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

## Three Rivers Foundation Gifts Grants to 42 Non-Profits

### THREE RIVERS FOUNDATION

**Florence, OR** — It was with heavy hearts that The Three Rivers Foundation Board of Trustees decided to cancel the annual gifting luncheon typically held in late February. This decision was not made lightly, but with the current events going on in our Country they decided that canceling the event was in the best interest for all parties involved.

The Three Rivers Foundation, established by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians as the giving arm of its Three Rivers Casino Resort, announced their ability to proceed with granting funds for the 2020/2021 gifting cycle even with current events. The Foundation felt it was important to be able to provide funds to Organizations especially due to the rise in needs from the pandemic. Forty-two deserving nonprofit organizations within the Tribe's service district areas were granted for the 2020-2021 gifting cycle. The Three Rivers Foundation supports innovative ideas, collaborative approaches and grassroots efforts in the following areas: education, health, public safety, problem gambling, the arts, the environment, cultural activities and historic preservation.

During this gifting cycle, the Foundation received over 100 grant proposals from non-profits located in Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties, as well as other communities throughout Oregon that have a direct impact within the Tribe's service district areas.. Of those proposals, the following were awarded grant dollars:

#### Coos County:

All Tribes Mental Health Services; Coos Bay, OR

Alternative Youth Activities; Coos Bay, OR  
Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon; Coos Bay, OR  
Charleston Fishing Families; Coos Bay, OR  
Coos Bay Power Squadron; Coos Bay, OR  
Coos Soil and Water Conservation District; Coquille, OR  
Millicoma Marsh Stewardship Group; Coos Bay, OR  
Oregon Coast Community Action; Coos Bay, OR  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3440; Bandon, OR  
The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua Siuslaw Indians; Coos Bay, OR

#### Curry County:

Brookings Harbor Community Helpers; Brookings, OR  
The Gold Beach Senior Center; Gold Beach, OR  
Wild Rivers Land Trust; Port Orford, OR

#### Douglas County:

City of Reedsport Lower Umpqua Community Center & Park; Reedsport, OR  
Common Ground Mediation; Roseburg, OR  
Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society of Myrtle Creek; Myrtle Creek, OR  
Kellogg Rural Fire District; Oakland, OR  
Reedsport Rotary Foundation; Reedsport, OR  
Safe Haven Maternity Home; Roseburg, OR  
Umpqua Valley South Coast District of OR Music Teachers Association; Roseburg, OR  
Winchester Bay Community Center & Park; Winchester Bay, OR

#### Lane County:

Connected Lane County; Eugene, OR  
Daisy C.H.A.I.N.; Eugene, OR  
Every Child Lane County; Eugene, OR  
First Step Florence; Florence, OR  
HIV Alliance; Eugene, OR  
Lane County History Museum; Eugene, OR

Mapleton Food Share; Mapleton, OR  
Mid Lane Cares; Veneta, OR  
Ophelia's Place; Eugene, OR  
Oregon Coast Military Museum; Florence, OR  
Our Community Birth Center; Eugene, OR  
Power on With Limb Loss; Springfield, OR  
Pregnancy & Parenting Center; Florence, OR  
Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc.; Florence, OR  
South Lane Family Nursery DBA Family Relief Nursery; Cottage Grove, OR  
Square One Villages; Eugene, OR  
The Traveling Children's Heritage Museum; Blachly, OR  
Volunteers in Medicine Clinic; Springfield, OR  
Wellsprings Friends School; Eugene, OR

#### Lincoln County:

Northwest Coastal Housing; Newport, OR

#### Other:

Pride Northwest, Inc.; Portland, OR

Our successes are a reflection of the commitment and passion of our dedicated leadership. Listed below are the current trustees who ensure that the Three Rivers Foundation continues to reflect the goals and commitment of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to our local communities.

Mark Petrie, Tribal Council Vice-Chair & Three Rivers Foundation Vice-Chair  
Jay Bozievich, Lane County Commissioner, West Lane & Three Rivers Foundation Chair  
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Pat Farr, Lane County Commissioner & Trustee  
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**Save the Date:**

***Tribal Scholarships Deadline***

***May 23, 2021***

## Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from February 14, 2021 - March 13, 2021.

### **Chief Doc Slyter:**

02/14 Tribal Council Meeting  
 02/16 Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network  
 02/16 Leader's Circle`  
 02/20 2nd Annual Storytelling Gathering-Zoom  
 02/22 Jordan Cove  
 02/24 National Archives  
 02/24 GFORB/Business Meeting  
 02/25 Strengthening Tribal Consultation  
 02/25 BIA-Northwest  
 03/02 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)  
 03/02 Leader's Circle`  
 03/03 Sea Otter Alliance-ELAKHA  
 03/03 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)  
 03/04 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)  
 03/04 Leader's Circle`  
 03/09 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance  
 03/09 Native Learning Center/Cheaper Than Jail Workshop  
 03/10 Cape Arago-Coast Guard Training  
 03/11 Brad Kneaper's Retirement  
 03/11 Culture Committee Meeting  
 03/11 Leader's Circle`  
 03/12 DTLL-Department of Interior phone conference  
 03/12 Tribal Consultation-Measure #108 Tobacco Tax Revenues  
 Tribal Emails & Phone Calls  
Total Hours: 120

### **Debbie Bossley Tribal Chair:**

Feb – Mar In Office 18 days  
 02/14 Tribal Council Meeting  
 02/16 Enrollment Committee Meeting  
 02/16 Leaders Circle  
 02/17 LCIS  
 02/22 Jordan Cove State, Tribal Staff  
 02/24 GFORB/Business Meeting  
 02/26 Governor & 9 Tribes  
 03/02 Department of State Lands  
 03/04 Leaders Circle  
 03/09 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance  
 03/11 Brad Kneaper Retirement  
 03/11 Leaders Circle  
Total Hours: 130

### **Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:**

02/14 Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
 02/16 Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) Monthly Update  
 02/16 Leader's Circle  
 02/17 Oregon DEQ Rules Advisory Committee #2  
 02/18 White House Intergovernmental Affairs Update  
 02/19 Legislative Commission on Indian Services: Economic Development Cluster Meeting  
 02/19 Strategic Energy Plan Team Meeting  
 02/20 2nd Annual 'Virtual' Storytelling Event  
 02/22 Oregon Offshore Wind Study Discussion: BOEM  
 02/22 Cap & Reduce Table Meeting  
 02/24 GFORB Meeting  
 02/24 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/25 BIA Federal/Tribal Coordination Call  
 02/26 State-Tribal Call re: COVID-19 Response Efforts

03/01 Energy Team Meeting - Vision and Goals  
 03/02 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Tribal Ocean Summit  
 03/02 Leader's Circle  
 03/03 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Tribal Ocean Summit  
 03/04 Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Tribal Ocean Summit  
 03/05 Strategic Energy Plan Team Meeting  
 03/09 OCEAN Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
 03/11 USDA Tribal Consultation on Consultations & Racial Equity/Barriers  
 03/11 Brad Kneaper's Retirement celebration zoom  
 03/11 Leader's Circle  
 03/12 OHA Tribal Consultation/Confer Meeting - Ballot Measure 108 Tobacco Tax revenue investments  
Total Hours: 80

### **Ilina Montiel:**

02/14 Council Meeting  
 02/16 Leader's Circle  
 02/17 White House Tribal Covid-19 update  
 02/18 CDC Quarterly Board Meeting  
 02/14 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 03/02 Leaders' Circle  
 03/04 NCAI / OR- HB 2528 Public Hearing / Leaders Circle  
 03/09 OR Tribal Gaming Alliance  
 03/11 Brad Kneaper Retirement Party / Leaders Circle  
 03/12 Tribal Consultation/Confer Meeting  
Total Hours: 45

### **Josh Davies:**

02/14 Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
 02/16 Leaders Circle  
 02/17 NTIA: Foundation for Broadband Planning  
 ESA Consultation for the National Science Foundation Marine Seismic Survey  
 White House Tribal Covid-19 Briefing  
 02/18 WH Tribal Intergovernmental Affairs Update  
 Oregon Racing Commission Meeting  
 02/20 2nd Annual 'Virtual' Storytelling event  
 02/22 Bereavement Leave  
 02/23 Bereavement Leave  
 02/24 Bereavement Leave  
 National Archives Litigation Meeting  
 GFORB  
 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/25 Bereavement Leave  
 Federal/Tribal Coordination Call (hosted by BIA)  
 White House IGA Office Briefing for State, Local, and Tribal Elected  
 02/26 Bereavement Leave  
 State-tribal call re: COVID-19

response efforts  
 03/20 Leaders Circle  
 03/11 White House IGA Office Briefing  
 USDA Tribal Consultation on Consultations & Racial Equity/Barriers  
 Brad Kneaper Retirement  
 Leaders Circle  
 03/12 DTLL Consultation on Consultation - Dept. of Interior  
 03/13 Celebrated my mom's 68th Birthday  
 03/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
Total Hours: 90

