle Endres at [rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us). Feel free to call with any questions - 541-444-9638.

## Know the Difference: Sacred Vs Commercial

### Sacred Tobacco

1. One of the sacred medicines used in ceremony. Tobacco, sweet grass, sage, and cedar.
2. Can be used as a gift to an elder for teaching new skills and sharing knowledge.
3. Sacred tobacco can be offered during prayer and ceremony to connect with Creator.
4. Used in Pipe Ceremony at an opening of a gathering, though it is typically NOT inhaled.
5. While gathering you can leave Sacred tobacco as a thank you for what you’ve collected.

### Commercial Tobacco and Vapes

1. One of the leading causes of cancer in the world. Lung, throat, mouth, and colon.
2. Has damaging effects on your brain development when learning and growing skills.
3. Increase the risk of Heart Disease, a leading cause of death for American Indians.
4. Advertising targets youth to keep gaining new customers. because these products kill.
5. Cigarettes and Vapes contain Formaldehyde, a chemical used to preserve dead bodies.

Siletz Community Health Department



Alexander Harding  
Community Education Coordinator  
Commercial Tobacco Cessation Services

- 1 on 1 Counseling
- Nicotine Replacement Therapy
- 24/7 Support, 1-800-QUIT-NOW
- Creating a Personalized Quit Plan
- (1-800-368-6059) and Press 7

541-444-9682, 7am-3:30pm Monday—Friday

CULTURE IS PREVENTION







Courtesy photo by Zeph Mullins

The beaver dam analog installation in the wetland zone of our farm property, constructed by Tribal member Brandon Larrabee, is a man-made version of a beaver dam designed to mimic the function of a natural dam. It is used to increase potential wetland habitat and entice a beaver to reside on the property while increasing the available water in the wetlands of the property.



Courtesy photos by Zeph Mullins

Top: We are prepping the ground inside our greenhouse to grow early-season peas, lettuce, radishes and carrots.

Above: We received a lot of snow in February.

Left: Our onion and garlic plot is doing great. Garlic is being grown to provide seed stock for next year.

# Farm Property

## TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

### COME VISIT THE CLINIC'S FARM PROPERTY!

Activities will be dependent on weather

Taking place on Saturday  
**April 1st and April 8th**  
**from 1 PM - 3 PM**

We will be showing the layout of the farm property, fields, plants, and more! Come share your questions, thoughts, ideas, stories, passions, creativity, knowledge, or inquiries you have about the Garden Program- if the weather is nice we'll dig in and plant something together!

Contact Zeph Mullins for additional information, questions, and to sign up!  
**JamesM@ctsi.nsn.us**

### Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund Recruitment for Advisory Board

Applications are being accepted for one Siletz Tribal member position and one Lincoln County non-Tribal member position interested in serving on the Advisory Board of the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for a three-year appointment from July 2023 through June 2026. **The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:30 p.m. on May 31, 2023.**

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

The Advisory Board meets quarterly in January, April, July and October to review applications from charitable nonprofits, community service organizations and other local education and government programs.

Board members send award fund recommendations to Tribal Council for final review and approval. Board members also attend quarterly receptions held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort to assist with the distribution of award checks.

To learn more about the Tribal charitable fund, contact Rosie Williams at [stccf@live.com](mailto:stccf@live.com); 800-922-1399, ext. 1227; 541-444-8227; or visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable-Contribution-Fund](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/Charitable-Contribution-Fund).

### Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund 2023 Application for Advisory Board

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal Member [ ] Non-Tribal [ ]

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

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund  
P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549  
Attention: Rosie Williams  
Fax: 541-444-2307 / Email: [stccf@live.com](mailto:stccf@live.com)



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Courtesy photo

Rick Bayya and his blended family

## Bayya helps create active, safe space at Siletz Recreation Center

In April, we want to showcase another important part of our diabetes team: The Siletz Recreation Center!

The recreation center is run by Rick Bayya, physical exercise coordinator, and Tribal member Caleb Williams is temping there.

Rick is an avid sport, game and technology enthusiast and enjoys spending time with his partner and their beautiful blended family. Caleb is enrolled in school and helps support department goals as well as making the recreation center a great place to be.

In 2023, you will see art classes, outdoor games, frof and mini-golf as activities to engage in at the center itself.

In addition to creating activity and safe space, the recreation center team also runs the Tribe's outdoor equipment rental program. Rick recently acquired mountain bikes, helmets and more for Tribal members to utilize alongside our kayaks, paddle boards and more.

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### Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Temporary Tribal Student Assistance Program (TTSAP) will start accepting applications for the 2023-2024 academic year on May 1, 2023.

#### Program Information

- \* TTSAP assists Tribal students who will attend a college, university, vocational or trade school.
- \* TTSAP is a time-limited program. Funding is for one academic year.
- \* TTSAP assists students with rent or room and board in a dormitory.
- \* The student's share of the rent is 30% of their adjusted annual income. Important note: The student might be required to remit a portion of the rent. For example, if a student is working, the wages will affect the student's share of the rent.
- \* Assistance is not transferable.

**STHD will accept applications May 1-31, 2023. If applications are received after May 31, 2023, they will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.**

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

Applications can also be downloaded from the Siletz Tribe's website at <http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/>.

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

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

## SILETZ TRIBAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM PRESERVING FOOD EVENT FOR NUTRITION EDUCATION

Siletz Tribal Food Distribution Program, is looking for volunteers for an upcoming food-preserving event for Nutrition Education.

We need volunteers with knowledge of canning or dehydrating foods, to join us in making cooking videos that will be posted on our Siletz Tribal FDPIR Facebook page for educating clients and community members on how to preserve foods.

