New Council Members
Excited to Serve CTCLUSI

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal Elections were held on April 8, 2018 at Tribal Hall. The positions filled during this election were that of Tribal Council position #2, position #4, and position #6. The results of the election were published in the May 2018 edition of The Voice of CLUSI newsletter.

As per the CTCLUSI Constitution, Tribal Council shall consist of a Tribal Chief elected by the general council for a term of 10 years and six (6) members to terms of office of four (4) years each. Tribal Council has the authority to exercise all legislative and executive authority of CTCLUSI.

Our newest Council members are excited for the opportunity to be serving the Tribe. All three have previously worked for or are currently working for the Tribal Government, bringing their knowledge and experience with them.

Position #2 was filled by Hanis Coos Tribal member Debbie Bossley during the 2018 election. Debbie worked for the Tribal Government for 17 years in both accounts payable and as the record archivist. In her position she reviewed and retained multiple pieces of Tribal history. Having served as a Gaming Commissioner and on both the Enrollment and Health Committees and her...

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Congress Passes S. 1285, Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act

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On May 16, 2018 Oregon’s U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, with Representatives Greg Walden and Peter DeFazio announced that Congress has passed the Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act, allowing certain Tribes in Oregon to lease and sell property that they own.

In testimony given by Chairman Mark Ingersoll, accompanied by Chief Warren Brainard in Washington D.C. on November 15, 2017, Chairman Ingersoll explained how The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) began the process for seeking the passage of S. 1285:

“We sought to purchase a self-storage facility in Coos Bay, Oregon, using a commercial mortgage. However, the title company’s underwriter determined that the Acts required that the transaction be approved by the BIA and refused to issue title insurance. Thus, we were unable to obtain a commercial mortgage to purchase the facility and had to do all that we could to put together enough cash to acquire the facility. Although we were able to complete the transaction, we do not have the means to execute all of our fee land transactions in cash.

Without passage of this bill, we will continue to encounter this problem and will be unable to obtain mortgages or sell or lease our existing fee lands. This would severely hamper our efforts to engage in economic development projects, create jobs, and reacquire some of our ancestral lands.”

CTCLUSI worked towards creating and introducing legislation. They were joined by the delegation and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon, The Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs, and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians in what has become a successful legislation, awaiting the President’s signature, to buy, sell, lease, or otherwise convey their non-trust (fee simple) owned land without approval from the federal government.

Chief Warren Brainard expressed that “this bill advances the potential for economic development for Tribes in Oregon by strengthening our self-sufficiency and self-determination and ensuring the equality of Tribes to buy and sell fee lands like other Americans. It is a great day for Tribes in Oregon.”

Visit the Tribal website www.ctclusi.org to watch the legislative hearing from November. A link is provided directly on the homepage for your convenience. Chairman Ingersoll’s testimony can be viewed at the 24-minute mark, and his additional response to a question presented can be viewed at the 50-minute mark.

Turn to page five in this June edition of The Voice of CLUSI newsletter to read the press release from The United States Congress.

Congress Passes S. 1285, Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act
**As Reported at the May 20, 2018 Regular Tribal Council Meeting**

**Chief Warren Brainard:**
- April 8 Regular Tribal Council Meeting; Tribal Family Dinner; General Council Meeting/Election
- April 10 Oregon Tribes Meeting
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Cultural Committee; Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 17 Quarterly Health Board Meeting
- April 18 Housing Meeting
- April 19 Executive Work Session
- April 20 Elliot State Forest Meeting; Peter DeFazio Meeting
- April 21 Clam Dig
- April 22 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 30 BLM Meeting
- May 2 Tribal Sweat
- May 3 Camp Easter Seal Tour
- May 10 Culture Committee Ex work session; Elders Meeting; Special Council Meeting
- May 11 Tribal Sweat
- May 12 Gathered Cedar
- May 14 GFORB; Special Tribal Council Meeting
- May 15 Lakeside Water Shed Lamprey Catching
- May 16 Lamprey Tagging
- May 17 Tribal Sweat

**Debbie Bosley:**
- April 8 Tribal Council Election; Tribal Family Dinner
- April 9-10 Administration, New TC member meetings with Alexis Barry, CEO and staff.
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 13 Assisted with Newsletter Mailing
- April 16 Meeting with Alexis Barry, CEO
- April 17 Quarterly Health Board Meeting
- April 19 Executive Work Session
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 20 Elliott State Forest Meeting; Peter DeFazio Town Hall Meeting
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 24 Meeting with Vicki Faciane
- April 25 Photos; GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 26 Meeting with Carol Jacobs-Kosht, finance and Stephanie Ezell, HR Director
- April 30 BLM Meeting
- May 1 Meeting with Jeff Stump, Planning Director
- May 3 Camp Easter Seal Tour
- May 10 Executive Work Session; Elders Meeting; Special Council Meeting
- May 14 Meetings Administration Office; GFORB; Tribal Council Meeting
- May 15-16 LCIS Meeting
- May 17 Meeting’s Administration Office

**Teresa Spangler, Vice - Chairman:**
- April 8 Regular Tribal Council Meeting; Tribal Family Dinner; General Council Meeting/Election
- April 10 Education Meeting
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- May 10 Ex work session; Special Council Meeting
- May 14 GFORB; Special Tribal Council Meeting
- May 18 State Transportation Fund Committee meeting