### **Doug Barrett:**

02/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
 02/16 Leaders Circle  
 02/17 White House Tribal COVID-19 Briefing  
 02/18 Leaders Circle  
 02/19 Language Class  
 02/20 2nd Annual Virtual Storytelling event  
 02/24 GRORB meeting / Tribal Council Business meeting  
 02/25 BIA call on Federal Tribal Coordination  
 02/26 State – tribe call on COVID-19 Response efforts  
 03/02 Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention / Leaders Circle  
 03/04 Leaders Circle  
 03/09 Leaders Circle  
 03/10 Lane ACT for ODOT Meeting  
 03/11 Brad Kneaper Retirement gathering  
 03/11 Culture Committee meeting  
 03/11 Leaders Circle  
 03/11 USDA Tribal Consultation & Racial Equity call  
 03/12 DTLL Consultation on Consultation with Dept. of Interior  
 03/14 Regular Council Meeting  
 03/14 Tribal Council Meeting  
Total Hours: 65 & Emails

### **Enna Helms**

02/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
 02/16 Leader's Circle Meeting  
 02/19 State-Tribal call re: COVID-19  
 02/24 National Archives Litigation Meeting; Western Oregon State Forest Habitat  
 Conversation Plan Environmental Impact Statement; Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/25 Fed-Tribal Coordination Call -  
 03/02 Tribal Council Leadership Circle  
 03/03 Department of State Lands  
 Essential Indigenous Salmonid Habitat - Rule making  
 Discussion; NCAI  
 03/04 Leader Circle Meeting  
 03/09 Webinar: It's cheaper than Jail  
 03/11 Tribal Consultation and Racial Equity  
 03/11 Leader Circle Meeting  
 03/12 Consultation Dept. of Interior; Tribal Consultation Ballot measure 108 tobacco tax  
 Revenue investments  
Total Hours: 54



Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

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

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

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

US FOREST SERVICE  
NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

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

CHANGES?

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Full video available at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)  
If you would like to receive typed copies or an audio CD of the Tribal Council meeting minutes send a written request, including your current address to Jeannie McNeil, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.



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Council Meeting

April 11, 2021  
10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting  
1:00 p.m. General Council Meeting

To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be streamed online. Please login to the citizen portal of [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this 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](http://www.ctclusi.org)


Upcoming Events

- April 6<sup>th</sup>** - COH Beaded Collar Class 6:00 p.m.  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.  
**April 7<sup>th</sup>** – Literature Night. K-2 6 -6:30 p.m., 3-5 6:30 – 7 p.m.  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – Tribal Council Regular Meeting via zoom 10:00 a.m.  
**April 11<sup>th</sup>** – **General Council Meeting** via zoom 1:00 p.m.  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>** – Adult Culture Activity: Spring Planting 6:00 p.m.  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – COH Ladder Earrings (register by April 5<sup>th</sup>) 6:00 p.m.  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.  
**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Literature Night Middle School 6 p.m.  
**April 19<sup>th</sup>** – Red Roads to Wellbriety Support meeting 5:30 p.m.  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Prevention Activity (HOC) and smudge sticks 6 p.m.

- April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Adult Culture Activity: Cedar 6:00 p.m.  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.  
**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Culture Activity: Spring flowers and plant pressing 6 p.m.  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Tribal Council Regular Meeting 10 a.m.  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Mother’s Day  
**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – COH Medicine Bags 6:00 p.m.  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Scholarships Deadline  
**June 8<sup>th</sup>** – COH Feather Fans 6:00 p.m.  
**June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Tribal Council Regular Meeting 10 a.m.  
**June 20<sup>th</sup>** – Father’s Day

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

See the Language Class schedule on pages 7 and 18



**THE VOICE OF CLUSI**

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

**Join a Committee**

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

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Council Corner

This month, April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00pm will be the Annual April General Council meeting. There are two General Council meetings held each year per the Tribes Constitution in the months of April and October. This meeting will be following the Regular Council Meeting held the second Sunday of the month at 10am. Previously we have not had a quorum to do business; however, the Tribal Council has held Talking Circles for Tribal member only to share any questions or concerns. Due to the COVID -19 pandemic, our meeting options are now via Zoom. We would like to invite all the Tribal membership to participate in the upcoming General Council meeting and if no quorum is present, we will hold another circle for those who wish to participate. Please visit the Tribes website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) to see the zoom link, which will be available by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

We had a very large response from membership requesting a need to receive chrome books from COVID -19 funding that was made available a few months ago from the Housing Department. The chrome books finally came in and the Education Department has worked hard to be sure that applicants were contacted and shipping and pick up arrangements were made. With over 600 applications submitted, some including several Tribal members, we know that most of our members now have a new Chromebook from the Tribe. This will assist with virtual education and telehealth appointments as we still try to be safe during this Pandemic. We hope these new devices will assist everyone and encourage more

involvement with members both inside and outside the service area to learn more about the Tribe. Departments and staff are continuing with efforts to provide activities and cultural education virtually. The Tribes website is a vital of source of information including dates, times and zoom links for these events. There is also a recourse of past educational tutorials for you to see if you were unable to attend.

We, the Tribal Council are elected officials to serve and represent all 1269 current enrolled members. We have an office at Tribal Government in Coos Bay, Oregon. The Council is always available and welcome any input from the membership.



Stay safe and well,  
Debbie Bossley, Tribal Council Chair


Resolution Summaries

- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-113  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Transportation Growth Management Code Writing Assistance  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves a request to gain assistance for the purpose of creating a new Coos County zoning designation to permit the development of Coos Head Area Master Plan (CHAMP) . **Vote 5-2-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-114  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-115  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-116  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-117  
**Date of Passage:** December 30 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-118  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**

- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-119  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Games Order  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 20-120  
**Date of Passage:** December 30, 2020  
**Subject (title):** Approval of Executive Employment Agreement between CTCLUSI and Sharol McDade  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves this agreement for the new CEO of Tribal Government. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-001  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Enrollment of New Members  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves the following members as Enrolled members of the Tribe; Benjamin Crail Motes , Brynlie Annabelle Young, Cash Ryker Boccard . **Vote 6-1-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-002  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Enrollment Active to Historic  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council voted to remove the following deceased members from the Tribes roll and place their names on the permeant Historic File; Ralph Edwin Morris , Paul Gilbert Benasco Jr. , Ronald Jay James. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-003  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Appointment of the Tribal Benefits Board  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members to the Benefits Board; Mike Mascolo, Cindy Castro, Bonnie Foroudi, Sharol McDade, Stephane Watkins and Illiana Montiel. **Vote 6-0-1**

- RESOLUTION NO.:**21-004  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Budget Committee Appointments  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appoints the following members to the Budget Committee; George Barton, Allen Swigert, Roseana Perry. **Vote 6-1-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-005  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Education Committee Appointment  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members to the Education Committee: Coline Benson, Bryson Bossley. **Vote 5-1-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-006  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Culture Committee Appointment  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members to the Culture Committee David Petrie, Megan Medina. **Vote 5-1-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-007  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Elders Committee Appointment  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members to the Elders Committee Arleen Perkins, Allen Swigert, Brad Kneaper. **Vote 5-1-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-008  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Election Board Appointment  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members, Ashley Russell. **Vote 6-1-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.:** 21-009  
**Date of Passage:** January 10, 2021  
**Subject (title):** Enrollment Committee Appointment  
**Explanation:** The Tribal Council appointed the following members, Debbie Bossley. **Vote 5-1-1**





## CTCLUSI Summer Student Internships

# Cancelled

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, CTCLUSI Summer Student Internships have been canceled this year. We hope to provide internship opportunities in the future but at this time our Tribal communities health is our top priority. Please stay safe and continue to practice CDC recommended safety guidelines concerning the coronavirus.