**Event will be held on Saturday  
April 8, 2023.**

**If interested please Contact:  
Sammy Hall at 541-444-8393 or  
Marci Taylor at 541-444-1279**



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**PUBLICLY Posted from 2/23/2023 to 03/14/2023**  
**Tribal Council Actions Affecting the Tribal Membership Roll**  
**POSTING #320**

The Enrollment staff has publicly posted the Enrollment Committee's recommendation for 20 days before the Tribal Council's regularly scheduled meeting. In the absence of a protest, Tribal Council will act on applications and requests. ~Reference Enrollment Ordinance §2.316(i), Public Posting~

**Siletz Tribal Court Rules and Procedures Ordinance §3.009(a)**

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

**1. Removal from Roll Deceased**

**Enrollment Committee Recommendation for approval to Tribal Council:**  
**Resolution 2023-084**

1. Tad S. Mason	0624
2. Jack Charles Muschamp	0688
3. Joan Mary Washington	0989
4. Leslie James Wallace	1138
5. Diane Gem Anderson	1434
6. Patrick James Leaton	1658
7. Aden Charles Perkins	2810
8. Ryan Lee Smith	3034
9. Jack Roland Heath	3445
10. Bennie Raymond Belgard III	3658
11. Chris Schlaepfer	4013
12. Trinity Nathaniel DeZurney	4134
13. Jeffrey Jerome Robertson	4343
14. Cameron Alan Goodell	6469

**2. Name Change**

**Enrollment Committee Recommendation for approval to Tribal Council:**

**Resolution 2023-085**

1. RaeLoni Shataya Beggs	2216
2. Chelsea Lee Ann Wawrak	2484
3. Joyce Smiley Simons	2917
4. Jenna Leigh Morgan	3586
5. Tamera Lee Spencer	3675
6. Cheyenne Janine Jaujou	5471
7. Tonja Lee Goodell	6412

**3. Blood Quantum Correction – Donna (Voutrin) Navarro Descendant**

**Enrollment Committee Recommendation for approval to Tribal Council:**  
**Resolution 2023-086**

1. Joseph Santos Padilla	1131
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**4. Application for Enrollment**

**Enrollment Committee Recommendation for approval to Tribal Council:**  
**Resolution 2023-087**

1. Beckett Torrin Agnew	6638
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2. Paislee Grace Allen	6639
3. Ilani Eva Alvarado	6640
4. Jersey Cruize Bessette-Everett	6641
5. Shelbie Matayia Bones	6642
6. Pracila Hope Casillas	6643
7. Aaryn Lynn Chavez	6644
8. Laila Raya Chavez	6645
9. Anita Dawn Cleaver	6646
10. Jolene Mary Erickson	6647
11. Beck Loewen Halsne	6648
12. Sydney William Handset	6649
13. Isaac Aubrey Giye'we Hatch	6650
14. Nico Wells Jay	6651
15. Jace Everett Jucutan	6652
16. Jennifer Dawn Kelly	6653
17. Leo Bear Phifer	6654
18. Freya Bette Esther Pritchard	6655
19. Arvonna Faith Seright	6656
20. Liam Dutton Seth Turner	6657
21. Miya Aushanae Williams-Rodriguez	6658

Hello Tribal Members,

Are you receiving your mail from the Tribe?

If not, you might need to update your address with the Enrollment Department.

You can obtain the Address & Contact Information form online or ask that we send it to you by email or U.S. Postal Service.

You can return this update form to us by:

Email: EnrollmentDepartment@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-8296

Mail: P.O. Box 549; Siletz, OR 97380-0549

If you have questions, you can call us at 541-444-8258. ~Thank you~

**Missing Moccasins**

What is a Missing Moccasin? This is a Tribal member who has an invalid or missing address on file with the Siletz Enrollment Department.

The Enrollment Department or other Tribal department (Accounting, Elders, Elections, etc.) has received returned mail for the Tribal member that is undeliverable. Enrollment staff attempt to contact the Tribal member at the most recently provided phone number and/or email address.

If the Tribal member does not answer or return the call and it is determined there is no way to reach the Tribal member, they will be added to the Missing Moccasin list for publication in **Siletz News** and posting on the Tribal website.

In order to receive any mail from the Tribal administration building, including per capita checks, 1099-MISC tax form, elections and **Siletz News**, the Tribal member must submit their address change on the Enrollment form Address and Contact Information Update.

For security reasons, address changes are not accepted over the phone. The address change must be in writing.

**As of March 9, 2023, at noon, there are 88 ADULT Siletz Tribal Missing Moccasins.** If you are on this list, please update immediately. There are also **two children with an invalid address**. If you are not receiving the annual statement of your child's minor trust account, they may have an invalid address on file. Children's names are not published.

If you know someone on this list, please ask them to contact the Enrollment Department to have a form sent to them. The form is also available on the Tribal website at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us) under Government, then select Enrollment, or at any of the four area offices.

If you have any questions, contact the Enrollment Staff at 541-444-8258.

Jose Frede Aguilar-Rodriguez I  
Delight Rose Attebury  
John Paul Bostwick  
Evan Myles Brown-Godfrey  
Donovan Eugene Carey-Bennet  
Rose Marie Cherry  
Wesley Derrick Cole  
Lavina Sylest Cortez  
David Roy-Lee Erickson  
Tara Lynn Fields  
Sonya Rae Foster  
Makayla Marie Harris  
James Geoffrey Jackman  
Johnnie Ray Johnson III  
Toniette Leigh Lindsey  
Kyle Bryan Macrae  
Brittany Renee Mitchell  
Stephen Andrew Morrison  
Christopher Ray Oleman  
Jeffery Jon Paul  
Robbin Michelle Pearson  
Robert Bruce Poe  
Ryan Roy Rossetto  
Dustin Derek Scott  
Doniven David Tompkins  
Antoinette Mary Van Kirk  
Kelsey Cheyenne Warren  
Koda Lawrence Hudson White Eagle  
Erica Dawn Wilson  
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Isiah Leland Anderson  
Kayana Marie Bartlett  
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Jacob Riley Jackson  
Rendi Rae Keller  
Marnisha Rochelle Frances Lucas  
Jessica Lauren McClain  
Kaitlyn Marie Mitchell  
Stacie Ann Mortenson  
Ardella Marie Parr  
Jonathan Michael Payne  
Robert Edwin Peddycoart  
Christopher Lee Ray  
Christopher Michael Rupert Jr.  
Kyle Scott Spangelo  
Kyle Jacob Towner  
Yolanda Gheit'Sigh Vera-Simmons  
Brent Marshall Webster  
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Tiffany Louise Yarbrough

Frank Dominic Aspria Jr.  
Manuel Joseph Bayya  
Jarron Lester Brown  
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Trevor Scott Cole  
Sarah Jean Cook  
Sarah Jean Edenfield  
Lucas Edward Farish-Goodell  
Jasmine June Flores-Keeley  
William Patrick Hall  
Shirley Joan Hedrick  
Garett Cole John  
Kristi Lee Lane  
Todd Willard Mabe  
Darby Brenden Miles  
Anna Marie Monroe  
Park Harold Nelson IV  
David Earl Paul  
Katie Jo Marie Pearson  
Kaleb Michael Perez  
Charles Eugene Richardson  
Jennifer Louise Russell  
Marcellus Ray Stone-Butler  
Bryce Floyd Tyler  
Craig Daniel Wallace  
Olivia Taylor Wentworth  
Keyonna Colleen Williams  
Brandie Desirae Young

**Attention: Important PRC Information**

Effective March 1, 2023, all Tribal members who live within a 40-mile radius must receive medical, dental and vision care and services at one of the three Indian Health Service (IHS) or Tribal health care facilities.

