



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

Beginning the New Year with a Message from Tribal Council

Dai, Niishanax,

Hello Tribal Members. I hope you had a time to celebrate your family during these holidays and were able to welcome in the New Year. As the days seem to be moving faster and faster, many families this season had a very difficult time due to many variables – loss being one of them. While I am also getting ready to endure this myself, I want you all to know that the Tribal Council cares about each and every one of our Tribal Members. Tribal Members living, but also our ancestors who have gone on to the Spirit World. While decisions or reports might not reflect these feelings, we as Tribal Council are tasked with leading our Tribes into the future, a future that is unknown and uncharted during this unprecedented time.

Tribal Council has been working very hard during these past few months especially most recently in regards to the relief funds. Much appreciation goes out to all the staff that made this process happen for our Tribal Members. While COVID-19 has taken and shaken our world, as a Tribe we are working towards making this world the best we can for our people. We, as Tribal Council must not only think about things now, but for 7 generations ahead. Chair Bossley reminded me during a meeting that we must vote from our hearts, and ultimately do the best we can for our people. While being on Tribal Council, we do not always agree,

however we are able to listen to each other's viewpoints, and respectively carryout hard conversations to make even harder decisions. At the end of the day, without our Tribal Members, we would not have our Tribes. We all have our special expertise, and need to continue to listen with an open mind and heart – no matter who the audience may be.

A few meetings I would like to share from this past month include Oregon State University Consultation with Tribal Council, Elliot State Forest, EPA/OHA/ Merkley's staff – Tenmile Lakes Water Quality & Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership meeting, and the Sapsik'wałá Advisory Council Virtual Luncheon.

Oregon State University's President Alexander was recently elected to be the school's 15th President. We exchanged introductions, and then President King began the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement. Oregon State Department of Education in partnership with Oregon Indian Education are looking to bridge the silent communication between the State and Tribes in regards to Tribal Consultation. We had a very good conversation about what Oregon State University's goals are in regards to students, but more what they are looking to offer Native students to strengthen student retention. The sense of community and family was discussed along with goals from CTCLUSI Education Department, conversation about the Elliott State

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Purchased/Referred Care Application Deadline

January 31, 2021

See page 8 for detailed article
Online application link located at www.ctclusi.org
Just scroll to the bottom of the homepage (no login required)

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from November 8, 2020 - December 13, 2020.

Chief Doc Slyter:

11/8 Budget Meeting
 11/8 Tribal Council Meeting
 11/9 Special Meeting
 11/10 Sea Otter Advisory Council Meeting
 11/10 DEQ Consultation
 11/12 Assessment discussion for public health
 11/12 Rep. Peter DeFazio
 11/12 Culture Committee
 11/12 Leader's Circle
 11/13 Meeting w/Debbie Ho/ Mapetsi
 11/14 Performed Marriage at Gregory Point for Tribal Member
 11/17 Leader's Circle
 11/18 Budget Meeting
 11/19 Siuslaw National Forest Annual Meeting
 11/19 Leader's Circle
 11/24 GFORB
 11/24 Business Meeting
 11/25 Phone call discussion - CEO
 11/30 EPA
 11/30 GFORB
 11/30 Special Council Meeting
 12/1 Tribal & State Government to Government Meeting
 12/1 Leader's Circle
 12/2 Tribal & State Government to Government Meeting
 12/2 EPA
 12/2 Virtual Youth Cultural Activity
 12/3 State and CTCLUSI Meeting
 12/3 GFORB
 12/3 Special Council Meeting
 12/3 Leader's Circle
 12/5 Tribal Council Meeting Talking Circle
 12/7 Yachats New Year's Day Walk
 Discussion w/Tribe
 12/8 Leader's Circle
 12/9 Virtual Youth Cultural Activity
 12/10 Amanda Trail Video
 12/10 Biden/Harris Transition meeting
 12/10 Federal Tribal call with BIA
 12/10 Tenmile Lake Water Quality Mtg
 12/10 Cultural Committee
 12/10 Leader's Circle
 Emails and Phone Calls
Total Hours: 120

Debbie Bossley Tribal Chair:

Nov. – Dec. In Office 22 days
 11/09 Special Meeting
 11/10 OTGA, Leaders Circle
 11/12 DeFazio, Tribal Consultation National Register, Leaders Circle
 11/13 Mapetsi, LCIS
 11/17 Leaders Circle
 11/18 Housing Mtg., Budget Mtg.
 11/19 Siuslaw Forest, Leaders Circle
 11/20 9 Tribes & Governor
 11/24 Business Meeting
 11/25 CEO Discussion
 11/30 Special Meeting
 12/01 Government-to-Government, Leaders Circle
 12/02 Government-to-Government, Leaders Circle
 12/03 Protection of Cultural Resources, Special Meeting, Leaders Circle
 12/04 Leaders Circle
 12/08 Leaders Circle
 12/09 STIF Meeting1
 12/10 Biden & Harris, BIA, Leaders Circle
 12/11 National Archives in Seattle
Total Hours: 135

Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:

11/8 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
 11/9 CTCLUSI vacant CEO Position: discussion
 11/10 Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) Board of Directors Meeting
 11/10 Making Energy Work - Symposium
 11/10 Hanis Language Class
 11/10 Leader's Circle with OR DEQ
 11/12 Health Modernization Assessment thru PAIHB
 11/12 Congratulatory Zoom with Rep. Peter DeFazio
 11/12 SHPO/NPS Consultation
 11/12 Culture Committee Meeting
 11/12 Leader's Circle
 11/13 Meeting with Mapetsi
 11/16 Monday Culture Night
 11/17 BPA Check In
 11/17 OCEAN Monthly Update: BOEM & DLCD
 11/17 Funding Broadband in Indian Country
 11/17 Education Committee Meeting
 11/17 Leader's Circle
 11/18 Tribal & Indigenous Knowledge in Policy
 11/18 Offshore Wind 'Drinks' Networking Webinar
 11/18 Budget Meeting #5
 11/19 Oregon Public Utility Commission Public Hearing
 11/19 Environmental Quality Commission
 Public Meeting - RAC appointments
 11/19 Economic Development Cluster: Tribal Meeting
 11/19 Leaders Circle OHA Formal Consultation
 Climate Change / Elliot Forest Update
 11/20 LCIS Economic Development & Community Services Meeting
 11/20 OCEAN: Meet and Greet Huddle

11/20 Energy Team Meeting
 11/20 Language Committee Meeting
 11/23 Monday Culture Night
 11/24 GFORB
 11/24 Business Council Meeting
 11/25 CTCLUSI vacant CEO Position: discussion
 11/25 Governor's Address
 11/30 GFORB
 11/30 Special Tribal Council Meeting
 11/1 State/Tribal G2G Summit
 11/2 State/Tribal G2G Summit
 11/2 Development of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
 Public virtual meeting
 12/2 Budget Meeting #6
 12/2 Leader's Circle
 12/3 Gov't-to Gov't Consultation with State
 Regarding Protection of Cultural Resources
 12/3 GFORB Special Meeting
 12/4 Special Tribal Council Meeting
 12/4 Energy Justice Leadership Institute (EJLI)
 workshop
 12/5 Tribal Council Workshop
 12/7 Peace Hike Meeting
 12/7 Study Questions for BOEMs Solicitation
 12/7 Monday Culture Night Class
 12/8 OCEAN BOD monthly meeting
 12/8 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)
 Biden/Harris Transition Call
 12/8 Leader's Circle
 12/9 Hanis Language Class
 12/9 Wednesday Culture Night
 12/10 Amanda Story Video: CTCLUSI Team
 12/10 Biden/Harris Transition Discussion with Tribes
 12/10 Tenmile Lakes Water Quality Taskforce meeting
 12/10 Culture Committee Meeting
 12/10 Energy Justice Leadership Institute (EJLI)
 workshop
Total Hours: 162.5

Iliana Montiel:

11/8 Budget Hearing; /Regular Council Meeting
 11/9 CHAP Advisory Workgroup; / Special Meeting
 11/10 DEQ Consultation
 11/12 Re. DeFazio Zoom; / Leader's Circle
 11/13 Open Season Benefits Meeting
 11/24 GFORB: / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 11/25 CEO Discussion zoom; / Gov. call
 11/30 Enrollment Plan Discussion; /Jeannie's Zoom meeting
 12/01 Benefits Board Special Meeting; / Leader's Circle
 12/03 CCD Quarterly Board Zoom; / GFORB Special Meeting; / Leader's Circle
 Vacation 11/13 – 11/23
Total Hours: 30

Josh Davies:

11/8 Budget Hearing and Tribal Council Meeting
 11/9 DOI National NAHM Virtual 2020 Celebration
 BIE National Policy Memorandum
 Tribal Consultation Toolkit Webinar
 Tribal Council Special Meeting
 11/10 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - DEQ Consultation
 SB-13/Tribal Place-Based Curriculum Planning Meeting with ODE
 11/11 Veteran's Day
 11/12 Representative DeFazio Zoom meeting
 Tribal Consultation Regarding Revision of State Rules for National Register
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - Broadband and Mitigation
 11/17 SB-13/Tribal Place-Based Curriculum Planning Meeting with ODE
 Gov. Kate Brown, CA Gov Gavin Newsom, Tribal Leaders and Owner of Klamath River Dams to Announce Historic Agreement
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
 Education Committee Meeting - CTCLUSI
 11/18 Tribal Nations and IPAWS: How Do They Connect?
 Education Committee Meeting - Coos History Museum
 Housing Committee Meeting
 Budget Meeting #5
 11/19 CTCLUSI/Siuslaw National Forest Annual Meeting
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - OHA Formal Consultation Climate Change/Elliott Forest Update
 11/20 State-tribal call re: COVID-19 response efforts
 11/22 Celebrated my Birthday with my family
 11/23 North Bend School District/CTCLUSI Tribal Consultation
 11/24 GFORB and Tribal Council Business Meeting
 11/25 CEO Discussions
 Governor Brown Press Conference
 11/30 Tribal Council Zoom Meeting - Jeannie
 12/01 SB-13/Tribal Place-Based Curriculum Planning Meeting with ODE
 Tribal-State G2G Summit
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - Gov Consultation

