Coos Bay, Ore., October 19, 2021—The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Tribal Council are pleased to inform you, the General Council membership, that we will be able to provide General Welfare assistance to households. We know that the onset of COVID-19 has been difficult for us all and we hope that this assistance will help ease some of the financial burden that living through a global pandemic has brought. We have worked closely with the Tribal Government staff and with the Tribes Legal Counsel to create a program using the funds we have received from The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fiscal Recovery Funding. This funding is quite different than the Cares Act funding we received and were able to use to aid Tribal households previously. Eligible uses for funds from ARPA can be to build infrastructure and programs. General Council membership input will be vital in determining the planning for these funds. Please be sure to fill out the Community Input Survey online at www.ctclusi.org in addition to filling out the current Tribal Member Emergency COVID-19 General Welfare Assistance American Rescue Plan (ARPA) application.

The American Rescue Plan Act granted a total of $31.2 billion to Indian Country, including the agencies that serve Tribal nations. The bill was signed on March 11, 2021 and directed the U.S. Treasury to distribute $20 billion directly to Tribal governments through the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The legislation gave broad discretion to the Treasury by stating that, $1 billion is to be allocated equally among eligible Tribal governments and $19 billion is to be allocated to Tribal governments in a manner determined by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Treasury released their distribution plan on May 10, 2021, and it consists of:

- $1 billion to be equally distributed among eligible Tribal governments.
- $12.35 billion to be distributed based on Tribal self-certified enrollment data.
- $6.54 billion to be distributed based on 2019 Tribal employment data.

The Treasury states in its distribution plan that funding was distributed in two payments. The first payment will equally divide $1 billion, and the second payment distributed funds based on enrollment and employment data. Our Tribe, CTCLUSI has now received both allocated amounts from the required data submitted.

The Treasury also released its rules regarding the ARPA funding. Generally, the rule states that ARPA funding may be used to address several areas. The rule states that Tribes have

**Attention: Important Deadline!**

Deadline to apply for ARPA General Welfare Assistance

**November 30, 2021**

Visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) to fill out your application and community survey online today!
Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from September 12, 2021 - October 10, 2021

**Chief Doc Slyter:**
- 9/12 Budget Meeting
- 9/12 Tribal Council Meeting
- 9/13 CFO -Casino
- 9/13 Vaccine Policy Meeting
- 9/13 Gregory Point - Tribal Member Memorial
- 9/14 2022 Budget Meeting-Zoom
- 9/15 Admin Office - Paperwork
- 9/16 Eikahfa Alliance Meeting
- 9/16 Oregon Tribes Policies
- 9/16 Leader’s Circle
- 9/16 Special Meeting - NOAA Grant
- 9/17 US ACE on-site at North Spit
- 9/20 Cleaning Second Fish Allotment at Tribal Hall
- 9/21 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance
- 9/21 Zoom-Logic Model System for Native Learning Center
- 9/21 Zoom - Oregon vs Monsanto Litigation
- 9/22 National Association of State Trust Land Conference
- 9/22 Lakeside Water Task Force Meeting
- 9/23 CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) Kick off Mtg
- 9/23 Leader’s Circle
- 9/27 Oregon Water Resources Dept Mtg
- 9/28 2nd - 2022 Budget Meeting
- 9/29 Admin Office - Paperwork
- 9/29 GFORB
- 9/29 Business Meeting
- 9/30 NEPA - Council on Environmental Quality
- 10/4 DEQ Rule making w/ Director Michael Whitman
- 10/6 LCIS
- 10/7 Leader’s Circle
- Tribal emails and phone calls
  Total Hours: 97.75

**Debbie Bosley, Tribal Chair:**
September – October In Office 19 days
- 09/12 Budget Meeting / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 09/16 Leaders Circle
- 09/20 Swearing in Police Office Shawn Fleming on Zoom
- 09/23 Leader’s Circle
- 09/28 Budget Meeting
- 09/29 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
- 10/07 Leader’s Circle
- Reading & responding to emails.
  Total Hours: 33

**Josh Davies:**
- 09/12 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 09/13 BOEM Meeting
- 09/14 Budget Hearing
- 09/16 9 Tribes Meeting
- 09/17 USACE North Splint on site Visit
- 09/21 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance
- 09/23 CTCLUSI CEDS Project Kick Off Meeting / Leaders Circle
- 09/29 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
- 10/04 DEQ Rulemaking Meeting
- 10/05 SOS Meeting
- 10/07 Leaders Circle
  Total Hours: 41

**Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:**
- 09/12 Budget Meeting / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- 09/13 BOEM Meeting
- 09/14 Budget Hearing
- 09/16 9 Tribes Meeting
- 09/17 USACE North Splint on site Visit
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**Doug Barrett:**
- 09/12 Budget Meeting / Tribal Council Regular
- 09/16 Leaders Circle
- 09/23 Leaders Circle
- 09/29 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
- 10/10 Tribal Council Meeting / General Council Meeting
  Total Hours: 31 & Emails

**Enna Helms:**
- 09/12 Tribal Budget Meeting; Tribal Council Meeting
- 09/14 1st 2022 Budget Meeting
- 09/15 Webinar: Traditional Knowledge - Federal Agencies’ Considerations
- 09/16 Oregon Tribes Meeting; Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 09/17 United States Army Corp of Engineers On-Site Meeting Coos Bay North Spit
- 09/21 Oregon vs Monsanto Litigation
- 09/23 CLUSI CEDS Project Kickoff; Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
- 09/27 Government to-Government Consultation Meeting re Oregon Water Resources Department Rule making
  (conclusion to meeting)
- 09/28 Second Tribal Budget Meeting
- 09/29 Tribal Council Business Meeting
- 10/07 Tribal Leaders Circle Meeting
  Total Hours: 45 Hours (Not including time spent on emails; phone calls; readings)

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Second Budget Hearing - November 14, 2021**
Meeting starts at 9:00 a.m.