If a Tribal member is in the middle of dental treatment, he/she will be allowed to complete it. After the dental treatment is done, however, the Tribal member will be required to be seen at one of the three IHS or Tribal health care facilities.

If you are unsure whether you live within the 40-mile radius, please contact Siletz PRC at 800-628-5720 or email [SiletzPRC@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:SiletzPRC@ctsi.nsn.us).

**Contact numbers for IHS and Tribal health care facilities**

- Siletz Community Health Clinic: 800-648-0449
- Chemawa Health Clinic: 800-452-7823
- Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center: 800-422-0232

Utilization of these facilities is required unless the Tribal member is referred out for specialty care.

**Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs**

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

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

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

**For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: [aa-oregon.org](http://aa-oregon.org)**





Courtesy photo by Matt Hill, Lone Rock Strategies

Tribal Council member Buddy Lane (left), Tribal Vice Chairman Bud Lane (center) and Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley (second from right) visit with U.S. Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer from Oregon's 5<sup>th</sup> District and Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West.



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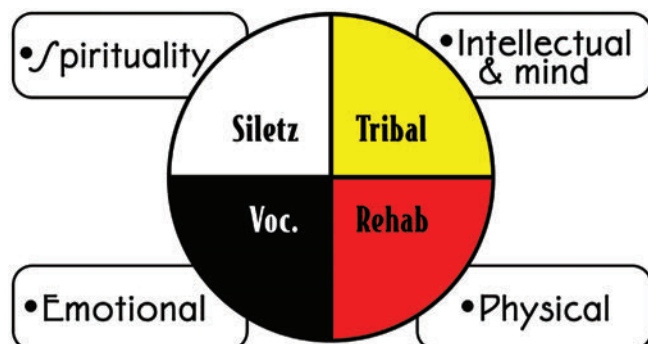
**541-444-9611**

## Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

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

### Examples of Services

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



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

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

**Tamra Russell**  
Self-Sufficiency Counselor 1  
Portland Area Office  
12790 SE Stark St., STE 102  
Portland, OR 97233  
503-238-1512, ext. 1411

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

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



Courtesy photo

Chief Administrative Officer Lisa Norton, Interim Human Resources Director Tina Retasket, Chief Executive Officer Kurtis Barker and Chief Financial Officer Daniel McCue accept the Philomath People's Choice Award.

## Tribe receives People's Choice Award

From remarks read by Philomath Police Chief Ken Rueben at the Philomath Samaritan Awards ceremony on Feb 15, 2023:

Let's start with the People's Choice Award, and we are proud to present it to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians! The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians give a great deal to the City of Philomath through their charitable contribution fund. During the pandemic, the Siletz Indians routinely provided funding to the Philomath Food Bank and the Philomath Gleaner Programs to assist those in our community facing food insecurities.

The Siletz Indian Tribe have funded new equipment for Philomath First Responders. In 2020 they funded a new digital traffic speed sign for the Philomath Police Department. This sign allows PPD to look at data online to do quicker studies of traffic-related issues (and) traffic counts. The Tribe also provided funding for Philomath Fire & Rescue to purchase two new Zoll X-Series Cardiac Monitors. These life-saving devices offer the highest level of pre-hospital care, ensuring patients have the best chances for survival after experiencing a life-threatening emergency.

The Siletz Tribe has attended Philomath City Council to celebrate Indigenous People's Day the last few years and have delivered educational opportunities to PHS students and teachers on Native American Indian Heritage.

The Siletz Tribe has maintained a partnership with the Philomath High School District that has lasted approximately 80 years whereby the Tribe continues to allow PHS to utilize the Warrior logo as the mascot. This is reflective of the goodwill and partnership that Philomath has established with the Siletz Tribes spanning multiple decades.

Additionally, the Siletz Indians annually fund grants for the Philomath Senior All-Night Party to ensure our graduating seniors remain safe on graduation night.

This Samaritan Award is presented to the Siletz Tribe for all their philanthropy and support of the Philomath community. Please accept this award as a small token of appreciation for everything the Tribe has done.

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# ‘Portraits in RED’ artist Nayana LaFond honors missing and murdered Indigenous people

**“I want to paint them the way the spirits would see them,” the artist says of the 40 portraits in the show, which opens Feb. 2 in Newport’s Pacific Maritime Heritage Center.**

By Lori Tobias for Oregon Arts Watch; originally posted Jan. 24, 2023



Among Nayana LaFond’s subjects in *Portraits in RED* are two missing members of the Siletz Tribe: Delight Attebury and Manny Bayya. Shayla Sayer-Brabant is from Little Black Bear First Nation within Treaty 4 Territory in Saskatchewan.

The first portrait came out of a mix of boredom and awe, sparked by a chance online encounter. Artist Nayana LaFond didn’t expect much attention to the portrait she painted: a selfie of a woman wearing red in support of missing and murdered Indigenous people. But overnight, the portrait shared on Social Distance Powwow drew more than 2,000 hits and LaFond found herself with an unexpected calling that has since all but consumed her life.

Forty portraits from LaFond’s *Portraits in RED* series will be on display beginning Feb. 2 at the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center in Newport. All are of missing or murdered Indigenous people or members of their families. Two of the portraits are of missing members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Since that first painting in May 2020, LaFond has painted more than 100 portraits. The first painting came about on May 5 – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women – when LaFond saw the selfie of Lauraina Bear of Saskatchewan wearing a vivid red sweater and the red handprint across her mouth that symbolizes solidarity with missing and murdered Indigenous people. Inspired, LaFond asked to paint her, thinking it would be a contribution, but also catharsis for herself. LaFond, who lives in Massachusetts and is of Anishinaabe, Abenaki, Mi’kmaq and Metis descent, is a victim of domestic violence, as were her mother and grandmother.

After the first painting, LaFond, sticking close to home like many during COVID, thought she’d do just one more. Already an established artist, her series of paintings of health care workers was featured in New York’s Times Square in the summer and fall of 2020, as well as in news venues in Austria and Germany. But when the second painting drew more than 3,000 hits, she knew she couldn’t give it up just yet.

