



Siletz youth attend successful UNITY national conference in Washington, D.C.

MESA, Ariz. – UNITY hosted a sold-out annual National Conference on June 29-July 3 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C., with more than 2,200 youth and adult attendees from throughout the U.S.

The conference drew youth representatives from more than 250 Tribal communities in what has been dubbed the Super Bowl of Native youth leadership events. UNITY’s opening ceremony featured many representatives of the organization’s 300 affiliated youth councils and this year

included a delegation of Indigenous youth from Taiwan.

Featured presentations included United States Treasurer Lynn Malerba; Grammy award-winning fashion designer Norma Baker-Flying Horse; writers Kinsale Drake and Lily Painter of the NDN Girls Book Club, documentarian Matika Wilbur; DJ and youth advocate Marcus “Emcee One” Guinn; Shawn “DJ Tribal Touch” Martinez, senior director of live presentation for the Phoenix Suns and

Phoenix Mercury; Zoya Awan, director of public affairs at Walmart; Gov. Stephen R. Lewis of the Gila River Indian Community; Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Health and Human Services Andrea Palm; chairwoman of Tribal Tech LLC Victoria Vasques; Indian Energy Director Wahleah Johns; and White House Senior Policy Advisor for Native Affairs, Domestic Policy Council, Elizabeth Hidalgo.

“This year’s National Conference exceeded our greatest expectations regard-

ing attendance, engagement and participation. Many of our attendees persevered through some challenging travel situations to make it to Washington, D.C.,” said Mary Kim Titla, UNITY executive director. “I’m always inspired by their commitment and leadership and by our speakers’ and presenters’ passion and knowledge.”

UNITY, in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Pre-

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J3 Group receives Global Health Innovation Challenge Excellence Award

C’hee-la xwii-t’I, (Hello everyone). I’m John Matthew Johnson, Tribal elder. I with my sons, Shawn Johnson and Joshua Johnson (deceased), are descendants of Chetco and Ella Ben (Jim), John and Colusa Williams, Joshley and Margaret Brown, and Matthew and Agatha Williams.

I’m proud to announce that we were recipients of one of 16 Global Health Innovation Challenge (GHIC) Excellence Awards for our patented foam earplug insertion tool Sert-A-Plug™ and our company J3 Group LLC (J3). GHIC was organized by the Center for Advancing Innovation and sponsored by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Build-to-Scale (B2S) Program in partnership with Resonance Philanthropies and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. Winners were announced July 28.

GHIC was an international competition with more than 750 entries. The 16 Excellence Award winners, some from as far away as Singapore; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; Chicago and Bangkok City, competed in this grueling 10-month competition and were judged on 10 categories with each category scored on a 0-10 point scale. J3 was the only Northwest business and the only American Indian-owned company to win a coveted GHIC award.

With business partners Gary Anderson, his son Mark Anderson, and Tony O’Dierno, we form a dedicated team of professionals with decades of industrial and marine-sector projects to our credit. These include completing projects on the U.S.S. John F Kennedy, U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, U.S.S. Hornet naval museum and the Exxon Valdez, before and after it ran aground.

Industrial management and safety are some of J3’s hallmarks, with Anderson having retired as a highly respected port

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Photo by Andy Taylor

Quindon Calica (center) and friends compete in the team dance during the 2023 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. See more photos and dance competition results on pages 12-16.

Echohawk receives Thurgood Marshall Award in honor of lifelong defense of American Indian rights

BOULDER, Colo. – On Aug. 5, 2023, the American Bar Association (ABA) presented the Thurgood Marshall Award, a recognition to honor lifelong champions of civil and human rights, to John E. Echohawk, co-founder and executive director of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF).

Peers nominate individuals for the award, which the association established to honor the impact and legacy of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Marshall volunteered for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons so tirelessly after graduating from Howard University School of Law in 1933 that civil rights advocacy soon became his career. He founded the Legal Defense Fund (LDF) in 1940 and began litigating against segregation laws and policies targeting black people.

The cases that Marshall and LDF won created equal access to public education and desegregated law schools by removing

laws and policies that allowed discrimination to persist in American society. He argued 32 civil rights cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and fittingly, ultimately served as the first Black justice on the Supreme Court from 1967-2001.

“As an attorney, Thurgood Marshall removed barriers so his community could seek justice and as a U.S. Supreme Court justice, he vigilantly defended equal appli-

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Siletz Tribal offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday and Monday, Sept. 11, in observance of the Tribal All-Treaty Day holiday.

Pow-Wow

This year's pow-wow was one of the biggest and best ever. The heat didn't seem to stop anyone from enjoying the dancers, the food, and visiting with family and friends. Our parade also seems to get bigger and better.

Thank you to all the staff, the Pow-Wow Committee, Royalty advisors, and volunteers for all the preparation that makes it successful.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW)

We are happy and very proud to have an approved agreement with ODFW. As reported at the General Council meeting, however, we still have work to do.

Our legislation has had a hearing in the U.S. House of Representatives and has

been heard in the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. We plan a Washington, D.C., trip in the next few weeks to try to further our efforts to get the legislation passed by the full House and Senate.

We had no opposition until the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians stated in a letter that they were opposed. They supported our agreement with ODFW and they had an opportunity to speak at the hearing, but chose not to. We will work to resolve their issues with us.

Wildfires

Everyone is concerned about the wildfires across Oregon, especially those close to home and that affect our Tribal members.

Most of you know about the Oak Flat fire that is close to Agness, Ore. The fire is

still burning and was reported to be 58% contained during the third week of August.

It is burning where we hold our annual Run to the Rogue gathering. We hope that the fire will be stopped or out by the time we have our gathering. We still plan to have the run, but we'll have to assess what the land looks like in October.

Restoration

The Restoration Committee has been busy organizing the Restoration celebration that occurs in November. It will be a busy time, so be sure to reserve your room.

Heat

The heat has been terrific this summer. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids, stay in and be safe.



Delores Pigsley

Update from the VA Office of Rural Engagement

Sept. 30, 2023: Are you a veteran who deployed to a combat zone and never enrolled in VA health care? If you were discharged or released between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013, you may be eligible to enroll now during a special enrollment period. But act fast – the deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2023. Visit www.VA.gov or call 800-MyVA411 to learn more about your benefits.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 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.

Siletz Tribal Veterans

For information and assistance from Tony Molina, Tribal Veteran Representative, call 541-270-0569 or email tonym@ctsi.nsn.us

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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Email: PIAS@CTSI.NSN.US

Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 8.

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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



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SIGN UP TODAY FOR FALL ON-LINE LANGUAGE CLASSES

LEARN
NUU-WEE-YA'
(OUR LANGUAGE)

TUESDAYS, SEPT. 26-DEC. 5

6:00 PM-BEGINNING CONVERSATION 1

6:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2

THURSDAYS, SEPT. 28-DEC. 7

12:30-LANGUAGE AND LUNCH

5:00 PM-ONGOING CONVERSATION

TO SIGN UP CONTACT NICK VILES AT NICKV@CTSI.NSN.US OR 541-484-4234 X1757

Siletz Tribal Youth Fall STREAM Kits

Register for a STREAM kit and
enhance your learning experience!

October

Deadline to submit your
application is October 16th
at 4:30 PM.

November

Deadline to submit your
application is November
13th at 4:30 PM.

December

Deadline to submit your
application is December
11th at 4:30 PM.

If you apply the previous month, you will not need to
apply for the following month(s).

Contact your Education Specialist for an application.

Katy Holland Portland Area KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us 503-238-1512	Sonya Moody-Jurado Salem Area SonyaMJ@ctsi.nsn.us 503-390-9494	Candace Hill Eugene Area CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us 541-484-4234	Jeff Sweet Siletz Area JeffS@ctsi.nsn.us 541-444-8207	Raina Mason Out-of-Area RainaM@ctsi.nsn.us 541-444-8347
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Kits available on a first-come, first-served basis.
All enrolled Siletz Tribal youth between the ages of 3-18 are eligible.



Join us for 2023's last Cut Wood for the Elders Day, help them with winter heat

The Tribal Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources Department will sponsor the last Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year on **Friday, Sept. 8**. The woodcut will be held on the **Tribe's Logsdon Road property to the right of the Tribal food distribution warehouse** in Siletz.

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy. Even if you don't have any of those, we can use the moral support! Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. We will start at **8 a.m.** and go until around 2 p.m.

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

People willing to haul firewood to elders outside of the Siletz area should contact Chelsie Mason in the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261 to be paired up with an elder in need. We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and Portland areas. Elders in need of firewood should also contact Mason to get their name on the delivery list.

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

USDA distribution dates for September

	Siletz		Salem
Tuesday	Sept. 5 12:30–3:30 p.m.	Tuesday	Sept. 19 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 6 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Wednesday	Sept. 20 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 7 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Thursday	Sept. 21 By appt only
Friday	Sept. 8 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		
Tuesday	Sept. 12 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		

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



Sammy Hall, USDA Program Director
541-444-8279 or 541-390-0763
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FAMILY LANGUAGE IMMERSION PILOT PROJECT

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- weekly check-ins with language staff
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- PLUS earn a stipend for completing project goals

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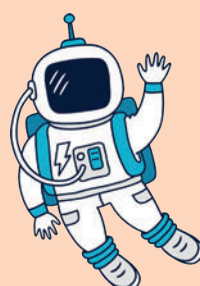
- project runs October 1–December 10
- space is limited for this initial pilot project
- if interests exceeds capacity participants will be selected via random drawing

for more information and to apply contact
Nick Viles at 541-270-5814 or nickv@ctsi.nsn.us

CTSI VIRTUAL CULTURE NIGHTS

Upcoming Dates:

September 20 at 6 pm: Spruce Root
October 4 at 7 pm: Run to the Rogue
(Stories and Prep)



IN-PERSON GATHERING

September 30: Spruce Root

Exact locations and times TBA depending on weather and conditions. If you want to start weaving now is a great time to get root! 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

Park Nelson IV and Chetco Insurance

I grew up in Siletz and now live in Eugene, Ore. I started my company in 2020 during COVID and named it Chetco Insurance after my Tribe, the Chetco Tribe.

