LOTTIE’S DRESS COMES BACK TO TRIBE
Transfer from Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

On June 4, 2021 marks the day of the final return of Lottie Evanoff’s deerskin dress to the Tribe from the Daughters of the American Revolution. A Transfer Ceremony was held at the Community Center in Coos Bay, Oregon.

Chief Doc Slyter’s opening comments expressed heartfelt emotions with tremendous gratitude from him and for the Tribal People. “This gift to us of Lottie’s dress, is not words, it does my heart so good, how thankful Chief Delos Jackson, Lottie’s Father, had a power dream song, hill-in hel hamil tuwuviniti, we are not going to fall down. Over 11 years ago we received this dress on loan. The long process that got this dress back is an example, when we all struggle, remember this song, like the power dream song, and don’t give up.”

Tribal member David Petrie, former Culture Director in 2010 at the time the dress was first loaned to the Tribe shared, “When I established the new Lagoonvita’s Gallery, artifacts like this could be placed, was the most rewarding.” Petrie shared, “My goal was to be able to have a facility that our Tribal artifacts would be able to be displayed. Today is an epic day and your (DAR) recognition of the value of Lottie’s dress to this Tribe is significant. I would to thank you all for your gift and recognizing the value of restoring our traditional culture.”

Chairwoman, Pam Stoeckeler, of the Culture Coalition and Tribal Elder, spoke on behalf of the Culture Coalition, “This is a first, for hope that other museums will return things back to Tribes, for generations, we are so grateful.”

Diane Wheatley, State Curator from DAR spoke, “It is a great honor for us to be at this momentous and historic presentation today” Wheatley continued with introductions to include all the members of the Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) in attendance. Special attributes to those who were also present during the original loan in 2010. The permanent donation of this dress means more than a regular donation it has been a special piece displayed at the Newell House Museum. Since Wheatley first received correspondence for the Tribe, she sought approval and obtained a unanimous vote in favor to begin the process to return this dress. An agreement was made with the Tribe that a replica would be made for the DAR. She closed, by saying, “This is the honorable thing to do.”

Introduced to then speak was Donna Dial, who presented Chief Slyter officially with a plaque, stating with great emotion, “With our sincere honor and pleasure the DAR recognize this lifelong heritage and we want to return it where it truly belongs.”

The Chief said again, “From the bottom of his heart, I thank you... Thank you for all the work it took, truly appreciated by the Tribe.”

The group of the DAR and guest was offered a tour during their daylong visit that began at the Historic Tribal Hall and Lagoonvita’s Gallery, then the Plank House. The Transfer Ceremony began at 1pm following lunch. After the ceremony, guests then traveled to the Tribal Government Offices for a tour of display cases and history including a presentation from Jesse Beers, on the Lottie Canoe and its history. Guest were also showed the Department of Natural Resources lab and curation facility. At the end all who wanted to, traveled to Gregory Point, Chiefs Island. A personal invitation was given to those staying in town overnight, to come back to visit the Plank House for a fire in the evening and songs and more history by Chief Slyter.

Cynthia Howland, Tribal Elder and Coalition Member reports the following, Patty Wherest Phillips, my predecessor, documented a Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act Project in 1999.

[Lottie’s dress article continued on page 12. More photos on page 5.]

2021 Annual Salmon Ceremony
CANCELED
Due to safety concerns
see “Council Corner”, page 5.
Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from May 09, 2021 to June 12, 2021

Chiel Doe Slyter:
05/09 Tribal Council Meeting
05/11 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance
05/11 Leader’s Circle
05/12 Meeting with Michael McHugh regarding property in Gardner
05/13 Stake Holder call for Covid 19 Vaccine update
05/13 Tribal Government Info / State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
05/13 Cultural Committee Meeting
05/14 Tenmile Lake Water Quality Task Force Meeting
05/18 Leader’s Circle
05/19 L.C.I.S.
05/20 Legislative Hearing - Respect Act & Stop Act
05/20 L.C.I.S. Spring Celebration
05/21 Camp Easter Seal Tour - Lakeside
05/22 Tribal Council Workshop
05/25 Amanda Bridge Dedication Meeting
05/26 GFORB & Business Meeting
05/29 Leader’s Circle
06/03 U.S. Forest Service Meeting
06/03 Leader’s Circle
06/04 D.A.R. Ceremony-Transfer of Lottie’s Dress
06/04 Plank house introduction to D.A.R. members
06/07 9 Tribes-Dept. of Corrections Mfg.
06/08 Leader’s Circle
06/09 ELAKSA Sea Otters
06/10 Cultural Committee Meeting
06/11 Tribal Call with State of Oregon
06/12 Hunting, Fishing & Gathering Meeting
Tribal emails and phone calls
Total Hours: 134

Debbie Bosnelly Tribal Chair:
May – June In Office 22 days
05/09 Tribal Council Meeting
05/11 Leaders Circle
05/11 OTGCA
05/13 Leaders Circle
05/18 Leaders Circle
05/19 LCIS
05/20 Leaders Circle
05/21 Tour Camp Easter Seal
05/22 Tribal Council Workshop
05/25 Enrollment Meeting
05/26 Tribal Council Business/GFORB Meeting
05/27 BIA Meeting
05/27 Leaders Circle
06/02 All Staff Meeting
06/03 Leaders Circle
06/07 Nine Tribes Meeting
06/08 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 125

Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:
05/09 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
05/11 Leader’s Circle
05/13 Leader’s Circle
05/18 Leader’s Circle

05/20 Strategic Energy Planning Meeting
05/26 GFORB Meeting
05/26 Business Council Meeting
05/27 Leader’s Circle
05/28 Solar Suitcase Training Intro Meeting
06/01 Leader’s Circle
06/03 Leader’s Circle
06/08 Leader’s Circle
06/09 Tribal Court Meeting with Coos County Dis- trict staff
Total Hours: 51.75

Ilana Montiel:
05/09 TC Regular Meeting / General Council Meet- ing
05/13 Leader’s Circle
05/18 Leader’s Circle
05/20 CDD Annual Membership & Board Meeting / CHAP Advisory Workgroup / Meeting w/ TRC CEO / Leader’s Circle
05/21 Measure 108 Funding Work Session
05/22 Tribal Council Workshop
05/25 Leader’s Circle
05/26 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
05/27 Leader’s Circle
06/01 Leader’s Circle
06/02 Monthly All Staff Meeting
06/03 Leader’s Circle
06/08 Leader’s Circle
06/10 Leader’s Circle
Reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours: 65

Josh Davies:
05/09 Regular Council Meeting
05/10 Treasury Announces Formula for $20 Billion Tribal Set Aside & Tribal Leader Call
05/11 BIE Student Progress and Promotion Policy and BIE Certificate of Completion Policy Tribal Consultation Sapik/Bali Tribal Advisory Council Meeting Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) School Reopening Plan Tribal Consultation - Post Secondary Homeland Security Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation to Nation Relationships Leaders Circle
05/13 Treasury Information Session - Formula for $20 Billion Tribal Set Aside Leaders Circle
05/18 Additional Session: American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Information Session Tribal Advisory Council in the UO College of Education’s national accreditation process
05/19 Housing Committee Meeting
05/20 House Natural Resource Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States
05/20 Overcoming the Storm: Special BI Monthly Training for AI/AN Schools Communities in the COVID-19 Pandemic White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call Leaders Circle
05/21 Tour Camp Easter Seal
05/22 Tribal Council Workshop
05/23 Tribal Council Workshop
05/26 Tribal Business Meeting
05/27 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
05/28 White House Tribal Briefing
05/29 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
06/03 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
06/06 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance; Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle Meeting
06/10 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
06/12 Hunting, Fishing, Gathering Meeting
Total Hours: 62

Community Engagement Session #2 Leaders Circle
05/28 White House Tribal Briefing
05/31 Memorial Day - Went to Gregory Point to pay respects and say prayers
06/01 Leaders Circle
06/02 U.S. Dept. of Treasury Consultation on Treas- ury Tribal Advisory Committee Draft Taxation Report and Recommendations White House Tribal COVID-19 Update
06/03 Overcoming the Storm: Special BI-Monthly Training for AI/AN School Communities in the COVID-19 Pandemic White House IGA Weekly Briefing Call Leaders Circle
06/04 Dress Transfer
06/07 Celebrated Daughter’s 13th Birthday
06/08 Leaders Circle
06/09 Advisory Group Engagement/RSLL Fall Guidance Round 2
06/10 Leaders Circle
06/11 State-tribal call re: COVID-19 response efforts
Total Hours: 83

Doug Barrett:
05/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
05/10 Treasury announces formula for $20 billion in a set aside.
05/11 Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention
05/11 Leaders Circle
05/12 Lane ACT meeting
05/13 Cultural Committee Meeting
05/18 Leaders Circle
05/20 Leaders Circle
05/23 Leaders Circle
05/26 GFORB meeting / Tribal Council Business meet- ing
05/27 Leaders Circle – USACE Portland District G2G
05/28 Language Class
06/01 Leaders Circle
06/03 Leaders Circle
06/04 Lottie’s Dress transfer - zoom
06/08 Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention
06/09 Lane ACT for ODOT Meeting
06/10 Culture Committee meeting
06/10 Leaders Circle
06/12 Hunting, Fishing & Gathering Committee meet- ing
Total Hours: 65 & Emails

Emma Helms:
05/09 Regular Council Meeting
05/11 Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle Meeting
05/18 Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle Meeting
05/20 LCIS Spring Celebration
05/21 Tour of Camp Easter Seal
05/23 Tribal Council Workshop
05/26 Tribal Business Meeting
05/27 Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle Meeting
05/28 White House Tribal Briefing
05/30 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
06/03 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
06/08 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance; Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle Meeting
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Total Hours: 62

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

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Tribal Council Regular Meeting
July 11, 2021
Will be held via Zoom not in person in Eugene as is noted on the Tribes website.

