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STAHS joins Lincoln City's Community Days celebration with successful new event

By Teresa Simmons on behalf of STAHS

Lincoln City Community Days, historically an annual week-long celebration that includes several events, was reinvented for its return after a three-year break brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. The time line was shortened to three days (April 20-22) and "A Celebration of Us" was chosen as the theme in recognition of the way the community pulled together following the Echo Mountain Complex Fires and the COVID-19 shutdown.

For the first time, the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society joined in the slate of activities with a new event of its own on April 22.

Dave Price, small business administrator of the Oregon Coast Community College North Campus, was most gracious in offering the downstairs meeting area to STAHS. His assistance before, during and after was much-appreciated.

The time line from planning to implementation was short. With another bout of the flu circulating, parts of the STAHS event were ever-changing until the final week. Because of this, all advertising was done at the last minute on social media.

For all of the events planned throughout the city, the amount of participation to be expected was unknown. The question pondered by the Community Days Committee and STAHS was whether people were ready to become part of the social mix again. But, in the true spirit of



Courtesy photo by Teresa Simmons, STAHS

Doug Babcock with the net weight he donated to STAHS

community and Tribal perseverance, the STAHS event, like all the others, came together at the last minute with planned components and some surprises as well.

On that Saturday morning, the STAHS board gathered for set up at 11:30 prior to opening the doors at 2 p.m. We didn't know what to expect as far as turnout and it was a nerve-wracking wait, but we didn't have to wait long. People began showing up before we finished putting up the displays.

A virtual tour of the planned museum A Place for the People played throughout the event. Tribal Royalty greeted the public and handed out seed packets courtesy of the Healthy Traditions program as well as western red cedar, Douglas fir and big leaf maple seedlings.

Angela Ramirez created a beautiful display of her personal collection of baskets and cultural items. Items used in cedar bark weaving covered a table manned by Kent Rilatos, who shared his knowledge with interested visitors while he demonstrated the art of weaving.

Free Tribal literature was available to the public as well as culturally related merchandise for sale, including Pendleton blankets and *The People Are Dancing Again* history book of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

The questions asked and the curiosity of the people passing through was gratify-

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Siletz Tribal offices will be closed Monday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday and on Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday.

Another legal challenge to Indian gaming

By Pauly Denetclaw, ICT; originally posted April 4, 2023

SAN DIEGO — Owner of Maverick Gaming, Eric Persson, was in an interview with Fox News at one of the 31 casinos he owns across the West called Great American Casino in Tukwila, Wash. Persson was wearing a baseball cap with his company's logo on it.

"There's zero circumstances in which I'd settle," Persson said resolutely. "There's zero circumstances in which I'd quit. I have the resources to go all the way and so do they. So there's going to be a battle. We're going to have a lot of fun and I'm going to win."

In Washington, card rooms attached to bars and restaurants are legal. At one point there were over 200 card rooms but that number has dropped significantly.

"We've seen as it's been reducing, it's been consolidating and turning more into a casino business than a mom-and-pop restaurant with a game to play to help increase the sale of cheeseburgers and beer," said Christine Masse, an attorney at Miller Nash LLC during a panel at the 2023 Indian Gaming Association Convention and Tradeshow in San Diego, Calif.

Persson, a competitive poker player, now owns 23 of the 40 or so card rooms in the state. Shockingly, the Shoalwater Bay citizen is the lead plaintiff in Maverick Gaming LLC v. United States, a case challenging the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on the grounds of equal protection, stating that tribal status is based on race. Tribal status as a political classification is affirmed by treaties, the United States Constitution and several case laws, including Morton v. Mancari.

The plaintiffs are also challenging the ruling in Morton v. Mancari, a case that gave hiring preference to American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Bureau of Indian Affairs under the Fifth Amendment.

See Challenge on page 12



Courtesy photo by Pauly Denetclaw, ICT

Electronic bingo machines offer users a slot machine experience

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Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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



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Friday, July 14, 2023 is the last day to have your address updated to receive your per capita check.

The last day to get your mailing address updated in time for your **per capita check** is **Friday**, July 14, 2023, by 4:30p.m. Any address changes after that date may delay the mailing of your

For the full policy regarding per capita checks, see the Tribal Member Distribution Ordinance on the Tribal website - ctsi.nsn.us - under Government Listing > Tribal Ordinances

How can I obtain Enrollment forms?

- Online @ the Tribal website ctsi.nsn.us under Government > Enrollment > Address Update
- Call the Enrollment Department @ 541-444-8258 and we will mail out thru USPS
- Request by email @ EnrollmentDeapartment@ctsi.nsn.us
- You can return this form in person, by mail, email or fax

Missing Moccasins

Are you a Missing Moccasin and did not know it? It may be because you forgot to update your address with the Enrollment Department. If you see your name on the Missing Moccasin list, contact us as soon as possible

Elders Council Meeting

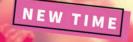
The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the Shasta room at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

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



LEARN NUU-WEE-Y

TUESDAYS, APRIL 4-JUNE 13



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

NOON-IMMERSION CONVERSATION HOUR

TO SIGN UP CONTACT NICK VILES AT NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US OR 541-484-4234



Siletz Home Visiting can help you form healthy habits with your young children

Help your child form healthy habits from an early age. Habits formed early in life are more likely to continue into adulthood. Here are a few ideas:

- Oral health care From birth until they get their first tooth, wipe your baby's gums with a wet washcloth. Once they have their first tooth, brush with a soft toothbrush with a small amount of fluoridated toothpaste (no bigger than a grain of rice).
- Healthy drink choices Babies only need breast milk or formula for the first six months of life. After six months you can give some water to your baby if needed. Avoid sweet sugary drinks. If babies are given sugary drinks when they are young, they may prefer them over water as
- they grow. It is best to avoid fruit juice until your child is 1. Even then it is recommended to give only small amounts. Juice lacks the fiber found in whole fruit, so it's sweeter and less nutritious. Fruit is a better option than fruit juice.
- Be a role model. What your children see you doing, they are likely to do as well. Here are some examples of things you can do:
 - o Take care of yourself, your health and your mental health.
 - o Make healthy food choices.
 - o Move and exercise regularly.
 - Be safe wear a seat belt, a helmet when riding a bike, etc.
 - o Avoid alcohol and drugs.

- o Set goals and stay on target for reaching them.
- o Have a routine for you and your family to provide predictability and stability.

If you're expecting a baby or have a baby under 1 year ...

If you have questions about how to care for your little one ...

If you're interested in gaining skills for successful and positive parenting ...

Home Visiting may be just right for you!

We serve federally recognized and Alaskan Native families who live in our 11-county service area and meet eligibility criteria. Our program provides parenting and life skills for successful and positive parenting. We use a culturally sensitive curriculum developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for Indigenous Health.

For more information

- * Siletz & Coast Range Kelley Ellis, 541-444-8222 or 800-922-1399 ext. 1222, Kelleye@ctsi.nsn.us
- * Salem, Portland & Surrounding Areas Lori Christy, 503-390-9494, loric@ctsi.nsn.us
- * Eugene & Surrounding Areas Cathy Ray, 541-484-4234, catheriner@ctsi. nsn.us

PRC process for getting hearing aids

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) has collaborated with Costco Hearing Aid Centers to purchase hearing aids for Siletz Tribal members regardless of where the referral is made for a hearing evaluation. Purchasing hearings aids at Costco will stretch PRC funding, allowing for more services that will benefit you and all Siletz Tribal members.

Once you have your hearing evaluation and referral for hearing aids, you'll need to make a request for the Gatekeeping Review Committee to approve the first pair. Once approved, you will be sent an approval letter and a copy of the protocol for purchasing hearing aids. Hearing aids can be purchased every three years.

Contact PRC at 541-444-9677 for more information.

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ortho screenings for braces

\(\text{Solution} \) June 15-16

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Siletz Community Health Clinic



Ortho screenings are by appointment only. Call 541-444-9681 to schedule.

Open to CHS eligible Siletz Tribal members of any age

(can't be in braces currently or have been in braces before)

USDA distribution dates for June

Siletz

Friday June 2 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Monday June 5 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Tuesday June 6 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Wednesday June 7 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

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

June 8

Thursday

Salem

Tuesday June 13 1:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 14 9 a.m. -6:30 p.m. Thursday June 15 By appt only

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

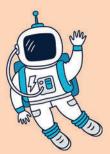


CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS

Upcoming Dates:

June 7 at 6 pm: Nee-dash





IN PERSON CULTURE NIGHTS

Upcoming Dates:

June 11 at 12 pm: Maple Bark (Valley)
June 12 at 5 pm: Maple Bark (Siletz)

Exact locations TBA. Depending on the season, plan to either harvest and prepare maple bark for processing or process already harvested bark.