We are licensed in Oregon, Washington and Idaho and can help Tribal members in these states. We are a brokerage and work with multiple companies.

We can help with the following:

- Homeowner's insurance – for some clients, we can cut their homeowner's insurance in half.
- Business insurance
- Contractors with the requirements to get their contractor's license
- Insurance for people with suspended licenses and DUIs. We can help with SR 22. We have helped 57 people get their driver's license back.

Contact Park at 541-357-0902 or parknelson@gmail.com, or at 116 Highway 99, Suite 110 in Eugene. Or visit www.chetcoinsurance.com.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Park Nelson IV and his booth at this year's Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

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

Can the foods we eat impact trauma? Does food help you feel better – for now?

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

Trauma is a hot topic these days, yet very little information seems to follow about the role that food plays. We know that current and ancestral trauma runs deep in Tribal communities. This month, I want to explore trauma through another lens, including how we can learn which foods may contribute to it and which tend to reduce it. I offer information for families in my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start.

First of all, trauma is not an event, although it might occur around an event or events. Trauma is anything that, for any reason at that time, overwhelmed you. Trauma is your body's experience, what happened inside you, during an event or a period of time.

That experience changes your biology and nervous system on a cellular level. The circumstances could be described as "too much too fast" or "too little for too long." These descriptions also make room for the trauma of neglect by including what did not happen.

Dr. Aimie Apigian, MD, MS, MPH (also known as Dr. Aimie), offers education and training about the biology of trauma. On her website at Trauma Healing Accelerated, she offers a free document, *Steps to Identify & Heal Trauma – A Roadmap for Healing* at <https://www.traumahealingaccelerated.com/>.

Our nervous systems are designed to keep us alive and help us survive. Most of our nervous system functions automatically and is referred to as the autonomic nervous system.

These autonomic responses are sympathetic or parasympathetic. In the past, I've emphasized the need for "rest and digest" rather than "fight or flight" when eating, so our body can benefit and receive nourishment from our foods. Rest and digest is parasympathetic, which is also known as the social engagement state where we experience security, connection, calm, aliveness, curiosity and health.

Fight or flight is a sympathetic, stress response. When we experience threat, we

enter the high energy state of action, which may include anxiety, hypervigilance, anger, aggression, restlessness or insomnia.

People often lump stress and trauma together. When we feel threat, the first built-in protection response is fight or flight. This is a state that uses lots of energy.

More recently, the term "freeze" has been added to the discussion and is frequently used in the same way we talk about fight or flight. But technically, freeze is different. Freeze is a trauma response and needs different support.

This is the state of overwhelm, a form of collapse or shut down, that includes exhaustion, heaviness, depression and chronic pain. Over time, when people are not able to fully come back out of the freeze response, they may feel disconnected, be in a daze or just go through the motions of life with trauma stored in the body.

Our understanding of this freeze state, also called the dorsal vagal freeze, is less well understood, despite how many people live in various forms of this state. This pattern of unresolved trauma, or stored trauma, is often at the root of autoimmunity and other chronic illnesses.

Trauma states don't always look the same. Some people go back and forth between stress and overwhelm until eventually their system can't even keep up with the stress and they stay in overwhelm. Our trauma patterns can include ways of numbing and managing emotions or handling difficult conversations.

Trauma can look like being burned out, feeling stressed or anxious, as well as not being able to move through grief. It also sets us up to experience more of life as trauma. It could include changes in patterns around food and eating.

Trauma dysregulates our nervous system. Co-regulation is one of the vital factors when healing our nervous systems. Ideally, children with developing nervous systems experience co-regulation when their caregivers are present to soothe them.

One of the forms of early-life developmental trauma occurs from lack of co-regulation or attunement because children cannot yet self-soothe. The patterns of freezing and fawning may occur.

Fawning is a trauma response of appeasing, people-pleasing and submissive behaviors. When children face developmental trauma, they lack agency to change the situation. Children may seek comfort from something they can trust for a sense of safety. Sometimes this is food.

There is a link with food and trauma. Dr. Aimie interviewed Luis Mojica during her Biology of Trauma 3.0 Summit. Luis shared his experiences in a way that might be useful as we navigate our individual paths looking for the foods that support us best.

Food is a relationship and when it comes to our trauma responses, our adrenals are at the seat of this relationship. Our adrenal glands produce hormones, including adrenaline, that help regulate our metabolism, immune system, blood pressure and our response to stress.

Foods can be activating or depressing. Foods can help people bypass their emotions or allow our body to maintain a state that isn't ready to be shifted. Foods can keep a person from a boiling point to help them cope.

Many of us have specific comfort foods we crave, or even binge on, while in specific emotional states. Personal inquiry is an important navigational tool.

Often times, our cravings are used to escape feelings that we don't know how to be with. We enter into a dance with food. We experience hormonal responses to any sense of threat, whether it be real or perceived.

In a craving cycle, or binge, we may feel temporary relief, peace or comfort from an adrenalized state until the food is metabolized. We then are right back into it, however, because our stress hormones were not metabolized.

The changes to our biology from specific foods become predictable and create something we can trust and count on. With these cycles and swings, however, our liver gets exhausted and our body can burn out.

Every metabolic shift lights up the adrenal glands and brings new memories, felt senses of pain and physical changes. Our food choices are used to cope short-term. This is not the path to healing trauma long-term.

When we "give up our comfort foods," the body sensations can become too much to handle and the bypass foods may be used again to "cope." As we eliminate the foods we use to numb us, our anxiety may increase. This can also be seen as withdrawal or a detox reaction.

We benefit when we can stabilize our blood sugar. High quality fats can have a stabilizing effect on our blood sugar with their slow release and lower demand on the adrenals, pancreas and thyroid.

Fried foods can bring a feeling of relaxation, but are actually depressants. We need to get into a collaborative state with our relationship to food as a being that is alive with survival mechanisms. Our bodies and food are relational. We have intimate relationships with food. Food builds us and informs our body processes.

In restoring our healthy relationship with food, let's start with inquiry to learn from the felt experience. Is this food connecting or disconnecting? When you sense a craving, what does your body feel?

When you know how you respond to your foods, it may reveal your intentions behind them. When you can't handle what is happening in your life, do you experience food coma, disconnection, subsequent exhaustion, fatigue, numbness or brain fog after eating certain foods?

Are there foods that support you to feel present here and now? When you are ready, the foods that help you to be with your body consciously can support you to heal from trauma.

Trauma work is not easy and nutrition is not a simple fix. Foods are powerful and can be used to bypass or dampen our feelings when there is no help.

On the other side, elimination of those comfort foods can bring up emotions too quickly and overwhelm our nervous system. Knowing the role our foods play can help support the trauma work.

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.

Salem Casino Project Blog

From the Siletz PR Team; originally posted at <https://www.siletz.org/community-support-for-siletz-casino-project-continues-to-grow/>

A recent poll by DHM Research reveals strong support (66%) among Salem and Keizer-area residents for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indian's proposed entertainment property, the Salem Casino Project.

The 180,800-square-foot facility is estimated to generate \$231 million in gross revenue and create 1,200 full-time permanent living-wage jobs and 2,300 jobs during the two-year construction phase.

Respondents are optimistic about the project's economic impact on the local economy and its revenue sharing agreement, wherein 25% of net revenue will go to state and local governments, and 50% will support community-based projects and programs for other Oregon Tribes.

The entertainment and tourism prospects, as well as the opportunity to support services for Tribal members and the Salem community, are additional reasons for the project's widespread support. Despite Gov. Tina Kotek's opposition to Tribal gaming expansion, community support for the casino has steadily increased over the years, reaching 66% in 2023 while opposition has decreased to only 30% of residents.

What is a Missing Moccasin? It's a Tribal member who has an invalid or missing address on file with the Siletz Enrollment Department. Enrollment or other Tribal department (Accounting, Elders, Elections, etc.) has received returned mail for the Tribal member as 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 Enrollment's 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 Aug. 9, 2023, at noon, there are 35 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 have not received 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 under Government then select Enrollment, or at any of the four area offices. If you have any questions, contact Enrollment staff at 541-444-8258.

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

Oregon Public Benefits Hotline
800-520-5292
Oregonlawhelp.org.

~ CTSI Enrollment Department ~

Posting #322 will be available to review on the membership section of the website for all Tribal members to have access to review. The posting period is from 08/23/2023 to 09/12/2023. Protests must be in writing signed by the protestor and received by 09/07/2023.

The Enrollment Department webpage has forms and instruction videos with audio.

CTSI Jobs – Employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.

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

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

Election Board Application

Qualified Tribal members interested in serving on the Election Board are encouraged to fill out this application. The Election Board consists of three regular and two alternate members (this year's appointments will be staggered terms for one, two and three years and thereafter each year's appointments will be a three-year appointment).

Compensation: Election Board members are compensated at an hourly rate set by the Tribal Council in its annual budget for their time spent performing the duties as a member of the board.

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

Deadline: Applications for consideration will be accepted through Sept. 6, 2023.

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Email: _____



CERT IS CITIZEN PREPAREDNESS

CERT is the *Community Emergency Response Team* training program developed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The **CERT** curriculum teaches community residents how to prepare themselves and their families for disasters, including earthquakes, wildfires, floods, landslides, and more.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has partnered with the Siletz Valley Fire District and the Toledo Fire Department to sponsor a new **CERT** program serving Eastern Lincoln County. New 7-week academy beginning soon!