Meetings continue to be streamed online as CTCLUSI remote under COVID protocols. Tribal Council encourages Tribal Membership to join Tribal Council Meetings via Zoom. Meeting links are available on the Tribes website. www.ctclusi.org
Council Corner

Daii,

It is with a sad heart that I must once again cancel our Annual Tribal Salmon Ceremony. According to data our Tribe currently has, we have administered vaccinations to only about 1/3 of our Tribal Members in the five county service area. Some members have received vaccinations for other resources other than the Tribe, but we do not have those numbers. In addition, we do not have data from any membership who reside outside of our five-county service area. Our Salmon Ceremony is a sacred event; therefore, I do not want to subject any of our Tribal members to a constant supervision atmosphere. I feel if we must monitor each member as to whether they have been vaccinated or not, remind them to replace their masks and control distancing, then we have lost the true meaning of our Salmon Ceremony.

As your elected Chief, during my first year, I looked forward to the honor of conducting my first Salmon Ceremony. COVID – 19 Pandemic robbed me of that honor to be with the membership during this, annual scared event that has been a practice of our people for decades. Once again, as Chief of my second year, I remained hopeful to have the Annual Salmon Ceremony in 2021. Unfortunately, I cannot in clear conscious, hold this ceremony, with all the reasons mentioned, and this final concern, that I will not take the chance to risk the health and safety of a single Tribal Member.

In closing, I would like to express my sorrow to all our Tribal Members for this cancellation. I wish all of you good health and pray for the return of our Tribal Salmon Ceremony next year.

Sincerely,

Chief Doc Slyter

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-025
Date of Passage: February 24, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this purchase for Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-026
Date of Passage: March 14, 2021
Subject (title): Reestablishing Compensation for Sitting Members of the Gaming Facility Operational Review Board
Explanation: The Tribal Council approved compensation of GFORB members in the amount of $500.00 per meeting. Vote 5-2-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-027
Date of Passage: March 14, 2021
Subject (title): Announcing Vacancy on the GFORB, Position 5
Explanation: The Tribal Council accepted the resignation of Enna Helms for GFORB and directs solicitation for new membership. Vote 6-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-028
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this Gaming Order for Three Rivers Casino. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-029
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this Gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-030
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Change Order/Upgrade
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the change order and upgrade in the air filtration system at Three Rivers Casino. Procedures. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-031
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Approval of Purchase of Clay Street Properties for the Expansion of Tribal Housing
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the purchase of these homes to expand our Housing for membership. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-032
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Appointment of Executive Director of the CTCLUSI Gaming Commission
Explanation: The Tribal Council appoints Rusty Bossley as Executive Director of CTCLUSI Gaming Commission Effective March 29, 2021. Vote 4-0-2

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-033
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Appointment of Gaming Commissioner
Explanation: The Tribal Council appoints Rusty Bossley as a voting members of the Gaming Commission per CLUSITC 5-2-8(a)
Vote 4-0-2

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-034
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Culture Committee Appointment
Explanation: The Tribal Council appoints Micheal Brained to the Cultural Committee.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-035
Date of Passage: March 31, 2021
Subject (title): Election Board Appointments
Explanation: The Tribal Council appoints Micheal Brained and Pauline Benson to server on this Committee. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-036
Date of Passage: April 11, 2021
Subject (title): Enrollment - Name Change
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the the official change in the roll with name changes presented. Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 21-037
Date of Passage: April 11, 2021
Subject (title): Name Change
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the name change of a Tribal member for a specific reason. 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.
“Lottie’s Dress Comes Back to The Tribe” Article for page 1 continued.

Right: Lottie Evanoff, white deerskin dress adorned with beadwork including dentalium, abalone and pine nuts.

Above: Department of Natural Resources and Culture (DNRC) staff, Courtney Crossman, Ashley Russell, and Janet Niessner, speak as the group touring the DNRC Lab, sharing information about the Curation Facility at CTCLUSI.

Josh Davies speaks to the DAR during tour of history of Tribal Hall.

David Petrie and Courtney Crossman, turn the Dress.

Pam Stoeblser and Enna Helms speak to the DAR.

Left to Right: Diane Wheatley, DAR, Chief Doc Syter and Donna Del, DAR visiting after the Ceremony.

David Petrie speaks to the DAR.

Enna Helms, holding her daughter Iris in a handwoven hazel spruce root baby basket “üß” with Diane Wheatley, DAR touring the Laquawiyat Gallery located in Historic Tribal Hall.

The group traveled to Gregory Point, Chief Island and viewed the Lighthouse (below). Chief Syter played the flute for the guests who gathered and shared the history of this sacred place, “baitlja”.

Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager, spoke of the Tribes Canoe Culture, including the naming of one of the Tribal Canoes, “Lottie”.

Pam Stoeblser, spoke of the history of the paintings she created, which are displayed in the Government Offices during tour led by Chief Syter.
Łe’ Łəx (Medicine) of the Month: Dandelions

Contributed by Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist & Cultural Assistant

Scientific Name: *Taraxacum officinale*
Parts of Plant Used: Whole Plant (root, leaves, and flowers)

**Łe’ Łəx (Medicine) of the Month: Dandelions**

**Herbal Actions:**

Dandelion can be used as a tonic over long periods. Dandelion root tonics are commonly used for liver issues as the root has bitter, hepatic (relating to the liver), and chologogue (bile-stimulating) actions. It can also be used to relieve acne, eczema, and psoriasis as well as arthritic and chronic constipation. Moreover, the root is high in inulin, which our intestinal flora love, making it a great prebiotic. Please note that when dandelion roots are roasted, they lose their prebiotic qualities.

