



## Celebrate with Siletz Tribal members at 41<sup>st</sup> annual Restoration Pow-Wow

The public is invited to join the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians on Saturday, Nov. 17, 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.

This is the 41<sup>st</sup> year that 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 5,300 members, the Tribe puts strong emphasis on the education, health and social well-being of all its members.



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Tribal elder Agnes Pilgrim (center) is joined by daughters Mona Hudson (left) and Nadine Martin (right), extended family and friends during an honor dance at the 2017 Siletz Tribal Restoration Pow-Wow.

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 20 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.

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 2004, the

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## Farmers Market Fun!



Photo by Andy Taylor

Harvest Farmers Market Tour participants sit with their goods after shopping at the Newport Farmers Market on Sept. 29. Clockwise from top left: Everetta Butler, Kathy Kentta, Amy Garrett, Danise Barker and Crystal Baker-Martin.

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## NIGC event reflects on past 30 years of IGRA

WASHINGTON – The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) hosted a conference titled Reflecting on 30 Years of IGRA on Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C.

Tribal leaders, federal policy makers, gaming regulators and industry experts gathered at NIGC headquarters to participate in a variety of panels and discussion sessions that commemorated and evaluated the impacts of Indian gaming throughout Indian Country in the 30 years since the passage of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), which was enacted on Oct. 17, 1988.

NIGC sponsored the public education event to foster dialogue among key stakeholders about lessons to draw from the history of Indian gaming to help ensure the continued economic and regulatory health of the Indian gaming industry.

The importance of supporting Tribal decision-making and regulatory capacity as a key to upholding longstanding federal policies aimed at achieving Tribal self-

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