Class: Basic **CERT** Academy

Cost: Free

Dates: September 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 17, 24

Time: 6-9 pm

Location: Toledo FD, Siletz Valley FD

**SIGN UP
TODAY!**



<https://tinyurl.com/ELC-CERT-Academy>

www.facebook.com/EastLincolnCERT/

www.ctsi.nsn.us/east-lincoln-county-cert





Siletz Community

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EVERY CHILD MATTERS 5K WALK

SEPTEMBER 13TH AT 5 PM
STARTING AT THE REC CENTER



WE ARE HOSTING A 5K WALK IN HONOR
OF EVERY CHILD MATTERS AND DINNER
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

WALK STARTS AT REC CENTER IN SILETZ AT
5:00 PM AND DINNER TO FOLLOW AT 6:30 PM.

WEAR ORANGE IN HONOR OF EVERY CHILD MATTERS REMEMBRANCE DAY SEPTEMBER 30TH

Send pictures of you wearing orange
on 9/30 to RachelleE@ctsi.nsn.us or
comment on our FB post to win prizes.

Scan the QR code with your
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the calendar of all
CEDARR events.



Transportation Services



Community Health has transporters who are available to transport clients for medical, dental and limited prescription needs.



Transportation services require at least 2 business days notice, but please schedule as soon as you are aware of the need.

Service is on a first come, first served basis.



Transportation services are offered as a last resort for those who have no other way to reach appointments.



To make an appointment please call the Transportation Line: **541-444-9633**



Leave a message with your name and phone number and we will return your call on the next business day.

Health Department





Calling All Siletz Tribal Artists

SILETZ NO SMOKING SIGN DESIGN COMPETITION

Help us design new no smoking signs to be installed this summer! We want creative, striking, impactful signs that represent Siletz. If you're interested, submit your design at:

www.ctsi.nsn.us/no-smoking-sign-design-competition

DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2023

COMPETITION RULES

- Describes this area as no smoking/no vaping
- No swear words
- Cannot show any person vaping, real or fake
- Cannot use a real picture of commercial tobacco product (including e-cigarettes) but it can be drawn
- No violent, sexual, hateful, or other explicit content.

Contact Alex Lane at AlexH@ctsi.nsn.us for more information.



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**SEPTEMBER 6, 2023 AT 5:30 PM
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**You are invited to our wellbriety dinner,
where we will be celebrating those in
recovery and welcoming those who are
new or coming back to our community.**

**We will also be recognizing a community
champion at the event.**

GET TESTED TODAY WITH HARM REDUCTION FOR HIV, HEP C AND SYPHILIS

Hepatitis C is a liver infection caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C is spread through contact with blood from an infected person. Today, most people become infected with the hepatitis C virus by sharing needles or other equipment used to prepare and inject drugs. For some people, hepatitis C is a short-term illness, but for more than half of people who become infected with the hepatitis C virus, it becomes a long-term, chronic infection. Chronic hepatitis C can result in serious, even life-threatening, health problems like cirrhosis and liver cancer. People with chronic hepatitis C can often have no symptoms and don't feel sick. When symptoms appear, they often are a sign of advanced liver disease. There is no vaccine for hepatitis C. The best way to prevent hepatitis C is by avoiding behaviors that can spread the disease, especially injecting drugs. Getting tested for hepatitis C is important, because treatments can cure most people with hepatitis C in 8 to 12 weeks.

HIV stands for human immunodeficiency virus. It weakens a person's immune system by destroying important cells that fight disease and infection. There is currently no effective cure for HIV. But with proper medical care, HIV can be controlled. Some groups of people in the United States are more likely to get HIV than others because of many factors, including their sex partners and risk behaviors. Contact Harm Reduction staff to get basic information about HIV, such as how it's transmitted, how you can prevent it and how to get tested for HIV—Shawnee at 541-270-6732 or Sheila at 541-272-9083,

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that can cause serious health problems if left untreated. Infection develops in stages (primary, secondary, latent and tertiary). Each stage can have different signs and symptoms. You can get syphilis by direct contact with a syphilis sore during vaginal, anal or oral sex. Syphilis can spread from [a mother with syphilis to her unborn baby](#). You cannot get syphilis through casual contact with objects, such as:

- Toilet seats
- Doorknobs
- Swimming pools
- Hot tubs
- Bathtubs
- Sharing clothing or eating utensils

Hello, my name is Tenaya Cordova. I am 15 years old and an enrolled Tribal member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. This article is about my experience as a TYEE participant working for the Tribe this summer break.

Early this summer, I worked at Cultural Camp with Jeff Sweet. The one thing I learned from Culture Camp was not only participating in the camp, but a different perspective of working and helping with all the activities and instructors plus preparing lunch and dinner. My favorite thing from working at Culture Camp was being able to help and serve my family, friends and community.

After Culture Camp, I moved into my work placement at the Siletz Community Garden with my supervisor, Kathy Kentta. I have really enjoyed working with her and learning the wisdom she carries and getting to learn new things.

My five favorite experiences while working in this job placement are:

- Harvesting food and vegetables at the farm out in Logsdon for the Tribe’s food sovereignty boxes.
- Exploring the MidCoast Watershed native plant nursery out by Beaver Creek, planting some plants and learning about the plant nursery site, and meeting new people
- Working at the Siletz Rec Center with Kathy and Sierra Steere to make smoothies and quesadillas on Wednesdays for the community plus family and friends so they could come down and grab a smoothie and a bite
- Going to the farm on Thursdays to harvest our Tribe's sacred cultural tobacco plants, also harvesting the tobacco seed pods and tobacco leaves to dry them, and then using the seed to create and produce more sacred tobacco plants
- Adventuring out to Finn Rock on the McKenzie River to go whitewater rafting with the Behavioral Health Program

So I would like to invite all Tribal member youth to sign up for the TYEE program and learn what it’s like to work and make money. I encourage you to take part in the TYEE program next summer to learn what it is to be a TYEE worker for the Siletz Tribe.

Tenaya and Sierra transplanting native plants at MidCoast plant nursery



All photos courtesy of Sierra Steere



Alex Lane, Kimberly Lane, Tenaya Cordova, and Alexcia Gongloff harvesting Tobacco seeds at the CTSI Farm

Harvesting Juncus at Farm September 30th Sign up today!

Healthy Traditions

For more information, email Kathy at kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us or call 541-444-9627

This event is open to Siletz Tribal members and their families

Time for Mountain Huckleberries in the Cascade Mountains

Depending on fire and weather reports

Healthy Traditions

For more information, email Kathy at kathyk@ctsi.nsn.us or call 541-444-9627

This event is open to Siletz Tribal members and their families

Siletz Tribal Student Incentives Program

If you have completed any of these milestones, please send a copy of your certificate or diploma to your area education specialist. The Siletz Tribal Student Incentive Program rewards student achievements as follows:

Head Start/Preschool	\$10
Kindergarten	\$10
Elementary School	\$20
Middle School	\$50
High School or GED	\$100
Adult Vocational Training	
One-year program	\$100
Two-year program	\$200
Higher Education	
Bachelor's Degree –	
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Master's Degree	\$300
Doctorate Degree –	
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Tribal Education Specialists

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Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson
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PACT ACT Claims Event

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Veterans Benefits Administration personnel and VA examiners will be on site to process benefit claims, conduct exams (in some scenarios for the claim) and help answer questions you may have regarding VA compensation and pension benefits. No appointments required.
Questions: Ramona Quenelle, Tribal Veterans Service Officer at 503-879-1484 or
Terry Bentley, VA Office of Tribal Government Relations at 541-537-0213 cell



Angela Francis Keller – 1972-2023

Angela Francis Keller, 51, formerly of Big Lake, Alaska, but who has resided for the last six years in Springfield, Mo., passed away unexpectedly July 25, 2023.

Angela was born on July 25, 1972, in Hillsboro, Ore., to Ron and Pam Keller, and was raised in Southeast Alaska. She graduated from Mount Edgecombe High School in Sitka, Alaska, in 1990. After high school, Angela entered college, earning her AA degree through the University of Alaska system, married and entered the workforce while juggling a family.

Angela is survived by her parents, Ron and Pam Keller of Big Lake; brothers Ron Keller II (Tina) of Missouri and Jeff Keller (Kim) of Valdez, Alaska; and three children, Rendi Weber of Seattle, Wash., and Michael Tate and Chace Tate, both of Missouri.



Angela had five grandchildren – Daisy, Isabella, Zadik and Isaac, of Alaska, and Emmarie of Missouri; and two nieces, Grace and Ginger Keller of Valdez.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Dan and Dolly



Fisher; her paternal grandparents, Bill and Dorothy Keller; and her husband, Richard Schmidtberger.

Besides spending time with her family and friends, Angela had a passion for being outdoors, fishing, camping, berry picking, crafting and caring for others. She was known for having the ability to sense when people needed her help. Angela will be remembered for always giving more

than she took and touching many lives with her generosity and kind heart.

Family and friends gathered in Springfield to celebrate Angela's life. Her wish was to be cremated and have her ashes spread in her favorite fishing streams in Alaska and the ocean water of Oregon and Maui.

Condolences can be mailed to Ron and Pam Keller, 2521 E. Mountain Village Drive, Ste. B, Box 544, Wasilla, AK 99654.

Penny Christine Williams – 1980-2023

Penny was born Feb. 17, 1980, in Salem, Ore., to Michael R. and Rebecca J Williams. She crossed over while with Partners in Care (hospice) in Bend, Ore., on June 12, 2023.

Penny was 43 years old and a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Penny leaves behind her daughter, Hannah Albright (Georgia); her father, Michael Williams (Fallon, Nev.); and her mother, Rebecca Downey (Siletz, Ore.). She also leaves behind her only sibling, Melissa Rablin, along with her brother-in-law Casey Rablin; her niece Jaiden and nephew Konnor, all of Molalla, Ore; her grandfather, Robert A. Williams; and grandmother, Patricia Williams (Spokane, Wash.).

