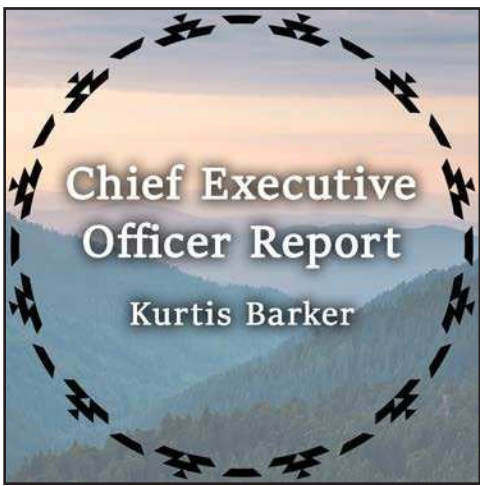




Indigenous Peoples Day:

Siletz Tribal Staff help educate LCSD students & staff on the importance of Indigenous Peoples day.

On Monday, October 13, 2025 several CTSI staff and Tribal Members participated in educational sessions at various schools within the Lincoln County School District, to celebrate the importance of Indigenous Peoples Day.

Jeff Sweet, Tony Blomstrom, AJ Warren, Veronica Crawford, Zeph Mullins, the Siletz Tribal Youth Council, Joshua Rilatos, Jeremy Sweet, Raven Rilatos, Savanna Rilatos, Justin Mason, Isaac Butler, Darius Smith, Turtle Metcalf and many more told stories, gave motivational talks, taught traditional games, talked about traditional art, danced, drummed, talked about traditional foods, and highlighted our traditional values.

Each school within the district offered a unique time within the day to honor and celebrate indigenous people of this area.

Taft Jr/Sr High held a mini powwow; Newport High School had indigenous breakout sessions and a school wide assembly; Waldport focused on learning Native games and storytelling; while Toledo focused on traditional art.

The Indigenous People's Day partnership between the Siletz Tribe and LCSD, began three years ago

and has grown into something very special to both parties. We thank Majalise Tolan the LCSD superintendent and her staff as well as all of the CTSI staff and community members who make Indigenous People's Day, one of learning, acceptance and celebration.

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians:

Several Tribal Council members and administration staff attended ATNI in October where we received valuable updates on federal funding and policy impacts to northwest tribes.

There was a collaborative approach in drafting policy recommendations in areas of health, natural resources, climate, education and more.

We will continue engaging with our neighboring tribes to stay informed and advocate for policy positions that impact the Tribe and the membership.

Federal Government Shutdown:

Administration and program staff are diligent in monitoring the impacts to the federal government shutdown.

The uncertainty and lapse in funding appropriations is very concerning and the impact to the Tribe will likely change the longer it continues.

As of mid-October, the Tribe has not experienced a significant impact. We do have challenges contacting federal staff on funding, policy questions and grant agreements.

We are able to draw down program funds from the agencies at this time. One grant from the Bureau of Land Management has been paused during the shutdown.

Program staff will continue operations as normal, and we will promptly notify the membership if there are any interruptions in direct services.

MOBILE VISION SCREENING CLINIC for Adult Siletz Tribal Members

The Casey Eye Van will be at the Portland Area Office on November 8th! We have 40 appointment spots available for free eye exams, dilation/glaucoma testing, and potentially free glasses with a prescription.

November 8th
By Appointment Only

Email CodyF@ctsi.nsn.us or BlanchetteV@ctsi.nsn.us to sign up!



Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Sunday, November 16, 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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