Dandelion leaves are high in vitamins and minerals, especially calcium, iron, Vitamin A, and potassium. In fact, the leaves of this gem contain three times more calcium, iron, and Vitamin A than spinach. Dandelion leaves are also bitter, hepatic, chologogue, and alternative (restore proper functioning condition) like the root. They are best ingested as a food or in an infusion. Dandelion leaf tea is commonly used to help reduce edema (water retention) and to help lower blood pressure and prevent kidney stones and UTI’s.

The flowers of dandelion are high in Vitamin A.

**Precautions:** Because dandelion is a diuretic and is cooling and drying because of its bitter action, those with dry constitutions (e.g. have dry sinuses) may want limit their intake of dandelion.

**Dandelion Pesto (Yields 2 cups)**

**Ingredients**

- ½ cup pine nuts or almonds, toasted
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups loosely packed fresh dandelion leaves, chopped
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 Tablespoon lemon zest
- ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ cup freshly grated parmesan

To prepare, blend all ingredients except the parmesan in a blender or food processor until smooth. If the mixture is too thick, slowly add in a tad more olive oil. Then, add the parmesan and continue to blend until smooth. Keep refrigerated and use within a few days.

Recipe by Rosalée de la Forêt.

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**SMITH RIVER STORIES**

By Patricia Phillips and Enna Helms

Over 4000 acres in the Smith River watershed known as húna’a (the word for ‘waterfall’) have been returned to the tribe. Near these returned lands are the Smith River Falls (currently managed by the BLM), which was a very important seasonal fishing site for the Quinich (Lower Umpqua) people. Driving another 10 miles upstream from the Falls along Smith River Road stands a large old douglas-fir that has become commonly known as “the Carpenter Tree” but is also known as the “Medicine Tree.” It’s over 500 years old. In the Smith River community, there is a story about a settler named Jim Carpenter and the Medicine Tree.

Jim Carpenter was a bachelor homesteader from Michigan that lived in a cabin near the Medicine Tree. He told his neighbors that he, too, thought that this one douglas-fir was a medicine tree and it must never be cut down, lest harm come to them. Carpenter believed it was a place the Native people camped. He passed away in 1940, but during his life he always made sure that this particular tree was never cut down. It seems like the story of the tree was respected by the community for the tree still stands. In 1955, the BLM was going to build a road essentially right through the Medicine Tree. Doug Daily, who lived in the area and knew the story of the tree, worked with the BLM so the road would pass by the tree without destroying it. Another close call for the tree came in 1963, the year the Oxbow forest fire came very close to the tree.

A couple of years ago, the tree was located just 5 feet from the Upper Smith River Road and the location was updated with the Tribal Forestry Department. A couple folks in the community have started cleaning up the grounds around the tree to protect it from any potential wildfires to help keep the tree’s survival for generations more to come. When visiting the tree we bring gifts such as water, tobacco, or seeds of first foods.

The Medicine Tree has survived for over five centuries. Traditionally douglas-fir is a good medicine - tea was made from the young sprout growth tips, and branches were used to cleanse homes after a funeral. In the Sháyuuwl’átj’a ul Quuich language, douglas-fir trees are hikaituu. Translating ‘medicine tree’ from English into Sháyuuwl’átj’a ul Quuich would be t’kwáiýimát hikaituu.
Stephanie Watkins Retires from Director Of Human Resources for CTCLUSI

Coos Tribal Member Stephanie Watkins retired from The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians as Director of Human Resources on April 30, 2021. Tribal Council held a small in person socially distanced gathering in the Community Center on April 29, 2021. Present in person with several Council was Chief Doc Slyer and his wife Debbie and Darth Watkins, Stephanie’s husband. All Tribal Government staff was invited to attend virtually, via Zoom.

Stephanie’s primary roll was the Director of Human Resources providing, recruitment and essential HR services for all entities of the Tribe.

In the celebration held on April 29, Tribal Council gifted Watkins for her years’ of service and dedication to the Tribe with a Pendleton blanket as well as a handmade card signed by many Tribal Government employees. Chief Doc Slyter and Darth Watkins presented and draped the blanket over Stephanie’s shoulders to honor her.

Many staff via Zoom, still working with the Tribe today, shared stories of grateful experiences of their beginning employment with the Tribe. With appreciation of a program developed by Stephanie called the Workforce Development Program, which sought Tribal Members to assist them with gainful employment. Other employees thanked her and expressed how they had grown both personally and professionally because of her. All who spoke expressed how greatly she will be missed.

During her 14 years with the Tribe, Stephanie assisted in the establishment and managed the Three Rivers Foundation, which provided gifting of much needed funds to countless non-profit organizations over the years as it is outlined in the Tribes Gaming Compact. She was asked to serve as the interim Chief Executive Officer for Tribal Government in 2010 and again in 2020. For several years part of her work was assisting with the Tribes Economic Enterprises in being appointed to serve as a member of Blue Earth Board and as a member of the Housing Committee.