**Tribal Council Meeting - November 14, 2021**
Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

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**THE VOICE OF CLUSI**
November 2021

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**Tribal Council Business**
Information

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American Rescue Plan Act Funding...continued from cover page

broad flexibility to determine how spending can be used to meet the needs of their communities. A portion of this can be used as cash assistance to its members for economic impacts on households and individuals. “This is the Tribal Councils first priority for these newly received funds. To offer tribal members General Welfare assistance for the devastating effects of COVID -19 including the new Delta variant. All of Council is aware that the pandemic continues to impact so many of our people’s lives and the communities where they live” said Tribal Council Chair, Debbie Bossley.

On October 14, 2021 Tribal Council held a Special Meeting to approve General Welfare Assistance Program with ARPA funding for the membership. Enough funds were allocated by the Council to assist every eligible enrolled adult member and every eligible enrolled child, to be funded to their custodial parent, or legal guardian. Currently there are 1292 enrolled members of CTCLUSI.

Applications are required to receive this assistance. Every adult Tribal member was mailed applications and instructions to apply for this General Welfare Assistance from the ARPA Funding October 19, 2021 to the last known address we have on file in the Enrollment database. We are urging membership to apply online at www.ctclusi.org

To be eligible to receive this assistance first you must be a living enrolled member as of October 17, 2021. Secondly, during the period of March 3, 2021 and December 31, 2021 have experienced or anticipate to experience negative economic impacts due to the COVID -19 crisis in at least one area of hardship or need such as, food, rent, mortgage, utilities, counseling, legal aid to prevent eviction, homelessness, burial costs, home repairs, weatherization, internet access, distance learning, negative economic impacts of loss of income, job loss or reduced work, any health related costs, quarantine expenses, cleaning supplies or any other expense related to the negative economic impacts to your household due to the pandemic.

Pending applications in the Enrollment Department will need to have their applications completed and approved by the Enrollment Committee by November 9, 2021 to be eligible.

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

Request a New Tribal Identification Card Online!

Visit www.ctclusi.org and click the Tribal Enrollment tab from the dropdown Government Tab options.

Or sign in to the Citizen Portal and click on the Admin Request Forms box.

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
Jeannie McNeil, Enrollment Clerk at 541-888-7506 jmce-nil@ctclusi.org

Tribal Government Website Information

Be sure to check the Tribal website www.ctclusi.org for digital copies of The Voice of CLUSI monthly newsletter and more Tribal Government Information. Visit https://ctclusi.org/health-alert-notifications for more information and links to the CDC concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic.

If you are a Tribal member who needs assistance getting signed up for full access to the Citizen Portal on www.ctclusi.org please e-mail mgaines@ctclusi.org or call (541) 808-7918.
**Positive COVID-19 Results and CTCLUSI Resources**

Contributed by CTCLUSI Health Department

COVID-19 cases in Oregon are higher than they have ever been since the beginning of the pandemic. On August 13, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported 733 hospitalized COVID-19 positive patients, the single highest daily count since OHA began reporting hospitalization trend data. This total represented a more than seven-fold increase from the 99 hospitalized COVID-19 patients reported on July 9.

Are you a CTCLUSI Tribal member that has an active COVID-19 positive test? CTCLUSI has resources for members in the five-county service area (Curry, Coos, Lincoln, Lane, and Douglas). Resources are provided to those with proof of a recent COVID-19 test, and are actively in quarantine/isolation. Resources include, yet are limited to food, electrolytes, cleaning supplies, over the counter medications (we have a pre-approved list), and personal protective equipment. These resources are provided to help keep contagious Tribal members home for the 14-day quarantine period. This is an effort to help our Tribal members and help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

**How to get a COVID-19 Quarantine/Isolation Kit:**

1. Send photo proof via email or text photo proof to your local Community Health Aid (CHA), or Community Health Nurse. The test must be completed at a pharmacy or health care facility. Over the counter tests are not valid.
2. A CHA will review the COVID-19 kit checklist with the COVID-19 positive Tribal member.

- **a. Armando Martinez:**
  - i. Email: amartinez@ctclusi.org
  - ii. Phone Number: 541-435-7228
  - iii. Cell Phone: 541-999-4151

- **b. Doug Morrison:**
  - i. Email: dmorrisson@ctclusi.org
  - ii. Phone Number: 541-997-6685 x 7701
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**LIHEAP**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

**PROGRAM UPDATE!**

Eligible households no longer need to reside within the Tribe’s 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 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](https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP).

To qualify, your annual and household gross income must be at or below the following income limits:

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

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

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

No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can fill out the application online at [https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP](https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP), or you contact a Health and Human Services staff member to assist you at 541-888-6169. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program, please contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

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**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 and Resume, including any business experience and/or qualifications to Christine Sylvester

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Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

or email cslyvester@ctclusi.org

or call (541)888-7532
CELEBRATE AUTUMN THROUGH TRIBAL CARE PACKAGE KITS

Fall Harvest Household Kits

While the Covid-19 pandemic may still be limiting our ability to gather together we are still thinking of you and your families. In lieu of gathering we are sending out Fall Harvest kits to Tribal households.

Fall Harvest kits are limited so they will be available on a first come first served basis while supplies last.

Thank you for your understanding that supplies are limited. These kits are provided by a number of departments at Tribal Government and funded by their department grants and resources.

Apply online at www.ctclusi.org

For more information please call the Culture Department at 541-888-7511

Scan the QR code below to listen to Invocation for Rain, a story told by William Smith (Alsea/Siuslaw) in 1911 about what people did when it was so cold the rivers froze up. Recorded by Patty Whereat-Phillips in the Sha’yuushtl’a uhl Quuiich language.