Meeting w/ Tribe, Gov's Office & State Agencies on Jordan Cove Energy Project Issues Pre Meeting Discussion
 12/02 Tribal-State G2G Summit
 31st National COVID-19 Briefing Call for State, local, and Tribal officials
 Budget Meeting \$ 6
 12/03 Gov't-to Gov't Consultation with CTCLUSI Regarding Protection of Cultural Resources
 GFORB Special Meeting/Tribal Council Special Meeting
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - OSU President King Alexander Visit
 12/04 Governor Brown Press Conference
 12/05 Tribal Council Workshop
 12/08 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - Blue Earth Budget
 12/09 SB-13 Tribal History/Shared history Online PD Event - ODE
 12/10 ODE State Board of Education Meeting
 Biden Harris Transition Team Update Tribal Stakeholder
 Federal/Tribal Coordination Call - BIA
 Invitation to finals week Sapsik'walá seminar
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle - EPA Ten Mile Lake Discussion
 12/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
Total Hours: 145.5

Doug Barrett:

11/8 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Meeting
 11/9 Virtual Talking Circle / Tribal consultation toll kit
 11/10 DEQ Consultation
 11/12 Culture Committee zoom meeting
 11/12 DeFazio thank you event / Leaders Circle
 11/13 Mapetsi meeting / Language class
 11/17 Language class / Leaders Circle
 11/18 2020 election results / National Covid – 19 briefing call / Budget meeting #5
 11/19 Leaders Circle / OHA consultation
 11/20 State Tribal call – Covid – 19 response efforts / Language class
 11/23 Virtual Native Talking Circles – staying connected in challenging times
 11/24 GFORB / Tribal Council Business meeting
 11/25 CEO discussion
 11/30 Special Council meeting - refinance
 12/1 Leaders Circle
 12/2 Budget meeting #6 / Virtual Youth Cultural activity - Chief
 12/3 GFORB Special meeting / Tribal Council Special meeting / Leaders Circle
 12/4 Language class
 12/5 Tribal Council discussion & lunch
 12/7 Virtual Native Talking Circles: Staying connected in challenging times
 12/7 National ACT meet-up to offer mutual support & idea sharing
 12/8 Leaders Circle – Blue Earth budget
 12/10 Federal / Tribal Coordination call – BIA / Leaders Circle
 12/11 National Archives at Seattle – lawsuit / Native Wellness Power Hour
 12/13 Tribal Council regular meeting
Total Hours: 148 & Emails

Enna Helms

11/08 Budget Hearing; Regular Tribal Council Meeting
 11/09 Bureau of Indian Education; Special Tribal Council Meeting
 11/10 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting; DEQ consultation
 11/12 Defazio Event, Tribal Consultation regarding Revision of State Rules for National Register; Tribal Council's Leaders Circle
 11/13 Mapetsi Meeting
 11/17 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
 11/18 Budget meeting
 11/19 Siuslaw National Forest Annual Meeting; Webinar on working towards Indigenous Data Sovereignty; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
 11/24 GFORB; Business Tribal Council Meeting
 11/25 CEO Discussion
 11/30 Administrative Meeting
 12/01 Tribal-State Gov to Gov Summit; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
 12/02 Tribal-State Gov to Gov Summit; Budget Meeting
 12/03 Gov to Gov Consultation re Protection of Cultural Resources; GFORB; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
 12/04 Tribal Council Meeting
 12/08 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
 12/10 Biden-Harris Transition Team Update; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
Total Hours: 98

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 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 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
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

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be streamed online. Please log on to www.ctclusi.org/councilmeeting-minutues for information on how to attend this online meeting

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

Upcoming Events

January 1st – New Year’s Day,
All Tribal Offices will be Closed
January 5th – Deadline for Color Contest
submissions (see pg. 8 for details)
January 10th – Regular Council Meeting,
zoom 10:00 a.m.
January 11th – Virtual Culture Activity:
Beaded Earrings 6:00 p.m.
January 13th – Virtual Culture Activity:
Social Hour w/ Education Dept 6:00 p.m.
January 15th – Deadline to turn in entry for raffle
for finding the object search (see pg. 4)
January 20th – Virtual Culture Activity:
PowWow Sweat 6:00 p.m.
January 22nd – Deadline to sign up for
February Education Activities (see pg. 17)
January 25th – Virtual Culture Activity:
Eating According to Traditional Wisdom
Part 2 6:00 p.m.

January 27th – Virtual Culture Activity:
Origami Bears 6:00 p.m.
January 31st – PRC Application Deadline,
fill out online at www.ctclusi.org
February 3rd – Literature Night
(elementary students) 6:00 p.m.
February 3rd – Financial Aid Night 7:15 p.m.
February 17th – Literature Night
(middle school students) 6:00 p.m.
February 17th – Financial Aid Night 7:15 p.m.

Virtual Language Classes (10 Week Winter Series) dates and zoom link available online in the citizen portal. Class dates on the online calendar. See pg. 11 for class schedule.

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. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

CTCLUSI Departments, Services & Offices

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Council Corner continued from cover page...

Forest, and both sides were pleased with the conversation and future collaboration with OSU. We appreciate Chief Warren Brainard's efforts to keep the Tribes at the table with the Elliott State Forest. With continued interest from many parties on the vast forest (our ancestral lands), we are appreciative of this opportunity.



We had a meeting with EPA/OHA/Merkley's staff in regards to Tenmile Lakes Water Quality & Tenmile Lakes Basin Partnership. While this was not the first time I have seen John Schaefer's presentation on the horrific algae blooms, I do find though, that his presentation really depicts the truth for all to see. We appreciate DNR's continued support in this tragic situation. Chief Slyter shared stories and Tribal Council spoke meaningful comments to the audience. We know that Tenmile, along with many other projects are an ongoing balancing act for many collaborated efforts by our Administration.

During the Sapsik'wałá Advisory Council Virtual Luncheon, students who are earning their Master's or Doctoral degrees exhibited their work and presented their initial findings as well as highlighted achievements from their first quarter in the program. Towards the end of the presentations, one student had a difficult time with technology. We know that she is not alone with technology issues and people are feeling alienated and defeated. I shared with her that it was ok to acknowledge those feelings of anger, sadness and frustration, however it was not ok to dwell on them. Keep focused eyes on the good things that are happening no matter how small they are. Keep putting one foot in front of the other. As I was sharing this with her, I couldn't help but think or believe more that this message is meant for us all.

As we continue to endure a pandemic that is crippling many things across our nation and on our homelands, we must continue to put one foot in front of the other. To stumble is human, but to quit is not our way! Please stay well and be safe as we move through the winter months.

Hiis haiyach (with a good heart)
- Councilman Josh Davies

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Health and Family Support Services Department is offering Heating for qualifying low income households. To receive heating assistance contact the Health and Family Support Services 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 income:

1 Person Family	\$27,805
2 Person Family	\$36,361
3 Person Family	\$44,916
4 Person Family	\$53,472
5 Person Family	\$62,028
6 Person Family	\$70,583



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 fill out the application online at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP> , or you contact a Family Support Services staff to assist you. The general CTCLUSI Family Support Services 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 .

Can You Find Me?

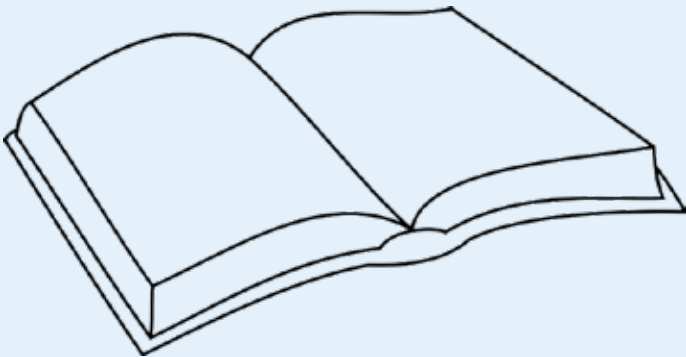
In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden BOOK like the one pictured below (it could be any size and on any page).

If you find it, email 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 book hiding! Must email by January 15th to be included in the raffle drawing.

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

This month's contest sponsored by the Education Department.



Happy Book Searching!

Winners of the December 2020 edition Sturgeon Search:

Adult: Gavin Howlett

Youth: Melody Michael

December raffle drawing winners received a sweatshirt from the Department of Natural Resources and Culture

Electronic Payment Program

Effective 2021, CTCLUSI Finance department AP team is implementing an electronic payment program. If you wish to receive your payments as direct deposit to your bank account, please provide your bank account information requested in the secure electronic form (see the link below) to the CTLUSI AP team.

<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/EFT-Form>

This form can also be found on the Tribal website at

<https://ctclusi.org/finance-department/>

Any Questions?

Email AP@ctclusi.org

Call: Denise Driskill, (541) 888-7534 or Denise Layton, (541) 888- 7301

The 2020 Census Campaign Efforts Paid Off

Contributed by Jeannie McNeil, Enrollment Coordinator

The Tribe began in October of 2019, with training and gathering information about the importance of the US 2020 Census, it was with the full support of Tribal Council to invest time and money to ensure that each Native American be counted.

The US Census takes place only every 10 years, the data captured in 2020 will affect the Tribe and Native Americans for the next 10 years. Federally Recognized Tribes received a large portion of funding from State and Federal programs. These funding sources, applied for, and awarded as Grants. The funding awarded is usually in direct proportions with our population. Many departments within the Tribal Government use these funding sources to provide much needed services to its membership. In addition, these funds are used to assist our growth in many areas, to name a few: Culture, Language, Infrastructure and Roadways, Economic Endeavors and Housing.

Both Federal and State funding is allocated each year, and those appropriations to Tribes are determined by US Census data. When our numbers of Native Americans, such as in 2010, were severely undercounted it led to less funding allocated to Native people Nationwide.

For the Enrollment Department, we look at US Censuses going back many decades.

For family research and to assist in Enrollment of new members we use a 1940 Tribal Census Roll each month.

Early in 2020, we had many outreach efforts scheduled to take place during various events the Tribe hosts each

year. However, due to outbreak of the COVID 19 Pandemic it halted all gatherings of our Tribal Community and we were unable to do this in-person form of education and assistance.