Email or call for more details

Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments

Contact Nick Viles at 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 powwow weekend.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494 Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234 Purchased Referred Care (PRC) –

800-628-5720

Tribal Veterans Rep – 541-444-8330 or 541-270-0569

Siletz Community Health Clinic – 800-648-0449

Siletz Behavioral Health – 800-600-5599

Chinook Winds Casino Resort – 888-244-6665

Chemawa Health Clinic – 800-452-7823

Bureau of Indian Affairs – 800-323-8517

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us





Photos by Diane Rodriquez
Executive Health Director
Miranda Williams does
the first load of washing and drying during
the grand opening of the
laundry facilities at the
new Comfort Station in
Siletz on April 18. The
laundry is open TuesdaySaturday from 9 a.m. to
6 p.m. Angela Rabideau
(white shirt) is the laundry manager.

Toddler development, nutrition may require new look at perception of behavior

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

Toddlers are trying to figure out their world. Sometimes we don't realize they are navigating textures and learning to chew. These challenges can be frustrating for them and can cause behaviors we might think are picky eating or trying to be difficult to get attention. I offer this information for families in my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start. How can we best support our toddlers to grow and develop into healthy adults?

Since all behavior is communication, we might need to make the link with what may be going on with regard to development. We will have more influence with toddlers if we can connect with them vs. butting heads.

Beyond basic needs of love, safety, food, sleep, etc., toddlers also have specific developmental needs. It helps when we can appeal to the child's developmental needs to experiment and explore, feel capable, have choice, and to have a sense of control and power. Using this approach, we can allow toddlers to engage with their food and interact with it.

Often, we hear that toddlers are difficult and we just need to get through this stage. Rather than believing that toddler behaviors are difficult, perhaps we can interpret the behaviors differently. Let's look at some of the possible perceptions of behaviors and consider what is behind them:

- "My child is a picky eater." Recently during the Sixth Annual Conference on Transforming Toddlerhood hosted by Devon Kuntzman, PCC, I was struck by a quote by Amy Palanjian, "A lot of what is thrown into the bucket of 'picky eating' is just the kid figuring out their world."
- "My child can't sit still at the table." Toddlers have very short attention spans. It could be that their bodies really need to move. Meet children where they are with their short attention spans, especially if they are done eating. You may consider saying, "Food stays at the table, but your body may leave the table."
- "My child says they aren't hungry, but when they leave the table they often say they are hungry after a short time. This can't be true, so they must be trying to manipulate me." Sometimes children lose their appetite when the energy at a table is tense. After they leave the table, if they relax they are able get back in touch with their hunger cues. It may be important to consider whether this behavior is based on feelings present, rather than the food.
- "My child seems to be hungry all the time, except at dinner." Be aware that toddlers often front-load by eating more earlier in the day and they are not always hungry for dinner. Focus on making it pleasant to be at the table. Your child may have social needs that are more important than eating while at the table.
- "Use your words," is often what adults say to children when they are having a meltdown over food. If a child could use words, they would. Sometimes we need to help them by taking another approach to communicate. We might be able to help by stating what we "wonder," such as, "I wonder" if that is hard to chew? "I wonder" if your body needs to move before you come back to the table? This strategy prompts them by offering something close to what they may want to say, but aren't able to say.
- "My child refuses to eat certain foods." Sometimes children avoid specific foods because they are still navigating textures and are frustrated. Foods may need to be cut smaller.
- "Sometimes my child throws food. I just want them to eat it." Truly, a child should have a choice about whether they consume a food. You may want to give them a bowl or place to put foods they no longer want on their plates so they will not get so frustrated that they throw it.
- "My child is defiant." Your child is doing their best to communicate with you.
 Behavior is sometimes the only way they can express their frustration at what they cannot do. Avoid shaming. Engage in exploration rather than requiring consumption. Acknowledge their frustration to find what is driving the behavior. Don't fall

into the trap or believe they are choosing to be disrespectful, controlling, etc. Their brains are still developing and they don't yet have impulse control. The toddler brain is developing rapidly and we can't always see what they cannot do.

What tips or practices can we consider to make mealtimes pleasant with our toddlers?

- Start with small portions to reduce waste and overwhelming.
- See and accept where children are in their development.
- During meal time, engage in exploration and discovery by using questions like, "Can you find the biggest piece of broccoli on your plate?"
- Approach meal times as shared experiences. Sit together or be near each other.
- Talk with children about the day and activities, much like visiting with a friend.
- Children eat best when they are hungry. Even if they aren't hungry, there may be benefits and ways that a child can participate in the shared time together.
- Provide side dishes for a menu safety net. It matters to have foods that we want and a child might not like the main meal offering. If we also provide sides such as fruit, milk and cheese on the table, there is an option to fill their bellies before bedtime without the adult having to make more foods. This way allows everyone to find pleasure at the table.
- During dinner, you may want to ask for everyone's favorite meals. Make a list and add favorites to the rotation. Place the list on the refrigerator to show that your child's preferences matter.
- Engage children by offering choices within a range of what is possible, such as
 asking, "Do you want peas or carrots with dinner?" Older toddlers, 3- to 4-yearolds, can talk more about their food preferences. This also sets the stage for communicating what they want in the future.
- When offering new foods, take a long-term view. Choose a new food and let it
 appear over the course of the week. Don't feel pressure to expose new foods to
 kids too quickly.
- Remember that there is comfort in predictability.
- Give children opportunities to serve their own food. This empowers them choose their portion.
- Look at growth and developmental milestones, then "trust" your child's appetite.
 Remember the division of responsibility. The parent is responsible for the what when
- Remember the division of responsibility: The parent is responsible for the **what, when** and **where** of feeding. The child is responsible for **how much** and **whether** to eat.

To summarize, let's remember that all behavior is communication. Don't get thrown off by your child's behaviors. Remember that behaviors are signals of what children are experiencing inside of their body and brain.

There is always something behind an emotional outburst. With a toddler, it is likely to be developmental and we might be asking them to do something they cannot do.

Stop, observe and consider what might be causing frustration. Connect with the child by acknowledging what you see and then lightly state what you wonder.

Exploration and discovery are more important than how much they eat. Make meal time a place of social connection. To eat well, children need to feel safe and be provided with foods they are able to eat.

If you believe there is a serious problem with a child's ability to eat, an evaluation with a speech language pathologist (SLP) or occupational therapist (OT) may help.

Siletz Tribal Head Start offers nutritional support at no cost to Head Start families. 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 for a phone call with the nutritionist.

Resources

- Amy Palanjian, https://www.yummytoddlerfood.com/
- Kary Rappaport, OT, https://solidstarts.com/category/toddlers/
- Ellyn Satter, author of Child of Mine Feeding with Love and Good Sense and How to Get Your Kid to Eat ...But Not Too Much



Courtesy photo by Angela Ramirez, STAHS

Siletz Tribal elder Edmond Ben, a WWII veteran, rode the Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society float in the Loyalty Days parade in Newport, Ore., on May 6. The theme for the parade was "Welcome Back Vets!"

Seeking associate judges for Siletz Tribal Court

The Siletz Tribal Court consists of a chief judge and such associate judges as the Tribal Council shall determine are necessary for the efficient operation of the Tribal Court. Associate judges shall include judges for the Siletz Community Law Court, Siletz District Court, Siletz Court of Appeals and Siletz Gaming Court.

The Siletz Tribal Council is considering the reappointment of the associate judges, but desires to seek additional individuals who are qualified and interested in an appointment for the courts listed above.

For detailed information on qualifications, responsibilities and duties of the Siletz Tribal Court judges, please refer to the Tribe's website – www.ctsi.nsn.us; under the Government Listings Tab, select Court & Justice, then select Tribal Ordinances, then select Tribal Court Rules of Procedures. Information for Judicial Officers, Qualifications, Terms and Scope of Duties is located beginning at § 3.010.

If interested in possible appointment as an associate judge, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380-0549. Résumés will be accepted through June 7, 2023.

Apply now for Siletz Tribal Head Start

The Siletz Tribal Head Start program is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

We have classrooms in Siletz, Lincoln City, Salem and Portland and offer services to promote children's school readiness skills and assist families with supporting their child's lifelong learning.

Classrooms are in session Monday-Thursday.

We provide roundtrip transportation and developmentally appropriate activities to promote each child's success.

To qualify, children must be age 3 or 4 by the local school district's age cut-off date, and income limits may apply.

Head Start applications can be found on the Tribal website or can be requested by calling 541-444-2450 or 800-922-1399 and asking for Head Start.

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Photos above and right by Diane Rodriquez

Glendora Osborn, Bill John and Jane John

ing. They really wanted to know about the history of the Siletz Tribe and the plans for the new museum to be built on Government Hill in Siletz. Although our event lasted only two hours, it was well-attended and the STAHS team felt it was a success.

One particular highlight of the day occurred when a gentleman came in carrying a bundle that he wished to share. After introducing himself, Doug Babcock slowly unwrapped the item he held. It turned out to be a fish weight, also known as a net weight, a little larger than a softball.

When asked where he found it, he shared that he found it while planting herbs in his yard in the Nestucca Valley. At first he thought he had unearthed just another rock. Not many would have recognized it for its worth. But with his recently acquired knowledge of fishing practices of the Natives of the area, he knew what it was and realized what a treasure he had found.

