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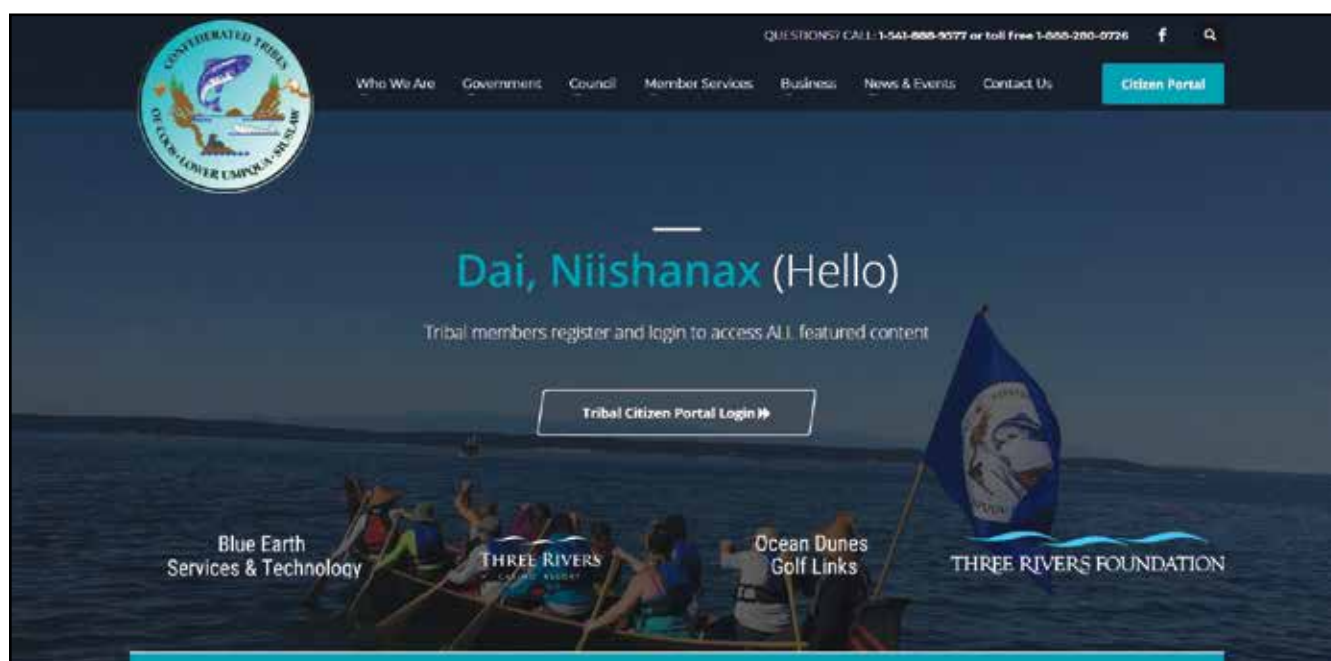
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NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

## Updated Tribal Website Offers New Opportunities to Connect to Culture During Pandemic



Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Dai, Niishanax!

You may have already seen the new design of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians website as it was launched in time for Tribal Restoration in October. With the shift in our abilities to gather due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Tribe is working diligently to find alternative ways to provide services, classes, and online gathering. One of the ways that we can continue to provide Tribal members with information is through our government website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)

We hope that you enjoy this new user experience. You will find that all the information in the drop-down tabs in the header of each page is public. The reason behind this is to ensure ease of access to our community partners, granters, and our surrounding community to find general information on our programs and history. We want those we work with and live around to be able to learn more about us, our history, and the incredible resilience we have as a people, and how we are thriving today.

The new Citizen Portal feature offers a central location for all the information that is just for Tribal membership. If you had a login for the previous website you should be able to use that same login information. We highly encourage you to update your passwords, or if you cannot remember your login, please use the forgot password feature. If you have never visited and logged into the site before, please fill out a new user registration. We want all Tribal members to have access to the Citizen Portal. This is where you will find featured videos such as previously recorded Tribal Council meeting, Language learning, and even recorded Cultural videos. We are excited to be able to keep expanding as

the departments create even more online content and explore new ways to interact with membership while we continue to practice safe social distancing. If you need assistance with your current login or new user registration feel free to reach out to us using the Contact Us feature on the website. It can be located at the top of the page drop down menu next to the Citizen Portal button.

When visiting the website, be sure to check out the bottom of the homepage. Here you will find the latest Tribal News and Events as well as a highlight story. Through the month of November, you will see we are featuring the Forestry Survey. Here you can click the Take the Forestry Survey Online button and fill out the form. A link to this survey is also located on the Forestry page in the Citizen Portal. On this page you will also find some incredible videos about our forest lands. We encourage you take to take a tour and explore these videos and features.

Another brand-new feature we would like to highlight is the Events Calendar. You'll find the events calendar in the drop-down menu at the top of the page titled News and Events. Please check here regularly for new event postings and changes or updates to events.

We appreciate your patients as we continue to update the site and test new features for usability. We hope you have fun exploring the updated website and hope that these new layouts and features provide you with a more user-friendly experience. Know that the site will continue to be updated regularly and more content will be available each month.

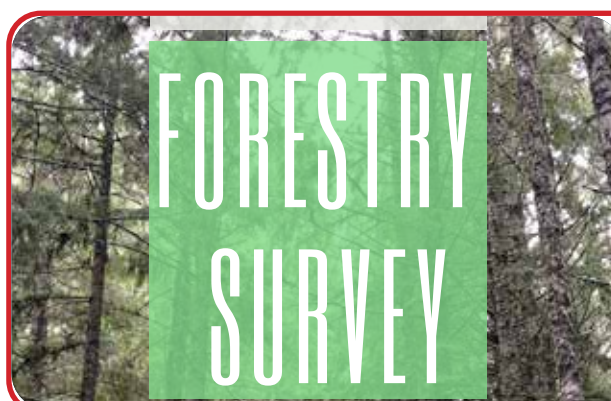
*We'll see you online!*

Turn to page 11 for a look at the Citizen Portal and Events Calendar

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Take the Forestry  
Survey online at  
[www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) by  
November 30, 2020  
for chance to provide  
the Tribe with  
invaluable input and  
also a chance to win  
a raffle prize!

# Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from September 13 – October 08, 2020.

## Chief Doc Slyter:

9-13 Budget Meeting  
 9-13 Tribal Council Meeting  
 9-17 Leader's Circle  
 9-18 Admin. Office / sign paperwork/LCIS zoom meeting  
 9-22 Nat'l Renewable Energy  
 9-22 Leader's Circle  
 9-23 Reporter Call  
 9-24 Meeting w/ Peter DeFazio  
 9-24 Leader's Circle  
 9-28 Leader's Circle  
 9-29 Danny Santos  
 9-29 The Mill Casino - Sea Otters  
 9-29 Leader's Circle  
 9-30 GFORB  
 10-1 American Indian Health Commission  
 10-1 Tribal Council Consultation  
 10-1 Leader's Circle  
 10-2 State Call  
 10-6 CRPA - Jordon Cove  
 10-6 LCDC  
 10-6 Leader's Circle  
 10-7 Admin Office - All Staff Meeting  
 10-7 Sea Otter  
 10-8 Sea Otter  
 10-8 Culture Committee  
 10-8 Leader's Circle  
 Reading Emails & Other Phone Calls from 9-13-2020 to 10-8-2020  
Total Hours: 120

## Debbie Bossley Tribal Chair:

9-14 Thur 10-11-20 Monday-Friday Office  
 9-15 Housing mtg/Budget  
 9-17 Leaders Circle  
 9-22 National Energy Renewable/Leaders Circle  
 9-24 BIA/meet DeFazio/Leaders Circle  
 9-28 Special meeting  
 9-29 LCIS/Leaders Circle  
 9-30 GFORB/Business meeting  
 10-1 Leaders Circle  
 10-2 9 Tribes & Governor  
 10-6 CRPA Jordan Cove/Leaders Circle  
 10-8 Leaders Circle  
 10-11 Council/General Council mtg  
Total Hours: 120

## Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:

9-13 Regular Council Meeting  
 9-14 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Offshore Wind Webinar Series; / National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) presentation review  
 9-15 Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) Zoom meeting; / NTICC Presentation Review meeting; / Education Committee Zoom meeting  
 9-16 NTICC Presentation; / First Budget Zoom Meeting; / Virtual Cultural Night  
 9-17 Tribal Review on Congressional Climate Plan; / Leader's Circle  
 9-18 Legislative Commission on Indian Services (LCIS) special meeting  
 9-21 Federal Tribal Broadband Summit; / Climate Crisis Review meeting; / National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) zoom meeting; / National Tribal Broadband Summit; / GFORB Credential work; / Zoom with Mapatsi DC Lobbyists; / Leader's Circle  
 9-23 Interview call with Press on Jordan Cove; / Virtual Cultural Night  
 9-24 Tribal Review of Congressional Climate Plan Final Meeting; / BIA – Fed – Tribal COVID Response Call; / Fundraiser for Rep. DeFazio; / Leader's Circle  
 9-25 Language Committee Meeting  
 9-28 Tribal Healing to Wellness Enhancement Training Conference; / Special Tribal Council Meeting  
 9-29 LCIS Regular Meeting; / Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) &

Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) meeting; / Leader's Circle  
 9-30 National COVID Briefing Call with State, Local and Tribal Officials; / Language Class; / GFORB Meeting; / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 10-1 Northwest Energy Coalition Intro Zoom; / Making Energy Work Quarterly Webinar; / Leader's Circle  
 10-2 State & 9 Tribes COVID/Wildfire Call  
 10-5 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Annual Convention  
 10-6 ATNI Natural Resource Committee; / Cultural Resources Protection Agreement Meeting with Pembina; / Department of Land Conservation Department Consultation meeting; / ATNI Energy Committee CLUSI Resolution Presentation; / Leader's Circle  
 10-7 ATNI Virtual Convention; / CLUSI All Staff Meeting; / National Native Network (NNN), SPTHB, and ANRF Webinar: Smoke-Free Casinos in Oklahoma are OK; / Virtual Youth Cultural Night  
 10-8 ATNI Virtual Convention; / Culture Committee Meeting; / Leader's Circle  
Total Hours: 166

## Ilana Montiel:

9-13 Budget Hearing; / Regular Council Meeting  
 9-16 CHAP Advisory Workgroup; / Budget Meeting  
 9-17 Leader's Circle  
 9-18 OHA Tribal Monthly Meeting  
 9-22 Leader's Circle  
 9-24 Fundraising Zoom for Rep. DeFazio; / Leader's Circle  
 9-25 Climate Change meeting  
 9-28 Special Meeting  
 9-29 Leader's Circle  
 9-30 Consultation Meeting; /Quarterly Benefits Board Meeting; / GFORB: /TC Business Meeting  
 10-1 Tribal Caucus:/ Tribal Consultation:/ Leader's Circle  
 10-2 Zoom meeting w/ Dan Condry  
 10-8 Leader's Circle  
Total Hours: 60

## Josh Davies:

9-13 Tribal Council Meeting  
 9-15 ATNI - 11th Hour Census Update - Enumeration Opportunity  
 9-16 Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC) Public Meeting  
 Meeting on Habitat Conservation Plan for western Oregon's state forests  
 Housing Committee Meeting  
 First Budget Meeting  
 Culture Wednesdays  
 9-17 Special Weekly Series for Tribal Schools as they Reopen Amidst COVID-19  
 Gov Brown Press Conference  
 September 17, 2020 Leaders Circle  
 9-18 LCIS Special Meeting  
 Gov Fire Press Conference  
 9-21 GoToWebinar - AI/AN Educator Success RFA Pre-Application Webinar  
 9-22 National Renewable Energy Laboratory - Energy Technical Assistance  
 Leaders Circle  
 The Wondrous Live of Pacific Lamprey - Benjamin Clemens Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
 Zoom with Mapatsi DC Lobbyists  
 9-23 Virtual Panel on Successful Strategies to Reopen Schools  
 Culture Wednesdays  
 9-24 Industrial Hemp Interim Final Rule  
 Federal/Tribal Coordination Call (hosted by BIA)  
 Special Weekly Series for Tribal Schools as they Reopen Amidst COVID-19

Fundraising Zoom for Rep. DeFazio on Thursday 9/24 2-2:45 pm. PT  
 Leaders Circle  
 9-25 AI/AN Community Leader Meeting re: All Students Belong Initiative  
 Language Committee  
 9-28 Special Meeting  
 9-29 LCIS Regular Meeting  
 Leader's Circle  
 9-30 GFORB/Business Tribal Council Meeting  
 National COVID Briefing Call with State, Local and Tribal Officials  
 10-1 Special Weekly Series for Tribal Schools as they Reopen Amidst COVID-19  
 Tribal Caucus and Consultation  
 Leader's Circle  
 Tribal History/Shared History SB-13  
 10-2 State-tribal call re: COVID-19 response efforts  
 Tribal History/Shared History SB-13  
 10-5 WREN CB Meeting  
 10-6 Leader's Circle  
 Cultural Resources Protection  
 Agreement Meeting with Pembina;  
 CTCLUSI GHG Consultation  
 10-7 Culture Wednesdays  
 10-8 Investing in adult learners: Recruiting, supporting, and retaining educators of color in a virtual world  
 Special Weekly Series for Tribal Schools as they Reopen Amidst COVID-19  
 Leader's Circle  
 Emails/Letters  
 Correspondence  
Total Hours 171.8

## Doug Barrett:

9 – 13 Budget Hearing & Tribal Council Meeting While on Vacation!!!  
 9 – 17 Leaders Circle call in Meeting  
 9 – 22 Leaders Circle call in Meeting  
 9 – 24 Leaders Circle call in Meeting  
 Back from Vacation!!!  
 9 – 28 Special Tribal Council Meeting  
 9 – 29 Leaders Circle call in Meeting  
 9 – 30 GFORB Meeting & Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 10 – 1 Leaders Circle  
 10 – 2 Language Class – State Tribal – Covid – 19 response efforts  
 10 – 6 Leaders Circle  
 10 – 7 Smoke Free Casino's in Oklahoma  
 10 – 8 Culture Committee Meeting / Leaders Circle  
 10 – 11 Regular Council meeting / General Council Meeting / Talking circle  
Total Hours : 46

## Enna Helms

09-13 Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
 09-16 Budget Committee Meeting  
 09-17 Press Briefing with Governor Kate Brown; Tribal Council Leader Circle  
 09-18 Legislative Commission on Indian Services Special Meeting  
 09- 22 Meeting with Mapetsi D C lobbyist; Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
 09- 24 Meeting with Defazio, Bureau of Indians Affairs - Federal - Tribal Call; Tribal Council Leader Circle  
 09-28 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
 09-29 Legislative Commission on Indian Services Regular Meeting; Tribal Council Leader Circle  
 09-30 National COVID briefing Call with State, Local and Tribal Officials; Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 10-1 Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
 10-6 Cultural Resources Protection  
 Agreement Meeting with Pembina  
 10-8 Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
Total Hours: 96 Hours

Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The CLUSI Tribal Council welcomes your ideas, comments, criticisms, etc.  
Please write to: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians  
ATTN: Tribal Council 1245 Fulton Ave.  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jan Lawrence at 541-888-7538 or at [jlawrence@ctclusi.org](mailto:jlawrence@ctclusi.org) for new requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE  
NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

Now available at the Tribal Administration Building, Florence and Eugene Outreach offices.  
Requirements are: 1. Must be a CTCLUSI Tribal member. 2. Must be over 16 years old. 3. You may only be issued one per year. The passes hang from the rear view mirror and are good for access to some Forest Service fee areas. Area maps available.

CHANGES?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at [www.ctclusi.org/enrollment](http://www.ctclusi.org/enrollment) or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-888-7506 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Full video available at [www.ctclusi.org](http://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 address to Jeannie McNeil, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.



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Council Meeting

November 8, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be streamed online. Please log in to the Citizen Portal at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Council Meetings

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes as needed
4. Tribal Council Reports
5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer 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](http://www.ctclusi.org)

Upcoming Events

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Zoom Culture Activity,  
Beading w/ Alycia Cossey 6:00 p.m.  
**November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Zoom Culture Activity,  
Shelling w/ John Schaefer 6:00 p.m.  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>** – Fitness Zoom  
Workshop 6:30 p.m.  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Budget Hearing 9:00 a.m.  
**November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Tribal Council meeting  
via zoom 10:00 a.m.  
**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – COH Beaded Necklace  
zoom workshop 6:00 p.m.  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Veteran’s Day,  
All Tribal Offices will be Closed  
**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – Fitness Zoom  
Workshop 6:30 p.m.  
**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Zoom Culture Activity,  
Basket Weaving w/ Brenda Brainard 6:00 p.m.  
**November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Zoom Culture Activity,  
Necklace making w/ Kaie & Kira 6:00 p.m.

**November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Fitness Zoom  
Workshop 6:30 p.m.  
**November 25<sup>th</sup>** – Zoom Culture Activity,  
Fry Bread video posted to website  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving holiday,  
All Tribal Offices will be Closed  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to complete  
Forestry Survey ([www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org))  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline to enter  
COH sticker placement photo contest  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>**– Zoom Culture Activity,  
Eating According to Traditional  
Wisdom w/ Nicole Mendoza 6:00 p.m.  
**December 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Fitness Zoom  
Workshop 6:30 p.m.

Check out our online Events Calendar at  
<https://ctclusi.org/events/>



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

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](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org). All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

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Council Corner

I want to wish all our Tribal Members a happy Fall Harvest. While we cannot gather physically for our annual Fall Harvest celebration and activities, know you are in our thoughts and we look forward to the time we can be together again.

As Fall is upon us, the Chief would like to remind you the time is now for collecting Myrtle Wood nuts. The Tribal Government is expanding their outreach of education and information to its members by using ZOOM for group meetings and gatherings. I encourage you all to visit the website for new upcoming events for you all to participate in. When you visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org), soon you will see a completely new design. The website is much more user friendly and you will find navigation much smoother.

This is a trying time for not only our Tribe, but also the whole United States. We are closely

monitoring the impacts of the Coronavirus and the recent fires in the Northwest. With the public fearing so many things, we need to communicate always in a positive way. If someone is negative, try to have a conversation with him or her and bring positive energy forward.

I appreciate each member of this current Tribal Council for their dedication. Tribal Council has been hard at work and meeting as many as four nights a week recently.

Stephanie Watkins and I would like to remind everyone that while the Administration Buildings are still closed, services are still available by appointment only. Staff is ready and able to serve Tribal Members with any needs that may arise.