Watch Previously Recorded Virtual Cultural Activities Online

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Call for Input on Naming Tribal Forest Tracts

Contributed by Patty Phillips and Enna Helms

On February 14, 2021, the Tribal Council approved a resolution establishing a General Names Protocol to facilitate and encourage a community process in the reclamation of names using one of our three languages; Milúk, Hanís and Sha’yuušt’aa ul Quuíich. You can find the name change form and protocol on the top of the page at https://ctclusi.org/language/protocol.

The Tribal members may provide suggestions regarding these tracts to Patty Phillips or Enna Helms at language@ctclusi.org or by phone at (541) 297-7538. All names suggested will remain anonymous throughout this process.

Language Staff met with the Language Committee regarding the names of the various forestry tracts proposed in the forest plan and it was recommended to initiate a name change process on all or some of the Tribal Forest Tracts. The Tribal Council approved this recommendation at an open session during the last Regular Council meeting.

As we dialog around each place name being initiated, we prioritize names based on the ownership and language of those lands. We consult with historical information and family stories and work to establish our names for land acknowledgment of our places for our people and bring recognition in this world. Many of the proposed names brought up in this article were suggested based on a landmark or geographical feature nearby. It is thought that when we go to suggest names through the Geographical Names Board at the State, we may want to consider saving these names for the actual geographical places rather than the tracts that are nearby them. Perhaps more thought to names that reflect the tract itself will create more dialog and suggested names for input.

The Tribal Forest Tract lands were returned to the Tribe 3-4 years ago. On November 21st of 2017, the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act was passed by Congress and it was signed into law on January 8th, 2018. On August 8th, 2018 the lands were transferred into trust to the Tribe. Since, the Tribe has worked diligently to provide information out to membership on where these tracts are located and how to access them including a link to an app you can download called “Avenza” for more information follow this link: https://ctclusi.org/forestry-management and lets you know when you are on Tribal tract land vs lands of current ownership of other entities like BLM or private.

“Upper Lake Tract,” is upstream of Triangle Lake and Hult Pond, which was a log storage pond for the former Hult Mill which was located partially on the Upper Lake Tract. This tract has also been referred to as “pkitii” which means “lake” in the sha’yuušt’aa ul quuíich language. The pond is not located on the tract but is situated on the tract’s south boundary. This tract is currently managed by the BLM. The BLM might remove the dam and drain the pond due to maintenance and safety issues with the dam. Some people have thought that perhaps a different name could be chosen for this tract. Some suggestions so far include adding the word for east (qaixq), or upstream (tqauwii). A September 2020 newsletter article provides more background information on the Upper Lake Tract. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FINAL-revised-September-2020-for-web.pdf.

“Lower Smith Tract,” is the largest contiguous tract located just to the north of Smith River Falls. The Falls was an important upriver fishing site for the Quuíich “Lower Umpqua” people and appears in the legend of “Butterball Duck’s Grandson,” where the grandson meets a mysterious bird that transforms into a woman. This tract has been called huuunaťa (the word for ‘waterfall’). A suggested addition to the name that came out of language committee discussions is chacha qiiuuchuunii (meaning bird-woman). Another suggestion was something to do with salmonberries, tlux, which are plentiful on this tract. An October 2020 newsletter article provides more background information on the Lower Smith Tract. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FINAL-October-2020-for-web.pdf.

“Tromog,” referred to the eastern Coos county, which is a name used for some local place names but is actually from the Mohawk language (teyó:kȩ, meaning fork or junction in that language). One proposed name is “Tokeat,” a name that appears once in the 1931 land claims trial transcripts. James Buchanan, a Hanís elder, said it was the name of the eastern boundary of the Coos. The court clerk was not a linguist, and the name does seem similar to Jogiiyat, the name for Blue Ridge Mountain (which is between Sumner and Fairview) and is some distance to the northwest of this forest tract. A 1942 interview, Lottie Evanoff thought Buchanan’s “Tokeat” sounded like Jogiiyat. A November 2020 newsletter article provides more background information on the Tioga Tract. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/FINAL-November-2020-for-web.pdf.

“Umpqua Eden,” is a special place on the Umpqua River. It was the site of a village, pronounced in the sha’yuušt’aa ul quuíich language as Tiłukya. The committee has discussed keeping Tiłukya as the name for this tract. A March 2021 newsletter article provides more background information on Umpqua Eden. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FINAL-March-2021-for-web.pdf.

“Macy, or Macy Tract,” is on the Umpqua river and the name is connected to one of the allotments of one of the Maces. A February 2021 newsletter article provides more background information on the Macy Tract. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FINAL-February-2021-for-web.pdf.

“Coos Head Tract,” has been referred to as “xitataxalidh” which is actually the name for the nearby Tunnel Point. The name means “dim light, becoming daylight” place. Unfortunately, the traditional name of Coos Head was not recorded. There has not been much discussion yet on alternate names to give this tract. A January 2021 newsletter article provides more background information on the Coos Head Tract. It can be accessed online at https://ctclusi.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/FINAL-January-2021-for-web.pdf.

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gele, luuiwii, hiis, iisha, masii. Many thanks to all involved in reclaiming the old names or renaming of our places, canoes, through building on our connections and relationships to the places, people, and language.
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Tribal Government Welcomes New Staff

Tammy Bolling, Administrative Assistant II - Front Office

I am Tammy Bolling, I am so excited to be working for CTCLUSI. I have been a member of both the Local and Tribal Community for over 30 years. I am the mother of Tribal Member Adam Bolling currently in Clinton Utah. I have two daughters Abbi and Lilli, both Native descendants as well. I maintain a wonderful loving relationship with my step daughters, Tribal Members Ashley Russell and Tiffany Bolling.

I look forward to welcoming and assisting Tribal Members and staff in my new roll in the front office of Tribal Government.

Beth Hager, Archive & Technical Assistant

Hello, my name is Beth Hager and I was born in Ukiah, California. In 2008, after several years working in San Francisco, my husband and I packed up and moved to Days Creek, Oregon. Once we were in Oregon, we started visiting the Oregon Coast on a regular basis. In 2017 we decided to make Bandon our full time home.