Stephanie commented, “Retirement is bittersweet, I will miss everyone, but I appreciate all the help I was allowed to give, by the Tribal Council, to so many Tribal community members. Thank you for helping get so many where they need to be.” When asked what her future plans were, she said, “We will be traveling to visit family in Alaska and then spending the summer at our cabin enjoying the outdoors.”

Stephanie was also honored with a similar event hosted by Three Rivers Casino staff in Florence later the same day.

Tribal Council Compensation Survey UPDATE

The responses received from the Tribal Council Compensation Survey have been very informational. Many members have questions and others offered a variety of suggestions. This survey will serve as a tool that is being used to provide detailed information about the Tribe.

The deadline to submit your survey is July 1st to be entered in the drawing for the Pendleton Blanket. The winner will be announced at the July 11th Regular Tribal Council Meeting.

We will still be accepting survey submissions for anyone still interested in providing comments.

Visit www.ctclusi.org to submit your survey online.

Questions? Please contact Jeannie McNeil at jmcmillen@ctclusi.org or 541-888-7506

Save the Date Culture Camp

When: July 25th - 30th Where: TBD Who: Tribal Family Youth ages 5-17 Information will be posted as it becomes available at www.ctclusi.org
COMING OF AGE CEREMONY

by Ashley Russell, Department of Natural Recourses and Culture Assistant

All over the world, every society has a coming of age ceremony. This ceremony can be quite elaborate and should be. It’s not every day that you transition from a child to an adult. Anyway, where I am going with this is that, today, in Modern America, we seem to have forgotten this important step in our life’s journey, one that I feel is very important, if not essential, to becoming a healthy adult.

As an American, many of us are comprised of many different heritages and may not even know where to begin. My advice is to research your family ties and decide what you feel is right for you and your family from the information that you glean. For our family, we knew that we wanted to celebrate our daughter’s tetsewis/kumatlaha (first moon/menses) the way our Tribal ancestors would have since our family has lived in Coos Country, more or less, since time immemorial.

After researching our ethnographic notes and speaking with Elders, my family decided that we would modernize this traditional ceremony. We saw this ceremony as a way to enhance our daughter’s relationship with her ancestors and her culture as well as boost her confidence in her identity and her maturing body.

On the fifth day of our daughter’s menses, my husband and I took her to Sunset Bay. It was on a Tuesday, so we opted for just a quiet family ceremony. I found a piece of flint in the glove box of my vehicle, but it wasn’t sharp enough to make any cuts, so I symbolically cut her by dragging the dull flint all over her body. We then escorted her into the water, being a healer in training, assumed the role of Mot’edon, while my husband passed a toy canoe carved and gifted to us by Justin Futch, a Ko’kwel Tribal member and carver, over her head with a smudge stick burning in it. The water seemed warm to me but cold to my daughter and husband, whom shivered and shuttered every time the waves came crashing into us. Needless to say, what I thought would be a humbling, spiritual ceremony ended up in lots of splashing and laughter.

On the 10th day, which happened to fall on Mother’s Day, we threw a big feast for our daughter at Sunset Bay. She baked a big cake, wish she later smashed, and cupcakes for the special event. She dressed in her finest regalia and we took pictures. Our daughter changed into a new bathing suit afterward and swam most of the afternoon with her brothers in the same cove her ancestors have been swimming in for millennia. It was a meaningful and memorable experience, one that I will hold dear to my heart forever. Welcome to womanhood, Kāi! May you live a long and happy life.
BLUE EARTH BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Tribal Committee Members NEEDED

If you are an Enrolled member of CTCLUSI and are interested in becoming a Blue Earth Board Member or joining a Tribal Committee, please submit a Letter of Interest, including any experience and/or qualifications to Christine Sylvester
1245 Fulton Ave
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
cslyvester@ctclusi.org
(541)888-7532
CHESTER (CHET) LEVI PERRY Celebrates 90th Birthday!

Lower Umpqua Elder with four siblings, Bob, Bill, Bernice and Virginia were born to John and Lucretia Perry in the family home in Gardiner, Oregon on the Smith River. Chet has four children, Jerry, Janet, Diane and Chet. He has eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

His family shared, “We are so blessed to have a father that is so living and kind. He loves God and shares his faith with joy”.

GEORGE CONRAD BARTON Celebrates 85th Birthday!

Coos Tribal Elder, son of Crystal M. and George W. Barton. Siblings are Constance Barton and Amy Bolling. Children: Jeanne Schapper, David Barton and Janet Dearing, including six grandchildren and four great-grandchild.

Front row left to right: Silas Barton, James Barton, Ava Barton, George Barton & Barb Barton.
Back row left to right: Joe Barton, Jack Barton & Jon Barton
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

Faye Soring
Coos Tribe
Immediate Family:
• Husband Dale Soring; sister Pat Miller; brother Jim Young; daughter Wendy Smith; son Josh MacLean; grandchildren Ryan, Dylan, triplets Isabelle, MacKenzie and Genevieve and twins Amelia and Wallace; and great-granddaughter Caidyn.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Children and Grandchildren.
• Working Mare Island Naval Shipyars as an Engineer. Exclusively worked on Nuclear Submarines.
• Climbed to the top of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park

Bucket List:
• Visit more of the National Parks.
• Move closer to children and grandchildren
• Visit the Nation’s Capitol

Favorite Sayings: “I know my Father’s name. His name is God.”