The Tribe established a Complete Count Committee: members included Mark Petrie, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Iliana Montiel, Tribal Council and Assistance Health Director, Morgan Gaines, Tribal Member and Communication Specialist and Andrew Brainard, Tribal Members and Outreach Coordinator. These members met with me and shared ideas on how to move our campaign forward, to develop appropriate educational materials and guide our ever changing outreach during these difficult times.

We opted to reach out to the membership by all other means possible. Morgan Gaines created website content and Newsletter information each month. Flyers were created and mailings were done each month with gifting and drawings to those who responded. Several Tribal members, through social distancing and mask wearing, agreed to bead beautiful necklaces that

were able to be included in the gifting. By late 2020, we received a tremendous response from the Tribal membership and the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw led in response rate in the nine Tribes of Oregon.

“Federal and State funding is allocated each year, and those appropriations to Tribes are determined by US Census data...”

By late 2020, we received a tremendous response for the Tribal membership and the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw led in response rate in the nine Tribes of Oregon.”



Council Chair Debbie Bossley pictured above helping send out gifts for participants in the 2020 census

We also had substantial efforts made to educate all the Tribal Government staff, as many of our employees are Natives from other Tribes. We offered gifting and drawings and information through all means possible.

We asked all the Tribal Members and staff to participate and shared our message of importance of the US 2020 Census. We contacted you by mail, phone, and email several times.

I want to thank each of you for your time in reading all the information sent and shared, taking our calls and responding by postcards, letting us know who took part, and how you participated in the US 2020 Census and how vital it is to be sure your family members were counted to assist with future generations.

DIABETES AND COVID-19: STAY CALM. KNOW WHAT TO DO.

PREPARATION

Purchase additional non-perishable foods and supplies. If you or someone you live with has diabetes, you could also prepare by having:

- Extra medication (CVS and Walgreens are offering free prescription delivery)
- Blood glucose meter and test strips
- Glucagon
- Ketone test strips
- Sugary and non-sugary fluids
- Simple carbohydrates (like juice, honey, or candy) for treating low blood sugar
- Electrolyte tablets

PREVENTION

Stop the spread of infection:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- Disinfect "high-touch" surfaces and objects in your home regularly
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then wash your hands
- Keep a distance of at least six feet with others
- Stay home as much as possible
- Wear a cloth face mask

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough (especially a dry cough)
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of sense of smell and taste

EMERGENCY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19: SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY

- Difficulty breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- Confusion or inability to stay alert
- Bluish lips or face

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- diaTribe.org/COVID-19
- Sign up for our weekly newsletter: diaTribe.org/join

WHAT IF YOU GET SICK?

- Call your doctor. If you do not have a doctor, call your state or local health department. Those phone numbers can be found on the CDC website
- Stay home. Do not go to urgent care or the emergency room unless your symptoms are serious* or you are over the age of 65 and/or have an underlying medical condition
- Closely monitor your blood sugar—just like any other illness, COVID-19 can make blood sugar levels more challenging to manage
- Manage symptoms as you normally would—note that acetaminophen (Tylenol) can affect CGM sensor accuracy
- If you take insulin or other diabetes medications, make sure you continue to do so
- Stay hydrated with fluids to feel better and recover faster
- Avoid contact with others until you get your doctor's okay

Keep calm! Most cases of COVID-19 do not require direct medical care.

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

REQUEST A NEW TRIBAL ID CARD ONLINE!

Visit www.ctclusi.org and go to Enrollment.

Fill out the new form online, upload a new photo and your card will be mailed to you in 7-10 days.

You must verify your mailing and physical address and list a phone number in case I need to contact you for additional verification over the phone.

Questions?

Email Jeannie McNeil at jmcneil@ctclusi.org

A Warming Bone Broth Recipe from the Culture and Natural Resources Department

Contributed by Courtney Krossman, Archaeology/ Ntlaxam Technician

Bone Broth Recipes
This recipe can be used with your leftover turkey carcass or ham bone from the holidays or bone marrow that you have purchased from the grocery store. You can also utilize bones that you have harvested yourself (e.g. deer, elk, etc...). Bone Broth is rich in iron, vitamins A and K, fatty acids, selenium, and zinc.

For Turkey or Chicken Broth

- Ingredients:
Turkey/Chicken Carcass
Celery
Garlic
Onion
Water
Bay Leaves
Rosemary
Peppercorns
Thyme
Parsley
Dried Calendula Flowers

Instructions:
After removing all of the meat from the carcass, put in a large pot and cover completely with water. I like to add spices and aromatic vegetables to my broth to add extra flavor and nutrients, but you can add whatever aromatics you would like to your recipe. Once the carcass, vegetables of choice, and herbs are covered completely with water, bring your pot to a boil. Once boiling reduce to a simmer and cover. Let your broth cook for about 10-24 hours. Let the broth cool completely. Once cool, strain your broth through a colander or cheese cloth into another bowl. Separate your broth into smaller freezer safe containers and store in your freezer for future use.

Beef Bone Broth
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly coat beef marrow bones with tomato paste and roast in the oven for about 10 minutes or until the bones look golden brown. Transfer the bones to a pot and repeat the same process that is listed above for the Turkey/Chicken recipe. This broth can be used in soups or to drink plain. Enjoy!



Photos provided by Courtney Krossman



January2021

Virtual Cultural Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Beaded Earrings with Morgan Gaines	12	13 Social Hour with the Education Department	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 PowWow Sweat	21	22	23
24	25 Eating According to Traditional Wisdom Part 2 with Nicole Mendoza	26	27 Origami Bears with Morgan Gaines	28	29	30

Watch Previously Recorded Virtual Cultural Activities Online

Visit the Tribal website at www.ctclusi.org and login. In the new Citizen Portal you will find a tab for Virtual Culture Zoom classes.

The Zoom link to live classes will be posted here as well as all the previously recorded zoom classes.

Did you miss any December classes? 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 Ashley Russell at arussell@ctclusi.org for materials while supplies last.

Need help registering for the website?
Contact Morgan Gaines
mgaines@ctclusi.org
(541) 808-7918

Tribal Forest Land Updates

Contributed by Steve Andringa, CTCLUSI Forest Lands Manager

Coos Head (Xitlxaldich – meaning the place of dim light becoming daylight) is an important parcel conveyed to CTCLUSI under the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act. This 47-acre tract is located one-half mile northwest of Charleston, Oregon on the uplands above Bastendorf Beach. It is immediately adjacent to the former Coos Head Naval Facility that the Tribes regained in 2005.

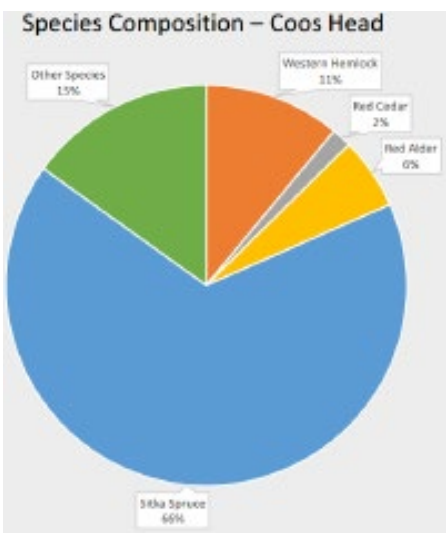
The tract is dominated by 100-year-old Sitka Spruce stands accounting for 2/3 of the timber by volume. The understory vegetation is dominated by Evergreen Huckleberry, with lesser amounts of Red Huckleberry, Rhododendron, Salmonberry, as well as ferns and grasses. The site is not well suited for growing commercial timber as a result of shallow soils immediately adjacent to the wind and salt spray of the coast. The upper plateau areas along the breaks provides for spectacular coastal views.

A dominant portion of this bluff and surrounding land is owned by the CTCLUSI. Prior to Tribal ownership, the central parcel was a federal military site beginning in 1875 and last managed by the Air National Guard until the transfer. The bluffs overlook the North Spit and an expansive sandy beach to the south. Prior to federal ownership, this area was used as a viewpoint for the Coos people. The area is associated with the conclusion of the Orca Story and was likely used as a ceremonial location. Below the bluff is a cave, or Xitlxaldich (this word translates to “Tunnel Point” referring to the dim light in the tunnel). To date, no archaeological sites have been found at Coos Head, presumably due to the history of extensive site disturbance and development by the US Army and Navy and the Oregon National Guard.

Access to the tract is easy from the county maintained road systems including Coos Head Road and Coos Head Loop. Because of its easy access and relatively remote area, it is subject to occasional use by transients evident by makeshift housing and garbage. This area is not suited well for timber production and would more likely be incorporated into future planned redevelopment of the formal Naval facility.




Coos Head (top of photo, upper plateau area) 06\21\2019
Pictured Jesse Beers



VIRTUAL LANGUAGE CLASSES

10 WEEKS - WINTER 2021

<p>MILUK</p> <p>MONDAYS</p> <p>3:00-5:00 pm</p> <p>Jan 4, 2021</p> <p>Jan 11, 2021</p> <p>TBD, 2021 (holiday)</p> <p>Jan 25, 2021</p> <p>Feb 1, 2021</p> <p>Feb 8, 2021</p> <p>TBD, 2021 (holiday)</p> <p>Feb 22, 2021</p> <p>Mar 1, 2021</p> <p>Mar 8, 2021</p>	<p>HANIS</p> <p>WEDNESDAYS</p> <p>3:00-5:00 pm</p> <p>Jan 6, 2021</p> <p>Jan 13, 2021</p> <p>Jan 20, 2021</p> <p>Jan 27, 2021</p> <p>Feb 3, 2021</p> <p>Feb 10, 2021</p> <p>Feb 17, 2021</p> <p>Feb 24, 2021</p> <p>Mar 3, 2021</p> <p>Mar 10, 2021</p>	<p>SHA'YUUSHTL'A-QUUIICH</p> <p>FRIDAYS</p> <p>3:00-5:00 pm</p> <p>Jan 8, 2021</p> <p>Jan 15, 2021</p> <p>Jan 22, 2021</p> <p>Jan 29, 2021</p> <p>Feb 5, 2021</p> <p>Feb 12, 2021</p> <p>Feb 19, 2021</p> <p>Feb 26, 2021</p> <p>Mar 5, 2021</p> <p>Mar 12, 2021</p>	<div><p>ZOOM</p><p>Join Zoom Meeting</p><p>https://zoom.us/j/97494890410?pwd=cEJSQlIHU0Z2d0d3NkRETIVzLI FxUT09</p><p>Meeting ID:</p><p>974 9489 0410</p><p>Passcode: 495803</p></div>
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Please sign up with Enna Helms at ehelms@ctclusi.org or By Cell Phone at (541) 297-7538

Purchased/Referred Care Applications Due January 31, 2021

Purchased/Referred Care letter to Tribal membership in the five county service area, December 14, 2020

Dear Tribal Member:

We are now accepting applications for the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program for FY2021. You must submit a new application each year for each PRC-eligible Tribal member in your household. This year, the deadline for applications is Friday, January 31, 2021. Failure to submit an application for the program will result in denial of eligibility for the PRC program.