Doug said he knew what he wanted to do with it the moment he found it. So, he went about finding a home for his newfound prize. He stopped in to visit our event and after some conversation, Doug presented the fish weight to STAHS to add to the growing collection of artifacts.

An interesting side note, Doug is a native New Yorker who decided to make his home in the Pacific Northwest in 2015. He was well-versed in the history of the East Coast Tribes and brought his interest in the history of Indigenous peoples with him to the West Coast. He steeped himself in the history and culture of our area and we are glad he did!

Ten days after our Community Days event, Doug returned to present us with a lovely pine needle basket he found at an antique sale. Our thanks goes out to him for his generosity with the fish weight and the basket, both which will be added to our growing collection of culturally significant items.

As we have recently come to know, people are finding STAHS as a place they can bring these items that hold such historic meaning, with the knowledge they will be safely cared for with many eventually going on display in the museum.

All and all, we were visited by old friends and made some new ones!



Kent Rilatos talks to Gloria Ingle (center) and other community members about cedar bark weaving.



Courtesy photo by Teresa Simmons

Little Miss Siletz Beyonka Bell-Tellez (left), Lincoln City Mayor Susan Wahlke and Junior Miss Siletz Kendall Bell-Tellez

Siletz Community

Find us on Facebook! Siletz Community Health Department

June is Pride Month

DEFINITION OF TWO SPIRIT

FEATHER DANCERS

"Two-spirit" refers to a person who identifies as having both a masculine and a feminine spirit, and is used by Indigenous people to describe their sexual, gender and/or spiritual identity.

Two-spirited people are well-respected in their Tribes. They are often given specific roles as they are seen as individuals who are able to connect well with both male and female personalities. They are respected in Indigenous cultures and are often looked to as leaders, seers, healers or mediators.

In our modern heteronormative society where homophobia is frequently normalized, we should learn to appreciate each individual's strength just the way Indigenous people do.

SLGTBQLA+ ACRONYMS

Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex,
Asexual and the plus reflects the countless affirmative ways in which
people choose to self-identify.

EXPRESS YOUR PRIDE

Each week in June, send in a picture of you expressing your pride. This can be dressing up, art, your door, anything you feel.

We will draw prizes weekly!

TBD DATES AND TIMES

Express your pride presenter on FB Live; more information coming soon

If you have any further questions about anything above, email ShawneeA@ctsi.nsn.us or call her at 541-444-9672.

Keep a look out for the remaining CARE events for 2023



August -

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow - Red Shawl Dance

Oregon Coast Custom Car Show - Tribal Nations Human/Sex Trafficking Awareness

September - Every Child Matters 5K Walk and Dinner

October - Domestic Violence Awareness All Month and Run to the Rogue

November - CARE Booth at Restoration Pow-Wow and Red Shawl Dance

December - Letting Go Ceremony

Every Thursday, Virtual Trauma Groups at 5:30pm
Every 4th Thursday of the Month - In-Person
Talking Circles

Location and Times TBD

Letting Go Ceremony



The CARE Program would like to invite you to join us for a Letting Go Ceremony in honor of the Summer Solstice.

Date: June 29, 2023

Time: 6-7:30 pm

Location: Siletz Dance House

Contact Rachelle Endres at 541-444-9638 or rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us for more information.



Men's Health Month

During June, we encourage men to remember to take care of their health and wellness. It's a fact that women are 100% more likely to visit a doctor for annual exams and preventive services than men. It's not surprising that men end up living shorter lives and suffer more illness during their lives compared to women. Men are 10 times more likely to get inguinal hernias and 5 times more likely to have a ortic aneurysms than women, not to mention testicular cancer and prostate cancer. For these reasons, it's very important for the men out there to get your annual exams every year. This step of preventive care alone can save you from dealing with health crises down the road. They can check your blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, prostate health and more. You also can do quite a bit in between these wellness exams to protect your health, like eating smaller portions, adding more fruits and vegetables to your meals, and getting regular exercise. When it comes to exercise, do the things you enjoy, like going for walks, playing sports, or playing with your kids or grandkids. Physical health isn't the only thing that needs nurturing. You can feed your spirit by making time for healing prayer and meditations. Whatever it is that strengthens you, that's what you should do. Remember that you are important to your friends and family, so take care of yourselves, guys! Jamie Boe, Community Health Advocate - EAO https://www.wernative.org/articles/men-s-health

Signs of an Overdose

- ♦ Falling asleep or not conscious
- ♦ Slow breathing or no breathing
- ♦ Small pupils
- ♦ Limp body
- ♦ Cold, clammy, pale skin
- ◊ Blue fingernails or lips
- ♦ Choking, snoring or gurgling sounds

Responding to an Overdose



Step one

Call 911



Step two

Give person naloxone





If needed, provide rescue breaths or CPR

Step four



Lay the person on their side to prevent choking

Step five

Stay with the person until emergency workers arrive



Fire extinguishers

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

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

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

Can fire extinguishers be recycled?

Not only is it possible to recycle fire extinguishers, it's the responsible thing to do. To make <u>safe disposal of fire</u> <u>extinguishers</u> simpler, it's best left to professionals – those trained in the correct handling, storing, emptying, disposing and recycling of units.



Healthy Traditions

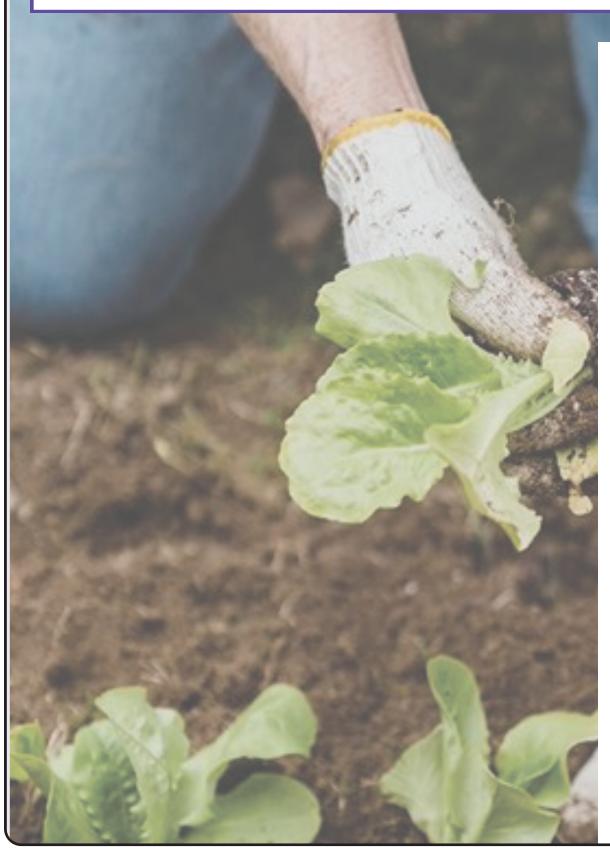
For more information regarding activities contact Healthy Traditions

541.444.9627 or kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us

Container Gardening and Plant giveaway! June 9-10th 3-6pm

Open to Siletz Tribal members and their families!

Contact: Kathy 541.444.9627 email: kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us



Camas Season!



If you are interested in learning about traditional foods, it all starts with learning to identify the plants, understanding harvesting protocols, then learning to process your materials.

Camas is available all during the year. We have a co-managed area in the Willamette NF that we are certain does not have death camas present.

Contact Kathy if you would like to be notified when we are going to the area.

*This activity is open to Tribal members and their families

Indigenous flavors meet fine dining

Native chef brings a unique culinary experience to a luxury resort in Willamette Valley wine country

By Jennifer Burns Bright for Travel Oregon; originally posted Feb. 21, 2023

Growing up on the banks of the Siletz River in Oregon's Central Coast town of Siletz, chef Jack Strong learned traditional foodways as part of his Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians upbringing. When the executive chef and cookbook author took the helm at renowned JORY Restaurant at The Allison Inn & Spa in Newberg in October 2022, he found heritage foods ready to welcome back his family.

Wild mussels, harvested by coastal Tribes for thousands of years, were enduring on the wave-beaten rocks just a couple of hours away. "My wife was craving them so bad, she looked for days ahead at the tides and the time worked out for 5:30 a.m. at Seal Rock," he says. "She collected just enough to steam some for later and she felt like she was back home again."

Strong hopes to share similar ingredients foraged or grown in Oregon – and that warm, welcoming feeling – with visitors to the Willamette Valley wine-country resort. He says he plans to "bring some fun and whimsy to already great food and let people know the stories behind it."

A commitment to Native and homegrown cooking

The chef – who has earned a James Beard award nomination and an award for culinary excellence for outstanding executive chefs at Marriott hotels – has spent much of his 30-year career highlighting homegrown and Native cuisine at Arizona luxury hotel properties, most recently at JW Marriott's Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort & Spa.



