



Tribe invites you to pow-wow as 3-day event returns with dancing, singing, parade

The annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, takes place this year on Aug. 11-13 in Siletz, Ore. The public is invited to attend this free family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians, sponsored by Chinook Winds Casino Resort and Pepsi Bottling Company.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

“Everyone is invited to experience our pow-wow and learn about American Indian culture and dance,” said Buddy Lane, Tribal cultural education manager and pow-wow coordinator. “Come join us at our annual celebration.”

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2023-2024 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 11, at 6 p.m. Participants dressed in all dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry, followed by preliminary rounds of competition for youth and teens.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12. This hometown event includes Tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

Pre-registration is available by accessing a registration form on the Tribe’s website – ctsi.nsn.us; picking one up at the Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz; or by contacting Lane at 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Tribal administration building.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. at the pow-wow grounds. Competition dancing for youth and teens continues in the afternoon. Competition dancing after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry continues with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Sunday, Aug. 13, the final day of the pow-wow, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session includes a Team Dance, Women’s Basket Cap Special, Round Bustle Special for men and a Jackson Fancy Dance Memorial. It will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and

youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$600.

A variety of food, Native arts and crafts, and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

“Come and see the variety of vendors at our annual summer pow-wow. Many facets of indigenous America are represented both in craft and food,” said Lane. “There’s a lot to look at and experience, there’s something for everyone here.”

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to the pow-wow on Government Hill. Signs will be

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Hoyle, Merkley bills to restore fairness for Siletz Tribe pass through committee

WASHINGTON – U.S. Rep. Val Hoyle’s (OR-04) and U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley’s identical bills to restore fairness for the Siletz Tribe passed out of committee in both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate on July 19. The legislation would remove a discriminatory legal clause that has severely limited the hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering abilities of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

The U.S. House version of the bill, H.R. 2839, passed unanimously by voice vote in the House Natural Resources Committee. An identical version of the bill, S. 1286, passed out of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

“The Siletz Tribe never should have been forced to give up their sovereign right to hunt and fish on their ancestral lands. Passing this bill in committee is one step closer to getting a vote on the House floor and eventually being signed into law,” said Hoyle. “As a member of the Natural Resources Committee, we have a responsibility to right this historic wrong and ensure the Siletz are treated as other Tribes are. I’m grateful to have had this opportunity.”

“The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians were forced to give up their traditional ability to hunt, fish and gather on Tribal land as the price to restore their homelands. This historic injustice has stood for far too long,” Merkley said. “Committee passage was a critical first step toward finally giving the Tribes the legal ability to renegotiate the restrictive agreement and I will continue working alongside Rep. Hoyle to bring justice to the Siletz community.”

“The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians is extremely grateful to Rep. Hoyle

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Chantele Rilatos works on a cradleboard at Culture Camp. See more photos on pages 10-11.

Photo by Andy Taylor

FY 2022 Indian gaming revenue breaks records at \$40.9 billion, up 5% over 2021

WASHINGTON – The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has released Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) numbers totaling \$40.9 billion, an increase of 4.9% over FY 2021.

Chairman E. Sequoyah Simermeyer and Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland made

the announcement July 19 in Thackerville, Okla.

Gaming revenue for FY 2022 is the highest in Indian gaming history. Seven of NIGC’s eight regions showed an increase over FY 2021. The overall FY 2022 GGR increase was \$1.9 billion, about 5% higher than the historic FY

2021 GGR of \$39 billion as operations emerged from the pandemic.

It is important to note the year-over-year GGR change by region should not be used as a direct indicator of the local economy in any specific region. Many

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Siletz Tribal offices will close at noon on Friday, Aug. 11, for the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow and will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, for the Labor Day holiday.