“It snowballed,” LaFond said. “I thought OK, I’m still stuck at home; I have these random canvases around the house; I’ll make a post asking if anyone associated with a missing or murdered Indigenous person would like me to paint them. I was thinking, I’ll get five to 10. I got 25 the first day. I very quickly realized I couldn’t cherry-pick them. It didn’t feel right to say this one is not as attractive as that one ... I’ll paint all of them. This 25 would be it, but they didn’t stop coming.”



Willow was from Calgary, Alberta. Her body was found on May 5, 2021; she was just shy of 17 years old. (“Willow in RED,” by Nayana LaFond, acrylic on canvas, 40 by 30 inches.)

LaFond paints the portraits from pictures the subjects send. Each portrait features a red handprint, which symbolizes being silenced. The color red is also meant to call home the dead because some Native cultures believe red is the only color spirits can see.

“That’s specifically why they are painted in black and white, plus anything on them that was red, plus the red hand,” she said. “I want to paint them the way the spirits would see them.”

She doesn’t take money from the families for the paintings — she says that would be immoral — but gives the portraits to the families. With the family’s permission, she sells prints, using the money only to cover the cost of the paintings. “I don’t want to profit from this, but I would like it to be eventually self-sustaining.” She’s also had to deal with people stealing her images, T-shirts and posters being the most popular, usually by vendors outside the U.S.

According to the National Crime Information Center, 5,712 Indigenous women were reported missing in 2016 through the U.S. Department of Justice’s federal missing persons database. However, only 116 of those cases were logged by NamUs, the national clearinghouse and resource center for missing persons.

Portraits in the Newport exhibit include one of a Dakota Sioux woman named Joanne Boha holding her newborn son. The son, now an adult, contacted LaFond and explained it is the only photo he has of his mother.

“She was found murdered in 1976 with him next to her lifeless body,” LaFond said. “To talk to him about it and hear his story, that was humbling.”

Another features a missing 17-year-old from Omak, Wash. Their name is Esmeralda “Kit” Mora. “It is heartbreaking to hear the circumstances of Kit being two-spirited, the Indigenous word for trans,” LaFond said. “With Kit’s piece, I spent a lot of time talking to their family. That always kind of brings it home to me.”

Missing members of the Siletz Tribe are Delight Attebury and Manuel “Manny” Bayya. Attebury’s family last had contact with her in 2019. She was 40 years old and in the Los Angeles area. Bayya was last seen in the Elmira area in March 2022.

Members of the Siletz Tribe welcome the exhibit as an opportunity to educate and raise awareness about the missing and murdered Indigenous people, said Miranda Williams, executive health director at the Siletz Community Health Clinic. It’s also a way to get word out that there are resources to help families heal.



Vanessa, from Calgary, Alberta, lost her daughter and three nieces. (“Vanessa in RED,” by Nayana LaFond, acrylic on canvas, 36 by 36 inches)

“I was really taken aback by the art,” Williams said. “It really takes your breath away.”

When possible, LaFond paints the subjects in traditional portrait style, with a centered subject and blurred background, a style most people understand conveys a sense of importance.

“We have been trained to associate that with kings and dukes and people worthy of that status,” LaFond said. “I came to the realization that I, as a victim of domestic violence, was almost one of them (a murdered Indigenous person). I was intubated and ventilated and on life support. I had to ask myself, ‘How I would want to be represented?’ I would want to be represented with dignity. A lot of these people are being blamed for their own murders.”

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Today, the *Portraits in RED* series consumes about 70 percent of LaFond's creative time and she plans to see it through for as long as it takes, possibly the rest of her life.

"Right now, my mission is to paint all that are sent to me," LaFond said. "I want to really have people connect with the subject matter and to honor each of these people, to elevate them to a status of someone who is important and worthy of being remembered. A lot of these cases are just forgotten and treated as if these people are not worth

remembering. So, I really want to give them that time out of my day, that energy, and say, you are worth that."

*Portraits in RED* will be on exhibit through May 7 in the Pacific Maritime Heritage Center. An opening reception on Feb. 2 included a Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Blessing Ceremony. Nayana LaFond and others took part in a panel discussion on March 23 and LaFond offered a painting demonstration on March 25.

### Lincoln County Jail seeks volunteers

The Lincoln County Jail in Newport, Ore., is seeking additional cultural practitioners to provide services to American Indians who are incarcerated. They are seeking both female and male practitioners to provide online, one-on-one and group guidance.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Norton at [lisan@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:lisan@ctsi.nsn.us). If you want to volunteer, contact Dennis Buckmaster ([dbuckmaster@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:dbuckmaster@co.lincoln.or.us)) to start the process. This process does include a background check, but all situations will be considered individually.

## SERVICES AVAILABLE Mental Health Services & Life Alert

### Mental Health Services

#### ➤ What services are available?

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- Up to 8-visits annually (more if medically necessary)

#### ➤ Who's eligible?

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

#### ➤ How do I get benefits?

- CALL PRC at 800-628-5720 or

541-444-9648 to speak with a PRC representative.

- Prior to making an appointment with a provider – confirm the provider will accept PRC as payment.
- Benefits are limited, first-come, first-served.
- **What you need to know:**
  - After calling PRC for benefits, the patient will receive a letter with program details. The letter also provides information that the patient can give to their provider for payment processing information.
  - You will not be required to use other resources first. This will allow you to go to a provider who does not accept

Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid or your private insurance.

### Life Alert

- Please contact your local community health advocate (CHA) if you think you or another Tribal elder could benefit from Life Alert.

#### • Eligibility Criteria:

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

#### ➤ Steps to get Life Alert:

- Contact your local CHA –
- The CHA will determine if you meet

the criteria for Life Alert (examples: live alone, health condition, etc.)

- The CHA will assist you in applying for Life Alert at no cost through community options. If you do not qualify for Life Alert at no cost, the Siletz Community Health Clinic will cover the cost.

#### ➤ You can reach the community health advocates at:

- Siletz – Jeffrey Green at 541-444-1030
- Salem – Cecilia Tolentino at 503-390-9494
- Eugene – James Boe at 541-484-4234
- Portland – 503-238-1512



# 2022-2023 CTSI College Information Nights

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## College Information Night IV

04/20/2023

- Re-cap of CTSI Student aid programs
- Deadline Reminders
- Guest Presenter: Learning Campus life
- Guest Presenter: Learn about a Voc. training program

### Contact an Education Specialist to Sign Up!

Jeff Sweet  
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Katy Holland  
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HIGH SCHOOL THROUGH GRADUATE SCHOOL

## STUDENT GRADUATION STOLE PROGRAM

2023 GRADUATES CAN SUBMIT A REQUEST FORM  
JANUARY 1ST, 2023 TO MAY 31ST, 2023.

### CONTACT AN EDUCATION SPECIALIST FOR AN APPLICATION

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

### Website is one-stop shop for college grants

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) encourages students and families preparing for college to go to OregonStudent-Aid.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.

