

SILETZ TRADITIONS HOLD STRONG THROUGH CORONAVIRUS

Celebrating culture in new ways

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The Siletz Reservation near Lincoln City is an hour's drive from the "roar of the ocean," known as "si~s-xa mii-ne" by The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

The phrase comes from Siletz Dee-ni, an ancient dialect of the indigenous Athabascan language that is still spoken by some members of The Confederated Tribes.

Every year, Siletz tribal members celebrate their cultural heritage through taking classes on the Siletz Dee-ni language, learning to make traditional crafts and dancing with loved ones in annual pow-wows.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, Siletz cultural activities have taken new forms.

Although the Siletz Reservation is located on Oregon's central coast, the



Alfred 'Bud' Lane III

See Page 4 Siletz Tribe member Nora Williams weaves a Gay-yu (Siletz baby basket) with hazel sticks and spruce roots.

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GROUP EXHIBITION

Artist Reception October 3rd, 2-5pm



Judith Fredrikson

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