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## ‘Coming full circle’: Native tapped to lead national parks

Another historic (and ironic) Native nomination for the Department of Interior

By Kalle Benallie, *Indian Country Today*; originally posted Aug. 18, 2021

For the first time, a Native American may become the director of the National Park Service.

President Joe Biden nominated Charles F. “Chuck” Sams III Wednesday and will be considered by the U.S. Senate. If confirmed, he will be the 19th permanent director of the National Park Service.

A National Park Service director was last confirmed by the Senate during the Obama Administration.

The park service is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Interior where Secretary Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, made history by becoming the first Native American cabinet secretary.

“The diverse experience that Chuck brings to the National Park Service will be an incredible asset as we work to conserve and protect our national parks to make them more accessible for everyone ... the outdoors are for everyone and we have an obligation to protect them for generations to come,” she said in a statement.

The National Park Service oversees more than 131,000 square miles of parks, monuments, battlefields and other landmarks. It employs approximately 20,000 people in permanent, temporary and seasonal jobs, according to its website.

Sams is Cayuse and Walla Walla, of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. He previously served as the Tribe’s interim executive director earlier this year.

Kat Brigham, the Tribal nation’s board of trustees chairman, congratulated Sams on the nomination.

“This is a historical moment for America and is a monumental milestone for Tribal people throughout Indian Country. We applaud Mr. Sams on his nomination and are optimistic to see his leadership continuing to conserve and protect the precious resources within the National Park Service,” Brigham said. “Mr. Sams is aware of how important it is to take care of the land for today and future generations.”

The U.S. Navy veteran currently serves as a council member to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, which he was appointed to by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown.

He has “worked in state and Tribal governments and the nonprofit natural resource and conservation management

See Sams on page 18



Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Representatives from the Siletz Tribe, City of Lincoln City and the Oregon Heritage Tree Program formally recognized a giant Sitka spruce in Regatta Park in Lincoln City, Ore., as Oregon’s 79<sup>th</sup> Heritage Tree on Aug. 19. The tree is a remnant of an ancient coastal forest cared for by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. It is named Nuu-k’wii’daa’naa~ye, which means “our ancestor.”



Pictured above are Tribal members Kwestanni Chuski Stuart, Tiffany Stuart, Nayson Tooya Stuart, Marlene Stuart, Thomas Stuart Sr., Tribal Council member Selene Rilatos and Tim Stuart; Lincoln City Councilor Riley Hoagland and his children, Dylan and Mateya.

## 2020 Indian gaming revenue shows 19.5% decrease

WASHINGTON – National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chairman E. Sequoyah Simermeyer and Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland have released the fiscal year 2020 (FY 2020) overall gross gaming revenue (GGR) figure of \$27.8 billion, a decrease of 19.5% over FY 2019.

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the FY 2020 GGR results. Unlike previous years, NIGC administrative regions experienced a FY 2020 decline of more than 13% in GGR. The Rapid City Region experienced the largest decrease of 36.6%.

“This gross gaming revenue decrease was expected; the unknown was just how much of an impact COVID-19 had on Indian gaming. Every year, the annual GGR figure tells a story about Indian gaming’s successes, contributions to Indian communities and economic impacts. This was highlighted even more during the pandemic. Nevertheless, Tribes were on the forefront of creating standards, developing new safety protocols and sharing community resources. I foresee this decrease as only a temporary setback for Indian gaming,” said Simermeyer.

The GGR figure is an aggregate of revenue from 524 independently audited financial statements of 248 federally recognized Tribes in 29 states. The GGR for an operation is based on the amount wagered minus winnings returned to players.

“Despite the limits and uncertainty of the last year, it is important to focus on the sacrifices of and economic refuge provided by Tribes and the community impacts. Tribal gaming has shown resilience and commitment, and continues to develop new roads to economic stability. I look forward to seeing Indian gaming continue to lead the way in efforts to reduce the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Hovland.

See page 16 for two charts that show gaming revenue distribution in the U.S. and growth trends of the last 20 years.

### About NIGC

The National Indian Gaming Commission’s mission is to support Tribal self-sufficiency and the integrity of Indian gaming through effective regulation. Together with Tribes and states, NIGC regulates more than 524 gaming establishments operated by 248 Tribes across 29 states.

To learn more, visit [nigc.gov](http://nigc.gov) and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Please see page 10 for information about the Tribe’s \$200 vaccine promotion.



**COVID update**

We have seen a staggering increase in COVID-19 positive cases since last month. At least 129 Tribal members have had or currently have COVID-19. The new cases in Lincoln County are folks who are unvaccinated, younger folks. Cases are also surging throughout Oregon.

Because we had an outbreak of eight staff at Chinook Winds, the Tribal Council felt it was necessary to shut down for two weeks to deep clean and do more testing.

In order to more fully protect the health of Tribal members, employees, visitors and the community at large, the Tribal Council passed a resolution on Aug. 24 that requires all staff to be vaccinated or undergo weekly COVID testing. The policy is based on guidance from the CDC, Tribal, state and local health authorities. More information about the policy will be provided in the October issue of *Siletz News*.

Although the Tribe was in phase II of our emergency plan dealing with COVID-19, it was necessary because of the rise in cases to revert back to phase I. All staff are required to work, essential staff in the office on shifts and others to work from home.

It is necessary to call and make an appointment for services if you want to meet with someone in the office. Please call if you have questions about any services.

**Salem casino**

Our application at the BIA is close to getting a decision on the environmental issue.

Public Relations: A firm is sending out mailers that are anti-casino. We will have our own firm and lobby group work toward getting positive information out into the area. Someone is spending a lot of money to prevent us from building a casino.

**CARES Act funds**

December 2021 is the magic date to have the money we received in 2020 be allocated or spent, or returned to the government. We are in the last stages of budgeting that money; any expenditure must be related to COVID prevention.

**American Rescue Plan funds**

This is similar to the Cares Act but not quite as restrictive. We are currently budgeting and coming up with ideas for the use of these funds.

**Gaming**

Chinook Winds has been doing very well even though we are not currently open. The hot summer has been good for business.

When the casino is open, emergency restrictions are still in place to keep customers safe. Other Oregon casinos have differing requirements.

**Clinic**

We recently purchased the old bank property in Siletz with a plan to operate the Siletz pharmacy out of that building. There is an ATM on the property currently and some remodeling will occur.

In addition, we have purchased property in Lincoln City to operate a small clinic.

**Meetings**

We have had recent meetings with the Lincoln County Commissioners as well as the Lincoln City Council. Agenda items included housing, emergency preparedness, transportation and law enforcement.

These annual meetings have been important to share ideas, issues and concerns.



Delores Pigsley

**FEMA**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is still very much present in Lincoln County. The threat of wildfires is very high and we are fortunate so far this year that we have not experienced a fire.

This month, it will be a year since Lincoln City was threatened by the Echo Mountain Complex fire and many people from the Otis area are still displaced from their homes. FEMA has been great to work with.

**Elders Council Meeting**

The Elders Council will hold a virtual Zoom meeting on Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, at 1 p.m. If you are interested in participating in the virtual meeting from your phone, computer or smart phone, please contact Brian Crump in the Elders Program at 541-444-8233 by Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021.

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

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

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

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

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

**Send information to:**

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**Deadline for the October issue is Sept. 9.**

**Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.**

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



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**Be safe. Wear a mask. Get vaccinated. Stay well.**

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR SUMMER SESSION ON-LINE LANGUAGE CLASSES**

**LEARN NUU-WEE-YA'**

**SUMMER SESSION CONTINUES THRU MID-SEPTEMBER**

**THURSDAYS AT 5:00 PM-INTERMEDIATE CONVERSATION**

**THURSDAYS AT 5:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION**

**Please contact Nick Viles ([nickv@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:nickv@ctsi.nsn.us)) with questions and to sign up**



# Enthusiastic response encourages plan for more out-of-area community meetings

It finally came together and it was great! Our first community Zoom meeting for out-of-area Tribal members was enthusiastically welcomed by attendees.

How should we get important information about the availability of programs, benefits and events to members, especially those not living in the 11-county service area? It's a challenge.

In past years, the Planning Department's community meetings were held in the area offices of Portland, Salem Eugene and Siletz. Because of the increased acceptance of the use of Zoom to conduct virtual meetings, Planning decided to experiment with expanding the meetings to include the nearly 40% of Tribal members who live outside of the 11-county area.

Planning began outreach by sending announcement postcards to out-of-area members. Tribal members appreciated the historic photo printed on the back of the cards. Notices were also placed in Siletz News and emails were sent.

The meeting focused on listening to the community and the answering of questions by Siletz staff. Health Director Marci Muschamp addressed health care, vaccination and insurance concerns. Interim Programs II Manager Alissa Lane-Keene and Education Specialist Sonya Moody-Jurado answered questions on education and culture.

Planning staff presented a brief report on the results of the 2020 Tribal Survey. Procurement and Administrative Support Coordinator Jeanette Aradoz represented

Housing. Presenters and members were open and candid.

Katrina Hudson, web content specialist, demonstrated how members could get information about events and the location of various Enrollment forms from the Tribal website. Members of the Tribal Council and senior staff were also present and attentive.

An educational concern was the lack of funding for students attending two-year colleges, certificate programs and vocational training as well as support for internships and advanced degrees. Deadlines for application for various programs were given.

Members were enthusiastic about the possibility of a mail-order pharmacy based at the Siletz Clinic. There are some

annual direct benefits for medical, dental and vision services for members even if they are not in the 11-county service area.

Questions for Housing included over-income loan limits and filing deadlines.

All presenters provided contact information and invited members to contact them and their departments with questions and comments.

Recordings of the Portland and Siletz community meetings are available. To view these meetings on the Tribal website, go to the Tribal Services tab and click Other Departments. Then click on Planning and click on the recording desired. Each is about two hours long.

Due to overwhelming member interest, plans are under way to have more meetings with out-of-area Tribal members.

## USDA distribution dates for September

Siletz		
Monday	Sept. 13	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 14	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Sept. 17	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem		
Monday	Sept. 20	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	Sept. 21	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Sept. 22	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	Sept. 23	By appt only

Staff will be attending the annual conference of Food Distribution Programs

on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), so the first week of the month is not available for distribution. Please check your appointment slips and try to keep your scheduled appointments.

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

Joyce Retherford, FDP Director  
541-444-8393; joycer@ctsi.nsn.us

Sammy Hall, Warehouseman/Clerk  
541-444-8279; sammyh@ctsi.nsn.us

Fax: 541-444-8306 or 503-391-4296

## 2021 Elk Tag Drawing Information

The annual drawing for the Tribe's elk rifle tags will be held Monday, Oct. 4, at the virtual Natural Resources Committee meeting. Applications will be available starting Aug. 30 and are **due Sept. 24** in the Natural Resources office.

