What a way to celebrate our students when we were able to hold our annual Student Recognition dinner. After not being able to come together for over a year, it was amazing to see all the smiles on attendees’ faces. There were nearly 80 people in attendance for the event. Following proper health and safety protocols, participants were greeted by Jorney and Sailee Baldwin-Davies, who had sign in sheets, Covid-19 prescreen questions, and table assignments. Once entering the balloon-arched doorway, the room was vibrantly decorated by Delilah Baldwin-Davies. She made sure the room popped with beautiful bright colors as she wanted all to feel such happiness when being able to celebrate our students’ accomplishments during the school year that no one has ever gone through.

Gift bags for students from Kindergarten through Higher Education received individual gifts. High School and College graduates also received special gifts that exemplified how proud we were to be able to participate in their special day. As students accomplished feats that normally took place within the year, students were required to complete a year that no one in education has ever seen. While students took part in Zoom classes, online course work, and email communication that took the place of in person conversations, our students MADE IT! The Student Recognition Dinner was, is, and will always be a beautiful event to celebrate our students.

We reached out to our students and received interest from a few to speak at the event. After Chief Doc Slyter said the blessing, Councilman Doug Barrett started off the event with appreciation and congratulations to all the students. We had high school graduate Alhana McNutt continue with her speech that focused on living in the present. While students were trying to survive the school year, she reminded all of us to be part of the larger picture. Next, we had Erin Kowalski speak on her educational journey. Erin’s speech was very moving and personal. Erin was not only able to graduate with her high school diploma, but also her Associate’s Degree from the junior college where she lives. Finally, Sadie Boccard finished the night sharing her story. While each of the guest speakers shared their individual stories, just like our amazing students, they made it! To all of our guest speakers – you all are role models for our youth. We thank you for representing your Tribes with respect, dignity, and sincerity. You have made all your families proud.

**Chief Doc Slyter:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting; Gregory Point Ceremony
- 06/15 Tribal Office & Emergency Native American Language Funding
- 06/17 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/19 Summer Solstice - Plankhouse
- 06/20 Summer Solstice - Plankhouse
- 06/22 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 06/29 Tribal Leaders Circle
- 06/30 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board Meeting (GFORB); Tribal Council Business Meeting; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/01 OSU Field School; BIA Call; Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/02 U.S. Treasury Information Session
- 07/06 Tribal Council Special Meeting; Summer School
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/08 Springfield Fish Hatchery – Tribal Fish Allotment
- Total Hours: 79.25

**Debbie Bossey, Tribal Chair:**
- Jun. – July. In Office 17 days
- 06/13 Regular TC Meeting
- 06/17 Leaders Circle
- 06/22 Special Meeting; leaders Circle
- 06/29 Leaders Circle
- 06/30 Business Meeting; Special Meeting
- 07/06 Special Meeting
- 07/07 Special Meeting
- Total Hours: 95

**Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting; Gregory Point Ceremony
- 06/17 Department of Environmental Quality; Rules Advisory Committee Meeting #6 GHG Reduction Program Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/19 Student Recognition Dinner
- 06/20 Summer Solstice – Plankhouse
- 06/22 Tribal Council Special Meeting; Tribal Leaders Circle
- 06/24 Energy Team Meeting with Trees, Water & People
- 06/29 Tribal Leaders Circle
- 06/30 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board Meeting (GFORB); Tribal Council Business Meeting; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/01 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/02 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- Total Hours: 45

**Josh Davies:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 06/15 Native Language Funding – Pre Application Teleconference
- 06/16 Housing Committee Meeting
- 06/17 Oregon State Board of Education; Oregon racing Commissions ADW Subcommittee Meeting, White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call; Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/18 Department of Justice Consultation
- 06/21 GYO Summer Professional Development
- 06/22 GYO Summer Professional Development; G2G Education Cluster; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 06/23 OIEA Meeting
- 06/24 White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call
- 06/28 American Rescue Plan Recovery Fund Meeting
- 06/29 White House Child Tax Credit Tribal Briefing; Tribal Leaders Circle
- Total Hours: 50

**Enna Helms:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 06/17 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/22 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 06/25 Social Security Administration and U.S. Dept of Treasury
- 06/28 American Rescue Plan Recovery Fund Meeting
- 06/29 White House Child Tax Credit Tribal Briefing; Tribal Leaders Circle
- 06/30 U.S. Treasury Leaders Briefing; Tribal Council Business Meeting; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/01 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/02 U.S. Treasury Information Session
- 07/06 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- Total Hours: 45

**Iljana Montiel:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 06/17 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/19 Bay Area Chamber Golf Tournament
- 06/22 Tribal Council Special Meeting; Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- 06/29 Tribal Leaders Circle
- 06/30 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board Meeting (GFORB); Tribal Council Business Meeting; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/01 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/06 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- Emails and phone calls.
- Total Hours: 50

**Doug Barrett:**
- 06/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 06/17 Oregon Racing Commission Zoom Meeting; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
- 06/19 Student Recognition Dinner
- 06/20 Summer Solstice
- 06/22 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 06/28 American Rescue Plan Recovery Fund Meeting
- 06/29 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 06/30 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board Meeting (GFORB); Tribal Council Business Meeting; Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/01 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/06 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- Emails and phone calls.
- Total Hours: 80

**Iliana Montiel:**
- 07/08 Department of Environmental Quality; Rules Advisory Committee Meeting #7 GHG Reduction Program; Tribal Council Leaders Circle
- Emails and phone calls.
- Total Hours: 46.25

**Doug Barrett:**
- 07/01 White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call; Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 07/02 U.S. Treasury Information Session
- 07/06 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/07 Tribal Council Special Meeting
- 07/08 URI of O SCESD Trauma Grant Initial Collaboration
- Emails and phone calls.
- Total Hours: 80

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**EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Eligible expenses include: Rent - Past Due Rent - Utilities - Past Due Utilities

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) assists eligible Tribal Member households that are unable to pay rent and utilities (electric, water, gas, sewer, trash removal) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ERAP funds may be available to assist eligible household with rental arrearages, utility arrearages, current rental payments and current utility payments. Telecommunication services (telephone, cable internet) delivered to a rental dwelling are NOT considered to be utilities.

This program is only available to households renting their home and does not apply to the households with a mortgage or who currently own their home.

All payments will be directly to landlord and/or utility company.

Please visit www.ctclusi.org or call 1-888-280-0726 and ask for the Housing Department for more information regarding specific program requirements & required documentation.