**Josh Davies:**
- April 8 Tribal Council Election; Tribal Family Dinner
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 19 Executive Work Session
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 11 Special Meeting
- May 10 Executive Work Session; Special Council Meeting
- May 15 Watched Passage of Senate Bill with my students
- May 14 GFORB; Special Tribal Council Meeting

**Doug Barrett:**
- April 8 Tribal Council Election; Tribal Family Dinner
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 19 Special Meeting, Executive Work Session
- April 18 Tail Ships Ceremony
- April 19 Executive Work Session
- April 20-22 Healing of the Canoe (HOC) Weekend
- April 22 Clam Dig
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 30, May1-2 Cold Water Training
- May 3 Executive Work Session
- May 4-6 Healing of the Canoe (HOC) Weekend
- May 5 Float Hunt
- May 7-9 Assisted in Making Rings for Canoe Jouney
- May 10 Executive Work session; Special Council Meeting
- May 12 Gathered Cedar
- May 14 GFORB; Special Tribal Council Meeting
- May 17-18 Opioid Conference

**Mark Ingersoll:**
- April 8 Regular Tribal Council Meeting; Tribal Family Dinner; General Council Meeting/Election
- April 11 Special Council Meeting
- April 12 Personnel Issue; Pembina Meeting
- April 19 Executive Work Session
- April 25 GFORB; Tribal Council Business Meeting
- April 27-May 17 Vacation
- May 6-8 Pembina tour and meeting
- May 10 Executive Work session, Special Council Meeting
- May 17 Met with Morgan Gaines; Investment Committee Meeting

**Upcoming Council Meeting**

June 10, 2018
Community Center
338 Wallace Street, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
10:00 a.m.

**Resolution Summaries**

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-017**
- Date of Passage: April 8, 2018
- Subject (title): Enrollment of New Members
- Explanation: Tribal Council approved the Enrollment of three (3) New members. Vote 7-0-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-018**
- Date of Passage: April 8, 2018
- Subject (title): Enrollment – Active to Historic
- Explanation: Michael Dan Swigert: The Tribal Council approves entering the deceased person’s name in the Tribal Historical File for permanent record and placing the name of the Tribal Member listed above on the plaque located in the Tribal Hall. Vote 6-0-1

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-018A**
- Date of Passage: April 8, 2018
- Subject (title): Enrollment – Name Change
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the recommended name change of a Tribal Member as approved through the Enrollment Committee. Vote 7-0-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-020**
- Date of Passage: April 8, 2018
- Subject (title): Agreement Between the South Coast Land Conservancy and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians for Entry and Shared Land Management in Contemplation of Transfer of Real Property Ownership and Tribal Council Approval Thereof
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this agreement. Vote 6-1-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-021**
- Date of Passage: April 8, 2018
- Subject (title): Memorandum of Agreement between Northwest Portland Area Indian (NPAIH) and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI)
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this MOA that will govern the relationship between the NPAIH and the Tribes with respect to the CTCLUSI DHAT program, the Oregon Dental Therapy Initiative, and allocations of resources to carry out the program. Vote 7-0-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-022**
- Date of Passage: April 5, 2018
- Subject (title): Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funding application for the Awakening Our Endangered Languages Through Databases (PHASE II) Application to Submit
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the request for full funding consideration of the grant application to the ANA. Vote 5-2-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-023**
- Date of Passage: April 5, 2018
- Subject (title): Administration for Native Americans (ANA) funding application for the Stewardship Capacity Building Project; Approval to Submit
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the request for full funding consideration of the grant application to the ANA. Vote 5-2-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:18-024**
- Date of Passage: April 11, 2018
- Subject (title): Amendments to CLUSITC Chapter 1-9 (Tribal Council) for First Reading
- Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the proposed changes to Tribal Code 1-9 to remove the restriction of Tribal Council to serve on Council and be employed by Tribal Government; posted for 28-day comment period. Vote 4-2-1
Information

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES
Veterans we need your help. Native American Medal of Honor Medallions are awarded to Veterans at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jan Lawrence at 541-888-7538 or at lawrence@ctclusi.org for requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE NORTHEAST FOREST PASSES
Now available at the Tribal Administration Building, Florence and Springfield Outreach offices.

US FOREST SERVICE NORTHEAST FOREST PASSES
Full video available at www.ctclusi.org

If you would like to receive typed copies or an audio CD of the Tribal Council meeting minutes send a written request, including your current name, address and a phone number. We cannot guarantee a video or audio CD of the meeting minutes due to time and costs.

