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

Hundreds of Fall Harvest and Winter Solstice Kits Shipped to Signed Up Tribal Households



Pictured above left, Josh Davies helps load the van with kits being mailed to Tribal families. Middle: Karen Porter and staff building kits in Tribal Hall. Right: Ashley Russell working on making the magnets and language supplies for the winter solstice kits.

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

Dear Tribal Families,

I hope this message finds you healthy and safe. Because Covid cases and multiple variants of COVID have surfaced, we have been unable to gather together safely for our usual and accustomed events and ceremonies. In response, to help Tribal Members feel more connected to their heritage and Tribe during these times, multiple departments have pulled together to offer care kits for Tribal Members that sign up. To date, we have mailed out over 300 kits total and have received much appreciation from Tribal Members who have received them.

I was one of, if not the biggest pushers to open up for our Tribal Members and events, because I know a lot of us are missing that community piece and the lack of gathering has put a major toll on our mind sets. While we are not able to open at this time, we are hoping to continue these care kits for Spring and Summer. Please be on the lookout in the newsletter and the website for future sign up information. We also post the Laserfiche link on the CTCLUSI Education News Facebook Page as well as the CTCLUSI General Council Facebook

Page.

Thank you to all the staff that helped produce these amazing kits. Without these people, these kits would not have been able to be completed. Thank you to Iliana Montiel, Roselynn Lwenya, Josh Davies, Mark Petrie, Ashley Russell, Doug Barrett, Jesse Beers, Patty Whereat Phillips, Enna Helms, Morgan Gaines, Eriq Acosta, and Karen Porter.

Specific appreciation and thanks go to:

- Health Department for sponsoring 99% of the projects
- Department of Culture and Natural Resources for allowing their staff to work many hours on putting these kits together from fruition to completion
- Patty Whereat Phillips and Enna Helms for providing the language words for the magnets and colors and translating the Crow and Thunderbird Story and Snow is Spider's Ashes story in all 3 languages.
- Patty Whereat Phillips for her wonderful ethnobotany book
- Ashley Russell for compiling language magnet images, creating packets for

each kit along with the many hours it took to print, produce and compile magnet packets, ordering a majority of the kit items

- John Schaefer, Mark Petrie, and Ashley Russell for creating the clothing items (beanies and jackets)
- Doug Barrett for all the prevention materials
- Doug Barrett, Jesse Beers, Mark Petrie, Ashley Russell, Eriq Acosta, Josh Davies, and Karen Porter for stuffing boxes
- Eriq Acosta and Josh Davies for mailing the kits and making great relationships with the USPS staff here in North Bend
- Karen Porter for being in constant contact with Tribal Members who had reached out for more clarification and compiling sign up information
- Morgan Gaines for hand drawing the color sheets – they were amazing!
- Dental Department for the dental kits
- Kathy King for the Winter Solstice Abalone Ornament kits; Ashley Russell for drilling the abalone for these kits.

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Deadline to Submit Statement of Candidacy

March 11, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

See page 4 for Important Election Information

For complete Election Code visit www.ctclusi.org
Questions? Contact Jeannie McNeil jmneil@ctclusi.org 541-888-7506

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from December 12, 2021 - January 8, 2022

Chief Doc Slyter: No report at this time due to illness.

Debbie Bossley, Tribal Chair:
Dec. - Jan. In Office 17 days
12/12 Regular Council Meeting
12/14 OTGA Meeting
12/17 Oregon 9 Tribes Meeting
12/28 Tribal Council Special Meeting
12/29 GFORB Meeting;
Business Council Meeting
01/05 BOEM Meeting
01/06 Meeting with the North Bend Mayor, City Administrator and City Council Chair, Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 120

Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:
12/12 Regular Council Meeting
12/13 ELD Tribal Advisory Committee
12/14 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Meeting / Tribal Consultation ARPA
12/14 White House Tribal Briefing / Eugene School District Meeting
12/15 West Coast Ocean Tribal Caucus / Investment Committee Meeting
12/17 Oregon 9 Tribes Meeting
12/19 Special Election Tribal Hall
12/28 Tribal Council Special Meeting
12/29 GFORB Meeting;
Business Council Meeting
01/05 BOEM Meeting / Consultation - Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act COVID Tribal Webinar / White House Tribal COVID-19 Update
01/06 Meeting with the North Bend Mayor, City Administrator and City Council Chair Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 50