There are multiple ways for you to submit your application:

- You can apply online at www.ctclusi.org. You will see a link at the bottom of the home page that will take you to the online form (or look under Member Services, Purchased and Referred Care). You must complete a separate form for each PRC-eligible family member. The form includes a button that will allow you to upload pictures/scans of your insurance card(s). The process takes around 10 minutes for each application.

- Due to the pandemic, our Tribal offices (Coos Bay, Florence, and Eugene) are currently closed to the public; however, staff are available by phone. You may contact your local Community Health Aide (CHA) if you need assistance completing your application over the phone or to schedule an appointment to drop off any new documentation. You may also text any new documents to 1-541-808-5015.

- Call PRC at (541) 888-4873 or (800) 227-0392 to have a hard-copy application mailed to you. You can also send an e-mail request for an application packet to prc@ctclusi.org. If requesting a hard-copy packet, you will need to tell us how many PRC-eligible Tribal members are in your household so we can mail the correct number of applications.

If you are new/returning to the Service Delivery Area (SDA), or if you have moved since your last application, you must send documentation of residency [a minimum of three (3) items are required]. Acceptable documents include:

1. Copy of your Oregon driver's license or State ID with your current physical address;
2. Rental agreement or mortgage document for your permanent residence;
3. Utility or phone bill (landline only) addressed to you at your current physical address; and/or
4. Employment letter (if moving into the SDA from outside).

We apologize, but we cannot accept cell phone bills, non-utility bills, or personal mail as proof of residence. Please also be aware that if you are moving into the SDA, there is a 90-day waiting period before you become eligible for PRC services – contact PRC as soon as possible to submit your application.

If you are PRC-eligible and you leave the SDA to attend school as a full-time student, you remain eligible for PRC so long as you are in school. You retain eligibility for 180 days after leaving school (or dropping from full-time status) if you do not return to the SDA. School includes boarding school, college, and vocational/technical education.

We are required by Federal law to ensure that Tribal members apply for any alternate resources for which they are eligible. To meet this requirement, if you do not have other insurance and/or Medicare you must either provide proof of income (paystubs, W-2, etc.) or you must apply to the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and submit proof of denial. All information

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Go to www.ctclusi.org and scroll to the bottom of the homepage for the link to fill out your application online.

you provide to us is kept confidential and is used only to help determine eligibility for alternate resources. Our PRC staff are Certified Application Counselors. They are available to help you apply for OHP or any other alternate resource, including Medicare plans. Call PRC to schedule an appointment if you need help in applying. Once you become eligible for an alternate resource, you must continue to maintain coverage until you are no longer eligible. Failure to apply for and/or maintain coverage for an alternate resource is cause for denial of PRC eligibility.

Under Federal law, the PRC program is the payer of last resort. All other sources of coverage (private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, veteran's benefits, etc.) must be billed before PRC can pay.

You are not required to purchase private insurance. You are required, however, to provide PRC with information on all other sources of medical/dental/pharmacy coverage you have, including private insurance plans. You are also required to notify PRC immediately of any changes in your coverage for any medical/dental/pharmacy benefits.

PRC services are a limited resource, are subject to availability of funding from Congress, and are based on established Medical Priorities of Care. You must call to get a Purchase Order (PO) at least 48 hours before your scheduled appointment. Although the Tribal offices are closed, staff is still working and you may need to leave a message to get a PO. If you do not call prior to your appointment, your claims will be denied. When calling for a PO, you must tell us the name of the provider you are seeing, the date of the appointment, and the reason for the visit. You will not receive a PO if the purpose of the visit does not meet Medical Priorities (or the care may be deferred until the end of the fiscal year, subject to availability of remaining funds). Payment will be denied for any care you receive that does not meet Medical Priorities and you will be responsible for paying the provider. Therefore, it is important that you provide us with accurate information when requesting a PO. Payment will also be denied if you fail to get a PO before receiving medical care. If you seek emergency medical care, you have 72 hours (30 days for Elders 65 or older) to notify PRC of the visit and get a PO issued.

The Purchased/Referred Care department is working on several initiatives to help keep the cost of medical care for our Tribal members under control. Although medical costs continue to rise, the amount of money we receive for this care does not increase. We will be working with providers in our communities to identify opportunities for discounted care. Please read the Tribal newsletter, and look for mailings we might send out, for information on new programs or opportunities.

If you have any questions about our services, please call PRC at (541) 888-4873 or (800) 227-0392. Purchased/Referred Care staff are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

WELCOME NEW PRC STAFF MEMBER, KELLI NELSON!

Kelli is currently working out of the Eugene Outreach Office in the Purchased and Referred Care Department as the Health Program Benefits Specialist. Kelli previously worked for NeuroSpine Institute in Eugene, Oregon and has over 20 years in the medical field including insurance and billing. She has been married to her husband Jamie for 17 years. They have

a son named Jordan, daughter-in-law Darian and a 2-month-old granddaughter Everlee. Kelli loves spending time with her family and loves to vacation and travel whenever she gets the chance. Please join the Health & Family Support Services Division in welcoming Kelli.

News from Indian Country

With historic picks, Biden puts environmental justice front and center

The selection of the first Native American interior secretary and first Black male EPA chief highlights pollution disparities

By Juliet Eilperin, Dino Grandoni and Brady Dennis

Dec. 17, 2020 at 4:28 p.m. PST

President-elect Joe Biden chose Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) Thursday to serve as the first Native American Cabinet secretary and head the Interior Department, a historic pick that marks a turning point for the U.S. government's relationship with the nation's Indigenous peoples.

With that selection and others this week, Biden sent a clear message that top officials charged with confronting the nation's environmental problems will have a shared experience with the Americans who have disproportionately been affected by toxic air and polluted land.

"A voice like mine has never been a Cabinet secretary or at the head of the Department of Interior," Haaland tweeted Thursday night. "... I'll be fierce for all of us, our planet, and all of our protected land."

In addition to Haaland, Biden has turned to North Carolina environmental regulator Michael S. Regan to become the first Black man to head the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as Obama administration veteran Brenda Mallory to serve as the first Black chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality. While the picks represent a concession to progressives in Biden's party, who publicly campaigned for an American Indian at the helm of Interior, they were also chosen to personify Biden's plans to address the long-standing burdens low-income and minority communities have shouldered when it comes to dirty air and water. All three nominees will play a central role in realizing his promises to combat climate change, embrace green energy and address environmental racism.

"We have individuals coming to these positions who have seen what it's like on the other side, in terms of communities that have suffered," environmental justice pioneer Bob Bullard said in an interview Thursday. "They have been fighting for justice. Now they are in a position to make change and make policy. That, to me, has the potential to be transformative."

Earlier this week, Biden chose former Michigan governor Jennifer Granholm (D), a proponent of zero-emission vehicles, as his Energy Secretary nominee. He also established the first White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy and designated former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to head it. Former Obama budget official Ali Zaidi will serve as her deputy.



Rep. Deb Haaland (D-N.M.) has been nominated to become the first Native American to serve as interior secretary. (Bonnie Jo Mount/The Washington Post)

"This brilliant, tested, trailblazing team will be ready on day one to confront the existential threat of climate change with a unified national response rooted in science and equity," Biden said in a statement Thursday. "They share my belief that we have no time to waste to confront the climate crisis, protect our air and drinking water, and deliver justice to communities that have long shouldered the burdens of environmental harms."

If confirmed, Regan, 44, who heads the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, would be responsible for crafting fuel-efficiency standards for the nation's cars and trucks, overseeing emissions from power plants and oil and gas facilities and cleaning up the country's most polluted sites.

Regan has served as the state's top environmental official since early 2017, when Gov. Roy Cooper (D) named him to his current role. While union leaders have criticized his approach at times, he has shown a capacity to work with community activists and the corporate world.

Regan forged a multibillion-dollar settlement over cleanups of coal waste with Duke Energy, established an environmental justice advisory board, and reached across the political divide to work with the state's Republican legislature. In another high-profile case, the state ordered the chemical company Chemours to virtually eliminate a group of man-made chemicals from seeping into the Cape Fear River.

Before entering state government, Regan worked on climate change and pollution

issues as southeast regional director for the Environmental Defense Fund, an advocacy group. "Michael knows how to make progress even when that isn't easy — that's a necessary skill in North Carolina," the group's president, Fred Krupp, said in an email.

In selecting 60-year-old Haaland, a member of Pueblo of Laguna, Biden has placed the descendant of the original people to populate North America atop a 171-year-old institution that has often had a fraught relationship with the nation's 574 federally recognized tribes.

Three divisions of Interior have a tremendous impact on Indian Country, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Indian Education and the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration, which manages billions held in trust by the U.S. government.

"It's called plenary power," said University of Colorado Boulder law professor Charles Wilkinson. "Native people jokingly call it, 'plenty power.'"

Born in Arizona to a Native American mother who served in the Navy and a Norwegian American father who was an active-duty Marine, Haaland bounced between 13 public schools as the family changed military bases. At 15, she worked at a bakery, and later attended law school with the help of student loans and food stamps, occasionally experiencing homelessness as a single mother.

Now, after serving a single term in Congress, she will oversee a department that manages roughly one-fifth of land in the U.S. While she hails from a top oil-

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and gas-producing state, Haaland has pledged to transform the department from a champion of fossil fuel development into a promoter of renewable energy and policies to mitigate climate change.