Changes?
Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, or any other information that would be of interest to you.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Join a Committee
Enrollment, Housing, Education, Culture, Health, Elders, Budget, Investment, and Garden Committees are always accepting letters of interest. Would you like to serve on a Tribal committee? Submit your letter of interest to Jeannie McNeil at jmcneil@ctclusi.org. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

June 4th – Ladies Self Care Planting Event, 3:30 p.m.
June 7th – Elders Luncheon, Clawson's Wheelhouse, Florence 11:30 a.m.
June 10th – Regular Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
June 18th – June 29th – Summer School
June 18th – June 22nd – School to Work Workshop, Florence Outreach Office
June 21st – June 29th – Summer Solstice & Tribal Family Gathering Dinner, Community Center
June 23rd – Weaver Workshop
June 24th – Tribal Hall 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 30th – Student Recognition Dinner, Community Center 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
July 8th – Regular Council Meeting, Eugene location to be determined, 10:00 a.m.
July 8th – July 10th – 2018 Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day

Upcoming Events

July 9th - 13th – Culture Camp
July 14th – Family Berry Picking, Coquille OR 9:30 a.m.
July 21st - August 2nd – Canoe Journey (more info coming soon)
July 30th – Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 5th – Salmon Ceremony
August 6th – Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 7th – 9th – Elders Overnight Trip, Trees of Mystery & Klamath River Jet Boats
August 13th - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 20th - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 27th - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

THE VOICE OF CLUSI
If you or anyone in your Tribal family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you – Morgan Gaines

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Council Meeting
June 10, 2018
Community Center
338 Wallace Street
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
10:00 a.m.

Agenda:
1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes as needed
4. Tribal Council Reports
5. Tribal Administrator Report
6. Chief Financial Officer Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Other
10. Good of the Tribes
11. Executive Session as needed

Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org

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ATTN: Tribal Council 1245 Fulton Ave.
years as a Tribal Government employee, Debbie was prepared to step up to the role of Council member when elected.

“I [will] work diligently to maintain and expand services to Tribal families, provide opportunities for our youth to obtain a quality education with support of their community, create new channels of communication between Tribal membership and Tribal Council, and monitor financial investments made by the Tribal Council.

I believe that keeping our culture at the forefront, and our compassion for one another is how we move forward collectively and successfully.”

Hanis Coos Tribal member Josh Davies has been elected to fill position #4. From 2009 to 2012 Josh worked for the Tribal Education Department beginning as an intern being relocated from Washington to Oregon, and working his way up to Interim Education Director. “The welfare of our youth has always been the highest priority for me, the opportunity to work with our education program allowed me to focus on this.”

Even after leaving the Tribe to work for the Coos Bay school district, Josh’s passion for education has been ever present. He is currently in is sixth year of teaching as a sixth grade teacher at Sunset Middle School, and recently received his Administration License from Concordia University. Josh also coaches football, basketball and varsity softball.

“My vision for the future of the Tribes is that we will be strong, passionate, loving, nurturing, informed and educated” …and as for his thoughts of serving the Tribe on Council, “members of the Tribal Council should listen, hear and be the best representation of our Tribes as a whole…I believe there is a need to strengthen unity within our Tribe…We need to bring back trust and transparency to all entities of our Tribes, making it a place where we are all welcome and know we belong.”

Siuslaw Tribal member Doug Barrett was voted in to council position #6. Doug has worked in the Tribal Government Office for 19 years and is currently the Family Services Prevention Activities Coordinator.

“As a Tribal Council member I [plan on making] education for all members one of my top priorities…I want to make sure our Elders have access to housing and medical care. I believe I can be and am an excellent advocate for your Tribal rights…I have given and will continue to give 100% of my time for the good of the whole Tribe.”

Thank you to Beaver Bowen, Tara Bowen, and Aaron McNutt for their time served on Tribal Council, and the work that they contributed to the Tribe. And thank you to the new Council members Josh Davies, Debbie Bossley, and Doug Barrett for their eagerness to serve on Council.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

The Enrollment Committee recommends that the enrollment of the Applicants listed below should be approved. Besides publication in the Tribal Newsletter, according to CLUSITC 7-1-36(i), this information will be posted in the Administrative Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes’ website and at Three Rivers Casino for twenty-eight (28) days from the date listed above.

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In accordance with CLUSITC 7-1-37(a), Tribal Members shall have the right to protest the recommendation of the Committee approving an application and must file a written, signed protest with the Committee stating their reasons for believing that an Applicant(s) is not entitled to enrollment. The protest must be filed with the Committee within twenty-eight (28) days after notice of the proposed enrollment is posted as described in CLUSITC 7-1-36(i).
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 16, 2018
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(DeFazio) Beth Schoenbach: 202-225-6416

Merkley, Wyden, Walden, DeFazio Announces Congressional Passage of Legislation to Return Tribal Control Over Their Private Lands

The Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act is about tribal sovereignty and economic development

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Oregon’s U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, with Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR 2) and Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR 4) today announced that Congress has passed the Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act, which allows certain tribes in Oregon to lease and sell property that they own.

“It’s absurd that tribes were forced to get Congressional approval before they could develop property that they privately own,” Merkley said. “Several Oregon tribes asked me for help on this issue as they encountered barriers to development projects, and I could not be more pleased to see it heading to the president’s desk to be signed into law. This legislation is critically important to tribal sovereignty and economic growth, allowing tribes to take ownership over development opportunities on their reservations.”

“Tribes in Oregon should have the authority to set their own economic course, and an essential piece of that decision-making must be the flexibility to develop their privately owned property,” Wyden said. “I am gratified that common sense and fairness have prevailed so that tribes throughout our state can choose to pursue development opportunities that create jobs and revenues.”

“Passage of this measure will help improve the lives of Oregon tribal members by giving them new opportunities to manage their lands without unnecessary federal red tape,” Walden said. “I look forward to President Trump signing this bipartisan measure into law.”