Iliana Montiel:
12/12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/28 Special Meeting
12/29 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/05 IHS Consultation Call / White House Tribal Covid-19 Update
01/06 Meeting with the North Bend Mayor, City Administrator and City Council Chair, Leaders Circle
Reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours: 28

Josh Davies:
12/12 Tribal Council Meeting
12/13 ELD Tribal Advisory Committee
12/14 Tribal Consultation to seek input on additional American Rescue Plan Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Build Back Better Act funding / White House Tribal Briefing
12/15 Housing Committee Meeting / Blue Earth Board Meeting
12/16 WH IGA Weekly Briefing Call
12/17 Oregon 9 Tribes Meeting
12/19 Special Election
12/21 Baby Promise RAC - ELD Tribal Advisory Committee / Special Election Board Meeting
12/23 WH IGA Weekly Briefing Call
12/27 TSPC Meeting
12/28 Tribal Council Special Meeting
12/29 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/30 WH IGA Weekly Briefing Call
01/05 IHS Consultation - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act / COVID Tribal Webinar / White House Tribal COVID-19 Update.
01/06 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 70.5

Doug Barrett:
12/12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/ 14 Community Support Healing Circle.
12/15 OYA (Oregon Youth Authority) Stakeholder Corona Virus Update.
12/15 Blue Earth Board Meeting.
12/16 White House IGA weekly meeting.
12/17 Oregon 9 Tribes Meeting.
12/20 Special Culture Committee Meeting.
12/21 Solstice Fire in Plank House & Sweat
12/28 T C Special Meeting.
12/29 GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting.
01/01 Amanda Trail Piece Hike & Ceremony
01/05 HIS Consultation – Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act. / White House Tribal COVID -19 Update
01/06 Leaders Circle.
Total Hours: 62+ emails

Enna Helms: No Report at time of publication

Upcoming Tribal Council Meeting:
February 13, 2022
March 13, 2022

Upcoming Council Election Candidate Forum:
March 12, 2022

Upcoming General Council Meeting:
April 10, 2022

Upcoming Council Election Day:
April 10, 2022

Tribal Council Corner

Tribal Council Meets with City of North Bend Officials

Contributed by Christine Sylvester, Executive Administrative Assistant -Tribal Council

Tribal Council members Chair Bossley, Vice-Chair Siestreem, Josh Davies and Iliana Montiel met with City of North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke, City Administrator David A. Milliron and City Council Chair Bill Richardson at the Community Center for an informal luncheon at noon on Thursday, January 6, 2022

The group spoke for approximately three hours covering multiple subjects. Chair Bossley was encouraged by the content of the informal discussion and stated that this was the first time the City of North Bend Government had reached out to meet with CTCLUSI Tribal Government.

Vice-Chair Siestreem stated “a general theme from the conversation that gave me great hope was, both governments agreed, we need to work together for the best interests of our entire community”.



Pictured left to right, back row: Chair Debbie Bossley and Council member Josh Davies. Middle row: North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke and City Council Chair Bill Richardson. Front row: Vice Chair Julie Siestreem and City Administrator David A. Milliron.

Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

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

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jeannie McNeil at 541-888-7506 or at email jmcneil@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE
NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

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

CHANGES?

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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



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Council Meeting

February 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Approval of Minutes as needed
 4. Tribal Council Reports
 5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
 6. Chief Financial Officer Report
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Other
 10. Good of the Tribes
 11. Executive Session as needed
- Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org

Upcoming Events

February 13th – Regular Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
February 18th – Letter of Interest Due to sit on Tribal Committee’s
February 11th – Deadline for Election Position Statements to be printed in March Edition
February 13th – Regular Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
February 18th – Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.(see flyer page 11)
February 21st – All Tribal Government Offices will be CLOSED in Observance of President’s Day
February 22nd – Ladies Self Care, Dentalium Ladder Earrings Class, 6:00 p.m.
February 25th – 3rd Annual Storytelling Event, 6:00 p.m. (see flyer page 10)
March 4th - Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
March 11th – Deadline to file Statement of Candidacy for Tribal Council Elections

