

### Drug remediation and prevention

I attended a training session on drug remediation and prevention in Albuquerque in September. The purpose of the training was to make Tribes aware of the huge impact drugs have on Tribal communities and discussion was held on how to mitigate those impacts.

In our community and within the Tribe, several issues of violence and drug-related events are reported to the police. Sometimes it appears that nothing happens as a result of those reports; many times arrests are made and in family situations, children are removed from the home. When that occurs, individuals and families have to assess their actions and determine whether that lifestyle is worth the cost.

Our Tribal Indian Child Welfare Department and the state Children's Services Division are very much involved in working through the social issues, addressing health issues and planning for the children's future.

Our ICW Department provided some statistical information that tells a sad story of the effect that drugs and violence have on our children.

There are 37 active families representing 65 children receiving services as a result of drugs and violence. Cases included three of physical abuse, six of domestic violence, 15 neglect, two abandonment, 24 alcohol and drug, two incarceration and seven abuse.

The cost of care for the children and adults receiving services is astronomical. The program constantly seeks foster care homes for the children who are removed and several Tribal members have opened their homes for these children.

The challenge of keeping our families safe in all our communities includes forming safe houses, reporting all criminal activity and learning what kind of activities to watch for. In Tribal communities, housing inspections are crucial in outside communities as well as Tribal in documenting activities and reporting to law enforcement.

### Congressman Kurt Schrader

The Tribe hosted a fund raiser for Fifth District Congressman Kurt Schrader at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

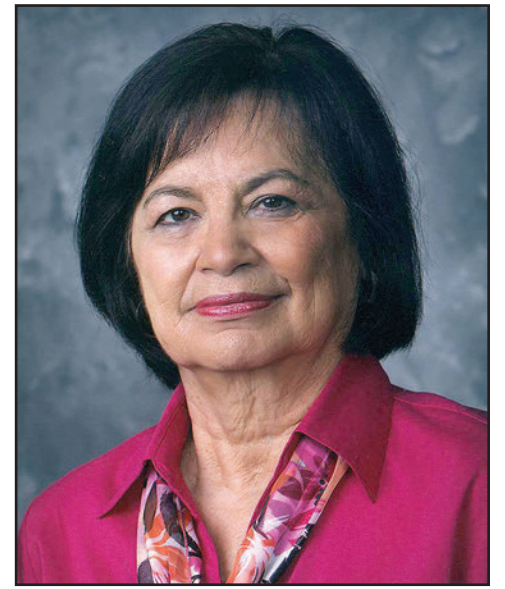
Schrader has supported Tribal legislation throughout his term. He has promoted a healthy environment and many other issues for the state of Oregon as well as the nation.

### Maori visitors from New Zealand

The Maori visited Siletz and were hosted by Bud Lane. A welcome lunch was held; dances and songs were part of the welcome. The Maori have visited in the past and are most gracious visitors.

From Siletz, they traveled to Salem and were hosted by Willamette University. They then traveled to Warm Springs, where they received a great welcome by the Tribe followed by a dinner in their honor.

They attended the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association and shared their weaving skills with all in attendance.



Delores Pigsley

### Siletz Tribal Restoration

Hope to see everyone at this year's Restoration Day events on Nov. 14 (see information on pages 1 and 15).

## Governor announces new loan program for small businesses in Oregon

SALEM, Ore. – Governor Kate Brown recently announced a new pilot program to help small Oregon companies finance their growth.

Small and young companies often struggle to find conventional financing. The Small Business Expansion Program is a \$5 million fund that will provide an alternative for small businesses, especially those in underserved or disconnected communities.

"Businesses that start and expand in Oregon provide about 70 percent of new

jobs here," said Brown. "By connecting small companies with the resources they need to thrive, Oregon is seeding job growth while supporting businesses that might otherwise not have access to these kinds of tools."

The Small Business Expansion Program will be managed by Business Oregon, the state's economic development agency. It will be funded by the Oregon Business Development Fund, a long-standing program that provides direct loans to fuel growth at small Oregon

companies, such as Face Rock Creamery in Bandon.

How the loans work: The Small Business Expansion Program provides an alternative to conventional debt and equity financing by allowing businesses to make periodic revenue payments as a

percentage of net sales, combined with traditional monthly payments.

Business Oregon will begin accepting applications Dec. 1.

To learn how to apply and for details about the program, visit [oregon4biz.com/Revenue](http://oregon4biz.com/Revenue).

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

### Elders Council Meeting

Nov. 15 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

Siletz Elder potlucks are held monthly at 6 p.m. on the Monday before the regularly scheduled Elders meeting. Please bring a potluck dish you would like to share.

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

### Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

#### Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

**Siletz**  
Tribal Community Center  
Nov. 2 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 7 – 6-8 p.m.

**Portland**  
Portland Area Office  
Nov. 16 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 14 – 6-8 p.m.

**Eugene**  
Eugene Area Office  
Nov. 3 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 8 – 6-8 p.m.

**Salem**  
Salem Area Office  
Nov. 17 – 6-8 p.m.  
Dec. 15 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or email [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).

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