

Chinook Winds 25th anniversary

Chinook Winds would have celebrated its 25th anniversary in June. But because of the COVID virus, the celebration has been delayed until Aug. 29. Hopefully we, the Tribe, the county and the state of Oregon will be on a better recovery path by that time.

50th anniversary

This year, the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) celebrates 50 years of providing services to Tribes. Our Tribe was very grateful to have NARF assist us during the Restoration years.

They have assisted many Tribes with Restoration, water rights settlements and many more issues. The latest was successfully stopping the Dakota access pipeline, recognizing the Dakota Tribes' treaty-reserved rights. Many Tribes made a major effort to stop the work on the pipeline.

Federal policy on Indian self-determination

It's been 50 years since President Richard Nixon issued a new policy on Indian self-determination, which paved

the way for the Indian Self-Determination and Education Reform Act that has been in effect for 45 years. Congress passed it in 1975 just prior to the Restoration of the Siletz Tribe.

This act also paved the way for Tribal self-governance. We adopted self-determination at restoration and became one of the second tier self-governance Tribes. It allows us to compact all funds designated for our Tribe and to hire our own staff and provide essential services.

Coronavirus

The pandemic continues to keep Oregonians wearing masks, limiting activities and providing services mostly by telephone. It's our hope that everyone follows the protocols to protect all of our Tribal members.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort continues to operate in a very clean, sanitary fashion. Casino hours are limited so that deep cleaning can occur, which protects employees as well as all our guests.

General Council

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to keep our membership safe, the General

Council meeting in August will be a video presentation just as it was in May of this year. The video presentation will be available to view Aug. 1-5, 2020, on the Tribal website under the member only area.

Your concerns normally presented can be submitted to generalcouncil@ctsi.nsn.us or mailed to the Tribal Council office at Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz OR 97380-0549.

Tribal services

Tribal offices remain closed, except for appointments. Services are still provided, however, by staff working at home or in the office. If you need services, please call.

Please stay safe!



Delores Pigsley



Photo by Andy Taylor

These We Count masks are being distributed through the Siletz Rec Center in Siletz and will be available soon in the area offices. They are meant to inspire members of the Siletz Tribe to respond to the 2020 Census (2020census.gov, 844-330-2020). The Census count is used to divide federal funds throughout the country. So a complete count will help to ensure that our community gets its fair share of resources.

The Census is coming to your door!

Census workers will soon be coming to your door to get your response to the 2020 Census. They will go to every house that has not yet completed the questionnaire and deliver a paper form for you to complete. If you have already completed the questionnaire, they won't be coming.

If you can, it's easy to go online to my2020census.gov and complete it there. You can also call 844-330-2020 and give your information over the phone. Be certain to mark your race as American Indian and fill in "Siletz" as your Tribe.

As a reminder, your information is highly confidential and will be used only by the Census Bureau and no other agency. Nine questions about your birthdate, ethnicity, race and where you live will be asked. There are no questions about your citizenship, education level, finances, Social Security numbers and other personal questions.

The contest for \$15 Taco Bell gift cards is over. If you entered, you should have received your card by now. If you have

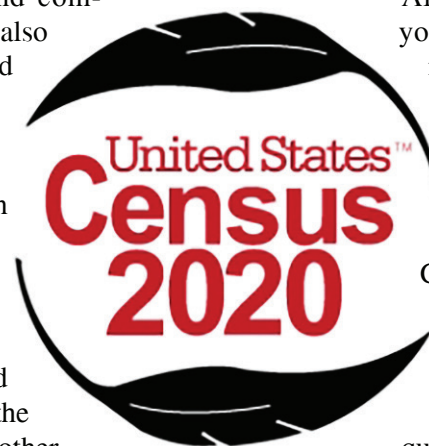
questions, please email CompleteCountCommittee@ctsi.nsn.us.

The drawing for those who have completed their Census response will continue until the end of the Census taking. At that time, prizes including an expensive grill, Kindle Fire tablets, shirts, insulated bags and other gifts will be awarded.

After you have completed your Census questionnaire, email your mailing address and phone number to CompleteCountCommittee@ctsi.nsn.us or send mail to Complete Count Committee at CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549. Be sure to affirm to us that you have completed the questionnaire.

If you want help in completing the questionnaire, the staff at your local area office has been trained to assist you. You can also phone 541-444-8285 for assistance.

Help us help the Siletz Tribal community get the resources we need and deserve by completing the Census. You are Siletz and you count!



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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Send information to:

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