## Career Opportunities

**Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Florence**  
**Hiring Event/Finance ~ March 25, 11am – 1:30pm**

Bartender ~ Barback ~ Cocktail Beverage Server  
Food & Beverage Lead ~ Food Server Blue Bills  
Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant  
Food Court Cashier/Barista  
Food Court Outlet Lead Cook  
Lead Cook ~ Line Cook ~ Prep Cook  
Dish Machine Operator  
Casino Service Host  
Table Games Dealer  
Slot/Keno/Bingo Attendant  
Soft Count Team Member ~ Purchasing Clerk  
Player Services Representative 1  
Environmental Service Technician  
Information Technology Technician II  
Special Events Team Member  
Director – Human Resources

**Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Coos Bay**  
Security Officer 1  
Environmental Services Technician 1  
Line Cook  
Bartender/Server  
Electronic Gaming Machine Team Member  
Guest Safety Liaison

Visit  
<https://www.threeriverscasino.com/careers>  
Or call Recruitment at  
**541-902-6648**

## Is the Tribal Member Emergency COVID-19 Assistance I received taxable?

The Tribe received federal CARES Act, Title V, Coronavirus Relief Funds and determined that it is necessary and appropriate to allocate a portion of those funds to its members that certify their needs to ease the current economic cost of living for the hardships in compliance with the CARES Act permitted uses. This Emergency Assistance is to be paid to members on a nontaxable basis in accordance with the requirements of the federal Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, Public Law 113-168 in 2014. Please consult with your tax professional for your personal tax situation.



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIOUSLAW INDIANS TRIBAL CODE  
TITLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS  
CHAPTER 1-17 GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
1-17-2 This Code is established pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council by the Constitution of the Tribe, and pursuant to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, codified under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, which excludes from gross income, for income tax purposes, the value of general welfare assistance that may be provided to an Eligible Tribal Member.

Be sure to check the Tribal website [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) for digital copies of The Voice of CLUSI monthly newsletter, events calendar, and more Tribal Government Information.

Visit <https://ctclusi.org/health-alert-notifications> for more information and links to the CDC concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic.

If you are a Tribal member who needs assistance getting signed up for full access to [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) please e-mail [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) or call (541) 808-7918.

## 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](mailto:AP@ctclusi.org)  
Call: Denise Driskill, (541) 888-7534  
or Denise Layton, (541) 888- 7301

## Can You Find Me?

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

If you find it, email [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) to have your name entered into a prize drawing. In your email you must include your name, age, address (for mailing purposes) and contact phone number. In your email you must also let us know what page and where on the page you spotted the shell hiding! **\*The dentalium in the background of a flyer on page 9 is not where the hidden dentalium is.** Must email by April 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Happy Searching!

**Winners of the March 2021 edition Four Directions:**

**Adult: Tracee Schmidt    Youth: Samuel Wisdom**

*March raffle drawing winners received a gift from Family Support Services*

### Legend of past searches:

Nov. 2020 Acorn was on page 17  
Dec. 2020 Sturgeon was on page 18  
Jan. 2021 Book was on page 19  
Feb. 2021 Basket Cap was on page 11  
March 2021 Four Directions was on page 20

Did you spot them the first time around? Go back and view past editions of The Voice of CLUSI paper online at <https://ctclusi.org/communications/>



Łe’ ŁəX (Medicine) of the Month: Violets

Contributed by Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

Parts of Plant Used: Leaves and Flowers

Herbal Actions:

Violets are a cooling and moistening herb. They are great for the respiratory system and are commonly used to remedy a dry hacking cough (expectorant and lymphagogue). These spring beauties are rich in minerals and soluble fiber, which is great for lowering cholesterol. In addition, violet leaves are high in Vitamins A and C, and rutin, which has been shown to be an anti-inflammatory and antioxidant. Moreover, these powerhouses are antitumor, antirheumatic, and vulnerary (wound healing) and are employed as a poultice, compress, or infused in oil or salves to help soothe dry or chaffed skin, eczema, insect bites, and even hemorrhoids.

Violet Simple Syrup (Makes 1-2 cups):

Ingredients

- 2 cups fresh wild violets, stems and leaves removed (more can be added for a stronger flavor)
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups cane sugar
- Juice of 1/2 of a lemon

To prepare, heat water in a sauce pan, and once it begins to simmer, turn off the heat and add the violets. Stir well and let the violets soak for 24 hours before continuing the process. Strain and add the juice of 1/2 a lemon. If you don't want to add the lemon, that's ok, but your syrup will be a muddy hue if left out. Once the lemon is added to the violet infused water, add sugar to the pan and stir constantly over very **LOW** heat until the sugar is dissolved. Do not simmer or boil for this will result in a loss of color. Once cooled, store in a glass jar. Will keep for 1 month if refrigerated. Enjoy your violet simple syrup in tea, coffee, lemonade, on pancakes, or just by itself.

Source: <https://homesongblog.com/spring/wild-violets-4-ways-simple-syrup-tincture-candies-and-lemonade/>

Scientific Name: *Viola* spp.



Photographs by Ashley Russell  
Pictured above: Violet flowers soak in mixture (recipe at left)  
Pictured below: Violet as seen before harvesting



April 2021 Culture, Education & Prevention Virtual Activities

**Literature Nights** — Please sign up at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Literature-Nights>. For questions, contact Josh Davies at 541-888-1314 or [jdavies@ctclsui.org](mailto:jdavies@ctclsui.org).

**Family Activity with Prevention** — Please RSVP by calling Doug Barrett at 541-297-2130. The deadline to register and receive materials prior to the class is Monday, April 7, 2021.

**Culture Activities** — Adult cultural activities are on Mondays and youth cultural activities are on Wednesdays. For more information, contact Ashley Russell at 541-888-7511.

**Monday Activities Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93309908556?pwd=STYwK2ZNaVRKbDg5QzZWnkV0TXJHUT09>

**Wednesday Activities Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/97847093365?pwd=eTVLU29LOWJnVnA4eVk4a1pqUGFoZz09>

NOTE: Materials for Wednesday classes can be provided to youth only at this time.

To view past classes visit the Virtual Culture Zoom Classes in the citizen portal of [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org).

Upcoming Classes:

- Wednesday, **April 7th** - Literature Nights with Education:  
Grades K-2 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Grades 3-5 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, **April 12th** - Adult Activity with Culture:  
Spring Planting 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, **April 14th** - Literature Nights with Education:  
Middle School 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, **April 21st** - Family Activity with Prevention:  
Healing of the Canoe (HOC) & Smudge Stick Making  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, **April 26th** - Adult Activity with Culture: Importance of Cedar & Cedar Headbands 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, **April 28th** - Youth Activity with Culture: Traditional Spring Flowers & Plant Pressing 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



# 2nd Annual (VIRTUAL) Winter Storytelling Event

Winter Storytelling Hosted by the Tribal Culture Coalition: basaq' (miluk) ~ hechit' (hanis) ~ hahlk' (sha'yuushtl'a quuiich)

Contributed by Cynthia Hovind, Culture Coalition member

Stories are offered as a gift. Sometimes the people will bring tobacco to the storytellers before the story begins. The storyteller can be observed taking that tobacco outside to offer it to the spirits of the story. Why are stories told in Winter? So many stories are about animals. In the dark of Winter, many of those animals are hibernating. It is out of respect for the four-leggeds that we tell the stories when they cannot hear us. Eddie Helms is at the center of the Cultural Coalition Committee. Years ago, he researched Chinook wawa and developed a unique Coos dialect. This dialect he taught to his family and others before it was popular to talk about the fact that language is the heart of the culture. Eddie brings substance to the Cultural Coalition. Marylou Greene, a key member of the committee, she offers humor while writing the minutes. Her online raffle brought a unifying pizzaz to the storytelling event. Enna Helms and Pam Stoehsler were experienced hosts for the event. Keeping a zoom event coherent is harder than it looks. Pam promises to continue her family story and photos of the Seal in a newsletter! The storytellers, of course, carried the event!

Patty Whereat Phillips became a culture-bearer at an early age, hiking the trails in the aboriginal territory. She initially studied Biology at SWOCC then OSU, going on to the University of Oregon to major in linguistics. Like her father before her, she accepted the position as CTCLUSI Cultural Historian. Her storytelling is based on translations of James Buchanen, Lottie Evanoff and Annie Peterson. We all join today in sending many blessings her way today in hopes of restoring her family's health.

