

Editor's note: The Chairman's Report will resume in a future issue of Siletz News.

Your invitation is in the mail! ... Maybe?

It's important to get everyone to respond to the Census survey. It's a matter of money, representation and pride.

Each person not counted means a loss of more than \$3,000 to programs like SNAP, clinics, Head Start, transportation and law enforcement. Oregon can gain an additional U.S. representative with a complete count. Indians have been undercounted in the Census for 230 years.

In addition to the usual problems of getting a good response rate to the every-10-year Census, the post office delivery system is causing an issue.

Beginning March 12, the Census Bureau will send invitations and instructions in the mail to households with a physical address, but can't send them to households with only a post office box. Because members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have 552 post office box addresses, about 1,500 people are affected.



The Census Bureau has a plan to hand-deliver invitations to those households. It is extremely short-staffed, however, and will not be available in this area for a long time. To overcome this, the Tribe's Complete Count Committee will mail similar, but unofficial, instructions to all holders of P.O. boxes.

Watch and listen for television and radio advertisements about the Census.

The Census Kick-off Party with gifts and prizes will be coming to your area offices on April 1.

If you have any questions about responding to the Census, call the dedicated phone number at 541-444-8285. You can also call any of your area offices. They will also have computers available for you to use to respond to the survey.

You've been undercounted and discounted. Respond to the Census invitation. Now is the time to stand up and make your voice heard – "I am Siletz and I count."

The Census Kick-off Party with gifts and prizes will be coming to your area offices on April 1.

2nd Annual Youth Prevention Summit & Round Dance



March 21, 2020

Siletz Rec Center

**Saturday, March 21
7 p.m. Round Dance**

**Saturday, March 21
Youth Prevention Summit –Day Event**

For more info on Youth Prevention Summit please contact Felisha Howell felisha.howell@lincoln.k12.or.us | 541-444-1100

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.

Elders Council Meeting

March 14 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Casino Resort

For more information, contact the Elders Program at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261.

Siletz News is free to enrolled Siletz Tribal members. For all others, a \$12 annual subscription fee applies. Please make checks payable to CTSI and mail to Siletz News.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Change of address: Tribal members – contact the Enrollment Department at 541-444-8258; 800-922-1399, ext. 1258; or enrollment@ctsi.nsn.us. All others – call the newspaper office.

Send information to:

Siletz News

P.O. Box 549

Siletz, OR 97380-0549

**541-444-8291 or
800-922-1399, ext. 1291**

Fax: 541-444-2307

Email: pias@ctsi.nsn.us

Deadline for the April issue is March 10.

Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

Please see the Passages Policy on page 20 when submitting items for Passages.



Member of the Native American Journalists Association

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 2 – 6-8 p.m.
April 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
March 3 – 6-8 p.m.
April 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
March 9 – 6-8 p.m.
April 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
March 10 – 6-8 p.m.
April 14 – 6-8 p.m.

Classes begin with basic instruction and progress over the year. They also are a refresher course for more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

We also have equipment in the Cultural Department available for use in grinding and drilling shell or pine nuts or other applications. If you need to use the equipment, call the number below to set up an appointment.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.