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Community invited to visit Siletz to enjoy the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

The annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, takes place this year on Aug. 9-11 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.

“This is an open environment for all to come and witness our American Indian culture through our singers and dancers,” said AJ Warren, cultural education manager and pow-wow coordinator. “And maybe get themselves an Indian taco.”

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2024-2025 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 9, 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 Satur-

day, Aug. 10. 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. 11, 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 and a Round Bustle Special for men. It will end with awards for



File photo
Jai Kibby (left) and Hope Kibby greet visitors during a friendship dance at the 2023 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.

NIGC announces record \$41.9 billion in 2023 gaming revenue

WASHINGTON – The National Indian Gaming Commission has released fiscal year 2023 gross gaming revenue numbers totaling \$41.9 billion, an increase of \$1 billion or 2.4%, from the historic FY 2022 GGR of \$40.9 billion.

Acting Chairwoman Sharon M. Avery and Vice Chair Jeannie Hovland made the announcement June 27 at the Wisconsin Gaming Regulators Association Summer Conference in Green Bay, Wis.

This year’s revenue reflects the viability of Tribal gaming operations as Tribal gaming continues to adapt to technological advances and changes in consumer preferences. All eight NIGC regions demonstrated growth in gaming revenue since the last GGR report.

“This year’s GGR results demonstrate how a strong regulatory framework and diversity of Tribal gaming



Photo by Jypsea Simmons
Alissa Lane-Keene shows Chesh-k’i Lussier (left), Destiny Ashue and another girl how to start weaving a basket at the Tribe’s 2024 Culture Camp. Nearly 600 people registered for the three-day camp that took place July 9-11. See more photos on pages 10-11.

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Siletz Tribal offices will close at noon on Friday, Aug. 9, for the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow.

Tribal offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day and on Tuesday, Sept. 10, for the Tribe’s All-Treaty Day.