Brenda Brainard, a Miluk woman, is a gifted basketmaker, dancer and storyteller. She obtained a Doctorate in jurisprudence

in her early life, but found her higher calling in Indian Education. She and her family have been instrumental in both getting CTCLUSI federally recognized and getting Native American curriculum implemented throughout Oregon. No small feat. Brenda Brainard has been given certain stories which she will soon describe in her own unique narrative.

Stories like a dance are a prayer. Let them bring a needed healing. Now tuck down with a cup of chocolate. A recording of the Annual Storytelling Gathering will be posted on the Tribes website on a Culture Coalition's page coming soon at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)

These Winter stories are brought to you and hosted by the Tribes Cultural Coalition.




Baskets woven by Enna Helms were given to participants during the storytelling event

## VIRTUAL LANGUAGE CLASSES

10 WEEKS - SPRING 2021

| MILUK               | HANIS          | SHA'YUUSHTL'A-QUUIICH |  |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|
| MONDAYS             | WEDNESDAYS     | FRIDAYS               |  |
| 3:00-5:00 pm        | 3:00-5:00 pm   | 3:00-5:00 pm          |  |
| April 26, 2021      | April 28, 2021 | April 30, 2021        |  |
| May 3, 2021         | May 5, 2021    | May 7, 2021           |  |
| May 10, 2021        | May 12, 2021   | May 14, 2021          |  |
| May 17, 2021        | May 19, 2021   | May 21, 2021          |  |
| May 24, 2021        | May 26, 2021   | May 28, 2021          |  |
| TBD, 2021 (holiday) | June 2, 2021   | June 4, 2021          |  |
| June 7, 2021        | June 9, 2021   | June 11, 2021         |  |
| June 14, 2021       | June 16, 2021  | June 18, 2021         |  |
| June 21, 2021       | June 23, 2021  | June 25, 2021         |  |
| June 28, 2021       | June 30, 2021  | July 2, 2021          |  |



**ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://zoom.us/j/97494890410?pwd=cEJSQlIHU0Z2d0d3NkRETIVzLI FxUT09>

Meeting ID:  
[974 9489 0410](https://zoom.us/j/97494890410)

Passcode: [495803](https://zoom.us/j/97494890410)

## StrongHearts Native Helpline Launches Text Advocacy

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact Name:** CC Hovie, Communications Manager  
**Phone:** 612-418-0876  
**Email:** ehovie@strongheartshelpline.org

**(EAGAN, Minn., March 16, 2021)** –StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) announced today it will soon expand operations by offering text advocacy. The expanded service launches on Monday, March 22. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline's number: 1-844-762-8483.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication options so victim-survivors can decide what is a safe and appropriate option for them.

"We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-survivor who needs it," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence."

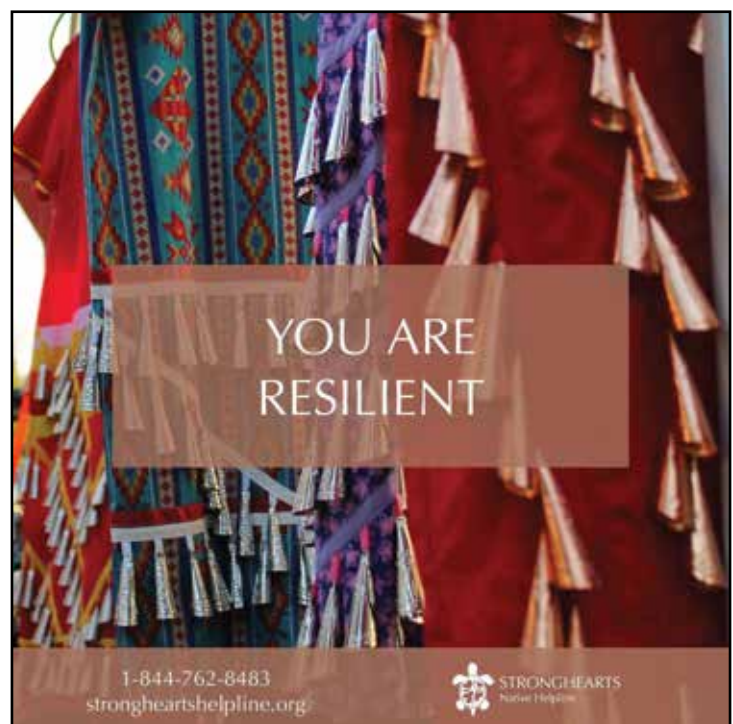
According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in



three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors. For American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance.


To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly-trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

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**CTCLUSI Drug and Alcohol Prevention**





**Red Roads to Wellbriety Recovery Support Meeting via Zoom**

**These meeting are for Tribal Family members 18+ who are in Drug and Alcohol recovery.**

 **Date:** Monday, April 19, 2021

 **Time:** 5:30– 7:00 P.M.

 **Deadline to RSVP is Monday, April 12, 2021**

Please make sure to have a confidential space available during the meeting. Materials will be mailed to participants and zoom links will be provided via email the day of the meeting.

Contact Doug Barrett to RSVP at 541-297-2130.

This program is funded by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Targeted Opioid Response Grant



**TELEHEALTH MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE NOW**

**FREE TO ALL OREGON TRIBAL MEMBERS AND OREGON TRIBAL FAMILY MEMBERS!**



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

If the other appointment times are needed, please call the number listed below and we will accommodate or refer to other resources.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE VISIT  
[HTTPS://CTCLUSI.ORG/FAMILY-SUPPORT-SERVICES/](https://ctclusi.org/family-support-services/) AND FILL OUT THE MENTAL HEALTH REQUEST FORM. YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED BY A FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES STAFF MEMBER TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
CAROLANN YOUNG AT 541-435-7159

THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION EMERGENCY MENTAL HEALTH COVID-19 FUNDING AWARD NO. 6H79FG000261.



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

## Tips for Keeping Your Kids Safe

Contributed by Melissa Smith, Circles of Healing Outreach Advocate, Article Credit: [www.bravehearts.org](http://www.bravehearts.org)

Talking about personal safety with your child can be perceived as difficult for many parents. As parents and caretakers of children, there are a number of key steps we can take to build resilience and protect our kids against sexual harm and exploitation.

### TEACH THEM EARLY ABOUT PERSONAL SAFETY

It's never too early to sow the seeds of personal safety. As parents, we need to teach our children 5 basic principles:  
To trust their feelings and to distinguish between 'yes' and 'no' feelings  
To say 'no' to adults if they feel unsafe and unsure  
That they own their own bodies  
That nothing is so yucky that they can't tell someone about it  
That if they feel unsafe or unsure to run and tell someone they trust.

### TALK TO YOUR KIDS

Encourage your children to feel comfortable telling you anything, especially if it involves another adult. Encourage your children to identify other trusted adults they can talk to in confidence.

### BE AWARE

Learn about the people with whom your child is spending time. Take notice if someone shows one or all of your children a great deal of attention or begins giving them gifts. Take time to talk to your children, find out why the person is acting in this way.

### EMPOWER YOUR KIDS

Knowledge is power. Teach your children about their bodies. Teach them the correct language to use when describing their private parts. Emphasize that those parts are private. This will make them more at ease if they need to tell you about a touch that made them feel uncomfortable.

### GET INVOLVED

Be an active participant with your children's activities, you will have a better opportunity to observe how the adults in charge interact with your children. If you are concerned about anyone's behavior, take it up with the sponsoring organization.

### TEACH THEM THEIR RIGHTS

Teach your kids that they have the right to say NO to any unwelcome, uncomfortable, or confusing touch or actions by others. Teach them to tell you immediately if this happens. Reassure them that you are there to help and it is okay to tell you anything.

### NOTICE CHANGES IN BEHAVIOUR

Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behavior or attitude. Encourage open communication and learn how to be an active listener. Look and listen to small indications that something may be troubling your children because children are not always comfortable disclosing disturbing events or feelings. This may be because they are concerned about your reaction to their problems. If your children do confide problems to you, strive to remain calm, non-critical, and non-judgmental. Listen compassionately to their concern and work with them to get the help they need to resolve the problem.

### PRACTICE SAFETY SKILLS

Practice basic safety skills with your children. Make an outing to a mall or a park a 'teachable' experience in which your children can practice checking with you before going to the restroom with a friend, and locating the adults who can help if they need assistance.

