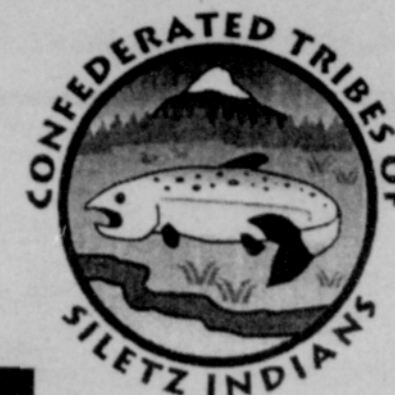


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Public Invited to Pow-Wow Honoring Tribal Restoration

Nov. 17, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will hold its annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino. The public is invited to this event, which begins with grand entry at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. Vendors will have a wide array of Native American items available for sale.

This year's celebration marks the 24th anniversary of the signing of Public Law 95-195, which re-established government-to-government relations between the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and the federal government.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians were among the tribes of Western Oregon that were terminated by the act of Aug. 13, 1954. The reservation, which once exceeded 1,300,000 acres, in effect no longer existed after that date.

In the late 1960s, recognizing the severe effects of termination, a core group of tribal members worked to revitalize common bonds. It soon became apparent that the only way to reverse the downward spiral in the quality of life for tribal members, and to preserve and revitalize tribal culture, was for the Siletz Tribe to regain its status as a tribe recognized by the United States.

In November 1977, after years of intense lobbying, Congress and the president approved Public Law 95-195, which reinstated recognition of the Siletz as a federal Indian tribe. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the entire nation to achieve restoration.

Since 1977, the tribe has re-established virtually all its institutions of government. Policies and mechanisms currently in place provide effective planning, development, and administration of programs. The tribe also has made great strides in preserving, maintaining, and restoring tribal history, culture, and traditions.

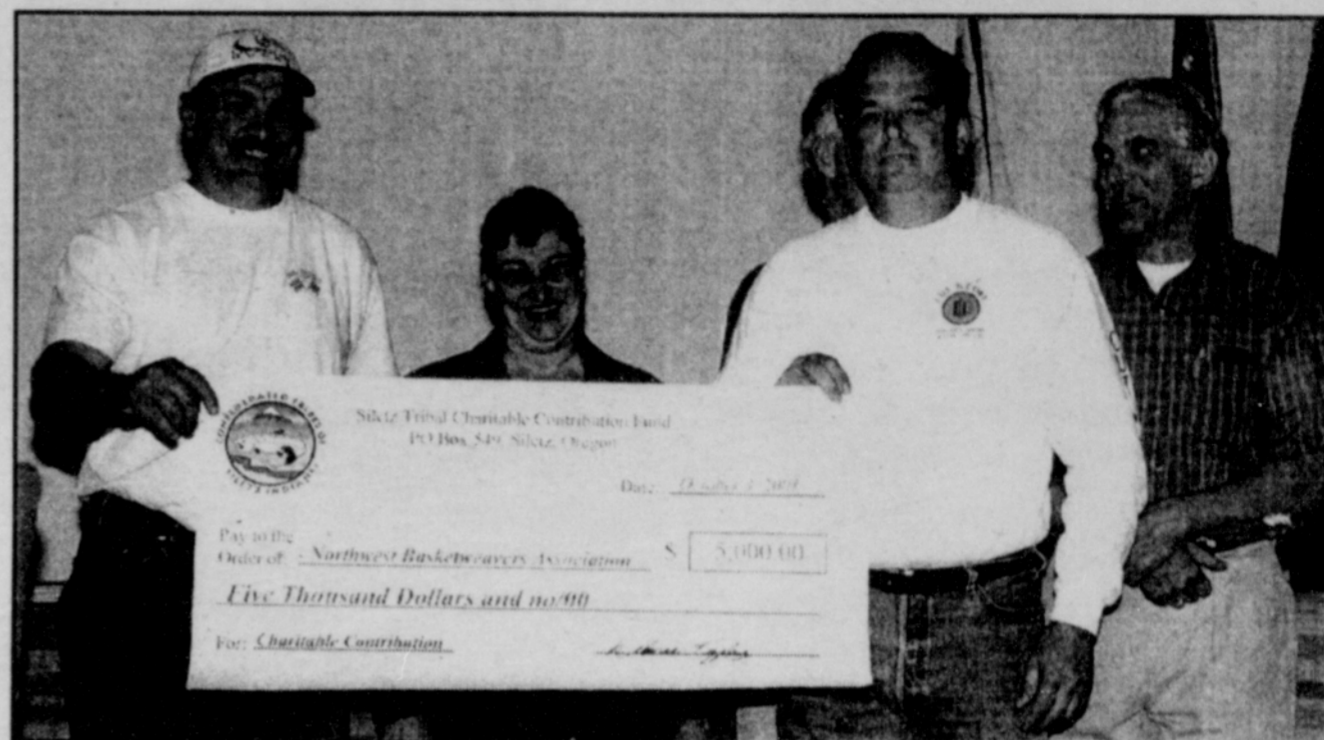
Programs and services available to tribal members in 11 Western Oregon counties include adult education, Head Start, higher education, Job Training Partnership Act, vocational training assistance, and social services, including alcohol and drug rehabilitation and others.

Significant accomplishments of the Siletz Tribe include the opening of a state-of-the-art health clinic in 1991 that serves the entire Siletz community and the building of more than 100 mutual help homes and multiple dwellings for tribal members in model communities, with more in the planning stage.

To date, the most ambitious economic project of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center, which opened in May 1995. The facility stands on ancestral land of the Siletz Tribe, later to become reservation and allotment land. Now classified as part of the Siletz Reservation, the land has come full circle, being utilized once again by the descendants of those who originally dwelled upon it.

For those not familiar with Native American culture, this is a good opportunity to learn. A display on pow-wow protocol will be available, along with answers to some of the most commonly asked questions. Join in the Siletz Tribe's celebration of growth and accomplishments achieved during the past 24 years.

**See Restoration Day agenda and profiles
of Siletz Royalty on page 9.**



Bud Lane (second from right) accepts a \$5,000 check from advisory board members Kurt Arden (l), Karen Gerttula, Tim Buckley, and Mike Holden.

Tribe Donates to Local Groups

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund made its first round of distributions on Oct. 3 to 32 organizations that included local schools and non-profit groups.

These organizations shared \$94,245 in contributions. The seven-member advisory board will distribute a total of \$349,000 in four installments during the next year. This represents 5 percent of the net gaming revenue in 1999 and 2000 from Chinook Winds Casino.

Eligibility for funds 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 United States

Prior to establishing the advisory board, the Siletz Tribe distributed a percentage of gaming revenues through

an ad-hoc committee that awarded \$134,020 to various organizations throughout Oregon.

The next deadline for submitting applications is Dec. 18, 2001. Applications and guidelines can be obtained from Tribal Council Executive Secretary Kelley Ellis. She can be reached at 1-800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532, or by mail at Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380.

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