“I come from New Mexico. It’s a big gas and oil state. And I care about every single job,” Haaland said in a recent interview with The Washington Post. But she added: “We don’t want to go back to normal, right? We don’t want to go back to where we were because that economy wasn’t working for a lot of people.”

Biden, meanwhile, has pledged to halt all new oil and gas drilling on public lands and waters, a daunting task that faces both legal and political obstacles. The extraction of oil, gas and coal in these areas accounts for nearly a quarter of the nation’s annual carbon output.

In a sign of the opposition the administration will soon face, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association issued a statement noting drilling on federal land generates \$800 million annually for the state’s government. “We hope Rep. Haaland will employ a balanced approach that considers the needs of all who depend on public lands, including the thousands of men and women and families whose livelihoods depend on access to public lands for resource development,” the group said.

Interior oversees vast protected areas — including 75 million acres of wilderness and 422 national park sites, as well as national monuments and wildlife refuges. It safeguards more than 1,000 endangered species, and manages massive water projects in the West that help sustain farmland and provide drinking water for major cities including Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Haaland just won reelection from a north central New Mexico district that leans Democratic. If confirmed by the Senate, her party will have a razor-thin margin over Republicans in the House until her seat is filled. Right now Democrats hold 222 seats, pending a re-canvassing in a New York race and challenges in Iowa, and Biden has already tapped two other House Democrats to serve in his administration, Reps. Cedric L. Richmond (La.) and Marcia L. Fudge (Ohio).

But House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said Wednesday that she would not stand in the way of Haaland leaving the House, calling her “one of the most respected and one of the best members of Congress I have served with.”

As a child, Haaland spent summers with her grandparents in a house without

running water in Mesita, one of Laguna Pueblo’s small villages in New Mexico.

“As kids we moved a lot because my dad was in the service, but no matter where we were he would take us outside,” she recalled. “In New Mexico we would hike in Jemez during a rainstorm, or at other military bases we would visit the ocean.”

Rep. Raúl M. Grijalva (D-Ariz.), who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee and helped lead the campaign for Haaland to be interior secretary, said a diverse Cabinet will pursue environmental policies that are “inclusive and involving the breadth of who the American people are.”

“That’s important, that nobody be left behind as we go forward,” he added.

Biden’s decision to appoint Haaland to head Interior will hold profound meaning for the 1.9 million Native Americans whose education and health care are often influenced by the department’s decisions.

Jim Enote, a Zuni tribal member and chief executive of the Native-led Colorado Plateau Foundation, said in an interview that the move signals how much has changed over the past half-century. Native Americans “do not participate in the same channels of influence as other Americans,” he said, and some previous Interior secretaries have held a dismissive attitude toward the country’s first inhabitants.

The legacy of Interior is blemished by instances of federal officials removing Native Americans from their ancestral lands — including from Yellowstone, the first and perhaps most iconic national park.

Years later, in 1972, several hundred tribal activists took over the Interior Department headquarters in Washington to draw attention to their plight. In 1983, then-Interior Secretary James G. Watt blamed the problems on U.S. reservations on Indigenous culture.

“If you want an example of the failure of socialism,” Watt said in an interview on a satellite radio show based in Tulsa, “don’t go to Russia. Come to America and go to the Indian reservations.”

Biden’s choice comes as the federal government’s relationship with tribes has eroded under the Trump administration, which has removed protections from sacred tribal sites in Utah’s Bears Ears National Monument and allowed oil drillers into Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuges, home to the caribou that Native Alaskans hunt for food.

“The Trump administration has not been kind to Indian country,” Haaland said. “He has thrown tribal consultation essentially out the window.”

She argued that Trump’s interior secretaries, Ryan Zinke and David Bernhardt, reorganized the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies in ways that hampered the ability of Native Americans to confer with federal officials.

Chase Iron Eyes, a Native American activist and attorney with the Lakota People’s Law Project, said that while Indigenous people have several champions in Congress, he is elated the department will be run by a tribal member. “It could not have been in our forefathers’ dreams to have an actual Indian be appointed at the Cabinet level in the agency that is meant to oversee their absorption,” he said.

Charles Curtis, a Republican and member of the Kaw nation who was vice president from 1929 to 1933 under President Herbert Hoover, was the first person of Native American ancestry to serve at the highest levels of the federal government.

Haaland bolstered her national profile in 2016 by going to the Standing Rock Sioux’s reservation in North and South Dakota to join tribal leaders in opposition to the construction of the Dakota Access pipeline. “She asked what I needed and what the tribe needed,” said Jodi Archambault, a former special assistant to Barack Obama for Native American affairs and a member of the tribe. Haaland, she said, was able to provide support from some New Mexico labor unions — and tortillas and green chili stew.

“She brought her own cooking things and opened her trunk up, and said, ‘This is the best I can do,’ ” Archambault said, adding, “The stew was really good; the tortillas were excellent.”

Steven Mufson and Mike DeBonis contributed to this report.



Tribal Family, Friends, and Staff Members Walk On

- John Walker Williford -

It is with great sadness that the family of John Walker Williford, husband of Coos Tribal Elder Wanda Hughes Williford, shares that he passed away peacefully at his home in North Bend on Sunday, November 8, 2020, surrounded by his family. John was born on October 28, 1935, in Nashville, Georgia, and he had just celebrated his 85th birthday. John met Wanda when he was stationed at the 761st Radar Station in Hauser, OR, and they were married on December 28, 1955. They were together for 65 years. John was greatly admired by his coworkers and the community and he will be greatly missed.

John gave 42 years in government service to his country, first with the U.S. Air Force and then with the Federal Aviation Administration. He was a veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars and he served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He received numerous medals and commendations throughout his career, including a Bronze Star and a medal for meritorious service, before retiring in 1976 at the rank of Chief Master Sergeant. From 1976 until 1993, he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration, first in Louisiana and then in Alaska, where he was a Branch Manager before retiring from government service in 1993.

After his second government retirement, he and Wanda founded Native American Technology Corporation (NATECH) 25 years ago, continuing his service to our country as a small business owner. The company, which started with three employees, now provides jobs to more than 200 people and has a gross revenue of over \$11M.

Along with building NATECH, John also gave his time and service to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. John served as Chairman of the Board of the Tribes' economic business, Blue Earth Federal Corporation and its subsidiaries from 2010 – 2012. During this time, Blue Earth built HUD homes for the Tribes: one single family home and a four-plex multi-family home in Coos Bay and two four-plex multi-family homes in Florence. Blue Earth employed 16 employees, half of whom were CTCLUSI Tribal members. John also donated NATECH staff to help write grants for the Tribe and prepare paperwork for Blue Earth's 8a process. The Tribe received two grants from the Spirit Mountain Community fund with assistance from a NATECH grant writer: 1) \$57,000 in 2011 for Tribal Hall Renovation and Seismic Upgrades [76% of the amount requested]; and 2) \$100,000 in 2012 for the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic Electronic Dental Records and Digital X-Ray System [100% of the amount requested]. His commitment to the success of the Tribes was evident in his refusal to accept compensation from the Tribes for his time and his staff's time.

John is survived by his wife of 65 years, Wanda Louise Hughes Williford of North Bend; daughters Vicki Faciane of North Bend, OR, Wendy Garcia of Florence, OR and Jacquie Armstrong of Yuma, AZ; grandchildren Cori Kelly of Aldie, VA, Petty Officer Ashley Faciane of San Diego, CA, Amanda Craig of Eugene, OR, and John Faciane of San Francisco, CA; and great-granddaughter Samantha Kelly of Aldie, VA.

A memorial service will be held at a future date in 2021. Family and friends are encouraged to sign the online guestbook at www.theworldlink.com and www.coosbayareafunerals.com. In lieu

of flowers, the family would prefer donations to the Down Syndrome Association of South Georgia in honor of John's great-niece, Lily Reaves. Donations may be sent to DSASG, PO Box 141, Hahira, GA, 31632, or made online by e-mailing info@dsasouthga.org.



Pictured left to right:
Jacquie Armstrong (Daughter), Wanda Williford (Wife),
John Williford, Vicki Faciane (Daughter), and Wendy Garcia (Daughter)

IN MEMORY OF VALUED STAFF MEMBERS
AND FRIENDS

Linda Malcomb
&
James Driskill

Gone but Never Forgotten

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



Nannette "Nan" Bellini

Favorite Hobbies:

- Running
- Cooking
- Reading (Historical Fiction)

Bucket List:

- Retiring in a couple of years.
- Building a retirement home in North Carolina.
- Becoming a gymnastics judge.

Nannette "Nan" Bellini

Coos

Immediate Family:

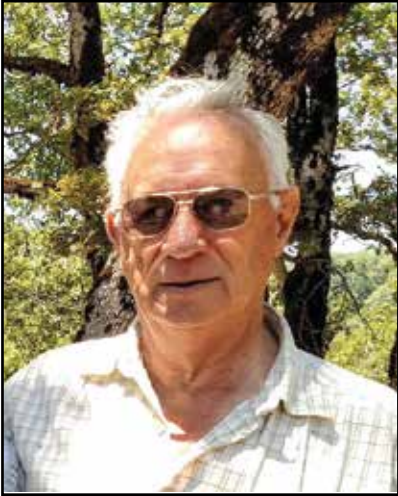
- Daughter to Nellie Zimmer, granddaughter to Emil Brainard and Grace Brainard, niece to Maxine Marlow, Chief Warren Brainard, Frank Brainard, Skip Brainard, and Joe Brainard. Sister to Scott Zimmer and Todd Zimmer. Mother to Chase Bellini and twins Cameron and Gabrielle Bellini. Cousin to many Brainards.

Proudest Accomplishments:

- The birth of her three children.
- Learning to ride a motorcycle in her 50s.
- Graduating from college.

Favorite Sayings:

"Be kind to everyone you meet. You never know what that person has been through."



William "Bill" Perry

Favorite Hobbies:

- No specific hobbies, as he has been a serious worker his entire life so his job has taken up most of his time. He is now just enjoying his retired life.

William "Bill" Perry

Lower Umpqua

Immediate Family:

- Brother to Chet Perry, husband to Joan Perry, uncle to George Gardner, Jesse Gardner, Nancy Gillem, Janet Posen, and many other nieces, and nephews. Numerous cousins.