Applications can be picked up at the kiosk at the back of the admin building, downloaded from the Tribe's website (Tribal Services/Other Departments/Natural Resources) or they can be mailed to you by calling the Natural Resources office.

Each person must fill out, sign and turn in his/her **own** application. This year we have 25 tags each for the first and second season bull hunts and 15 tags for the various cow hunts.

If you have any questions, call Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.

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

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

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

## Virtual Culture Nights

While Tribal offices remain closed, Virtual Culture Nights will focus on gathering, storing and preparing materials for traditional arts and foods. All Siletz Tribal members and their families are welcome to log on to these virtual events.

**Upcoming Dates**

Sept. 29, 6-7 p.m.: Acorns

Contact Nick Viles, [nickv@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:nickv@ctsi.nsn.us) or 800-929-1399, ext. 1757, for login information.

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## CTSI Website Redesign

You may have already noticed- but our website has a new look!

Visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us) to check it out.



Note: if you are having trouble accessing the Member Area, please send an email to Kat at [katrinah@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:katrinah@ctsi.nsn.us) with your name (as it appears on the Tribal Roll) and your roll number.

## Soulier becomes Eagle Scout

We would like to let you know that our son, Gabriel Soulier, received his Eagle Scout award in June 2021.

He is the great-grandson of Chief William C. DePoe and the grandson of Ronald DePoe. His parents are Mark Soulier and Cindy DePoe-Soulier.

His hard work and dedication have paid off. As parents, we are hugely proud and impressed by his accomplishments.



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

## Who is responsible for how much a child eats? Parents, children both have input

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

As fall approaches and another school year begins in a pandemic that doesn't seem to end, many people of all ages are finding that their waistlines and weights are increasing. How do we look at this with children? As part of my role as consultant nutritionist to Siletz Tribal Head Start, I offer information for families.

If our children seem to be plumping out faster than their upward growth, a positive approach is vital. It is not appropriate to restrict calories to promote weight loss in children as this may have devastating consequences (emotional and physical). Rather, it is important to support children to grow into their height by doing your part and allowing them to be responsible for their part.

I really appreciate the grounded message from Ellyn Satter in her two books: *Child of Mine – Feeding with Love and Good Sense* and *How to get your Kid to Eat ... But Not Too Much*.

When adults are clear about the division of responsibility around eating, they support children to develop healthy eating habits while they take a long-term view. Adults control **what** is served, **when** and **where** it is served so that healthy foods are provided in a safe and encouraging environment.

This helps children step into their responsibility to choose **whether** to eat what is served and **how much** they eat. In this way, adults help children learn from their decisions in a safe environment while developing healthy habits for a lifetime.

Children eat well when they are given structure, opportunities to learn and limits. They eat the amount they need and learn to like a variety of healthful foods. Children who grow up in families that give them both love and limits are most

likely to become successful, happy with themselves and generous with others.

Children whose parents are overly strict are likely to be obedient but unhappy. Those whose parents are overly lenient are likely to lack self-control because parents have provided insufficient guidelines for them.

### Parents are the gatekeepers

- **When**
  - ❑ Set up a meal and snack routine and stick to it (within reason).
  - ❑ This helps children to be hungry at mealtime.
  - ❑ Your child won't be interested in eating if he isn't hungry or if he is over hungry (and non-cooperative).
  - ❑ Toddlers and preschoolers have little tummies and need to eat often.
  - ❑ Keep the routine going. Build your life to include the routine.
- **Where**
  - ❑ Set up a comfortable place for your child to eat.
  - ❑ Free of TV distraction.
  - ❑ At the table with the family is excellent when possible.
- **What (or which foods)**
  - ❑ Make meals and snacks count with nutritious foods.
  - ❑ Foods should be age-appropriate.
  - ❑ Offer variety – even if your child does not choose to eat or even to taste what you offer. It still teaches them and helps new foods become familiar as it often takes many times before they are ready.
  - ❑ Children prefer familiar foods – continue to introduce new foods, one at a time.
  - ❑ By seeing and eating a variety of foods, your child will learn to like a wider range of foods when older (the long-term view).

### The child's responsibility

#### ➤ Whether to eat (and which foods)

- ❑ If your child isn't interested in food, he or she may not be hungry and should not be forced to eat.
- ❑ It is possible that the foods are not right for your child, who may be self-regulating, i.e., allergy or food sensitivity.
- ❑ You may know how it feels if you were ever forced or coerced to eat as a child. Perhaps you have lingering sensations associated with specific foods.

#### ➤ How Much

- ❑ This might be hard to do, but you are laying the foundation to encourage your children to follow their own internal hunger cues. This is where they do their practice and you get to observe and “trust” the process.
- ❑ Your child knows how to eat and grow.
- ❑ Once the variety of healthy food is served at regular meals and snacks, your child's responsibilities start.
- ❑ Research studies show that when children are offered a healthy variety of foods, over time they will select a nutritional balance.
- ❑ Eating problems develop when parents cross the lines of responsibility!
- ❑ Applying pressure to children to eat does not work.
  - ◆ As a parent your job is to set limits – but not to coax or force children to eat.
  - ◆ Any time we try to get a child to eat more or less than he wants, we are “forcing.” This often results in the opposite of what you want.
- ❑ It is normal for children to vary in what they like to eat and how much. Their rate of growth varies too!

### Tips to remember

- ✓ Adults need to focus on their jobs and then let go and let the child do the rest.
- ✓ As adults, we set the stage for the child to develop healthy habits.

- ✓ Normal eating is positive and flexible. It depends on **internal cues** to regulate it. We can do our kids a favor by helping them eat according to their own body cues.
- ✓ With toddlers, respect when they are hungry and let them stop when full.
- ✓ With preschoolers, and any age, help them tune in to cues. Are you hungry? Are you full? Respect it. At snack time, serve healthy food. Children will self-regulate (when supported).
- ✓ Adults are the role models – children will copy. What example are you setting? They learn from what you do vs. what you say.
- ✓ Kids are growing. They need nutrients. Serve high quality snacks (mini-meals) fruit/vegetables/yogurt/small sandwich, etc. vs. cookies and chips.
- ✓ Avoid overuse of juice and sweetened beverages. Low-nutrient, sweet, flavored drinks and sodas will replace the foods that supply the nutrition they need.
- ✓ If you are having a difficult time with your child and food, sit down and think about it. What are you doing well? Where might you be stepping over the line? Talk it over with a friend. If it still feels difficult, seek professional help or ask your family advocate for additional support.

### Golden Rule about eating

Parent's responsibility: Decide **what** foods, **when** to offer, **where** to offer  
 Child's responsibility: **How much** to eat and **whether** or not to eat

Siletz Tribal Head Start offers nutritional support at no cost to Head Start families. This usually occurs over the telephone. If you have nutrition concerns about your Head Start child or want to discuss family nutrition concerns, please contact your teacher or the director and ask to speak to the nutritionist.









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## Virtual Events

**September 16**

Virtual Talking Circle

5:30 on Zoom

Email Kira at CARE for meeting info

[kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us)

**Wednesdays**

Trauma Recovery Support Group

5:30 on Zoom

Email Kira at CARE for meeting info

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## History of Tobacco

### Economic history in the American colonies

In Thirteen Colonies, where gold and silver were scarce, tobacco was used as a currency to trade with Native Americans and sometimes for official purposes such as paying fines, taxes and even marriage license fees.

The demand and profitability of tobacco led to the shift in the colonies to a slave-based labor force, fueling the slave trade. Tobacco is a labor-intensive crop, requiring much work for its cultivation, harvest and curing. With the profitability of the land rapidly increasing, it was no longer economically viable to bring in indentured servants with the promise of land benefits at the end of their tenure. By bringing African slaves instead, plantation owners acquired workers for long hours in the hot sun without paying them, providing only a bare subsistence to workers who could not leave or appeal to laws.

The uncultivated Virginia soil was reportedly too rich for traditional European crops, especially cereals like barley. Tobacco "broke down the fields and made food crops more productive" by depleting the soil of nutrients.

### Tobacco's impact on early American history

The cultivation of tobacco in America led to many changes. During the 1700s tobacco was a very lucrative crop due to its high demand in Europe. The climate of the Chesapeake area in America lent itself very nicely to the cultivation of tobacco. The high European demand for tobacco led to a rise in the value of tobacco. The rise in value of tobacco accelerated economic growth in America. The cultivation of tobacco as a cash crop in America marks the shift from a subsistence economy to an agrarian economy. Tobacco's desirability and value led to it being used as a currency in colonies. Tobacco was also backed by the gold standard, with an established conversion rate from tobacco to gold.

The increasing role of tobacco as a cash crop led to a shift in the labor force that would shape American life and politics up through the Civil War. In order to keep up with demand, tobacco plantation owners had to abandon the traditional practice of indentured servitude in the Americas. In order to pursue maximum profits, the plantation owners turned to slavery to supply them with the cheap, fungible labor they needed to keep up with increasing production.

**Commercial Tobacco Quitline 1-800-QUIT-NOW**  
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## Coming in October! Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Show your support for survivors of domestic violence by displaying a "In this house we believe women are sacred" yard sign or a "A Siletz Auntie Lives Here" window cling! Contact CARE for more information 541-444-9638.

### Fly A Flag

More than 4 in 5 American Indian and Alaskan Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime. In some U.S. counties, murder rates of Native American women are up to 10 times higher than the national average for all other races. By flying or displaying a flag in the month of October you can show your support and honor our loved ones who have experienced or lost their lives to domestic violence. Contact the CARE Program to find out how you can get a flag to fly.

### Calming Scrub

Join the CARE Program in a self-care activity, making a calming lavender body scrub, on **October 21** via Zoom. We will send you all the supplies you need to make this calming scrub and engage in a little self-care. Email Kira at CARE for registration and meeting information: [kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us).

### Wear Purple & Win

Wear purple on Wednesdays through the month of October for your chance to win. Each Wednesday you have an opportunity to enter into a drawing to win a self-care kit.

### Create Art Together

Use your favorite art form (beading, sketching, painting, sewing, etc.) to create an art piece that includes a purple bear paw in honor of Tillie Black Bear who was known as the Grandmother of the Battered Women's Movement and dedicated her life to the safety of Indigenous women.

The CARE program will be hosting a weekly Zoom session every Tuesday in October at 5:30 where we can come together (virtually) and work on our art pieces, share stories and be in community with one another. Your art piece can be in any art form you like. Check out this link for more information about Tillie Black Bear:

[http://www.ncdsv.org/images/NIWRC\\_Honoring-Tillie-Black-Bear-the-Grandmother-of-Our-Movement\\_7-2014.pdf](http://www.ncdsv.org/images/NIWRC_Honoring-Tillie-Black-Bear-the-Grandmother-of-Our-Movement_7-2014.pdf)



### Film Screening

Look for more information in October on how you can view a film about and join in discussion with the CARE Program on the topic of domestic violence in Indian Country.