-Debbie Bossley, Tribal Chair



Resolution Summaries

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-069  
**Date of Passage:** August 26, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this agreement for Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 6-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-070  
**Date of Passage:** August 26, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Multimedia Games and Equipment Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this agreement for Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 6-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-071  
**Date of Passage:** August 26, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Authorizing Submission of 2020 Volkswagen Settlement Proposal  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves staff to submit for funding. **Vote 6-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-072  
**Date of Passage:** August 26, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Appointment of the Tribal Benefits Board  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves the appointment of the following members to the Benefits Board; Mike Mascolo, Cindy Castro, Bonnie Foroudi, Stephanie Watkins, Mike Smith and Iliana Montiel. **Vote 6-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-073  
**Date of Passage:** August 27, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Incarcerated Tribal Members Emergency COVID -19 General Welfare Assistance Program  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves assistance in the amount of \$500.00 for each incarcerated member for communication purposes. **Vote 7-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-074  
**Date of Passage:** September 13, 2020  
**Subject (title):**Emergency Declaration and Closure of Tribal Forest Lands  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves the closure of all Tribal Forest Lands until further notice due to risk of wildfires. **Vote 7-0-0**

**RESOLUTION NO.:**20-075  
**Date of Passage:** September 13, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Ocean Policy Advisory Council Tribal Representative Appointed  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council voted to support the application and the appointment of the Governor's Office in the selection of Tribal Member Margaret Corvi as Tribal Representative to the Ocean Advisory Council. **Vote 7-0-0**

In this public paper, some Resolution titles and explanation may not be displayed or may only display minimal details due to confidentiality.

**CTCLUSI Second Budget Hearing**

**Tribal Member input is sought on the construction of a Fiscal Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year**

Pursuant to Tribal Code 7-10-3 (a), the Budget Committee seeks to hear from Tribal Members on items to be considered in preparation of the Tribal Budget for the 2021 Calendar Year

The Hearing will be held  
**via Zoom meeting before the start of the Regular Council Meeting**

To get the zoom link please login to the Citizen Portal of [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Council Meetings

**November 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**  
*Written comments may be submitted to the following address:*

**Attn: Chief Financial Officer  
Confederated Tribes of  
Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians  
1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420**

**Can You Find Me?**

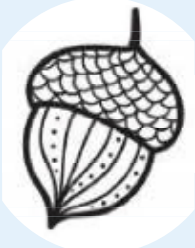
In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden acorn like the one pictured to the right (it could be any size and on any page).

If you find it, email [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) to have your name entered into a prize drawing. In your email you must include your name, age, address (for mailing purposes) and contact phone number. In your email you must also let us know what page and where on the page you spotted the hidden acorn! Must email by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be include in the drawing.

Winner will be notified by phone and their name and prize description with appear in an upcoming edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper.

This month's contest sponsored by the Health and Family Support Services Department.

**Happy Acorn Hunting!**



# Tribal Council Seeks to Rename Camp Easter Seals

Contributed by Tribal Linguists Patty Phillips and Enna Helms

In 2014 the Tribe purchased the former Camp Easter Seals on North Tenmile Lake and is the traditional territory of the Quuiich people; the upper part of the lake is known as Skanich in the Quuiich language. The Tribes’ long term plan is to revive the land and water as a gathering place for uses including but not limited to: Culture Camps, Family Camps, and as an Educational facility. The Tribe would like to rename Camp Easter Seals and the name of the road that leads to it that comes in from the north, off of Schofield Creek road. As part of the process of choosing names for this place and the road, we are looking for input from the Tribal community! We would like feedback by November 20th.

Historically, the Tenmile lake and creek defined the boundary between the Hanis and Quuiich (Lower Umpqua) people. It was said that the Quuiich held the North Lake and the Hanis, the southern lake. The lakes were a meeting place for Coos Bay and Quuiich people to gather wapato tubers (qwii’mits in Quuiich), which once grew in large numbers in these lakes. Coos Bay and Quuiich people all fished from Tenmile Creek. In this area, there were also stories about the Giant People and the Little People being seen from time to time around the lakes.

Many members of the Jordan family had allotments on or near the lakes and grew up there. Elders who spent time there say Tenmile Creek and the lakes had great salmon runs. Carolyn Slyter recalled that every year when she was a child living on the family property on Carlson Arm, fish would come up even the smallest feeder creeks in the family’s field, and the salmon could be easily scooped up.

At the earliest, the plans are to bring forward a resolution of the new name to the Tribal Council at the Regular Council Meeting on Sunday, December 13th, 2020. Please submit your name ideas for the Camp and/or the Road by **November 20th** to Enna Helms at ehelms@ctclusi.org or by phone (541) 297-7538.



## CORRECTION

Readers may have noticed that the in The Voice of CLUSI October 2020 edition there was an omission on page 11. Members of Tribal Council since Restoration were listed and the following time period was erroneously omitted.

4-12-2015

**Chief Warren Brainard**

**Doc Slyter, Chair**

**Mark Ingersoll**

**Teresa Spangler**

**Beaver Bowen**

**Tara Bowen**

**Arron McNutt**

In addition, Joyce Deabler was listed in 1984 , 1985 and 1986. Joyce was Secretary to the Tribal Council.

Sincere apologies for the error.

## Attention Tribal Members:

Tribal Government is forming an Energy Strategic Planning team.

If Tribal Membership is interested in participating please contact Stephanie Watkins at swatkins@ctclusihr.org by November 16, 2020.

Posted: November 1, 2020

## NOTICE OF CODE AMENDMENT

The following proposed Code was passed for First Reading by Tribal Council on October 11, 2020

**TITLE: 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS**  
**Chapter 1-15 Executive Management**

The Tribal Council has determined amendments are needed for Chapter 1-15 Executive Management; and

The Tribal Council wishes to amend CLUSITC Chapter 1-15 to: revise references to the “Tribal Administrator” to “Chief Executive Officer”; include reference to promotion and encouragement of a culturally inclusive workplace environment consistent with the Tribe’s core values; promotion of cooperation between departments and programs; and expands the conflict of interest section to include domestic partners and roommates; and

Tribal Council hereby approves the amendments to Chapter 1-15 Executive Management Code, and hereby approves such draft for first reading and posting for a twenty-eight (28) day comment period.

**DATE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE PROPOSED CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

December 13, 2020

The notice of the proposed amendment/creation of Code/Ordinance shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and the text will be posted for public comment for twenty-eight (28) days in the Administration Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes’ website and at Three Rivers Casino (Office of the Gaming Commission). To request for a copy of draft amendments or to submit written comments please send correspondence to the Tribal Council in care of Jeannie McNeil, CTCLUSI, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420 or email: [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org).

## Tribal Weaving Program Updates

Dear Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw people,

If you do not know me yet, I am Sara Siestreem (Hanis Coos). I am an artist and educator and I run our Tribal Weaving Program. I am writing to you today to let you know I am thinking of you and holding you close in my thoughts and prayers as we pass through these difficult times.

As we enter early winter, I hope you are finding your way in remote learning and other new strategies for this every shifting challenge of the pandemic. I teach Painting, Theory and Practice: Art and Social Justice, and Thesis at Pacific Northwest College of Art up here in Portland, all remotely this year. As you are all probably feeling, there are both wonderful and challenging aspects to moving education online.

While it is hard and we lose so much in remote delivery, I am constantly amazed by what we can still do and what is now possible, that was not before. One of the greatest things I think that is coming from the staying home thing is the break the environment is getting, keeping so many cars off the road. The general slowing down is a real blessing, I think. It also is a GREAT time to get in touch with some form of an art practice. Bored? MAKE ART!

Our Weaving Program will resume in 2021 in person if it is safe for us to share space but if not, we will create new ways to connect through digital means. One tool I am currently building for you is a new weaving tutorial. I am working with three tribal film makers for this project. Isaac Trimble (Apache/Yaqui), LaRonn Katchia (Warm Springs), and Woodrow Hunt (Modoc). We finished the shooting for the project in September and are deep in editing now. Our goal is that it is live by January 1, 2021.

I want to share this image of the large-scale installation from my October exhibition at Augen gallery. The piece is titled EAGLE MACHINE: dancing \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful. When I created this piece, I was thinking about police brutality against people of color on this land mass. I am deeply troubled by the oppression we face from those who are supposed to protect us outside of our Tribal communities. Whereas our tribal police make us feel safe and comforted, those outside entities often make us feel the opposite. I made this piece to tell that story symbolically and to point to our cultural practices and connection to the land to heal that trauma and move forward. While it may seem like a perfect time to make a public statement up here in Portland to expose that intention, out of respect for the Black Lives Matter movement, I decided to leave that context for a future time. I have faith that the message of the piece is still being broadcast in the spiritual realm and that satisfies my conviction that I need to stand up for our people in this way. It is a move of solidarity and respect for the Black community that I do not seek to grab the mic (so to speak) from those whose cause is being waged at this moment. True art, at its best, rewards the good and punishes the bad, simultaneously. I hope that this work does those things, as is. I share it with you in the hope that it brings you some comfort and pride.