### CYBER-SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TOO

Teach your child never to give out their last name, address, or phone number to a person on the Internet and never to meet Internet friends in person without a parent's supervision and consent. Parents should help children choose a screen name that does not disclose information about their location. Teach children not to post pictures with identifying information such as a school uniform. Always keep your computer in a public area of your house – not in a child's bedroom.

## Circles of Healing (COH)

The Circles of Healing Program provides Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Human Trafficking, Stalking and family violence advocacy and support. They also host Women's Healing Through Culture groups and Trauma Recovery support groups.

*To speak with a confidential advocate please call 541-888-1309.*



Photo Credit: National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

| Circles of Healing Zoom Workshop Series  |  |
|--|--|
| Hi' Siti Ha (Good Is Our Heart) Women's Healing Through Traditions Series  |  |
| 2021 Class Schedule  |  |
| Tuesday, February 9th<br><b>Smudge Kits</b><br>Register by Monday, February 1st  | Tuesday, May 11th<br><b>Medicine Bags</b><br>Register by Monday, May 3rd   |
| Tuesday, March 9th<br><b>Dentallum Necklaces</b><br>Register by Monday, March 1st  | Tuesday, June 8th<br><b>Feather Fans</b><br>Register by Monday, May 31st   |
| Tuesday, April 13th<br><b>Ladder Earrings</b><br>Register by Monday, April 5th   | Tuesday, July 13th<br><b>Dreamcatchers</b><br>Register by Monday, July 5th |
| Classes will be offered from 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM via Zoom.  |  |
| Due to content and funding, these activities are for adult participation only.   |  |
| To register, contact Melissa Smith at 541-294-2197 or <a href="mailto:melissa.smith@ctclusi.org">melissa.smith@ctclusi.org</a> |  |
| These activities were supported by the Response Circles Grant Award from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.      |  |

# Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse. Article from the CDC, March 8, 2021

This is the first set of public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people. This guidance will be updated and expanded based on the level of community spread of SARS-CoV-2, the proportion of the population that is fully vaccinated, and the rapidly evolving science on COVID-19 vaccines.

For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks or more (takes about 2 weeks for your body to build up immunity to the vaccine; Elderly people, or those with a compromised immune system may take longer than 2-weeks to build up their immunity) after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen ).†

### Fully Vaccinated People Can:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic

### For now, Fully Vaccinated People Should continue to:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting

with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease

- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations

## 8 Ways to Keep Your Immune System Strong

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse. Article by Journeyworks Publishing. (2021). Title #5912

Your immune system is made of cells, tissues, and organs working together to fight harmful bacteria and viruses. A strong immune system can help prevent you from getting sick, and recover quickly when you do get sick. The immune system works best when you take care of it. Here are the top ways to keep your immune system strong.

1. **Get vaccinated.** Vaccines, such as the new COVID-19 vaccines, teach your immune system to fight disease. Some vaccines such as the flu shot you need to receive each year; other vaccines need periodic booster shots to stay effective. Ask your health care provider what vaccines you need.
2. **If you smoke, quit.** Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your immune system. Talk to your health care provider about ways to quit smoking. Vaping is not a good substitute.
3. **Get enough sleep.** Sleep helps keep your immune system strong. Aim for about seven to nine hours of sleep. Try to keep a sleep schedule, going to bed and waking around the same time each day.
4. **Eat a balanced diet.** Aim to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, lean proteins and whole grains. Choose water over sugary drinks. A healthy diet should be enough to provide your body with the vitamins and minerals your immune system needs. If a balanced diet is difficult to achieve, ask your doctor about using a multivitamin.
5. **Stop drinking alcohol, or drink in moderation.** Alcohol can be very harmful to your immune system. It is best to stop drinking alcohol. If you choose to drink, you should have no more than one drink per day if you are a woman, or no more than two if you are a man.
6. **Reduce stress.** Everyone is stressed once in a while. But stress every day for weeks at a time is hard on your immune system. Find ways to reduce stress in your life. Ask for help if you feel overwhelmed. Give yourself time to rest and recharge. Meditation and exercise can also reduce stress.
7. **Exercise.** Regular exercise helps your immune system by promoting good blood flow throughout the body. Try to exercise for at least half an hour most days of the week.
8. **Wash your hands!** Hand washing is proven to help keep you healthy. Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Make sure to wash your hands before eating or making food, and after using the bathroom, coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose.

### Be careful of products that say they help the immune system.

- Some vitamin or herbal supplements can interact with certain medications and cause problems.
- Talk to your doctor before taking any supplement.

### Aging and the immune system

- The immune system gets weaker with age. This means older adults can get sick more easily, and take longer to recover.
- Older adults should talk to their doctor about appropriate vaccines including flu pneumonia, shingles and tetanus. They should also discuss nutrition.

### Some diseases or medications can weaken the immune system.

- Conditions or medications that can weaken the immune system include;
  - Chronic diseases such as diabetes, kidney or liver disease
  - Cancer, HIV and autoimmune disorders
  - Oral steroids and drugs used to treat cancer or organ transplant
- If you are concerned that a medication condition or treatment will affect your immune system, talk to your doctor. Ask about additional steps you can take to protect your health.

### How to sign up for the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine

1. Go to [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)
2. Scroll down to "Latest Tribal News & Events"
3. Click on "Read More" on the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine Application
4. Select the COVID-19 Vaccine Application
5. Please select if you are a Tribal Member or a CTCLUSI employee.
  - a. There is an "other" option to write in if you are a Tribal spouse, widow(er), or any other applicable reason.
6. At this time, we are only able to vaccinate at the following locations: Coos Bay, Florence, and Eugene due to needing a prescribing provider (Physician) to write standing orders. At this time we have one Physician for Coos County and one Physician for Lane County.



# Deb Haaland Confirmed As 1<sup>st</sup> Native American Interior Secretary

March 15, 20216:21 PM ET – Nathan Rott, NPR.ORG

Deb Haaland, a member of New Mexico’s Laguna Pueblo, has become the first Native American Cabinet secretary in U.S. history.

The Senate voted 51-40 Monday to confirm the Democratic congresswoman to lead the Interior Department, an agency that will play a crucial role in the Biden administration’s ambitious efforts to combat climate change and conserve nature.

Her confirmation is as symbolic as it is historic. For much of its history, the Interior Department was used as a tool of oppression against America’s Indigenous peoples. In addition to managing the country’s public lands, endangered species and natural resources, the department is also responsible for the government-to-government relations between the U.S. and Native American tribes.

“Indian country has shouted from the valleys, from the mountaintops, that it’s time. It’s overdue,” Sandia Pueblo tribal member Stephine Poston told NPR after Haaland was nominated.

It’s not the first time Haaland has made history. In 2018, she became one of the first two Native American women elected to Congress. Her nomination by President Biden to lead the Interior Department was celebrated by tribal groups, environmental organizations and lawmakers who called the action long overdue. But her nomination faced opposition from Republican lawmakers and industry groups that portrayed Haaland’s stance on various environmental issues as extreme.

“I’m deeply concerned with the congresswoman’s support on several radical issues that will hurt Montana, our way of life, our jobs and rural America,” said Republican Sen. Steve Daines of Montana, who worked to block Haaland’s confirmation.

As a congresswoman, Haaland was a frequent critic of the Trump administration’s deregulatory agenda and supported limits on fossil fuel development on public lands. She opposes hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. She was also one of the first lawmakers to support the Green New Deal, which calls for drastic action to address climate change and economic inequality.

Republican lawmakers grilled her over those stances during her confirmation hearing in an effort to portray her as a radical choice to manage the nation’s public lands, but Haaland struck a moderate tone, repeatedly saying that as interior secretary she would aim to accomplish Biden’s environmental goals — not her own.

Biden has not supported the Green New Deal or bans on fracking, and he has taken a more balanced approach to fossil fuel



Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M., is sworn in before her Senate confirmation hearing to be interior secretary last month. Her confirmation makes her the United States’ first Native American Cabinet secretary.  
Jim Watson/AP

development on public lands. He put a temporary pause on new oil and gas leases on federal lands while his administration reviews the broader federal leasing program.

“There’s no question that fossil energy does and will continue to play a major role in America for years to come,” Haaland said during her confirmation hearing, before adding that climate change must be addressed.

Haaland has called the climate crisis the “challenge of our lifetime,” and as interior secretary, she’ll play a key role in the Biden administration’s efforts to address it. Biden has pledged to make America carbon neutral by 2050, an effort that would require massive changes to the industrial, transportation and electricity sectors.