“Throughout our nation’s history, our terrible federal Indian policy has decimated tribes not only through displacement, but through economic discrimination as well,” DeFazio said. “In Southwest Oregon, the INIA made it impossible for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians in my district to fully function as a sovereign nation, acting as a roadblock to the tribe’s economic development. I’m proud to help right a historic wrong by exempting the Coos from its unnecessary restrictions.”

Currently, under the Indian Non-Intercourse Act, tribes are required to get federal approval to purchase, sell, convey, warrant, or lease lands they own privately. This makes it difficult, expensive, and impractical for tribes to seize economic development opportunities, when they must get approval from Congress every time they want to obtain a commercial mortgage for their non-trust property.

The Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act allows certain tribes in Oregon to forego that additional approval on privately held lands. The bill does not affect property that is held in trust by the United States, which means the federal government holds the legal title to the land in trust on behalf of a tribe, and tribal government manages the land for the communal benefit of the tribe. Merkley and Wyden led the Act in the U.S. Senate, and Walden and DeFazio led a companion bill in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The tribes in Oregon impacted by this bill include the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians; Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon; Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

“We give great thanks to Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden, Rep. DeFazio, and Rep. Walden for their hard work to secure the passage of S. 1285, the Oregon Tribal Economic Development Act,” said Chief Warren Brainard of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. “This bill advances the potential for economic development for Tribes in Oregon by strengthening our self-sufficiency and self-determination and ensuring the equality of Tribes to buy and sell fee lands like other Americans. It is a great day for Tribes in Oregon.”

“Economic development and investment is vital to improving the lives of our tribal members,” said Cheryle Kennedy, Chair of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. “This bill removes a significant barrier to the Tribe leasing and developing fee land. The Tribe is grateful for Sen. Merkley’s leadership on this issue and his role in passing the legislation.”

The next step for the legislation is to be signed into law by the president.
This Month...be on the Lookout for Oregon Grape

Contributed by Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

**Plant description:** Oregon grape is in the family Berberidaceae, the barberry family. Vanilla-leaf is another native plant in this family that is found more commonly east of the coastal mountain range. This thorny evergreen grows best in rich, but well-drained soils. Tall Oregon grape (*Berberis aquifolium*) is widely distributed throughout the Northwest preferring dry, open country, whereas dwarf Oregon grape is found west of the Cascades in the forest understory. The leaves of Oregon grape are shiny, dark green, alternate, and prickly, like that of English Holly, and turn a rust color in winter. Clusters of yellow flowers appear in spring and bear dusty blue to blueish purple berries in late spring through summer.

**Food:** The berries of Oregon grape were eaten fresh or dried. Because they can be very bitter, most people like to make them into jams/jellies.

**Medicine:** The roots were gathered, dried, and made into a “blood purifying” medicine.

**Other:** The leaves of Oregon grape are so prickly that mice are said to avoid them. Aptly named “rat frightener” or “mouse frightener” in Hanis, many families would place the leaves in corners of their house to prevent them from entering. Oregon grape roots also make a great yellow dye, much like chittam bark. This plant is the Oregon State Flower.

Tribal Resource Response Specialist Joins DNR

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has just accepted Janet Niessner to the position of Tribal Resource Response Specialist. In line with the Tribes’ mission for protecting the land, the DNR is growing their Tribal Response Program for environmental protection, funded through the Environmental Protection Agency. Janet is here to help implement that program, with particular emphasis on the Tribal Estuary Response Plan for oil and hazardous spills, brownfields mitigation, and identifying potentially threatened areas within the Ancestral Lands.

Janet also hopes to foster continuing collaboration in environmental protection and response with other Tribes, federal and state government agencies, and the public community.

Janet recently moved to Coos Bay in November from Seattle, where she helped direct an environmental scientific laboratory. Before this, she traveled extensively taking jobs in forensic science, corporate and nonprofit administration, cultural resource management, GIS mapping, to name some. In finding this opportunity, she was truly excited about contributing her eclectic scientific and administrative skills towards protecting the environment alongside the Tribal community.

Being new to the area, Janet greatly enjoys exploring the coastline, experiencing this marine climate and ecosystem, and joining the numerous local festivities. She will take any recommendations for a great area or event to explore!

Cultural Program is soliciting proposals for Mitsmitsta Halqaima Workshops from the Tribal community

Example Workshop Proposal themes: Regalia, Weaving projects, Tool making, Gathering, Bow making, Carving, Cooking, Language, Traditional Games, etc.

Please submit an outline of your workshop, budget and preferred timing. Proposals will be negotiated with CTCUISI on a first come first serve basis but, will remain open until funds are allocated. Drop proposals at any Tribal Office, Attn: Jesse Beers or Mark Petrie. Contracts may be subject to background checks.

Mitsmitsta Halqaima (To Teach Relatives) www.hanis.org
Weaving Workshop Updates

Dear Tribal Community,

Please join us in our June weaving workshops at Tribal Hall in Coos Bay. We will be meeting from 10 AM-4 PM on the 23rd and 24th. Please bring any weaving projects you are currently working on, plans for something new you would like to begin, or pitch in on tule mats for Salmon Ceremony from the tules we gathered last spring. Another exciting component of this meeting will be welcoming home this historic basket with the shark teeth design. These events are pot-luck but we will have a Salmon from the tribe to base our meal around. If you plan on coming to the workshops, please RSVP to me at sarasiestreem@hotmail.com by June 18th so I can accommodate your material needs.