Contributed by Josh Stevens, Director of Housing
August 2021

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Information

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. 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 fire 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 by 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 Christine Sylvester, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Upcoming Events

August 8th – Canoe Pull before Tribal Council Meeting at Sunset Beach @ 7:30 am (see page 18)

August 12th – Huckleberry Picking Event in Coos Bay and Florence hosted by the Culture Committee (see page 8)

August 14th – Canoe Pull at Munsel Lake from 9:00-11:00 am; brunch provided after pull (see page 18)

August 18th – Virtual Painted Wood Slices Activity hosted by Culture and SDPI (see page 13)

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. E-mail msgray@ctclusi.org or call 541-888-7536. 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 jmcmn/a/a@ctclusi.org. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

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Council Meeting
August 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Please login to the citizen portal of 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

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August 21st – Back to School Party at Fern Ridge from 11:00 am to noonish; lunch at 1:00 pm (Canoe Pull and Skinny) (see page 12)

August 28th – Back to School Party at Sunset Bay from 11:00 am to noonish; lunch at 1:00 pm (Canoe Pull and Skinny) (see page 12)

September 12th – First General Council Budget Hearing at 9 am (before Council meeting)
Recent Changes in Tribal Government Management

To all our Tribal Membership,

we have had some recent changes in our Tribal Government management, as with all change, I feel it gives us an opportunity to both learn and grow. A very important role in Tribal Government is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

We as a Council, reviewed applicants and conducted interviews. The candidate selected by a majority vote, in late December of 2020, was deemed not a good fit for our organization June 30, 2021, with a majority vote to terminate her contract on that date. We heard from Tribal Membership and Government staff about concerns and tried to correct the problem once we became fully aware. As the elected officials, for the betterment of the Tribe, this decision was made as quick as possible.

We have now placed Carol Jacobs-Kosht, a 25-year trusted employee of Tribes’ Finance Department, as Interim CEO. We are currently accepting applications and recruiting for this position.

We take our commitment and responsibility to the Tribe very serious. We hope to find a candidate that will meet our organizational needs in the near future. I want to let all the membership know, as always, as your elected Tribal Council, we are available to hear from you. We want to thank all those who came to us, individually or as a group, all input received was taken into consideration.

Thank you.

Carol Jacobs-Kosht

Chief Doc Slyter

New Interim Chief Executive Officer, CEO

First let me introduce myself, I am Carol Jacobs-Kosht, I have worked for the Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indian Tribe for over 25 years in the Finance Department. I have served many rolls.

Over these vast years, it has offered me the opportunity to have the working knowledge of multiple areas that are essential components of the Tribal Government. In this temporary capacity, it will allow me to meet the needs of the organization until we find a permanent CEO.

I want to thank the current Tribal Council for their confidence in me to serve the Tribe as the Interim CEO. My commitment is and has always been for the betterment of this Tribe.

In the weeks to come in my role, I will be working closely with Tribal Departments to identify any current needs.

I’m looking forward to continuing my service to Tribe, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me via email at: carol.jacobs-kosht@ctclusi.org

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-039
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Approval of Expenditures from COVID-19 Funds for Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP)
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this needed repair and equipment for the WWTP, which meets the requirements to use COVID-19 funding.
Vote 6-1-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-040
Date of Passage: April 22, 2021
Subject (title): Approval of Emergency Expenditures /Purchase For Tribal Gaming Commission Surveillance Camera for Three Rivers Casino, Florence
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the expenditures of Equipment due to damage caused by a power outage.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-041
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Approval of Expenditure of Equipment due to damage caused by a power outage.
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the expenditures of Equipment due to damage caused by a power outage.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-042
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): 2020 Annual Performance Report Submission (APR)
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this for the purpose of Indian Housing Block Grant and to be submitted as required by HUD
Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-043
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): 2020 Annual Performance Report Submission (APR)
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the presented APR to be submitted as required annually by HUD
Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-044
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Amendment of the Tribal Code Chapter 1-3 Tribal Police
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the proposed amendment and for the posting of this amendment for a 28 day comment period for Tribal Members.
Vote 6-1-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-045
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Commission Appointments

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-046
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Amendment of the Tribal Code Chapter 7-1 Enrollment
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the proposed amendment and for the posting of this amendment for a 28 day comment period for Tribal Members.
Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-047
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Device Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approved this machine order for the Three Rivers Casino.
Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-048
Date of Passage: April 28, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approved this equipment order for the Three Rivers Casino.
Vote 7-0-0

In this public paper, some Resolution titles and explanation will not be displayed or will display minimal details due to confidentiality.
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A Change In My Path

Dear Chair Bossley, Tribal Council, Chief Slyter, and Tribal Community:

It is with a heavy heart that I will be resigning my position (3) on Tribal Council, effective July 12, 2021. Personal events in my life have led to this decision. I have always said “Family First” when it comes to your priorities, and my full attention is needed elsewhere, though, my heart and my support will always be there for the Tribe, our tribal programs and community.

It has truly been an honor and a humbling experience to serve as an elected Tribal leader for my Tribe. All that I have learned and all of the people and entities that I have worked with has expanded my perspective profoundly. I have greatly valued the nearly 2 and a half years that I have dedicated in my leadership position as Vice-Chair.

Meeting multiple times each week, the council is presented with many items to make important decisions on matters dealing with issues on local, State and Federal levels. My one vote, of seven, has always been made for the betterment of our Tribal Membership to the best of my ability. It has been a privilege to have been a part of such important matters for our Sovereign Nation.

Efforts and accomplishments that I have taken part in or led that I am most proud of:

- Strategic Energy Plan development with the CTCLUSI Tribal Energy Team
- Rules Advisory Committee member for Department of Environmental Quality to create an equitable Green House Gas emissions reduction program for Oregon.
- Provided numerous written and oral testimonies at the State Legislature and State Rulemakings
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management: Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force Representative
- Assisted in the creation of the new Language Committee
- Participated and presented at Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Conventions/conferences
- Making positive change in our financial standing for our Tribal Government and Enterprises
- COVID-19 Tribal Response and assistance to Tribal Families

It has been an honor working alongside our 5 other Tribal Council members, Tribal Chief, and Tribal Government staff for these past couple of years. I will still be around to participate in, support, and advocate for the programs and services that the Tribe provides to our tribal families. As a person with a strong cultural identity and background, passing on our traditions and history will be a task I will carry on for the rest of my life.