Penny was preceded in death by her grandparents, Roy A. Downey Jr., Mary J. King and Barbara Inman; and one uncle, Patrick E. Downey.

Penny has numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family and friends who have made an impact on her life as well as Penny making an impact on theirs.

Penny attended college for design and loved decorating, painting, restoring furniture and creating colorful bouquets that she would share with her Facebook friends.

In her career life, Penny was in marketing and sales as well as working at promoting events. She had a beautiful smile and a kind heart that worked well for her in making and keeping contacts and clients in a hard industry. Penny was well-respected.

She was involved in music as much as she could be. She knew every song, every lyric, how the song came about, how many people had sung it and every other detail that one could think of. She was unmatched at music trivia.

She had an extensive collection of rare albums and traveled as far as England to see a rare performance of her favorite bands. We always bragged that she met Robert Plant of Led Zeppelin twice!

Penny was on the board of the Oregon Music Hall of Fame and helped raise money for scholarships and money for music in schools.

Penny loved to travel and live life to its fullest. She loved her family her daughter, Hannah, and a small little dog named Watts, named for the drummer who passed from The Rolling Stones.

Penny leaves behind many broken hearts and none more so than that of her family. She will never be forgotten and for us will be just a breath and tear away.

Penny was laid to rest with the family members who have gone before her at the VFW Cemetery in Logsden, Ore.

The words on Penny's tombstone read: If the sun refused to shine, I would still be loving you; mountains crumble to the sea; it would still be you and me. Led Zeppelin

I miss you every moment of every day and will until I see you again my precious daughter. Love, Mom

The family of Penny Christine Williams would like to thank Jen Metcalf and her crew, including Elders staff Selene Rilatos and Chelsie Mason, Kathy Kentta, Bonnie Crawford, Joyce Retherford and Marci Rilatos (if I missed your name, I apologize) for all of the help in the kitchen and serving up the good food to family and friends. We thank those who donated food and especially Jessie Newman and Glen Damewood of Wooden Nickel Catering for the donations of the two pasta salads.

A huge thank you to Tribal Culture and IT staff members Buddy Lane and Doug Stinson for magically showing up to help get the video going, I was truly lost



without you. Thanks to you, it all worked out. Thank you Kelly Johnson for putting all those memories in photos. It was so touching and we all loved it.

Thank you to all who sent beautiful flowers to honor our girl. To Reggie Butler Jr. and Ron Butler, the drumming touched all of our hearts and reached the heavens to Penny. I am sure of it.

Thank you Buster Lane for officiating at the memorial and graveside services. You honored Penny and helped us to keep everything moving.

To my beautiful niece Candace; You captured Penny so well and helped us all to walk down memory lane to where you were best friends and remained that way throughout the years, being more than only cousins but confidants and soul sisters along with your sister Trisha Ruby, who held Penny's hand many times as Penny held hers.

To the board at Logsden Cemetery: You are so easy to work with, and John and Aline Miller are so understanding and thoughtful with wanting to help but not intrude. You are the best!

Cousins Trisha and Josh Ruby: Thank you for coming to hospice and helping to ease our pain while the family was saying goodbye to Penny. She knew you were there and your support meant so much.

Aunt Darlene Downey: I love you so much and the way you loved Penny as one of your daughters has always warmed my heart. Thank you for coming.

Bev Rablin, what can I say? You stayed until the very end, as hard as it was. You made sure Penny was able to say goodbye to her daughter whom she had not seen or talked to in years. You helped erase one of her many heartaches before she left this earth. I will be eternally grateful.

Mike Forest: You did not leave my side and held me when I cried and asked God not to take my baby. What a terribly hard thing to do. You were my rock and I appreciate all of the help you gave me then and at the services.

To Casey and the grandkids who are no longer kids but young adults: Thank you for getting to Bend with a few hours' notice. Penny appreciated that you were there and I know she could feel all of the love coming from your hearts.

To my precious Melissa Rablin: You hold the other half of my heart. How hard it must have been to say goodbye to your only sibling. I pray for you every day because we both know this is a hurt that does not just go away. I love you.

Lastly to my sweet baby who left me way too soon: There were so many more things to say, more movies to watch together, more jokes to tell and more adventures to take. I wish I could have done something to help mend your heart and help you in your journey of grief and disappointment and get you out of that lonely place. I know you had good, adventurous and exciting times and I am so grateful you also lived that life. Rest well, babe. I will see you on the other side. Mom

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians – 800-922-1399

Website – www.ctsi.nsn.us

Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494

Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512

Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234

Purchased Referred Care (PRC) – 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

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

My Journey

By Kaiya Gantzer

I want to start with a loud shout-out of congratulations to all the graduates who have put in the time, discipline and sacrifice to be honored with their graduate, undergraduate and associate degrees, diplomas, certificates and licensures from all walks of life, ages and backgrounds! And to give a thank you to all those in our lives, such as family, friends, husbands, wives, academic faculty, coaches, teachers, camp counselors, spiritual faith leaders and Tribal support faculty who have encouraged us, prayed for us, sacrificed and removed obstacles, and gave us opportunities while modeling the character values that placed us on our venturesome paths in our education and career journeys.

We all have our beginning educational stories that have set us on our paths and brought us to this moment. My academic path began at birth with a heart condition.

I was born with patent ductus arteriosus (PDA). This congenital heart defect spurred me on with my educational desire, coupled with going online in third grade and observing a heart transplant. And in fourth grade, touring the OSU Engineering and Science departments, where I separated DNA from a strawberry in the college lab, beginning my path to serve the community as a cardiothoracic surgeon.

My academic journey has just begun at 17; this odyssey has many chapters to write and adventures to experience and travel. But I know I'm a proud registered female Native American of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians with many academic goals to achieve.

I started my educational journey cuddled up on my parents' laps as they read to me nightly, bringing to life the characters from the pages of the stories and teaching me to read. At age 5, I attended Siletz Tribal Head Start in Portland, Ore., at the Whitman school with teacher Asha. We all sang, danced, learned words in our native tongue and went on field trips in a loving environment that encouraged learning.

Then on to a private preschool in Aloha with teacher Gwen, who brought learning to a new level equivalent to joyful excitement. I then attended Life Christian School for kindergarten through second grade.

Homeschooling was next with third through eighth grade in Connections Academy. Here I was introduced to my third- and fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Whittington, whom I bonded with immensely as she introduced new reading materials and instructed me in the gifted and talented student courses.

Afterward, my path took me to public education for my freshman year at Aloha High School for seven months, then COVID-19 had us all at home for the next year! In my sophomore year at home, however, I was accepted into the Early College High School program.

I went full-time the following two years of high school at Portland Community College, earning my transferable Associate of Science degree. And now, I'm going on to Oregon State University (OSU) in Corvallis, Ore., to graduate with

a Bachelor of Science degree in the honors bio-health sciences major in the pre-med program as a freshman with junior status.

My path on this journey is my own; however, several signposts and footprints along the way have brought me to this juncture. One is my parents and their continual encouragement and support of my curiosity. Their sacrifice and modeled instruction led to my intellectual prowess and deep faith in God.

Another marker on my educational path was my homeschooling. Being taught at home trained me to be disciplined, organized, set goals and execute those tasks to achieve success. Another footprint in my life that is a yearly tradition was Trout Creek Bible Camp, where I took time to enjoy socializing with others in a youth community.

Many more markers pointed the way and gave impetus to me. One of which came as I started high school is Katy Holland, education specialist at the Tribe's Portland office, who through her endless commitment to Native youth presented opportunities to gain experience through programs and events that gave me strength and insights into my Native heritage. Katy's gentle reminders that nudged me along my educational path and her continual follow-ups will always bring a smile and never be forgotten.

Another such person is Katy Murphy, director of the Tribal Health Scholars Program in cooperation with the Northwest Native American Center of Excellence at Oregon Health Sciences University, which gives students the excellent opportunity to experience the medical profession firsthand through speakers, class work, lab volunteering and shadowing doctors.

Many others, too many to name here, have crossed my path and have done so much for me that I'm overwhelmed with humility. They all have helped me directly or indirectly on my educational journey.

On June 9, I graduated from Aloha High School with a 3.963 GPA and a weighted cumulative GPA of 4.440, taking as many Advance Placement, dual credits and honor courses in mathematics and the sciences as acceptable.

A week later, I graduated from Portland Community College through the Early College High School Program with an Associate of Science transfer degree to Oregon State University with a 3.92 GPA with highest honors, the president's list and as a Phi Theta Kappa Society member, taking 6-18 credits per term in my junior and senior years of high school.

My ultimate educational and professional career goal is to earn an M.D. as a cardiothoracic surgeon specializing in surgical procedures with the organs of the thorax, such as the esophagus, lungs and heart. Also, to earn my Ph.D. to complement my M.D. as a research physician collaborating with other physicians in a cardiology research capacity to combat congenital heart disease and research repairing versus replacing the heart.

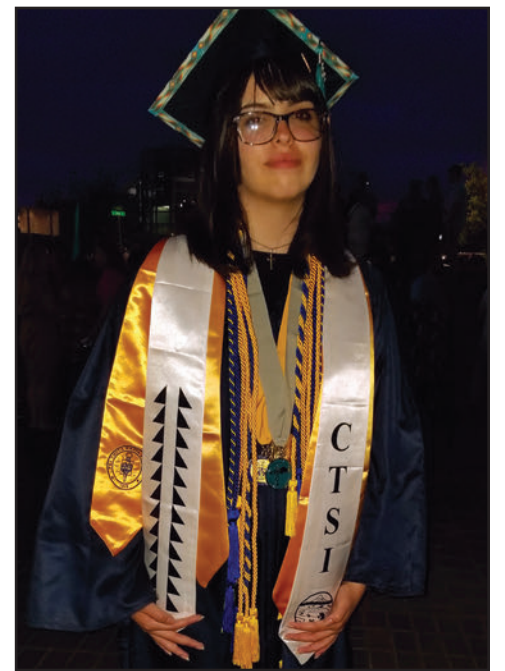
This journey began with me setting my academic goals of getting my



Courtesy photos

Above: Kaiya graduating from Tribal Head Start

Right: Kaiya graduating from PCC



undergrad from OSU through its pre-med program and then passing my MCAT, applying to Oregon Health Sciences University, earning a medical degree, completing residency and obtaining licensure.

