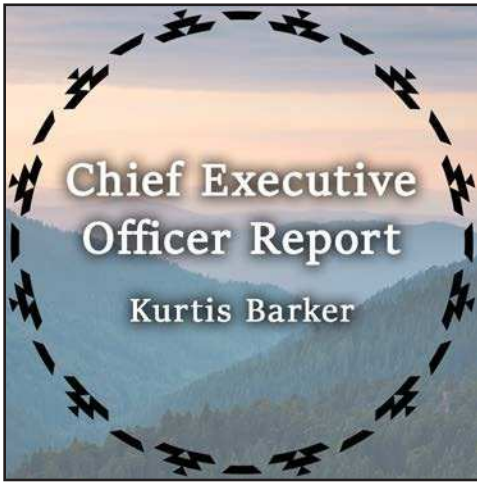




Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

The Tribe hosted the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow August 8-10, on the Pauline Ricks Memorial Grounds. Despite the heat, we hope

Celebrating progress, partnerships and community resilience

everyone enjoyed the festivities with their family, friends and loved ones. Thank-you to our entire CTSI team for your dedication and hard work in hosting our largest annual event.

Visit with Representative

Val Hoyle

In August, the Tribal Council hosted a meeting with Representative Val Hoyle. During the meeting, Tribal Council outlined priorities including hunting and fishing rights, natural resources, and healthcare funding to mention a few. Program

directors described the impacts to grants and funding due to the Trump Administration. We look forward to working with Representative Hoyle and her team as we address the needs of the Tribe and membership.

Satellite Clinic

Lincoln City

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 18, 2025 for the new satellite clinic in Lincoln City, with a soft opening planned for September 29. The new clinic was made possible with American

Rescue Plan Act funds and will house medical, dental and behavioral health services.

Salem Housing

A ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for September 29, 2025 for the new 39 housing units in Salem, with move-in dates scheduled for October. These new units were made possible with American Rescue Plan Act and NAHASDA funds. This is a significant accomplishment in our efforts to provide affordable housing options for tribal members and families residing outside Siletz.

First Monday Cuts builds confidence and connection

In the heart of the Siletz community, a simple act of kindness is making a lasting impact, one haircut at a time. On August 5, the Siletz Tribal Recreation Center hosted its second "First Monday Cuts" event, welcoming over 20 school-aged youth for free back-to-school haircuts. Sponsored by Siletz Behavioral Health, the initiative is designed to help young people start their month and school year, with confidence, connection and a fresh look.

What began earlier this summer with one volunteer barber and 12 participants has grown into a vibrant monthly tradition. This time, three

generous barbers and stylists, Roni Logan-Crawford, Jeremy Sweet and Jeremy's co-worker Louie, donated their time and talent to make the day special. Their care and skill created not just great cuts, but confidence and smiles all around.

"I wish I had before-and-after photos," said organizer Tony Blomstrom. "Those smiles tell the whole story. Confidence comes with something as small as a fresh haircut. If we can help these kids start their month off right, they can go on to do bigger and better things."

Behind the scenes, staff members Jeff Sweet and Rick Bayya

ensured everything ran smoothly, coordinating the intricate details and supporting families throughout the event. Their efforts helped create a welcoming, well-organized space where young people could feel seen, celebrated and cared for.

The event is open to all school-aged members of the Siletz community, not just Tribal Members. Held on the first Monday of each month, the timing is intentional: it's a chance to set a positive tone for the week, the month and the year ahead.

Though originally envisioned as a summer program, the success and enthusiasm surrounding "First Monday Cuts" have inspired organizers to

continue the event into the fall and the future

The next "First Monday Cuts" will be held at the Siletz Tribal Recreation Center from 4-6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of the month. It's first-come, first-served, so come early, bring your kids and kick off the month in style.

Events like these foster self-esteem, community connection and a sense of pride that lasts far beyond the haircut. With nearly three dozen youth served so far and growing interest from families, "First Monday Cuts" is becoming a cherished tradition in Siletz.

For more information or to get involved, contact Tony Blomstrom at 541-270-1906 or tonyb@ctsi.nsn.us.

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Roni Logan-Crawford bringing smiles with a sharp new cut for a community youth