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Chewescla DePoe (left) and Lexi Jackson (above) in 2015



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Gladys Bolton (left) and two young Owl Dancers (above) in 2015

Tribe invites community to help celebrate 39th annual Restoration Pow-Wow

The public is invited to join the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians on Nov. 19 as it holds its annual Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City, Ore.

This free event begins with a grand entry at 6 p.m. American Indian vendors with jewelry, beadwork and other items for sale will be available throughout the day.

Additionally, Chinook Winds will host Williams & Ree (The Indian and the White Guy) on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets to this free comedy show are available at the Chinook Winds box office while supplies last.

This is the 39th year the Siletz Tribe has celebrated 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 Siletz Tribe was terminated from federal recognition in August 1954.

In the late 1960s, it became apparent that the only way to preserve and revitalize Siletz Tribal sovereignty, community and 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 President Jimmy Carter approved Public Law 95-195, which reinstated recognition of the Siletz as a federal Indian Tribe. The Siletz Tribe was the second in the nation – and the first in Oregon – to achieve restoration.

Dedicated to improving the quality of life of its more than 5,000 members, the Tribe puts strong emphasis on the education, health and social well-being of all its members.

Significant Tribal accomplishments since Restoration include opening the original health clinic in 1991 and a new much larger clinic in 2010; building more than 150 homes and multiple dwellings

for Tribal members, including 28 units at Neachesna Village in Lincoln City that have opened since 2009, 19 apartments in Siletz that opened in 2010, and 12 homes in the Tillamook subdivision in Siletz that have opened since 2013; completing the Siletz Dance House in 1996; opening the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center in 2003; opening the Tillicum Fitness Center and a new USDA food distribution warehouse in Siletz in 2008; and opening the Siletz Rec Center in 2009.

Through its economic development division, the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation, the Tribe purchased the Lincoln Shores office complex in Lincoln City in 2001 and opened the Siletz Gas & Mini-Mart in Siletz in 2004, the Logan Road RV Park in Lincoln City in 2004 and the Hee Hee Illahee RV Resort in Salem in 2006.

The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business, now called Siletz Tribal Prints & Gifts, in Lincoln City in 2008.

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

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

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (STAHS) was formed in 2013 as a nonprofit to enhance the Tribe's ability to develop the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center. STAHS also helps the Tribe with acquiring object and archival collections.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and

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Wyden nominates Edenfield to key federal committee

WASHINGTON – U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden announced on Sept. 30 the nomination of Sharon Edenfield to the U.S. Department of Treasury's Tribal Advisory Committee, which provides advice on taxation, training of IRS agents as well as training and assistance to Native American financial officers.

Edenfield is a Tribal Council member for the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and serves as its Tribal administrative manager. She has more than 30 years of experience working directly on Tribal tax, financing and insurance issues.

"I am extremely proud to nominate Sharon because I have no doubt from my conversations with her that the knowledge and direct experience she brings on Tribal tax matters will prove a valuable addition to the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee," Wyden said. "She will provide a beneficial and unique Oregon Tribal perspective to the committee's important work applying Tribal tax provisions."

The Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee was established pursuant to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014.

The committee's role is to inform and advise the Treasury on issues related to

the taxation of Indians. The committee also helps to educate and train IRS agents working directly with Tribes to ensure IRS laws relating to Tribes are properly applied and enforced.

As ranking member on the Senate Committee on Finance, Wyden can nominate one person to the committee.

"I am very honored to be selected and would like to thank Sen. Wyden for his nomination," Edenfield said. "I look forward to serving on the Tribal Tax Advisory Committee to make a positive impact to Native people in Oregon and across the country."



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Sharon Edenfield