Proudest Accomplishments:

- Living a long life into retirement.
- Spending 68 years with his wife and love of his life, Joan.

Bucket List:

- Settle down and relax.
- He has done pretty much everything he has wanted to do in his life so his bucket is full.

Favorite Sayings:

"Oh my goodness."

Title VI Program Services Available to Elders

The Title VI Program for Elders (age 55 and over) provides federal grant monies for our Congregate Meals Program, Frozen Meals Program, Chore Service and Respite Care Services for Tribal Elders, Spouses and Widow(er)s whose primary residence is within our five-county service area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties).

This month we would like to highlight Chore Services:

Chore Services Program Eligibility:

- Elders age 55 and older whose primary place of residence is within the five-county service area of: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln Counties.
- Tribal spouses are not eligible for Chore Services; however, widow(er)s are eligible until the time they remarry.
- Services must be provided at the Elder's primary place of residence is within the five county service area.
- The purpose of the Chore Services program is to provide assistance to Elders with activities they cannot easily do for themselves and which, by having someone perform these duties for them, allows them to remain living independently in their own home(s).

Some but not all inclusive eligible chore services include:

- Yard work, including lawn mowing, leaf raking, general clearing of debris around the home
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Gutter cleaning
- Snow removal from driveway and sidewalks
- Purchase and stacking of firewood
- General cleaning of the household, including but not limited to dusting and cobweb removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, appliance cleaning, window washing, and stripping and remaking beds.

There are forms that must be filled out for this service. These forms can be picked up at your local office or mailed to your home. The cycle for these funds is not on a calendar year.

The funds are available annually from April 1st of the current year through March 31st of the following year.

For further information on Chore Service, please contact your local Community Health Aide:

Coos Bay - Barbara Tower (541) 888-7520 Florence - Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685
Eugene - Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1349

a big difference in an emergency. Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

do1thing

SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Make a Plan

THE GOAL: Understand what puts you at risk from disasters and take steps to lower your risk.

Disasters change things. When an emergency happens you may have to decide what to do very quickly, while you are worrying about what might happen. By planning ahead, it will be easier to make the right decisions when the worst happens.

►► CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

☐ Learn what disasters can happen in your area and decide what you will do in a disaster.

It is important to know what types of disasters can happen where you are. Is your home in a floodplain? Are you in an area that has earthquakes? When are tornadoes most likely to happen? Knowing what disasters could happen can help you know how to be prepared and what to do. Contact your local American Red Cross or emergency management office to learn more about the disasters in your area.

Meet with your family or household members. Discuss how to prepare and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work, and play. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. If a family member is in the military, plan how you would respond if they were deployed.

TALKING ABOUT DISASTERS

Talking about disasters can be scary, especially with children, or with someone who may have difficulty coping with daily life. Be open and positive. The unknown often causes more anxiety than knowing the facts. Listen to what the individual has to say, learn how they feel and what they may be afraid of. Older people and people with disabilities may worry that asking for help during a disaster will take away their independence. Talk about different options for assistance and make a plan with them.

☐ Take steps now to prevent damage to your home in a disaster.

Once you know what disasters could happen in your community, there are things you can do to lower your risk of injury or property damage. Here are some suggestions:

TORNADO

Add a tornado safe room to your home, or add extra protection to an existing room to keep your family safe in a tornado. Look for FEMA publication 320 for more information.

HURRICANE

Install hurricane shutters. Keep trees around your house trimmed to prevent damage from falling branches. Secure your soffits to make sure that they won't provide a way for wind and water to get into your home. Make sure entryway doors have three hinges and a deadbolt lock.

WILDFIRE

Use fire-resistant building materials like shingles and siding. Cut back branches and brush within 30 feet of your home. Keep firewood at least 30 feet away. Check into the National Fire Protection Association's Firewise program for more ideas.

FLOOD

Elevate your home above the base flood level or take steps to floodproof. Elevate your utilities above the base flood level. Make sure you have adequate flood venting. Use flood-resistant building materials when you build or remodel. Taking steps like these can lower your flood insurance rates.

EARTHQUAKE

Secure your furniture, appliances, and water heater to walls and floors. Install safety catches on cabinets and cupboard doors. Make sure your appliances are connected with flexible connections. Consider using a safety film on your windows or installing laminated glass to prevent injuries from broken glass.

For more information on any of these projects, or other things you can do to protect your home and family, contact your local sheriff's department or emergency management office.

☐ Plan what to do if you have to evacuate.

Choose two places for your family to meet. One should be right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, such as a fire. The other should be outside of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate.

Decide where you would go and what route you would take to get there. You may choose to go to a hotel, stay with friends or family in a safe location, or go to a shelter. Hold evacuation drills at home. Practice getting out of the house quickly, and drive your

planned evacuation route. The more you practice, the more confident you will be if you really have to evacuate.

Plan ahead for your pets. Due to health concerns, pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Keep a phone list of pet-friendly hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation route in case a designated pet shelter is not available. Contact your local humane society or animal shelter to ask if pet emergency shelters will be opened in a disaster.

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CTCLUSI Alert HUB for Smartphones

Contributed by Brad Kneaper, CTCLUSI Chief of Police

The Tribal Police and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians would like to invite you to add our emergency alert phone app to your smart phone. The App is free. The alert system is intended to be another layer of safety and alert users of emergency or hazardous situations such as weather alerts and warnings, tsunami warnings, and other natural or man caused emergencies or hazards in Oregon's Central Coast, South Coast, Central Willamette Valley.

Search your app store for “CTCLUSI Alert Hub” and download. Once the app is downloaded, you can select the settings symbol in the upper right corner, then select “Notifications and select how you want to receive notifications. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at Contact-TPD@ctclusi.org.

Stay informed with current updates from
CTCLUSI ALERT HUB on your smartphone
Download for FREE!



Scan the QR code and install. If you are unable to scan the code, type 'CTCLUSI ALERT HUB' in the search box of your App Store.

WELLNESS COURT

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Are you in trouble with the law?


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.



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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.

Peacegiving Coordinator
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420
PHONE: (541) 888-1306 or (541) 888-1316
EMAIL: Peacegiving@ctclusi.org Website: <https://ctclusi.org/tribalcourtpeacegiving>

CTCLUSI Dental Clinic Updates

Contributed by Vicki Faciane, Director of Health & Family Support Services

It has been quite a year for everyone but as we begin 2021, I want to update you on our Dental Clinic programs. As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected almost everything in our daily lives, and so it has been with the Dental Clinic as well. Due to the need to preserve limited supplies of PPE for frontline healthcare workers, we closed our clinic from March 16 until July 15, 2020. While we were closed, we ordered and built up our supplies of PPE so that we could provide care safely for our patients and our staff. When we reopened to patients, we started by seeing only emergent and urgent cases.

Based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the American Dental Association (ADA), we obtained additional infection control equipment and made some structural changes to the physical clinic space. We purchased HEPA filtration devices that help to clean the air and remove particulate matter down to as small as 3 microns. We also converted the three (3) original operatories into negative-flow rooms. When the system is on and the door is closed, air circulates from the room and goes through additional filters, as well as passing it through UV-LED lights to kill any germs that might be present.

Other changes you will see when visiting our clinic:

- Our waiting room is currently closed. Instead of coming inside, patients wait in their car while dental staff come out to screen them for COVID-19 and perform vital sign checks. After finishing the screening procedures, the patient receives a mask and is then escorted inside by a member of the staff.
- All dental staff having direct contact with patients wear full protective gear while with the patient. This gear includes a gown, gloves, goggles, and an N-95 mask. Some staff may wear a PAPR (powered air-purifying respirator) in place of an N-95 mask. A PAPR is just as protective as an N-95 mask, but it is more comfortable than the mask as it provides a constant flow of cool, filtered air into a hood worn by the staff member.

Although we are not seeing as many patients in the clinic on a daily basis right now, we are still open! We know that some people are not comfortable seeing their dentist or dental hygienist right now due to COVID-19. Please be assured that we understand and we will be here waiting for you when you are ready to come in. If you are choosing to delay your next cleaning or dental procedure, please remember to continue your daily oral health care regimen of flossing and brushing your teeth!

CTCLUSI Dental Clinic Welcomes our New Dentist!

One final change in the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic: Dr. Sarah Rodgers left the clinic in October 2020. Although we will miss her, we wish her well in her future endeavors. In her absence, the clinic has remained open. We thank our contract dentists – Dr. William Stenberg and Dr. Roddy Hu – for their service to our clinic over the past two months. Meanwhile, we have been recruiting for a new Chief Dental Officer. We were very lucky in that we had several excellent candidates for the position. I also want to thank Dr. Gita Yitta and Dr. Miranda Davis for their role as supervising dentists for our Dental Therapists.

Dr. Jeffrey Guelinas has accepted the position and he will be here beginning on January 4, 2021. Born and raised in Northwest Indiana just outside of Chicago, Dr. Guelinas knew he wanted to be a dentist at a very young age. The hand craftsmanship required combined with the idea of providing a service to those in need greatly appeals to him. He earned his DDS at Indiana University School of Dentistry in 2007 and moved to Arizona upon graduation. Dr. Guelinas has been practicing in Phoenix, Arizona area for the past 13 years and has completed comprehensive training in every aspect of dentistry. He prides himself on his gentle touch and quality of care he provides for all of his patients.

During his time off, Dr. Guelinas loves spending time with his family or enjoying the outdoors. He might be found hiking, camping, playing volleyball, golfing, traveling, or simply playing at the park with his two daughters.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Guelinas to our community and to our clinic!



Flu Shot Report and Thank You!

Contributed By Kristy Petrie, CTCLUSI Community Health Nurse – BSN

There is a lot of work that goes into getting a vaccine program started. Planning for flu shots starts in January, and I started working at CTCLUSI at the end of July. With the help of Oregon State, CTCLUSI staff members, Coos Health and Wellness, and the Vaccine for Children Program we were able to get a vaccine program started. At this time, we only have flu shots, but hope to branch out to provide other important immunizations like pneumonia shots, shingles, and other vaccinations in the near future.