### Talking Circles

The CARE Program hosts a virtual talking circle every third Thursday of the month via Zoom. Our next talking circles are **September 16 & October 14**. Open to anyone age 18 & up.

All photos and submissions can be sent to Kira Woosley via email: [kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:kiraw@ctsi.nsn.us) - remember to look for more event info on the Siletz Health Clinic Facebook page

## September is National Recovery Month

Why do we observe National Recovery Month?

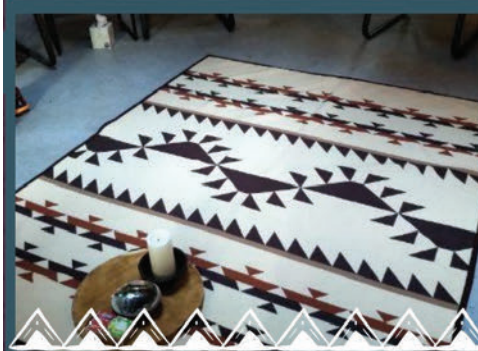
- To celebrate our loved ones and community members who are in recovery and the gains they have made.
- To remind us that recovery is possible and it is for everyone — every person, every family and every community.
- To remind us that nobody is alone in the journey to recovery and everyone's path looks different.
- To remind us that prevention works, treatment is effective and people CAN and DO recover.
- To remind us that people with mental and/or substance use disorders can live healthy and rewarding lives.
- To recognize the efforts and contributions of service providers.

If you or someone you know would like more information on recovery or Harm Reduction services, please contact Siletz Harm Reduction at 541-272-9083.

## Stages of Trauma Recovery

### Stage 1 - Safety & Stability

A traumatic event can destroy a person's assumptions about safety. The first stage of trauma recovery begins with recognizing that benign places, things, people and environments are not dangerous and don't warrant the same fight, flight or freeze response as other dangers.



### Stage 2 - Remembrance & Mourning

Traumatic events are often remembered in pieces or snapshots, a therapist or support team can help a person begin to put words to their feelings and memories. In this stage of recovery, individuals will begin to take their power back by telling their story. Through telling their story, a person can learn about their experiences and transcend them.

### Stage 3 - Reconnection & Integration

The effects of trauma are so overwhelming that after a traumatic event, a person may feel like the trauma defines them. Recovery happens when people reconnect with themselves, their loved ones, community, culture and spirit. Through connection, people can begin to live a more fulfilling life.





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## Parenting Workshop Series



Presented by CTCLUSI Health and Human Services in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

**GUEST PRESENTER  
LORRAINE BRAVE**

**TOPICS TO INCLUDE:**

Childhood Development for All Ages  
Self-Care and Family Time (Talking Circles)  
Native American Story Telling in Today's Family  
Discipline Techniques | Picky Eaters  
Youth Mental Health

**ATTEND 5/6 WORKSHOPS  
AND BE ENTERED FOR  
GRAND PRIZE!**

**RSVP by Sept. 10, 2021, to:  
Jessica 541-484-4234 or  
Lori 503-390-9494**

**WEDNESDAYS**

**6:15 p.m.**

**to**

**7:15 p.m.**

**Sept. 15**

**to**

**Oct. 20, 2021**

### Student Laptop Program 2021

The Central Administration office is accepting applications beginning Aug. 1, 2021, for the Student Laptop Program. This program is specifically for higher education and AVT students who meet the following eligibility requirements and have not previously received a student laptop.

- Must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member
- Must provide copy of current term class schedule of 6 credit hours or more
- Must provide an unofficial transcript/grade report of successful completion of 2 consecutive quarters/semesters (6 credit hours or more) of higher education/AVT program with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Proof of residence is required
- Applications are available on the Tribe's website or by contacting April Middaugh or Shantel Hostler at 800-922-1399 or direct at 541-444-8201 and 541-444-8200.

### Stuart seeking Siletz athlete stories

Do you have a story to tell or know a Siletz Tribal member or descendant who was an outstanding athlete?

I have some Siletz Tribal member stories so far of people who played university sports, played a lifetime of a sport or had amazing athletic accomplishments in high school. I want to create, and possibly publish for sale, a book that your children and my son can read that has people who look like them and stories to which they can aspire.

Thank you to everyone who has corresponded so far. Please email me at [siletztiffanydawn@gmail.com](mailto:siletztiffanydawn@gmail.com) with your story or information.

Tiffany Stuart  
Siletz Tribal member



Courtesy photo from American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame ([aiiahof.com](http://aiiahof.com))

Art Bensell (Siletz), 1987, American Indian Athletic Hall of Famer

### Childcare Assistance Program expands eligibility for Tribal families

The Tribal Childcare Assistance Program has received an increase in funding from the CCDF Coronavirus Relief and Response Supplemental Act. With this increase in funding, we requested approval from the Office of Child Care to temporarily waive the income eligibility requirement for all Tribal families living in the 11-county service area and to increase payment rates for family home providers.

The approval to waive the income eligibility will be in affect while the state and/or Tribe is in a declared emergency and can continue for three months following the suspension of the declared emergency as long as funding is sufficient.

Families must meet other eligibility requirements, which include living in the 11-county service area; parents must be working, engaged in education or in a job training program; and children must be enrolled Siletz Tribal members or eligible to enroll Siletz, or be the descendant or dependent of an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

To request an application, contact DeAnn Brown by email at [deannb@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:deannb@ctsi.nsn.us) or by telephone at 541-444-2450.

### Apply now for Head Start class in Lincoln City

Siletz Tribal Head Start is now accepting applications for our Lincoln City classroom. American Indian children are given a preference for enrollment, but your child does not have to be American Indian to attend our program.

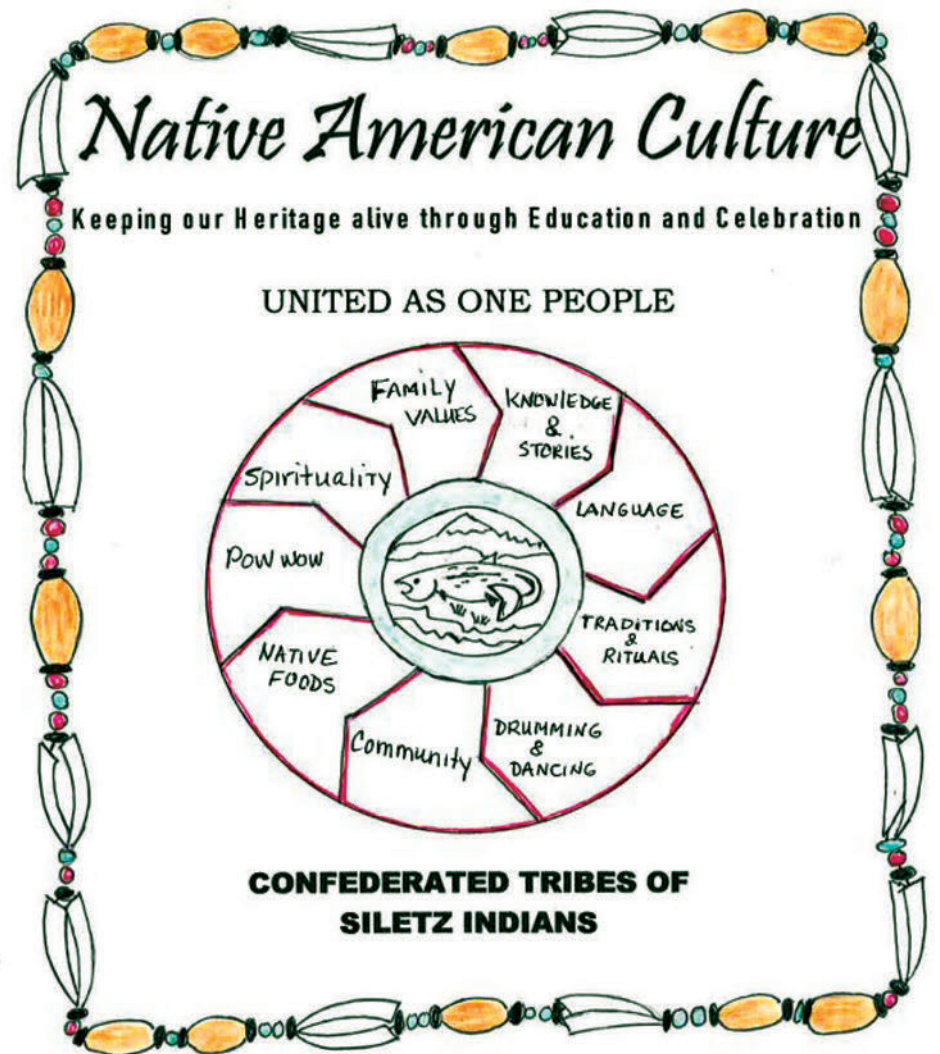
We serve children who are 3 or 4 years old and offer round-trip transportation to our program. Our program is free to qualifying families. We hope to resume in-person learning during this 2021-2022 school year and look forward to serving your family.

Our program offers two meals each class day, structured learning activities to support children's school readiness skills, health screenings, family events, parent training and services to support family success.

To apply, call us at 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2450 and ask for Head Start or visit the Siletz Tribal website at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us) and under Tribal Services, Education you will find the online application to apply.

Online applications can be emailed to [deannb@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:deannb@ctsi.nsn.us) or mailed to Head Start, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

This fundraiser replaces the Elders raffles that usually take place at the Nesika Illahee and Restoration pow-wows. Neither event took place in 2020 and thus far in 2021, the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow has been canceled. Help this group continue to buy flowers and gift cards for elders who fall ill by purchasing a steel blue T-shirt or sweatshirt.



### ELDERS COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

The Elders Council is holding a T-Shirt fundraiser. We are now taking pre orders. T-Shirts and V-Necks will cost \$20 each and Sweatshirts will be \$30 each. Please contact Brian Crump at 540-444-8233 to reserve yours today.



# Coronavirus Information and Resources



Times are stressful right now, but you are important.

- Take breaks from the news.
- Take care of your body.
- Breathe, stretch, meditate.
- Eat healthy meals.
- Get plenty of sleep.
- Continue to get routine health care.
- Exercise regularly.
- Make time to unwind.
- Limit alcohol, tobacco and substance use.
- Get vaccinated.

Oregon Health Authority



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## Why do we need to wear masks again?