The Interior Department manages roughly one-fifth of all land in the U.S., as well as offshore holdings. The extraction and use of fossil fuels from those public lands account for about one-quarter of the country’s greenhouse gas emissions.

“The department has a role in harnessing the clean energy potential of our public lands to create jobs and new economic opportunities,” Haaland said during her confirmation hearing. “The president’s agenda demonstrates that America’s public lands can and should be engines for clean energy production.”



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February 2, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
United States Senate  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
United States Senate  
313 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Supporting Confirmation of Representative Deb Haaland as 54th Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Merkley:

On behalf of undersigned tribal governments in the State of Oregon, we write in support of the confirmation of Representative Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Department of the Interior. We have always appreciated your commitment to the diverse and complex issues facing Tribes in Oregon. One of the most critical factors in the well-being of Indian people in Oregon resides in the everyday partnership we have with the Department of the Interior. As such we enthusiastically support the nomination of Rep. Haaland to lead that department and urge your support of her nomination.

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) carries out a broad range of responsibilities, including the management of public lands, water resources, minerals, wildlife management, and cultural heritage preservation. Additionally, it is charged and entrusted with upholding the federal trust and treaty responsibilities to the 574 tribal nations and more than 5.2 million American Indians and Alaska Natives. The day-to-day decisions of Interior impact all aspects of tribal sovereignty and self-governance, from education to economic development to law enforcement. As a result of this unique fiduciary obligation to tribal nations, it is critical that Interior leadership and employees reflect the communities it serves. American Indians and Alaska Natives have long served the United States in the military and more increasingly in local, state, and federal leadership.

President Biden’s nominee Rep. Haaland is a citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna, a 35th-generation New Mexican, and one of the first Native women to serve in the House of Representatives. She is immensely qualified to serve our country as the 54th Secretary of the Interior. In the 116th Congress, Rep. Haaland introduced more bills with bipartisan co-sponsorship than any other freshman legislator in 2019. Additionally, she served as Co-Chair of the House Native American Caucus; Vice-Chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources; Chairwoman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands; and as a member of the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee and the House Armed Services Committee.

For tribal communities, Rep. Haaland has been a champion for public safety and justice. For example, she played an instrumental role in the passage of Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act of 2019. The latter bill was the first to be sponsored by four Native members of Congress, Republican and Democrat, to address the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) by bringing together law enforcement, tribal leaders, federal partners, and survivors. Also, in her role as Co-Chair of the House Native American Caucus, Rep. Haaland helped ensure tribal inclusion in COVID-19 emergency relief legislation in a nonpartisan manner.

In conclusion, the undersigned Oregon tribal governments ask you to support the confirmation of Rep. Haaland as Secretary of Interior. She has extensive experience, exemplary qualifications, and a demonstrated commitment to public service. Rep. Haaland’s record of legislative successes showcases that she will continue to bring pragmatism and bipartisanship to the performance of her responsibilities as Interior Secretary. As a Native woman, Rep. Haaland descends from people who have hunted, farmed, managed, and cared for our nation’s lands since time immemorial. She understands deeply that these landscapes are multipurpose and integral to sustaining many communities, economies, and cultures.

Thank you for your consideration of our statement of endorsement.

Sincerely,

*Debbie Bossley*

Debbie Bossley  
Chair  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians



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## Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

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**Be sure to call 48 hours in advance for your Purchase Order (PO) Number!**

This allows us to take care of any issues that may arise that could cause your claim to be denied.

You may wait up to 72\* hours after an emergency to call us.

Call us at 541-888-4873 or 1-800-227-0392

\*Exception: Elders 65 years of age or older are allowed 30 days.

Also, if you have not yet done so, please submit your annual application at [www.CTCLUSI.org](http://www.CTCLUSI.org).

If you have not completed this year's application, you are currently ineligible for services.

## Hummus & Veggie Wrap-Up

Contributed by Kristy Petrie and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team. Recipe found at [www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 15 min.

YIELD: 1 serving

### Ingredients:

2 tablespoons hummus  
1 whole wheat tortilla (8 inches)  
1/4 cup torn mixed salad greens  
2 tablespoons finely chopped sweet onion  
2 tablespoons thinly sliced cucumber  
2 tablespoons alfalfa sprouts  
2 tablespoons shredded carrot  
1 tablespoon balsamic vinaigrette

### Directions:

Spread hummus over tortilla. Layer with salad greens, onion, cucumber, sprouts and carrot. Drizzle with vinaigrette. Roll up tightly.

### Nutrition Facts:

1 wrap: 235 calories, 8g fat (1g saturated fat), 0 cholesterol, 415mg sodium, 32g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 5g fiber), 7g protein.

**Diabetic Exchanges:** 2 starch, 1 fat.



## Lemon-Parsley Tilapia

Contributed by Kristy Petrie and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team

Recipe found at [www.tasteofhome.com](http://www.tasteofhome.com)

TOTAL TIME: Prep/Total Time: 20 min.

YIELD: 4 servings

### Ingredients:

4 tilapia fillets (about 4 ounces each)  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
1 tablespoon butter, melted  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon pepper



### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°. Place tilapia in a parchment-lined 15x10x1-in. pan. Drizzle with lemon juice, then melted butter.  
2. Bake until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork, 11-13 minutes. Meanwhile, mix remaining ingredients. Remove fish from oven; sprinkle with parsley mixture.

### Nutrition Facts:

1 fillet: 124 calories, 4g fat (2g saturated fat), 63mg cholesterol, 359mg sodium, 1g carbohydrate (0 sugars, 0 fiber), 21g protein.

**Diabetic exchanges:** 3 lean meat, 1 fat.

## Frozen Produce and Applesauce for Elders

This is a friendly reminder that we are providing frozen produce and jars of applesauce as a supplement to our frozen meals program. For Tribal Elders within the 5-county service areas, these items will be available for pickup at all three Outreach locations — Coos Bay, Florence and Eugene. Each Tribal Elder is allotted two bags of frozen fruit, three bags of frozen vegetables and one jar of applesauce per month.

All products provided are produced in the USA.



For more information, please contact your service area Community Health Aide.

Doug Morrison Florence (541) 997-6685

Armando Martinez Coos Bay (541) 888-9577

Kimmy Bixby Eugene (541) 744-1334



Funding provided through the Title VI Nutrition Services Incentive Program



# 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



Nadia Hovind

**Favorite Sayings:** She loves the movie ‘Wizard of Oz’, so she would say “Follow your own Yellow Brick Road!”

**Note from daughter, Wendy:** “We look forward to celebrating Mom’s 91st birthday on March 29th. Because of COVID we did not get a big party on her 90th. Mom now lives in a senior care home in the Mānoa Valley on the island of Oahu. She looks forward to returning to her home state of Oregon in the near future to be closer to family.”

## Nadia Hovind

### Siuslaw

#### Immediate Family:

• Daughter of Clayton Barrett and Gertrude Kreiner. Granddaughter of Henry and Ellen Barrett. Great Granddaughter of John and Juda Mashell. Wife of Late Buzz Hovind. Mother of Cindy Hovind, Wendy Hovind Jackson, and late son Mike Hovind. Grandmother of Colin Roberson and his wife Maryanna, Brie Blankenship and husband Jerome, Paxton Hovind, and Carter Hovind. Great-Grandmother of Haley Roberson, Parker Hovind, Aurora Blankenship, and Artie Blankenship.

#### Proudest Accomplishments:

- Family!
- She and her husband, Buzz started with nothing and worked hard, owning their own business and enjoyed traveling.
- Keeping her free spirit into her 90s!

#### Favorite Hobbies:

- Orchids (collecting and caring for them).
- Enjoying hamburgers and strawberry milkshakes.
- Gambling — Poker, slots and Bingo — and winning!



Jo Will Brainard

#### Favorite Hobbies:

- Salmon and Halibut fishing.
- Moose and Elk hunting.
- Seeing other parts of the world.

#### Favorite Sayings:

“Life is short, make the best of it.”

## Jo Will Brainard

### Coos

#### Immediate Family:

• Son of Emil and Grace Brainard. Brother to Maxine Marlow, Nellie Zimmer, Chief Warren Brainard, Ron Brainard (walked on), Frank Brainard, and Skip (Henry) Brainard.

#### Proudest Accomplishments:

- Still alive and healthy.
- Being a proud Dad and Grandfather.
- Retired sheet metal worker and landlord.