Courtesy photo by Anya Cam, The Allison

Jack Strong

He's also no stranger to Oregon's food scene, having graduated from Lane Community College's culinary program in Eugene, worked at the restaurant in his Tribe's Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City and served twice as a guest chef at the prestigious International Pinot Noir Celebration, held each summer in McMinnville.

Dining at a Willamette Valley favorite

Strong is in a great place to achieve his goal of sharing stories and providing a warm welcome in the restaurant. The boutique resort's extensive property features not only 85 luxury rooms, a spa, and the restaurant and banquet facilities, but also comes with a meticulously maintained 1.5-acre kitchen garden and beehives overseen by resident master gardener and beekeeper Anna Ashby. Pro tip: For visitors looking ahead to possible menus, Ashby posts weekly State of the Garden

reports on the resort's website sharing what is ready for the kitchen.

With a strong culinary team in place – plus new director of wine Brian Cook, who oversees a 500-label portfolio focused on Oregon wines – the chef seeks to continue to elevate the dining experience for guests. "It's not just about my vision here," he says. "It's cultivating the talent and helping them grow."

The evolving menu for the intimate restaurant will shine a spotlight on foods indigenous to the Americas. This means bushels of tomatoes, squash and beans but also the bounty Oregon's famed agriculture in the Willamette Valley provides. He plans to embrace partnerships with smaller local wineries and continue to purchase from area producers that create artisan cheeses, meats, fruits and vegetables.

The spacious kitchen takes its farmto-table approach seriously, expending the effort needed to transform raw materials into fine dining. The team creates its own charcuterie from premium meats, including bacon, ham and terrines. Each week, they receive sustainably farmed white sturgeon from Fort Klamath in Southern Oregon, breaking down the whole fish and using as much of it as they can. That might include a seared preparation served with ivory lentils and garden purple cauliflower. Even hamburgers are all made in-house, says Strong – from the Wagyu steak trim to freshly baked buns and homemade pickles.

Telling the story of local food

As Strong gets settled in his new position, he plans to do more to support and highlight Tribal foods, focusing on seasonal cooking and telling the story of a dish's heritage. Already guests can see influences on the menu such as a mouthwatering dish featuring the mussels beloved by his Siletz Tribal ancestors and family alike. The chef simmers these humble shellfish in a fumet (fish broth) enriched with butternut squash and venison sausage with sage and charred apples. It's all the more impressive to learn that the fumet is made from fish bones of the sturgeon they receive each week. "The broth is so good, we have to manage the portions on it," he says, laughing.

In the future, Strong would like to add tasting menus, perhaps with themes that might reflect on the history of foodways in the area, and continue to build relationships with local producers. This might include wine dinners and a happy hour for locals, providing glasses of wine and fun things to eat in a lounge atmosphere.

For the time being, if you're interested in getting close to the action and innovations under way, book a seat at the exclusive Chef's Table, where up to 10 guests can request a spot near the glass-enclosed kitchen.

CTSI Jobs

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

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian

Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee orgnization.

Enrollment Committee

Current Vacancy – Term Ending February 2025

Application deadline for consideration to fill the vacant committee position is July 12, 2023

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Enrollment Committee must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to close of business on July 12, 2023.

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

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

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

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Tribe surpasses \$21 million in donations to groups in county, state and beyond

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$157,562.85 to 36 organizations on May 5 as it continues its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$16.6 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$21 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$6.5 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides inkind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is Sept. 1, 2023. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Siletz Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

Applications and requirements can be obtained at ctsi.nsn.us/charitable-contribution-fund; by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227; or by mailing Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Applications can be submitted via e-mail at stccf@live.com.

Cultural Activities - \$1,000

Many Nations Culture Club - food and gift-making materials for giveaway items for annual inmate pow-wow, and to make repairs on and replacements for regalia; Salem, OR; \$1,000

Education - \$18,176

Altrusa International of Albany – new clothes, shoes and backpacks filled with school supplies for KidzShop program; Albany, OR; \$6,000

Native American Rights Fund – expense of one of two law clerks for the summer law clerk program that educates law students about Indian rights, laws and issues; Boulder, CO; \$9,600

Philomath Elementary School – books for the school's Oregon Battle of the Books Program; Philomath, OR; \$576

Port of Garibaldi - chefs, expert demonstrations and supplies for event to raise awareness of and educate about the abundance of local seafood; Garibaldi, OR; \$2,000

Environment and Natural Resource Preservation - \$18,000

City of Siletz, Parks & Recreation Committee – golf cart to water flowers on the main street of Siletz; Siletz, OR; \$3,000

Devils Lake Water Improvement District - sterile grass carp to be released in different areas of the lake to reduce overgrown submerged aquatic vegetation; Lincoln City, OR; \$10,000

Elakha Alliance - outreach and community relations director, coastal community coordinator, travel and materials to support reintroduction of sea otters to the Oregon Coast; Siletz, OR; \$5,000

Health - \$48,892.85

ALS Association of Oregon and SW Washington Chapter - services provided to approximately 300 people with ALS in Medical Services Program; Portland, OR; \$5,000

ARC of Benton County (TAAP Lincoln County) – scholarship fund for people who do not qualify for Medicaid to pay for Day Support Activities; Toledo, OR; \$6,000

Assistance League of Salem-Keizer-clothing, shoes and other essential items for Operation School Bell program for lowincome families; Salem, OR; \$5,000

BIA Wildland Firefighters, American Lung Association – lung cancer screenings in high-risk Native populations and educate youth on risks of vaping; Portland, OR; \$1,500

Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis – food for low-income families; Corvallis, OR; \$3,000

Canyon Gleaners – healthy, nutritious food weekly for elderly, disabled and lowincome families; Mill City, OR; \$3,000

Community Gleaners - food for lowincome families; Albany, OR; \$3,000

Community Outreach Inc. – food for community food pantry; Corvallis, OR; \$3,000

Ella Curran Food Bank - food for lowincome families; Independence, OR;

Every Child Linn Benton – backpacks, clothing vouchers and school supplies for distribution at annual back-toschool carnival; Corvallis, OR; \$5,000

Fish of Albany Inc. – food for weekend snack packs for more than 700 foodinsecure children; Albany, OR; \$3,000

Linn County Animal Rescue – matching funds for new computer and accessories; Lebanon, OR; \$1,800

Philomath Community Dinner – kitchen equipment and cleaning supplies for community dinner; Philomath, OR; \$1,177.85

Philomath Community Gleaners – food for low-income families; Philomath, OR; \$3,000

Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Baseball – tickets for 4th of July Patriotic Tribute game to honor veterans for their service; Keizer, OR; \$1,200

South Lane Mental Health Services Inc. - CPR and first aid classes for residential mental health adult foster home staff; Cottage Grove, OR; \$1,215

Historical Preservation - \$30,000

Vietnam War Memorial Fund – granite columns and art elements; Boring, OR; \$25,000

Willamette Grange #52 – insulation and installation for lower floor and bathrooms; Corvallis, OR; \$5,000

Other - \$7,050

Crushers Softball - jerseys, hitting and pitching training, equipment, field rental and sportswear for softball team; Veneta, OR; \$2,450

Toledo Public Library – matching funds for media, posters and bookmarks advertising Umbrella Parade, plus outdoor string lights, umbrellas and decorating supplies; Toledo, OR; \$600

Warm Springs Ranch Rodeo Association – rodeo winner prizes, such as customtooled wallets, belt buckles and prize money; Warm Springs, OR; \$4,000

Public Safety - \$29.244

Aurora Fire District – new fire hoses; Aurora, OR; \$5,685.80

Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue matching funds to purchase a LUCAS, a mechanical CPR device; Waldport, OR; \$3,558.20

Pacific Northwest Search & Rescue advanced drone to fly in inclement weather to quickly help locate lost subjects; Milwaukie, OR; \$10,000

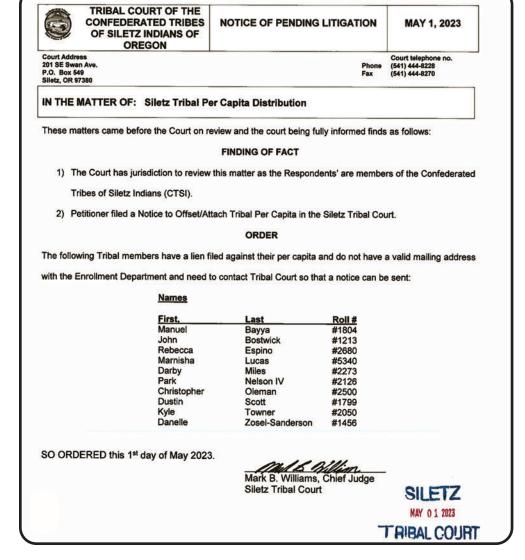
Sheridan Rural Fire Protection District five firefighter suits; Sheridan, OR; \$5,000

Stayton Fire District - replace wildland firefighting clothing; Stayton, OR; \$5,000

The Arts - \$5,200

City of Siletz, Parks & Recreation Committee – bands and sound equipment for Sounds in the City summer concerts; Siletz, OR; \$1,200

City of Toledo – live music, stage, sound system, toilets and marketing of annual arts festivals held over the summer; Toledo, OR; \$4,000







Craduates!

