

## Siletz Tribal members enjoy the golf resort!

In addition to green fees, Siletz Tribal members can use the golf resort's fitness center at no charge. This provides full access to daily use of all fitness equipment, weight room, sauna and steam room. Charges will apply for all other amenities, such as personal trainer classes, golf cart fees, etc. Please show your Siletz Tribal ID.

## Harjo, Johnson named to Native Arts and Cultures Foundation board

VANCOUVER, Wash. – The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) announced in January that it has added Valorie Johnson, a consultant, lifelong human rights activist and former program officer at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and Joy Harjo, an award-winning poet, author and musician and one of NACF's founding board members, to the national non-profit's Board of Directors.

Johnson (Seneca-Cayuga-Eastern Cherokee) began her career as a human rights executive with the National Education Association in Washington, D.C. After earning her doctorate in educational administration, her career encompassed leading roles in public service, including as director of Native American Affairs for the state of Michigan's Department of Social Services, counseling at the Institute of American Indians Arts in Santa Fe, N.M., and the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii.

Over nearly 24 years, her program portfolio at W.K. Kellogg focused mainly on grassroots community organizations and educational institutions across the nation and leadership in the Native American Higher Education Initiative as well as the Minority-Serving Institutions' Leadership Development.

Johnson also has served on several boards, including the Americans for Indian Opportunity, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian and the Nokomis Learning Center.

"It gives me great joy to have been selected to join NACF's Board of Directors," said Johnson. "I am honored and excited to lend my experience in philanthropy and my lifetime work and advocacy

with and for Native communities to serve this outstanding organization. I wholeheartedly support NACF's powerful mission to promote and support Native artists and Native cultures, and look forward to participating in furthering the organization's reach and efforts."

Harjo (Mvskoke Nation) holds the John C. Hodges Chair of Excellence at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and is a co-founder of the Mvskoke Arts Association.

She has written eight books of poetry and received the prestigious Academy of American Poets Wallace Stevens Award in 2015 and the Guggenheim Fellowship for Creative Arts in 2014 for her achievements.

Harjo received the PEN USA Literary Award in Creative Non-Fiction for a memoir, *Crazy Brave*, and is the author of two award-winning children's books, several screenplays, two plays and an anthology of North American Native women's writing. She also has produced and performed on several award-winning CDs of original music.

"I am pleased to announce my return to the NACF Board," Harjo stated. "It is almost 10 years since we incorporated to fulfill a dream brought forth from many generations of Native artists and supporters from all over the country. What a gift to have been part of that dynamic team to get it started and to see how far NACF has come from those early years," said Harjo. "Many communities and artists have been renewed by the support of NACF. I am honored to return to continue serving this fine legacy of Native arts and cultures support and look forward to the next chapter."

Contact the **Siletz Community Dental Clinic** if you experience dental pain or a dental emergency. Staff will do everything they can to see you as soon as possible.

Morning check-in time is Monday-Thursday from 8:30-9 a.m. and Friday from 10-10:30 a.m.

Afternoon check-in time is Monday-Friday from 1-1:30 p.m.

## Siletz News Letters Policy

*Siletz News*, a publication of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, is published once a month. Our editorial policy encourages input from readers about stories printed in *Siletz News* and other Tribal issues.

All letters must include the author's signature, address, and phone number in order to be considered for publication. *Siletz News* reserves the right to edit any letter for clarity and length, and to refuse publication of any letter or any part of a letter that may contain profane language, libelous statements, personal attacks or unsubstantiated statements.

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Please type or write legibly. Letters longer than 450 words may be edited for length as approved by Tribal Council Resolution #96-142.

Please note: The general manager of the Siletz Tribe is the editor-in-chief of *Siletz News*.

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## Be among the first to receive an official Oregon Gray Whale license plate!

The Marine Mammal Institute (MMI) at Oregon State University is moving forward with plans to qualify a new Oregon Gray Whale license plate. To do so, the Oregon Department of Transportation requires that we receive a commitment from at least 3,000 Oregon vehicle owners who will purchase this special plate.

The special plate will cost \$40 more than regular plates initially and at renewal. MMI will receive \$35 of every \$40 for each plate issued. These funds will support whale research, student training and public education. Plus, the new plate will help celebrate gray whales and coastal tourism by both whales and humans!

Once endangered from whaling, the gray whale population is now fully recovered. Each year the gray population migrates south to Baja, Mexico, to breed and then back north to feeding grounds in Alaska. A few hundred gray whales spend summers feeding here in the Pacific Northwest. We have gray whales off Oregon every month of the year.

If you would like to see this new plate issued and be among the first to get one, please register your interest online at <http://mmi.oregonstate.edu/whaleplate>. No money is required at this time. When 3,000 commitments are received, we will forward to you an ODOT payment request for a plate voucher.

Thank you so much for helping us celebrate the coast and whales!

Bruce Mate  
Marine Mammal Institute  
Hatfield Marine Science Center

David Gomberg  
State Representative  
Central Oregon Coast

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Tribal Maternal, Infant & Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

Naytlh - 'a "We Carry the Children"



### How has the Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped you and your family since participating?

- ❖ "The home visiting program has helped prepare us for our new addition by letting us know what is to be expected before and after the baby comes and how to best deal with certain situations that come up."  
- Andrea & Robert, 4 months in the program
- ❖ "I've learned all the things I thought I should know that I did not know already with the help and support of the program. Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program helped me become a better mom."  
- Shyann, 1 year in the program
- ❖ "I feel like Siletz Tribal home visits have helped me be more on track when it comes to my child's development. Home visits have also helped me keep a better schedule, helping my whole family."  
- Jennifer, 1 year and 9 months in the program
- ❖ "Getting the help when you're a new parent is life-saving, to know you are doing it right and if not, finding out the right way."  
- Samantha, 1 year in the program
- ❖ "The program has helped me to realize there are a lot of different ways to parent and there is always help if you are willing to look for it. The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped make my life a little simpler just knowing I have resources to help me be the best mom I can be."  
- Chandra, 1 year and 10 months in the program
- ❖ "The Siletz Home Visiting Program has helped me with my child's growth, my motivation with being a parent and I've also established a friendship."  
- Britnee, 1 year and 8 months in the program
- ❖ "Home Visiting Program helped us better understand the developmental milestones that our child is at and also the reassurance that each child is unique and not to be worried. The program has been helpful, especially with different resources also."  
- Ale & Seth, 1 year and 1 month in the program
- ❖ "As a first-time mom, Siletz Home Visiting Program has been a good addition to my support system, not only emotionally, but also mentally."  
- Janet, 1 year and 1 month in the program

If you are interested in or have any questions about our Siletz Tribal Home Visiting Program, please call Jessica Phillips, Program Coordinator, at 541-484-4234.