## JOM FAMILIES

Follow the CTSI Education department  
on the CTSI Youth Facebook page and  
in your local area newsletter for  
monthly youth program information.



@CTSIYouth

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

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## STUDENT LAPTOP STIPEND PROGRAM

2023 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

### Contact your Education Specialist for an application.

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541-444-8207

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

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

"Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy applies. 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.

## Siletz Tribal Members Online Academic Support

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\* 24/7 On-Demand Access to Online Professional Tutors

\* GED Support

\* All Subjects and Grade Levels- From Kindergarten through College/University

\* Individualized Help in All Subjects

\* SAT & ACT Prep; College Course Level Help and More

\* All Tribal Students Eligible to Apply, Regardless of Residence.

Contact your local Education Specialist to sign up:

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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.



## Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- Nebraskaland Scholarship  
Deadline: April 11, 2023
- Edwards Lifesciences Scholarship Program  
Deadline: April 18, 2023
- AIGA Worldstudio Scholarships  
Deadline: April 20, 2023
- Brave of Heart Scholarship Program  
Deadline: April 21, 2023
- #RAREis Scholarship Fund  
Deadline: April 21, 2023
- AIANTA Tourism & Hospitality Scholarships  
Deadline: April 28, 2023
- NAJA-AAJA Pacific Islander Journalism Scholarship  
Deadline: May 1, 2023
- OTR Diversity in Business Scholarship  
Deadline: May 25, 2023
- Too Cool to Pay for School Scholarship  
Deadline: June 30, 2023
- OppU Achievers Scholarship  
Deadline: June 30, Sept. 30 & Dec. 31, 2023
- Touchmark Foundation Nursing Scholarship  
Deadline: June 30 & Dec. 30, 2023
- Be the Boss Scholarship  
Deadline: Sept. 15, 2023
- Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway  
Deadline: Oct. 13, 2023
- LasikPlus “My Vision” Essay Scholarship  
Deadline: Nov. 30, 2023
- 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
- Catching the Dream Scholarships  
Deadline: Ongoing
- College Board Scholarship  
Deadline: Ongoing
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering  
Deadline: Varies
- NOAA Scholarships  
Deadline: Ongoing

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

## 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
- Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on MMIWG2T  
Deadline: Rolling
- Amber Grants  
Deadline: Rolling
- NAYA Ninth Grade Counts  
Deadline: Rolling
- Dept. of Energy Scholars Program  
Deadline: Ongoing
- National Park Service Tribal Stewards Inclusion Program  
Deadline: Ongoing
- Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute – Generation Indigenous Network Youth Ambassador
- National Youth Leadership Forum STEM Program Nomination Form  
Deadline: Various
- The Student Conservation Association
- Northwest Youth Corps
- Saturday Academy - FREE Classes for Native American Students
- ON TRACK OHSU!
- The SMART Competition

## Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

### April

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

### May

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

## Internships

- Cronin and Company  
Deadline: Open
- Liberty Mutual Insurance TechStart Summer Internship  
Deadline: Open
- DropBox – Remote Customer Experience Program and Project Management Intern – Summer 2023  
Deadline: Open
- Roku  
Deadline: Multiple/Open
- Nike N7 Undergraduate Internship  
Deadline: Multiple
- Nike Internships  
Deadline: Multiple
- Tesla Internships (spring 2023)  
Deadline: Multiple
- The Home Depot Remote Human Resources Internships (summer 2023)  
Deadline: Multiple
- Starbucks Public Affairs and Communications Internship (summer 2023)  
Deadline: Open
- Paramount Pictures Internships (summer 2023)  
Deadline: Multiple
- Brighthouse Financial 2023 Remote Marketing Summer Intern  
Deadline: Multiple
- WSJ.Magazine Internship/Summer 2023  
Deadline: Open
- DMS Internships  
Deadline: Ongoing
- Apple Business, Marketing and G&A Internships  
Deadline: Multiple
- Coca-Cola Company Marketing Summer Intern  
Deadline: Open
- 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
- HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern  
Deadline: Open until filled
- 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
- Indian Land Tenure Foundation  
Deadline: Multiple

## Fellowships

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



Tribal Council Timesheets for February 2023

Frank Aspria – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
4	4	.25		1	2/1	Siuslaw NF mtg, Housing Cmte, email
1	1	.5			2/2	Meet w/ OSP fire marshal, email
2.5	2.75				2/3	Email, packets
4.25	4.5				2/4-5	Health, Housing, General Council, Special TC, email
5.5	5.5			.25	2/6-8	Email, packets, reports, letter to TC, Eugene community mtg
2.5	2.75	.5		.5	2/9	Meet w/ attorney, CPT, email
2	2				2/10-12	Email, packets,
.75	1			.75	2/13	Salem econ dev, email, reports,
1.5	1.5		2.25		2/14-15	Safety Cmte, court, packets, email
1.5	1.25		3		2/16	STBC mtg, email, packets
5.25	5.25	.25			2/17-20	Regular TC, email, packets
2.25	2.25				2/21	Enrollment/ordinance wkshp, interviews, email
1.5	1.5		3.25	.5	2/22-23	Housing wkshp, Salem econ dev, email, packets
4	4	4		1.5	2/24-28	Special TC – gaming, email, reports, policies

Loraine Y. Butler – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75				3.5	2/1 Chemawa Station
1.75	1.75				2/2-3	Meet w/ fire marshal, packets
4	4				2/4	Health, Housing, General Council
.25					2/5	Special TC
3.5	3.5		2		2/9-14	Attorney call, packets
.25	.25		1.75		2/15-16	STBC mtg, TC
3.25	.3.25				2/20-21	Enrollment wkshp, packets
1.5	1.5				2/22	Housing wkshp, packets
		3.5			2/24	Special TC – gaming

Sharon Edenfield – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
.75	.75				2/2	Meet w/ fire marshal
4	4				2/4	Health, Housing, General Council
1.5	1.25				2/5-9	Special TC, Eugene comm mtg
1	1			.5	2/13-14	Salem econ dev, packets, email
.5	.5				2/15	T Court hearing
4.5	4.5				2/17-20	Regular TC, packets
1	1				2/21	Enrollment/ordinance wkshp
.5	.5				2/22	Housing wkshp

