



2018 Indian gaming revenue of \$33.7 billion shows a 4.1% increase

WASHINGTON – Vice Chair Kathryn Isom-Clause and Associate Commissioner E. Sequoyah Simermeyer of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) recently released the fiscal year 2018 gross gaming revenue numbers, which total \$33.7 billion, an overall increase of 4.1% over FY 2017.

The GGR for FY 2018 is the highest in Indian gaming history and unlike previous years, all of the NIGC's administrative regions experienced positive growth.

The Portland Region showed the highest growth, with an 8.2% increase, followed by the Oklahoma City Region with a 7.3% increase.

"The GGR calculation process is an example of the partnership between Tribes and the NIGC to ensure effective regulation for a successful Tribal gaming industry," said Isom-Clause. "These numbers reaffirm the industry's health as a stable economic driver for Indian Country."

Revenues are calculated based on 501 independently audited financial statements, composed of 241 federally recognized Tribes across 29 States. The GGR for an operation is calculated based on the amount wagered minus winnings returned to players.

"The annual GGR tells a positive story about Indian gaming's economic success and the industry's ongoing contribution to a strong economy. It also tells the story of how collaboration among Tribes, industry and the regulatory communities can build a strong reputation for reliability and integrity in the GGR calculation," said Simermeyer.

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Courtesy photo by Ann Goddard

An unidentified youth carries the eagle staff during Run to the Rogue, the Siletz Tribe's annual 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homelands in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s. See more photos on pages 9-12.

Siletz Indian Fair at casino on Nov. 23

The Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS) is proud to present the 2019 Siletz Indian Fair on Saturday, Nov. 23.

Sponsored by STAHS in cooperation with the Siletz Tribal Culture Department, the fair will be held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. The public is invited to attend this free event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 2019 Indian Fair commemorates the 104th anniversary of the very first Indian Fair held in Siletz in 1915. It will be reminiscent of those earlier Indian Fairs as a time of sharing traditions, history and culture.

A wide array of items created by Native artists and craftspeople will be on display, including regalia, baskets and other art forms both historic and contemporary. Native vendors will have items for sale to help with some early Christmas shopping.

You are invited to join in this educational celebration of the rich culture and history of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

STAHS is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 2011. Its mission is to support and promote the practice, conservation and restoration of the Tribal cultures of the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians.

For more details, visit our website at siletzartsheritage.org, find us on Facebook at Huu-Cha~ or contact Angela Ramirez at stahs.board@gmail.com.

Vendors invited to participate in Indian Fair

Setup will be from 8-9 a.m. with take-down from 3-5 p.m.

The event will be divided into specific areas in the convention center, including a vendor area for those selling items and a roped off secure area away from other events taking place for the display of cultural items.

All completed applications must be returned to STAHS, P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380 no later than Nov. 1, 2019, to be considered for a vending space. A vendor's space will include a skirted eight-foot table and chair and the immediate space surrounding the table.

The event will be inside and lighted. Electricity will be available upon prior request. Vendor's spaces will be **free**,

however, vendors with items for sale are asked to donate one item to the silent auction. Assigned areas will be first-come, first-served.

If you have any special requests, they will be considered but not guaranteed. Until we know how many vendors we have, only one space can be guaranteed.

Please submit applications to: **Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society (STAHS), P.O. Box 8, Siletz, OR 97380.**

For additional information, contact Angela Ramirez at stahs.board@gmail.com.

Applications are available online at siletzartsheritage.org or at the front desk of the Siletz Tribal admin building.