Savanna Rilatos Brown University

I would like to wish my daughter, Savanna Rilatos, congratulations – honey, you did it! – on her graduation from Brown University with a bachelor's degree on May 28.

We are so proud of you and again, you have proved you can do anything you set your mind to. I was so excited to go to Rhode Island to watch you accomplish your dreams and walk across that stage. I love you so much and I am so proud to be your momma.



Thank you for choosing me and for being the amazing person you are. Congrats! Love, Mom and Dad, Kassandra, Josh, Alluka and the whole Rilatos family

Area office newsletter and events

It is with great pleasure we announce that the area office newsletters have successfully combined and are now available in an accessible format on the Tribal website. The new area office newsletter contains information about events and resources for Tribal members and now is published mid-month. Each one will contain information specific to each area, plus things that everyone will want to see.

You can access the newsletter by going to www.ctsi.nsn.us, selecting News and Events, then selecting the tab that says Local Newsletters. There you will find the May/June edition in a digital flip book-style with phone numbers, websites and email addresses that you can populate on your device.

If prior to the digital launch you received the local newsletter in print and would like to continue getting it in print, you can request a paper copy from your local area office.

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



Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program Lowers Interest Rates

The Siletz Tribe Revolving Credit Program provides consumer, home improvement and small business loans to qualified Tribal members. STRCP has competitive rates compared to most conventional lenders. With three loan tiers available, borrowing money is easier than you may think. For more information on our loan program contact:

Tracy Garrison – Tgarrison@stbcorp.net or 541-351-9152

Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

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

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

Portland: 503-238-1512

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

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: aa-oregon.org

"Hi, I can help with OHP." 541-444-9611

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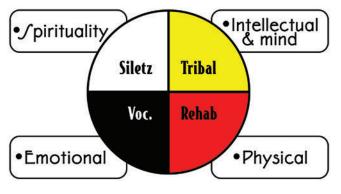
Shop for health plans at https://or.checkbookhealth.org/ or call direct at 855-268-9767.

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 Leiia 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



THURSDAY August 10th

Royalty Pageant 6 PM

FRIDAY August 11th

Memorial/Giveaways Noon - 5 PM Presentation of Crowns 6 PM

> Grand Entry 7 PM

SATURDAY August 12th

Parade 10 AM Points Awarded for Participation

Grand Entry 1 PM & 7 PM

SUNDAY

August 13th

Grand Entry 12 PM almon Dinner to Follow

Sponsored by Chinook Winds Casino Resor & Pepsi Bottling Co.





Photos by Diane Rodriquez

Top: The group of veterans who attended Elders Honor Day at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on May 3.

Above: The Color Guard included (1 to r) Kevin Goodell, Tony Molina, John Roe Jr., and two new members, Nolan Lane and William "Buster" Lane.

Below: Tickets were selling well at the raffle table for a number of great prizes collected by and donated by Siletz elders.



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 (once it is safe to hold in-person meetings).

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

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"So to rectify that they're seeking a few things. They want a declaration that the compacts are void and to prohibit execution of new ones in the future," Lenny Powell, an attorney with Jenner & Block, said during the panel.

This would mean that current gaming compacts in Washington state would be voided. The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe intervened and asked the courts to dismiss the case. Washington state, the United States and the other gaming tribes did not oppose. In late February, the courts dismissed the case but the plaintiff is unsurprisingly appealing to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Persson is represented by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, the same law firm who took Brackeen v Haaland, a case challenging the Indian Child Welfare Act, all the way to the Supreme Court. The arguments in both cases are nearly identical. "They did tweak it a little bit. It's not exactly word for word the whole way through, but it's pretty darn close," Powell said.

Much like the Brackeen case, a negative outcome in the Maverick case could have far-reaching implications that would impact not just the tribes in Washington.

"I think it's very, very important to note that if Maverick is successful in taking this to the Supreme Court, this would undo (the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act) for not just Washington, it would invalidate tribal compacts throughout the nation," said Rebecca George, executive director for the Washington Indian Gaming Association.

The 250 federally recognized tribes who operate casinos in 30 states have an economic impact of more than \$100 billion. Indian gaming accounts for 44 percent of the entire gaming and gambling

industry. This case could impact not just Indigenous nations but the non-Native counties that surround them.

"We are one of the top 10 employers in Washington state when you combine all of the employment between our tribal governments and tribal enterprises," George said. "Often in rural areas, the tribe will be the top employer making a huge impact on rural areas."

Unlike commercial gaming, whose profits go to private entities, tribal gaming directly impacts Indigenous nations by providing funding for tribal governments to run, building infrastructure, funding needed assistance programs and for some direct aid to tribal citizens.

Indian gaming has been life changing for some tribes, creating economic development in nations that otherwise wouldn't have been able to. Tribal governments need money to make money; gaming was and is a lucrative way to do that. "We're talking about basic infrastructure and in my lifetime running water," George said. "To think of the undoing of IGRA, it's hard to stomach as an Indian person from the reservation, knowing and seeing where this money goes."

ICT is a nonprofit news organization. Sign up for ICT's free newsletter.

Pauly Denetclaw, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, is Haltsooi (Meadow People) born for Kinyaa'áanii (Towering House People).

An award-winning reporter based in Gallup, N.M., she has worked for the Navajo Times and Texas Observer covering Indigenous communities, and her radio pieces have aired on KYAT, National Native News, NPR's Latino USA and Texas Public Radio.

She is a board member of the Native American Journalist Association. Follow her on Twitter, @pdineclah.

StrongHearts raises elder abuse awareness

EAGAN, Minn – Despite the horror of being physically hurt and having their money or medication stolen, elders who are abused or neglected often endure the abuse without calling for help. As lifelong caregivers and protectors, many elders suffer in silence to maintain the well-being of their family and this may include their abuser.

June 15 is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day – a day to raise awareness and prevent elder abuse. It's a day to reflect on what it's like to become an elder and the many challenges they face, such as losing strength, muscle and bone mass. Mental clarity can deteriorate and lead to memory loss. These inevitable vulnerabilities leave our elders at risk of being abused.

According to the National Council on Aging, most abuse occurs in the home and at the hands of family members.

"It's unacceptable when elders silently suffer abuse and neglect at the hands of those who should be protecting them," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "Many elders refuse to report their abusers because they are closely related and want to protect their family, but there are so many more reasons that most people can't imagine."

These reasons can include:

 Love: Despite the abuse or neglect, victims continue to love their abusive partner or relative.

- Fear: Elders may fear retaliation if they report the abuse.
- Embarrassment: Worrying about what others might think or do to make matters worse.
- Lack of Resources: Many elders live on fixed incomes and may depend on their abuser for shelter.
- Accessibility: Elders may not be able to report if they do not have access to cell phones, internet and/or transportation.
- Poly-victimization and normalization: For generations, Native people have endured multiple types of abuse at the hands of non-Natives, so much so that abuse seems normal and an everyday part of life.

Types of abuse

Elder abuse is an intentional act or failure to act that causes or creates a risk of harm to an older adult. The abuser can be a family member, caretaker or another person whom the elder trusts. Types of abuse can include:

- Emotional abuse causes mental pain, fear and/or distress
- Physical abuse the use of force to cause pain, injury, etc.
- Financial abuse improper use of an elder's money, property or assets



- Caregiver neglect a failure to meet basic needs (food, water, medical care)
- Sexual abuse forced or unwanted sexual interactions of any kind
- Cultural and spiritual abuse

Learn the signs of abuse

The signs of elder abuse may be difficult to spot as they could sometimes be the result of disease, side effects from medications or similar reasons. If you suspect that an elder is being abused, however, be patient, talk and listen to them. Be aware they may say they are being "disrespected" rather than abused. Other signs of abuse can include:

- Unexplained bruising or injury
- Changes in behavior
- Lack of interest in family or social events
- Loss of weight
- Not having necessary medical aids (glasses, walkers, teeth, etc.) or adequate food, water, shelter

How can you help?

Education is always the first step. Understand the warning signs of elder abuse and pay attention to the elders in your life. Ensuring that our elders are properly cared for can include:

- Offering to help those in your family who might feel burdened with the care of a loved one
- Spending time with an elder and planning a rotating schedule if you have multiple caregivers
- Bringing them nutritional foods like baked goods or, even better, fry bread
- Talking and listening to their stories because elders have a lot of wisdom to share and appreciate
- Every state has an Adult Protective Services division for those wishing to report abuse at www.napsa-now. org/help-in-your-area

StrongHearts can help. Advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native-centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. We are here 24/7/365 – call or text 844-762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.