Looking forward to weaving with you soon!

Luuii,

Sara Siestreem (Hanis Coos)

Above and Below: Scott Slyter and Nicole Mendoza gather tule
Photographs courtesy of Sara Siestreem
The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Tribal Government

1245 Fulton Avenue - Coos Bay, OR 97420
Telephone: (541) 888-7305

The Planning Department needs your help!

CTCLUSI’s Planning Department needs your help in compiling a list of potential road names that can be used for either existing roads or roads associated with the recent land conveyance. The Planning Department is primarily interested in names of significant Tribal families, Tribal icons or traditional native terms fitting for the area. Please submit your input via email ntsuruta@ctclusi.org or call (541) 888-7546. We are excited to hear your input!
Stunning New Look for Fence at Belex Tlxanii (The Tribal Community Garden)

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

If you haven’t been to the Tribal Reservation lately, you may just want to swing by and check out the cool new basket designs being woven into the fence alongside Belex Tlxanii (The Butterfly Garden). The community garden fence weaving project began at the beginning of 2018 and is planned to continue until designs are complete. The Culture and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) have been implementing the project to spruce up the look of the garden as well as provide a little more privacy to Tribal members and their families gardening from the roadside adjacent to the garden.

Culture and DNR staff and Tribal members Mark Petrie, and Adrienne Kirk have been working on and off to place the vinyl fencing weave along the garden fence. They were inspired by scallop basket designs to create the pattern, which will look amazing to see along the entire fence line.

All Tribal members and their families are welcome to plant and maintain a garden bed in Belex Tlxanii. If you’re interested or would like more information about the community garden contact Mark Petrie, Cultural Assistant and Tobacco Grant Coordinator by calling 541-888-1318 or e-mailing him at mpetrie@ctclusi.org.

If you’re interested in a garden plot to maintain or would like more information about the community garden contact Mark Petrie, Cultural Assistant and Tobacco Grant Coordinator by calling 541-888-1318 or e-mailing him at mpetrie@ctclusi.org.

Need a Ride?
Bus Passes for LTD, Rhody Express and CCAT are available.
Call Kathy Perkins
(541)888-9577
Extra Precautions Urged for Teens on Graduation Night

Graduation is one of the most anticipated events in a high school career. For many, walking across the stage to receive a diploma is a bittersweet moment that marks the transition from adolescence to adulthood, leaving the familiar to embrace the future. Pomp and circumstance is usually followed by parties and other celebratory activities, but when underage drinking is involved, graduation day can quickly shift from a day of celebration to a day of tragedy.

The area of the brain responsible for decision-making is not fully developed in teenagers, and alcohol, especially in excess, greatly diminishes their ability to make good decisions. Drinking leads to extremely poor decisions that often result in tragedy. Graduation night tragedies can be prevented by responsible parents and adults who refuse to provide alcohol to minors.

One in four teens who drink report that they are supplied with alcohol by a parent or a family member. Parents may have the false impression that allowing teens to drink under adult supervision is a good alternative to going out and drinking elsewhere. In truth, serious negative consequences can still result, including risk of alcohol-related injury for teens and legal liabilities for parents.

Graduation Tips for Parents

- Talk to them about the dangers of impaired driving on graduation night.
- Have a plan in place for them to secure a safe ride home should they, or the person they ride with, become unable to drive safely due to drug or alcohol impairment.
- Set rules regarding graduation night activities as well as consequences for breaking the rules.
- Set a curfew for the night and stay up to make sure they arrive home safely.
- Do not rent hotel rooms, condos, etc. for teens on graduation night.
- Never provide alcohol to teens or allow them to consume alcohol on your property.
- Coordinate with other parents to verify your teens’ itinerary for the night.
- Host or plan an adult-supervised drug/alcohol-free graduation-party.

Wishing, Hoping, Knowing

By Joanna Fuchs

Graduation is a time for wishes...
“i wish I knew what to do next!”
Graduation is a time for hopes...
“i hope can do what I hope to do!”
Graduation is a time for knowing...
“i know I’m nervous!”
Whatever you do or don’t do, you’ll still have the love of family and friends.
We wish you the best.
We hope you fulfill all your dreams.
We know you will do well because you have so many good qualities to work with!
Congratulations Graduate!

SAVE the DATE
Student Regonition Dinner
June 30, 2018
Community Center
338 Wallace Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420
4:30 p.m.
RSVP NOW by calling 541-888-1315
Prevention Activity: Clam Dig 2018

Contributed by Devyne Krossman, Prevention/HOC Assistant

The prevention clam dig event was held on Saturday, April 21, 2018. We started our morning with meeting at the Charleston boat ramp for a canoe pull to our destination. The event this year incorporated the Healing of the Canoe youth, as well as tribal members. Everyone had a wonderful time digging for clams, and we are looking forward to next year!