Frank Hermsen
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Immediate Family:
• Wife Mary Hermsen; daughter Tracee Schmidt; son Jonathan Hermsen; grandchildren Jacob and James Hermsen and Heidi, Danny, Liesl and Charlie Schmidt.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Jeweler for 45 years, not retired.
• Married for 43 years.
• Children and Grandchildren.

Bucket List:
• Enjoy more wildlife.

Gloria Miller
Lower Umpqua Tribe
Immediate Family:
• Mother to Travis and Tim. Sister to Rhonda Suiter, who is also her best friend. Proud Grandmother to 8 and Great-Grandmother to 6.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• She is proud that she lived as long as she has.
• Two sons that have grown up to be wonderful men.
• Voted “Citizen of the Month”, by the people of Brookings, Oregon 5 years in a row.
• She put on a Toy Run for local kids with help of all the motorcycle riders in the area; it was a really big deal.

Bucket List:
• Get all of her family together for a weekend camping trip.
• Buy and appalosa and ride for the rest of her life.
• Jump out of a perfectly good airplaine.

Alan Chew
Coos Tribe
Immediate Family:
• Life Partner Linda and her son Cole; mother Danielle Weaver, brother and sister-in-lay Doug and Nina Chew; and sister and brother-in-law Debra Chew-Romero and Albert. Numerous cousins who have always been like siblings and aunts and uncles where alwer fbeen ther for me!

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Working with my grandfather and two uncles at Akron Meat Markent, a family-owned business, for 44 years!

Bucket List:
• Take a driving tour of National Parks wes ot the Mississippi.
• Travel back to Japan and China, I cant get enoufh of the food!
• More fising trips!

Favorite Hobbies:
• Bass Fishing
• Riding Motorcycles.
• More Bass Fishing.

Favorite Sayings: “YOLO”, and “Cant take it with you!”

ALAN CHEW

Gloria Miller
Favorite Hobbies:
• Beading, paper mach’e, rocks, drawing, painting, clay work.
• Golf, Golf and more Golf.
• Floating the river.

Favorite Sayings:
• “Just Sayin”

GLORIA MILLER

Frank Hermsen
Favorite Hobbies:
• Hiking
• Going for walks with his puppy in his daughter’s big, beautiful backyard.

Favorite Sayings:
“Life is good, enjoy every day.”

FRANK HERMSEN

Faye Soring
Favorite Hobbies:
• Horseback Riding
• Woodworking
• Golfing with husband.

Favorite Sayings: FAYE SORING

FAYE SORING

Alan Chew
Favorite Hobbies:
• Bass Fishing
• Riding Motorcycles.
• More Bass Fishing.

Favorite Sayings: “YOLO”, and “Cant take it with you!”

ALAN CHEW
Members included at that time; Patty Whereat Phillips, Cultural Coordinator; James Helms, Chief and member of Culture Committee; Eddie Helms, member of Culture Committee; David Brainard, member of culture Committee; Lynell Rankin member of culture committee and Stephen Dow Beckham, ethnologist and Cultural Consultant. This project allowed trekking to the Pioneer Museum, Champoege, OR in 1999.

Although this was a private holding, not subject to NAGPRA regulations, the inventory was made and the die cast to pave the way for Laktuwasitats Gallery (Return of the Heart Duplay in 2010). Lottie Evanoff was the daughter of “Fanny”; a Hanis woman, and Chief Daloos Jackson. She was born in 1871 when her parents were fishing at Yaquina Bay. She was one of the elders that testified for the Tribes’ land claims hearing in the Court of Claims in 1931. She was an important informant in 1942 on Hanis place names, language, history and culture when she worked with eccentric linguist JP Harrington. Don Whereat, Tribal Historian, cited Lottie (Jackson) Evanoff as CTCLLSU’s most prominent informant. At her death in 1944, a time of nationwide economic hardship, the story goes that Lottie lived in a float house on the lower part of Catching Inlet—across from Graveyard Point seeking out a living wherever possible.

They say at her death, she owed two creditors. One forgave the debt, one did not. Mrs. Fletchering, an antique collector, sold Lottie’s regalia and buckskin dress to Ruth Powers, a member of The Daughters of the American Revolution. Chief Daloos Jackson’s regalia has also been housed at said quarters. The Robert Newell House Museum, Champoege, OR was one of Powers’ projects. Powers gave the Evanoff Hodling to the Oregon State Society of the DAR in 1954. Lilian Easton Stuart, State Regent, drafted the narrative for the original museum loan to David Petrie, Cultural Director of the Tribe in 2010.