Sources

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Division of Violence Prevention https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/elderabuse/fastfact.html

National Adult Protective Services Association https://www.napsa-now.org/ help-in-your-area/

Job Opening: Project Director

Elderberry Wisdom Farm is hiring a Project Director for the Native Agriculture Biodiversity Accelerator. This is a full-time exempt salaried role responsible for coordinating agricultural and horticultural career pathway planning and trainings for cohorts of Native Americans interested in becoming owners and operators of their own microenterprise business.

- \$60k to \$72k depending on experience
- · Help plan internships
- · Recruit cohorts of interns
- Provide business training
- Work with partners integrating Western science practices
- · Help interns form microenterprises

To apply, contact Sara: info@elderberrywisdom.org



Elderberry Wisdom Farm

www.elderberrywisdom.org

GRADUATES & FAMILIES

Send your graduate info to

Send your graduate info to PIAS@ctsi.nsn.us by June 12 to be included in the July issue of Siletz News

Please Include:

- **♦** Student's name
- School graduating from
 - Degree(s) earned if a college grad
- Date of graduation
- → Plans after graduation
- Photo of student

DePoe brings robotics, a way to engage Indigenous students with STEM, to Tribes

Suzanne DePoe here, global lead for the Google Aboriginal and Indigenous Network, an Employee Resource Group (ERG) for Google Inc. It has given me an opportunity to deliver VEX Robotics through the Student Inclusion Program at Google.

On April 1-2, we held a Tulalip Nation Kids Robotics Workshop for students to experience robotics. It was amazing how engaged the students were.

I wrote a proposal to request that the Tulalip Nation receive a \$20,000 Google. org grant to deliver robotics to the Don

Hatch Youth Center on the Tulalip Reservation, including a Robotics, CS First, Coding and Lego Learning experience. It was approved and is just the beginning!

The Google Inc. Student Inclusion Program has a partnership with the Robotics Education and Competition Foundation (RECForg) to deliver a Robotics Mentorship Program to Tribal nations. I have four schools passing the test with education administrators and Tribal Council to allow the robotics.

It will be a robotics competition floor (12x12), with robot parts to build the robot for the 2023-24 season game, Over and Under. It looks so fun. RECF

org wants to deliver the game robotics competition piece to Indigenous students.

I was able to attend the VEX Worlds Competition in Dallas, Texas, at the end of April. What an experience with 30,000 students from 50 countries. I look forward to being RECForg and Google's Googler to execute and deliver on this initiative.

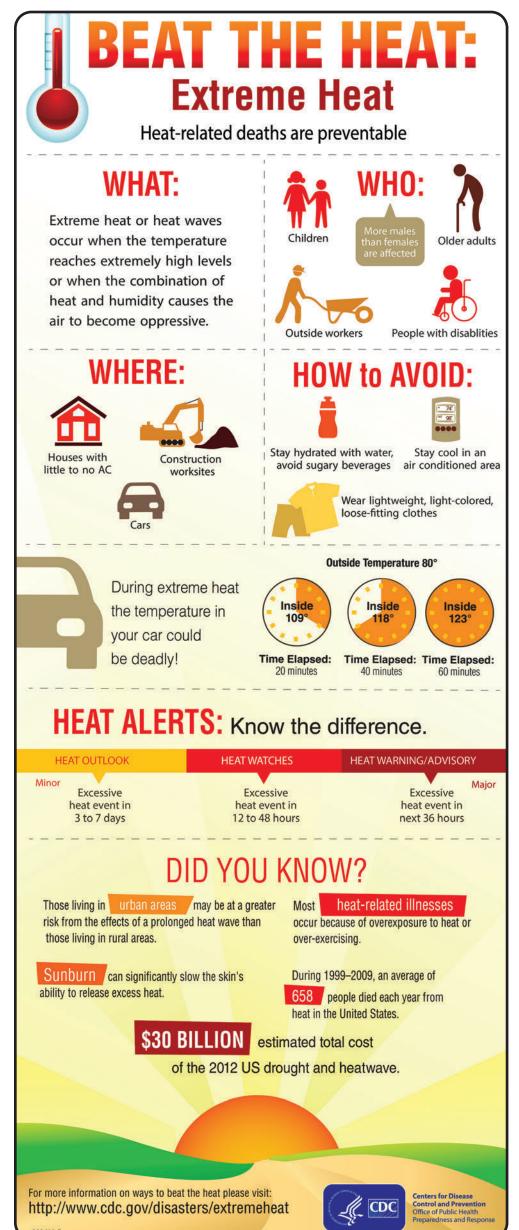
I will also speak at the 4 Corners Computer Science Convening, Connecting CS with Culture and Language, in Durango, Colo., on July 9-11. I will be on a panel and I hope to speak to the educators there about robotics.

Start creating a list. Execute! I feel very blessed to be in this position to give back to our Indigenous students.



Courtesy photo from Suzanne DePoe

Suzanne DePoe's grandchildren, Madelyn, Nathan and Nolan, at the Tulalip event





Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- George R.R. Martin Literary Foundation Scholarships Deadline: June 23, 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
- ONAC Student Academic Award Program

Deadline: Aug. 31, 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: 20th of each month
- Scholarship Points \$2,500 Scholarship Deadline: Monthly

- Nitro College Scholarship Deadline: Monthly
- Smart Owl Scholarship Deadline: Monthly
- Be Bold \$25,000 Scholarship Deadline: Monthly
- CollegExpress Monthly Scholarship Deadline: Monthly
- Christian Connector \$2,500 Scholarship Deadline: Quarterly
- Scholarship for Social Impact Deadline: Rolling
- AIS Scholarship Deadline: Varies
- Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships Deadline: Varies
- Tribal College/University Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- American Indian Service Scholarships Deadline: Ongoing
- 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

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
- NPAIHB Youth Delegate Program Deadline: May 30, 2023
- Thrive Youth Conference June 26-30, 2023 (Portland, Ore.)
- NPAIHB Youth Intern Host Sites Deadline: Rolling
- 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

June

Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30!

Important information for college-bound **Tribal seniors**

- Attend graduation congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!

Fellowships

- Fields Artist Fellowships Deadline: June 15, 2023
- Nova Institute for Health Media
- Fellowship Deadline: July 5, 2023
- 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

Internships

- Cronin and Company Deadline: Open
- Deadline: Multiple/Open
- Nike N7 Undergraduate Internship Deadline: Multiple
- Nike Internships Deadline: Multiple
- **DMS** Internships Deadline: Ongoing
- Apple Business, Marketing and G&A Internships Deadline: Multiple
- Amazon Undergraduate Program Internships Deadline: Multiple
- **Habitat Restoration Internship** Deadline: Various
- Meta (Facebook) Data Center Engineering Internships Deadline: Various
- Public Lands Internship Program Deadline: Various

- NOAA Internships Deadline: Ongoing
- Code Switch Internship Deadline: Various
- **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
- **Environmental Protection Agency** Deadline: Multiple
- American Fisheries Society Deadlines: Multiple
- **OMSI Internship** Deadline: Multiple

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

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.

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

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Tribal Council Timesheets for April 2023

Frank Aspria - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2	2.25					4/1-2	Email, toll EA/email/info
.5	.75	.5				4/3	NCAI news, IAD, CWC news
1.25	1	1	.5			4/4-6	Housing Cmte, packets, email
2.5	2.75	.25	1.25	.75		4/7-10	Special TC, ethics, email
3	3.25	2				4/11-13	School board, Lone Rock, email
1.25	1.25		4			4/14	CARE mtg, SVS, email, packets
1	1.25					4/17	Special TC, email
5.5	5.5		2.75			4/18-20	IAD, STBC, updates, packets
5.25	5					4/21-22	Regular TC, email
3	3.25					4/23	Coos H&F, packets, email
1.5	1.5			1.25	i	4/24	Grand Ronde H&F, econ dev, email
2.5	2.5			.25		4/25	Broadband mtg, updates, email
3.25	3.25	6.25		.25		4/26-28	Blue Stone, Special TC – gaming,
							records policy, email, letter

Loraine Y. Butler - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
5.5	5.25					4/5-11	TC, ethics, school board, packets
2.75	2.75					4/13-14	CPT, CARE wkshp
3	3					4/17-19	Ethics mtg, packets
3.25	3.25					4/21	Regular TC
		7			4	4/27-28	Casino mtg, Special TC – gaming
		1			2	4/29	Concert

Alfred Lane III - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC ED	Tvl		
1	1		1		4/7	TC, STBC
			2.75		4/14	STBC
1	1				4/17	Special TC
3.25	3.25				4/21	Regular TC
1	1	2		4	4/25	Gaming hearing
		5			4/27	Casino mtg

Alfred Lane IV - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1	.75					4/3	Natural Resources Cmt
1.5	1.5					4/7	Special TC, STBC
.5	.25					4/10	Casino project mtg
1.75	1.75					4/12-16	Email, packets
2.5	2.5		1			4/17-19	Special TC, packets
			2.75			4/20	STBC