#### Bucket List:

- Take a vacation to New Zealand.
- Take a vacation to India.
- Taka a vacation to the Yucatan.

Welcome New Tribal Elder  
John Schaefer

## 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).

### 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. Those 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

# 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 |

A cartoon-style illustration of a green and black space heater. The heater has a digital display on the front showing the number '18'. There are several wavy lines above the heater, indicating heat or steam. A power cord is plugged into the back of the unit.

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 .



# Bigfoot Update

Contributed by MeAnnda Wallage, EFDA, and Marissa Gardner, DHAT

Where has Bigfoot gone? It seems he was in need of a change of scenery and has relocated to the Government Administration building's main lobby. Even though Bigfoot has received his second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, he wants everyone to remember the importance of practicing safe social distancing from one another, proper mask wearing and good hand hygiene.

In addition to a change in scenery, Bigfoot is in need of a change of wardrobe. In February we asked for your help in proposing some new outfits for his ventures out and about. Sadly, there were no suggestions received. So we've decided to reach out to you one more time for suggestions. Please submit your wardrobe themed ideas to **Dental@CTCLUSI.org** by Monday, April 26, 2021. The

dental team will choose the most fitting them from the submissions received. The chosen submission will receive a gift card of their choice to either Dairy Queen or Dutch Bros. We look forward to seeing what creative ideas everyone comes up with.

April is here and we want to remind everyone that the dental clinic is open during the days of Tuesday through Friday this month. We will be closed on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> due to our annual Oregon Dental Conference that we will be attending virtually this year. We apologize for any inconveniences. If you or your family are experiencing any tooth pain or in need of any dental care, please call our office at (541) 888-6433 to make an appointment with our dentist or one of our DHATs.



## Dental Clinic Open for Routine Care

The Dental Clinic is open for routine care and hygiene appointments. Due to continued concerns over COVID-19 transmission in our community, we will only be able to see a limited number of patients each day. For us to ensure the safety of our patients and our staff, we will have all patients remain in their vehicle and call the clinic from their car upon arrival. There are currently four designated parking spaces for "Dental Patient Parking Only." Please be sure to use one of these four spaces. A staff member will then come to the vehicle and complete a COVID-19 screening process. All additional paperwork will be filled out by the patient in their car after the screening process is complete.

It is mandatory that all patients wear an appropriate mask when being escorted into the building, as well as all times while in the clinic other than when dental work is being performed. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you. In addition, you will be required to wash/sanitize your hands.

These measures are being taken to lessen the potential for exposure of COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these unprecedented times.

**Call 541-888-6433 to schedule an appointment.**

## Join a Tribal Committee

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

Tribal Committee appointments are made by Tribal Council and are for a four (4) year term. Tribal Code allows for you to be on no more than three (3) committees at a time and you may only server two (2) terms, unless special consideration is necessary.

Currently, we have at least one position available in the following Committees:

- Culture Committee
- Education Committee
- Health Committee
- Election Board

How to become a member? Please login to the tribal website and visit <https://ctclusi.org/tribal-committees/> and complete a Letter of Interest.

For further details, please contact:  
Jeannie McNeil, 1245 Fulton Ave.  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420.

By email, [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org) or by phone 541-888-7506.

Letters of Interest are only kept on file for one year.



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### GAMING COMMISSION

\*\*\*\*NOTICE OF VACANCY\*\*\*\*

CTCLUSI 3/15/21

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' Gaming Commission is established pursuant to CLUSITC 5-2-7. The purpose of the Gaming Commission is to regulate Class II and Class III gaming on the Confederated Tribes' Indian Land. The Commission consists of five (5) members appointed by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.

The Gaming Commission currently has multiple vacancy's. The term of this position is three years. Interested parties shall file a statement with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member.

**Qualifications for the Posted Vacancy:**

Commissioners must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements (CLUSITC 5-2-7(d):

- (1) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) Must successfully complete a background investigation, as set forth in CLUSITC 5-2-15;
- (3) No member of Tribal Council may serve as a Commissioner; and
- (4) No employee of a Gaming Operation may serve as a Commissioner.

Each applicant for Commission membership shall be subject to a background investigation (CLUSITC 5-2-13) and drug testing (CLUSITC 5-2-21).

Interested parties may file a statement of interest with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member to Rusty Bossley, Interim Executive Director of the Gaming Commission, at the following address:

5647 Hwy 126 Suite 100  
Florence, OR 97439

You may also fax your statement to 541-997-7293, or email at [rbossley@ctclusi.org](mailto:rbossley@ctclusi.org).

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*This notice of vacancy shall be posted at all Tribal offices.*

## ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

REQUEST A NEW TRIBAL ID CARD ONLINE!

Visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://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](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org)**

## Education Corner

### Tutoring

If your student is in need of tutoring, please go to our website ([www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)). Under Member Services, please click on the Higher Education tab. Under the Higher Education tab, scroll down to Education Programs. There you will find the survey that can be filled out to submit tutoring needs to the education department. Here is the direct link to the survey: <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/ED-Tutor-Request>. Trying to end the year strong is just as important as starting the year off to a good start. Don't forget that it is never too late to get help to getting better grades.

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

### Chrome Books

#### Housing Department IHBG-CARES Grant

With the recent Education Department surveys, there were many requests for chrome books. We know that it is very difficult navigating work and school via zoom with limited computers in the household.

***This program is now open to ALL ENROLLED Tribal members on a first come, first served basis (updated 2/24/21).***

You need to go onto the Tribal website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and fill out the Laserfiche form for each enrolled member. The form can be found on the Housing public page or if you login to the Citizen Portal under Admin Request Forms, you can also find it by typing "Chrome Books" into the search bar at the top right of the web page.

The Tribes has begun distributing Chrome Books. Should you have questions don't hesitate to reach out to Laura Fortin or Josh Davies for further information.

Laura Fortin, [lfortin@ctclusi.org](mailto:lfortin@ctclusi.org), 541-888-7504

Josh Davies, [jdavies@ctclusi.org](mailto:jdavies@ctclusi.org), 541-888-1314

### CTCLUSI Education News Facebook Group Page

Information for CTCLUSI TRIBAL Members about higher education needs, financial aid, events and activities are shared here. Education Department and other CTCLUSI departmental activities will also be shared here. Higher Education students are also encouraged to join this page as important college information will be posted as we get it (scholarships, internships, etc.). Please look for the CTCLUSI Education News and click join group!



Find us on:  
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The CTCLUSI Education Department is very proud of all of your hard work and we want to recognize that you are finally graduated!! Any high school, GED, and higher education students who are graduating please contact the Education Department to let us know.

We are looking to host a virtual Student Recognition Dinner this year (if we are unable to have one in person) and would like to celebrate all our students for their achievements, perseverance, and dedication.

***Save the Date and more details coming soon!***

### Student Success Corner

Ashton Reeves made the Dean's List for Fall 2020-2021 semester at Southeastern University. The Dean's List is comprised of students who maintain a full-time academic load and earn a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.



Congratulations Ashton!  
Keep up the good work!!



Please send in any achievements, awards, or accolades that your student has received this year.

We are looking to host a student corner that will spotlight students monthly and will be able to communicate their great accomplishment(s) with the Tribal Membership.

Please submit a picture, a brief description, and also a release stating we can use photo and information for upcoming newsletters.



# Education Corner

## Attention Higher Education Students

Scholarships are now open.

Links for the Scholarship applications will be posted online at

<https://ctclusi.org/education/>

*Paper applications are available upon request.*

The Deadline for Scholarship Applications is  
May 23rd at 11:59 PM PST!

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Tribe's Student Recognition Dinner and posted on the CTCLUSI Education Facebook Page.

For more information and/or questions, please contact:

Karen Porter @ (541) 888-1315 or [kporter@ctclusi.org](mailto:kporter@ctclusi.org) or

Josh Davies @ (541) 888-1314 or [jdavies@ctclusi.org](mailto:jdavies@ctclusi.org)

## CTCLUSI 2021 Scholarship Questions

Links to the scholarship applications will be posted at <https://ctclusi.org/education/>

### Pepsi

1. What does tribal participation mean to you? What tribal events do you participate in and what value have they brought you?
2. What advice have you received that shaped your perspective? What would you offer to our tribal youth to help shape their perspective? What qualities do you look for in a role model and how do you see yourself giving that back to the community?
3. COVID has changed everybody's life in many different ways. It has emphasized the importance of community. What would you do or say to strengthen our tribal community during these hard times? What do you wish was available to you?
4. Reflect on a time when somebody had a positive impact on you, what was it and how did it bring you value? Then reflect on the generosity you have put into the world thus far. What was it and how did it help somebody else? What was the impact on yourself, the people around you and the community?

