

Babies!



Nova Linda Webster

Nova Linda Webster was born Oct. 10, 2024, to Brent Webster and Kassidy Ball. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Siletz middle school, high school receive robotics grants

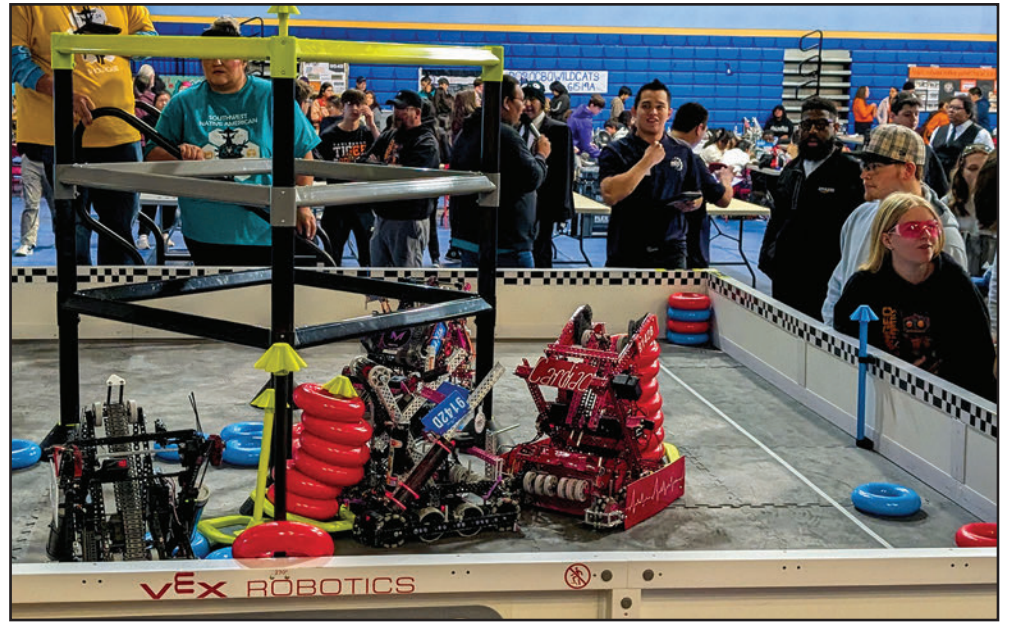
By Suzanne DePoe

Siletz Valley Schools received two VEX Robotics Google.org Grants to enhance their STEM program for Siletz Valley students. Ginger Redlinger, superintendent, approved this program after I met with her at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in August. Thank you, Tiffany Stuart, for introducing me.

These two VEX V5RC Robot Grants will be for Siletz Middle and Siletz High School students. Game elements and game fields will be provided for the next three seasons.

Google Inc. eliminated my job in March 2024. I now work part time for Robotics Education Competition Foundation, RECF.org. I work strictly on delivering robots and aerial drones to Indigenous schools – BIE (Bureau of Indian Education), Tribally controlled or private/public schools with a large population of Indigenous students.

I delivered 21 Drone and 18 VEX Robotics Grants to middle/high schools. RECF.org is creating regions so these students can come together and compete against other Indigenous students. There is an urgent need for students to be versed with digital skills



Courtesy photo

Youth and their robots compete at a showcase arranged by RECF.org and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

as technology continues to advance. What a great way to learn these skills through toys and game challenges.

RECF.org and the White Mountain Apache Tribe held a showcase event in mid-November where 77 Indigenous teams traveled from Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma to compete for one of the VEX Worlds coveted spots.

I was honored to speak to the students at a dinner held the night before competition began. And honored to visit with students and coaches throughout the weekend about their responsibilities on their teams.

Advancing our students with digital skills through competition. Feel free to reach out – suzanne_depoe@recf.org.

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 or Oregonlawhelp.org

For information about the Siletz Tribal language program, visit siletzlanguage.org.

Tribal lands, continued from page 1

Summary of Tribal land holdings

The Tribe now holds 19,159.46 acres, an increase of more than 12% from last year (see chart below). Douglas County has the greatest acreage because of our Tahkenitch Lake lands, followed by Lincoln County, with most of our timber holdings in these two counties.

The City of Siletz and Lincoln City have almost 800 acres, all non-timber, with more than 40 properties dedicated to Tribal member services (Tribal clinic/Tribal housing/future recreation center/satellite clinic/pharmacy/administration building) and income generation by the Chinook Winds Casino and Golf Resort properties.