I created it in 2018 as a commission for an exhibition called Yehaw (together we lift up the sky) that was a yearlong show at the King Street Station in Seattle. I encourage you to visit this website, it is a wonderful project that continues today in many ways: <https://yehawshow.com/>

Last month, we had our inaugural meeting of the Nia Tero Fellows. It was an extremely sweet day and we all enjoyed getting together very much. The foundation brought in Swil Kanim, a Native Actor and Violinist be our first speaker. He told wonderful

stories, played the violin for us, and shared important philosophies with a heavy emphasis on honor. It reminded me of what Jesse Beers (Siuslaw) says, every day we either honor or dishonor our ancestors and I was comforted to have this important Indigenous principle centered in our first steps. Here is a link to his website: <https://www.swilkanim.com/#:~:text=Swil%20Kanim%2C%20US%20Army%20Veteran,member%20of%20the%20Lummi%20Nation>. I look forward to sharing this work with all of you as the year unfolds. <https://www.niatero.org/pnw-arts>

A last idea I want to share with you has to do with Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw pictorial property. Where the Tlingit and Haidas have form line and the eastern tribes practice the woodland plants motifs, we have the hard-edge geometric patterns found in our baskets.

This mixed media painting I made last week called cradle and the round rock (white butterfly) has one of our designs in the bottom right-hand corner. When you put the two triangles together like this it forms a butterfly. This sort of imagery is our inheritance and represents our culture. It has been a slow process for me to begin to use them, but I feel compelled to do so now because I want us to embrace and feel entitled to them.

I want to express my love and support of our Black brothers and sisters on the land mass and especially for our Black tribal people and family members. You are sacred and beloved. We see you and stand with you, both in our hearts and on the land.

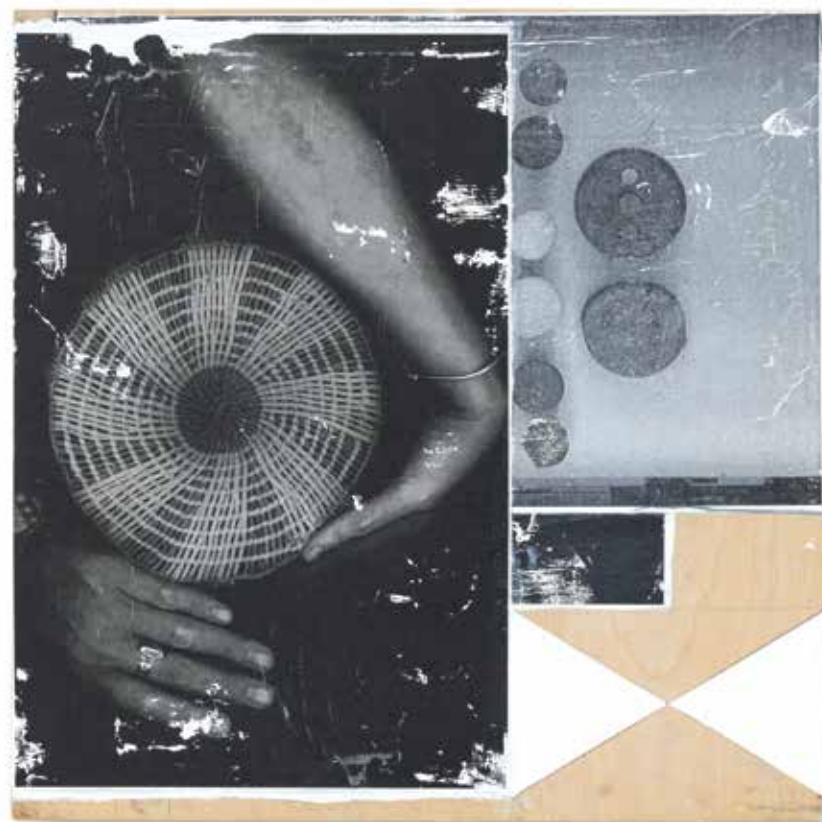
Please know that I am standing by to support you as you navigate these times. I am just an email, phone call, or face book chat away! Please reach out however and whenever you want. Please keep wearing your masks, gloves, and practicing

social distancing. Reports confirm that these tactics were critical for stopping the virus all around the world. Stay safe and know we are working to find ways to keep our hearts connected to one another.

Luuwii,

Sara Siestreem (Hanis Coos)

[sarasiestreem@hotmail.com](mailto:sarasiestreem@hotmail.com)



# Tribal Forest Land Updates

Contributed by Steve Andringa, CTCLUSI Forest Lands Manager

## Tioga Tract

This is third in a series of articles describing another CTCLUSI forest land tract – Tioga (Tekeat). Conveyed under the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act of 2018, this 4,564-acre tract is located in the Coos watershed 20-miles west of Roseburg, OR. Several of the unnamed tributaries on the tract flow into Tioga and Burnt creeks, eventually draining to the Coos River. As with all of the conveyed lands, this tract was once held and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Tioga is best accessed off Hwy 42 at Tenmile, OR, then north to Reston, east on Coos Bay Wagon Road, then north up the Burnt Ridge Road which enters the tract.

The surrounding area of the Tioga tract is referred to as the Coos Mountain Access Area, a partnership of several landowners encompassing 63,000 acres providing for year-round public access. CTCLUSI is not part of this Cooperative, but the Tioga tribal lands are within this area since, prior to the conveyance, these BLM lands were included.

The Tioga tract is unique, in that it is a relatively flat piece of land in an area that is known for being extremely steep. The gentle slopes on much of the Tioga tract make it an attractive area for hiking off of the road system. Additionally, the older second-growth stands found in this tract provide great examples of managed forests.

The predominate timer species is Douglas-fir at 85% by volume followed by Western Hemlock at 15% by volume. Most of the area (about 82%) consists of 30 to 70 year old second growth. Volume of timber per acre is the highest compared to other forest tracts often exceeding 40,000 board feet per acre or more with scattered stands of mature timber well over 200 years in age. The understory shrubs forbs includes, in order of occurrence, Oregon grape, Rhododendron, moss, Vine maple, forbs and Red Huckleberry. The timber species composition, quality, land topography, accessibility and proximity to markets all contribute to Tioga as a potential for future revenue source for the Tribe.



Second Growth Douglas-fir stand

The Confederated Tribes of  
Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

FORESTRY  
SURVEY

Seeking Tribal Member input to gather  
feedback in guiding future forest  
management activities.  
(Open to those aged 14 years and older)

COMPLETE THE SURVEY BY NOV. 30TH FOR  
A CHANCE TO WIN AN AMAZON GIFT CARD

Prize Drawing: December 4, 2020

SURVEY AND MORE INFORMATION CAN BE  
FOUND AT [WWW.CTCLUSI.ORG](http://WWW.CTCLUSI.ORG)

## Health & Family Support Services Department -Eugene Outreach

Contributed by Shayne Platz,  
Lead Case Manager/ICWA

The Eugene Outreach Office and our Coos Bay Health and Family Support Services Department are currently planning to host Zoom Fitness Workshops November 5, 12, 19 & December 3, 2020! This event will be in collaboration with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. If you are interested in attending this virtual event, please contact Shayne Platz (Lead Case Manager/ICWA) from the CTCLUSI Eugene Office at 541-297-3450.

The Eugene Outreach Office also continues offering Low Income Energy Assistance, Circles of Healing program advocacy for survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Child Welfare services, and referrals for various services for those in our five-county service area.



## Free Zoom Fitness Workshops!

**4-WEEK "LIVE ON-LINE"  
LOW IMPACT FITNESS SERIES  
FOR ALL AGES**

**DATES: THURSDAYS:**

**NOVEMBER 5, 12, 19,  
& DECEMBER 3, 2020**

**TIME: 6:30 - 7:30PM**



Free Event provided by the CTCLUSI Health Family Support Services Department in partnership with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians.

All ages are welcome. Come join us and learn from Professional Fitness Instructors and "Native Wellness Guests" for 4 awesome weeks. Great for beginners, the entire family, or anyone wanting to learn a healthy exercise.

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

ONCE REGISTERED, YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A ZOOM LINK VIA EMAIL.

**RSVP BY: Monday, November 2, 2020**

**TO: Shayne Platz 541-297-3450**



**This is a Diabetes Prevention and Health and Wellness Event, sponsored by the IHS Special Diabetes Program for Indians. CTCLUSI attendees must reside in the Tribe's Service Delivery Area of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, or Lincoln Counties for this event.**

### Telehealth Services

#### Contact:

CarolAnn Young  
• 541-435-7159: Office  
• 541-435-5417: Cell  
• [cyoung@ctclusi.org](mailto:cyoung@ctclusi.org)

Health and Family Support Services with the support of InSight and Regroup Telehealth Services are pleased to introduce Sarah Duffey, LCSW. Sarah will start offering mental health services in early November to Tribal Members. Sarah has a Master's of Science in Social Work from the University of Louisville and has a background working with clients being discharged from a hospital and providing resources to them in the community, foster youth, individuals with substance use disorders and homeless/runaway youth.

We are excited to be working with Sarah to offer Telehealth Services to our Tribal Members.

This is a wonderful opportunity! Tribal Members can access this service from the comfort of their own home with access to a device such as an iPhone/Android phone, tablet / Chromebook / laptop or personal computer. If Tribal Members do not have access to any of the above mentioned devices, accommodations can be made to use a Chromebook at the Newmark Center or the Outreach offices in Florence or Eugene. This service is also Free of Charge!

The process for accessing these services will be as follows:

Tribal Members will need to log onto the CTCLUSI website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and fill out the Mental Health Request form. After the form has been filled out it will be forwarded to CarolAnn Young, Behavioral Health Care Coordinator. At that time, CarolAnn will call the client to do an intake survey and schedule the appointment.

We look forward to this opportunity. Please watch the CTCLUSI website for any update information.