Again, congratulations to all honored here on past, present and future Siletz News pages. And a standing ovation to all those

who have made this juncture in our lives possible. None of this would have been possible without my faith, family, friends, Tribe, teachers and the many programs that directed, encouraged and modeled the way.

I'm so thankful for this first chapter of my life and look forward to many to come on my educational odyssey.

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.

477 Self-Sufficiency Program Success Story

Briefly tell us about yourself:

My name is Joshua Devenberg. I am 32 years old. Between my girlfriend and me, we have three children, all of whom have special needs. I recently became a Realtor with Century 21 North Homes Realty. On my days off, I enjoy being outside and fishing or going to local markets around town.

What 477-SSP component(s) did you use and what type of assistance did you receive from the program?

I used the Direct Placement component and it helped me buy new clothing and shoes for my new more-formal occupation.

What type of success were you able to achieve due to the program?

I am able to be confident in my appearance, that I am representing my company well when meeting with clients. I was able to use that money I would have spent (for clothes/shoes) on other important things I needed for my business.

What advice can you provide to others?

Definitely use the services available to you and take that money you would have spent and reinvest it into something that will help with your goals.

DIRECT PLACEMENT SERVICES INFORMATION

The Direct Placement component provides support services such as work clothing, tools, transportation assistance, etc., for eligible American Indians who have recently gained employment. Participants must apply within seven days of the start date and meet program eligibility requirements.

Please contact the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program by email at 477SSP@ctsi.nsn.us or by phone at one of our area offices for more information about these and other services available to all enrolled members of federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and registered Hawaiians.

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Left: Roberta Aspria and Celeste McCord

Above: Nizhoni Tallman-Olney

Above right: Faith Kibby

Below: Nacoma Liebelt and partner

Below left: Steven Reuben (foreground) and William DePoe (right)



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Above left: Wilma Buck (far left) and Audrey Olney (right)

Far left: Aaliyah Limon

Below left: Team dance participants

Below: Jayden Esquiro

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Above: Zahnive George

Above right: Rylan Cuye (left) and Carter Mason

Right: Redhorse Walsey

Left: Russell Harjo



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Above: 2023-24 Siletz Royalty: Little Miss Siletz Cambria Stokes, Junior Miss Siletz Halli Lane-Skaug and Miss Siletz Bella Christensen

Below: Kiya Nelson

Below right: Oaklynn Knott (left) and Imani Metcalf

Bottom photo (l to r): Carie Hill, Jen Metcalf, Marquese Jackson-Harris Jr., Imani Metcalf and Lexi Metcalf



Photo by Andy Taylor

Fancy dancer



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Above right: Fancy dancer

Below and bottom photo: Views of the crowd and participants from the Siletz News float during the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Parade



Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow • Dance Competition Results

Youth Girls

Fancy			
1st	Leloo	Quenelle	Grand Ronde/Madesi
2nd	Altea	Butler Hill	Siletz
3rd	Desirae	Hernandez	Grand Ronde
4th	Lexi	Jackson	Siletz
5th	Ulali	Quenelle	Grand Ronde/Madesi
Jingle			
1st	Olivia	Sixkiller	Cherokee/Ojibwa/Warm Springs
2nd	Alexis	Payer	Yakama
3rd	Kalea	Liebelt	Grand Ronde/Klamath
4th	Pearl		Musqueen
5th	Leloo	Quenelle	Grand Ronde/Madesi
Traditional			
1st	Marie	Quenelle	Grand Ronde/Madesi
2nd	Pearl		Musqueen
3rd	Azlen	Weiser	Klamath
4th	Shirleen	Norwest	Klamath
5th	Jonii	Walsey	Warm Springs

Youth Boys

Fancy			
1st	Sonny	Walsey	Yakama
2nd	Hoody	Walsey	Yakama
3rd	Jacob	Adams	Warm Springs
4th	Aiden	Rogers	Hupa/Wasco
5th	Thunder Boy	Joe	Warm Springs
Grass			
1st	Jayden	Walsey	Yakama
2nd	Attii	Blackhorn	Northern Cheyenne/Navajo
3rd	Rylan	Cuye	Yakama
4th	Carter	Mason	Siletz
5th	Trudance	Butler Hill	Siletz
Traditional			
1st	Jayden	Walsey	Yakama
2nd	Nason Tooya	Stuart	Siletz/Grand Ronde/Wasco
3rd	Jacob	Adams	Warm Springs
4th	Evan	Jurado	Siletz/Grand Ronde
5th	Koa Roi	Poole	Siletz/Klamath

Teen Girls

Fancy			
1st	Claudia	Suarez	Pit River
2nd	Halli	Lane-Skauge	Siletz
3rd	Juniper	Coley	Tututini/Choctaw
4th	Allivea	Hernandez	Siletz
5th	Justice	Brewer	Grand Ronde
Jingle			
1st	Claudia	Suarez	Pit River
2nd	Shakyla	Jackson	
3rd	Shayla	Ochoa	Klamath Tribes
4th	Sahaylee	Mason	Siletz
5th	Layla	Harmon	Eastern Shoshone/Ojibwe
Traditional			
1st	Allyana	Totus	Yakama
2nd	Aaliyah	Limon	Madesi
3rd	Annie	Payer	Yakama
4th	Emeleah	Mosqueda	Siletz
5th	Weeyaya	Brown	Klamath Tribes

Teen Boys

Fancy			
1st	Sonny	Walsey	Yakama
2nd	Jack	Petty	Pend Oreille Salish
Grass			
1st	Jayden	Esquiro	Warm Springs
2nd	Ian	Mitchell	Yakama
3rd	Waylon	Harmon	Eastern Shoshone/Ojibwe
4th	Adam	Soliz	Klamath Modoc
5th	River	Rondeau	Klamath Falls
Traditional			
1st	Elias	Nelson	Muckleshoot
2nd	Jayden	Esquiro	Warm Springs
3rd	Nacoma	Liebelt	Grand Ronde/Klamath
4th	Jessie	Soliz	Klamath Modoc
5th	Lightening	Paul Jr.	Wanapum/Yakama

Women

Fancy			
1st	Corina	Limon	Pit River
2nd	Nizhoni	Tallman-Olney	Yakama/Navajo
3rd	Audrey	Olney	Yakama
4th	Eshoni	Blackwater	Rosebud Lakota
5th	Sharmayne	Frank	Warm Springs
Jingle			
1st	Nizhoni	Tallman-Olney	Yakama/Navajo
2nd	Zahnive	George	Shoshone Bannock Tribes
3rd	Josephine	Penney	Nez Perce (Niimiipuu)
4th	Eshoni	Blackwater	Rosebud Lakota
5th	Keeli	Littleleaf	Warm Springs/Wasco
Traditional			
1st	Tilda	Walsey	Yakama
2nd	Charlene	Dimmick	Wam Springs
3rd	Leah	Brisbois	Grand Ronde
4th	Lateet	Olney	Yakama Nation
5th	Shelly	Minthorn	Colville

Men

Fancy			
1st	Stan	Whiteman Jr.	Blackfeet
2nd	Redhorse	Walsey	Yakama
3rd	Little Man	Scabbyrobe	Yakima/Blackfeet
4th	Jai	Kibby Jr.	Yurok/Chetco/Klamath/Karuk
5th	Sebastian	Abbott	Siska Canada
Grass			
1st	Gary	Villa	Warm Springs
2nd	Russell	Harjo	Siletz/Seminole/Pawnee
3rd	Rolin	Morning Owl	Warm Springs
4th	Sam	Riding In	Grand Ronde/Siletz
5th	Aiden	Warren	Karuk
Traditional			
1st	Anthony	Quenelle	Klamath/Grand Ronde
2nd	Saul	Jurado	Siletz/Tolowa
3rd	Deshawn	Little Eagle	Warm Springs
4th	Lightening	Paul Sr.	Yakama
5th	Trenton	Calica	Warm Springs

Dance Competition Results continue on next page

Soul Singers
Native Voices
Soul Bringers
Native Choices

A song said and sung in dance
Native Man

We sing what belongs
Only to us
As native peoples
Yet can be shared and enjoyed by others

You walk and teach with a dance
Native Lady

Fathers, Brothers, Sisters, Mothers, Aun-
ties and Uncles
Feathers flying on bustles and staffs
Let not a feather fall for us all
As bells jingle on dresses of brilliant color

You sing the dances brilliantly
As Reds and Whites
Moving and merging together as we are
Siletz

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National Night Out Aug. 1, 2023 • Siletz, Oregon

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Above: Lincoln County Sheriff Curtis Landers plays a game of corn hole with Tribal CEO Kurtis Barker (right), as State Rep. David Gombert (far left) and volunteer Debby Fawver watch.

Top right: Tribal Chief Administrative Officer Lisa Norton joins in, along with Lincoln County Deputy Karl Vertner.

Left: Volunteers with the City of Siletz Parks and Recreation Department use the golf cart, funded through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, to water flower boxes in the city.



Below: Sue Miller, a member of the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library, demonstrates how to make giant bubbles.