The reader may remember that in 1954, CTCLLSU had been terminated. When Lottie’s dress returned home the first time, it was a joyous occasion. A core group formed at that time to plan for a more permanent arrangement. The group included Mr. Roger Scott (Scott Communications) general contractor for construction of the Laktuwasitats Gallery. For more information on Lottie’s dress you can visit the Cultural Coalition web page at:
https://ctcclusi.org/culture-coalition/

A Cultural Coalition Group visited “the dress” to document through photographs needed repairs (May 2018). Negotiations began to initiate a long-term “loan.” There is photographic evidence that the dress may have originally belonged to Annie Minor Peterson, Lottie’s aunt. The dress is unusual in style, having wide native tanned strips supporting the dress from the shoulders. The body of the dress is made from light-colored, native tanned grain-on-leather, which has been embellished with beads, fringe, dentalium, and shells.

The dress and dentalium date from around 1900. Later additions include a beaded eagle and flowers. These were probably added in the 1920s.

Cynthia shared, “As 2020 came to a close, negotiations increased around the extended dress loan. At 8:00 pm on January 3, 2021 I received a call from Jeannie Barnes, Pioneer Museum Director. She reported that the Building and Grounds Taskforce had just unanimously voted to return said dress to the Tribe. I called my kids. Twenty-twenty had been one of the darker years. Tears were shed.

Ordinary life resumed soon enough, but there is now evidence that there are things in this life that defy monetary value. Maybe this action represents a new era of cooperation between the Tribes and museums.”

We give thanks to the Elders looking down for their continued assistance in these matters. Further, thanks are owed to Chief Doc Stryer, Chief Warren Brainard and the Tribal Council. Thanks to Patty Whereat Phillips, David Petrie, and Roger Scott for their efforts, including all those who made requests before them and since. Thanks to the DAR who have a strong sense of the cultural significance of Lottie’s dress to the Tribe and to social justice.

Wildland Fire Season

The wildland fire season has officially begun in most parts of Oregon. The CTCLLSU covered forest lands are protected from fire through a Cooperative Agreement between the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Oregon Department of Forestry. The forest lands are also monitored regularly by the tribal forestry staff and Tribal Police as well as our adjacent landowners. Because the tract of land is geographically distributed across the Ancestral Territory, they are protected by two organizations: Coos Forest Protection Association (CFPA) and the Western Lane District, Oregon Department of Forestry. Both of these fire districts keep in close contact with the CTCLLSU forestry staff during fire season. During fire season, the specific fire districts rate daily the fire danger level (low, moderate, high & extreme) based on a number of factors including temperature, humidity, fuel moisture levels, weather forecast, and other conditions.

There has been a trend over the past three decades showing an overall increase in the overall number of wildland fires as well as increases in fire season length and fire intensity. We witnessed this firsthand during Oregon’s 2020 fire season, during which wildland fire consumed more than one million acres of land and over 3,000 homes. Recreational visiting and use of forest lands has increased over time, which is good in many ways, but unfortunately most fire starts are human caused.

When the fire season goes into effect, outdoor activities that risk fire starts are restricted, including all outdoor fires on the tribal lands. Both the general public, as well as tribal members, are restricted from using fire, including camp fires, on tribal lands. Some necessary measures should be taken when using the forest lands during fire season:

- Always carry in your vehicle a fire tool such as a shovel or Pulaski
- Vehicles should be equipped with fire extinguisher and at minimum one gallon of water
- Do not take your vehicle off established road systems
- If operating a chainsaw or other power equipment, be aware of fire restrictions and fire watch requirements (check with ODF if unsure)
- Smoke only in safe areas such as your personal vehicle or on improved roads
- No use of fireworks or ammunition/targets that explode.

Let’s enjoy the outdoors and use the tribal lands in a safe manner. Stay informed of the fire risk and be prepared when you visit the outdoors.
COVID-19 Update
Contributed by Kristy Petrie, RN BSN, Community Health Nurse

Things to know this week

1. Getting vaccinated protects you against COVID-19 without having to risk serious illness.
2. The risk of having long term side effects from COVID-19 is much higher than the risk of having serious side effects from the COVID-19 vaccination.
3. Even if you’ve had COVID-19, you should still get vaccinated.
4. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself against reinfection.
5. A recent National Institute of Health funded study estimates that natural immunity could last several months. Data suggests vaccine-acquired immunity lasts 9 months or longer.

June 14, 2021

Fitness Program Reminder
Contributed by DeeDee Plaep, Health Program Assistant

Please Note: All fitness purchases from January 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2021 will be due for reimbursement no later than Friday, July 16, 2021. All purchases after July 1, 2021 will be due by Friday, January 14, 2022. If you have questions, please feel free to contact DeeDee Plaep at 541-997-6685 or dplaep@ctclusi.org.

CTCLUSI is expanding the Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) program. For a limited time ending September 30, 2021, the income guidelines will be suspended allowing families that reside in the five-county service area to easily qualify. 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.)

LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Health and Human Services Division is offering one-time or recurring assistance during the current month for qualifying households. To receive assistance contact the Health and Human Services Division or fill out an application on the Click and Connect website at www.connect.clakfoodbank.org/CCAP. Eligible households must reside in the five county service area of Oregon: Lane, Douglas, Coos, Curry, and Jackson. To apply, please fill out the application form below. To qualify, your yearly income needs to be as or below the following limits:

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In order for your application to be processed and determine qualification you must provide:
- Proof of Income (Pay Stubs)
- Social Security Card
- Copy of your utility bill
- Oregon Employment Assistance/Disability or SSDI Statement of Benefits
- Oregon Trail Card
- Current Oregon Health Plan Card
- Additional documents required based on individual circumstances

No appointment is necessary as Tribal households can fill out the application online at LIHEAP. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program, you can also contact Meagan Davenport at 541-888-7526.
Education Corner

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

Higher Education Students are highly recommended to join as well.