The amount of love and support I have received from so many within the Tribe has humbled me. I give you all my deepest gratitude. I appreciate your understanding for my resignation.

Humbly,

Mark Petrie

Dai estis (hello everyone),

July 11th I had to make a very hard decision. I would like to share my official resignation letter with you all. To all who supported my appointment in 2019 and supported me in my life alike, you have my deepest gratitude.

To put it shortly, the sacrifices we make within our personal and professional lives to serve, as an elected official of the Tribal Council are many.

Now, as a General Council member, I can honestly say, that due to the amount of work involved in serving, I want to take this opportunity to share that I publicly support efforts to seek Tribal Council Compensation. My opinion comes from my own personal experience and observations, knowing firsthand, the commitment to dedicate yourself in this capacity requires a great deal of personal time. While rewarding as only a volunteer, there should be some level of financial compensation for those willing to make this commitment going forward.

In closing, I will continue to give, of myself, for the betterment of our Sovereign Nation and to the health and well-being of our Tribal communities and families as my time allows. With this change in my path, I hope to see you around, but in the capacity of a General Council member and Tribal employee instead! Much love and thanks to you all for understanding.

While it was a very difficult decision on July 11, 2021, the Tribal Council voted to accept the heartfelt letter of resignation of our Vice Chairman, Mark Petrie.

We all expressed our deepest gratitude for his participation and the value of his role on Tribal Council as we have made decisions as a group over the last two plus years with him. For myself personally, he has been instrumental in offering us his insightful perspective on many issues, assisting to maintain harmony amongst us all during some of the most difficult and stressful times.

The Constitution allows the Tribal Council to appoint a new person to complete his term of office. At this time, we will be accepting letters of interest and/or resumes for any enrolled members at least 18 years of age who wish to be considered, as a Tribal Council member for position #3. Term ending April 2023.

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The deadline for all submissions will be Monday August 23, 2021 by 5pm. Submissions sent by mail, must be received by the deadline to be considered.

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Despite all of the obstacles and struggles that we have faced over the course of this last year, we were once again blessed with salmon. On Thursday, July 8th, 2021, Chief Doc Slyter traveled with Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist and Cultural Assistant, to the McKenzie Fish Hatchery, just east of Springfield, to pick up our beloved salmon. These salmon were transferred from the Leaberg Fish Hatchery, just a few miles east of the McKenzie Fish Hatchery, because the water temperatures were approaching lethal levels.

Both Chief and Ashley prayed and thanked the Creator for the return of the Salmon this year. They sang songs and prayed to the Creator, pleading for continued blessings for the salmon, while hatchery staff procured the salmon and placed them into the Tribe’s large ice totes. They then made the long trek back to Coos Bay with due haste.

Upon arrival, Cultural and Natural Resources staff partnered with Education and few summer school children to quickly process the salmon. Many hands made for a record processing time. The salmon remains were returned the next day with the help of the Maintenance Department.

Thanks to everyone who assisted in this year’s salmon allotment. May we continue to be grateful to the salmon people by being good stewards of the lands and waters with which we share and help to facilitate positive and lasting change that will ensure their prosperous return year after year.

Each year, the Tribe receives an annual allotment of salmon as part of our agreement with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). This year, the State of Oregon is facing severe drought conditions. Little precipitation compounded by record breaking temperatures have compelled ODFW to enforce emergency regulations in order to protect fish. The “Hoot-Owl” Regulation is one of these such regulations. Effective July 1st through September 30th from 2:00 p.m. to one hour before sunrise, salmon, steelhead, sturgeon and trout angling is closed. To see which rivers are effected by the “Hoot-Owl” regulation, please visit:


LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Seeking input from the CTCLUSI Community! Energy Assistance is a very important program for low income CTCLUSI Tribal households on, or near the reservation, or within the State of Oregon. Some households genuinely need assistance with their heating and cooling needs and every year CTCLUSI posts a new Annual Energy Assistance Draft Plan and is required to seek input from Tribal members and feedback about the annual LIHEAP plan and program. Starting this August, the draft plan for 2022 will be available on the CTCLUSI Tribal Website at www.ctclusi.org and will be located in the Family Support Services section of the website. During August, the draft plan will also be located in each Tribal office including the CTCLUSI Florence and Eugene Outreach Offices. Please feel free to review this draft plan, ask any questions, or provide any comments you may have to Shayne Platz. Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!

Shayne Platz, CTCLUSI Health and Human Services Department, splatz@ctclusi.org, or at 541-297-3450.
Wildfire Prevention Tips

Contributed by Colin Beck, Tribal Forester

This summer is shaping up to be another bad fire season. Oregon is experiencing another year of drought, with most of the state classified as experiencing “severe” or “extreme” drought. The spring and early summer have been uncharacteristically dry and windy, which has added to the fire risk. Several large fires are burning across the state, and it’s likely that we’ll start to see firefighting resources spread thin in the near future.

In light of all of this, it’s important to be vigilant with regards to fire safety. The careless action of one individual can start a wildfire. Please keep the following tips in mind this fire season and help ensure that our forestlands stay fire-free this summer.

1) **Campfires:** All fires during fire season are restricted to approved fire pits within designated campgrounds. There are no approved fire pits on CTCLUSI’s forestlands; therefore, all fires are prohibited on the Tribal Forest. This includes all fires with a burning ember such as charcoal BBQ’s, candles, wood burning stoves, burn barrels, debris burns, etc.

2) **Watch Where you Park:** Hot parts on vehicles can cause fires when exposed to dry vegetation. When driving in the forest, do not pull off of the road into dry vegetation. When parking, use gravel or dirt areas that are free of flammable materials.

3) **Fireworks:** Fireworks can easily start wildfires, and are strictly prohibited during fire season.

4) **Lawn Mowing:** Lawnmowers are a frequent source of wildfire ignition. Lawns should be mowed before 10AM when the air is cool and the humidity is high. Lawnmowers should not be used to mow tall dry grass during fire season.

5) **Power Equipment:** If using power equipment (mowers, chain saws, trimmers, grinders, welders, etc.) outside of city limits, you need to be aware of and follow the current fire season restrictions. Call your local fire protection district for the current use restrictions.

6) **Equipment Maintenance:** Sparks and hot parts from improperly maintained equipment can ignite fires. Check vehicle and trailer tires, bearings, and axles to make sure they’re working properly. Trailer safety chains should be short enough that they will not hit the ground and cause sparks. All motorized equipment, including ATV’s, must have proper spark arrestors in good working order.