March 12th – Tribal Council Candidate Forums (ZOOM) 10:00 a.m. (see page 4)
March 13th – Regular Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
March 15th – Deadline for Election Position Statements to be printed in April Edition
March 18th - Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
March 21st – 25th – Virtual Spring Break Camp
April 1st - Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
April 10th – Tribal Council Election Day, Tribal Hall 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
April 10th – Regular Tribal Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
April 10th – General Tribal Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
April 15th - Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
April 29th - Virtual Cultural Friday, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

Join a Committee

Enrollment, Housing, Education, Culture, Health, Elders, Budget, Investment, and Garden Committees are always accepting letters of interest. Would you like to serve on a Tribal committee? Submit your letter of interest to Christine Sylvester at csylvester@ctclusi.org. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

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TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
APRIL 10, 2022
For Position #2, #4 & #6

POSITION NUMBER	INCUMBENT
Position #2	Debbie Bossley
Position #4	Josh Davies
Position #6	Doug Barrett

TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL PLEASE SEE BELOW

7-3-23 Candidate Eligibility
According to the Tribal Constitution (Article VIII, Section 4(a)), in order to be eligible for election to a Tribal Council position, candidates shall meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Be a duly enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes;
- (b) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
- (c) Never have been previously removed from office for good cause after the date the Tribal Constitution was ratified. (May 23, 1987).

7-3-24 Statements of Candidacy
(1) Candidates shall file Statements of Candidacy no later than thirty (30) days before the scheduled date of the election. CLUSI Const. Art. VIII, Section 4(c).
Each candidate shall indicate the position for which he or she is filing. No shuffling of positions will be allowed. You may submit to any CTCLUSI Government Office.

Deadline to File – Friday March 11, 2022 by 5:00pm

POSITION STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS Each candidate will be given the opportunity to present a position statement for inclusion in the Tribal Newsletter if submitted by the Newsletter deadline. Position statements shall not be longer than one (1) sheet of 8-1/2” by 11” paper printed on both sides, capable of being copied on a black and white copier (can be color). **Position statements** shall be published in the **February, March** or **April** issue, depending upon when the candidate filed and the candidate’s preference once submitted to Election Clerk. Once a Statement of Candidacy is submitted see Newsletter deadlines below.

Newsletter Deadline for Position Statement Publication:
Friday, January 14, 2022 for February 2022 Newsletter
Friday, February 11, 2022 for March 2022 Newsletter
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 for April 2022 Newsletter

You can only be in one publication; any other political mailings, once reviewed by the Election Board will be at the candidate’s expense.

YOU MUST BE
REGISTERED TO VOTE IN
ANY ELECTION

Only registered voters will be sent a ballot

April 10, 2022 is Election Day
Voting hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Election shall be held at the Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

You can register and vote in person during this time.

Tribal Council Election
Candidate Forums
Saturday March 12, 2022
beginning at 10am

This will be a virtual event only, no in person participation will be allowed due to health reason as voted by the Election Board. If anyone requires assistance to participate please contact Jeannie McNeil or Christine Sylvester at 541-888-9577 so we may try and assist you prior to the event. Link will be posted in the Citizen Portal of the website for the day of the event.

Join Zoom Meeting
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Find your local number: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83565480455



NOTICE OF 2022
TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION
APRIL 10, 2022

ELECTION DATE: APRIL 10, 2022

As of January 14th by 3:00pm the following Tribal Members have submitted to run for Tribal Council:


Teresa Spangler	Position # 4
Brad Kneaper	Position # 2
Michael Romine	Position # 6
David Petrie	Position # 2
Doug Barrett	Position # 6 (Incumbent)
Debbie Bossley	Position # 2 (Incumbent)
Josh Davies	Position # 4 (incumbent)

Tribal Council Elections

Tribal Code 7-3-23 Candidate Eligibility
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- (c) Never have been previously removed from office for good cause after the date the Tribal Constitution was ratified. (May 23, 1987).

