



Congratulations to the state champion Toledo High School wrestling team!

Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Coach Tony Blomstrom (left photo) and his son, Ash Blomstrom, participate in a parade in Toledo, Ore., on March 7 celebrating the team’s 2A-1A championship. Ash and three of his teammates finished the season as state champions in their respective weight classes while two other Toledo wrestlers placed third at the state tournament.

Siletz Salem Casino Project takes center stage at Tribal member town hall

From the Siletz PR Team; originally posted at <https://www.siletz.org/the-siletz-salem-casino-project-takes-center-stage-at-tribal-town-hall/>

In early November 2023, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians hosted an exclusive town hall for enrolled Tribal members on the progress of the Siletz Salem Casino Project. Chairman Delores Pigsley updated members from the Salem and Keizer communities on the project authorization timeline, the economic benefits of the project and how casino revenue will help enhance the lives of Siletz Tribal members.

The town hall started with an overview of the Siletz Salem Casino Project, emphasizing its significance as a transformative force for the local economy. The project is a unique opportunity to invest in the local Salem community and local small businesses will play a significant role.

During the two-year construction phase, the project will generate about 2,300 jobs and \$141 million in wages, stimulate \$492 million in economic impact and produce \$54 million in indirect

purchases or spending through supply chains in the local economy.

Tribal members expressed overwhelming support for the Siletz Salem Casino Project. According to a survey conducted in April, 66% of the Salem and Keizer communities support the project. Support has grown steadily from 57% in 2017 when we started testing public support.

So, how can you support the project?

- Sign the petition – More than 3,100 people have signed the petition sup-

porting the development of the Siletz Casino Project! If you haven’t already, please sign the petition. And please encourage your friends and family to sign it too!

- Sign up for important updates – Sign up to receive important updates about the project and learn about more opportunities to support the Siletz Casino Project!
- Like and share – Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to be the first to know about the latest updates to share with your friends and followers!

CTSI Jobs

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

Note: “Open Until Filled” vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe’s Indian

Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center, civil legal service providers for low-income Oregonians, operate a public benefits hotline where low-income Oregonians can talk to lawyers and paralegals to get advice on public benefits, including unemployment benefits:

Oregon public benefits hotline: 800-520-5292
[Oregonlawhelp.org](https://oregonlawhelp.org)

ABC’s of Siletz Tribal Athletes

By Tiffany Stuart

The journey of Siletz Tribal athletes started in 2020. I wanted to write a story that my son and Tribal youth would be interested in reading. I interviewed 24 people and researched the other athletes in this book. I conducted all the interviews over the phone during the pandemic. These pages are just a glimpse into the lives of Tribal people. I hope to put all the interviews together in another collection for our Tribal museum.

I completed this work in my own free time. I have a list of more Tribal athletes to interview when time allows. If you have a Siletz Tribal athlete you think should be in this collection, please email me at siletztiffanydawn@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this book. In the upcoming months, you can enjoy reading these stories in our *Siletz News*.

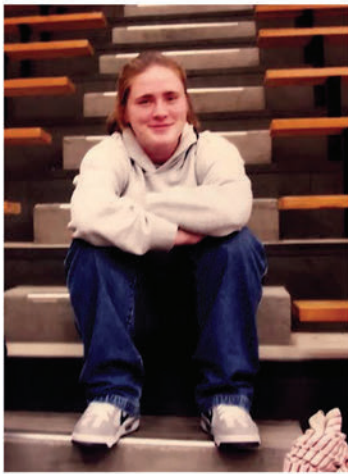
F is for **FOOTBALL**



BLOCK like Rueben Sanders.

He was quoted as “one of the great fullbacks of the country.” Rueben attended Chemawa Indian School until 1900. Living most of his life in Salem, he was an all-around athlete. After graduating from Chemawa, he went to Willamette Preparatory College in 1904. He belonged to many athletic clubs and played multiple games a week. He was inducted into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame in 1972 for his many athletic accomplishments. Later in his life, he coached at Chemawa Indian School. He met his wife at Chemawa and had 3 sons. He would hunt with bow and arrow. Rueben enjoyed watching sport games and making bows and arrows in his retirement.

G is for **GUARD**



PLAY GUARD POSITION like Lynette Ashue.

Basketball has been a lifetime sport for Lynette. Starting at 8 years old, Lynette grew to love basketball. Youth leagues in the Siletz area provided her a chance to play basketball. Not all sports were available in the Siletz area because of the small number of kids. Growing up, Lynette also played softball and volleyball. During high school, Lynette traveled with her softball team to Walt Disney World to play in a tournament. Lynette also danced at pow-wows, beaded and ran in Run to the Rogue.