### COH HOSTED ZOOM CLASSES 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS

**UPCOMING NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS:  
11/10: BEADED NECKLACE MAKING  
11/24: THANKSGIVING WEEK, NO CLASS**



**Class run time  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED! SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP ASAP FOR MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED. NECKLACE WORKSHOP LED BY MELINDA RADFORD.**

**Space limited to first 10 people to register. 541-435-8637**



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The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Response Circles

*“In the Loop” with the Circles of Healing Program*

*November is National Native American Heritage Month*

Contributed by Circles of Healing, Jamie Broady

One way to acknowledge and celebrate Native American heritage month is through literature. Tommy Orange, Louise Erdrich, Joy Harjo, and Stephen Graham Jones are some of the most celebrated and accomplished Native American writers in our contemporary times. Tommy Orange’s novel *There, There* is a beautiful, gripping novel about family, reckoning, heritage, culture, celebration, generational trauma and loss. Another recommended read is Joy Harjo’s memoir, a blend of poetry, prose, and song, titled *Crazy Brave*. In case you didn’t know this about Joy Harjo, she is from the Muscogee Nation and is the first appointed National Poet Laureate for 2019-2020. One of her poems is included below.

Other ways to celebrate your own Native heritage, is to hold story times with your children, or to ask an honored Elder to tell stories passed to them from previous generations. If you haven’t yet utilized the Zoom platform, folks in the Health and Family Support Services can help you access Zoom for telehealth (and storytelling) purposes as well as to access other department led cultural Zoom events. Zoom is free to use and can allow for increased connection with family and friends during the COVID-19 crisis. Please be on the lookout for upcoming cultural and Tribal community Zoom events as there will be more information provided soon via CTCLUSI’s new website and this newsletter!

Remember, by Joy Harjo

Remember the sky that you were born under,  
know each of the star’s stories.  
Remember the moon, know who she is.  
Remember the sun’s birth at dawn, that is the  
strongest point of time. Remember sundown  
and the giving away to night.  
Remember your birth, how your mother struggled  
to give you form and breath. You are evidence of  
her life, and her mother’s, and hers.  
Remember your father. He is your life, also.  
Remember the earth whose skin you are:  
red earth, black earth, yellow earth, white earth  
brown earth, we are earth.  
Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their  
tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them,  
listen to them. They are alive poems.  
Remember the wind. Remember her voice. She knows the  
origin of this universe.  
Remember you are all people and all people  
are you.  
Remember you are this universe and this  
universe is you.  
Remember all is in motion, is growing, is you.  
Remember language comes from this.  
Remember the dance language is, that life is.  
Remember.

*Circles of Healing Program*

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**Sticker Photo Contest!**

Below is an image of the Abuse Prevention Sticker for the photo contest. Contact us today to get one and take your best picture for our contest. Details to the left.



**CIRCLES OF HEALING SPONSORED**

*Show your support sticker Photo Contest*  
**HELP SUPPORT ABUSE PREVENTION AND SEND US  
YOUR BEST SHOTS! CONTACT LIANA FRISBIE FOR A  
STICKER AND SEND US A PHOTO OF WHERE YOU PLACE  
IT! 541-435-8637 OR LFRISBIE@CTCLUSI.ORG CONTEST  
WINNERS WILL RECEIVE PUBLICATION AND A PRIZE!  
DEADLINE: 30 NOVEMBER 2020**



## THREE RIVERS FOUNDATION

# INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Confederated Tribes of  
Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians  
are accepting applications for  
Grants to charitable organizations  
December 1 - 31, 2020

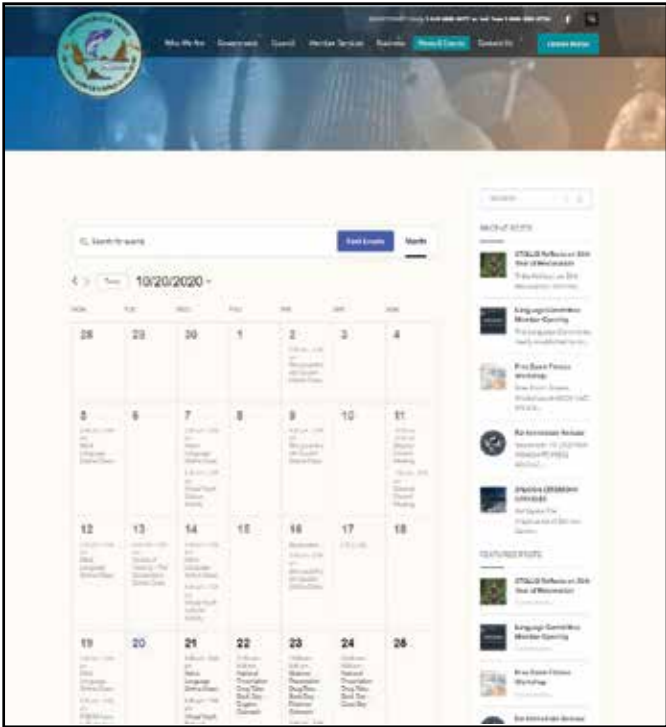
Non-Profit organizations are encouraged  
to visit the Foundation website  
for more information.

[ThreeRiversFoundation.org](http://ThreeRiversFoundation.org)

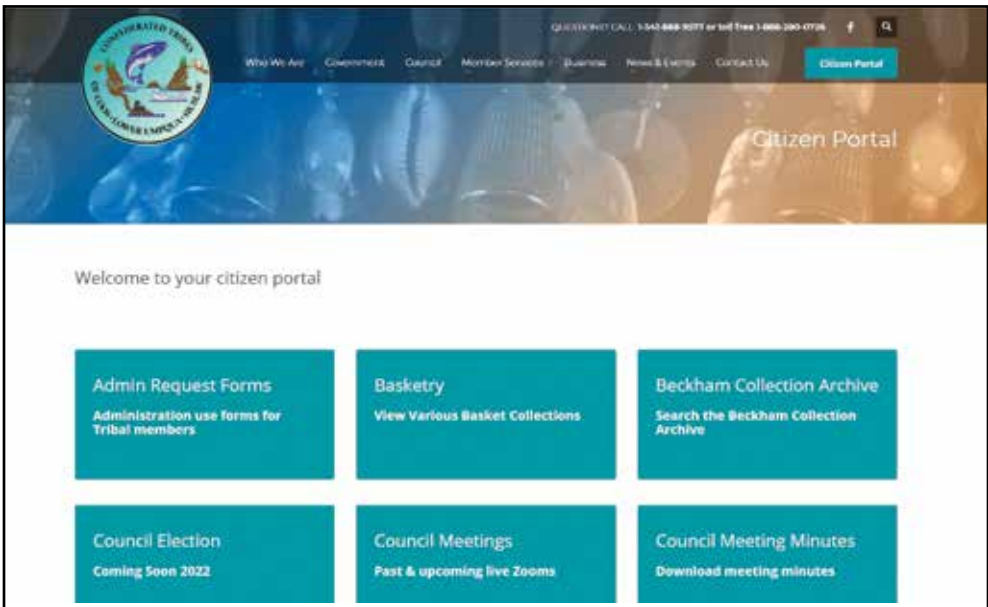


Hightlights of the Tribal Website...continued from cover page

Events Calendar  
https://ctclusi.org/events/



Citizen Portal  
https://ctclusi.org/login/



We hope you enjoy our more user-friendly platform. To access the Citizen Portal please use your current login information, request a password reset, or register for a new user account if you do not have one.

Use the Contact Us feature located in the top navigation bar or email [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) for assistance.

Congress Finally Passes Bill To Address  
Missing And Murdered Indigenous Women

Native American women are disappearing and being killed. Savanna’s Act will help bring them some justice.

By Jennifer Bendery, Posted online at [www.huffpost.com](http://www.huffpost.com), 09/21/2020 06:10 pm ET Updated Sep 22, 2020

WASHINGTON — After years of unnecessary delays, the House passed legislation on Monday to help law enforcement respond to a horrifying and largely invisible crisis: Hundreds of Native American women are mysteriously disappearing or being murdered.

The bill, Savanna’s Act, passed on a voice vote with little fanfare. It now heads to President Donald Trump’s desk to be signed into law.

The measure, authored by Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and passed by the Senate in March, responds to a devastating situation in which nobody can say, exactly, what is going on. At least 506 Indigenous women and girls have gone missing or been murdered in 71 U.S. cities, including more than 330 since 2010, according to a November 2018 report by Urban Indian Health Institute. And that’s likely a gross undercount given the limited or complete lack of data being collected by law enforcement agencies.

Ninety-five percent of these cases were never covered by the national media, and the circumstances surrounding many of these deaths and disappearances remain unknown.

Murkowski’s bill is as much an attempt to put attention on the issue as it is to understand the severity of it. It boosts coordination and data collection between tribal, local, state and federal law enforcement in cases involving missing and murdered Native women. It requires federal agencies to get recommendations from tribes on how to enhance the safety of Native women, and requires new guidelines for responding to these cases,

in consultation with tribes.

“The issue of missing or murdered Indigenous women has been a crisis for such a painfully long time. Many tribal advocates and family members of those affected worked so tirelessly on this issue, and I am proud to have worked alongside them to elevate this crisis at the local, state, and national level,” Murkowski told HuffPost in a statement. “Today is a big victory in our fight to provide justice for victims, healing for their families, and protection for women and children across the nation.”

ASSOCIATED PRESS Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) just pushed Savanna’s Act across the finish line after a single Republican congressman blocked it from becoming law in 2018.