For a complete Election Code please see www.ctclusi.org Tribal Code, Ch 7-3 Elections. Contact me with any questions. Jeannie McNeil jmcneil@ctclusi.org 541-888-7506



Join a Tribal Committee

Dear Tribal Member;

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

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

Currently, we will have at least one possible position available in each committee due to vacancies and term expiration on 12-31-2021. Tribal Committees cover several areas of the Tribe and work with various departments. Below is a list of Committees you may be interested in becoming a member of:

Culture Committee
Elders Committee
Investment Committee

Budget Committee
Enrollment Committee
Health Committee

Education Committee
Housing Committee
Election Board

Qualifications of membership? Chapter 7-5-5(d) (1) Is an enrolled Tribal member; (2) Demonstrates skills and ability relevant to the committee’s work; (3) Possesses relevant education, training, or work experience; (4) Represents a particular constituency of the Tribes; (5) Brings perspective or experience that will contribute to the work of the committee; (6) Demonstrates commitment to the committee’s work through regular attendance at meetings and active participation; and (7) If a background check is required under CLUSITC 9-6-7, is determined to be suitable for the position using the standards in CLUSITC 9-6-6.

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

You may also submit a form online with the Tribes’ website: www.ctclusi.org under **Tribal Government**; then **Tribal Committees**, or request on through any Tribal Government Office located in Coos Bay, Florence and Springfield. Questions? If you would like to know any further details, please contact:

Jeannie McNeil
1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
By email, jmcneil@ctclusi.org
541-888-9577

Deadline to Submit Letter of Interest to Join a Tribal Committee is February 18, 2022

Tribal Government Website Information

www.ctclusi.org

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.

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.

FREE COVID 19 HOME TESTS

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them.

Visit <https://www.covidtests.gov> for more information and sign up today at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

All of These Forms Are Available to Fill Out Online

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

- New Tribal I.D. Request Form**
- Name Change Form**
- Change of Address Form**
- Enrollment Application**

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.

Contact the Enrollment Office
Jeannie McNeil, Enrollment Clerk at 541-888-7506
jmcneil@ctclusi.org

GAMING COMMISSION

*****NOTICE OF VACANCY*****
CTCLUSI 01/01/2022

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

The Gaming Commission has a term ending and are seeking interested parties. The term of this position is three years. Interested parties shall file a statement with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member.

Qualifications for the Posted Vacancy:

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

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

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

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

5647 Hwy 126 Suite 100
Florence, OR 97439

You may also fax your statement to 541-997-7293, or email at rbossley@ctclusi.org.

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

Be on the Lookout for Pacific Herring This Month!

Contributed by Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

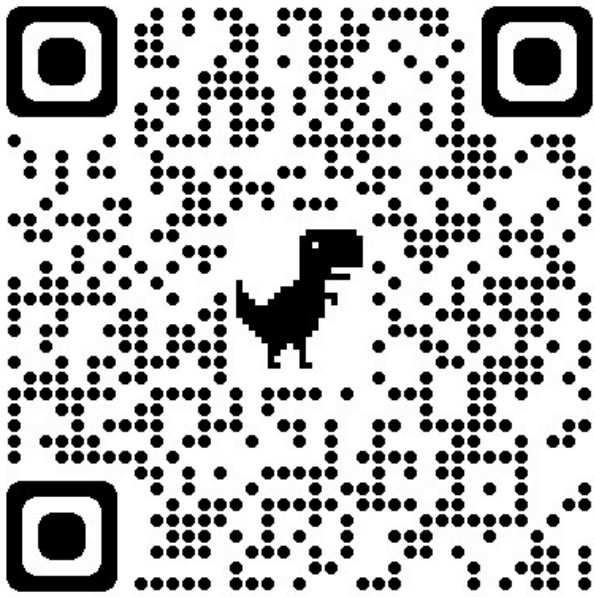
Yes, it's that time of year again! We are so blessed to reside along one of the few estuaries in Oregon that are favored by herring for spawning. There are usually two pulses of spawning activity in the late winter/early spring, roughly around Valentine's Day and the Spring Equinox. These little morsels are delicious and may be grilled, baked, fried, smoked, or preserved by pickling. The roe is also quite tasty. Don't forget to remove those large scales before you further prepare them into amazing dishes!

Hanis: k'wek'w

Miluk: kwek'w

Sha'yuushtl'a ul Quuiich: laquuwa

Scientific Name: (*Clupea pallasii*)



Scan the QR code to view Pickled Herring video with Ashley Russell



Pictured above: Herring eggs on sea grass. Photos by Ashley Russell.