Many mask mandates have been removed but now we are being asked to wear masks again in certain places. It can be confusing and even frustrating. But, because of the highly contagious Delta variant, this is necessary. COVID-19 cases are increasing rapidly.

**Indoor, public spaces** are where we are being asked to mask up. This is where the virus spreads most easily. Masks can help stop the spread and each of us can help keep our people safe by wearing a mask.

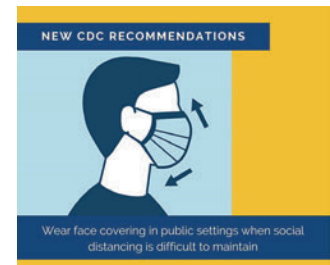
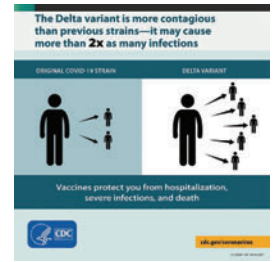
- The new Delta variant is **two to three times more transmissible** than the original virus and other variants<sup>1</sup>. It also has a shorter incubation period, 4 days instead of 6, meaning people are contagious sooner.
- Because of its short incubation period and increased transmissibility, **the Delta variant spreads faster** among unvaccinated people, including children and youth<sup>2</sup>.
- Both vaccinated and unvaccinated people should wear masks.** It is rare, but vaccinated people can still become infected with COVID-19 ("breakthrough cases") and may not know it. This means they can pass the virus to others not wearing masks.
- Vaccination is the key to stopping the pandemic,** but as we work to vaccinate all our people, wearing masks can help stop the spread of the virus in this crucial time. Stopping the spread will also help stop new variants like Delta from forming.

This is particularly important because children under 12 cannot yet be vaccinated so they are very vulnerable. Cases and hospitalizations of children with COVID-19 are rising<sup>3</sup>, but vaccinating adults helps create a protective shield around children.

- Be a good relative and help protect your Tribe and community by getting vaccinated and wearing a mask in public indoor settings. **Help beat the virus!**

Just as we joined together to protect the health of our elders, it is now important to protect our future generations. **Thank you** for keeping the circle strong.

**Mask up indoors! Get vaccinated!**



<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.yalemedicine.org/news/5-things-to-know-delta-variant-covid>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/children-and-covid-19-state-level-data-report/>

## School-Based Health Centers

Health care a few steps away

Ver al reverso para la versión en Español

### What's an SBHC?

SBHCs are medical clinics that offer children and youth health care either in a school or on school grounds. They help children and youth get the care they need when they need it. SBHCs have primary care providers such as doctors, nurse practitioners and physicians' assistants. Some have dental and mental health providers. They work with school nurses to help youth stay healthy and in school. Community partnerships that include schools, school boards, parents, students and medical professionals create and support SBHCs.

### How can an SBHC help?

- Well-child exams
- Sick visits
- Minor injury treatment
- Vision, dental and other health screenings
- Immunizations
- Alcohol and drug counseling
- Mental health counseling
- Reproductive health services
- Classroom presentations

### Who can go?

SBHCs serve children and youth who attend the school. Some SBHCs serve students within the district or county, teachers and staff at the school, and other community members.

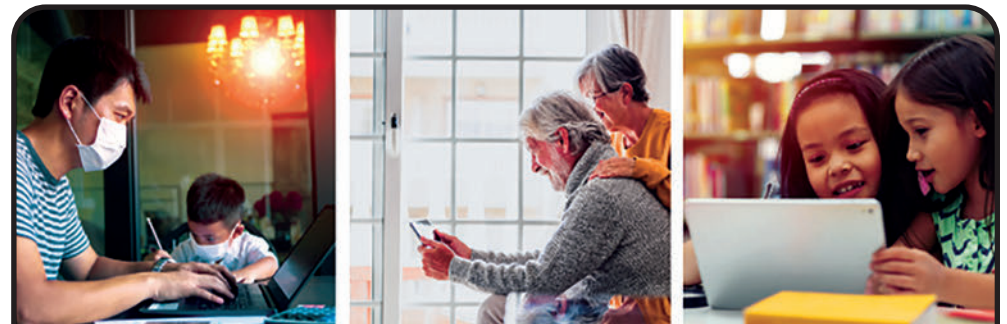
### Why go?

- SBHCs are convenient.
- It's easy to drop by or make an appointment.
- Parents spend less time away from work.
- Students spend less time away from school.
- Care is youth-centered.
- Services are affordable.

### Need more info?

[www.healthoregon.org/sbhc](http://www.healthoregon.org/sbhc)

Oregon Health Authority Oregon SBHC



## EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

### WHAT IS IT?

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary FCC program to help households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic.

### The benefit provides:

- Up to \$50/month discount for broadband services;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines or participates in certain government assistance programs;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
- Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since February 29, 2020; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

### THREE WAYS TO APPLY

1

Contact your preferred participating provider directly to learn about their application process.

2

Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://GetEmergencyBroadband.org) to submit an application and to find participating providers near you.

3

Complete a mail in application and send it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center  
 P.O. Box 7081  
 London, KY 40742

### LEARN MORE

- Call 833-511-0311, or
- Visit [fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)





# Tribal vaccine promotion: Get your shot(s), receive \$200, help protect others

**Purpose:** To increase vaccinated Tribal members and staff, CTSI is providing a \$200 cash payment to Tribal members (all ages), CTSI staff and CTSI entities staff (IAD, STGC, STBC and Tenas Illahee) to complete their COVID-19 vaccine series.

- \* COVID-19 Vaccine - **Must complete vaccine series** to qualify for incentive by Dec. 15, 2021.
- \* Qualifying series
  - Moderna – 2 shots
  - Pfizer – 2 shots
  - Johnson & Johnson – 1 shot

- \* **Who is eligible**
  - \* Enrolled Siletz Tribal members – all ages – living anywhere
  - Ages 14 and older – check is payable to individual Tribal member
  - Ages 13 and under – check is payable to PARENT of Tribal minor or guardian (must provide proof of guardianship and W-9)

- \* Staff
  - CTSI, IAD, STGC, STBC and Tenas Illahee, including full/part time and temporary employees
  - Currently employed by CTSI/entities at time of application and payment

- \* **Payments**
  - \* 3 payment cycles available:
    - Sept. 8, 2021 – application/documentation received Aug. 30
    - Nov. 3, 2021 – application/documentation received Oct. 22
    - Dec. 29, 2021 – application/documentation received Dec. 15

- \* **How to apply**
  - \* Complete application and provide requested documentation
  - Vaccine Program staff will verify vaccine series in Oregon Alert when vaccine card not submitted.
  - \* Application and W-9 are available on website – [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us)

- \* **Program information**
  - \* Tribal members who are also employees are only eligible for one promotion payment of \$200
  - \* Payment is not reportable income
  - \* Vaccine promotion ends Dec. 15, 2021 – must apply no later than Dec. 15, 2021.

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## Vaccine Promotion Application for Siletz Tribal Members (14 years of age and older)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Siletz Clinic, Fred Meyer, Salem Armory, etc.)

Read carefully to **ensure** you're sending **required** documentation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine @ Siletz Clinic – Send application **only**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine in Oregon\* – Send application **only**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine outside of Oregon – Send application **and** copy of vaccine record

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If site does not report to Oregon Alert, you'll be contacted to provide a copy of your vaccine card.

\*\*If your Social Security number is not on file with CTSI, we will need a copy of it or W-9.

\*\*\*More than 1 family member: Provide above information on separate sheet of paper and send.

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## Vaccine Promotion Application for Siletz Tribal Members (13 years of age and younger)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll # \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Siletz Clinic, Fred Meyer, Salem Armory, etc.)

Read carefully to **ensure** you're sending **required** documentation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine @ Siletz Clinic – Send application **ONLY**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine in Oregon\* – Send application **ONLY**
- \_\_\_\_\_ I received my vaccine outside of Oregon – Send application **AND** copy of vaccine record

### Proof of Guardianship

- \_\_\_\_\_ I am the legal parent and enrolled Siletz Tribal member – No additional information required.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am the legal parent and NOT an enrolled Tribal member – Send W-9
- \_\_\_\_\_ I am the legal guardian – Send proof of guardianship and W-9

**I attest the minor child resides with me and I am the legal guardian. I understand that supplying false, incomplete or inaccurate information is punishable under federal, state or Tribal laws.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If site does not report to Oregon Alert, you'll be contacted to provide a copy of your vaccine card.

\*\*More than 1 family member: Provide above information on separate sheet of paper and send.

### Mail or email your application

Mail to: Siletz Community Health Clinic, Attn. Vaccine, P.O. Box 320 Siletz, OR 97380  
Email to: [Covidline@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:Covidline@ctsi.nsn.us)





# Siletz Community Health Clinic Services

(Subject to change without notice due to local COVID-19 outbreak)

Please call the clinic for current available services as things change rapidly and we may offer more or fewer services depending on COVID-19's impact in the community.

## Available Services

**Medical/Lab** – Visits are available by phone, video and in person. Alternative care services: Medical massage has resumed regular schedule. Only the patient will be allowed in clinic unless adult accompanying minor or caregiver needed.

**COVID-19** – The clinic provides COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday, and Moderna and Pfizer vaccines on Fridays. Home test kits are available to

Tribal members and Siletz and Logsden residents.

**Optometry** – Optometry is resuming regular services and visits. The department will schedule appointments up to three weeks at a time. Only the patient will be allowed in clinic unless adult accompanying minor or caregiver needed.

**Medication Assistance Therapy (MAT)** – Visits are available by phone or video and in person.

**Behavioral Health** (A&D counseling/mental health counseling) – Visits are available by phone or video and in person when needed.

**Pharmacy** – Continues to provide services. You can pick up your medication

at the clinic for curbside pickup or your medication can be mailed to you.

**Dental** – Dental is resuming regular dental services and scheduling. The department will schedule appointments three weeks at a time.

**Community Health** – Continues to support members in navigating resources during the pandemic. For additional information, follow Community Health at “Siletz Health Clinic” on Facebook.

**Purchased/Referred Care** – Additional dental services are available through Dec. 31, 2021. Expanded dental services include approval to see a dentist outside of IHS facility and limited implant eligi-

bility. You may be eligible if you need an implant as the result of not getting care due to dental office closures. Implant requests will go through Gatekeepers to determine eligibility.

**Tillicum Fitness Center** – Open to Tribal members, staff and the community by appointment only. Guests are required to wear a properly fitting mask for the duration of their workout and time in the facility.

We thank you all for doing your part in overcoming the pandemic and doing your best to keep us all healthy and safe. We're all in this together.