Lots of these disappearances and murders stem from domestic violence, sexual assault and sex trafficking. Eighty-four percent of Native women experience violence in their lifetime, and in some tribal communities, Native women are murdered at 10 times the national average.

The bill is named for Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a 22-year-old Indigenous woman who was abducted and killed in North Dakota in 2017. She was eight months pregnant and her baby was cut from her womb.

Savanna’s Act was *this close* to becoming law in 2018. It had unanimously passed the Senate and was ready for a quick vote in the House. But former Rep. Bob Goodlatte (R-Va.), then the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, single-handedly prevented the bill from

getting a House vote. Former Sen. Heidi Heitkamp (D-N.D.), who was the original author of the bill but lost reelection that year, spent her final weeks in the Senate publicly shaming Goodlatte for sinking the legislation.

Murkowski took the lead on the bill in early 2019 and promised Heitkamp she would see it through to passage. She told HuffPost at the time that she could only speculate on why so many Indigenous women have been going missing or turning up dead. But one of the “brutal realities” is that Native women command more money from traffickers, she said.

“Native women, because of their looks, can be viewed as more exotic, more Asian, and apparently there is a higher market for women that are of Asian descent,” Murkowski said. “When I heard that, it just ... It just sickens me.”

In a Tuesday statement, Heitkamp said it “means the world” that Savanna’s Act will become law.

“Missing and murdered indigenous women are no longer invisible,” she said. “When I first introduced this bill last Congress, I couldn’t have imagined the groundswell of support we would receive — and I’m encouraged that even during these partisan times, Congress came together and passed this important and needed bill.”

Heitkamp added that “our work isn’t done” and said people need to “hold your members of Congress accountable and urge them to build on this work.”

The House also passed the Not Invisible Act on Monday, a related bill OKed by the Senate in March that would make the federal government step up its response to Indigenous women going missing, being murdered or forced into sex trafficking. That bill now heads to the president’s desk, too.

# #StopTheSpread

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN INFLUENZA (FLU) AND COVID-19? CONTRIBUTED BY KRISTY PETRIE, RN BSN, COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE. RESOURCE: CDC

Influenza (Flu) and COVID-19 are both contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. COVID-19 is caused by infection with a new coronavirus (called SARS-CoV-2) and flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses. Because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are similar, it may be hard to tell the difference between them based on symptoms alone, and testing may be needed to help confirm a diagnosis. Flu and COVID-19 share many characteristics, but there are some key differences between the two.

### Coming Soon!

Flu shots at Coos Bay Administration building. CTCLUSI staff members and Tribal members. There will be a message sent out when more information is available.

### Are You Having Symptoms?

Stay home, be safe, and help prevent the spread of infection (illness). This will help to protect tribal elders, very young children, co-workers, family, and/or individuals with chronic diseases and/or decrease immunity.

Please contact your health care provider and your work supervisor (if applicable) if you have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (or feeling feverish/chills)  
\*\*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever\*\*
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue (tiredness)
- Headache
- Nausea

COVID-19 & FLU how they compare		
	COVID-19	Flu
Incubation period	2 to 14 days	1 to 4 days
Common symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fever</li><li>• cough</li><li>• fatigue</li><li>• shortness of breath</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• fever</li><li>• chills</li><li>• cough</li><li>• fatigue</li><li>• body aches and pains</li><li>• headache</li><li>• runny or stuffy nose</li><li>• sore throat</li></ul>
Less common symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• body aches and pains</li><li>• headache</li><li>• runny or stuffy nose</li><li>• sore throat</li><li>• nausea or diarrhea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• nausea or diarrhea</li></ul>
Symptom onset	gradual	rapid
Severity	can be asymptomatic or mild, but 1 in 5 may require hospitalization; symptoms may worsen in the second week of illness	typically mild, resolving in about a week; some cases may require hospitalization
Contagiousness	higher when someone is showing symptoms; asymptomatic people may also spread the virus	starting 1 day before symptoms appear and for 3 to 5 days afterward
Vaccines and medications	currently none available	seasonal vaccine and antiviral medications

healthline

# 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 Kimmy Bixby of Community Health Services 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 Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide



Jamie Tervort

**Favorite Hobbies:**

- Working on her farm.
- Playing with her grandchildren.
- Gardening.
- Fishing.
- Jigsaw puzzles.

**Bucket List:**

- Spend more time with all of her family.
- Make many happy memories with her grandchildren and watch them grow up to have families of their own.
- Always take time to have fun!

**Jamie Tervort**

**Coos**

**Immediate Family:**

- Family includes parents Russell and Martha Huntington, sisters Linda Hunt and Kerri Lahue, husband Dell Tervort, son Tyrell Tervort, daughter Chantel Moore, grandchildren Conner, Natasha, Keagan and Emry, and many cousins!

**Proudest Accomplishments:**

- Being married to her childhood sweetheart for forty-one years.
- Raising two kind, creative, and successful children.
- Working hard to transform sand and sage into a farm that feels like a little piece of Heaven.

**Favorite Sayings:**

“No matter how stressed you are, remember how blessed you are.”



Richard Slossen

**Favorite Hobbies:**

- Hiking.
- Kayaking.
- Mountain climbing.
- Gardening.
- Keeping a strong connection with nature and animals.

**Richard Slossen**

**Lower Umpqua**

**Immediate Family:**

- Family members include father Alvin Slossen, mother Patricia Brady, grandmother Vera Slossen, wife Barbara Slossen, and children Ricky and Heather. He also has two Yorkie Terriers - Mickey and Cooper.

**Proudest Accomplishments:**

- His wife and kids.
- Being healthy.
- Two-year college degree in information technology.
- His Native American heritage.

**Bucket List:**

- Travel to New Zealand to hike and kayak.
- Continue to stay healthy for life.
- Spend as much time with nature and animals as possible.

**Favorite Sayings:**

“It’s going to be a wonderful day.”

Welcome New Tribal Elder

Todd Zimmer

## Calling all Elders & Cultural Knowledge Hlders

The Culture and Natural Resources Department is seeking Tribal Members that are interested in being interviewed as Cultural Knowledge Holders.

Interview topics can range from stewardship methods, including ethnobotany, harvest techniques, and hunting techniques. Interview topics can also include story-telling, traditional songs, and oral histories.

Interviews can take place virtually over zoom or in person. For the protection of our Tribal membership and staff, in person interviews will follow the Social Distancing Guidelines as recommended by the CDC.

A small stipend will also be provided as a thank you.

For more information and/or to sign up, please contact:  
Jesse Beers @ (541) 297– 0748 or jbeers@ctclusi.org

# How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse  
Resource from CDC (2020) and GOV.UK and the World Health Organization

The CDC recommends that a mask should be worn in public settings around people that do not live in your household. Wearing mask properly helps to stop the spread of COVID-19 to others.

Summary:

- Wear mask with 2 or more layers to stop the spread of COVID-19
- Wear the mask over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Masks should be worn by people two years and older.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children younger than two, people who have trouble breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask without assistance.
  - If you cannot wear a mask in public, and cannot stay 6 feet away from individuals who are not from your household please make arrangements for someone to do your shopping for you, as masks are required before entering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to staff and our community.
- Do NOT wear masks intended for healthcare workers, for example, N95 respirators
- CDC does not recommend the use of gaiters or face shields. Evaluation of these face covers is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time.

How to Select a Mask

There are many choices when selecting a mask. Here are some do's and don'ts.

DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape




Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

Caution: Gaiters & Face Shields



Evaluation is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time



Evaluation is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time

Special Situations: Glasses



If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging

Special Situations: Children



If you are able, find a mask that is made for children



If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin



Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old

How to Wear a Mask

Wear a mask correctly and consistently for the best protection.

- Be sure to wash your hands before putting on a mask.
- Do NOT touch the mask when wearing it.

Do Wear a mask that

- Covers your nose mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Fits snugly against the sides of your face.

How NOT to Wear a Mask

How NOT to wear a mask



Around your neck



On your forehead



Under your nose



Only on your nose



On your chin




Dangling from one ear




On your arm

How to Take Off a Mask


How to take off a mask




1  
Carefully, untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops



2  
Handle only by the ear loops or ties



3  
Fold outside corners together



4  
Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing

**IMPORTANT:** Face Mask vs Face Shields.  
How they compare and protect you and your loved ones

Face Mask vs Face Shield

Which one suits you best?

Protection & Sterilisation

Secure Breathe Face Mask

Face Shield

 Stops Particles Landing On Mouth And Nose		
 Stops Particles Landing On Eyes		
 Paritally Blocks Potential Bad Particles From Being Breathed In		
 Can Be Filtered		
 Can Be Disinfected		

This chart is based on advice taken from GOV.UK and the WHO, with social distancing being observed alongside face covering.

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Family Support and Behavioral Health Department is continues offering Heating or Cooling Assistance during the summer months for qualifying households. To receive heating or cooling assistance contact the FSBH Department or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at <https://ctclusi.org/family-services>. Eligible households must reside in the five county service area of Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Douglas, and Lane, and fall into 60% of the Estimated Oregon State Median Income as listed below. To qualify, your yearly income needs to be at or below the following:

1 Person Family	\$24,549
2 Person Family	\$32,103
3 Person Family	\$39,656
4 Person Family	\$47,210
5 Person Family	\$54,764
6 Person Family	\$62,317



In order for your application to be processed and determine qualification you must provide:

Proof of Income (Pay Stub)	Social Security Card
Copy of your utility bill	SSI or SSDI Statement of Benefits
Tribal Enrollment Card	Child Support Statement
Oregon Trail Card	Current Oregon Health Plan Card

No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can obtain and fill out the application on-line at <https://ctclusi.org/family-services> or you contact a Family Support and Behavioral Health staff to assist you. The general FSBH Department number is 541-888-6169. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program you can also contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

\*Note that available funding can be subject to change .