Department of Natural Resources Adds Restoration and Wetlands Project Manager to the Team

My name is Kyle Terry and I am pleased to be the new *Restoration and Wetlands Project Manager* in the Department of Natural Resources and Culture. My experience fits this position very well and I'm happy to have the opportunity to contribute here and learn from this community. My first few weeks flew by but I already met several CTCLUSI staff and look forward to meeting more soon. Here is a bit about my background for those I haven't met yet.

My family lived in Winchester Bay when I was young then moved to the Florence area where I graduated high school. While living near Florence I started to work as a carpenter and I still spend a lot of my free time in my small workshop. Right now, I am chipping away at a Port Orford cedar surfboard when I'm not helping friends with their projects.

I moved away from Florence and went to college when I was 26. I studied rivers and landforms while living in Eugene and earned a degree in geography with a minor in geology. After that, I spent a summer working on the Mid-Fork John Day River at the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Oxbow Conservation

Area. We measured the effects that the Tribe's restoration projects had on the various river processes like gravel deposition, side channel development, and scouring of new pools.

After being in the John Day area, I worked in Humboldt County for two years mostly surveying steep, streamside landslides (covered in poison oak!) for Green Diamond Resources Company.

I worked as a geology tech and forestry tech while in California but I soon felt the pull back to Oregon and moved back and started working at the Siuslaw Watershed Council as the Restoration Crew Leader. A year later I became the Programs Manager at the Council, managing four core programs annually and various ecological restoration projects. I was fortunate to work with the Council at a time when they were a key partner in a Forest Service project on Fivemile Creek pioneering a holistic approach that proved successful and is now used more broadly. I look forward to working with some of these same partners and applying similar techniques to CTCLUSI projects.



Look What We Can Do!

CTCLUSI Undergoes Massive Upgrades to Environmental Testing Laboratory

Contributed by Janet Niessner, Tribal Resource Response Specialist and Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

Since 2016, CTCLUSI's environmental laboratory has been dedicated to monitoring water quality parameters, such as pH, temperature, salinity, conductivity, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, and bacteria. Staff also use the lab to process field samples for contract analyses, such as nutrients and macroinvertebrates.

More recently in 2019, the Culture and Natural Resources Department acquired a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer (GCMS) to monitor for pesticides, herbicides, volatile organic compounds, and numerous other contaminants of concern. The COVID pandemic delayed formal training on the instrument, but staff have still been able to analyze water samples for contaminants, and are slated to begin testing fish tissues and vegetation.

But staff have for years identified the need to grow the laboratory to include more analytical capabilities based on environmental and health concerns. This includes toxic algae in recreational waters, sewage releases from residential septic or ineffective wastewater treatment, and legacy pollutants from either the manufacture or degradation of products like rubber, petroleum, paper, plastics, fertilizers, and pesticides. With the onslaught of the COVID pandemic, the Department especially wanted the ability to detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus in traditional waters.

In August and September 2021, the Department of Culture and Natural Resources asked Tribal Council for funding to support analytical improvements to the Department's Environmental Testing Laboratory, which happily was granted! Environmental staff are currently coordinating the installation and training for a variety of instruments, listed below.

FlowCam

This instrument images particulates in a filtered water sample, then uses software to identify the images for plant or biological substances, and possibly even microplastics. Knowing what kinds of particulates are in a waterbody will help Departmental staff make more informed decisions relating to water quality management going forward. Departmental staff also hope to identify algae species so that we may know what specific toxins might be present, as well as for screening wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) filtration efficacy. We have a scientist with South Slough Estuarine Research Reserve poised to help us start routine analysis.

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Liquid chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (LCMS)

This instrument not only complements our GCMS to analyze for pollutants, but greatly expands the range of what we can find. This instrument should be able to scan samples for their "ion" components so that we can see everything we can possibly want to see in a sample. We can process any type of environmental sample, including water, tissues, vegetation, and sediment. Currently, Departmental staff are trying to target per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS; used in flame retardants) at Coos Head and algal/shellfish toxins (such as at Tenmile Lakes) for monthly analysis. But there are a lot of other proposed projects we are strategizing. For instance, sea lion whiskers were recently found to contain contaminants from car tire rubber. Departmental staff are seeking to develop a project to analyze contaminants in sea lion blubber and identify the possible health risks associated with its future reintroduction into Tribal Member's diets.

