

Babies!



Bear Ilijah Gilbert

Bear Ilijah Gilbert was born March 23, 2020. His proud dad is Chay Gilbert.



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Please welcome your 2020-2021 Siletz Royalty: Little Miss Siletz Kendall Bell-Tellez, Junior Miss Siletz Halli Lane-Skaug and Miss Siletz Felisha Howell

Report shellfish harvests to Natural Resources

Spring low tides herald clam, crab and mussel gathering season. Tribal members using a 2020 Cultural Shellfish Gathering license and permit are reminded to report shellfish harvests to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department within three business days of harvest.

Reports must include the harvest date, type and number of shellfish gathered on each trip. To report your harvest, please leave your name, phone number and details by calling 800-922-1399, ext. 1227, or 541-444-8227.

Shellfish safety hotline

Domoic acid levels make clams and crab unsafe to eat. Before clamming or crabbing, check the Oregon Shellfish Hotline, 800-448-2474, for safety and conservation closures.

Tribal employment information is available at ctsi.nsn.us.



Courtesy photo

The Lane-Butler family (l to r): Cassandra, Nathaniel, Callen, Taykoda and Allen

Lane-Butlers graduate from Tribal Home Visiting Program

Congratulations to Allen and Cassandra Lane-Butler for being Home Visiting's most recent graduates!

Allen and Cassandra joined the Home Visiting Program in September 2017, soon after the birth of their son Callen. They actively participated in the Home Visiting lessons and attended family events when possible, graduating this July when Callen turned 3 years old.

Over the course of the three years that Allen and Cassandra were engaged with Home Visiting, they made several changes benefiting their family. Their two older sons returned to their home full time, the family moved to a larger home with plenty of space for their family and both grew in confidence in their parenting skills and roles.

Allen and Cassandra both participated in the visits, entering in with interest, openness and a desire to learn. Their honesty and reflective responses showed wisdom and commitment to their family.

Allen commented that he valued the one-on-one communication and the lessons. The diaper wipes they got with each visit were an added bonus. Setting goals and doing the lessons gave them things to focus on and gain more awareness. When asked if he would recommend the Siletz Home Visiting Program to other Tribal families, Allen responded "Absolutely! Yes, indeed!"

Congratulations Allen and Cassandra! We wish you and your family the best!

How to access language materials online

Ch'ee-la xwii-t'i
(Greetings everyone)

To assist Tribal members during this time of social distancing and the interruption of our normal schedules, this tutorial on how to access language materials and recordings from the Tribal website has been developed. I hope you and your families are safe and healthy during this time. Hopefully many folks can access these materials from the safety of their homes.

Go to www.ctsi.nsn.us. Enter in your roll number and last four digits of your Social security number to log on to the Tribal member access area.

Click on "Our Heritage." On the drop down, click on "Language."

Lots of written and recorded materials are available in this section. The Nu-u-wee-ya' (Our Words) Language Dictionary is on this page. You can click on the selection A to Z to look up written English language words and their Athabaskan equivalent.

Also on this page are Siletz Dee-ni Volumes 1, 2 & 3. Just click on "Study Materials" and scroll down. Volume 1 contains lessons on body parts, counting, relatives, foods and table talk.

In these lessons, the written word on the screen is accompanied by audio of the word's pronunciation. Volume 2 contains animals, birds, colors, fish, greetings and

goodbyes, insects, and trees and brush. Volume 3 contains lessons on sentence structure and word order.

Each lesson has a complete practical alphabet sound chart. All three volumes have a word document and audio recording for each lesson. Tests are available if you want to use them.

To access the Siletz Talking Dictionary, click on Siletz Language website. Drop down three lines and click on www.siletzlanguage.org, go to the Talking Dictionary tab and click on it. The Siletz Talking Dictionary Page will appear.

Just below the words "Search for" is an empty white box. Type in the word you are searching for and click on the "search"

button just below the box. The word and the Athabaskan equivalent will appear just below the search box. To hear the word being spoken, simply click on the red ear icon on the left side of the page.

You may have to wait a few seconds for the page and sound to load, depending on your connectivity. Some of the words also have pictures.

Also on the www.siletzlanguage.org website are 14 Language learning videos and many other culture-related videos, materials and curriculum.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 8320; 541-444-8320; or budl@ctsi.nsn.us.