7) **Fire Tools:** Always carry basic fire tools in your vehicle when traveling through the forest during fire season. Basic fire tools consist of a shovel, bucket, and fire extinguisher.

8) **Smoking:** Cigarettes are a common cause of wildfire. It is prohibited to smoke in the forest during fire season.

More information on preventing wildfires can be found online at [www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/). For current fire season restrictions call the Coos Fire Protective Association at (541) 267-3161, or the Oregon Department of Forestry Western Lane District Office at (541) 935-2283.

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**ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS**

Request a New Tribal Identification Card Online!

Visit [www.ctcluis.org](http://www.ctcluis.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.

Questions?

Contact the Enrollment Office.

Jeannie McNeil  541-888-9577
jmcneil@ctclusi.org

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**Would you like to work from home?**

CTCLUSI can provide financial aid for you to become an at-home Oregon State Licensed daycare provider!

Contact Meagan Davenport at mdavenport@ctclusi.org

- or -

Ilana Montiel at 541-888-7526 for more information.

Sponsored by the CCDF Program, per funding availability.
Help Is Here
Monthly payments for families with kids

Raising kids can be expensive, and the Child Tax Credit is here to help. President Biden’s American Rescue Plan increased the amount of the 2021 Child Tax Credit to support families with children.

The full benefit of the Child Tax Credit is now $300 per month per child under age 6 and $250 for each child age 6 to 17.

Did you file taxes in the last 2 years? Then you don’t have to do anything to get the money you’re already owed:

- If you filed your 2020 taxes this year or filed your 2019 taxes last year, or used the IRS “Get My Refund” tool to get a stimulus check last year, you don’t need to do anything. The IRS will automatically send you a monthly payment by direct deposit or check starting on July 15, 2021.

- The Child Tax Credit is $500 to $3,600 per child with advanced monthly payments. In order to get money to families quickly, the IRS will pay half the credit as monthly payments now and the other half when you file your taxes next year. In total, you’ll receive a total of $3,000 for each child under 6 and $3,600 for each child between 6 and 17.

Didn’t file taxes in the last 2 years? There’s an easy step to start getting your Child Tax Credit payments:

- Just fill out a simple form to begin receiving your monthly Child Tax Credit payments. You can access it by going to childtaxcredit.gov

All you’ll need to apply are:

- A reliable mailing address
- E-mail address
- Your children’s Social Security Numbers
- Your Social Security Number (or ITIN)
- Your bank account information (if you want to receive your payment by direct deposit)

Eligibility: Most families, even those with little to no income, can receive the full amount. If you are a single parent making less than $150,000 or a married couple making less than $250,000—and have children under age 18 who will benefit you for more than half of 2021—you are likely eligible for the full benefit. These benefits do not affect your eligibility for other federal benefits like SNAP.

Learn more and check out resources to help you fill out your form at ChildTaxCredit.gov

FITNESS PROGRAM CONTACT CHANGE

If anyone needs assistance with the Fitness Program

Please contact Doug Morrison in the Florence Outreach Office 541-997-6685 or 1-866-313-9913 or by email: dmorrison@ctclusi.org

PEACEGIVING

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

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

Department of Human Resources
Current CTCLUSI Job Opportunities

Coos Bay, Oregon
Accounting Specialist I - Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor II
Clinic Dentist
Chief Executive Officer
Circles of Healing Program Coordinator
Director of Health & Human Services
Grants Compliance Officer
Grants & Contracts Reporter
Payroll Specialist
Police Officer
Social Worker
https://ctclusi.org/human-resources-job-opportunities/

Florence, Oregon
Surveillance Agent I - Graveyard Wastewater Treatment Operator

For full job posting and to apply online, go to:

Thursday, August 12th
Huckleberry Picking

Come join the Culture Committee for a fun filled evening of Huckleberry Picking.

Festivities will begin at 5:30 pm.
Please bring your own berry basket and meet at either Tribal Hall or the Florence Outreach Office.

Transportation for this event is not provided.

For more information, please contact:
Jesse Beers @ 541-297-0748 or Ashley Russell @ 541-888-7511

WELLNESS COURT

Confidential

Contact Tribal Wellness Court:
(541) 888-3327

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.
**Eating Fruit with Diabetes**

Contributed by Kristy and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team  
Article retrieved from: diatribe, Eliza Skoler

### Healthy Strategies for Eating Fruit

What else can you do to make sure you eat healthy fruit?

- **Portion size is key!** Set out the amount of fruit that you want to eat, and then stick to that portion – this will help you avoid eating too much fruit and experiencing a blood sugar spike. It’s also helpful to spread multiple servings of fruit out over the course of the day, rather than eating a lot of fruit at once.

- **Choose fresh fruit whenever possible.** Canned fruit, dried fruit, and sometimes frozen fruit often have added sugars (and other chemicals). Processed fruit (like applesauce) also generally contains added sugar.

- **Try to avoid fruit juice.** Fruit juice contains all of the sugar of fruit without the fiber to help your body process it. This means that juice can cause your blood sugar to spike quickly. If you are drinking fruit juice, drink a very small portion (half a cup) and consider adding water to it; make sure you get “100% fruit juice” so that no extra sugars are added to sweeten the drink. Note: this is why juice can be used to quickly raise your blood sugar if you are experiencing hypoglycemia.

### Healthiest Fruits for People with Diabetes

For those with diabetes, the healthiest fruits are the ones that contain the least sugar.

**Fruits that are lower in sugar include:**

- Berries – blackberries, blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries
- Grapefruit
- Apricots
- Plums
- Peaches
- Apples
- Kiwis

**Fruits to avoid or limit with diabetes:**

- Ripe bananas
- Pineapples
- Mangoes
- Watermelon
- Oranges
- Grapes
- Dried fruit
- Fruit juice

According to [verywellfit.com](https://www.verywellfit.com), there is 9.5 grams of sugar in a cup of raw watermelon.

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### Peanut Butter Overnight Oats

[https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/](https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/)

**Ingredients:**

½ cup rolled oats  
¾ cup unsweetened almond milk  
2 tbsp creamy peanut butter  
1 tsp chia seeds  
½ tsp vanilla extract  
2 tsp maple syrup, optional

**Instructions:**

Mix oats, almond milk, chia seeds, peanut butter, vanilla extract and maple syrup in Mason jar. Stir to combine. Cover with lid and store in refrigerator overnight. The next morning give it a stir. If desired, top with additional peanut butter. You may eat cold, or heat in microwave for 45 seconds to warm.