We have 2 great kids and 8 wonderful grandkids that all live in Santa Rosa, Ca. When I am not working, I love to go camping, crabbing, fishing and just spending time with my family.

I am excited to be the new Archive & Technical Assistant here at CTCLUSI and look forward to learning more about the history and culture of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

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Need A Ride?

If you reside in the five-county service area contact the Childcare Development Fund (CCDF) Program today to see if you qualify for assistance.

Contact Meagan Davenport at mdavenport@ctclusi.org

Are You in Need of Childcare?

If you are in the five county service area and need public transportation assistance, please call Kathy Perkins at 541-888-8577 ext. 7550 or email kperkins@ctclusi.org

If you are in Coos County, CCAT services are FREE for all CTCLUSI Tribal Members. This includes all the public services, other than their demand response/ Dial-a-Ride.
Creating a Separation Plan and Preparedness Kit

Byline: StrongHearts Native Helpline

It has been a long time coming, but you’ve made up your mind. It’s time to escape a life of domestic and sexual violence and leave an abusive partner. You’re scared and for good reason. Danger increases when leaving an abusive partner because they often lash out to regain control over their partner. It is imperative that you carefully navigate the following process.

You are the best judge of your own safety. Consider a safety plan—a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe while in an abusive relationship, planning to leave or after you leave. Safety plans can be continuously updated, even if you return to a partner that is abusive.

Separation Plan
A separation plan can help you to safely leave an abusive partner. A preparedness kit contains documents, clothing and comfort items needed to stay away from home for an extended period of time. Once you complete your separation plan and preparedness kit, be sure to keep any documentation of them in an accessible but secure location and/or consider storing them with a trusted friend, family member or advocate.

The Escape Route
The important first step to creating a separation plan is being mindful of your surroundings and to plan an escape route from any room in the home. You may also want to identify alternate routes to the grocery store, school and/or work. Practice using escape routes regularly. When tensions are starting to escalate, plan to do the following:

- Try to be in a room close to an exit and/or plan an escape route from any room in the home.
- Look for potential exits through windows and practice using them.
- Stay away from the kitchen where the abuser has access to weapons.
- Stay away from bathrooms, closets, or small spaces where the abuser can trap you.
- If the violence escalates, call for help! Call 911, a close relative, friend or neighbor.

Assemble a Preparedness Kit
When assembling a preparedness kit, pack a bag with a change of clothes for you (and your children) and include comfort items. Store the preparedness kit outside of the home either with a trusted neighbor, friend or relative or keep it in a secret location where you can safely retrieve it. Important documents can be included or stored separately.

Important documents include:

- Identification
  - Tribe-issued enrollment card
  - Driver’s License or State ID
  - School ID(s)
  - Passport(s)
  - Social security card(s)
  - Birth certificate(s)
- Health insurance card(s)
- Copy of Protection/Restraining Order
- Marriage, divorce and custody papers
- Vehicle registration and insurance
- Lease or rental agreements

Important items include:

- A change of clothes for you (and your child)
- An extra cell phone and/or cell phone charger
- Extra set of house and car keys
- Medication (e.g., asthma inhaler, insulin, Epi-Pen)
- Cash or ATM card
- Personal items such as your medicines, smudge and sentimental items
- Comfort items such as a favorite stuffed animal, blankets and baby supplies (formula, diapers, and wipes).

There Is Hope
There is hope in planning to leave an abusive relationship. You can escape violence. You can call for help. StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to support all victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence regardless of relationship status, gender identity or sexual preference. To speak with an advocate: Call or Text 1-844 672-8483 or chat online at strongheartselpline.org

Other resources include: National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY). Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women: Call 1-888-7HELPLINE (1-888-743-5754). The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline: Call 1-866-331-9474 or 1-866-331-8453 (TTY).

Preparedness kit adapted from information from The National Domestic Violence Hotline.

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Smokers up to 80% more likely to be admitted to hospital with Covid, study says

Contributed by Mark Petrie, Tobacco Prevention & Education Program Coordinator

A study, which pooled observational and genetic data on smoking and Covid-19 to strengthen the evidence base, contradicts research published at the start of the pandemic suggesting that smoking might help to protect against the virus. This was later retracted after it was discovered that some of the paper’s authors had financial links to the tobacco industry.

Other studies on whether smoking is associated with a greater likelihood of more severe Covid-19 infection have produced inconsistent results.

One problem is that most of these studies have been observational, making it difficult to establish whether smoking is the cause of any increased risk, or whether something else is to blame, such as smokers being more likely to come from a lower socioeconomic background.

Dr. Ashley Clift at the University of Oxford and colleagues drew on GP health records, Covid-19 test results, hospital admissions data and death certificates to identify associations between smoking and Covid-19 severity from January to August 2020 in 421,469 participants of the UK Biobank study – all of whom had also previously had their genetic makeup analyzed.

Compared with those who had never smoked, current smokers were 80% more likely to be admitted to hospital and significantly more likely to die from Covid-19 if they became infected.

To investigate, Clift and his team used a technique called Mendelian randomization, which uses genetic variants as proxies for a particular risk factor – in this case genetic variants that contribute to whether someone is more likely to smoke or to smoke heavily – to obtain further evidence for a causal relationship.

Even though the contribution of each of these variants is small and it is not necessarily understood why they increase a person’s chances of being a smoker, they avoid many of the limitations of observational studies and thereby help to give a clearer picture of whether there is a biological link between smoking and Covid-19.

“The study adds to our confidence that tobacco smoking does not protect against Covid-19, as their Mendelian randomization analyses are less susceptible to confounding than previous observational studies,” wrote Dr Anthony Laverty and Prof Christopher Millett of Imperial College London in a linked editorial published in the journal Thorax.

The Mendelian randomization analysis also supported the link between smoking and worse Covid-19 outcomes, finding that a genetic predisposition to smoking was associated with a 45% higher risk of infection and a 60% higher risk of hospital admission for Covid-19.

