

**New Year 2025**

Greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to a prosperous New Year and wish you all the best.

**President Jimmy Carter**

President Jimmy Carter was a leader at a time that was most important to our Tribe. He championed Tribal issues at a time in history when they were very controversial.

He established the first Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; he appointed our friend and former lobbyist Forest Gerard to fill that position in October 1977. He championed the American Indian Religious Freedom Act and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

The president signed the Siletz Tribe Restoration Act and called our chairman, Art Bensell, to inform him of the signing at our first Restoration Pow-Wow.

His life and presence in our world will not be forgotten. We are very grateful for his service.

**Purchase of Table Rock**

In December a few of us council members visited our historical Table Rock property. Our neighbor next to the property wanted to meet us, his new neighbors. He graciously welcomed us to his home, provided all-terrain vehicles so we could visit the property and traveled with us as we toured the area and property.

Many of you were present when we had our first celebration and visit to the area back in the summer of 2003. We are planning to have another event to celebrate this year. Plans are currently being made for that visit and celebration.

**Salem Casino**

The Tribe has not yet received a decision on the Salem casino site. We remain confident that a good decision will be made. We patiently await that decision as the new administration comes into being.

**Elections**

It's Tribal election time. Be sure to make your vote count in this election cycle.



Delores Pigsley

**CTSI Childcare Assistance Program**

The CTSI Childcare Assistance Program provides assistance with childcare expenses to families living within the Tribe's 11-county service area.

To qualify for assistance, parents and children must meet certain eligibility requirements. Parents must be employed or attending school or a job training program. Children must be under age 13 and be either an enrolled member of CTSI, eligible to enroll, or the dependent or descendent of an enrolled Siletz Tribal member.

Applications to apply for the CTSI Childcare Assistance Program are posted on the Tribal website and available at Tribal area offices.

If you need more information or to request that an application be sent to you, please contact DeAnn Brown, Head Start director, at 541-444-2450 or deannb@ctsi.nsn.us.

**Elders Council Meeting**

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Aces Sports Bar & Grill in Lincoln City, Ore.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

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**TUESDAYS, JAN. 14-MARCH 18**

**6:00 PM-BEGINNING CONVERSATION 1**  
**6:45 PM- BEGINNING CONVERSATION 2**

**THURSDAYS, JAN. 16 -MARCH 13**

**12:30-LANGUAGE AND LUNCH**

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