Quantitative Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (qPCR)

This instrument will be used for "targeted" screening for specific DNA or RNA of anything we wish to look for. Staff hope to implement methods for understanding sources of consistently high bacteria inputs in local waters, such as might be coming from residential septic or sewage releases. We also hope to test out wastewater treatment and filtration efficacy in Coos Bay, Lakeside, and Florence. But in order to process samples to avoid DNA cross contamination, staff are coordinating a small structural expansion to accommodate a "clean room", where staff must wear full protective gear, and all equipment and supplies will be sterilized in bleach and under ultraviolet (UV) light.

The long-term objectives of the laboratory program are focused into three areas:

- 1) support sovereignty and self-governance;*
- 2) collaborating with agencies to understand environmental and human health risks; and*
- 3) provide educational resources to Tribal youth.*

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) assistance:

In support of the Tribe's ongoing desire for self-governance, the department wishes to support compliance monitoring for the Tribe's WWTP at the Florence Three Rivers Casino. For this purpose, staff have accumulated various specialty equipment and supplies to begin and continue in-house testing to support the Tribe's WWTP operations.

Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (pXRF):

With this machine, Departmental staff can non-destructively conduct surface analyses of heavy metals, such as arsenic, mercury, and lead at the parts per million (ppm) level. Data produced will help staff to understand the potential for acute and chronic health effects derived from repatriated cultural materials that may have been treated with toxic substances for preservation such as pesticides and glues. Staff also hope to test resources of cultural significance from local gathering areas to understand natural background levels, and whether they pose a health risk. Additionally, these instruments are useful in brownfields investigation and remediation, such as is undertaken by the Tribal Response Program, to understand where contamination exists and persists.

With these changes, the department now hosts dedicated staff to the laboratory program and operations. The long-term objectives of the laboratory program are focused into three areas: 1) support sovereignty and self-governance; 2) collaborating with agencies to understand environmental and human health risks; and 3) provide educational resources to Tribal youth. We hope that the laboratory will become a useful tool in all these capacities, where it can be a profitable entity, produce data to influence regulatory bodies, and be an educational provider.

Although the instruments are not yet installed and operational, the department anticipates renovations to be complete by April 2022. The Department wants to invite the entire Tribal community and government staff to a virtual tour showcasing how staff are serving the Tribe within the laboratory. Stay tuned for important updates regarding laboratory capabilities and a virtual tour in the coming months!

Operation Lady Justice

Contributed by Police Chief Brian Dubray

As your Police Chief, one of the responsibilities I have is to represent the Tribe within the law enforcement community to ensure that the Tribe's voice is heard and that the Tribe can be notified of upcoming issues, such as legislation, that may have an impact on how we serve the community.

One overlooked area in law enforcement nationwide is the disproportionate number of missing and murdered indigenous persons (MMIP) cases that have remained unsolved. As part of Executive Order 13898, the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives was created by the federal government. In addition to providing additional investigative resources to respond to MMIP incidents, the executive order also prioritized agreements between federal, state, local and Tribal law enforcement.

I will be a part of the law-enforcement sub-group for Oregon to both receive and provide insight on establishing best practices in response to MMIP incidents once it is formally established.

Please see the notice (at right) out of the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding the tipline that has been established to collect information about MMIP incidents. Feel free to share the information, and if you would like a digital (pdf) version of the flyer, please let me know and I will get it to you.

Hopefully by increasing awareness of these incidents, we can all help to achieve restorative justice and hopefully lead to a path of healing for all involved.



Bureau of Indian Affairs
Office of Justice Services

Missing & Murdered Unit

Email **OJS_MMU@BIA.GOV**

Call
1-833-560-2065

Confidential | Toll-Free | 24/7

Text Keyword **BIAMMU**
and location to **847411**

Call, text, or email tips or referrals to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services, Missing and Murdered Unit to help with any information concerning a missing Indigenous person or homicides in Indian Country.

YOU CAN HELP.