*Tribal Council Looks to Appoint One More Member to the Language Committee!*

Contributed by Enna Helms, Linguistic Associate

The Language Committee, newly established by the Tribal Council meets from 5:00-7:00pm on the 4th Friday of each month (with instances of different meeting dates in the cases of Holidays coinciding. At their second meeting held on September 25th, the (8) sworn in members of the Committee nominated and voted in Chairwoman Alycia Cossey, Vice-chair Jamie Beisanz and Secretary Rachael Schaefer to their Committee roles. They

have been working hard at establishing Committee bylaws and on September 30th the Tribal Council approved a resolution to establish the committee as a nine (9) member Committee. With that said, there is a vacancy for position #9. Position #9 will be posted on Oct 19th for 28 days on the front page of CTCLUSI.org and November newsletter with a deadline of November 16 or until filled.

Transportation Talk:

Did you know that you could help the environment and save money while traveling? You can relax and let someone else do the driving. It doesn't take all day either! For Example: You can leave North Bend at 7:30am and be in Eugene at 11:05am!!! There are many options and destinations for you to discover. Want to know more? Need a Bus Pass? Get a hold of me. I am here to help you.

Have a Great Day,  
Kathy Perkins  
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office: 1(541) 888-9577 ext. 7550  
Cell: 1(541) 808-8282

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings at CTCLUSI and All Other Tribal Entities

Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Florence  
Bartender ~ Cocktail Beverage Server  
Food Server Blue Bills ~ Host  
Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant  
Lead Cook ~ Line Cook  
Food Court Outlet Cook ~ Prep Cook  
Porter ~ Guest Services Attendant  
Guest Room/Laundry Attendant  
Table Games Dealer  
Environmental Service Technician  
Special Events Team Member  
Player Services Representative

Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Coos Bay  
Line Cook ~ Bartender/Server  
Security Officer 1 ~ Guest Safety Liaison  
Environmental Services Technician 1

Tribal Government Offices  
Chief Executive Officer, Coos Bay  
Chief Dental Officer, Coos Bay  
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II, Coos Bay  
Case Manager/ICWA, Coos Bay  
Education Specialist/Children's Programs, Coos Bay  
Special Events Employee, Assignment Varies

Blue Earth Services & Technology  
No Openings

  
<http://ctclusi-int.atsondemand.com/>  
Go to **Job Opportunities** on the website for full job posting and to Apply Online  
**Updated Daily**  
Or call Recruitment at **541-902-3821**

## Education Corner

Dai Students, Parents and Families,

As we move on to the next month of school, I know many of you, including my own family are still working to grasp distance learning. It has been a very big change for us all, patience and perspectives are being tested more now than ever before.

A lesson that I used to do with my students involved using perspective. I will share the lesson, please read this poem by Mr. Garkin. The first time, read from top to bottom, when done read the poem from the bottom to top.

As you can see, depending on the direction you read his poem, you will have two perspectives. I use this particular poem as a way for students to build the skill needed to keep an open mind in order to find a positive mindset in everything they do.

Please know as frustrated as you are in this uncharted territory, teachers are faced with the unimaginable task to teach in a whole new way, through online communication on a device or computer. They are adapting to this different way of teaching, and trying to keep students engaged.

The advice I would like to give all of you, is that you try to always strive to be the Best Possible Version of Yourself, by doing your best no matter what. It not only feels great knowing you tried your best, it also teaches those whom look up to you to do their best. I set high expectations, sometimes unreachable-unattainable goals not only for myself, but for my family. This is because I want them to do their very best. However, I share with them that it is not the end goal that will bring us success, but the journey we take to reach these goals. The Journey we take is the work that builds our skills and knowledge to becoming who we intend to be. This is your life and it is even more important than a simple goal.

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect (Chief Seattle)."

~ Education Department

"Worst Day Ever?" by Chanie Garkin

Today was the absolute worst day ever  
And don't try to convince me that  
There's something good in every day  
Because, when you take a closer look,  
This world is a pretty evil place.  
Even if  
Some goodness does shine through once in a while  
Satisfaction and happiness don't last.  
And it's not true that  
It's all in the mind and heart  
Because  
True happiness can be obtained  
Only if one's surroundings are good  
It's not true that good exists  
I'm sure you can agree that  
The reality  
Creates  
My attitude  
It's all beyond my control  
And you'll never in a million years hear me say that  
Today was a good day

\* Now read from the bottom to the top \*

### Tutoring Available

We know this School year has created many new obstacles and barriers, we are here to help!

If your student would benefit from tutoring, please go to [ctclusi.org](http://ctclusi.org) and submit a new tutor request form. We have tutor volunteers giving their time and knowledge to help our tribal students succeed.

If you would like to be a tutor volunteer, and have time available, please contact us to be added.

Thank you to those Volunteers who signed up, we greatly appreciate your commitment to our students!

You will find the new tutor request forms@  
<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/ED-Tutor-Request>

Or login to [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Admin Forms in the Citizen Portal for a link to the Tutor Request form and more!



The COVID-19 pandemic has been unpredictable and very challenging for us, we have had to change the way we do our activities and programs.

We are not giving up, we are just a little behind, be on the lookout for the special mailing that explains the NEW Back to School program process. Once available, forms will be on the new CTCLUSI website under the Education tab.

We are excited to offer students one \$50 gift card from a choice of Amazon or Walmart to use toward their educational needs. We know that this is a very different type of school year, and would like to help where we can to relieve the current stressors our students are experiencing with this new type of learning.

We want to extend a thank you to the Health Department for helping with this one-time bonus for students!



*High  
School  
Graduates*

The CTCLUSI Education Department is very proud of all of your hard work and we want to recognize that you are finally graduated!!

Congratulations on completing your high school Education!

We would like to send a special gift to all of our 2020 High School and GED graduates!!

Please contact Josh or Karen to have a gift sent to you.

[jdavies@ctclusi.org](mailto:jdavies@ctclusi.org) or [kporter@ctclusi.org](mailto:kporter@ctclusi.org)

Phone: 541-888-1314

# Education Corner

## Coming Soon - Student Corner!

The Education Department would like to start a student corner in our monthly newsletter. This will be for sharing educational highlights of our tribal students each month. There will be three optional templates to choose from, all grades and ages will be able to participate as long as they are currently a student.

Along with optional layouts, there is a release for students under 18 that will need to be signed in order to have their layout published. We have so many students doing some really amazing things and we want to recognize them! This is a wonderful opportunity to share about our students and get to know our tribal students who are not local. It will be a fun way to connect with all our Tribal membership. Education Dept. will be working with Morgan to get these on the new website. Look for this and other cool stuff under the education tab!

We are looking forward to our first Student corner in the December newsletter.



## ATTENTION

### All Enrolled Higher Education Students: Stipends are Open!

New and returning Students please complete the online Higher Education Stipend Application@ (<http://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/forms/HigherEdPacket>).

When ready to submit be sure to have all documents needed to upload with your application.

Once approved you will be added to the HEP.

All new students are required to submit their class schedule for the upcoming term. All returning students are required to turn in grades from the previous enrolled term, along with an upcoming class schedule.

You Must Turn In These Items Before You Can Request Any Stipends!

Once ready you will submit a stipend request@ (<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/StipendRequest>).

A copy of our Higher Education manual can be found on the website Education Page at <https://ctclusi.org/education/>

Remember we do not require official transcripts for returning students in good standing.

Contact us any time and we will do our best to assist you in any way we can.

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## Partnership with OSU and SOCC New Beginnings Grant

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

Thank you to Jesse Beers for volunteering to assist me on this new and exciting opportunity. The USDA – NIFA New Beginnings for Tribal Students in Oregon was awarded to OSU in partnership with SOCC and CTCLUSI. This project supports Native American pre-college and college students attending Oregon State University (OSU) and Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) in experiential learning, internships, and financial support to increase student retention, graduation rates and workforce success rates for Native American students. Primary project objectives are:

- 1) Strengthening the formal relationships between colleges and tribes through collaborative development of MOU's, and co-designed student engagement protocols informed by tribal goals and decolonizing methodology. This will be achieved through the work of a steering committee and engagement with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.
- 2) Outreach education to pre-college Native youth to improve access and understanding of steps toward college entry, tuition, and cultural support resources on campus. This will be achieved primarily through planning and implementation of the Environmental Leadership for Youth summer STEM camp designed for Native youth and

hosted by OSU's Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

3) Placement of Native college students in culturally-informed, mentored, paid internships with employers in forestry and natural resources. This will be achieved primarily through working with the OSU College of Forestry and natural resources employers.

4) Increase student retention with scholarships to participating Native American youth.

5) Improve the student experience by holding an annual workshop for all participants, committee members and mentors with the goal of fostering culturally competent mentorships, cross-cultural learning.

Supporting project elements include contracting of Program Coordinators, integration of Ecampus for remote access, regular convening of a steering committee, and participatory, culturally-responsive program evaluation throughout the project period. OSU will work with primary partner SWOCC in this integrated education and extension project. While the project provides specific outreach and collaboration efforts focused on the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, any student identifying as Native American will potentially be eligible for project engagement.

