

# Meet the young women seeking to represent Tribe as 2012-13 Siletz Royalty



Courtesy photo

## Leslie Lundy Candidate for Miss Siletz

Leslie is 20 years old and resides in Eugene, Ore. She attends the University of Oregon.

She is the daughter of Norma Lundy and Issac Easter.

Her interests include playing the violin and guitar, doing volunteer work with children, planting trees and going to pow-wows and dancing.

She states she would like to run for Miss Siletz because, "In the past I have always enjoyed helping people, especially helping and serving the Elders. I really enjoy learning more about my culture and then in turn being able to teach others about it. Royalty helps me get out of my shell and I love meeting new people."



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## SuSun Fisher-Case Candidate for Junior Miss Siletz

SuSun is 13 years old and resides in Grand Ronde, Ore. She attends Willamina Middle School.

She is the daughter of Tammy Fisher and Erin Case.

Her interests include playing softball, attending canoe journeys and canoe family activities, playing the stand-up bass drum, traveling and participating in the Girl Scouts.

She states she would like to run for Junior Miss Siletz because, "It has always been something I've been interested in doing, but never got the chance. I love traveling, dancing and going to pow-wows. It seems fun to be able to represent your Tribe and take pride in who you are. Standing up in front of everyone and introducing yourself seems fun to do. I'd like to spend time with Elders and learn."



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## Consuelo "Chelo" Garcia Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Chelo is 7 years old and resides in Siletz, Ore. She attends Toledo Elementary School.

She is the daughter of Jessica and Oscar Garcia.

Her interests include singing; dancing; playing baseball, where she has received a Golden Glove award; being a missionette in her local church; and wrestling at tournaments around Oregon, where she placed seventh out of 21 children.

She states she would like to run for Little Miss Siletz because, "I dance in feather dance and go to lots of pow-wows and participate in pow-wow exhibitions whenever asked. I am a nice, fun-loving, respectful girl. I love being a Siletz Tribal member and I celebrate my pride all the time."



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## Jocelyn Hernandez Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Jocelyn is 9 years old and resides in Siletz, Ore. She attends Siletz Valley School.

She is the daughter of Rachelle Endres and Robert Hernandez.

Her interests include dancing jingle at pow-wows, feather dancing, playing basketball and soccer, designing regalia and clothes, and beading necklaces. She is an A and B student, self-manager for her class and also helps tutor other students in her class.

She states she would like to run for Little Miss Siletz because, "This past year being Little Miss Siletz showed me how proud I am to be a Tribal member. It makes me feel really good to represent my family and Tribe in a good way. I am a good leader and believe I can help other kids to be the same way."

## Head Start accepting applications, needs volunteers

It's never too late to send in your application for Siletz Tribal Head Start, which continues to accept applications for the 2012-2013 school year.

We have Head Start centers in Siletz, Salem, Portland and Lincoln City. For an application, please call 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532.

Our Head Start families enjoy many different activities, such as swimming, seed planting, literacy events and field trips.

Our parents have an array of volunteer opportunities. They can volunteer in the classroom by participating during class time. They can help with building and lawn maintenance. Parents can volunteer their time by serving on the Parent Com-

mittees, Policy Council and our Health Services Committee. We need volunteers every year, not only parents but community members too.

If you would like to volunteer for the Head Start program in your area, please do so. Your help is needed in a variety of ways. Call the numbers above for more information or contact the classroom directly.

### Health, con't from page 1

Improvement Act remains protected and implemented as enacted."

The IHCA permanently authorizes daily health care delivery to nearly 2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives served by the Indian Health Service (IHS) who are in critical need of improved health care services.

A snapshot of health conditions highlights the critical need for improving health care in Indian Country. Native people suffer from higher rates of diabetes and related illness, heart disease and substance abuse than any other group.

The IHCA authorizes new programs within IHS to ensure that IHS is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and

Alaska Natives to the highest level. It includes, for example:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental and behavioral health treatment and prevention
- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care
- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs
- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs
- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction
- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals
- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans
- New authorities for urban Indian health programs

The passage of the IHCA on March 23, 2010, represented a 14-year effort by NCAI, Tribal leaders and advocates to make permanent the legislative commitment by the federal government to deliver health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The IHCA was originally passed in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000.

## Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow Aug. 10-12, 2012

### Vendor and Parade Applications

For parade and vendor applications/entries, please contact Buddy Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230.

You also can find them online at [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us) or pick them up at the Siletz Tribal Community Center, Tribal administration building in Siletz and at the Tribal area offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene.

## Lane Family Reunion Crooked River Ranch, Oregon

Aug. 17-18

Contact Laura Bremner for  
more details, 541-444-1257.