Photographs courtesy of Devyne Krossman, Tribal Member and Prevention/ HOC Assistant
SEEKING TRIBAL VETERAN INFORMATION

Recently The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians took part in a Smithsonian display of Veteran’s at the Coos Historical Museum in Coos Bay, Oregon. We were asked to take part in this by creating a poster of our Tribal Member Veteran’s. While this came to us on short notice CTCLUSI had a very nice poster done that included all the Veteran’s we had photos of on display at the Tribal Hall.

We also learned that we are missing some information that would be nice to have and include in the enrolled tribal member’s enrollment file. We would like to know more about our Veteran’s. Please send, email or call us with information. Veteran’s name, branch of the military and years of service. If you do not have a photo in Tribal Hall, please send us a 5X7 photo so we can add it to our veterans wall.

We want to recognize our Veteran’s for their service.

You email, or send or call
Jeannie McNeil, Enrollment Coordinator
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420
jmcneil@ctclusi.org
541-888-7506

We would like to recognize Veteran’s at Salmon Ceremony. Please send your DD214, Jeannie above or Jan Lawrence
Jan Lawrence
1245 Fulton Ave
Coos Bay, OR 97420
jlawrence@ctclusi.org
541-888-7538

Chief Warren Brainard
1245 Fulton Ave.
Coos Bay, OR 97420
Chiefbrainard@ctclusi.org
541-297-1655

Is Your Friend or Family Member Showing Signs of Isolation?

Isolation is a technique used by abusers to derail a victim’s social health and allow for more control over their victim. The use of isolation cuts a dating partner off from family and friends, so the partner who is using abusive behaviors has a greater amount of control in the relationship[1]. Isolation can also allow for the abuser to escalate other harmful behaviors[2]. Ultimately, the survivor may feel like they have no one to talk to about the abuse they are experiencing, leaving them without a support system during their greatest time of need[3].

If you suspect a friend or family member is in a relationship that is causing them to feel isolated or your perception is that they are being controlled, reach out to them. Let them know you are available for support and would enjoy spending time together.


Even if they do not respond, it is ok to keep reaching out on a regular basis to show the victim that you are there for them whenever they need you. This will help them to feel that they have support should they choose to leave and/or confide in someone about their situation.

If you would like to speak with someone about concerns you have about your partner or a friend or family member, feel free to contact the Circles of Healing Program at 541-888-1309.
Elders Corner

The Elders Spotlight of the Month will feature a new Elder each month. Elders are selected from a list of the Eldest to the Youngest Elder, starting with the Eldest. Elders will be contacted by Andrew Braund of the Health and Human Resources Division with information for an article to be published in a future edition of The Voice of CLUSI newsletter. Many thanks go out to our Elders for all that they have done for our Tribal community. We hope to use this opportunity to highlight a few of your many accomplishments. Thank you Elders!

Contributed by Andrew Brainard, CHR and Elders Activity Program Coordinator

Mary Byer

• Hanis Coos
• Great great granddaughter Hanis Coos member Jane June Stevens Jordan. Born in Coos Bay and daughter to Carl and Edwina (Siestream) Clarkson. Oldest of four siblings. Married for 50 years to Larry Byer, also of Coos Bay. Larry and Mary relocated to Portland area, and have lived there for 50 years. Mother of two sons, Bruce and Rick Byer. Grandmother to Blake, Tyler, Tanner and Madison Byer. Mary worked as a teacher’s aid, and for Trailblazer Food Product. She retired alongside her husband Larry.

Favorite Hobbies:

1. Gardening
2. Going to street fairs
3. Art shows, painting and crafts
4. Bridge and pinochle
5. Traveling

Mary is known for her family Thanksgiving tradition of shopping and lunch in Bandon.

Lonnie Perry

• Lower Umpqua
• Husband to Vicki Perry, father and grandfather

Proudest Accomplishments:

1. Birth of children and grandchildren
2. Being an Alaskan

Journeyman Lineman

Bucket List:

1. Travel Alaska
2. Travel Australia
3. Ride motorcycle full length of Route 66

Favorite Hobbies

1. Gold Mining
2. Photography
3. Traveling, talking with people from all regions

“It’s a good life, if you don’t weaken.”

June New Elders:
Kenneth Slossen & Lisa Mitchell

Next Elders Committee Meeting:
August 9th 2:30pm Tribal Hall

Save the Date!
Elders Overnight Trip
Trees of Mystery & Klamath River Jet Boats
Tuesday, August, 7-Thursday, August 9, 2018
Be on the look out for more information in your upcoming newsletter!

2018 Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day
-CTCLUSI Elders Trip-
Sunday July 8, through Tuesday July 10, 2018

Limited transportation is being provided from the Coos Bay, Florence and Springfield Offices
Please RSVP by Friday, June 15, 2018. Space is limited
For further information and to RSVP please contact Jilana Montiel
Assistant Director of Health and Human Services
at 541-888-7526

Theme: Hawaiian Luau
-Wear your Hawaiian Style Clothing!

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CTCLUSI Dental Word Search
Contributed by Naomi Petrie, Dental Health Aide Therapist

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WORD LIST:
Crown
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DEFINITIONS:
Crown: A tooth-shaped “cap” that is placed over a tooth.
Partial: Removable or fixed artificial teeth that restore one or more, but not all of the teeth located in the upper or lower parts of the mouth.
Bridge: A fixed (non-removable) restoration used to replace a missing tooth/teeth.
Denture: A complete set of removable artificial teeth.
Implant: An artificial tooth that is inserted into bone to replace a missing tooth.
Restoration: The treatment to restore a missing tooth structure as a result of dental decay or trauma. Also known as a filling.