Bottom photo: Participants have to work for their smoothies at the booth sponsored by the Tribal Diabetes and Community Health programs.



Dance Competition Results, continued

Specials

Golden Age Women

1st	Wilma	Buck	Yakama
2nd	Edith	Walsey	Warm Springs/Walackii
3rd	Linda	Meanus	Warm Springs/Yakama
4th	Audrey	Olney	Yakama
5th	Ruth	Jim	Yakama

Golden Age Men

1st	Peter Jo	Olney	Yakama
2nd	Brent	Florendo	Wasco/Warm Springs/Yakama
3rd	Steven	Reuben	Nez Perce
4th	William	DePoe	Siletz
5th	Rollie	Rilatos	Siletz

Basketcap

1st	Edith	Walsey	Warm Springs/Walackii
2nd	Wilma	Buck	Yakama
3rd	Sharmayne	Frank	Warm Springs
4th	Leah	Brisbois	Grand Ronde
5th	Josephine	Penney	Nez Perce (Niimiipuu)

Round Bustle

1st	Saul	Jurado	Siletz/Tolowa
2nd	Gary	Villa	Warm Springs
3rd	Quindon	Calica	Warm Springs
4th	Tyee	Russell	Siletz
5th	Rolin	Morning Owl	Warm Springs

Team Dance

Women	Lateet	Olney	Yakama Nation
Men	Gary	Villa	Warm Springs

Tribe donates more than \$249,000 to Tribal, community organizations in state

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$249,057.96 to 46 organizations on Aug. 4 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 \$16.8 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$21.2 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 in-kind 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 Dec. 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 – \$88,904.23

Centro de Ayuda – costumes, shoes and accessories for folklore dance group performing throughout Lincoln County; Newport, OR; \$3,460

Lakota Oyate Ki, Native American Culture Club – singing, dancing and cultural foods for annual Big Yard Pow-Wow for American Indian prisoners and their families; Salem, OR; \$2,000

Lebanon Indian Education Program – lacrosse equipment and culturally related food to teach Native students about Indigenous foods; Lebanon, OR; \$600

Lincoln City Cultural Center – design, production and application for glass windscreen dedicated to history and culture of the Siletz Tribe; Lincoln City, OR; \$2,600

Native American Cultural Center, Warner Creek Correctional Facility – food, food service and cultural craft supplies for pow-wow for incarcerated individuals and their families; Lakeview, OR; \$500

NW Native American Basketweavers Association – hotel costs, youth kits and promotional items for annual gathering; Covington, WA; \$15,000

Powder River Correctional Facility – food and drink for pow-wow for incarcer-

ated individuals and their families, plus assistance for travel; Baker City, OR; \$500

Siletz Tribal Elders Council – lodging and meals for Siletz tribal member elders for the Restoration Pow-Wow; Otis, OR; \$46,000.45

Siletz Tribal Elders Council – lodging and meals for Siletz tribal member elders for Run to the Rogue; Otis, OR; \$18,243.78

Drug & Alcohol Treatment – \$2,500

Serenity Lane – food and beverage for annual Community Service Awards that recognize individuals for their successes in A&D treatment and recovery; Coburg, OR; \$2,500

Education – \$31,222.65

Central Coast Chorale – music royalties, performance safety equipment and rehearsal venues; Waldport, OR; \$2,700

Eugene Science Center – portable planetary system; Eugene, OR; \$9,375

Every Child Linn Benton (ECLB) – backpacks, shoes, clothing vouchers and supplies for foster children; Corvallis, OR; \$5,000

Monmouth Christian Church – backpacks for Back to School Bash; Monmouth, OR; \$5,000

Nestucca High School, Football – shoulder pads and safety girdles; Clervale, OR; \$1,147.65

Old Mill Center for Children and Families – playground shade shelter; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

Oregon Native American Chamber – direct counseling hours to bring essential business development services to American Indian entrepreneurs and small business owners; Portland, OR; \$6,000

Health – \$45,825.55

ABC House – security cameras and security door handles; Albany, OR; \$3,465

Alsea School District – equipment, fees, permits and electrical installation for outbuilding construction; Alsea, OR; \$2,060.55

Alsea Valley Gleaners – utilities, tools and equipment for electrical work; Alsea, OR; \$600

Business for Excellence in Youth – insurance, gas, oil changes and tires for van; Neotsu, OR; \$3,000

Cascade AIDS Project – assistance for low-income clients with HIV/AIDS with essential clothing and household goods; Portland, OR; \$2,500

City of Halsey – replace old climbing structure with freestanding rope net climber at Halsey Memorial Park; Halsey, OR; \$4,500

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

Florence Food Share – food; Florence, OR; \$3,000

Innovative Concepts for Families Lincoln County – use of dental vans to provide dental services to Newport and Lincoln City; Newport, OR; \$7,500

Lebanon Gleaners Inc. – food; Lebanon, OR; \$3,000

Toledo Jr/Sr High School, Track & Field – timing system for track team; Toledo, OR; \$7,200

Yachats Food Pantry – food; Yachats, OR; \$3,000

Young Roots Oregon – food; Albany, OR; \$3,000

Historical Preservation – \$4,253.03

North Lincoln County Historical Museum – equipment to digitize more than 15,000 feet of film; Lincoln City, OR; \$4,253.03

Other – \$13,100

Family Connections – advertising, marketing, management services fee and printing posters, flyers and brochures; Albany, OR; \$7,500

Lincoln City Senior Center – food and supplies for Thanksgiving luncheon; Lincoln City, OR; \$600

Newport Swim Team – uniforms that include caps, suits and T-shirts required for competitive events; Newport, OR; \$5,000

Prevention – \$12,950

Alsea Wolverines Booster Club – bulk mail permits and postage; Alsea, OR; \$600

B’nai B’rith Camp – scholarships for campers in the Lincoln County Day Camp Program; Portland, OR; \$5,000

Connected Lane County – food, hygiene items and school supplies for youth experiencing homelessness; Eugene, OR; \$5,000

RSVP of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties – durable medical equipment for seniors and disabled people in these counties; Toledo, OR; \$2,350

Public Safety – \$36,252

Central Coast Fire & Rescue Volunteer Association – incentives, recruitment, education and training for volunteers; Waldport, OR; \$6,000

East Lincoln County Emergency Responders – vehicle stabilization equipment, including rescue jacks, winches and chains; Toledo, OR; \$7,500

Logsdan Community Club – commercial stove to meet fire code standards; Logsdan, OR; \$14,178

Siletz Valley Baseball – materials to fix and maintain baseball field, plus team uniforms; Siletz, OR; \$6,274

Siletz Valley Fire District – medical patient lifting devices; Siletz, OR; \$2,300

The Arts – \$14,050.50

East Creek Art LLC – art supplies and materials, plus food; Willamina, OR; \$1,500

Lincoln City Cultural Center – outdoor tables and chairs for Kiwanis Outdoor Classroom; Lincoln City, OR; \$10,900

Yaquina River Museum of Art – advertising for 29th Annual Toledo Labor Day Art Walk; Toledo, OR; \$1,650.50

To use **mail order pharmacy** to order your refills after hours and on weekends: Call the Siletz Clinic 7-10 days before you need your refills. This allows us time to contact your provider, if necessary, and for mailing.

- Call 800-648-0449; enter 1624 as soon as the clinic’s message begins – you’ll be transferred to the refill line.
- Or call the refill line direct – 541-444-9624.

Siletz Tribal Revolving Credit Program

- Debt Consolidation
- Home Improvements
- Small Business

Credit card debt can be overwhelming, a loan to pay down high interest rates might be a good fit. From debt consolidation to Home Improvements & Small business needs, we have options for your credit needs.



stbcorp.net
Sheila Miller
Loan Administrator

 541-351-9154

Run to the Rogue 2023 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 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

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For information on Alcoholics
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SEPTEMBER 16TH-17TH

2023

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Big Bend Field

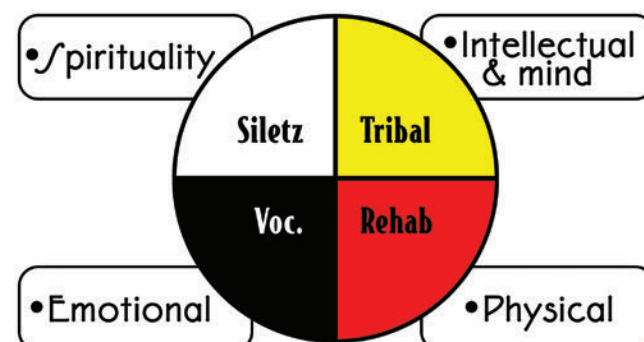
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Siletz Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program (STVRP)

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

Scholarships

- Fastweb (scholarship search engine)
- Big Future (scholarship search engine)
- Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)
- OregonStudentAid.gov
- Be the Boss Scholarship
Deadline: Sept. 15, 2023
- OppU Achievers Scholarship
Deadline: Sept. 30 & Dec. 31, 2023
- Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway
Deadline: Oct. 13, 2023
- LasikPlus "My Vision" Essay Scholarship
Deadline: Nov. 30, 2023
- Touchmark Foundation Nursing Scholarship
Deadline: Dec. 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
- College Board Scholarship
Deadline: Ongoing
- National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering
Deadline: Varies
- NOAA Scholarships
Deadline: Ongoing

Internships

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

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 Intern Host Sites
Deadline: Rolling
- Fund for Indigenous Journalists: Reporting on MMIWG2T
Deadline: Rolling
- Amber Grants
Deadline: Rolling

Important information for college-bound Tribal seniors

September

- Create a calendar for the year, including deadlines of colleges and scholarships.
- Register for SAT, ACT or SAT subject test if necessary.
- Register for SAT at collegeboard.com
- Register for the ACT at actstudent.org
- Review career plans.
- Narrow down a list of colleges to top 3-5.
- Begin working on essays.
- Start applications for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Visit colleges.
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.