Alfred Lane III – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5				2/1	Siuslaw NF mtg
1	1				2/2	SB 13 video, meet w/ OSP fire marshal
.5	.5			2	2/4	STCCF reception
4	4				2/5	Health, Housing, General Council
3.5	3.5				2/6-7	Mtgs w/ state legislators

Alfred Lane IV – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.75	1.75				2/13-14	Packets
1.25	1.5			2	2/16	STBC mtg
3	3				2/17	Regular TC
2	2				2/20	Meet w/ Rep. Hoyle, packets
1	1				2/21	Enrollment/ordinance wkshp
.75	.5	1			2/22-23	Housing wkshp, packets

Bonnie Petersen – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.75	1.75				2/1	Housing Cmte, email, calls
4.75	4.75				2/3-4	Health, Housing, General Council, email, meeting prep
.25	.25				2/5	Special TC, email
.75	.75				2/6	Education Cmte, email, secretary duties
2.5	2.5				2/7-8	CEDARR, email, reading
2.5	2.5				2/9-10	Attorney mtg, evals, email, reading, Eugene community mtg
1.5	1.5				2/13-14	Salem econ dev, email, packets
1.75	1.75				2/15	Court, email, meeting prep
2	2				2/16	STBC mtg, email, meeting prep
3	3				2/17	Regular TC, email
1.25	1.25				2/19	Email, workshop prep
2.25	2.25				2/20	Meet w/ Rep. Hoyle, email, workshop prep
3.5	3.5	1.5			2/21-24	Enrollment/ordinance wkshp, email, research, reading, mtg prep
		3.5			2/25	Special TC – gaming
1.25	1.25	1.5			2/27-28	Email, reading, meeting prep, interview prep, packets

Delores Pigsley – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1		1.5		1.75	2/1 Chemawa Station, mail, prep for council
1.5	1.5				3	2/2 Meet w/ OSP, SB 13 video, mail
1.25	1.25	1			2	2/3 STCCF reception, meet w/ NIHB, mail, prep for mtgs
5.5	5.5				2	2/4 Health, Housing, General Council, election, mail
1	1				3	2/5 Special TC, mail, prep for mtgs
2.5	2.5			7		2/6-7 Meet w/ state legislators
7	7					2/8-15 Mail, agenda items, prep for council
1	1					2/16 STBC mtg, mail
3.25	3.25				4	2/17 Regular TC
2.5	2.5		.25			2/18-19 STBC mtg prep, mail, agenda items
1	1		2.75		6.5	2/20 STBC mtg, meet w/ Rep. Hoyle, mail
1.5	1.5					2/21 Enrollment/ordinance wkshp, mail
3.5	3.5	.5				2/22-23 Housing wkshp, mail, agenda items, prep for council
2.25	2.25	3.5				2/24-26 Special TC – gaming, agenda items, mail, prep for meetings
1.5	1.5					2/27 Meet w/ Rep. Blumenauer
1	1	.5		1		2/28 Meet w/ Gov. Kotek, mail

Angela Ramirez – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
2.5	2.5				2/1-8	Email, packets
5.25	5.25				2/4	Health, Housing, General Council, STAHS
2.5	2.5				2/5	TC mtg, STAHS
5.5	5.5				2/9-23	Email, packets
.25	.5		.5		2/15	Hearing, STBC packets
			3		2/16	STBC mtg
4.5	4.75				2/17	Regular TC, STAHS
1.5	1.5				2/21	Enrollment/ordinance wkshp
1.25	1.25				2/22	Housing wkshp
2.75	3				2/24-28	Email, packets
6.25	6.25				2/27-28	STAHS, SVS board

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# Chinook Winds

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Registration now open for 2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference in May

By Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

Registration is now open for the 2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference on May 20-21 at the Salem Convention Center. Hosted by the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, this free, biennial event is the largest gathering of women veterans in the state.

Women veterans from every branch of military service, era and background are invited to attend this free event celebrating the service and contributions of women who answered the call to serve throughout history. The conference will include informational workshops, keynote speakers and networking opportunities.

This year's theme, Stronger Together – Voices of Service, is a testament to the continued strength, diversity and community of our women veterans, said ODVA Director Kelly Fitzpatrick an Army

veteran and the first woman to lead the state agency.

"Oregon continues to be a leader in recognizing, remembering and honoring the outstanding contributions of women who have served their country and we are proud to be able to host this year's conference in person again," Fitzpatrick said. "Together, our collective voices achieve more, overcome challenges and allow our stories to be shared."

Women veterans make up one of the fastest-growing segments of the Oregon veteran community, with an estimated 25,000 women veterans living in the state today, representing nearly one-tenth of the overall veteran population.

The first Oregon Women Veterans Conference was held 25 years ago in 1998.

"The camaraderie and shared calling of service is what inspires our lives and is

what continues to unite women veterans across every generation and era of service," said ODVA Women Veterans Coordinator Jessica Bradley.

The conference is an opportunity for women veterans to socialize, connect to resources, learn about their earned veteran benefits and celebrate their service.

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Please visit [wvc.oregonodva.com](http://wvc.oregonodva.com) to register and find additional event information on lodging and sponsorship and vendor opportunities.

Established in 1945, the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs is dedicated to serving Oregon's diverse veteran community that spans five eras of service members. ODVA administers programs

and provides special advocacy and assistance in accessing earned veteran benefits across the state.

Learn about veteran benefits and services, or locate a local county or Tribal veteran service office online at [oregon.gov/odva](http://oregon.gov/odva).

Tribal members, please contact:

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Low voltage license #2025LEA  
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
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Siletz, OR 97380-0549  
800-922-1399, ext. 1330  
Direct: 541-444-8330  
Cell: 541-270-0569

General Council Meeting

Saturday, May 6, 2023 • 1 p.m. • Siletz, Oregon

- Call to Order

Invocation

Flag Salute

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Special Presentation
- Program Reports

Indian Child Welfare Program

Elders Program

Tribal Member Concerns

Chairman's Report

Announcements

Adjourn

Please note the General Council Meeting will be livestreamed through the Tribal website.

Hotel rates for Siletz Tribal members

Siletz Tribe hotel rates all year round! No longer do you have to guess at what your rate is and worry about higher rates in the summer. One rate for each hotel type is now \$79 plus tax for standard deluxe oceanfront rooms and \$125 plus tax for oceanfront junior suites.