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

Join: CTCLUSI Education News

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!

Submit a Name Change Using Tribal Language

By Patricia Phillips and Enna Helms

In recent years, more lands and waterways have been returned to the Tribes and infrastructure has grown. One aspect of these changes is that some things will need names - be it a land parcel, a landmark, a road, a building, a site, a conference room, and so forth.

Another aspect of place names is recognizing traditional place names. Some traditional indigenous place names are still in use on contemporary maps - such as Willamack Slough and Situaw River (albeit in anglicized forms) but many more names are not. Names such as niililas (meaning "looking out over") for Coos Bay’s North Spit or htuowois (etymology unknown) for Heceta Head rarely if ever appear on contemporary maps.

On February 14 2021, after discussion with language program staff and the Language Committee, the Tribal Council passed a resolution outlining a protocol for Tribal members and staff to request a formal place name. Depending on the site, it may be a request for recognizing a traditional name or requesting the coining of a name in one of the Tribes’ languages for a site or structure. The protocol brings in community input on the naming process.

To make a request for a name change please log onto the ctclusi.org portal on the language page, look up the ‘name change request’ tab. We will be gathering information and sharing results from each approved request such as the request to rename camping sites, there will be a section on the articles, community input and the pronunciation of language words brought forward as ideas are generated. You may contact Enna Helms at ehelms@ctclusi.org or 541-297-7538 for further information.

Final Chromebook Disbursement

Dai, Niishanax (Hello) Tribal community. Thank you for your patience with the Chromebook role out. We have been successful in getting 750 chrome books out to tribal families from elders to youth. With that said we still have 89 chrome books left. If you did not participate and have not yet received one please take this opportunity and submit the proper Laserfiche form on the Tribal webpage under citizen login and then in housing link. The education department will then get it taken care of in a timely manner. Thank you so much for your patience. The Education Department
Education Corner

Pepsi Donation to Education Scholarship Fund

Three Rivers Casino (TRC) Resort Florence and Coos Bay both use Pepsi products and as part of this agreement, Pepsi in turn gives them a rebate each year. This year and in many years past, the Casino has donated their yearly rebate to our Tribal Education Department. The Education Department uses this donation to help fund our Scholarships program for our college bound Tribal youth. This is one of five Tribal scholarships that students who are seniors in high school through their higher educational journey are allowed and encouraged to apply for these scholarships. It would be awesome for our students to come home and utilize their education to help better the Tribes. Thank you, Teresa Spangler, for bringing the $21,073 check. Our students benefit hugely from this and all contributions to the scholarships.

July 6th-16th Hybrid Summer School

For More Information and/or to RSVP Contact the EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

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Culture Camp

Save the Date!

When: July 26th - 30th from 8:00 am-5:00 pm each day

Where: Virtual and In-person (Location TBA)

Who: Tribal Family Youth ages 5-17

Information will be posted as it becomes available at www.ctclusi.org.

Please look for the laserfiche form on the Tribe’s Website to sign-up or call Jesse Beers @ 541-297-0748 or Ashley Russell @ 541 888-7511.

Language Committee Vacancy

There is a vacancy for position #5 with a term that goes until 12/31/23. Position #5 will be posted for 28 days or until filled. The Language Committee meetings regularly on the 2nd Friday from 5:00-7:00pm of each month.

If you are interested in joining the language committee please submit your letter of interest to Jeannie McNeil at jmcnell@ctclusi.org or fill out this form: http://lasereche.ctclusi.org/Forms/ LetterOfInterest. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

Education Corner

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. Email jdavies@ctclusi.org

SAVE THE DATE
BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT(s)
EUGENE: August 21st, 2021
COOS BAY: August 28th, 2021
MORE DETAILS TO BE MAILED OUT OR INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER
ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

Request a New Tribal Identification Card Online! visit www.ctclusi.org and go to Enrollment.

Fill out the new form online, upload a new photo and your card be mailed to you in 7-10 days. Questions? Contact the Enrollment Office.

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

Welcome New Dental Assistant

Hello, my name is Gentry Edwards and I was born in Powell River, British Columbia. I have lived in the Southern Oregon Coast area pretty much my entire life. I am a 1995 graduate of Coquille High School. I moved to Portland, Oregon to attend Apollo College for dental assisting in 1996, and have since returned to the area. I have been a dental assistant since 1999. I love being a dental assistant because I am part of a team, and I love helping others. I have 6 beautiful children still in the area, a grandson 18 months old, Greyson the cat, Lola our 14-year-old King Charles Caviler Spaniel, Melvin the 5 pound tortoise, and 16 house plants. A passion of mine is health and wellness. I enjoy cooking, spending time outdoors, gardening, and spending time with my family. I am very excited to be a part of the CTCLUSI dental team.

Welcome Aboard, Gentry!