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### Creamy Avocado Pasta

[https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/](https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/)

2 servings of pasta of choice (about ¼-1/2 of a standard box of pasta) *choose whole grain pasta for more fiber!*

**Ingredients:**

- 1 ripe avocado  
- ½ cup fresh basil  
- 2 tbsp olive oil  
- 12 garlic cloves  
- 2 tsp lemon juice  
- Salt, pepper, and paprika to taste  
- 2 tbsp milk of choice *Lower saturated fat and higher protein options: skim, 1%, or soy milk

**Instructions:**

Cook the pasta according to the package instructions. Once cooked, set aside. Cut the avocado in half and scoop the contents out of the peel using a spoon. Put the peeled avocado into a small blender or food processor. Add the remaining (non-pasta) ingredients to the blender, and blend until smooth. Mix the avocado sauce and pasta together in a bowl. Add a protein to the top, and serve!
Cherry Chocolate Breakfast Bars
https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/

Ingredients:
- ¾ cup whole wheat flour
- ¾ cup rolled oats
- ¼ cup wheat germ or bran
- ¼ cup unsweetened shredded coconut
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp baking powder
- 1 cup chopped dried sour cherries
- ½ cup chopped bittersweet chocolate
- ½ cup chopped, toasted pecans
- 3 oz (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract

Instructions:
Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8x8” pan with parchment paper, letting the sides hang over like a sling. (This will make removing the bars easier).

In a large bowl, whisk together the dry ingredients to combine. Stir in dried cherries, chocolate and nuts.
In a medium bowl, whisk together the wet ingredients to combine. Pour them into dried ingredients and stir to combine thoroughly. Spread evenly in the pan, and bake for 30 to 40 minutes. The bars should feel set and firm in the center, with browned edges.

Let cool for about 10 minutes, then remove from the pan and cut while still warm. Cool and store in an airtight container for up to a week or so, or wrap tightly and freeze for up to a couple months.

Protein Packed Oatmeal
https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/

Ingredients:
- ½ cup plain oats
- 1 cup low-fat dairy milk or soy milk (use less milk for thicker consistency oatmeal)
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- ½ cup fruit or choice or half of a small banana
- 2 tbsp peanut butter

Instructions:
Additional toppings as desired: pumpkin seeds, chia seeds, walnuts, pistachios, almonds, dried coconut flakes, or other dried or fresh fruit

Bring the milk to a boil in a medium pan.

Stir in the oats, and reduce the heat to low. Stir occasionally until oats have soften to desired texture.

Pour the oatmeal into a bowl and add the toppings. Serve and enjoy!

No-Bake Blueberry Almond Energy Snacks
https://www.everydayhealth.com/

5 ingredient no bake blueberry and almond energy snacks. These little bites are so easy, delicious and a perfect snack on go.

Ingredients:
- 2/3 cup finely chopped raw almonds
- 1 ¼ cup old-fashioned oats
- ½ cup honey
- 1/3 cup dried blueberries
- ½ cup almond butter
- Optional but recommended: ¼ teaspoon salt

Instructions:
In a large bowl, stir together all of the ingredients until completely combined.

Use a small ice cream scoop or spoon to scoop out the mixture into individual portions.

Use your hands to roll it into balls and place on a rimmed baking sheet or small baking pan.

Tip: Keep your hands damp with water so that the mixture doesn’t stick to your fingers and it’s easy to roll into balls.

Place balls in the refrigerator to set for about 1 hour. Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 1 week (but they probably won’t last that long!)

Notes:
A few notes: If you don’t have dried blueberries, try using raisins and adding some cinnamon to the mix. A Cinnamon Raisin Oatmeal Energy Snack sounds delicious! And next I’m planning to make a batch of Chocolate Peanut Butter Energy Snacks (per Gibbs’s request)! Just substitute dark chocolate chips for the blueberries, peanuts for the almonds, and peanut butter for the almond butter. The ratios can all stay the same. So easy, and so versatile!
COVID-19 Update and How to get a COVID-19 Vaccine

Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse

Vaccination Efforts to Continue after 70% Target Met: Oregon will soon reach the 70% statewide vaccination goal established by Governor Kate Brown in early May. Still, many people in Oregon remain at risk for COVID-19.

That's why, on June 25, OHA Director Patrick Allen announced that OHA will be working toward a new goal to vaccinate 80% of adults from Black, Latino/a/x, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Asian communities. You can read more about this new goal on the Oregon Vaccine News blog.

Oregon currently plans to lift most restrictions once 70% of the state's adults have received at least one COVID-19 vaccination. Most recent data reveals that ages 12-16, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-59 are all below the 70% vaccinated goal. Ages 60-69, 70-79 and 80 years of age and older are 70% or above the vaccinated rate goal for Oregon. There is still a lot of work to be done. Thank you to all those who have been vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine, and to those who are not able to be vaccinated yet taking precautions to stay safe and keeping loved ones and our community safe.

Where Can You Get a COVID-19 Vaccine?

You can locate a vaccine provider and clinic at:

https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine

There are multiple vaccine locations where you can get a vaccine. To the right is a visual example of opportunities to get vaccinated.

We are doing our best to keep COVID-19 information and resources updated on the CTCLUSI website: https://ctclusi.org/covid-19-vaccine-clinics-and-resources/

If CTCLUSI can get enough people to do a vaccine clinic, we can meet this need. Pfizer vials contain 5-6 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, and Moderna has 10 doses. Contact Kristy Petrie, CTCLUSI's Community Health Nurse at 541-888-7521, or by email kpetrie@ctclusi.org for more information.

Dental Clinic Reception Area Re-Opening

Exciting news for the Dental Clinic! Beginning July 19, 2021, we re-opened our dental reception area. With safety in mind for our Tribal members, patients, and staff we still require masks be worn in the Dental Clinic due to CDC guidelines of masks in any healthcare setting.

What to do when you arrive for your appointment:

• Please park in one of our specified dental clinic parking spots and come into the building through the outside dental door located on the North end of the building.

• Check in at the dental front office area at the check-in window. You will be asked to use hand sanitizer; we will take your temperature and hand you a clipboard with four questions on it related to screening for COVID-19.

• At this time, you will complete the screening questions while sitting in the reception area and waiting for a dental assistant to bring you back into the clinic.

At this time, we will only allow the patient that is being seen to enter the clinic or 1 (one) parent/guardian if the patient is a minor or needs assistance. We have set a maximum of 4 (four) people in the reception area at one time.