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Selene Rilatos – 2/1/23-2/28/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.5	1.5					2/1 Siuslaw NF mtg, email, packets
					1	2/2-3 Portraits in RED, meet w/ fire marshal, email, packets
4.5	4.5				2	2/4-5 Health, Housing, General Council, Special TC, email
3	3					2/6 Health Cmte, interviews, packets
2.25	2.25					2/7 Interviews, TICCC mtg, COVID mtg, email, packets
1.5	1.5				1	2/8 CEDARR, email, packets
3.75	3.75	.5				2/10-13 OHA mtg, TICCC mtg, opioid mtg, NPAIHB mtg, Salem econ dev, email, packets
2.5	2.5					2/14-15 COVID, hearing, email, packets
1	1	3				2/16 STBC, email, packets
5.25	5.25					2/17-20 Regular TC, email, packets
1	1					2/21 Enrollment/ordinance wkshp
1	1					2/22 NPAIHB mtg, email
4.5	4.5	3.5		.5		2/23-27 Special TC – gaming, SCP, email, packets, calls
1.5	1.5					2/28 NPAIHB mtg, school board, packets, email

Siletz News Letters Policy

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Not all letters are guaranteed publication upon submission. Published letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Siletz News, Tribal employees, or Tribal Council.

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

Please note: The 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



## Senate Bill 13: Tribal History/Shared History

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is releasing curriculum for Oregon K-12 public schools to provide "historically accurate, culturally embedded, place-based, contemporary, and developmentally appropriate" lessons about

*Siletz tribal people, history, culture, homelands, and government...*

### LESSON PLANS

Lesson plans cover a range of subjects and content areas including English language arts, social studies, math, and science. Lessons include information about tribal history, traditional homelands, culture, and art as well as modern tribal government, ecological stewardship, and cultural revitalization.

Questions about the Lesson Plans?

Drop by weekly virtual office hours with CTSI Culture Staff to discuss any questions about curriculum content

Wednesdays 3:00-4:00, January 4-June 14

Email [culture@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:culture@ctsi.nsn.us) for login information

K-1st Grade

2nd Grade

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To the editor:

Siletz should support fully the Chinook Indian Nation as they seek restoration of federal recognition. The main reason is humanitarian. With our full support now, the Chinook Indian Nation can soon bring an end to their long Tribal nightmare of federal neglect and non-recognition.

Continuing a history of warm relations between Siletz and Chinook provides another reason to support federal re-recognition of the Chinook Indian Nation.

My family embodies this history. As Jane John, our treasured auntie, shared in last month's Siletz News, her parents met at Chemawa as students – Robert (Bunny) Service came from Astoria and Ada Carson Service from Toledo. This union between Chinook and Siletz has been highly fruitful. Descendants have qualified for Siletz citizenship because of Ada Carson Service and have qualified for Chinook Indian Nation citizenship because of Robert.

While that family history is clear, some confusing language regarding my grandfather's identity has recently appeared. For example, an addendum to Tribal Council Resolution 2022-082 stated that "Robert [Nelson Service] was accepted as an ancestor of the Siletz Tribe per Tribal Resolution 2018-077."

Ada Carson Service – not her husband – is included on Siletz rolls along with her Siletz ancestors. Likewise, Robert Nelson Service – not his wife – appears on the McChesney Roll, which has served since its inception as a base roll for the Chinook Indian Nation, along with his Chinook/Clatsop ancestors.

What is equally clear is that now's the time for Siletz to do for Chinook what the Warm Springs and other Tribes did for Siletz in the 1970s.

Siletz Tribal Council, would you please now support without qualification federal recognition of the Chinook Indian Nation?

Yours truly,  
Drew Viles

PS: More Chinook/Clatsop people who married into Siletz than my grandfather have had their identities confused in statements contained in Siletz records. For example, it has been repeatedly stated that Eva Goodell was "accepted as an ancestor of the Siletz Tribe per Resolution." This same thing happened to Irene Elizabeth Smith. Such statements that confuse the identities of Chinook/Clatsop individuals who married into the Siletz Tribe are unnecessary and had best not appear in official records.

To the editor:

Tribal Chairman Pigsley shared recently (March, 2023 Siletz News) that as many as 1,000 people with Chinook blood are enrolled at Siletz.

This is no reason, however, to withhold full support from the Chinook Indian Nation as they battle to achieve sustained federal recognition.

The relevant question: To what extent will federal re-recognition of the Chinook cause a Siletz population drop?

The past provides answers. For 18 months, the Chinook Indian Nation did achieve federal recognition (until a change from the Clinton to Bush administrations saw a reversal of a BIA determination) and during that time, Siletz experienced zero population decline.

When the Chinook Indian Nation regains federal recognition, it won't be much different than when Grand Ronde received restored recognition. Over time, some Siletz people did choose to renounce their Siletz citizenship in favor of Grand Ronde. Because Grand Ronde and Siletz have significantly more enrollment overlap, however, the rate of enrollment migration between the two will be considerably higher than the one that might exist between Siletz and a federally recognized Chinook Indian Nation.

The flow between Siletz to Grand Ronde – never more than a trickle – suggests that the potential flow between Siletz and Chinook will be closer to a drip.

Also, Siletz can take heart from the actions of the Shoalwater Bay Tribe – as well as Cowlitz and Grand Ronde. All three Tribes have sizable population overlap with the Chinook Indian Nation. And yet, all three of these closer neighbors of Chinook are offering unqualified support for the Chinook Indian Nation's federal re-recognition.

Fully two-thirds of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe's members, for example, are eligible for enrollment at Chinook. Despite that fact, Shoalwater Bay supports the Chinook Indian Nation's re-recognition without any conditions. It's worth noting, too, that Shoalwater Bay's service area is also wholly within what would be the Chinook Indian Nation's service area while what would be the Chinook Indian Nation's service area (in Clatsop and parts of Columbia counties) do not overlap with Siletz's.

Siletz, too, had best now offer unqualified support to the Chinook Indian Nation's efforts to regain federal recognition.

Yours truly,  
Drew Viles

### 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](https://ctsi.nsn.us); follow links – Tribal Services-Housing-Low Rent Apartments & Home Ownership.

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

To the editor:

During the December 2022 monthly council meeting, Tribal Council voted on an agreement of historic importance to all Tribal members. In my opinion this was the most important vote since Restoration.

This vote was on an agreement between CTSI and the State of Oregon Fish and Wildlife. This agreement was negotiated over several years by Tribal Council and ODFW. This agreement would replace the Consent Decree, which since 1980 stipulates our limited hunting/fishing rights. This decree limits CTSI to 50 free elk tags, 400 deer tags and three locations where Tribal fishing (200 tags) is allowed. No other game tags or crabbing were included.