A big thank you to everyone who has received their flu shot this season. CTCLUSI has provided 82 flu vaccines as of 12/4/2020! There were several individuals whom received their flu shots at a local pharmacy or their doctor's office. Getting immunized not only protects you, but your loved ones and our community. There are individuals who are not able to get the flu shot; so those who are able to you, thank you for protecting those whom cannot. If you have any questions, concerns, or would like a flu shot, please contact me, Kristy Petrie, at (541) 888-7521, or by email kpetrie@ctclusi.org.

Zoom Fitness!

Sponsored by our CTCLUSI Health & Family Support Services Department-Eugene Outreach

The Eugene Outreach Office and our Health and Family Support Services hosted their first Zoom Fitness Workshops in November & December! This diabetes prevention event focused on healthy movement and exercise from live fitness instructors on Zoom, an online event. This event was fun for all ages (including children and Elders) and emphasized the critical importance of making exercise a regular part of you and your family's life. Family Support Services will continue offering various Zoom events for Tribal households, so keep a look out for our event flyers in the monthly newsletters. The Eugene Outreach Office also continues offering Low Income Energy Assistance throughout the Winter months and referrals for various services for those in our five-county service region. If you questions about our LIHEAP program or CLUSI Family Support Outreach Services, please contact Shayne Platz, Lead Case Manager/ ICWA, 541-297-3450.

Education Corner

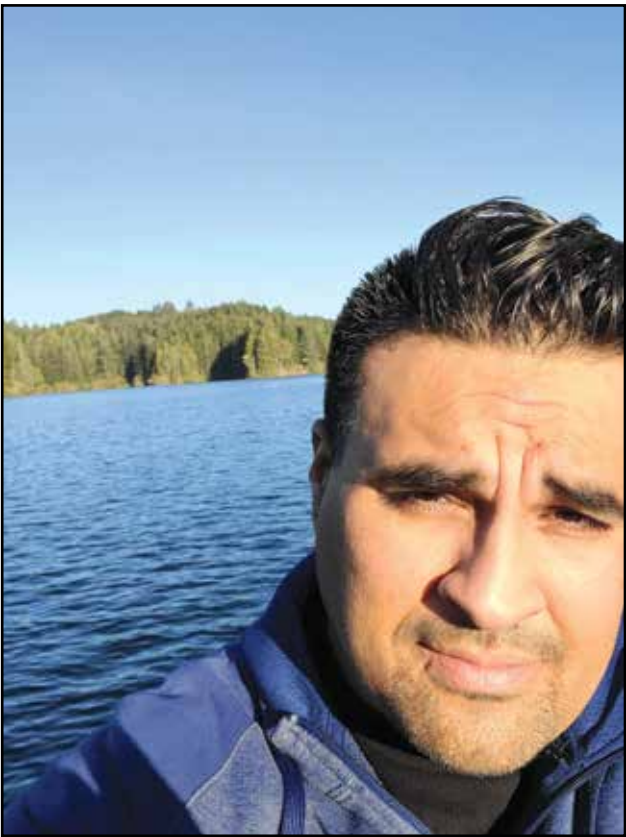
Education Department Welcomes Addition to the Team

I am an ancestor of the Indigenous Peoples of North America (Mexican, Dine' and Pueblo roots) whose education and life have spanned throughout the United States. I grew up an Urban Indian not knowing what that meant till much later in life. Of course this leaves a giant hole that really impacts the essence of who one is and their need to belong. Many go through life with an empty hole, but I was determined to find what belonged there.

It wasn't until my early twenties that I started to explore and develop what it was to be an Indigenous individual; community, culture, spirituality, family, food and a connection to mother earth. As part of my undergraduate I quickly absorbed the knowledge and lessons of those around me. I became the president of our Native Student chapter and helped to create the North Star peer Mentoring program designed to welcome and retain new and incoming Native youth as well to give purpose to the ones that were already there. This started my journey and knowledge of being Indigenous, a leader, the importance of mental health, education and reciprocity. I put these skills to use with my first professional job at United American Indian Involvement where I really engaged in Urban Indigenous communities, healing and mental health. My skills of community connection and

outreach were enhanced, as well as the importance of data collection and grant writing. With these tools, four of us created the Los Angeles Native Youth Leadership Journey which chose 14 Urban Native youth from L.A. and took them to their traditional tribal homes that they had never been before. I mastered my skills of curriculum development and implementation with the National Indian Youth leadership project. We were an experiential indoor/outdoor education program that taught kids how to enhance their social emotional skills through hands on activities as a community and an individual. We accomplished this in the classrooms and after school utilizing the Project Venture Curriculum and the great outdoors, rock climbing, ropes courses, canoeing and multiday backpacking trips.

I have since earned my Master Degree in Nonprofit management (business), and have honed my teaching skills at the middle, High school and college levels. If someone was to ask me what I do, I would say I help young people understand multigenerational trauma, then learn how to cope so that they can get out of their own way and re-engage with their multigenerational greatness. I also participated in extensive instruction for non-natives on how to interact with Natives. The essence of this; to let them know we are still here



and how to be better relatives. I have spent the last 20 years in Indian country and It has been an honor and a pleasure. I have always had the dream to move to this territory, this beautiful territory, and share the knowledge and learn from such a beautiful and resilient people.

Thank you for the opportunity it is an honor.

Hozho,
- Eriq Acosta

Update to SB-13

Senate Bill 13 (SB-13) Tribal History/Shared History hosted the first ever professional development event on December 9th, 2020 for Oregon state educators. The event was well attended. In the morning session we had 398 participants and in the afternoon session there were 454. This included Superintendents, Principals, Title VI, Curriculum Directors, teachers, and Education Assistants from all over the state of Oregon. Shout out to Bethel School District (Eugene School District) for having 100 school personnel attend the meeting. While this was the first ever professional development day for educators in regards to our History, traditions and culture, it certainly will not be the last. We are excited to keep moving forward in a positive direction with the State of Oregon and the renewed partnerships that ultimately will benefit all students. The Office of Indian Education has also produced and submitted a Tribal Consultation Toolkit for schools. This toolkit was brought together by many hours of collaboration and must be utilized when schools consult with the Tribes (https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/equity/NativeAmericanEducation/Documents/20.10.13_Web%20Accessible%20Tribal%20Consultation%20Toolkit.pdf).

Prior to the event, I had the opportunity to attend planning meetings that assisted outlining this historical event. A huge thank you goes out to ODE staff April Campbell, Trinity Minahan, and Ramona Malcomb, along with other great Native educators from the Oregon's Nine Tribes. CTCLUSI has the opportunity to share our heritage, culture and traditions through SB-13's contemporary curriculum. Our keynote speaker was Oregon 2021 Teacher of the Year: Nicole Butler-Hooton. She is an elementary teacher in the Bethel School District at Irving Elementary School. She is the

first Native American to win this award as she is a citizen of Siletz and Apache Tribes. Sharing her thoughts and practices was a great way to start the event. Following the panel of speakers, the afternoon session focused more on breakout rooms. The amount of conversation and collaboration leaves me hopeful that Tribes will now be able to have their history learned, but also preserved, to never be forgotten (<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/equity/NativeAmericanEducation/Pages/Senate-Bill-13-Tribal-HistoryShared-History.aspx>).



Education Corner

Back to School

Thank you to the Health Department who allowed the Education Department to utilize funding for this year's Back to School program. With their assistance we were able to help 216 Tribal Members this year. I hope everyone is doing as best as they can with distance learning/hybrid learning. We know this time is not easy on anyone no matter which side you are on. Students, parents, educators and administrators all are having a very hard time adjusting daily to the cases and positivity rates we are facing all over the nation. We hope the extra \$20 that was added to this year's cards provided an additional assistance to increased educational costs. The Education Department cherished hearing back from our Tribal Membership who sent us appreciation. We are working hard to help in any way we can knowing that we are trying to take care of each other the best we can.



The Education Department invites CTCLUSI Tribally enrolled youth to participate in a Community Needs Assessment pertaining to youth ages 0-17. **A post card will be sent out with more information in the near future to notify Tribal Membership that the form is up and running on our Tribal website.**

When the form is serviceable, Tribal youth ages 0-17 are invited to participate. We are requesting parents help navigate their child(ren) through the form when it comes time to answer the questions. Each youth participant will have the option to select a \$30 Walmart or Amazon gift card for completing the community needs assessment.

If you need further information, assistance, or to request a paper copy of the form please contact Josh Davies, Director of Education at jdavies@ctclusi.org or 541-888-1314

Thank you in advance for your participation.



Upcoming Virtual Events with Education

Meet and Greet with the Education Department

Wednesday January 13th, 2020
Feel free to drop in anytime between 6:00-7:30 pm
We look forward to seeing you on Zoom!
Email Josh Davies for zoom link to receive attendance information
jdavies@ctclusi.org

Literature Nights

February 3 rd , 2020	Elementary school students	6:00 – 7:00 pm
February 17 th , 2020	Middle school students	6:00 – 7:00 pm

Financial Aid Night

Open to **all** CTCLUSI enrolled Tribal Member High School students.
Same information will be discussed at both meetings

February 3 rd , 2020	7:15pm - 8:15 pm
February 17 th , 2020	7:15pm - 8:15 pm

Students and/or Parents must submit Laserfiche form to receive supplies prior to Literature and Financial Aid Night activities
Zoom link will be available once signed up

Deadline to sign up for February activities will be January 22nd, 2020



Learn from each chapter and write your life wisely.

Education Corner

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 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 form on the Education page of the Tribal website at <https://ctclusi.org/education/>

“TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN”
~Benjamin Franklin

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Josh Davies – Director of Education jdavies@ctclusi.org

Tribal Member parents - Please join our Education Facebook page if you have students in grades K-12.

Higher Education Students are highly recommended to join as well.

Scholarships, internships, job announcements, and other key educational information shared

Join: CTCLUSI Education News



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A STUDENTS GUIDE TO LEARNING FROM HOME

SET YOUR SPACE

Find an area in your house where you can sit comfortably and focus.

Make it separate to your relaxation space. Ideally away from a TV screen or other distractions.



TAKE NOTES

Stuck in a webinar zoning out? Note-taking keeps your mind engaged.

PLAN YOUR DAY

If you have one, follow the schedule provided by your school.