A genetic predisposition to heavy smoking was associated with a more than doubling in the risk of infection; a fivefold increase in the risk of hospital admission; and a tenfold increase in the risk of death from the virus, the team found.

Clift said: “Our results strongly suggest that smoking is related to your risk of getting severe Covid, and just as smoking affects your risk of heart disease, different cancers, and all those other conditions we know smoking is linked to, it appears that it’s the same for Covid. So now might be as good a time as any to quit cigarettes and quit smoking.”


URL Address for the Study: https://thorax.bmj.com/content/early/2021/09/12/thoraxjnl-2021-217080
Did You Know?
Commercial Tobacco Industry Harms Native Communities in Oregon

Byline: https://smokefreeoregon.com/the-challenge/targeted-communities/

For many tribal communities, traditional tobacco is a sacred plant used for healing, prayer and celebration. Colonizers stole it, mixed in deadly additives, and market commercial tobacco back to tribal communities to create addiction.

The tobacco industry harms tribes and Native communities in Oregon. It steals cultural imagery and misrepresents sacred traditions to sell its products. Sovereign Tribal Nations are not subject to state and local smoke-free laws and other protections. The commercial tobacco industry sees these Nations as open opportunities to maximize profits through promotions, events and giveaways.

In Oregon, 30 percent of American Indians smoke compared to 18 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

In Oregon, Native-led organizations and the state’s nine federally recognized tribes have united to fight back. They are using their tribal culture to prevent commercial tobacco use and fight tobacco industry tactics. The Native Quit Line offers culturally-specific help for American Indian and Alaska Native peoples to quit tobacco.

Combat tobacco industry targeting; find out what’s going on in your community.

Above left photo by Morgan Gaines. Above right photo of tobacco flower by John Schaefer

daha (Hanis Coos), dahai (Miluk Coos), čiyusan (Sha’yuushl’a uhl Quuiich), Tobacco

Pictured above: John Schaefer and tobacco planted in the garden at Tribal Hall, photo by Morgan Gaines

HOW TO GET STARTED


2. Talk to a Quit Coach to register, get free medication and have your first session.

3. You and your Quit Coach will set a quit date, develop a plan just for you and schedule six more coaching sessions.

4. In addition to the coaching sessions, you can call anytime to get more support. The general Quit Line is open 24 hours a day and coaches will always be there to talk with you.

QUITTING IS A JOURNEY

Be around longer for your family and your Tribe. Get help to quit commercial tobacco.

Quitting protects your family and community. Set a healthy example for young people. Save money that you can spend on yourself and the people you love.

Start—or keep up—your journey to quit commercial tobacco, whether you smoke, chew or vape. Even if you’ve tried before, you can still quit. You don’t have to quit alone. When you’re ready to try again, the Native Quit Line is here to help.

WHAT YOU GET...

At no cost to you

12 weeks of medication proven to help people quit, like patches and gum

7 scheduled phone calls with a Quit Coach

Supportive texts with tips and reminders, and personalized email messages

As many calls to the Native Quit Line as you want, whenever you need extra support outside of your scheduled calls

A printed Quit Guide with facts about commercial tobacco use, benefits of quitting, and motivational tips

Help protect our Tribal community. Resist commercial tobacco and the tobacco industry.

To get involved with creating a commercial tobacco-free community, call your local Tribal Tobacco Prevention Coordinator at 541-888-9577.
White Tepary Bean Soup
Marc Anderson
Serves 8

Ingredients:
- 1 pound (2 cups) white tepary beans
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, pressed or chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 4 celery stalks, chopped
- 2 bell peppers, chopped
- 1 potato, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- Water (see below)
- 2 cups cooked cholla buds (optional)

Directions:
Soak beans for at least 8 hours.
Place rinsed beans in a large soup pot and cover them with 4 inches of water.
Bring to a boil, skimming off foam from water surface. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer for 3 hours.
Add remaining ingredients and stir gently. Add more water if needed. Bring to a simmer, cover, and cook on low heat for 40 minutes.

Notes:
1. Allow 10 minutes after pressing/chopping garlic before heating (maximizes its health benefits).
2. Cannellini beans work well as a substitute in this soup.
3. Use 4 cups of rinsed and drained canned beans in place of 2 cups dried beans.
4. You can use cooked asparagus tips and lemon juice as a garnish before serving.

Contributed by Kristy Petrie and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team - Tarrah Oliver, Navajo Nation, Arizona

Simple Posole
Michele Pinkham (shared with me by a Diné cook; all ingredients are approximate and to taste)
6 servings

Ingredients:
- 4 cups vegetable stock or 4 cups water
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 large yellow onions
- 3 25-ounce cans hominy
- 2 medium yellow squash
- 2 medium zucchini
- Rosemary
- Chill powder
- Leaf oregano
- Cumin
- Optional:
- Package of fresh mushrooms
- 3 fresh tomatoes
- 4 fresh carrots

Directions:
Chop garlic and onions and add to vegetable stock or water in a large pot.
Let simmer while preparing other vegetables. Chop rest of vegetables to desired size and add to stock. Add desired amount of rosemary, chilli powder, oregano, and cumin.
Let simmer for an additional 20 minutes.
Garnish with your choice of lime, cilantro, avocado, shredded cabbage, and sliced radishes. Serve hot.