## Lasik eye surgery – Limited funding available

Tribal Council has approved funding for LASIK eye surgery. Because the funding is limited, we are accepting names and will do a drawing to determine selected Tribal members. The drawing will take place Monday, Sept. 20, 2021; you will be contacted by phone and mail immediately following.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member
- Be PRC eligible (live within the 11-county service area)
- Must be able to obtain surgery by Dec. 15, 2021
- We must receive your application (below) no later than Sept. 17, 2021
- PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: PRC, P.O. Box 320, Siletz, OR 97380

Must be received by Sept. 17, 2021

## Siletz Community Health Clinic

### Purchased/Referred Care – Newly Available Service

#### PRC Funding for Specialty Surgery

Tribal Council approved funding for medically necessary surgeries that are not currently approved services. To qualify, you must be an enrolled Siletz Tribal member AND PRC-eligible. Eligible surgeries include:

- Excess eyelid skin removal
- Breast reduction
- Excess abdominal skin removal

PRC will process requests through Gatekeepers; funding is limited and will be first-come, first-served. The established medically necessary criteria are consistent with CMS and insurance guidelines. Requests deemed as cosmetic will not qualify.

#### Dental Services and Funding

**PRC-eligible patients** living within 40 miles of the Siletz Clinic or an IHS facility are now eligible to obtain services at an outside dental facility. You may also be eligible for implant(s) as the result of reduced access to dental care from dental office closures or reduced capacities. Implant requests go through Gatekeepers to determine eligibility.

Contact PRC for additional information at 541-444-1236.

**Out-of-area Tribal members** are eligible for an additional benefit of \$3,000 for dental services, which must be received by Dec. 31, 2021. Funding is limited.

Contact the COVID Team for additional details at 541-444-9607.

HAROLD SCHNITZER DIABETES HEALTH CENTER

## Type 2 and You Class Series



Come to your annual diabetes wellness visit at the Siletz Clinic to get a referral.

To register or learn more contact

**Don Kain**  
Diabetes Education and Program  
Outreach Manager  
  
EMAIL [kaind@ohsu.edu](mailto:kaind@ohsu.edu)  
PHONE 503-494-5249

### Siletz Tribal Members

#### Program Description

This class series empowers Siletz Tribal members to learn more about diabetes, health, science and traditional foods.

Classes are held every Tuesday, beginning in the second week of September through the first week of October. This five-class series is offered virtually. Information on virtual access will be provided at the time of registration.

### September/October Classes

#### Held every Tuesday

September 7	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
September 14	5:30 PM – 8 PM
September 21	5:30 PM – 8 PM
September 28	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
October 5	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

If you have a disability and need an accommodation to attend or participate in this event please contact Don Kain at 503-494-5249 at least five business days prior to the event.



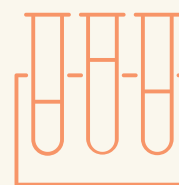
## SILETZ COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC ANNUAL DIABETES WELLNESS VISIT

The Annual Diabetes Wellness Visit is different than your yearly physical exam. This visit will focus on gathering health information and counseling you on improving your health and preventing complications.

### WHAT WILL BE REVIEWED AT YOUR DIABETES WELLNESS VISIT?



MEDICAL HISTORY



LAB RESULTS



MEDICATIONS



PROVIDER PLAN

CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR LAB VISIT AND APPOINTMENT TODAY!

541-444-1030

ENJOY A FREE GIFT

WHEN YOU ATTEND YOUR VISIT!



ONE ON ONE

VIDEO CALLS

OVER THE PHONE

HERE TO SUPPORT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY! YOUR HEALTH IS OUR PRIORITY.



# Tribe donates more than \$424,000 to communities to help kids, families, elders

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund has distributed \$424,257.07 to 28 organizations as it continues its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups. Due to the current conditions of the coronavirus pandemic, the reception originally scheduled for Aug. 6 was canceled.

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 \$15.2 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$19.6 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, 2021. 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](http://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](mailto:stccf@live.com).

## Cultural Activities – \$1,000

Comunidad y Herencia Cultural – folkloric performer fees for Hispanic Heritage event; Springfield, OR; \$500  
Deer Ridge Native American Services – pow-wow food and supplies; Madras, OR; \$500

## Drug & Alcohol Treatment – \$10,000

Veterans Legacy – food, supplies for residents and camp supplies for Camp Alma, a new residential D&A treatment program for homeless veterans; Eugene, OR; \$10,000

## Education – \$301,299

Oregon Coast STEM Hub – at-sea ship-time, fuel, transport, materials and food for marine STEM job shadow program for 30 youth age 16-18 from Lincoln County; Newport, OR; \$7,500  
Siletz Valley Friends of the Library – update and install an eight-camera wireless security and surveillance video system; Siletz, OR; \$1,799  
Siletz Valley School – personnel and operations for 2021-22 school year, including K-12 media technology, coaching, sports, nurse and building maintenance; Siletz, OR; \$292,000

## Environment & Natural Resource Preservation – \$8,413.07

Bagby Conservation Collective – trail maintenance, hand tools, Garmin GPS, hand-held radios, mileage/gas, shelters and folding tables for volunteer stewardship and work parties; Estacada, OR; \$3,413.07  
Oregon Wild – personnel and consultant costs to finish and distribute California Condor podcast with reintroduction efforts by Yurok and Nez Perce Tribes; Portland, OR; \$5,000

## Health – \$25,150

Cascade AIDS Project – food and clothing resource to help CareLink program serve and connect vulnerable clients living with HIV to medical treatment; Portland, OR; \$2,500  
Fish of Albany – food for Snacks for Packs weekend food program for K-12 students of Greater Albany Public Schools; Albany, OR; \$2,000  
Florence Food Share – wool socks and water filtration bottles to help food share clients experiencing homelessness; Florence, OR; \$2,500  
Lincoln County Joint Transportation Committee – bus passes to help residents get to medical-related appointments, including taxi vouchers and gas cards for areas outside of bus routes; Lincoln City, OR; \$5,000  
North Santiam Gleaners – food for food shares and other food inventory; Scio, OR; \$4,000  
RSVP of Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties – durable medical and fall prevention equipment (grab bars, transfer benches, walkers, etc.) for elders and people with disabilities; Albany, OR; \$2,000  
The Salvation Army of Lincoln County – food shares and other food resources to distribute emergency food boxes at Food Pantry of Hope in Newport and mobile pantry in North County; Newport, OR; \$2,000  
Yamhill Community Action Partnership – match purchases of electric pallet truck (jack) to safely move increasing food inventory; McMinnville, OR; \$5,150

## Historical Preservation – \$35,000

Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society – capital museum-building campaign; Siletz, OR; \$25,000  
Willamette Grange #52 – match cost for engineered trusses and new roof project; Corvallis, OR; \$5,000  
Yaquina Pacific Railroad Historical Society – materials, steel staircases and labor for restoration of Baldwin steam locomotive engine “One-Spot”; Toledo, OR; \$5,000

## Other – \$9,895

American Legion Auxiliary Post 116 – food and food-related items for Thanksgiving meal for veterans; Gleneden Beach, OR; \$1,500  
Echo Mountain Fire Relief – food and snacks for family fun nights for wildfire survivors; Otis, OR; \$1,800  
Lincoln City Senior Center – food and supplies for annual Thanksgiving luncheon; Lincoln City, OR; \$600  
Panther Creek Senior and Community Center – repairs and painting due to damage from Echo Mountain Complex fire; Otis, OR; \$3,995  
Quilts for Caring Hands – batting to fill handmade quilts distributed quarterly to children served by social service agencies; Corvallis, OR; \$2,000

## Public Safety – \$33,500

Dayton Fire District – match district's secured budget amount to upgrade portable multi-band radio units; Dayton, OR; \$10,000  
Philomath Fire and Rescue – match secured tax base budget to purchase two Zoll Propaq MD defibrillators; Philomath, OR; \$10,000  
Siletz Valley Fire District – match district's budget amount to replace complete sets of expired structure fire turnouts; Siletz, OR; \$9,000  
Sweet Home Fire and Ambulance District – match fire district's secured budget amount to replace and upgrade automated external defibrillators; Sweet Home, OR; \$4,500

## How to access language materials online

Virtual speaking groups and beginning community classes have begun again. Contact Nick Viles ([nickv@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:nickv@ctsi.nsn.us)) for login information.

Ch'ee-la xwii-t'i  
(Greetings everyone)

To assist Tribal members during this time of social distancing and the interruption of our normal schedules, this tutorial on how to access language materials and recordings from the Tribal website has been developed. I hope you and your families are safe and healthy during this time. Hopefully many folks can access these materials from the safety of their homes.

Go to [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us). Enter in your roll number and last four digits of your Social security number to log on to the Tribal member access area. Click on “Our Heritage.” On the drop down, click on “Language.”

Lots of written and recorded materials are available in this section. The Nu-u-wee-ya' (Our Words) Language Dictionary is on this page. You can click on the selection A to Z to look up written English language words and their Athabaskan equivalent.

Also on this page are Siletz Dee-ni Volumes 1, 2 & 3. Just click on “Study Materials” and scroll down. Volume 1 contains lessons on body parts, counting, relatives, foods and table talk.

In these lessons, the written word on the screen is accompanied by audio of

the word's pronunciation. Volume 2 contains animals, birds, colors, fish, greetings and goodbyes, insects, and trees and brush. Volume 3 contains lessons on sentence structure and word order.

Each lesson has a complete practical alphabet sound chart. All three volumes have a word document and audio recording for each lesson. Tests are available if you want to use them.

To access the Siletz Talking Dictionary, click on Siletz Language website. Drop down three lines and click on [www.siletzlanguage.org](http://www.siletzlanguage.org), go to the Talking Dictionary tab and click on it. The Siletz Talking Dictionary Page will appear.

Just below the words “Search for” is an empty white box. Type in the word you are searching for and click on the “search” button. The word and the Athabaskan equivalent will appear just below the search box. To hear the word being spoken, simply click on the red ear icon on the left side of the page.

You may have to wait a few seconds for the page and sound to load, depending on your connectivity. Some of the words also have pictures.

Also on the [www.siletzlanguage.org](http://www.siletzlanguage.org) website are 14 Language learning videos and many other culture-related videos, materials and curriculum.

## 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	Pendleton blanket plus \$75

Master's Degree	\$300
Doctorate Degree	Pendleton blanket plus \$300

### Tribal Education Specialists

Portland Area Office: Katy Holland, 503-238-1512, 12790 SE Stark St., Suite 102, Portland, OR 97233  
Salem Area Office: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494, 3160 Blossom Drive NE, Suite 105, Salem, OR 97305  
Eugene Area Office: Nicholas Viles, 541-484-4234, 2468 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97402  
Siletz Area Office: Alissa Lane, 541-444-8373, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380





Courtesy photos by John Harrington

Tribal member John Harrington helped welcome the House of Tears Carvers and their totem pole to Washington, D.C., in late July. The 24-foot, 8-inch totem completed the Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey to Protect Sacred Sites as Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland welcomed the group (right photo) to the National Mall. The carvers and the totem made a stop at ChinookWinds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore., in late May.