October

- Check deadlines for Early Action or Early Decision (college entrance).
- Check your school counseling office or ASPIRE center for scholarship information.
- Check deadlines for CSS/Financial Aid Profile for U.S. private schools.
- Continue or start working on college applications.
- Ask for letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches and personal references. Provide them with a résumé.
- Visit colleges.
- Take SAT tests.
- Complete essays.

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

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Salem
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Portland
Katy- KatyH@ctsi.nsn.us

Eugene
Candace- CandaceH@ctsi.nsn.us

Please Note:

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

Tribal Council Timesheets for July 2023

Frank Aspria – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.5	.5	.25				7/3-5	Special TC, reading, email
4.5	4.25	1.75	.5	.5		7/6-14	COVID water test, email
3	3			.5		7/17	Blue Stone mtg, City of Lincoln City mtg, email
5.5	5.5	.5				7/18-20	Reports, updates, email, packets
5.75	5.75					7/21	Regular TC, email
1.25	1	4				7/24-27	Email, packets
2.5	2.25	6.25		.25		7/28-31	Special TC – gaming, email

Loraine Y. Butler – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.5	.25					7/5	Special TC
2	2					7/6-9	Packets
3.75	3.75					7/17-20	Blue Stone mtg, packets
3.25	3.25					7/21	Regular TC
5.5	5.5				4	7/25-26	NPAIHB mtg, Chemawa Station
		4.25			7	7/27	Special TC – gaming

Alfred Lane III – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.25	.5					7/5	Special TC
1.5	1.5					7/17	Clinic wkshp, City of Lincoln City mtg
.75	.75					7/18-19	Restoration Cmte, packets
3.25	3.5					7/21	Regular TC
		3.25				7/28	Special TC – gaming

Alfred Lane IV – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.25	.25					7/5	Special TC
.75	.75					7/10	Natural Resources Cmte, reading
2	1.75					7/17	Blue Stone mtg, econ mtg, City of Lincoln City mtg
2	2					7/18-20	Reading, email, packets
3.5	3.25					7/21	Regular TC
1.25	1.25					7/25	Reading, email

Tribal Council Email Addresses

- Tribal Chairman: Delores Pigsley
 - Vice Chairman: Alfred “Bud” Lane III
 - Treasurer: Sharon Edenfield
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General Council Meeting

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 • 1 p.m.
Tribal Community Center • Siletz, Oregon

Call to Order	Declaration for Tribal Council
Invocation	Tribal Member Concerns
Flag Salute	Chairman’s Report
Roll Call	Announcements
Approval of Agenda	Adjourn
Approval of Minutes	
Minor Trust Report	Please note the General Council Meeting will be livestreamed through the Tribal website.
Tribal Council Committee Reports	

Bonnie Petersen – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
.25	.25					7/3	Email
.25	.25				1.5	7/5	Special TC, ODHS mtg, email
3	3	4.25				7/8-12	Email, reading, mtg prep
2	1.75					7/13	CPT, email, minutes
3	3					7/14	Blue Stone mtg, econ dev mtg, City of Lincoln City mtg, email
1	1					7/17-18	Restoration Cmte, email
1.75	1.75					7/19-20	Email, mtg prep
3.75	3.75					7/21	Regular TC, email
6.75	6.5				3	7/24-27	NPAIHB mtg, email
4	4					7/28-29	Special TC – gaming, email
.75	.75			.25		7/31	Pow-Wow Cmte, econ dev mtg, email

Delores Pigsley – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1.5	1.5					7/1-4	Mail
3.75	3.75	.25			2.5	7/5-9	Special TC, ODHS mtg, mail
.5	.5				1	7/10	GR Elders Honor Day, mail
1.5	1.5	.25				7/11-12	Mail, agenda items
1.75	1.75				4	7/13-16	Culture Camp, mail, agenda items
2.25	2.25				3	7/17	City of Lincoln City mtg, clinic wkshp, mail
1	1				2.5	7/18	Restoration Cmte, mail
4.25	4.25					7/19-20	Mail, prep for council
3.5	3.5				4	7/21	Regular TC
1.75	1.75					7/22-24	Mail, agenda items
10.5	10.5		1		5	7/25-27	NPAIHB mtg/culture night, mail, Chemawa Station, agenda items
		4.25			2.5	7/28	Special TC – gaming, mail
2.5	2.5	.25				7/29-31	Mail, agenda items, prep for cncl

Angela Ramirez – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
1.5	1.5					7/1-12	Email, packets
.25	.25					7/5	TC mtg
6.5	6.5					7/7-9	STAHS
.5	.5					7/10	Education Cmte
3.5	3.5					7/12-13	STAHS
6	6					7/12-26	Email, packets
1.5	1.5					7/17	Clinic wkshp, City of Lincoln City mtg
.5	.25					7/18	STAHS
3.5	3.25					7/21	Regular TC
2.5	2.5					7/24-26	STAHS

Selene Rilatos – 7/1/23-7/31/23

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl		
2	2				1	7/1	Red Lodge mtg, email, calls
1	1					7/2	Email, packets
2.5	2.5				3	7/5	Special TC, ODHS mtg
6.25	6.25					7/6-16	Email, packets, calls
2.5	2.5			.25	1	7/17	SCP, Blue Stone mtg, City of Lincoln City mtg
3	3					7/18-23	Email, packets, calls
1.25	1.25					7/24	Tribal navigator mtg, email
8	8				2	7/25-27	NPAIHB mtg, email, packets, calls
2.25	2.25	4.5				7/28-29	Special TC – gaming, email, packets
.75	.75			.25		7/30	Econ dev mtg, email
1.5	1.5					7/31	Pow-Wow Cmte, email, packets

Chinook Winds

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vention (OJJDP) and the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), hosted listening sessions to inform decision-makers on the priority needs of Native youth. OJJDP Administrator Liz Ryan participated personally in listening to testimonies of youth, parents and advisors on how best to improve Tribal community safety.

Dr. Jason Cummins (Apsaalooke), deputy director of the White House Initiative on Advancing Education Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities, also held workshops to hear directly from participants on their educational needs.

The conference's theme was *Healing the Spirit of Native Youth*. American Indian and Alaska Native youth and advisors from rural and urban Tribal communities across the U.S. came together for learning, cultural sharing and collaboration focused on the theme.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit the National Museum of the American Indian for a welcome reception and conference blessing featuring museum director Cynthia Chavez Lamar and Ernie Stevens Jr., chairman of the Indian Gaming Association. Youth participants also met in regional caucuses, attended empowerment sessions, participated in workshops and fashion shows, and discussed issues important to the Native youth community.

Special conference video messages geared to Native youth in attendance were provided by Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, Rep. Sharice Davids, U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Marie Raimondo, U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, USDA Acting Deputy Secretary Kevin Shea, and primatologist and anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall.

The National UNITY Council (NUC) held its annual business meeting during the conference. NUC comprises representatives from UNITY's 10 regions, representing 36 states and 320 affiliated youth councils. The youth leaders identified the top 10 issues facing Native youth, which they will prioritize during 2023/2024: Substance Abuse, Culture and Language, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, Education/Schooling, Tribal Leadership Support, Climate Change, Suicide, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, and Involvement/Empowerment.

Also at the NUC business meeting, UNITY youth peers elected Kaytlynn Johnston (Bishop Paiute Tribe of California) and Jonathan Arakawa (Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe of Washington) as co-presidents of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee.

During their one-year term, Johnston and Arakawa will work with the following 10 area representatives also elected by youth councils during the conference:

- Great Plains Area Representative: Koya Bearstail, 16, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara of North Dakota
- Midwest Area Representative: Marla Mesarina, 17, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe/Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Sioux Tribe of Minnesota
- Northeast Area Representative: Nathan Solorio, 16, Brokenhead Ojibway First Nations of Pennsylvania
- Northwest Area Representative: Maize Countryman, 19, Northern Arapaho/Navajo/Eastern Shoshone of Idaho
- Pacific Area Representative: Sineca Jackson, 19, Akimel O'odham of Hawaii
- Rocky Mountain Area Representative/Vice President: Watson Whitford, 18, Chippewa Cree/Navajo of Montana
- Southeast Area Representative: Thorn Grove, 18, Akimel O'odham/Tuscarora of North Carolina
- Southern Plains Area Representative: Mahiya Ramirez, 20, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma
- Southwest Area Representative: Derek Capitan, 23, Laguna Pueblo/Navajo of New Mexico
- Western Area Representative/Secretary: Jalen Harvey, 18, Navajo/Acoma Pueblo/Hopi of Arizona

During the annual UNITY Gala at the conference, the 2023 UNITY Awards and Scholarships were presented to:

- Soshina Harvey – UNITY J.R. Cook Advisor of the Year
- Elke Chenevey – UNITY Eddie Wadda Alumni of the Year
- Tesuque Pueblo Youth Coalition, Pueblo of Tesuque, N.M. – UNITY Youth Council of the Year
- Jeremiah Ailak (San Carlos Apache), student at Arizona State University, majoring in architecture studies with a minor in mathematics; and Angelina Serna (Oneida Nation), student at Cornell University majoring in gov-



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Siletz attendees included (l to r) Suntaaye Jimenez, Victoria Butler, Kyan Chouinard, Cori Tomlinson, Mason Chamberlin, Jeidah DeZurney, Kenai Robertson and Anthony Montalvo. Not shown in this picture are two of our Tribal youth who were chosen to join UNITY's Earth Ambassadors, Spencer Walton and Tia Butler.

ernment with minors in public policy and Native American and Indigenous studies – Golda Cook Scholarships

- Ajah-Rain Yellowhair (Diné (Navajo) Nation), student at the University of Portland majoring in political science/global affairs and education – J.R. Cook Memorial Scholarship

An official honoring of the 2023 UNITY Circle of Earth Ambassadors took place during the conference. The environmental stewardship and leadership program, which began in the 1990s, provides American Indian youth with training sessions and informational workshops to increase their knowledge of environmental issues affecting Indian country. Those honored were:

- Bronson Kainoa Azama, K'naka Maoli of Hawaii
- **Tia Butler, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**
- Derek Capitan, Laguna Pueblo/Navajo of New Mexico

- Anagali (Shace) Duncan, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
- Evelyn Enos, Akimel O'odham/Tohono O'odham of Arizona
- Liliana Mars, Narragansett of Rhode Island
- Sumaya Quitugua, Acoma Pueblo, Chamorro of Arizona
- Sareya Taylor, White Mountain Apache of Arizona
- **Spencer Walton, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**
- Jovi Williams, White Mountain Apache of Arizona

UNITY announced the dates and locations for its 2024 signature events. The UNITY Midyear Conference will occur Feb. 2-4, 2024, at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz.