Native Food for Life Onine - Virtual Potluck Recipe Card

Kale and Potato Soup
Contributed by Kristy Petrie and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team - Tarrah Oliver, Navajo Nation, Arizona

Ingredients:
- Onion, chopped
- Garlic, chopped
- Carrot, chopped
- Celery, chopped
- Herbs
- Potatoes, peeled and chopped
- Kale
- Vegetable broth

Directions:
Adjust portions to your preferred serving size and preference. Sauté the onions, garlic, carrots, and celery in water. Add these to an Instant Pot and cook them with the herbs, potatoes, kale, and vegetable broth. Set it to manual for 15 minutes and let it natural release. After it's done, blend half of the soup in a blender for creaminess. Pour back into soup.
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

Victoria (Vicki) Faciane

Hanis Coos
• Descended from Ixu’mta (Hanis Coos 4x great grandmother), Caroline Evans (3x great-grandmother), Susie Evans Nato (2x great-grandmother), Dora Evelyn Goodman (great-grandmother), Florence Mae Davis (grandmother), and Wanda Louise Hughes (mother).
• Parents: John and Wanda Williford; Husband: Kerwin Faciane; Children: Cori Kelly, Ashley Faciane, and John Faciane & spouse Geng Yan. Granddaughter: Samantha Michelle Kelly. And 4 Chihuahuas: Guapo, Rita, Nico, and Chloe.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Raising our children to be strong and independent adults.
• Working in healthcare for more than 45 years – first as a Respiratory Therapist and most recently as the CTCLUSI Director of Health & Human Services. I have built my career around helping others.
• Currently working for our Native American/Woman-Owned Small Business – Native American Technology Corporation as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer.

Bucket List:
• Get back to Alaska or some other northern latitudes area to photograph the Northern Lights during the next Solar Maximum.
• Travel cross-country in our RV to visit family in Louisiana, Georgia, and Virginia.
• See the Galapagos Islands and photograph the wildlife there.

Favorite Hobbies:
• Travel in our RV in support of my other two hobbies.
• Landscape and wildlife photography.
• Genealogy.

Favorite Saying:
“Do. Or do not. There is no try.” – Yoda in Star Wars.

Chief Doc Slyter

Hanis Coos
• Brother of Debbie Bossley, Father of Tyler & Scott, Husband to Debbie Slyter, and Son to the Late Carolyn Slyter.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Having two sons.
• Marrying his wife.
• Moving the Tribe forward in a positive way.

Bucket List:
• Continuing to stay active.
• Playing more flute.
• Learning more of the tribal language.

Favorite Saying:
“If you’re not at the table you’re probably on the menu.”

Chief Doc Slyter

Smoky Pumpkin Hummus

Contributed by Kristy Petrie and Armando Martinez, Diabetes Team - www.myrecipes.com

Though pumpkin-flavored dishes are usually sweet, this recipe combines pumpkin purée and chickpeas for a smoky, savory hummus that’s perfect for fall entertaining. Serve it in a wide bowl so there’s plenty of room for the generous toppings.

Total: 25 mins

Yield: Makes 4 cups (12 servings)
(serving size: 1/4 cup)

Ingredients
1 can (15 oz.) chickpeas (garbanzos), drained and rinsed
1 can (15 oz.) unsweetened pumpkin Purée
2 garlic cloves, quartered
½ cup tahini (sesame paste)
2 tablespoons adobo sauce (from chipotle chiles canned in adobo)
About 1/4 cup lemon juice

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons kosher salt
½ cup hulled roasted pumpkin seeds (pepitas)
¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
Lavash or pita bread, quartered
Persian cucumbers, quartered

Directions
Step 1
In a food processor, whirl chickpeas, pumpkin, garlic, tahini, adobo sauce, 1/4 cup lemon juice, the olive oil, and salt until smooth, scraping down bowl as needed. Add more lemon juice and salt to taste.

Step 2
Transfer hummus to a wide, shallow bowl. Drizzle with chili oil, then sprinkle with pumpkin seeds and feta cheese. Serve with lavash and cucumbers.*Put triangles on a baking sheet, brush lightly with olive oil, and sprinkle with salt. Bake in a 350° oven until light golden, about 10 minutes.

Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 136 calories; calories from fat 61%; protein 4.7g; fat 9.3g; saturated fat 1.5g; carbohydrates 11g; fiber 3.2g; sodium 943mg; cholesterol 0.5mg.
12 Month Emergency Preparedness Calendar: November - Emergency Supplies

Contributed by: Armando Martinez, Community Health Aide, By: do1thing.com

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don’t know where to start, so they never start at all. With Do 1 Thing you can take small steps that make a big difference in an emergency. Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

Emergency Supplies

THE GOAL: Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.

Any emergency is easier to handle when you have prepared ahead of time. Put together an emergency kit with important items to keep at home, and a go bag with items you will need to take with you if you evacuate. Think about what you and your family would need in a disaster. You can make kits for your home, car or workplace. Emergencies can happen anywhere.

THINK ABOUT THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR Go BAG:

- Personal items such as toothbrushes, soap, extra glasses, etc.
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Change of clothing
- Nonperishable snacks
- Books, cards or magazines to pass the time

Emergency Supplies

FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

- Baby formula and food
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Blanket or toy

FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

- Empty pill bottles or a list of current medications (Always keep updated)
- Your doctor’s phone number

FOR PETS:

- Pet food & water
- Collar and ID tags
- Pet medications
- Pet carriers and leashes
- Medical records from vet
- Photos of your pet
- Microchip information

Along with the basics on the previous page, think about these items for your go bag:

- First aid supplies
- Flashlights or light sticks
- Building emergency procedures
- Building maps showing evacuation and shelter areas
- Paras or pencils
- Signs with the words “Need Help” and “All Clear”
- Clipboard with class/staff names

Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.

Disasters can strike when you are away from home. If your office or school does not have an emergency kit, offer to help make one. The kit should include:

- A small first aid kit, flashlight or light sticks, flares or reflective cones, a blanket, cell phone charger, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable snacks, and a “help” flag or brightly colored cloth that can be tied to the antenna.

Stash some cash in case ATMs and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.

Many things that we take for granted are not available when there is no power. ATM machines may not work. Grocery stores and other businesses may not be able to accept your credit or debit card. Cash could be the only acceptable means to make a purchase. Some experts say you should have at minimum $150 in cash stashed away. Realizing this may not be possible for everyone, any amount is good to start with. Take $1.00 dollar a week and place it in an envelope in your go bag. Stash it where you can get to it. Remember important items that may be overlooked.