We will continue to disinfect the waiting area multiple times a day for safety. Please remember if you or a member of your household is sick, or has been sick in the prior 14 (fourteen) days or had exposure to anyone with or suspected to have COVID-19, to please stay home. We will ask you to reschedule your appointment out of concern for you and our staff.

We look forward to seeing you in our dental reception area. If you have any questions, please call us 541-888-6433. Thank you for your cooperation. Don’t forget your mask.
What To Do To Help Kids Learn Over The Summer

1) Ask kids to create their own board games
2) Plan “Surprise adventures”
3) Teach your kids how to play chess
   a. Don’t know? Learn how to play together!
4) Hop on the bus, Gus?
   a. Ride or use different mode of transportation for your next destination
5) Tap into the power of music
   a. Challenge kids to rewrite lyrics to their favorite song
6) Let kids play with tangrams
   a. These traditional Chinese puzzles consisting of seven shapes helps build spatial and geometery skills
7) Teach with movies
   a. Ask questions about the movie – why did they do that? Did you like the movie?
8) Got budding artists in the hoes?
   a. Ask them to redesign the cover of their favorite book or DVD
9) Go letterboxing or geocaching
10) Declare a weekly “Kids in the Kitchen” day

Some Fun Facts and Trivia

(www.kids.niehs.nih.gov)

- It is impossible for most people to lick their own elbow. (try it!)
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A shrimp’s heart is in its head.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Wearing headphones for just an hour could increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.
- “Dreamt” is the only English word that ends in the letters “mt”.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Maine is the only state that has a one-syllable name.
- Like fingerprints, everyone’s tongue print is different.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich’s eye is bigger than its brain.
- Maine is the only state that has a one-syllable name.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- The characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra’s “It’s a Wonderful Life.”
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- Most people fall asleep in seven minutes.
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- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- Some Fun Facts and Trivia

Wonderful Life.”

So Much Time, So Much To Do!

BACK TO SCHOOL!!

August 21st: Back to School Party
Fern Ridge
11 am - 2 pm
OR
August 28th: Back to School Party
Sunset Bay
11 am to 2 pm
Please join us for a canoe pull, shinny and lunch at 1:00pm for both dates.

In order to make sure there is a gift for your student, please sign up at www.clusi.org. Only submitted applications will receive a back one to school gift card.

When submitting your application, please let us know if you will be attending one of the lunches. Applications will be received from August 1st through August 15th.

Please call the Education Department at 541-888-9577 or 541-888-1315 for any questions and/or to RSVP for the event.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!!
Honing the Sacred

Traditional Tobacco Returns to the Land Where it is Honored
by John Schaefer, Hans Coos

I became the water quality specialist for the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) in 2005. As part of my orientation, I was provided an ethnobotany book which highlighted plants used by the tribes. In this book I noticed there wasn’t a photograph or drawing accompanying the description of Tribally grown tobacco. After a little research, I learned that the tobacco grown by the Tribes along the Northern Pacific coast was likely extinct. Tobacco doesn’t naturally grow in our cool, damp climate and would likely disappear if not actively cultivated.

So, what was this Sacred Tobacco that our ancestors grew?

The types of tobacco of interest are varieties of *Nicotiana quadrivalvis*, specifically N. quadrivalvis var. *multivalvis* (Indian tobacco) and N. quadrivalvis var. *quadrivals* (Columbian tobacco). Both varieties were grown in the Pacific Northwest, but the more desirable Columbian tobacco was significantly larger and more pungent.

In 2006 I was given Indian tobacco seeds from Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Virginia. For years, I asked many seed banks and universities if they had Columbian tobacco, but found nothing viable. I eventually settled with growing Indian tobacco as hope faded of ever finding the elusive Columbian tobacco. CTCLUSI gifted Indian tobacco seeds to the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde in 2012 and the Coquille Tribe in 2015 to help them start their own traditional tobacco programs.

In 2017 I found a reference that led to a source of Columbian tobacco in the tobacco germplasm collection in Puławy, Poland. Using connections I had made with earlier tobacco searches, I was able to have seeds sent to me from Poland. The seeds proved viable and produced beautiful plants that I had previously only seen in old drawings and crumbling herbarium specimens. The years of unsuccessful searching leads me to believe that we may be the only Tribe currently growing Columbian tobacco.

The seeds from Puławy, Poland, are direct descendants of seeds collected in 1825 from the banks of the Columbia River near present-day Portland by Scottish botanist David Douglas. Douglas, who was working for the Royal Horticultural Society in London, was caught stealing seeds and plants of Columbia tobacco from a Tribal garden plot. He was able to retain the stolen tobacco only with a payment of commercial trade tobacco (N. tabacum). Douglas sent the seeds and preserved plants to London where the Royal Horticultural Society distributed them to various other institutions.

After nearly 200 years and untold exchanges between seed banks, universities and botanical gardens, Sacred Columbian Tobacco finally returns to the land where it is honored.

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What could your kids gain (or lose) this summer?

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In Partnership With

For more information, supplies, and/or to sign up, please contact:
Ashley Russell @ (541) 888-7511 or arussell@ctclusi.org
TRIBAL EMPLOYEE TAKES NEW ROLE

Submitted by Courtney Krossman, THPO

Hello relatives! Courtney Krossman len hinnas ta miluk me. My name is Courtney Krossman, I am a Miluk Coos Tribal member, and the newly appointed Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Tribe. In my new appointment as THPO, I will assume the roles of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on Tribal lands. This includes the protection of the cultural resources of the Tribes through intergovernmental and internal coordination, review of local, state, and federal permits within the ancestral territory of CTCLUSI, evaluation of potential impacts to archaeological and other cultural resources from proposed activities, and recommend mitigation efforts.

I have worked at some capacity for the Tribe since 2011. My first employment with the Tribe was a Camp Counselor, and Special Events Employee. In 2015, I utilized the Tribe’s internship program, working within the Natural and Cultural Resources department, assisting the THPO’s office, where I later became the Archaeological Technician.

I feel very fortunate to have been afforded the opportunity to grow up in the beautiful Coos Bay area, where my family has resided since time immemorial. I have been actively engaged in Tribal events and Ceremonies from a very young age, and am very passionate about the protection of our cultural and natural resources, and the perpetuation of our Tribal way of life. Protecting our resources is essential for our Tribe to continue to grow and function spiritually and culturally.