**Siletz Tribal Veterans**

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

**Tribal Veterans and family**

There is once again the opportunity to request to add a name to the Siletz Tribal Veterans Memorial Wall on Government Hill in Siletz, Oregon.

Names are to be added early October 2021, so please request your application and fill out a request as soon as possible.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Tony Molina at 541-444-8330 or [tonym@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:tonym@ctsi.nsn.us)

For more information about STAHS, visit [siletzartsheritage.org](http://siletzartsheritage.org).

**ADVANCING DISABILITY JUSTICE GRANT IS EXCITED TO PRESENT TRADITIONAL ACTIVITIES TO SHOW THAT NO MATTER YOUR DISABILITY OR ROLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING THAT CAN BE LEARNED FROM ONE ANOTHER.**

*Two federally recognized Tribal members in our communities are giving 100 community members the opportunity to learn how to make traditional items in their unique ways - giving them the chance to showcase their art.*

Basket caps made from supplies that can be bought from the store.  
For some, this is easier than gathering when their health makes it too difficult.

Beaded earrings and chokers made easier for people with disabilities.  
Most beadwork is hard on your hands and eyes.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO MAKE ONE OR BOTH OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SILETZ VR PROGRAM FOR A PACKAGE OF SUPPLIES TO BE MAILED TO YOU. WE HAVE 100 AVAILABLE FOR EACH ACTIVITY.

Please contact Rachelle Endres at 541-444-8213 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1213.

**SEPTEMBER AWARENESS: PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE**

Peripheral artery disease is also likely to be a sign of a buildup of fatty deposits in your arteries (atherosclerosis). This condition may narrow your arteries and reduce blood flow to your legs, feet and arms, and believe it or not, your brain may get affected, i.e., strokes.

Successful treatment of peripheral artery disease involves exercising, eating a healthy diet and quitting tobacco in any form. Not all people with PAD or other leg impairments will need accommodations to perform their jobs and many others may only need a few accommodations.

Peripheral artery disease (also called peripheral arterial disease) is a common circulatory problem in which narrowed arteries reduce blood flow to your limbs. When you develop peripheral artery disease (PAD), your legs or arms — usually your legs — don't receive enough blood flow, which may lead to leg pain when walking (claudication), cold and swollen feet due to poor blood flow and/or poor healing sores or wounds that can potentially lead to amputation if not properly treated:  
<https://standagainstampulation.com/>

**SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF PAD MAY INCLUDE:**

- Painful cramping of your hips, thighs or calf muscles
- Leg numbness or weakness
- Coldness in your lower leg or foot
- Sores on your toes, feet or legs that won't heal
- A change in the color of your legs
- Hair loss or slower hair growth on your feet and legs
- Slower growth of your toenails
- Shiny skin on your legs
- No pulse or a weak pulse in your legs or feet
- Pain when using your arms, such as aching and cramping when knitting, writing or doing other manual tasks (Mayo Clinic)

If peripheral artery disease progresses, pain may occur when you're at rest or lying down. It may be intense enough to disrupt sleep. Walking around your room may temporarily relieve the pain.

If you or a loved one is experiencing signs and symptoms of PAD, please see a doctor. If this is a long-standing issue and it's impacting your work performance, then contact the Siletz Vocational Rehabilitation Program staff, who may be able to assist you with vocational rehabilitation options.

**Contact Rachelle Endres, VRC (Siletz), 541-444-8213  
Toni Leija, VRC (Salem), 503-390-9494**







## 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 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.

## Internships

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| • NOAA Internships<br>Deadline: Ongoing                            | • National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates<br>Deadline: Multiple |
| • Code Switch Internship<br>Deadline: Various                      | • Indian Land Tenure Foundation<br>Deadline: Multiple                                       |
| • HP 3D Printing Engineering Intern<br>Deadline: Open until filled | • Environmental Protection Agency<br>Deadline: Multiple                                     |
| • WOTE Agricultural Incubator Internship<br>Deadline: Various      | • American Fisheries Society<br>Deadlines: Multiple   |
| • Saturday Academy Internships<br>Deadline: Multiple               | • Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (OMSI)<br>Deadline: Multiple                          |
| • EPA Environ. Research/Bus. Support<br>Deadline: Multiple         |   |

# CTSI Virtual College Info Nights Session I

**THURSDAY,  
SEPT. 23  
6:00 PM**

## COLLEGE APPLICATION NIGHT:

- ◆ Applying to College/University
- ◆ Grants and Scholarships
- ◆ Student Housing
- ◆ Financial Aid/FAFSA
- ◆ Important Deadlines
- ◆ **Plus: Meet advisors from local colleges and universities**

**All Students and Families Welcome**

Contact your local education specialist to sign up and for login information

## SILETZ JOHNSON O'MALLEY (JOM) SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM – SUPPORTING OUR TRIBAL YOUTH

The Siletz Johnson-O'Malley Supplemental Education Program is a federally funded program which was originally authorized by the Johnson-O'Malley Act of 1934. The overall mission of this program is to provide supplementary financial assistance to meet the unique and specialized educational needs of our Indian children.

In order for students to be eligible for the Siletz JOM Supplemental Education Program, they must:

- An enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe or Alaska Native
- OR-
- Prove to be one-fourth (1/4) or more blood degree.
- Students must reside within the 11 county service area of the Siletz Tribe and be between the ages of 3 through grade 12 and attending public schools.
- Students must have an updated JOM Application on file each academic year.

For more information about JOM services and ways in which to access these services, please contact your local Education Specialist at your area office.

## Scholarships

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| • Fastweb (scholarship search engine)   | • American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing |
| • Big Future (scholarship search engine)                                      | • American Institute of CPAs<br>Deadline: Varies  |
| • Pacific Northwest Scholarship Guide (scholarship search engine)             | • American Meteorological Society Minority Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing                |
| • OregonStudentAid.gov  | • Army Emergency Relief Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing                                   |
| • AIS Scholarship<br>Deadline: Varies   | • Catching the Dream Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing                                      |
| • Open Education Database Graduate and Ph.D. Scholarships<br>Deadline: Varies | • College Board Scholarship<br>Deadline: Ongoing  |
| • Tribal College and University Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing             | • National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering<br>Deadline: Varies                 |
| • American Indian Service Scholarships<br>Deadline: Ongoing                   |   |

**Visit OregonStudentAid.gov to check out more than 500 grant and scholarship opportunities.**

## Fellowships

- American Indian Graduate Center  
Deadline: Ongoing
- NOAA Fellowships  
Deadline: Ongoing
- NBC News Summer Fellows Program  
Deadline: Ongoing
- Master of Forest Resources Fellowships  
Deadline: Open until filled
- NW Native American 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 Native American Fellowship  
Deadlines: Multiple

### Outside Scholarships for NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS

**Cobell Scholarship**  
<http://cobellscholar.org/>  
various scholarships available  
\*essay required  
Open to descendants/enrolled members

**American Indian Services**  
<https://www.americanindianservices.org/>  
various scholarships available  
\*essay may be required  
Open to descendants/enrolled members

**American Indian College Fund**  
<http://www.collegefund.org/>  
various scholarships available  
\*essay required  
Open to descendants/enrolled members

**Bureau of Indian Education**  
<http://www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/>  
various scholarships available  
\*essay may be required  
Open to descendants/enrolled members

**Native American Scholarship Fund**  
<http://catchingthedream.org/>  
various scholarships available  
\*essay may be required  
Open to descendants/enrolled members



# Tribal Council Timesheets for July 2021

## Frank Aspria – 7/1/21-7/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.25	1.25	.5	2			7/1-6 Email, packets, reports
3.75	3.75		.5			7/7 Housing Comm, interviews, STBC email, email
1	1	1	2.5			7/8 STBC mtg, email, reports
3.75	3.75	4				7/9-13 Email, reports, packets
3.5	3.25	1				7/16 Regular TC, email
.75	.75					7/20-22 Email
.75	.75					7/26 Meet w/ county commissioners, packets
2.75	2.75					7/27-28 TC mtg, email

## Lillie Butler – 7/1/21-7/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
5	5	4				7/1-7 Packets
2	2	3.5	3.5			7/8-12 Council, STBC mtg/packets, packets
2	2					7/13 Education, packets
3.25	3.25					7/14-15 Chemawa Station LLC, packets
3.5	3.25					7/16 Regular TC
8.5	8.5					7/19-23 Packets
2	2					7/26 Meet w/ county commissioners, packets