Make or buy an emergency kit for your car. If you travel with your pet regularly, make sure that you have an emergency kit for them as well. Some items to think about for your car kit are:

- Books, cards or magazines to pass the time
- Colored cloth that can be tied to the antenna.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN MAKING AN EMERGENCY KIT:

- Emergency information, including insurance policies
- A list of medications and correct dosage, and doctor’s names

FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

- Toys
- Books, cards or magazines

FOR PETS:

- Water bowls
- First aid kit
- Food and water

FOR PET SEPARATIONS:

- License
- Medical records
- Identification

FOR PETS IN COLD OR WET CONDITIONS:

- Extra blankets
- Collars
- Leashes

FOR PETS IN HOT CONDITIONS:

- Bowls
- Blankets

FOR PETS IN DANGER:

- Whistles
- Tags
- Leashes

FOR ALL PETS:

- Identification
- Medical records
- Emergency information, including insurance policies

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

1) Gather your emergency supplies in an accessible place.

Have a go bag ready if you have to shelter in place or evacuate your home. Your go bag can be part of your emergency kit, just make sure it is in a bag or easy to carry container and that it is easy to get to.

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9) Make or buy an emergency kit for your car. If you travel with your pet regularly, make sure that you have an emergency kit for them as well. Some items to think about for your car kit are:

- Books, cards or magazines to pass the time
- Colored cloth that can be tied to the antenna.

10) Remember important items that may be overlooked.

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11) Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.

Disasters can strike when you are away from home. If your office or school does not have an emergency kit, offer to help make one. The kit should include:

- A small first aid kit, flashlight or light sticks, flares or reflective cones, a blanket, cell phone charger, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable snacks, and a “help” flag or brightly colored cloth that can be tied to the antenna.

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Amicus Briefs Filed to Uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act and Support Indian Children and Families in Brackeen v. Haaland (formerly Brackeen v. Bernhardt)

(Portland, Ore., October 12, 2021)—On Friday, 180 tribal nations and 35 Native organizations, 25 states and the District of Columbia, and Casey Family Programs and 10 child welfare and adoption organizations filed briefs to protect the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) before the United States Supreme Court. These three amicus briefs were filed in support of the United States and tribal intervenors’ petitions asking the United States Supreme Court to review the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals’ decision in Brackeen v. Haaland, a case challenging the constitutionality of ICWA.

The briefs provide important context for the Court’s decision, expected by early to mid-January, about whether to review the lower court’s ruling. The Tribal Amicus Brief focuses on the Indian child welfare crisis that led Congress to enact ICWA. The States’ Brief describes how ICWA has become a critical tool for protecting Indian children and fostering state-tribal collaboration. And the Casey Family Programs Brief highlights how ICWA exemplifies child welfare best practices and leads to better outcomes for Indian children.

The Protect ICWA Campaign advocates to uphold ICWA and its critical protections for Indian children and families who are in state court child custody proceedings. For more than 40 years, ICWA has helped tens of thousands of Indian children and families by supporting the role of tribal governments in determining the best interests of Indian children and keeping Indian children connected to their family, community, and culture whenever possible.

Copies of all of the petitions and amicus briefs can be found on the Tribal Supreme Court Project website.

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Protect ICWA Campaign
The Protect ICWA Campaign (the Campaign) was established by four national Native organizations: the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians, the Association on American Indian Affairs, and the Native American Rights Fund. Together, the Campaign works to serve and support Native children, youth, and families through upholding the Indian Child Welfare Act. The Campaign works to inform policy, legal, and communications strategies with the mission to uphold and protect ICWA.

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Crisis Line: 1 (866) 925-4419

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
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— Beverly Hunter, Chukchansi/Mono/Member of Table Mountain Rancheria and Chairwoman of the Committee for Traditional Indian Health

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California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc.
Free and Reduced Price Meal Income Guidelines Announced for 2021-22 School Year

**NEWS RELEASE**
October 8, 2021

Media Contact: Marc Siegel, marc.siegel@state.or.us

(Salem, Ore.) – Each year, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) announces income guidelines that allow students to qualify for free or reduced price meals. The guidelines are determined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are the same for schools operating the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

Schools that do not offer these programs may offer the Special Milk Program, which includes free milk to eligible students using the below guidelines. Under these federal programs, qualifying students receive meals or milk without charge or may pay a reduced price of no more than 40 cents for lunch. However, the Oregon Legislature provided funding to eliminate the reduced price payment for School Breakfast and Lunch, so for the 2021-22 school year, breakfast and lunch will be accessible at no charge to students who qualify for reduced price meals.

**Household Income Guidelines**
Participants may qualify for free meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

### Free Meals

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Participants may qualify for reduced price meals if the household income falls at or below the limits on this chart:

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Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) are eligible for free meals. Households receiving SNAP or TANF benefits will be directly certified to receive free meal or milk benefits by a letter from their school advising them of their eligibility for free meal or milk benefits. Schools will accept the DHS notice/certification letter from students as proof of eligibility for free meals or milk. No other application or verification of eligibility is required for students directly certified.

When known, the household will be notified of any child’s eligibility for free meals if the individual child is receiving educational support through migrant education, homeless or runaway education, Head Start or is in foster care.

Households notified of their children’s eligibility must contact the school if the household chooses to decline the free meal benefits. Households not directly certified may complete a confidential application for free or reduced price meals or free milk. An official at the school will review the confidential application and determine eligibility. Children in eligible households may receive meal benefits regardless of immigration status. Applications may be submitted anytime during the year. Information provided on an application may be verified at any time during the school year. An application cannot be approved unless it contains the following information:

- A SNAP or TANF case number for each child or an indication that the household is receiving FDPIR and the signature of an adult household member, or
- The names of all household members, the amount and source of income received by each household member in the prior month, the signature of an adult household member and the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application (or a statement that the person has no social security number).