If you just have a list of things to study, break it down into tasks and plan to do the hardest ones when you have the most energy.

LESSEN DISTRACTIONS

Harness your imagination and picture that you're at school and not at home.

Lock your phone away if you need to - don't be afraid to ask your parents to intervene.

CHANGE IT UP

You probably have a schedule for your lessons, but if things are becoming difficult to focus on, take a 5-min break and come back to it - just let your teacher know.



TAKE BREAKS

Get up once in a while. Have a snack.

SPEAK UP & ASK FOR HELP

When things get tough, don't just push through it. Ask your parents, or reach out to your teacher.



JOURNAL IT

Use a journal to track your progress or any questions you might want to ask your teacher about the work.

BPA Grant

Hello community friends and family. Have you ever wondered where the energy comes from to power our cities, heat and light our houses? You ever wondered the impact that it takes to create this wonderful benefit for us? We keep hearing about global warming which impacts everything on earth from father sky to mother earth and everything that walks, fly's and crawls upon it. We have many communities across the U.S. and it sometimes takes extreme not clean and harmful measures to produce this energy for our homes and business's. Oregon is very special though in that nearly 60% of the homes and businesses in the State are powered by Hydro power. What's hydropower you say? Hydropower has played a vital role for this region and it remains the centerpiece of the Northwest's clean energy economy. Because of its obvious flexibility, hydropower has helped bring together other newer renewable energy resources into the lovely State of Oregon, while staying true to its own clean and sustainable reliability.

Want to learn more about energy creation and storage and Renewable Energy, electrical generation, transmission, energy efficiency, hydro power practices, awareness and Self-care through Renewable Energy education? Well look no further. As we slowly get through the virus and adapt to a changing educational platform we plan to do just that. With that said the Education department is working hard to put together curriculum for in person hands on and virtual hands on energy education curriculum, stay tuned. We are also working on a little project that will be able to take a group of young people on a hands on tour to learn about power generation and energy storage via museums and one of Oregon's powerful beautiful hydro dams. Keep on the lookout with the local news letter and feel free to reach out to the education staff for regular updates.

Education Corner

Congratulations Graduate!



Tribal member Mason Bowen Brainard graduated from the Colorado School of Mines.

Brainard earned a Bachelor of Science with a major in Electrical Engineering.

Pictured at left, Mason Brainard receiving his degree during the 2020 Mid-Year Commencement Ceremony.

Congratulations Mason!

First Virtual Field Trip with Oregon Charter School

We held our very first Virtual Field Trip December 11th with 4th grade students from Oregon Charter School. After corresponding with the lead teacher, we found out that there were 94 participants who were able to be a part of the field trip. Special appreciation to Jesse Beers, John Schaefer and Ashley Russell for providing a video presentation on canoe culture. Once we introduced ourselves, the video was played, and then questions followed. While we had technical difficulties at first with our link, we were able to call in and join by phone. Students at the end had many good questions. We look forward to being able to do more of these virtual field trips for schools this year as more schools in Oregon are going to head to comprehensive distance learning at the beginning of the year.

REMOTE LEARNING TIPS FOR LEARNING FROM HOME

MAKE A PLAN

The school and your teacher will prepare your lessons, but it'll be good if you'll plan how you'll be studying at home.



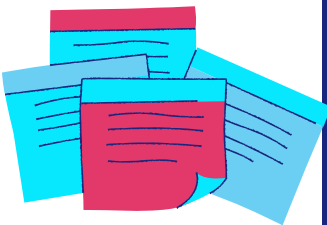
BE PROUD OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Studying at home isn't easy. Reward yourself for each small success.



TAKE NOTES

Notes will help you remember lessons as you watch them. It'll also be useful for reviewing later.



DO ONE THING AT A TIME

Finish one lesson before moving to the next. Do one assignment before another. Lessen multitasking.



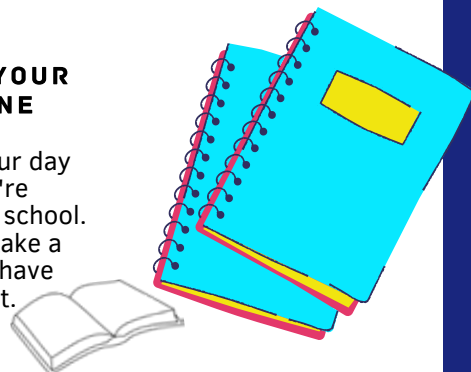
TAKE A BREAK

Do your work in blocks to lessen the strain. After finishing one lesson, take a five minute break before moving on.



KEEP YOUR ROUTINE

Treat your day as if you're going to school. Get up, take a shower, have breakfast.



Vaccine Safety, Development, and Emergency use Authorization (EUA)

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, CTCLUSI Community Health Nurse – BSN
Resource: Health and Human Service.gov and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2020.

When you hear the words, Operation Warp Speed and COVID-19 vaccine, what do you think of? I have been on several COVID updates, ECHO sessions and many more meetings, and I can tell you, you are not alone if you have thoughts of the vaccine not being safe. There are health risks in everything that we choose to do, from medications we take, food and drink we consume, and more. With everything, what we choose to put in our bodies, we should have an informed decision. An informed decision is when an individual makes a decision based on facts and or information. The goal of this article is to help provide an informed decision for the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine. It is important to keep in mind that those who choose to get the COVID-19 vaccine are not “guinea pigs.” Although the vaccine is being pushed out quickly, safety is always the number one priority, and if there are adverse events, they get reported and acted upon appropriately.

What is Operation Warp Speed? OWS is a partnership among components of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA), and the Department of Defense (DoD). OWS engages with private firms and other federal agencies, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. It will coordinate existing HHS-wide efforts, including the NIH’s Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) partnership, NIH’s Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics (RADx) initiative, and work by BARDA.

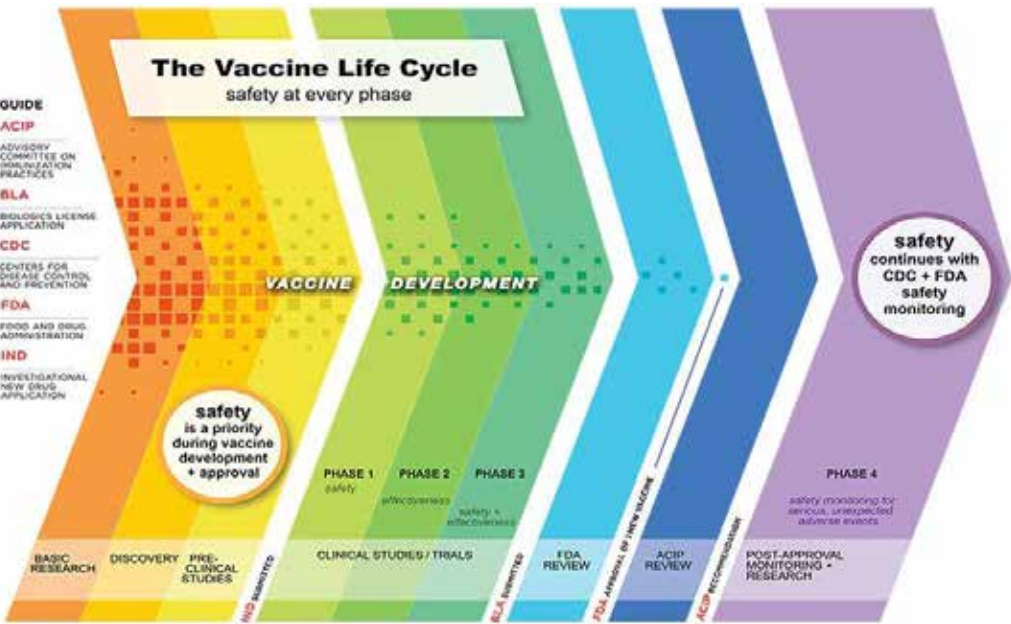
How an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Works: An EUA may be issued by the FDA to allow access to critical medical products that may help during a public health emergency. An EUA is different from approval/ licensure.

The following criteria must be met for an EUA to be issued:

- The product will be used for a serious or life-threatening disease or condition.
- Based on the totality of scientific evidence available, it is reasonable to believe the product may be effective.
- The known and potential benefits of the product outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.
- There is no adequate FDA-approved alternative available.

EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients: Each vaccine-specific EUA Fact Sheet for Recipients will provide the following information:

- Basic information on COVID-19, symptoms, and what to discuss with a healthcare provider before vaccination
- Who should and should not receive the vaccine
- That recipients have the choice to receive the vaccine
- Dosage and vaccine series information
- Risks and benefits of the vaccine, including common side effects
- Information on reporting side effects to VAERS
- An explanation of what an EUA is and why it is issued
- Any approved available alternatives for preventing COVID-19
- Additional resources



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 ~ Bussperson
Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant
Lead Cook ~ Line Cook
Food Court Outlet Cook ~ Prep Cook
Dish Machine Operator
Supervisor – Hotel Front Desk
Guest Services Attendant
Guest Room/Laundry Attendant
Table Games Dealer
Slot/Keno/Bingo Attendant ~ Slot Tech I
Environmental Service Technician
Special Events Team Member
Information Technology Technician II

Tribal Government Offices
Assistant Director of Family Support Services, Coos Bay
Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II, Coos Bay
Compliance Auditor I, Florence
Special Events Employee, Assignment Varies

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

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**

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SATURDAYS

CASH IN ON 2021

\$1,000

CASH DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES from 7PM-9PM

Earn entries every Sunday - Saturday January 3 - January 30, 2021.
One entry for every 25 points earned

MUST ACTIVATE ENTRIES ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN 6PM AND 8:45PM TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR DRAWINGS. MANAGEMENT RESERVES ALL RIGHTS.

THURSDAYS

COOL CASH

Spin the Wheel and Win up to **\$500 CASH**

6PM - 9PM
Drawings Every 30 Minutes

Café 1297

Weekly SPECIALS 11AM-9PM

MONDAY	MEATLOAF \$10
TUESDAY	FISH TACOS \$14
WEDNESDAY	DOUBLE CHEESEBURGER \$7
THURSDAY	CHICKEN PARMESAN \$11
FRIDAY & SATURDAY	PRIME RIB \$18 Served from 4pm-10pm

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