As many Tribal members have already seen in the news, or on social media platforms; Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, has announced the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative. I wanted to inform the Tribal Membership that the THPO office and other CTCLUSI staff has been engaging in meetings with the BIA and other Tribal partners in regards to this initiative. This initiative has resurfaced much of the generational and historical traumas that our ancestors have endured, and our people continue to face. Our office is dedicated to bringing our ancestors to rest within their homelands, while protecting these burial sites, and respecting our Tribal families and community. This work is difficult and emotional for all involved. Please feel free to reach out to my office with any concerns or information that you may have, in regards to this initiative. I can be reached via email or by phone at: ckrossman@clusi.org and 541-888-9577 ext. 7547.

Council Compensation Update

We received 120 surveys by the July 1st deadline, that were entered in to a drawing for a Pendleton Blanket.

Cody Rutledge was the winner that was drawn and announced on July 11th at the Regular Tribal Council Meeting.

Current survey data shows as of today:

• 55% are in favor of Tribal Compensation to its elected members.
• 24% are opposed at this time.
• 18% are undecided.
• 4% who didn’t select any area at this time.

During the first week of August all voting age members will receive a packet of information that will be provided from all the areas of questions received by the survey.
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

Debra Hileman
Coos
Immediate Family:
• Mother Roberta Lawry, brothers Robert Lawry and John Lawry, husband Tom Hileman, sons Tate and Grant, 6 grandkids, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews within the Tribe.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• She has been a school bus driver for the past 28 years.
• She has been married for 46 years.
• Raised two wonderful sons.
• Her kids and grandkids

Bucket List:
• Travel back East and see all the Fall colors.
• Go to PDR bull riding rodeo in Madison Square Gardens.

Favorite Hobbies:
• Camping.
• Horseback riding.
• Going to Rodeos.

Favorite Sayings:
"It's been a wonky year!"

Gerald Garcia
Coos
Immediate Family:

Proudest Accomplishments:
• He got his broadcasters license in 1981
• He is eight and a half years sober through NARA. “Anyone out there suffering know that it can be done.”
• He graduated from NARA in 2013.

Bucket List:
• Live my life the best I can.

Favorite Hobbies:
• A big Manchester United fan.
• Loves to play pool.

Favorite Sayings:
“God, grant me the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the Courage to change the things I can, and the Wisdom to know the difference.”

Welcome New Dental Assistant
Rachel Crawford

Hello, my name is Rachel Crawford and I was born and raised in Coos Bay. I have lived in the area my whole life minus the 4 years that I lived in Douglas County. I graduated Marshfield High School in 2001 and was married the same year. I began my dental career in 2013 as an assistant with on-the-job training and received my radiology the following year after completing my certification. Being a dental assistant is a very exciting and rewarding job, meeting new faces and helping my fellow coworkers as a team. The last 4 years have been spent in the orthodontic field, so being back in general practice is very exciting.

I have been married to my husband for 20 years and we have 2 children 17 and 19. We have 4 cats, a dog and about 35 stick bugs. We are very fond of the outdoors so you can find us most weekends hiking, fishing or discovering new places. I am so happy to be a part of the CTCLUSI Dental team.

Thank you, Rachel

Welcome Aboard, Rachel!

LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

There is new program change! Eligible households no longer need to reside with the Tribes five county service delivery area to be eligible; however, households must reside within the State of Oregon. The Health and Human Services Division continues offering Heating or Cooling assistance during the summer months for qualifying low income households. To receive assistance contact the Health and Human Services Division or fill out an application on the CLUSI website at https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP. To qualify, your annual and household gross income must be at or below the following income limits:

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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. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program, please contact Shaye Platz at 541-297-3450.
Laughter Teaches Us Not to Misbehave

They say that laughter is the best medicine, there are a number of ways to express laughter in our languages and each ‘to laugh’ verb can surface in many different forms, changing the meaning in subtle ways.

In the Miluk texts, there’s a good example of the ‘laugh’ words in the story “The People Raccoon Killed” told by Annie Miner Peterson, a speaker of both Miluk and Hanis:

There were several young men making preparations to go trapping and they were also going out to hunt. They killed one raccoon and other game. Now it became evening, and so they made a fire. “Let us roast the coon beside the fire”. Then indeed they put it on the roasting stake. When it became hot it began to shrivel, and then it (the face) was all drawn and shrunk.

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Then the serious young man returned and brought back the news. That is what he said when he came home. “My comrades died”. Now then the people went there and brought back the dead and they buried them. And it is that way that the young men died, it was (laughing at) coon that killed them.

In this story, laughing at game is no joking matter. The story of the racoon teaches us not to laugh at animals hunted for food. Mocking them disregards them, and humans are to be mindful that an animal gave its life so that we and our families can be fed (and clothed from the hides and furs). If proper respect was not shown, disaster could follow. And this was one of those teaching stories, to remind people to be respectful and mindful. There were other stories on this same lesson, such as the story of a tsunami caused by young men behaving disrespectfully when salmon fishing.

On a side note, raccoons were not a traditional food. They were hunted for their furs sometimes. Perhaps they were not eaten because of this story (although more likely, they just don’t taste as good as many, many other game species).

When analyzing all these words in the miluk text, we found that Annie who often does this, switches out miluk and hanis words and it takes digging around in other language source material to see how else these words come up to know the true origin of which language and what the meaning entails. Sometimes words only appear once so we have to make guesses as to what context these words mean.

Here are attested examples of the many different laugh words in each language:
The raffle was a great success. Delilah packaged and wrapped nearly 20 gifts that were given out to attendees both in person and on the screen. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to all who donated items. Items included homemade soaps, Three Rivers Casino donated a free night stay in the hotel along with dinner for two, a Pendleton Blanket donated by the Education Department, and many other gifts. Thank you, Lieutenant Brian Dubray, and Eriq Acosta for assisting with the raffle.

Our Education Committee spent many hours on reading the nearly 50 scholarships submitted by our students. Nine students were awarded nearly $10,000 in scholarships and what a great way to end our evening. Congratulations to all students who received awards, but also thank you to all the students who submitted applications.

Special Gratitude to Tribal Council, Administration, Education Department, Education Committee, Three Rivers Casino, Eddie Helms, Delilah Baldwin-Davies, and all who helped make this event happen. What a way to come back together and end the year with a bang!

Be sure to check out future editions of The Voice of CLUSI paper and online calendar at www.ctclusi.org for more information on upcoming virtual events. We look forward to seeing you soon!
Return of the Canoe

Please join us before August’s Council meeting for our first Canoe Pull of the Season!