Missing and Murdered Unit

<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ojs/missing-murdered-unit>

OPERATION LADY JUSTICE

<https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov/>



PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.



Photo By: Jesse Beers

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

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

WELLNESS COURT

Are you in trouble with the law?
Are you suffering with drugs, alcohol or addiction?
Are you ready to make a change?
What does true Wellness look like for you?
A life without drugs or alcohol is possible for you.
Make the choice for a better life.



Confidential

Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307



“In the Loop” with the Circles of Healing Program



Circles of Healing

If you are experiencing issues related to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking or human trafficking, the Circles of Healing program is here to help. We offer confidential advocacy, safety planning, support groups, and other support services. For information or services, please call Kathy King at:

541-808-8152



LADIES SELF-CARE



Please join us for a Zoom Class!
Dentalium Ladder Earrings

Materials will be sent via USPS mail.


Open to all women. Class size is limited to 10 to allow time for questions.

Photo courtesy of Roseana Perry

Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm

For more information or to RSVP, please call or text Kathy King at 541-808-8152.
RSVPs are kindly requested by February 12th so we can get materials out to you.

Sponsored by the **Circles of Healing** Program
CTCLUSI Health and Human Services Division



Other Helpful Resources:

StrongHearts Native Helpline 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483).
National Domestic Violence Hotline: Call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).
Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men & 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).

The 2022 Fitness Program Application is online at

www.ctclusi.org

The following is a section of the 2022 fitness program manual:

- ii. Items must be purchased in the year for which funds are being requested (the Fitness Program runs on a calendar year: January 1 through December 31). **Purchases from January thru June will be due for reimbursement in July. July thru December purchases are due in January.** *The specific dates will be posted in the newsletter.

Childcare (CCDF) Program Expanding

CTCLUSI is expanding the childcare development fund (CCDF) program.

Due to COVID-19 and the Oregon Governor’s extension of the State of Emergency, the income guidelines will be suspended allowing families that reside in the five county service area to qualify with no income requirements.

Please Join Us for an Evening of Winter Storytelling!
HECHIT', BASAQ', HAĪK'
 3rd Annual 'Virtual' Storytelling Gathering



Hosted by the Culture Coalition

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89751489096?pwd=US8zcXd1MFNPNlIRytIWFlvVGfQdz09>

Meeting ID: 897 5148 9096
 Passcode: 987369

Friday, February 25th
Starts at 6:00 PM

~ Opening Prayer

~ Storytellers

~ Open Mic

~ Raffle

For more information you may
 call Enna Helms at
 (541) 297-7538 or email at
ehelms@ctclusi.org

Live Native: Tribal Family Program

CTCLUSI's grant programs: Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) and Tobacco Prevention Program would like to invite Tribal Families to participate in our new program, Live Native. This program will range from 4 to 8 weeks long, with at your own pace family activities, and a variety of virtual classes including, but not limited to cooking classes, guest speakers, and cultural activities.

All Tribal Family participants will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of CTCLUSI designed clothing and/or outdoor apparel, while supplies last. At the end of each month, there will be a grand prize raffle: one for an adult, and one for youth. Raffle tickets are awarded to each participant for each activity and virtual class/event completed.

★ Free Outdoor Apparel

★ Raffle Prizes: Adult and Youth

Sign up form will be available at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Live-Native-Tribal-Family-Activities>

Questions: Contact Mark Petrie at 541-435-7217, mpetrie@ctclusi.org

or

Kristy Petrie at 541-888-7521, kpetrie@ctclusi.org

or

Armando Martinez at 541-888-7228, amartinez@ctclusi.org



Photo Credit: Kristy Petrie



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

VIRTUAL SPRING BREAK

2022

DAY CAMP

MARCH 21ST-25TH

Children of CTCLUSI families
 and children of staff that work
 for CTCLUSI who are between
 the ages of 5-18.

**LASERFICHE FORM TO BE
 MADE AVAILABLE ON
 TRIBAL WEBSITE IN
 MARCH. STAY TUNED!**

Household Kits continued from cover story...

