

I would like to send a huge “thank you” to Ralph and Cal Easter for rescuing myself and my friend Jolynne from Kernville when my car left us stranded one evening after work. They did a very nice thing and dropped us off in Lincoln City. Thank you, Rose and Jolynne

Happy Birthday to the best mom ever, Darlene Smith! I hope you have an amazing day and never forget how amazing you are.  
Love, your one and only daughter  
Danelle

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Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, Tirzah! We love you so much and also congratulations on your baby boy. We cannot wait for him to be here!  
Love, Casey, Josh, Kendra, Nola and Savanna



Congratulations to the recent engagement of Marlene Owen to Justin Perkins. May you enjoy your engagement season and may your marriage be filled with love, joy, adventure and laughter. We love you both! Love you, Didder!  
Love, your family



Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday to JR! We love you lots and wish you the best.  
With love, Aunt Melinda, Uncle Andrew, and cousins John and Alanna

## Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors Vacancies

Résumés are being accepted for the Tenas Illahee Childcare Center Board of Directors. Currently, there are two vacant board positions.

If interested, please submit your résumé to Siletz Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Vacancies are open until filled.

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Tribal members receive a **15% discount** on spaces at **Logan Road RV Park** located in Lincoln City, Ore. Call 877-LOGANRV or visit [loganroad-rvpark.com](http://loganroad-rvpark.com) for more information.\*

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# Google, community partnership bring high-speed Wi-Fi to Celilo Village

CELILO VILLAGE – On Oct. 19, Celilo Village unveiled its new, high-speed Wi-Fi made possible by a grant from Google and in partnership with the Dufur School District. As part of the grant, all 16 homes in the village, the Celilo Education Center and the longhouse now have access to high-speed Internet.

“More than anything, this Wi-Fi represents opportunity,” Celilo Village Chief Olsen Meanus said. “From entertainment to taking online classes to growing businesses, our residents now have the power of the Internet at their fingertips and are more connected to opportunities throughout the state, the region and the world.”

Celilo Village is home to nearly 100 American Indians, including approximately 35 school-age children who attend school in the Dufur School District. The district operates the Celilo Preschool and the village’s Education Center. Through this project, the community has come together to bring Wi-Fi to village residents who previously had sporadic or no Internet access.

“Students today need reliable access to the Internet to compete on a global scale,” Dufur School District Superintendent Jack Henderson said. “We’re pleased to continue partnering with Google to bring educational opportunities to our students throughout the Columbia River Gorge.”

In addition to Wi-Fi access, this project enabled the development of a computer lab in the Celilo Education Center, including a printer, Google Chromebooks, new furniture and a modernized space. This



Suzanne DePoe

computer lab will help Celilo residents bridge the digital divide, enabling students to complete school projects, families to pay bills online, residents to attain higher education and business owners to access global markets.

“Google strives to ensure all people have access to everything the Internet has to offer,” Google’s Suzanne DePoe, a member of the Google American Indian Network, a Google employee group, said. “With this project, our hope is that Celilo residents can expand their educational

opportunities, grow their businesses and achieve greater connectivity through the online world.”

“Google employees are proud to have worked to make this computer lab a reality, as it aligns with our commitment to education and connectivity in the region that we call home” said Google Data Center Site Manager Richard Stillwell. “We applaud the efforts of school district leadership and the Celilo Village, and are looking forward to volunteering on future efforts.”

Celilo Village unveiled its new Wi-Fi and computer lab with Congressman Greg Walden, Google representatives and Dufur School District Superintendent Jack Henderson. Attendees celebrated this community milestone with a tour of the space and interactive demonstrations.

“Kudos to Google for helping the families in Celilo get access to high-speed Internet,” Walden said. “The addition of high-speed Wi-Fi to Celilo Village will help shrink the urban/rural digital divide and bring residents greater access to telemedicine, remote learning, news, next generation emergency services, video streaming and more.”

This project will be supported by the Google American Indian Network (GAIN) and was funded by a Google grant. GAIN is dedicated to leveraging Google’s resources and energy to make a positive impact in the American Indian community.

The group works to increase career opportunities at Google and promote STEM education for American Indians. GAIN also builds partnerships between Google teams and initiatives with external American Indian nonprofits and business groups.

To learn more about GAIN, visit [diversity.google/commitments/](http://diversity.google/commitments/).

Celilo Village lies 15 miles east of Google’s Data Centers in The Dalles. Since 2008, Google has supported more than \$2 million in data center grants to Wasco County schools and nonprofits.

To learn more about the Data Center community grants program, visit [google.com/thedalles](http://google.com/thedalles).