## Financial Aid Nights

The financial burden for college continues to increase year after year as institutions raise tuition costs, Covid-19 has created the concept and need for distance learning, along with many other barriers are Tribal students are now challenged with. We have entered an unprecedented time for education.

High school through higher education students and their families who are looking for information on financial aid, scholarships, loans, and any other higher education insight, are welcome to attend our financial aid nights beginning this winter. We will have further notification in December's newsletter. Regardless, participants will need to sign up through the website so materials can be shipped prior to the Zoom meetings.



November

2020

Virtual Cultural Activities



Watch  
Previously  
Recorded  
Virtual Cultural  
Activities  
Online

Visit the Tribal website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and login. In the new Citizen Portal you will find a tab for Virtual Zoom Culture Activities.

The Zoom link to live classes will be posted here as well as all the previous recorded zoom classes. Did you miss the spooky storytelling with Patty? You can still go watch and enjoy online!

**Monday activities are geared towards Adults, and Wednesday activities are geared for Youth. Materials for Wednesday classes can only be provided to youth at this time. Contact [arussell@ctclusi.org](mailto:arussell@ctclusi.org) for materials while supplies last.**

Need help registering for the website? Contact [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Beading with Alycia Cossey</i>	3	4 <i>Shelling with John Schaefer</i>	5	6	
8	9	10	11 Happy Veteran's Day! (At home Activity)	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Basket Weaving with Brenda Brainard</i>	17	18 <i>Necklace Making with Kaia &amp; Kira</i>	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Fry Bread Video (Available on Website)	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Eating According to Traditional Wisdom with Nicole Mendoza</i>		All classes start at 6:00 p.m., the zoom link can be found online at <a href="http://www.ctclusi.org">www.ctclusi.org</a> in the citizen portal or by contacting Ashley Russell at <a href="mailto:arussell@ctclusi.org">arussell@ctclusi.org</a>			

ATTENTION: ALL ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES NEEDED

With the recent General Welfare Assistance offered, we discovered a lack of current contact information. We know this information changes from time to time and we are asking all Members to please be sure you have the most current contact information with the Tribe. Primarily addresses and phone numbers.

In addition, if your name has changed for any reason, we need documents to support those changes.

As always, those seeking Enrollment will need a completed Application Form, Family Tree Form, an original Birth Certificate and copy of Social Security card, and finally a DNA test for Enrollment.

You may visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) under Enrollment for the following links to provide all the above information.

- New Enrollment Application Form
- Family Tree Form
- Change of Contact Form
- Name Change Request Form

Questions: Jeannie McNeil  
541-888-7506 or [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Chapter 7-5 GENERAL COMMITTEE CODE 7-5-1; General Policy; Committees are established to assist the Tribal Council in carrying out its responsibilities, to provide quality services to the Tribal membership and to develop, maintain and protect the assets and interests of the Tribes.

Tribal Committee appointments are made by Tribal Council and are for a four (4) year term. Tribal Code allows for you to be on no more than three (3) committees at a time and you may only serve two (2) terms, unless special consideration is necessary. You must complete a Letter of Interest Form to be considered by the Tribal Council.

We will be looking to fill vacancies that will occur 12/31/2020

- Culture Committee
- Housing Committee
- Budget Committee
- Election Board
- Investment Committee
- Education Committee
- Health Committee
- Language Committee

There will be vacancies on all committee's at the end of the year

Letters of Interest forms can be found on the Tribes' website: [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) or requested through any Tribal Government Office located in Coos Bay, Florence and Springfield. Questions? If you would like to know any further details, please contact: Go to [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) to fill out a Letter of Interest to Join a Tribal Committee...or type <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LetterofInterest> into your web browser.

Submit your letter of interest to Jeannie McNeil at [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org)

# Salmon Habitat Restoration Project Completed

Oct 18, 2020 article pulled from <https://www.thenewsguard.com>

Just above Highway 101, where Big Creek flows into the ocean about 10 miles south of Yachats, a \$425,000 salmon restoration project has just been completed.

The project, on land owned by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), will help restore the creek from past degradation to benefit salmon and other wildlife species.

The project was conducted by the MidCoast Watersheds Council (MCWC) and OPRD, with contributions from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation District, and the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). The majority of the funding came from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, OPRD, and USFS. Additional support came from Oregon Department of Transportation and the Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership.

The restoration work created 14 acres of floodplain habitat, restored wetlands, established 10 in-stream habitat structures along a half mile of stream, and placed over 200 logs on the floodplain. It is designed to benefit multiple fish species, including threatened coho salmon, as well as Chinook, steelhead trout, cutthroat trout, lamprey species, and eulachon.

The project will also benefit numerous other wildlife species such as the endangered Oregon silverspot butterfly and beaver. In fact, several of the habitat structures were designed to act as beaver dam “anchors” to encourage dam building and long term residence. That way these “ecosystem engineers” will continue to create and maintain healthy stream habitat long after the crews and heavy equipment have moved out.

“Our work, while focused on restoring fish and wildlife habitat, also benefits the community directly”, explained project manager and MCWC Coordinator, Evan Hayduk. “Our large wood and floodplain work will help ensure that flood waters have somewhere to go without hurting infrastructure. We also hired local area contractors to keep money flowing in the community.

“We used Trask Design and Construction, a family owned and operated business from Alsea/Corvallis, for this project. They are great to work with and have a real passion and expertise when it comes to this kind of work.”

There were also two contractors hired

to watch all the excavation work to ensure that no cultural resources were damaged, since this area was historically used by the CTCLUSI. Tribal representatives were also on site before and during construction and described how the area may have been used.

“This area was historically very important for Tribal groups. Just to the north of here, Tenmile Creek was an important trading area between tribes” according to Jesse Beers, CTCLUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager.

Bryan Gillooly, Restoration Projects Manager for the tribe added that “the Tribe greatly appreciates

the opportunity to partner on these aquatic restoration projects.”

“The project at Big Creek demonstrates the hard work and inclusiveness of the Mid-Coast Watershed Council and their partners as they endeavor to restore native fish for the next

seven generations,” Gillooly said.

A majority of the Big Creek basin is relatively undisturbed and in excellent condition. Most of the watershed is publicly owned forest lands, and a subset is designated as Wilderness Area. This makes this project in the lower reaches of the watershed all the more important as it focuses on areas of degradation in an otherwise healthy watershed.

*“the Tribe greatly appreciates the opportunity to partner on these aquatic restoration projects.”*

*- Bryan Gillooly, CTCLUSI Restoration Projects Manager*

These improvements in the lower watershed will provide slow-water habitat that is otherwise lacking for salmon juveniles during a critical stage in the salmon life cycle.

This important lowland area was once in danger of being converted into a destination resort. For almost 20 years, beginning in the 1990s, the community rallied against that proposal.



Ten “large wood” habitat structures were placed Big Creek. Large woody debris plays a vital role in stream systems, increasing stream complexity, providing cover for fish, sorting out spawning gravels, and maintaining floodplain connection at high flows.

Finally, in 2009, The Nature Conservancy acquired the property until public agencies could protect it. That effort, documented in the book Saving Big Creek by Yachats author Andrea Scharf, showed the community support for keeping Big Creek undeveloped and fish friendly. This summer’s restoration project will help realize that goal.

Jeff Feldner, a former commercial fisherman who serves on the MCWC Board of Directors emphasized the importance of this project.

“We know that adult and juvenile salmon will benefit from the protected pool habitat that the wood structures create in the stream and from the overhanging native vegetation,” Feldner said. “Even more important is the habitat we’ve created for the vulnerable young salmon that would otherwise be washed to sea. Now they’ll be able to shelter in the wetlands and on the floodplain when the stream spreads out its force during high water flows. It’s great to be a part of positive work like this.”

Check [www.midcoastwatersheds.org](http://www.midcoastwatersheds.org) for updates as we monitor this project over time.



After floodplain excavation, large quantities of large and coarse woody debris were installed in the floodplain area. When flood waters spill into these areas, this material will slow the water and create complex, off-channel fish and wildlife habitat.

Fun STARTS HERE



SATURDAYS

Win one of FIVE

\$500 CASH PRIZES

7PM-9PM

Drawing every half hour



Earn entries Sunday-Saturday  
One entry for every 25 points earned

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.



Weekly SPECIALS  
11AM-9PM

MONDAY

SLOPPY JOE \$10

TUESDAY

CABANA GRILL \$9

WEDNESDAY

LASAGNA \$10

THURSDAY

BEEF STROGANOFF \$11

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

PRIME RIB \$18 *Served from 4pm-10pm*

THANKSGIVING Dinner

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH



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Are you suffering with drugs, alcohol or addiction?  
Are you ready to make a change?  
What does true Wellness look like for you?  
A life without drugs or alcohol is possible for you.  
Make the choice for a better life.



Confidential  
Contact Tribal Wellness Court.  
(541) 888-1307



PEACEGIVING

Peacegiving is a traditional Restorative Justice option available to you for the resolution of conflict.

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.



Photo by Morgan Gaines

For more information about Peacegiving, please visit the Peacegiving Website or contact the Peacegiving Coordinator at the address listed below.

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Coos Bay, OR 97420  
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EMAIL: Peacegiving@ctclusi.org Website: <https://ctclusi.org/tribalcourtpeacegiving>