Call the CTCLUSI Dental Office to schedule your appointment today
541-888-6433
Dental Office Hours:
June, Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m.)
July, Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Closed Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

Do you need a Tutor?
Does your Tribal Family Child need a tutor in the Coos Bay area? We have a tutor available to assist students. If you would like an appointment, please contact the CTCLUSI Education Department.
Karen Porter, Education Assistant, 541-888-1315
Angela Bowen, Director of Education, 541-888-1317

Back to School Gift Card Forms are now online –
Go to https://ctclusi.org/education and click on the blue link for the School Supply Card Request Form
If you have any questions please contact
Karen Porter
kporter@ctclusi.org
1-541-888-1315

Word Search Answer on Page 19
EDUCATION CORNER

It's time to "stop beating yourself up and leave insecurity behind. Read expert advice on how to limit self-criticism and offset its negative effects.

June "BOOK OF THE MONTH" is:

Self-Compassion: The Proven Power of Being Kind to Yourself

By: Kristin Neff, Ph.D.

Learn how to achieve your highest potential and a more contented, fulfilled life. More and more, psychologists are turning away from an emphasis on self-esteem and moving toward self-compassion in the treatment of their patients—and Dr. Neff’s extraordinary book offers exercises and action plans for dealing with every emotionally debilitating struggle, be it parenting, weight loss, or any of the numerous trials of everyday living. Check it out today and become the person you want to be. 158.1 NEF

FITNESS PROGRAM REMINDER:

All fitness purchases from January 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2018 will be due for reimbursement no later than July 13, 2018.

All purchases after July 1, 2018 will be due by January 11, 2019.
Family Berry Picking Day
When: July 14, 2018 - 9:30am
Where: Meet us there!
Hazen’s Riverside Blueberries
96707 Burton Prairie Rd, Coquille, OR
(From HWY 101 take HWY 42 East to Coquille.
Turn left onto Fairview Rd.
Hazen’s is 7.4 miles down Fairview Rd.)
Light snacks and drinks provided
Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 11, 2018
541-435-7155 -or- 1-888-365-7155

Hosted by CTCLUSI Health and Human Services Department

Nurturing Parenting Workshop
✦ Save the Dates! ✦
Every Monday- 5:30pm-7:30pm
July 30, August 6, 13, 20 and 27-2018
Florence Outreach Office
3757 HWY 101
Florence, OR 97439

CTCLUSI Family Services is piloting a 5 week Nurturing Parenting Workshop
We are looking forward to sharing good conversation and new
Nurturing Parenting Curriculum
-Dinner and Childcare provided-
RSVP for all 5 weeks by July 25, 2018
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Planting Event

Join us for a relaxing planting event. Each participant will take home a lavender plant with care instructions!
June, 4, 2018 at 5:30pm

Call the Circles of Healing Program at 541-888-1309 for more information

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Upcoming Events 2018

**June**

- **June 4th** – Ladies Self Care Planting Event, 5:30 p.m.
- **June 7th** – Elders Luncheon, Clawson’s Wellhouse, Florence 11:30 a.m.
- **June 10th** – Regular Council Meeting, Community Center, 10:00 a.m.
- **June 18th – June 29th** – CTCLUSI Summer School
- **June 18th** – June 22nd – School to Work Workshop, Florence Outreach Office
- **June 21st** – Summer Solstice & Tribal Family Gathering Dinner, Community Center
- **June 23rd** – Weaving Workshop, Tribal Hall 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **June 24th** – Weaving Workshop, Tribal Hall 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **June 30th** – Student Recognition Dinner, Community Center 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**July**

- **July 8th** – Regular Council Meeting, Eugene location to be determined, 10:00 a.m.
- **July 8th – July 10th** – 2018 Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day
- **July 9th – 13th** – Culture Camp
- **July 14th** – Family Berry Picking, Coquille OR 9:30 a.m.
- **July 21st - August 2nd** - Canoe Journey
- **July 30th** – Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**August**

- **August 5th** – Salmon Ceremony
- **August 6th** - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **August 7th – 9th** – Elders Overnight Trip, Trees of Mystery & Klamath River Jet Boats
- **August 13th** – Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **August 20th** - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **August 27th** - Nurturing Parenting Workshop, Florence Outreach Office, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Save the Dates**

- **Summer School**
  - June 18 - 29, 2018
- **Student Recognition Dinner**
  - June 30, 2018

**Coos County Area Transit**

Service District
81750 Newport Lane
Coos Bay, OR 97420
(541) 267-7111
FAX (541) 267-0393

**ATTENTION!!!**

CCAT is proud to announce a new FREE shuttle service (wheelchair accessible) for all Veterans with a verified medical appointment outside of Coos County beginning **22 May 2018!!!**

**Shuttle will operate:**

- Tuesday and Thursday to Roseburg
- And Wednesday to Eugene.

