



Alexis, Xochitl and Alliyah Flores-Keeley hold the glass floats they found in January and February while walking the beach in Lincoln City, Ore.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Time to get applications in for Siletz Royalty

To request an application for Miss Siletz, Jr. Miss Siletz or Little Miss Siletz, please call Bev Youngman at 541-444-8290 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1290; e-mail bevy@ctsi.nsn.us; or stop by the Tribal administration building (201 SE Swan Ave., Siletz).

Attention Tribal artists – pow-wow logo contest under way

Get ready for the 2011 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow logo contest. The winner will receive a cash prize and his/her artwork will be used for the this year's pow-wow flyers, posters and other merchandise.

Please submit your drawings to Bev Youngman at the Tribal administration building or mail them to Attn: Bev Youngman – Pow-Wow Logo Contest, Siletz Tribe, P.O. Box 549 Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

All entries must be received no later than **April 1, 2011**.

March USDA distribution dates

Siletz

Tuesday	March 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Wednesday	March 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	March 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	March 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday	March 14	1–6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	March 15	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 16	9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	March 17	9–11 a.m.

Commodity recipe

Black bean and elk tenderloin slow cooker chili

Ingredients

- 1 pound elk tenderloin, cut into 2-inch strips
- 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
- 1 small red bell pepper, coarsely chopped
- 3 (15 oz.) cans black beans
- 1 (16 oz.) jar salsa or diced tomatoes, depending on your taste buds
- 2 cups beef broth
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder

Directions

1. Combine elk tenderloin, onion, red pepper, black beans, salsa, beef broth, oregano, cumin and chili powder in a slow cooker. Set to low and cook for 8 to 10 hours.
2. Break up pieces of cooked elk to thicken the chili before serving.

Note: Recipe can be doubled

Please make it to your scheduled appointments as we serve clients with scheduled appointments first. Please call us if you are unable to make it to your scheduled appointment. This will allow us to fill in vacated times and continue to serve our clients in a timely matter.

If you are a walk-in client, please remember to bring all documents necessary to be certified. You will need:

- One full month of income verification (per capita and child support are reportable income)
- Verification of child care paid out
- Tribal ID or CIB, Social Security cards or numbers for all household members and if you live with someone not on the application, we will need a statement from them regarding your living arrangements
- Picture ID for all adult household members

You can visit the Tribal website at www.ctsi.nsn.us and print the application packet.

You can reach us at our Siletz warehouse at 800-922-1399, ext. 1393 or 1279, or you can call direct at 541-444-8393 or 541-444-8279.

Joyce Retherford
USDA Food Program Director
Derek Simmons
USDA Food Program Clerk

Free tax preparation available at NAYA Family Center

Spend some, save some. Deposit part of your refund into a savings account. Make sure you get all the tax credits for which you are eligible. Receive your refund in as little as 10 days.

Put your tax refund to work

- Through April 15 – appointment preferred
- Appointment hotline: 503-288-8177, ext. 319
- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 3:30-7:30 p.m. (last appointment/walk-in at 7:30 p.m.)
- Saturdays: 9 a.m.-noon (last appointment/walk-in at noon)

What to bring with you

- Photo ID (required)
- Social Security cards for you and your family or a SSN/ITIN verification letter (required)
- W-2 form (from your jobs), 1099 (for per capita or miscellaneous income)
- Interest and dividend statements
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns if available
- A voided check if using direct deposit for your refund
- Total paid for day care and day care provider's tax ID number

- Student loan interest and tuition statements (for total money you spent on school)
- If filing joint tax returns electronically, both spouses/partners must be present to sign forms

The NAYA Family Center is located at 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218 (check in at the front office).

For more information, please contact Irena Solomon, tax advocate, at 503-288-8177, by e-mail at irenas@nayapdx.org or the website at www.nayapdx.org/taxes.

Tribal Council, con't from page 1

Tribal employees and the Tribal Council decide how funds will be spent.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since 1977 include opening the original Siletz Community Health Clinic in 1991 and the new, much-larger clinic in May 2010; building more than 100 homes and multiple dwellings for Tribal members, including new apartments in Siletz and Lincoln City; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center in Siletz in 2003; and opening the Tillicum Fitness Center, a new gymnasium and a new USDA food distribution warehouse, all in Siletz, in 2008.

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) was formed to develop business ventures on behalf of the Tribe. Through STBC, the Tribe opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2003, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City

in 2004, the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006 and Northwest Maritime Industrial in 2007, which now is based in Toledo. The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business in Lincoln City in 2008 and opened Siletz Technologies, a software testing company in Lincoln City, in 2010.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City. The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has allowed the Siletz Tribe to become the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$8.7 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$1.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of space for fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

Tribal offices in Eugene, Salem and Portland now are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, with Salem moving in 2006 and Portland in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.