Bonnie Petersen – 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2.5	2.5					4/2-3	Health Cmte, email, research
2.25	2.25					4/4-5	Interviews, Housing Cmte, email
1.75	1.75					4/6	Special TC, email, meeting prep
2.5	2.5					4/7	Special TC, STBC, admin, email
1.25	1.25					4/10	Pow-Wow Cmte, econ dev, email
2.75	2.75	.5				4/11-12	School board, email, research
1.5	1.5					4/13	Blue Stone, CPT, email
1.5	1.5					4/14	CARE-OR DOJ mtg
2.75	2.75					4/15-16	Email, reading, meeting prep
2.25	2.25					4/17	Special TC, email, meeting prep
2.25	2.25		1			4/18-19	Email, calls, meeting prep, reading
.5	.5		3			4/20	STBC, email, admin
3.5	3.5					4/21	Regular TC, email
4.5	4.5			.5		4/24-26	Workshop, broadband, school
							board, NPAIHB, email, reading
.5	.5	11.25			1.5	4/27-28	Casino mtg, Special TC – gaming, email, reading

Delores Pigsley - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2.5	2.5					4/1-3	Mail, agenda items, meeting prep
.5	.5	3.5			2	4/4	OR Tourism Conference, mail
2.75	2.75				9	4/5-6	Travel to UO Advisory Council, Chiloquin, mail
2.75	2.75		1		4	4/7-9	Special TC, STBC, mail, agenda
1	1					4/10	Meet w/ Keizer Heritage Center, mail
2.75	2.75				2.5	4/11	Meet w/ Willamette NF, mail
4.75	4.75			1.75		4/12-13	Call w/ governor, mail, agenda items
1.75	1.75				4	4/14	USDA CARE mtg, mail
2	2					4/15-16	Mail, prep for council
1.75	1.75		2		4	4/17	Chemawa Station, Special TC, mail
4	4	.25	.5			4/18-19	Mail, prep for STBC & council
.75	.75		2.75		2.5	4/20	STBC, mail
3	3				4	4/21	Regular TC, mail
1.75	1.75	1				4/22-24	Interview, prep for hearing, mail
1.25	1.25	5				4/25	Native Arts & Broadband wkshp, gaming hearing with Legis., mail
1.25	1.25	4			1.5	4/26-27	Casino mtg, mail, agenda items
1	1	4.5			1.5	4/28	Special TC – gaming, mail
.75	.75					4/29-30	Mail, agenda items

Angela Ramirez - 4/1/23-4/30/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
3.5	3.5					4/1-2	STAHS
2	2.25					4/1-5	Email, packets
6.25	6.25					4/3-6	STAHS, Education Cmte, legal
6	6					4/6-19	Email, packets
2.75	2.75		1			4/7-8	TC mtg, STBC, STAHS
1	.75					4/11	School board
1.75	2					4/14	DV – CARE program
4	4					4/16-17	Time line report, TC mtg
			2.75			4/20	STBC
3.25	3.25					4/21	Regular TC
5	5	1.5				4/22-23	STAHS event, review docs
15	1.5					4/25	TC wkshp, school board
		9.25				4/27-28	CWCR mtg, Special TC -
							gaming

Selene Rilatos - 4/1/23-4/30/23

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TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2.5	2.5					4/1-2	Email, packets, calls
1.75	1.75					4/3	Interviews, email, packets
1.25	1.25					4/4	COVID mtg NPAIHB, email
1.5	1.5					4/5	Email, packets
5	5		1	.5		4/7-10	Special TC, STBC, econ dev, email, packets
3.25	3.25					4/11-12	School board, email, packets
1.5	1.5					4/13	Blue Stone, BH ECHO, email, packets
7.5	7.5					4/14-17	Tribal leaders CARE mtg, Special TC, email, packets
1	1					4/18	NPAIHB COVID, email
1.25	1.25					4/19	COVID ECHO, email, packets
			2.75			4/20	STBC
3.75	3.75					4/21	Regular TC, email, packets
2.25	2.25			.5		4/22-24	Econ dev, email, packets
3	3					4/25	BB mtg, hearing, packets
2.5	2.5					4/26	QBM, email
2.25	2.25	8.5			2	4/27-29	CWCR mtg, Special TC – gaming, email, packets











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2023-2024 Hunting and Fishing Tags Distribution Schedule

	Type of Tag	Number Available	Season Dates	Date to Start Tag Issuance	Method of Issuance
Deer	Early Archery***	50	9/2-10/1	8/7 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources Office	First Come, First Served*
	General Rifle 375 10/7-11/10**		8/21	First Come, First Served*	
	Antlerless – Adult	16	10/7-11/10	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/25; drawing 9/5; tags issued 9/6	Lottery – Open to Elders Only
	Antlerless - Youth	8	10/7-11/12	Lottery applications available 8/1; due 8/25; drawing 9/5; tags issued 9/6	Lottery – Open to Youth Age 12-17 Only
	Late Archery	50 (minus # of early season tags filled)	11/25-12/17	First Distribution: 10/16 at 8 a.m. at NR Office Second Distribution: 10/30 at 8 a.m. at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come, First Served*
Elk	Antlerless – Youth	3	8/15-12/31	Lottery applications available 6/1; due <u>7/7</u> ; drawing 7/10; tags issued 7/11	Lottery – Open to Youth Age 12-17 Only
	Early Archery	25	9/2-10/1	8/7 at 8 a.m. at Natural Resources Office	First Come, First Served*
	1st Season Rifle	25	11/18-11/21	Lottery applications available 8/28; due 9/22; drawing 10/2; tags issued	Lottery
	2 nd Season Rifle	25	11/25-12/1	10/3	Lottery
	Antlerless	15	1/1/24-3/31/24	Lottery applications available 8/28; due 9/22; drawing 10/2; tags issued 12/1	Lottery
	Late Archery Antlerless	56	12/2-12/17	First Distribution: 10/16 at 8 a.m. at NR Office Second Distribution: 10/30 at 8 a.m. at NR Office (see Note 2 below)	First Come, First Served*
Salmon	Salmon	200	11/1-12/30 (estimate)	8/21	First Come, First Served

^{*} No early calls to "save" a tag for someone. Must call to have a tag mailed no earlier than the first day of distribution.

NOTE 1: A Tribal member may obtain only <u>one</u> elk tag in their name during the 2023-2024 hunting season (bow, bull and cow tags all count toward the one tag), except as noted below.

NOTE 2: <u>First Distribution:</u> For hunters who have not been issued an early season deer archery tag (for deer tags) or any elk tag (for elk tags).

Second Distribution: For any eligible hunter, regardless of what other tags they have received.

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

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unemployment benefits:

Federal law enforcement jobs available

The office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs (AS-IA) is seeking candidates to fill multiple positions in law enforcement nationwide.

Current open positions include law enforcement officer, correctional officer and dispatcher roles. Candidates who are enrolled members of federally recognized Tribes are eligible to complete an Indian Preference Form (BIA-4432), which authorizes non-competitive appointment of individuals with Indian preference within AS-IA.

- Law Enforcement Officers: https://www.usajobs.gov/job/721817000
- Dispatchers: https://www.usajobs. gov/job/721818000
- Correctional Officers: https://www. usajobs.gov/job/721818600

Prior experience in the desired field is necessary for consideration for federal jobs. Résumés should include start and end dates (including month and year) for each listed experience, the number of hours worked per week, the level, and examples of relevant experiences and accomplishments that prove the candidate can perform the tasks at the level required for the job as stated.

Need Rental Housing?

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

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

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

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

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

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^{**} Season for youth age 12-17 is 10/7-11/12 (two additional days at end of general season)

^{***} Unfilled Deer Early Bow tags must be returned to Natural Resources by 10/6.

Dear Tribal members:

Last month I wrote to make sure you had an opportunity to inform yourselves of the unlawful actions of five of our elected Tribal Council. At the May 6 General Council meeting, a motion was made from the floor to remove the Tribal Court documents from the members' only portion of our Tribal website. I do not know if those docs will be available to see there as of this date.

At the May 6 meeting, I did bring up the Tribal Court case brought against the illegal resolutions passed by these five members who have sworn to uphold Tribal laws. I stated that I had not heard one word of apology or regret expressed to our people after our Tribal Court ruled that these five had broken Tribal law when they passed the resolutions in question.

To my astonishment, all five of these members spoke – not in terms of apology and regret over breaking our laws, but instead trying to justify their actions and all basically said they would do it again. Two of the council members also disparaged our Tribal Court, saying that either the judge was wrong or that he did not have all the facts and circumstances before him to make a valid decision.

A brief recap of the facts is that the case was strictly about whether the Tribal Council broke Tribal laws when it passed the two resolutions interfering with an HR matter that was entirely under Tribal administration's (not Tribal Council's) authority. The five TC members who passed the resolutions and then were taken to Tribal Court over those actions had every opportunity to present their excuses or alleged justifications for breaking the law.

The Tribal Court rightly found that they had broken the law with those actions – there are no other facts or circumstances that could have been presented that could have over-ridden the fact that these five Tribal Council members acted outside of their authority.