Our geographic area is from Waldport north to Lincoln City. This is the northern half of the Alsea plus the Stott Mountain units. With this new agreement our geographic area would extend south to include the balance of the Alsea unit plus the Siuslaw unit extending to Winchester Bay. The draft of the agreement should be available to members for review. These are a few of the benefits to Tribal members.

CTSI would issue any tag the State currently issues for fish, game, shellfish and upland game. These tags would be at NO cost to eligible Tribal members. Eligible Tribal members would be allowed to fish in rivers and streams ODFW allows in these units.

There would be no more drawings for the 25 available elk tags for each of the general seasons. Each eligible hunter who wants a tag would get one. Bear, cougar and upland game are included.

CTSI would enter a more cooperative agreement with ODFW concerning fish and game enhancement.

There are more positive benefits in this agreement. It would have gone into effect after ODFW's Dec. 16, 2022, approval. The Tribe began seeking this type of agreement shortly after Restoration. Sadly this didn't happen – why? Because a majority of Tribal Council voted against it, for what reasons I'm unable to fathom. A golden opportunity to enhance/expand our rights was denied.

It's time for all voting Tribal members to ask those who were against this – why? We should question ourselves what are the reasons we vote for someone. Are Tribal Council members looking to enhance opportunities for all members? In this vote I would say those who voted against this agreement failed miserably.

This agreement may still happen at some point. I was in my 20s when council began trying for something like this. I'm in my 70s now and hope it becomes a reality soon. In my opinion, current council members who voted against this do not deserve our vote or the trust we have placed in them.

William (Buster) Lane

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## PORTLAND'S 17TH ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING TO HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR

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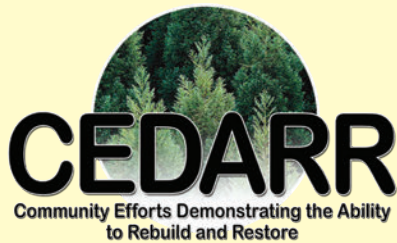


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### Community Efforts Demonstrating the Ability to Rebuild and Restore

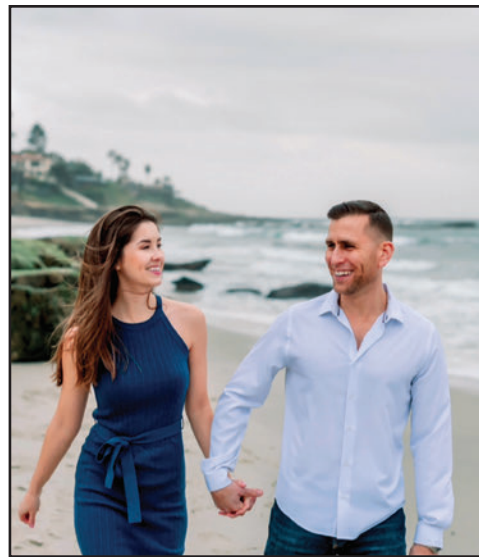
#### Mission Statement

We will utilize resources to prevent the use of alcohol and other drugs, delinquency and violence; we will seek to reduce the barriers to treatment and support those who choose abstinence.



April 5 • Noon

Siletz Community Health Clinic  
200 Gwee-Shut Road  
Siletz, Oregon



We're proud to announce that our daughter, Dreonna Johnson, is engaged to be married to Wyatt Weber on July 15, 2023. Her proud parents are Wayne and Joni Johnson.



#### Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Phoenix!

I wanted to give a special shout out to my absolute favorite baby shark, who continues to fill our hearts with his love and inspire us with his joy for life. We're all so proud of you!

Loving you always, Mommy, Daddy, Nana Selina and all your aunties and uncles



I'm so glad that God blessed us with you. I see a little more of me in you with each passing year. No matter how many birthdays come and go, you will always be my Lil Lillard. Happy Birthday!

With love, Mom, Gabe, Sissy and Elijah

Free child ID kits from the Oregon State Police  
503-934-0188 or 800-282-7155; [child.idkits@state.or.us](mailto:child.idkits@state.or.us)

## CTSI Jobs

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

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

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

## Passages Policy

Submissions to Passages are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo if desired.

All birthday, anniversary and holiday wishes will appear in the Passages section.

Siletz News reserves the right to edit any submission for clarity and length.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission.

Please type or write legibly and submit via e-mail when possible.

## APRIL IS National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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## Risk Factors

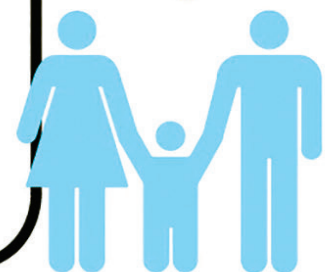
Parental stress

Substance misuse

Poverty

## Protective Factors

Parental resilience Nurturing and attachment  
Knowledge of parenting and child development  
Concrete support in times of need Social connections  
Social-emotional competence of children



## Tribe seeks to update its record of Tribal veterans

It is important for the Tribe to keep a current updated record of our Siletz Tribal veterans. So often we are totally unaware of Siletz veterans who have served our nation, especially our younger veterans.

We are also trying to track how many Vietnam-era veterans have served and also how many were "boots on the ground." I would appreciate it if you could help supply us with this much-needed information. Thank you!

Tony Molina, Tribal Vet Rep.  
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### Information for Veterans

- A veteran or a family member whose veteran is enrolled in the VA only has 72 hours to report a non-emergency room hospital visit so as not to get billed.
- There is a new program for veterans called Veterans Appeal Improvement Modernization Act—for those veterans who have been waiting too long for their appeal to be addressed. Again, this is a new program.
- For veterans who are enrolled into the VA system—you can also apply to join My Healthy Vet to have access to your local VA doctor, prescriptions, etc. This is a very useful tool.
- Also, some veterans have joined the EBenefits logon application to try and do their VA needs online, but first you must be eligible to apply for VA ben-

efits. I'm here to help you in that VA enrollment process. It's your choice to try EBenefits or let me assist you.

- The VA can be a very complex program and very trying to one's patience—and I have experienced certain road blocks. So please give me a call and I will do everything within my means to make sure you can enroll in the VA system.
- Our VA presumes that spinal bifida in biological children of certain Vietnam-era veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange was caused by the veteran's military service. Eligible children may receive VA benefits.

Contact Molina if you have questions on any of these items.