**Formal Appeals**
Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the school official who determines eligibility may discuss the decision with the official. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a written or oral request to the school’s hearings officer (contact the school for the name, address, and phone number of the officer) for a hearing on the decision.

A secure web-based version of the National School Lunch/School Breakfast Programs Household Application for Free or Reduced Price Meals is available statewide for Households to apply for meal benefits. All applications are reviewed by the appropriate sponsor/school district nutrition office for approval.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact USDA through the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](https://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaint-form.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
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Tribal Member Receives Exceptional Award for Dentalium Necklace at Oregon State Fair

Contributed by Ashley Russell

Tribal Member Kaiə Russell (12) just recently completed her 3rd year in the 4-H Program. When most people hear 4-H, what comes to mind is most likely steer, swine, and/or sheep showmanship and auctioneering, but the 4-H program is so much more than that. There are so many projects youth can participate in ranging from archery to expressive arts, and everything in between.

This summer, Kaiə competed in Poultry Showmanship at the Coos County Fair and submitted a variety of static projects. Most of her projects ranked well, but most notably was her Dentalium Necklace, which earned her a champion ribbon in Original Art Wearable Accessory in juniors. She also received a champion ribbon for her blackberry fruit leather and junior poultry showman.

Kaiə went on to compete at the Oregon State Fair, where her Dentalium Necklace received an Exceptional Award. Congratulations Kaiə on your accomplishments.

If you would like to learn more about the 4-H program, please visit: https://extension.oregonstate.edu/4h

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Sign up for Healthy Family Workshops!
Sign up monthly to learn from experts and guest speakers about an array of topics including:
1. Budgeting! Build Strong Budgeting Skills for Individuals and Families  
   Tuesday, November 30, 2021 5:30-6:30pm
2. Preparing for a New Year: Setting and Achieving Personal & Family Goals  
   Tuesday, December 21, 2021 6-7pm

These workshops are free for Tribal households! You may sign up for one or all of them. Whether you want to learn something new, get motivated, stay motivated or set goals for yourself, these workshops are an excellent way to engage with experts on a variety of topics.

We encourage health and wellness for the entire Tribal community.
To RSVP Contact Carol Ann Young 541-435-7159

Calling All Tribal Members

The Culture and Natural Resources Department is seeking Tribal Members raised between 1954 and 1984 (pre-restoration) that are interested in being interviewed to capture their oral histories.

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

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

For more information and/or to sign up, please contact:
Courtney Krossman (541) 888-7547 or ckrossman@ctclusi.org
or Jesse Beers @ (541) 297-0748 or jbeers@ctclusi.org
or Ashley Russell (541) 888-7511 or arussell@ctclusi.org
We Need You Here: Resources for Suicide Prevention

Depression and suicide affect people of all ages and populations, but Native American and Alaskan Native populations can be at a higher risk. If you’re struggling, the Lifeline is available to help, 24/7.

How To Take Care Of Yourself
If you are struggling, there are ways to cope right now. You can also call the Lifeline at any time — we’re free, confidential, and 24/7.

Talk to someone: Silence isn’t strength. Don’t keep suicidal feelings to yourself. Lean on your support network, find a therapist or a support group, or get in touch with the Lifeline.

How To Help
Know the facts: Complex, interrelated factors contribute to suicide among AI/AN people. Risk factors include mental health disorders, substance abuse, intergenerational trauma, and community-wide issues.

Ask and listen: Be an active part of your loved ones’ support systems and check in with them often. If a they show any warning signs for suicide, be direct. Tell them it’s OK to talk about suicidal feelings. Practice active listening techniques and let them talk without judgment.

Get them help and take care of yourself: Don’t be afraid to get your loved one the help they might need. Helping a loved one through a crisis is never easy. You might want to talk about your feelings with another friend or a counselor. The Lifeline is always here to talk or chat.

Information from: https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/native-americans/

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- Line Cook TDI Staff ~ Night Cook/Cleaner ~ Dish Machine Operator
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- Supervisor ~ RV Park/Guest Services Attendant
- RV Park/Guest Services Attendant
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Media Contact: Debbie Bossley, Tribal Council Chair

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' Tribal Council vote to give emergency funds to all Tribal Government and Enterprise employees.

Florence, Ore. -- The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians is pleased to announce the Tribal Council met September 29, 2021 and voted unanimously to approve Emergency COVID-19 Assistance to all qualified current full and part time employees of CTCLUSI Tribal Government and all Tribal Enterprises, this includes Three Rivers Casino Florence and Coos Bay, Ocean Dunes Golf Links, and Blue Earth.

The Tribal Council has determined, it is imperative to provide general welfare assistance on an emergency basis to Eligible Citizens experiencing financial needs resulting from this national pandemic incurred between March 1, 2020 and October 1, 2021 including, but not limited to, increased costs of living expenses such as food, housing, utilities, medical and other anticipated and unanticipated living expenses and income losses.

Tribal Council Chair, Debbie Bossley said, “COVID-19 has affected our Tribal community much longer than imagined. Tribal Council recognizes that it has had some devastating effects on many of us. We are honored to have the resources to offer assistance to staff and their families during this difficult time.”

This is to provide emergency economic assistance to Eligible Citizens, who have experienced financial hardships during the COVID-19 Pandemic, utilizing CARES Act funding in the amount of $1,000.00 for each approved eligible applicant.

About the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians
The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians is a federally recognized Tribe made up of 3 tribes (4 Bands): 2 bands of Coos Tribes: Hanis Coos (Coos Proper), Miluk Coos; Lower Umpqua Tribe; and Siuslaw Tribe. The Tribes trace their ancestry back to the aboriginal inhabitants of the South-Central coast of Oregon. The Tribes employs more than 600 employees through its government and enterprise functions. For more information, visit ctclusi.org.

For a limited time the income guidelines will be suspended allowing families, whose head of household is working 10-40 verifiable hours a week, that reside in the five-county service area to qualify.

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