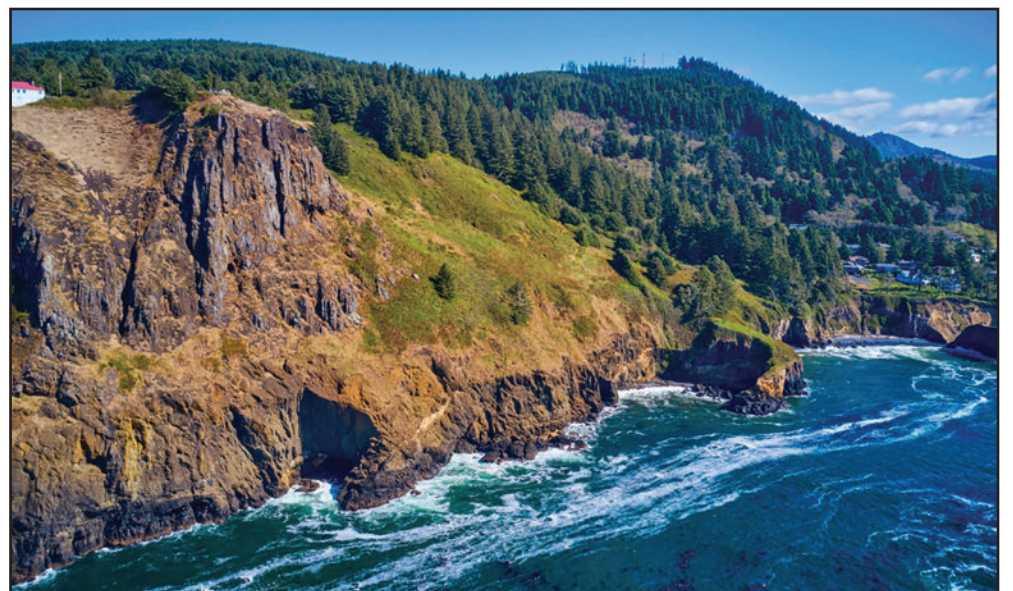
Stewardship and vision

The newly acquired and protected lands provide opportunities to bridge our past with our future. These lands add to our more than 19,000 acres of timber. They offer Tribal members opportunities to engage with cultural traditions, hunt and fish. They serve as legacies for elders by preserving stories and

practices that have sustained our people and strengthened the community's identity and connection to our heritage.

"We are honored to steward these lands," said Angela Sondenaa, Tribal natural resource director. "Every acre brought into the Tribe reflects our resilience and commitment to safeguarding our heritage for future generations."

These achievements mark another step forward in the Tribe's mission to honor our past, strengthen our community and steward the land for future generations. Through thoughtful acquisitions, trust designations and sustainable stewardship, the Siletz Tribe continue to build a legacy of resilience, unity and cultural revitalization.



Courtesy photo by Steve Smith

Figure 2. Cape Foulweather is a landmark achievement for the Tribe. Regaining these 27 acres of ancestral homelands is a profound victory, marking the return of undeveloped oceanfront property first taken by the federal government. With support from partners and a \$2.01 million NOAA grant, we reclaim our past and build a legacy of resilience for the future. This land reflects our cultural and ecological heritage, and its preservation will inspire restoration efforts.

County	City	Total Acreage	Acreage		Acreage		
			Non-Timber	Timber	Trust	Trust in Process	Fee
Lincoln	Siletz	516.15	516.15	0	210.53	1.73	303.89
	Lincoln City	243.80	243.80	0	103.52	92.87	47.41
	Toledo	71.68	71.68	0	0	0	71.68
	Depoe Bay	0.10	0.10	0	0	0	0.10
	Seal Rock	9.27	0	9.27	9.27	0	0
	Rural	8,797.72	47.13	8,750.59	4,270.38	232.71	4,294.63
	TOTAL:	9,638.72	878.86	8,759.86	4,593.70	327.31	4,717.71
Marion	Salem	82.77	82.77	0	28.85	34.12	19.80
	Rural	179.66	0	179.66	0	0	179.66
	TOTAL:	262.43	82.77	179.66	28.85	34.12	199.46
Lane	Eugene	0.79	0.79	0	0	0	0.79
	Rural	504.00	0	504.00	0	0	504.00
	TOTAL:	504.79	0.79	504.00	0.00	0.00	504.79
Douglas	Rural	6,647.27	0	6,647.27	0	0	6,647.27
Multnomah	Portland	1.25	1.25	0	0	0.91	0.34
Klamath	Rural	41.00	0	41.00	0	0	41.00
Jackson	Rural	2,064.00	2064	0.00	0	0	2,064.00
	TOTALS	19,159.46	3,027.67	16,090.79	4,622.55	362.34	14,133.57