### Mitsis – wisdom, knowledge & learning

1. Do some research on our tribe. Find a piece of history, culture or tradition that you did not know before and write about its significance. Visit [ctclusi.org](http://ctclusi.org) & reach out to a tribal member or meet somebody new in our tribe who can help you find something you didn't know before.
2. What motivates you to keep learning or mastering a skill? If it is just money or a job, challenge yourself by finding something you value or enjoy within that and write about how that affects and/or motivates you.

3. Tell us about a past experience when a small piece of knowledge/wisdom/advice was given to you and how it influenced you then and now? Why did you hold onto it?
4. What experience impacted you most at culture camp, salmon ceremony, canoeing or any other tribal based activity? If you have not been able to participate, what activity interests you the most and why?
5. Have you heard any traditional stories that changed some perspective of yours? What kind of impact did it have on you emotionally, spiritually, intellectually? How do you plan on incorporating it into your daily life?

### Elders

1. Describe the person that has had the biggest impact on your life (tribal member or not). What was it about that relationship that most influenced you and what do you carry forward from that person? Please try to use somebody different than previous years.
  - a. Describe an elder that has had the biggest impact on your life (tribal member or not). What was it about that relationship that most influenced you and what do you carry forward from that person? Please try to use somebody different than previous years.
2. What does education mean to you? Why are you pursuing higher education? Has your perspective on education or a specific subject changed as you ascended through education? If so, describe what changed and how it affects you.
3. Looking back 5-10 years ago, has attending college changed your perspective on what

you thought you were going to be doing now? Are you doing what you thought you would be doing? If not, what is different and what are you doing now?

4. Imagine yourself as an elder, what would you pass on to our tribal youth? What would you do to strengthen the relationship between elders and tribal youth?

### Carolyn Slyter Memorial Scholarship

1. What was the most memorable moment in your educational experience? What made it significant? What did you learn? What do you carry forward from that experience to this day?
2. Who was, or is, your favorite educator in life? Describe that person and what made them significant to you. Is there anything you carry with you still? What would you tell your kids one day about that person?
3. What book(s) have changed your perspective or the way you think about something? If you don't normally read, pick up a new book, learn something new and write about it.
4. Tell us about a personal quality, talent, accomplishment or experience you've had that relates to your educational career (starting from middle school to college) that had a significant impact on some facet of your life.
5. Reflect on your childhood. How do you see this being a reflection of your life, or some parts of it, today? How does it affect your education and how has it changed your life in a positive way?

### Grace Brainard Memorial Scholarship

1. Regardless of your geographical location after graduation, how could you bring your skills and knowledge back to the tribe?

\*All activities are done through zoom

APRIL 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                      | Friday                                       | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|----------|
|  |   |  |  | 1   | 2  | 3        |
| 4  | 5   | 6<br>Circles of Healing Beaded Collar class 6:00 p.m.    | 7<br>Parenting Class 6:30 p.m.<br>Literature Night K-2 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.<br>3-5 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.  | 8   | 9  | 10       |
| 11<br>Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m.<br>General Council Meeting 1 p.m. | 12<br>Adult Activity w/ Culture: Spring Planting 6 - 7 p.m.   | 13<br>Circles of Healing Ladder Earrings class 6:00 p.m. | 14<br>Parenting Class 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Literature Night Middle School 6 - 7 p.m.   | 15<br>Voice of CLUSI Deadline for submissions | 16   | 17       |
| 18   | 19<br>Red Roads to Wellbriety Support Meeting 5:30 - 7pm  | 20   | 21<br>Parenting Class 6:30 p.m.<br>Prevention: Healing of the Canoe and Smudge Sticks 6 - 7 p.m.   | 22  | 23   | 24       |
| 25   | 26<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br>Adult Activity w/ Culture: Importance of Cedar & Cedar headbands 6 - 7 p.m. | 27   | 28<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br>Parenting Class 6:30 p.m.<br>Youth Activity w/ Culture: Traditional Spring flowers & plant pressing 6 - 7 p.m. | 29  | 30<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m. |          |

MAY 2021

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|----------|---|----------|
|   |   |  |   |          |   | 1        |
| 2   | 3<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 4  | 5<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 6        | 7<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 8        |
| 9<br>Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m.<br><br>Mother's Day | 10<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 11<br>Circles of Healing Medicine Bags class 6:00 p.m. | 12<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 13       | 14<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Voice of CLUSI Deadline for submissions | 15       |
| 16  | 17<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br>Tentative: Red Roads Support Meeting 5:30 - 7pm | 18   | 19<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Tentative: Prevention HOC 6 - 7p.m. | 20       | 21<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 22       |
| 23<br>Scholarships Deadline                             | 24<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 25   | 26<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 27       | 28<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 29       |
| 30  | 31  |  |   |          |   |          |

JUNE 2021

| Sunday                               | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday                                       | Saturday |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|----------|--|----------|
|                                      |   | 1  | 2<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 3        | 4<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 5        |
| 6                                    | 7<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 8<br>Circles of Healing Feather Fans class 6:00 p.m. | 9<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.   | 10       | 11<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m. | 12       |
| 13<br>Tribal Council Meeting 10 a.m. | 14<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 15<br>Voice of CLUSI Deadline for submissions        | 16<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br><br>Tentative: Prevention HOC 6 - 7p.m. | 17       | 18<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m. | 19       |
| 20<br>Father's Day                   | 21<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.<br>Tentative: Red Roads Support Meeting 5:30 - 7pm | 22   | 23<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 24       | 25<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m. | 26       |
| 27                                   | 28<br>Miluk Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 29   | 30<br>Hanis Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 1        | 2<br>Sha'yuushtl'a-Quuiich Class 3 - 5 p.m.  | 3        |



# Tribal Council and Government Honor Career of Tribal Member Brad Kneaper with Virtual Retirement Celebration

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Siuslaw Tribal member Brad Kneaper retired from The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians as Chief of Police and Chief Gaming Officer on March 12, 2021. Tribal Council held a socially distanced gathering in the community center on March 11<sup>th</sup>, with just members of Council, Brad Kneaper, and his sister Teresa Spangler in person, and Tribal Government staff attending virtually via zoom. In turn, the Gaming Commission and Tribal Police held a sendoff for Kneaper in Florence, Oregon.

Kneaper has been in Law Enforcement for 34 years, since March 1, 1987, when he was first assigned to the Patrol Division of the Oregon State Police Department in Astoria. Nearly 17 of those years were spent in service as a member of the CTCLUSI Tribal Police Department. Kneaper was hired on at the Tribe in April of 2004. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to Lieutenant and then in 2006 was promoted to CTCLUSI Chief of Police.

In celebration on March 11<sup>th</sup>, Tribal Council gifted Kneaper for his years of service and dedication to the Tribe with a Pendleton blanket as well as a camping themed gift basket and handmade card signed by many Tribal Government employees. Chief Doc Slyter and Teresa Spangler presented and draped the blanket over Kneaper’s shoulders to honor him for his years of service.

Lieutenant Brian Dubray shared a few word over zoom, “Police Chief Kneaper has had a tremendous impact upon our agency, not only with just [CTCLUSI] but with all Tribal Law Enforcement in the state of Oregon. Without him we wouldn’t be where we are so I just want to say thank you. Thank you for the leadership, thank you for the guidance”.

In good fun, government staff shared some of their favorite stories about their time working with Brad over the years and the sentiments shared a similar theme of comradery. Kneaper himself told a few fun stories. He also shared some heartfelt words, “this has been an amazing job, there has been some amazing people on the police department, some amazing people on Council. I have really good memories of everybody here... I’ve always had the best interest of the Tribe, I’ve always tried to make sure that that was first and foremost and the Tribal community as well.”

Tribal Council would like to thank Police Chief Kneaper for his years of service and dedication to serving his Tribal community. Enjoy your retirement and we will see you when we can gather again.



A beautiful service plaque was gifted to Kneaper. The handmade plaque was created by Jessica Henderson, talented artist and wife of Tribal Police Officer Shane Henderson



Teresa Spangler and Chief Slyter gift Chief Kneaper with a Pendleton Blanket for his years of service



Brad Kneaper speaks with his colleagues on zoom during retirement celebration



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