The National UNITY Conference will take place at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Ore., June 29-July 3, 2024. Registration for both events opens this month. To learn more about UNITY, visit www.unityinc.org.

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

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To the editor:

Some FAQs concerning an important historical document:

What is the 1855 Coast Treaty and where can I read it?

Tribes ranging from the Tillamook Tribe to the Chetco Tribe signed this agreement brought to them by Oregon Superintendent of Indian Affairs Joel Palmer in 1855. Nephew Gasun found an online version listed on the Coquille Tribe's webpage at <https://www.coquilletribe.org/our-heritage/a-changing-world/> and here's another at <https://truwe.sohs.org/files/1855%20superintendency.html>.

What was the primary purpose of the 1855 Coast Treaty?

For Tribes to sell their lands to the U.S. and relocate to a reservation.

What were the Tribes promised in return?

Cash was the primary incentive. The treaty mentioned specific sums to be paid for specified periods, i.e., \$10,000 per annum for the first three years with decreasing amounts after that.

Was each Tribe promised \$10k/year?

No. The annuity amount was meant to be sufficient for all "confederated" Tribes living in the area along the entire Oregon Coast.

Were other strings attached?

Yes. The \$10k annuity, for example, was to be reduced proportionally if Palmer was not able to convince all the Tribes living along the Oregon Coast to sign the treaty.

Did any Chinook-speaking Tribe sign the 1855 Coast Treaty?

No ancestral leaders of the Chinook Indian Nation (CIN) signed the treaty. The Tribes acceding to the 1855 Coast Treaty were all located south of Tillamook Head, which separates the Salish-speaking Tillamook Tribe from the Chinook-speaking Clatsop and Kathlamet Tribes in the North, whose homelands include the area in/around present-day Astoria.

Did the terms of the 1855 Coast Treaty allow for Tribal leaders signing the treaty to sell the lands belonging to neighboring Tribes?

No. While the terms of treaties made by the U.S. with Indigenous people were often unfair and virtually always left unfulfilled, no U.S. treaty ever included terms that permitted Tribes to cede lands if those lands were known to be owned by a neighboring Tribe.

Did the 1855 Coast Treaty cede the entire Oregon Coast?

No. The terms of the treaty only applied to lands in that big region from the Columbia River to the California border actually owned by Tribes agreeing to the treaty. Other lands of other Tribes weren't ceded.

What exact territory, then, was ceded in the 1855 Coast Treaty?

All the land along the Oregon Coast reaching into the summit of the Coast Range south of Tillamook Head and north of the California border.

Does CIN recognize the 1855 Coast Treaty as a Siletz Treaty?

Chinook leaders today recognize the treaty as a legal document foundational to the existence of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

What is the legal status of the 1855 Coast Treaty?

It was left unratified by the U.S. Congress.

Drew Viles

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cation of law for each of us for 34 years," said Echohawk. "The American Bar Association honors his legacy and the lifelong commitment it takes to address societal inequities by bestowing the Thurgood Marshall Award. I am very honored to stand among the recipients of this award."

"Protecting the rights of Tribal nations and Native people is an unending and complex legal necessity, as no two Tribal nations share the same legal history. While treaties remain the supreme law of the land, how U.S. federal, state and local governments uphold or violate terms of each treaty varies greatly," said Echohawk, who holds citizenship in the Pawnee Nation.

To address this complexity, the University of New Mexico launched a program to train the first generation of lawyers that Tribal nations desperately needed. Echohawk was one of the first graduates of this program in 1970.

"When my classmates and I began to study the law, Native people did not yet have full access to U.S. courts as an avenue to justice," said Echohawk, a founding

member of the Native American Law Students Association. "Very few people had even written about federal Indian law and only a few lawyers had ever represented Tribal nations in the U.S. court system."

When Echohawk graduated from law school, California Indian Legal Services hired him. In August 1970, he accepted the responsibility of co-piloting a Ford Foundation-funded program that aimed to offer legal services to federally recognized Tribes across the United States.

The successful initiative became NARF, headquartered in Boulder. To this day, Echohawk continues to serve as the executive director for the national Native-led nonprofit legal defense organization.

"We congratulate Executive Director Echohawk on this well-earned achievement. All of us at NARF thank him for his tireless work on behalf of Native rights," said NARF Deputy Director Matthew L. Campbell.

Visit the American Bar Association website for additional information about the Thurgood Marshall award and past recipients.

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engineer and past president of the Port Engineers Society. And I was the former lead ship superintendent of Crosby & Overton Environmental Services & Heavy-Duty Cleaning Services Inc. at Swan Island in Portland Ore.

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Wasserman was part of the team that was instrumental in helping Bell Labs transform into Lucent Technologies. He was the lead on creating the strategic partnership between Sun Microsystems

and Lucent to further develop the Java™ technologies.

Wasserman has also forged strategic partnerships between startups and large multinationals such as Boeing, Raytheon, AT&T, IBM, etc. And his team deployed technology that protected copyright for the five major Hollywood studios in the 1990s.

Recently, Wasserman was able to secure verbiage in the 2023 Canadian federal budget. He approached J3 after the GHIC Challenge to offer his services in completing the GHIC final deliverables and J3 business objectives.

As CEO and managing member of J3, I wish to thank the entire Tribe and the wonderfully talented and immensely encouraging staff at the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation for their many years of support through our marathon research and development phase. We wouldn't be here today celebrating this great victory without CTSI/STBC's unwavering support through our six years to secure our first patent then followed by eight years of research and development, which taught us that even though the process is often slow, the rewards are worth the dedication and persistence to project.

The journey has been long and informative with many new roads to travel in the future, such as working to create manufacturing on Tribal lands and providing employment opportunities for Tribal members for generations to come.

All 16 GHIC winners now shift focus to securing funding from certified investors beginning Sept. 30, 2023, to scale up our business operations.

I and my J3 family wish to honor the memory of my son and Tribal member Joshua Johnson as he walks on and we will continue to celebrate his many fine contributions to our J3 business and his love of family, friends and life in general. We love and miss you, Josh!



Another Big Win and Congratulations to the Oregon Firecats Fast Pitch Softball 10U Team!

The Firecats, who won the Oregon state division, went on to take second in the Nationals Championship Games in Washington. The team, including Tribal member Bailey Owen, received a well-deserved trophy and rings! Go Firecats!

Bailey's parents are Levi and Coach Laura Owen, and she is the granddaughter of Beverly Owen.



I would like to wish my beautiful daughter, Hayle Strong, a Happy Sweet 16 Birthday. Happy Birthday, Hayle! Dad loves you.

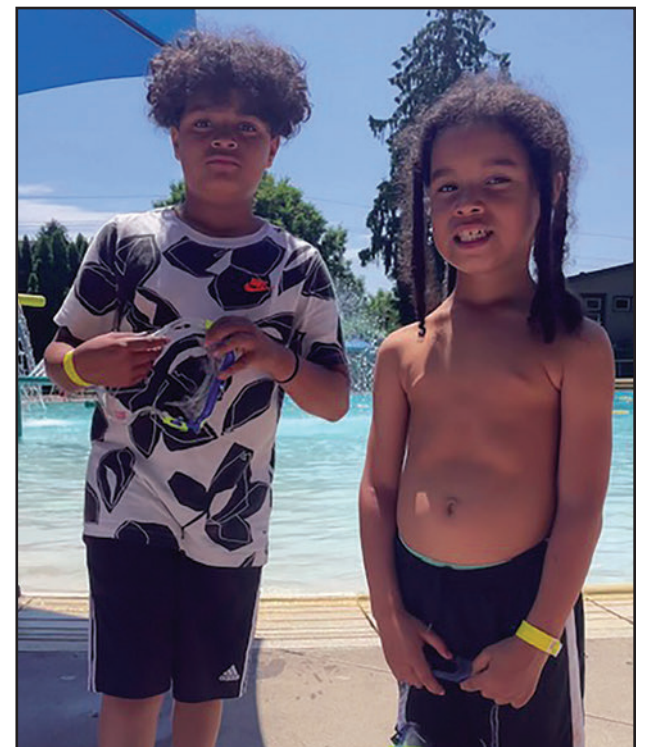


Happy Birthday to one of the kindest people/family we have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Thank you for always being someone we can come to when things get a little rough. We can't wait to see where this next year takes you. We love you mucho, Little Veggie!

Love always, Rachelle and Serena

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Those participating in the Portland area's JOM Culture in the Park and swim event include Dominic Nudo Jr. and Malakhai Nudo at Sellwood Pool with their grandma, Irene Holland, and great-auntie, Katy Holland.



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Portland-area JOM berry pickers include (l to r) Magdaelena (Alita) Westley, Magdaelena Jimenez, Moises Calderon-Jimenez, Zaire Calderon-Jimenez and Gary Westley.

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