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## Bring your family to the Siletz pow-wow, help celebrate local Tribal tradition



Photo by Natasha Kavanaugh

### Free event features dancing, drumming, food and vendors

By Diane Rodriguez

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 10-12, 2012, in Siletz, Ore., held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The public is invited to attend this family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

"I would like to take the opportunity to invite the community to come and take in an array of indigenous culture that will be on display at our annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 10-12 up at Government Hill in Siletz. Come and be part of our annual celebration," said Buddy Lane, Tribal cultural education director.

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2012-2013 Siletz Royalty on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. All dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry. Dances in which the public can participate that are non-competitive will follow the Grand Entry.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Aug. 11. This hometown event includes Tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

Pre-registration is available by accessing a registration form on the Tribe's website - [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us); picking one up at the Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz; or by contacting Lane at 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Tribal administration building. If you are not registered by 9 a.m., you cannot take part in the judging, which starts at 9 a.m. You can, however, still participate in the parade.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Competition dancing for youth and teens takes place in the afternoon. Competition dancing continues after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Aug. 12, the final day of the pow-wow, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A variety of food and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 60 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

"We encourage everyone to come out and see the variety of vendors at our

## IHCIA survives as court decision upholds ACA

### NCAI focuses on improving health care, protecting legislation

WASHINGTON - In a 5-4 decision on June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), affirming the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), which passed along with the ACA.

"This is an important step for health care in Indian Country; the permanence of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act has been affirmed and NCAI will stay focused on working with all members of Congress to uphold the trust responsibility to Tribes," said Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), the nation's oldest and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization. "Moving forward, we are focused on improving health care for Indian Country while ensuring the Indian Health Care

This photo of fancy dancers (above) from the 2011 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow claimed a second place award for Natasha Kavanaugh in the Native American Journalists Association's Media Awards competition. Siletz News also received six other awards; see story on page 6.

Photo by Diane Rodriguez  
Roberta Aspria dances during a Grand Entry at the 2011 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. The community is invited to join the Siletz Tribe during this annual summer celebration on Aug. 10-12.



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