## Lorraine Y. Butler – 7/1/21-7/31/21

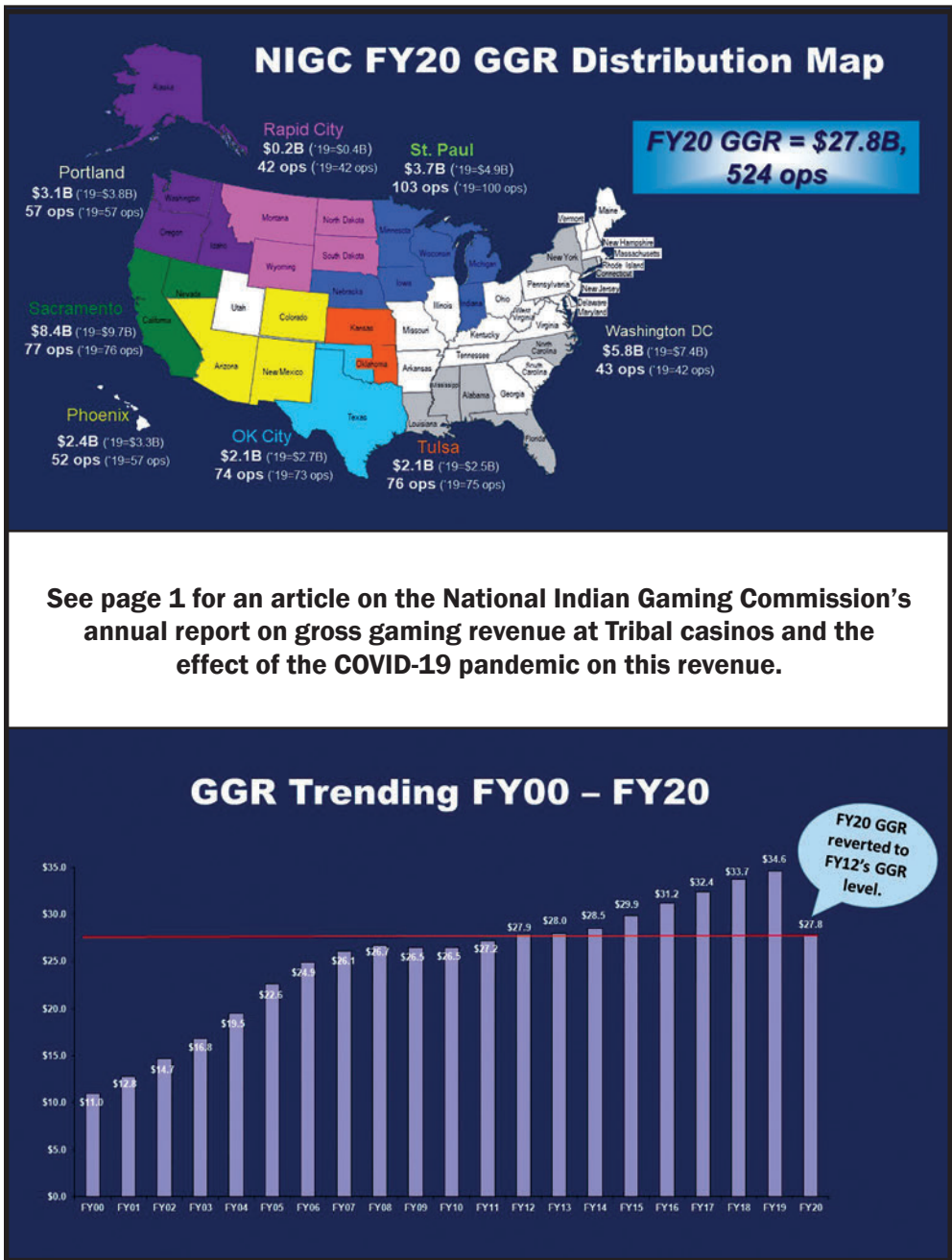
TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1	1	1.5	3			7/4-7 Packets
.5	.5		2.5			7/8 CPT, STBC
		2.5				7/9 Special TC – gaming
1	1	1.5				7/10-12 Packets

## Delores Pigsley – 7/1/21-7/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
5.75	5.75	2	.5			7/1-7 Mail, agenda items, prep for council, prep for STBC mtg
.5	.5		2.5			7/8 STBC mtg, mail
.25	.25	3				7/9 Special TC – gaming, mail
1.5	1.5	.5				7/10-11 Mail, agenda items, prep for mtgs
2	2	11				7/12-13 FBI mtgs, meet w/ Kurt Schrader, mail
3	3	.25	.75			7/14-15 Chemawa Station LLC, mail, prep for council, agenda items
3.5	3.5			4		7/16 Regular TC, mail
4	4					7/17-24 Mail, agenda items
1	1					7/26 Meet w/ county commissioners, mail
2.25	2.25			4		7/27 Wkshps on MAT, youth and ARP, Special TC, mail
1	1	.5				7/28 Mail, agenda items

## Selene Rilatos – 7/1/21-7/31/21

TC	Ind	Gmg	STBC	ED	Tvl	
1.75	1.75				1	7/1 Maritime Museum, email
5.5	5.5					7/2-7 Email, packets
1	1		2.5			7/8 STBC mtg, packets
1	1	2.5				7/9 Special TC – gaming, email, packets
1	1					7/12 Email, packets
1.75	1.75					7/13 COVID, OOSA mtg, email
2.75	2.75					7/14 SB770 HHS mtg, email
2	2					7/15 Packets, email
3.75	3.75			1		7/16 Regular TC, email
1	1					7/18 Packets, email
2	2			1		7/19 Interviews, email
4.75	4.75			1		7/20 DV wkshp, email
3	3					7/21-25 COVID, email, packets
1	1					7/26 Meet w/ county commissioners, email
2.75	2.75			1		7/27 TC wkshp, Special TC, email
3.25	3.25					7/28 NWPaiHB mtg, email



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# Chinook Winds

## CASINO RESORT

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### ITEM OF THE MONTH

September 11 at 4pm

**GRAND PRIZE:**

**SAMSUNG 65" TU700D SERIES 4K UHD LED LCD TV**

Collect **FREE ENTRIES DAILY** starting September 6<sup>th</sup>



1 entry 2 entries 3 entries 4 entries

Collect even more entries with your tracked play in the casino; one bonus entry for every 100 points earned on Slots, Tables, Keno, Bingo and Sports Wagering.

# SEASON KICK-OFF GAME

**Make a break for Chinook Winds' end zone where CASH and PRIZES await you this Season!**

**DRAWINGS begin September 2**

Thursdays in September at 7pm - prize \$1,000 CASH!  
Sundays in September at 7pm - top prize \$5,000 CASH!

Each drawing, three contestants choose their plays.  
First contestant to cross the goal line **KEEPS THE CASH!**  
Over \$40,000 in CASH and PRIZES in all!



LATE NIGHT EDITION

## Comedy on the Coast



HEADLINER  
**PJ WALSH**



FEATURING  
**JEFF CAPRI**



HOST  
**KATIE ROBINSON**

September 17 & 18 • 9:30pm • \$15

Tickets available at the Chinook Winds Casino Resort Box Office. Buy by phone at 1-888-MAIN-ACT (1-888-624-6228), 541-996-5776 or online. 21 and over event, doors open at 9pm with a no-host bar.

## CHINOOK WINDS KEEPS RAISING THE STEAKS!



**DRAWINGS THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER AT 4PM**

FOOTBALL, GRILLING & GAMING CONVERGE FOR A SAVORY SEASON OF WINNING AT CHINOOK WINDS. WIN CASH, SAND DOLLARS, A MINI-GRILL, OR A PREMIUM STEAK BOX!



COLLECT 1 ENTRY WITH EVERY 100 POINTS EARNED ON SLOTS, TABLES, BINGO, KENO & SPORTS WAGERING BEGINNING AUGUST 30.



COMPLETE RULES AT WINNERS CIRCLE. SPORTS WAGERING ENTRIES WILL BE APPLIED 24 HOURS AFTER TICKET HAS CLOSED. MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ALTER OR WITHDRAW PROMOTION AT ANY TIME.

### COLLECT ENTRIES

Starting August 26, collect drawing entries when you play in the casino with your Winners Circle card. You'll get an entry with every 100 points you earn on slots, tables, keno, bingo, and sports wagering.

### FREE ENTRIES

Swipe your Winners Circle card in one of our promotional kiosks weekly during the "Season Kick Off Game," and you'll get free entries! Members get one entry. MVP Members get two entries. Premier Members get three entries, and Elite Members get four entries.

Complete rules at Winners Circle. Management reserves the right to alter or withdraw promotion at any time.



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# Angels Ball, Fantasy of Trees return in 2021; time to plan for your decorated tree

LINCOLN CITY, Ore. – Angels Anonymous is proud to announce that the Angels Ball and Festival of Trees are back on schedule for the yuletide season of 2021. The nonprofit's main fundraiser, the Festival of Trees, will begin on Dec. 1 and conclude with the Angels Ball on Dec. 4 at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

COVID-19 and the Echo Mountain Complex fire greatly increased the need for assistance in North Lincoln County.

Angels Anonymous, with the help of its generous donors, was able to help meet the need. In 2020 the organization assisted 148 families, many of them victims of the Echo Mountain fire.

So put on your thinking caps to plan a dazzling tree for your family or your business to sponsor at the Festival of Trees and watch it raise money at the live auction on the night of the ball.

It's an invigorating experience to work together decorating the perfect

tree for a perfect cause. Not only is it a "feel good" experience, but your business will be in the spotlight among those who generously help the community to thrive. Those businesses that choose to sponsor monetarily will receive recognition on the Angels Anonymous website and in the auction program.

The cost for a space and a tree to decorate provided by Angels Anonymous is \$100. If you provide your own tree, the

cost is \$50. Ticket prices remain the same as in 2019 at \$85

Sponsorship packets are available. To receive one, contact Roger Robertson at 541-996-7474 or email [allways@charter.net](mailto:allways@charter.net), or Phil Robertson at 541-921-4716 or [phillyphil@msn.com](mailto:phillyphil@msn.com).

Packets also are available at the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce, 4039 NW Logan Road in Lincoln City, or at Coast Drafting and Design, 1540 SE Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

# Oregon Humanities' letter exchange invites Oregonians to connect over climate

PORTLAND, Ore. – In the midst of a year of devastating wildfires, political violence and searing heatwaves, with little relief on the horizon, many Oregonians are preoccupied with climate. Dear Stranger, a letter-exchange project from Oregon Humanities, invites letter writers to share their thoughts on climate – environmental, cultural and political – and connect with someone they've never met.

Oregon Humanities is a statewide organization that brings people together to talk, listen and learn from one another. "The need for human connection feels more urgent than ever," said Ben Waterhouse, communications manager for

Oregon Humanities and creator of the Dear Stranger project. "It feels like we're in a constant state of crisis, with fires and the pandemic and partisan conflict, and that makes it really hard to reach out and learn from other people. Dear Stranger is an opportunity to hear from other Oregonians and to be heard – and hopefully learn something new."

The aim of Dear Stranger is to create shared understanding among Oregonians with different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs. The premise is simple: Write a letter, get a letter and make a new connection.

Oregon Humanities has operated Dear Stranger since 2014, with each round of the

project asking writers to address a different question or theme. More than 200 people have signed up to participate so far this year.

This summer's prompt is, "Write about the climate where you live – the weather, politics or culture. What's your climate like? Has the climate changed during the time you've lived where you do now? What worries you about climate? How do you think people could make it better?"

Writing prompts and instructions for participation are available at [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org). Letters are swapped anonymously and each person receives a letter from the person who received the one they wrote. What happens next is up to the

writers. If they'd like to write back, they can do so through Oregon Humanities.

Letters should be addressed to Oregon Humanities, Attn: Dear Stranger, 921 SW Washington St., Suite 150, Portland, OR, 97205. Oregon Humanities will exchange letters mailed by Oct. 4, 2021.

Questions should be directed to [programs@oregonhumanities.org](mailto:programs@oregonhumanities.org).

More information about our programs and publications – which include the Conversation Project, Bridging Oregon, Consider This, Humanity in Perspective, Public Program Grants, Responsive Program Grants and *Oregon Humanities* magazine – can be found at [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org).

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

## Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Follow us on Twitter, find us on Facebook or visit our website at [chinookwindscasino.com](http://chinookwindscasino.com).

For more information about events in North Lincoln County, visit [lcchamber.com](http://lcchamber.com), [oregoncoast.org](http://oregoncoast.org) or [lincolncity-culturalcenter.org](http://lincolncity-culturalcenter.org).