*Shuttle available to Medford on an as needed basis. Home pick up enroute to any of the aforementioned locations may be available on a case by case basis. Shuttle will depart the North Bend VA clinic promptly at 0700 and should arrive to facilitate 0930 appointments. Shuttle will return from Roseburg and Eugene by 1600.

*Pick up times and locations are flexible in order to accommodate your needs! We are here for you!

To schedule a ride, contact us at 541-267-7111
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Stay Cool!

Summer is coming!
We would like to remind everyone to:

- **Stay Cool**
  Wear lightweight, light colored clothing
  Schedule outdoor activities carefully

- **Stay Hydrated**
  Drink plenty of fluids
  Stay away from sugary drinks

- **Stay Informed**
  Check for updates on weather
  Know the signs

LIHEAP Funds may be available to assist families that qualify with cooling agents.
Call Meagan at the Coos Bay office- 541-888-1311
Shayne at the Springfield office- 541-744-1334
to find out more!

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**Family Services presents…**

**School to Work Workshop**

Attention: CLUSI Tribal Youth between 15-21 years of age!

Come join us the week of June 18-22, 2018 from 9am-4pm

At the Florence Outreach Office (3757 HWY 101, Florence OR)
for a week long workshop on job readiness training.

Youth will gain:
- Resume and Cover Letter building skills
- Oregon Food Handlers Card
- CPR Certification

Short-term work experiences can help youth develop job skills, make contacts, and create awareness about career options.

**Transportation provided from Coos Bay and Springfield**

Please RSVP By Wednesday, June 13, 2018.
541-435-7155—or—1-888-365-7155

Questions?
Contact Shayne Platz at 541-744-1334

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**Ti’ii Softball Team Schedule**

Swing by Mingus Park in Coos Bay, Oregon to watch and support the CTCLUSI Coed Softball Team Ti’ii (Black Bear).

These dates and times are subject to change with the weather.

Play Ball!

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**Dental Word Search Answer**

T a m y
With the spring semester in winding down, many college students are eagerly awaiting summer break. While there’s nothing wrong with a little down time and fun in the sun, students should use the three-month break to beef up their resumes with career-related experience.

While the job market shows some signs of improvement, students face an uphill battle landing a full-time job after graduation and should use the break between semesters to maximize their chances of getting hired.

“Employers are looking for students who have done meaningful work,” says Lynn O’Shaughnessy, author of The College Solution. “They’re not just interested in students who may have devoted a lot of time studying and getting straight A’s. They want students who have shown initiative and are motivated and have pursued interests outside the classroom.”

We talked with career and job experts about ways to make your summer vacation into a valuable experience.

**Internships**

Interning is one of best things college students can do over the summer to increase their chances of getting hired after graduation, the experts agreed. “Internships are usually highly competitive as many realize gaining experience will help in their job search after graduation,” says Jason Lauzer, HR manager and job expert on JustAnswer. “Graduates need every competitive advantage they can get, and an internship is a great way to achieve it.”

Even if internships aren’t openly listed for companies you are interested in, tap into the network of people you know through friends and family who are in the industry. Meredith Haberfeld, executive and career coach, says that getting out and talking to people about gaining real-world experience can lead to a position.

“Often the internships end up bridging into future employment at that same organization when, in so many cases, the internship didn’t even exist,” she says. “It got created by connecting with someone inside the organization and making yourself available and designing it together.”

**Academic Activities**

If you want to get ahead in your schoolwork (and keep your brain active during the summer months) look into what summer classes and lodging are offered at your school or local community college.

“Finding a class at a community college that transfers to the graduate’s main university should shave off time from the degree and save money in tuition,” says Lauzer.

If you are an upperclassman, Haberfeld suggests looking into the possibility of a fellowship or independent study.

“If you work with your advisor or a professor in the department that you’re in to find out where you can learn about relevant fellowships, it’s a really amazing thing to do on a school break,” she says.

**Volunteer**

“Volunteering is an amazing place to collect experience that you can use in your resume, not only to show your civic leadership and community service, but to show how you have leveraged your skills and intellect to make a difference for an organization,” says Haberfeld.

Gaining perspective and helping those in need with others who share your interests can also lead to positive network connections.

“You can meet people volunteering that might be able to help you later on,” says O’Shaughnessy. “You also might be able to do some meaningful work that you wouldn’t have done if you were looking for a paycheck.”

While volunteering can make for quantifiable experience to talk about with a potential employer, Lauzer advises that if you can get an internship, take it.

“A hiring manager certainly appreciates seeing a couple volunteer positions, but ultimately wants someone with relevant education and experience,” he says. **Conduct Your Own Individual Project**

If you don’t land a job or internship in your area of interest, the experts recommend taking matters into your own hands. Whether it’s making a short film, writing a book proposal or project that’s related to your career interests, actively pursuing your interests will look good to future employers.

“Those kinds of self-directed, independent projects speak volumes both to future employers, graduate schools, and oftentimes are their own ways into [a business],” says Haberfeld. Experts suggest creating a blog that is focused and relevant on your career aspirations. There are several programs that make creating a professional-looking blog simple.

O’Shaughnessy says having a Web presence can increase your chances for opportunities and getting hired down the road. Showing initiative and your own capabilities can be great examples for your professional network to see and show your talents beyond what’s on your resume.