**Sunday, August 8th from 7:30—9:00 am**
@ Sunset Bay.

We will be meeting at the far end of Sunset Bay near the boat launch area at 7:15 am.

For more information, please contact Jesse Beers @ 541-297-0748 or Ashley Russell @ 541 888-7511.

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NEW Summer Schedule For Tribal Government Offices

Tribal Government offices will remain closed to the public, beginning Monday, June 28, 2021 the new summer schedule will be implemented. Tribal Government employees will be available by appointment, phone, and email from 7 am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday.

On Friday’s, in case of emergency, please call the main number (541-888-9577 or 1-888-280-0726) and you will be directed to a Department Directory. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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Canoe Pull on Munsel Lake

**Saturday, August 14th from 9:00 to 11:00 am**

We will be meeting at Munsel Landing County Park at 8:45 am to launch the canoes and pull to our Munsel Lake Property.

Brunch will be provided after the pull, so please RSVP!

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**WILD RICE MEDLEY STUFFED ACORN SQUASH**

[https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/](https://www.poncatribe-ne.org/services/health-services/diabetes-program/native-foods/)

**Ingredients:**
- 3 acorn squash
- 1 tsp thyme
- 1 cup wild rice
- 1 small onion
- 2 cups mushrooms
- 15 oz can of cannellini beans (or beans of choice)
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 medium bell pepper
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 large handfuls of spinach

**Instructions:**
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.
Cut the squash in half and remove the seeds with a spoon.
Place the squash cut side up on a baking sheet, brush with 1 tablespoon of olive oil and sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Bake for about 40 minutes until soft (knife should easily pierce it.)
While the squash is baking, cook your rice according to the package directions.
In a large pan, place 1 tablespoon olive oil and bring to medium heat. Add the onion and cook for about 5 minutes, followed by adding the garlic and cooking for another minute. Add the mushrooms, bell pepper, thyme, and red pepper flakes and cook for another 5 minutes. Then add the beans and spinach until all the leaves are softened.
Combine the rice and cooked vegetables in a bowl, adding some salt and pepper to taste.
Scoop the wild rice medley evenly into each squash center. Eat and enjoy!
Making the choice of having your child go back to school, participate in distance learning, or do a hybrid schooling model can be a difficult choice. It is our hope here at the CTCLUSI Health Department that this article will help you make an informed decision on what is best for your child and family unit.

**Social Distancing or Physical Distancing**

Remaining 3-6 feet between individuals had been proven to reduce the spread of disease (including COVID-19). Weighing the risks and benefits of in-person schooling for children may be at different levels of social distancing based on the child’s age and developmental stage. Here are some tips from the Mayo Clinic to practice social distancing during in-school schooling:

- Avoid gathering at locker spaces, as it can become crowded.
- Eating outside when possible, or in well-ventilated area.
- There may be changes to the schools to reduce risk of exposure. Schools have already implemented safety measures, and it is important to note that what works best for one school district may not work best for another. We are all in this together, and the priority is to keep our children safe, and healthy. Some of these safety measures may include, yet are not limited to the following:
  - Reducing the number of children on school busses.
  - Creating one-way traffic in school hallways.
  - Dividing students up into district groups or cohorts that stay together during the school day and reducing interactions between different groups.

**Wearing a Mask**

The WHO and CDC recommend wearing cloth face masks in public places where it is difficult to properly social distance. If your child’s school requires or encourages the use of cloth face masks, here are some tips we hope that are helpful:

- Wearing of a face mask should be practiced when socially distancing is difficult. Settings where this may apply include:
  - When riding on the bus
  - Carpool drop-off or pickup
  - Entering the building, or when closer than 3 feet from someone.
- Label your child’s mask clearly so it’s not confused with another child’s.

*Tip: You can personalize masks to make them more appealing to wear by the child and/or adult. A lanyard can be made to help preventing dropping or losing the mask when they don’t have to wear them (when outside, or during a mask break).*

- Practice properly putting on and taking off cloth face masks with your child while avoiding touching the cloth portions.
- Remind your child that they should clean their hands before and after removing their mask.
- Talk to your child about the importance of wearing a face mask and model wearing them as a family.
- Remind your child to never share or trade masks with others, even if they are family or close friends.

Do NOT place a face mask on children younger than 2 years of age, and/or a child that has any breathing problems, or a child who has a condition that would prevent him or her from being able to remove the mask without help.

**Stay Home if Sick**

You should monitor your child each day for signs of COVID-19. These include:

- Fever
- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle aches
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Poor appetite
- New loss of taste or smell
- Belly pain
- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)

**What to do if your Child is Exposed to COVID-19**

If your child will be attending in-person school, take steps to be prepared for possible exposure to COVID-19 and changing scenarios.

- Develop a plan to protect family and household members who are at risk of severe illness, such as those with compromised immune systems or chronic conditions.
- Make sure that your emergency contact information and school pickup and drop-off information is current at school. If that list includes anyone who is at risk of illness, consider adding an alternate contact.
- Find out how your school will communicate with families when a positive case or exposure to someone with COVID-19 happens and how they plan to maintain student privacy.
- Plan ahead for periods of quarantine or school closures. Schools may close if COVID-19 is spreading more in your community or if multiple children or staff test positive. Your child may also need to stay home if he or she is exposed to a close contact with COVID-19.

Following these steps can help you feel assured that your child is as safe as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on what measures your local schools are taking to reduce the risk of illness, check with your local school district or health agency.
BLUE EARTH BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

If you are an Enrolled member of CTCLUSI and are interested in becoming a Blue Earth Board Member, please submit a Letter of Interest, including any experience and qualifications to

Christine Sylvester
1245 Fulton Ave
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
cslyvester@ctclusi.org
(541)888-7532

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Eligible expenses include:
Rent - Past Due Rent - Utilities - Past Due Utilities

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) assists eligible Tribal Member households that are unable to pay rent and utilities (electric, water, gas, sewer, trash removal) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ERAP funds may be available to assist eligible household with rental arrearages, utility arrearages, current rental payments and current utility payments. Telecommunication services (telephone, cable internet) delivered to a rental dwelling are NOT considered to be utilities. This program is only available to households renting their home and does not apply to the households with a mortgage or who currently own their home.

All payments will be directly to landlord and/or utility company.

Please visit www.ctclusi.org or call 1-888-280-0726 and ask for the Housing Department for more information regarding specific program requirements & required documentation.