It's a disturbing position to take for elected leaders who have just been found guilty of breaking the laws that they were sworn to uphold, to discount a decision of our chief judge – or disparage his judicial reasoning or credentials. Tribal Court is a branch of our government. The chief judge rendered the only valid decision that he could.

The law is clear – and that Tribal Council must obey the law is also clear. Please pay close attention to the actions of our elected government. Five of its members have stated that they basically do not care what the law says, they will do and act as they like. That is a renegade government out of control.

Robert Kentta

Dear Tribal members:

Call for virtual Native programing at SRCI

My name is Devonne Rhoan, Roll #4350 of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. I am a clerk in the chapel for the Native American community at SRCI (Snake River Correctional Institution).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic ad the time it takes for volunteers to travel out to SRCI, we are looking into other options for classes and groups to be held via Zoom or any other virtual conferencing service. We are looking for Native volunteers for religious ceremonies and groups that can help share knowledge and traditions with the SRCI Native community. We are open to teachings on the following:

- Intergenerational trauma
- Domestic violence awareness
- Arts and crafts
- The histories of each Tribe here in Oregon
- Drug and alcohol recovery and Wellbriety
- History of the canoe family journeys from when they started to where they are today
- Times of year for hunting fishing, and gathering roots and berries
- Anything else you are willing to bring to the community at SRCI

These are some ideas for what would be beneficial for the Native community at SRCI to have more knowledge and better social awareness before paroling from prison and going back out to the communities and reservations in Oregon.

Any Tribal members who are interested in becoming a volunteer can contact our chaplain, Mr. Clig, at his email, mike.a.clig@doc.oregon.gov to get the information needed to begin the volunteer application process.

We're also looking for donations of the following:

- Traditional art supplies (beads, leather, big drum/hand drum, hides/frames/ drumstick-making material, hair pipes for chokers and breastplate necklaces, 100-pound art paper, etc.)
- Any type of monetary donations to pay for pow-wows, firewood for sweats, medicines (white sage, kinnikinnick copal, bitter root, bear root, eagle feathers, tobacco, etc.) and the material to make a new lodge or drums when needed

You can send gifted art supplies to Chaplain Cig, 777 Stanton Blvd., Ontario, OR 97914. Monetary donations need to be a money order or cashier's check specifically addressed to Native American Club Account #2916, then mailed to Central Trust, Native American Club SRCI Account #2916, P.O. Box 14400, Salem, OR 97309.

Thanks to the Tribe and Tribal members for the help and time you are able to give to our Native community here at SRCI so we're able to build ourselves anew and give back to our people.

Take care, till next time Devonne Rhoan To the editor:

As I sit and ponder, I think, wow, we made it and everyone enjoyed themselves at our Elders Honor Day in May. Two months of struggle and decisions being made, ideas exchanged – and it all fell together.

Big thanks to all the committees, without you we would not have made it. I'm going to shout out to some and if I miss or don't spell it correctly, just know you helped make "Welcome Back" a true success.

To all the crafters – Sonya Moody-Jurado, Kaye Stainbrook, Debra Lane Cearley Jackie, Mari, Lori and Lane, Gerald and family, Lydia Kentta and family, Cynthia L., Donna K., Danielle R. Steele Billmyre and Sandi Steele and Shirley Walker – all you plank house, tipi, key chain and necklace crafters rock. Danielle, your determination and long hours when the houses fell apart shows what a great leader you will make.

Then we hit Chinook Winds with a few small issues, but Chinook Winds staff was very helpful and came to our rescue. Selene Rilatos, Chelsea, Lydia, Donna K., Troy, Terry A., Nora Williams-Wood, Debi Jubinal-Brown, Debra C., Mari, Marlene, Danielle, Sandi and all the rest I didn't mention – you came, you saw, you chipped in and set it up.

Then comes Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. and here we go. I got my steps in triple that day.

Lydia and Shelley to raffle, Danielle and I to raffle prizes. We did a few change runs, then on to veterans' pins and thanks to present and past beaders, and Bonnie Petersen's determination. Our runners, Danielle, Sandi, Nora W-W and of course Marci Rilatos wherever she was needed.

We received a lot of thank yous from all the Tribes, including our main raffle winner of the TV who was from a band out of Alaska. Thanks again to Chinook Winds staff for stepping in so he could take it with him. Grand Ronde was well-represented, thanks to cousin Tammy Galligher Cook.

If we start planning now our work for next year, it won't be so stressful.

All in all, I want you all to know I appreciate all your time, pain and determination. We were a success.

Unfortunately we did lose five Chinook Winds red runners, so no matter how many times we said don't take the runner, they did it anyway. So if you hear of someone having one, please ask them to return it, no questions asked.

Thanks for reading my rambles.

Sincerely

Jolyne Downey

To the editor:

As Jerome Viles observed at May's General Council, the Siletz Tribal Council (TC) now itself is acting like the State of Oregon back when it blackmailed the Siletz TC into limiting Tribal hunting/fishing rights.

They did not call it "blackmail," of course. It's come to be called "Consent Decree." May that Consent Decree soon be forgotten.

As we wait, we see Siletz TC's now demanding Chinook Indian Nation (CIN) meet Siletz demands in return for Siletz support: If CIN abandons two of its five constituent Tribes, the Siletz TC may fully support Chinook restoration.

Just as the Consent Decree caused us lots of grief, Siletz's current demand of CIN resulted in grief for them. Siletz has now effectively blocked Chinook efforts to regain federal recognition through legislation. Strange but true – the Siletz TC is playing the role of the State of Oregon and might soon suggest that Chinook sign a Consent Decree.

Let's forget that Consent Decree business.

Let's remember the Tolowa people who supported their relatives at the time of Siletz restoration and after. They came north to Siletz and spent much time and energy helping their relatives restore language and culture. They collaborated with my sister Cynthia Viles, Bud Lane and others.

Without the Tolowa people's support, there would be no Siletz Dee-ni' Dictionary nor Siletz Talking Dictionary. The nee-dash ceremony would not be so vibrant among us nor would we have had an opportunity to step inside a dance house at Siletz again.

Thank you, Tolowa people!

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (TDN) did not demand that Siletz lop off the Chetco and Pistol River Tribes in return for TDN support even though these Tribes are more closely related linguistically and culturally to Tolowa than anyone else.

During our time of great need, did Tolowa coerce Siletz by demanding Siletz show that Siletz restoration would not affect the legal status, territory or jurisdiction of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation?

No!

Thank you, Tolowa people, for not asking/demanding us to dismember ourselves. In Chinook's time of great need, Siletz is demanding that Chinook dismember itself and demonstrate that their federal recognition will not affect the legal status, territory or jurisdiction of the Siletz Tribe.

Can Siletz now honorably claim Chinook territory by virtue of past Chinook relatives who married into Siletz down south while treating our Chinook relatives up north as enemies?

No. Never.

Forget the Consent Decree strategy from when the State of Oregon treated us like enemies.

Remember the Indigenous strategy from when the Tolowa people treated us like family. Our Chinook relatives are our family. Please fully support Chinook restoration! Drew Viles

PS – If loving our relatives is wrong, I don't want to be right!



Logan earns recognition

Tribal member Kera Logan receives recognition for nail technology from the Salon Academy in Wilsonville, Ore.

Congratulations, Kera! Keep up the fantastic work!

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Happiest of birthdays to one of the most beautiful people I know! So thankful you're my daughter. We all love you to the moon and back.

Love, Mom, Gabe, Lillard and Elijah

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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.



Courtesy photo from Salem-area Head Start

Students in the Salem-area Head Start class eagerly go through their Easter goodie bags. Easter activities like egg hunting and games were enjoyed by all area class-rooms. This great adventure is just one of the many things our Head Start does for its students and their families.



Happy Birthday to Maddix Mason-Duckett. You are 2 years old! We all love you very much.

Love, Mommy, Daddy, Riley and Baby Logan



Happy 21st Birthday to you, Isaac! You make us so proud every day. Keep following your heart.

Love, Miles, Mom, Alea and Maya



Jane John celebrates her 90th birthday with family and friends at the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem, Ore.

Youth Antierless Elk Hunt

Applications Due July 7, 2023 3 Tags

Hunt runs from Aug. 15 to Dec. 31

Applications available at the kiosk at the back door of the Tribal admin office in Siletz, on the Tribal website under Natural Resources and in the Natural Resources office beginning June 1

Open to Tribal youth age 12-17 who have a valid Hunter Safety Card

Call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 if you have questions



Courtesy photo from Salem-area Head Start

Thank you, Chemawa!

From Cindy Jackson: On April 27, Siletz Tribal member Tiffany Stuart took some Chemawa students over to the Salem Head Start (next door to Chemawa). The students did pow-wow dancing and singing for the class.

Several Tribes were represented by the following students: Damien Pahona, Dylias Jose, Ramona Thinka, Carol Antone, Lloyd Wallowingbull, Sage Garfield, Alissa James, Kaylee Carlos, Harmonie Attene and Illeanna Jose.