### Calling all Tribal member business owners

If you would like to be on the preferred Tribal members business list with Chinook Winds, please fax, mail, email or drop off your business card, brochures, or business information to:

Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
Attn: Purchasing Dept.  
1777 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St.  
Lincoln City, OR 97367  
Phone: 541-996-5853  
Fax: 541-996-3847  
[erica@cwresort.com](mailto:erica@cwresort.com)



If you want to be part of a great team and looking for a new career opportunity,

Please call Human Resources at (541) 996-5800 or (541) 996-5806.

[www.chinookwindscasino.com/careers](http://www.chinookwindscasino.com/careers)

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8am-4:30pm

Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore., offers 24-hour Las Vegas-style gaming, an 18-hole golf course, headline entertainment from some of music's most legendary stars, three full-service restaurants, a secure child care facility and arcade, and a 243-room ocean-view hotel.

For more information, visit [chinookwindscasino.com](http://chinookwindscasino.com), or call 888-CHINOOK (244-6665) or 541-996-5825.

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fields for more than 25 years," said the Interior in a statement.

His long list of roles, in addition to interim director, includes:

- President and chief executive officer of the Indian Country Conservancy
- Executive director for the Umatilla Tribal Community Foundation
- National director of the Tribal & Native Lands Program for the Trust for Public Land
- Executive director for the Columbia Slough Watershed Council
- Executive director for the Community Energy Project
- President and chief executive officer for the Earth Conservation Corps

Holly Cook Macarro, partner at Spirit Rock Consulting LLC and political commentator, said the nomination is another addition to defining President Biden's legacy in Indian Country.

Macarro, Red Lake Ojibwe, called the nomination ironic like Secretary Haaland's nomination because national parks are lost Native lands that have been affected by "treaty violations, theft and other forms."

But Sams' possible leadership of the National Parks Service "once again feels like things are coming full circle."

She said that the youth could be significantly impacted by having visual representation of a position they might want to obtain someday. Tribal governments and spiritual leaders may also benefit from his appointment.

"There's someone on the very top who understands the Tribal perspective and is going to bring it to the table in a way that we haven't seen before," Macarro said.

She added that Sams' appointment is a result of Biden's push to have greater representation in his administration and



Courtesy photo by Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian Charles F. "Chuck" Sams III

Haaland's commitment to have a more diverse workforce in the Interior.

Macarro mentioned that this position is not traditionally occupied by Native Americans unlike the Indian Health Service, which currently has an acting director.

She cites two other non-traditional appointments: Robert Anderson, Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, who was tapped as the solicitor of the Interior, and Janie Hipp, Chickasaw, who was appointed as USDA general counsel.

"I am hopeful that we will continue to see more as these positions get filled and I certainly think we will," she said.

*The Associated Press contributed to this report.*

*Kalle Benallie, Navajo, is a reporter-producer at Indian Country Today's Phoenix bureau. Follow her on Twitter: @kallebenallie or email her at [kbenallie@indiancountrytoday.com](mailto:kbenallie@indiancountrytoday.com). Benallie was once the opening act for a Cirque Du Soleil show in Las Vegas.*



## CALLING ALL CTSI AREA TRIBAL YOUTH AGE 12-17 YEARS

Ropes Course      River Rafting      Camping Trips  
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After School Programs and more!

Sign up with the Prevention program today!

Please note: Prevention activities are not open to the public. For questions please call, Elizabeth Madden at 541-444-9606 or email at elizabethm@ctsi.nsn.us

To the Education Department:

I'd like to thank the Education Department for all of their hard work during the pandemic. The Education Department has gone above and beyond to keep our youth engaged. The STREAM kits my nephew has been receiving are wonderful! Thank you for exposing him to new opportunities.

Thank you to everyone in the Education Department, which has stepped up and has gotten very creative during these unusual times. Please know the hard work hasn't gone unnoticed.

Many thanks,  
Misty Mocekis

### CTSI Jobs

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

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### Siletz News Letters Policy

*Siletz News*, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, is published once a month. Our editorial policy encourages input from readers about stories printed in *Siletz News* and other Tribal issues.

All letters must include the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks or unsubstantiated statements.

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

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

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

Editor-in-Chief: Mike Kennedy  
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### Notice from Tribal Court

Beginning June 1, 2021, the following filing fee schedule will be in place.

#### SILETZ TRIBAL COURT FILING FEE/COPY CHARGE

Adoption	\$100.00
Appeal, Filing Notice of	\$50.00
Audio Record (tape)	\$5.00
Copies, standard	\$.25 per page
Certified Copy	\$5.00 +\$.25 per page
Fax	\$1 first page \$.50 additional pages
Certified Copy Guardianship letter	\$5.00 +\$.25 per page
Civil Action, not small claim	
\$0- \$10,000	\$100.00
\$10,001 – \$49,999	\$200.00
50,000-1,000,000	\$400.00
More than 1,000,000	\$800.00
Contempt of Court	\$1,000.00 - \$5000.000
Dissolution	
Co-Petition	\$200.00
Election Challenge	\$25.00
Electronically stored case documents (hard copy)	\$3.00/each request
Emancipation	\$100.00
Guardianship, individual Petition	\$50.00
Mailing Costs	Actual Cost
Marriage Application	\$100.00
Marriage Solomnization To person performing marriage	\$50.00
Name Change	\$50.00
Small Claims, Enforce Judgment under \$2,500	
Petitioner	\$25.00
Small Claims, Enforce Judgment Over \$2,500	
Petitioner	\$50.00
Respondent/if requesting reconsideration	\$50.00
STANDARD FILING FEE, IF NOT LISTED	\$125.00



## Pre-applications being accepted for new 56-unit Mamook Tokatee housing in Northeast Portland

A collaboration between the Native American Youth and Family Center, Community Development Partners and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Mamook Tokatee is a four-story podium building composed of 56 units with a mix of studios, 1-bedroom, 2-bedroom and 3-bedroom units located in the Cully neighborhood on the corner of Northeast 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Going Street in Portland, Ore.

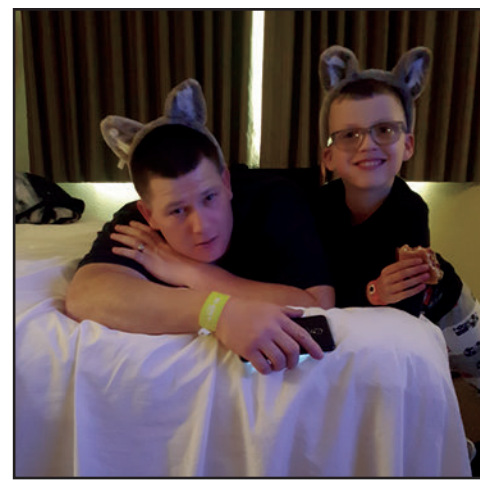
Interested parties will be contacted in September based on their pre-application. Find the form at [nayapdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Mamook-Tokatee-Leasing-Pre-application-Form-Web-1.pdf](http://nayapdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Mamook-Tokatee-Leasing-Pre-application-Form-Web-1.pdf)

Other features of the building include:

- Less than 1 mile away from Fernhill and Wilshire parks
- Less than 1 mile away from Portland Community College Workforce Center
- 1.5 miles away from NAYA Family Center's services and on a direct bus line from the building – including its Many Nations Academy, an alternative accredited high school

- 1.5 miles away from Grant High School (Portland Public Schools)
- Less than 1 mile away from Rigler Elementary School (PPS)
- Less than 1 mile away from Beaumont Middle School (PPS)

For more information, contact Isaac DeAnda, occupancy specialist in the Siletz Tribal Housing Department, at [isaacd@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:isaacd@ctsi.nsn.us) or 541-819-4299; or visit [nayapdx.org/services/housing/mamook-tokatee/](http://nayapdx.org/services/housing/mamook-tokatee/).



Mikey Justice is the best father! Happy Birthday, Mikey! Thank you for being born.

We love you so much, Jaimi and Leelin

## NARF supports Native American Voting Rights Act introduced in Congress

BOULDER, Colo. – In a bipartisan effort to address the unique obstacles faced by American Indian voters, Sen. Ben Ray Lujan and Reps. Sharice Davids and Tom Cole have introduced the Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021 (NAVRA).

The Native American Rights Fund, whose attorneys have fought for American Indian rights – including voting rights – for more than 50 years, gives its full support to this long-needed legislation. Urgent action is needed to protect the right to vote on Indian lands and no bill goes further to protect Native voting rights.

American Indian voters continue to face unique challenges when voting. This includes – but is not limited to – geographically distant, off-reservation polling and registration sites that states and counties refuse to move on-reservation; difficulties registering and remaining on voter rolls due to the lack of addressed homes on reservations; inability to vote by mail because mail is not delivered to homes; as well as the adverse effects of documented voter suppression, partisan gerrymandering, disparate treatment and discriminatory tactics.

The Native American Voting Rights Act is urgently needed to address these specific, targeted and discriminatory policies.

“We have to address ongoing discriminatory policies at the state and local levels,” said NARF Staff Attorney Jacqueline De León. “We need a federal policy that sets a baseline of access and prevents continuing abuses. The newly introduced Native American Voting Rights Act helps do that.”

NARF joins multiple Tribal and civil rights organizations in their strong endorsement of the Frank Harrison, Elizabeth Peratrovich and Miguel Trujillo Native American Voting Rights Act of 2021.

Learn more about the bill and how it addresses issues specific to American Indian voters at [vote.narf.org](http://vote.narf.org).

Learn more about the extensively documented experience of Native voters in our report, *Obstacles at Every Turn: Barriers to Political Participation Faced by Native American Voters*.

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



We love you, Grandma Pyle! Happy Birthday! You are the rock of our family!

Submissions to **Passages** are limited to two 25-word items per person, plus one photo if desired. All birthday, anniversary and holiday wishes will appear in the Passages section.

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### Free child ID kits from the Oregon State Police

503-934-0188 or 800-282-7155

[child.idkits@state.or.us](mailto:child.idkits@state.or.us)

### Use Amazon Smile to donate to STAHS

Here's how you can donate to the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS) painlessly and effortlessly. It's as easy as 1,2,3,4. Thank you!

- 1--Go to Amazon.com.
- 2--In the Department drop down box, type Amazon Smile.
- 3--See Amazon Smile – You shop. Amazon Gives.
- 4--Follow the easy directions.

## What are my other options?

Ask questions about prescription painkillers.

My pain. My plan. [HealSafely.org](http://HealSafely.org)

Did you know that prescription painkillers can:

- Create physical dependence in as few as 3 days
- Slow down your breathing and heart rate to dangerous levels
- Make you feel dizzy, nauseated and constipated
- Slow your body's healing process



## DIGITAL RUN TO THE ROGUE 2021

*Second Weekend in September*

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