	Fall Harvest Kits	Winter Solstice Kits
Sign ups	137 submissions	167 submissions
Households	80	96
Shipped	67	90
Items included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camas Planting Activity• Salmon Dip and Crackers• Fry Bread mix and book• Coloring pages• Crayons• Colored pencils with color words language guide in all 3 languages• Crow and Thunderbird Story translated in all 3 languages• Thunderbird Stuffie• Reclaiming Our Medicine Beanies• Hanging Birthday wall art• Prevention Materials• Dental Kits• Face Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medicine Bags• Language Magnets• Beaded Spider Kits• Abalone shell• Homemade cedar smudge sticks from Tribal Hall• Dental Kits• <i>Ethnobotany of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians</i> Book by Patty Whereat Phillips Jackets• Prevention Materials• Snow is Spider’s Ashes Story in all 3 languages• Winter Solstice Abalone Ornaments

so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine as children do. It’s not just in some of us, it is in everyone, and as we let our own lights shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates us” Quote taken from Coach Carter, original quote by Marianne Williamson. I hope you let your light shine as bright as you can. - Josh Davies, Education Director

“I’m very grateful for the collaboration between all of the different Tribal departments that helped put these kits together. We’re all terribly missing out on being able to gather and spend time together for ceremonies, activities and events, and I know that these kits could never replace those things. Though, we hope they can add a little fun, joy and connection from afar during these difficult times.” - Mark Petrie, Tobacco Prevention Education

Staff members who helped put kits together shared the following:

“It has been an honor to help plan, coordinate and put these culturally enriching kits together for the Tribal membership alongside passionate coworkers. Although, I know these kits can’t replace our time spent together as a Tribal community, I hope that these kits help Tribal Members to still feel connected to their heritage and each other.” - Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

“Historically as Indigenous folks we are driven by community, the whole. As the times have passed we have wandered from the whole to the self. Self is definitely important, but as Sitting Bull once said, “Let us put our minds together to see what we can make for our children.” Several departments pulled staff and resources together to create the Winter Solstice kits to send out to Tribal families. The amount of time and effort it takes to do this could not have happened without that collaborative effort. As an individual, I feel enhanced by that collaborative experience and am grateful!” - Eriq Acosta, Education Specialist II

“The pandemic has taken a toll on our bodies, minds and spirits. While working with other departments to complete these kits, doing so with a good heart, I hope that these kits brought the families happiness. I am thankful that we have been able to collaborate and carry out something that we have not done before is humbling. Thank you to you all that helped in any way you did. I know that our Tribal Members appreciated all the efforts. As the New Year has come, please stay safe and be well. Live for today, because tomorrow is not promised. Love today, because tomorrow is not guaranteed. “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking

Virtual Cultural Fridays

Virtual Cultural Fridays will be hosted via ZOOM from 3:30 pm- 5:00 pm (PST) every other Friday beginning February 18th.

Join live via ZOOM

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85039393602?pwd=akl3M0Y5cUJyTXI2TDhGeXdXU3pyUT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3939 3602

Passcode: 099953

Family Participation is encouraged!

The schedule of activities and recorded sessions will be posted on the Tribe's website @ <https://ctclusi.org/youth-services-private/>

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

Did You Know? YOU CAN GET FREE COVID 19 HOME TESTS

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests.
The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Visit <https://www.covidtests.gov> for more information and sign up today at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

CTCLUSI has ordered at home testing kits from the State of Oregon. It is unknown when they will arrive. If you are a tribal member that would like an at home test please call Tes Gagner at 541-744-1334 to be added to the mailing list. She will need your name, address, phone number, the number of tests requested, and how many family members are in the household.

Native Food for Life Online - Virtual Potluck Recipe Card



Lentils With Blistered Tomatoes and Kale

Kathleen

Serves 2

Ingredients

- 1/2 pound small tomatoes, halved
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons vegetable broth
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chopped shallots
- 15-ounce can lentils, drained and rinsed (or 2 cups cooked)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 2 cups kale, destemmed and chopped

Directions

In a large skillet, heat a bit of oil over medium heat. Add 1/2 pound small tomatoes (cut in half) and a pinch of salt and cook for about 5 minutes. Set aside.

On medium heat, add vegetable broth, garlic, and chopped shallots and cook for 3 minutes. Add cooked or canned lentils (drained and rinsed), balsamic vinegar, salt, coriander, and cumin and stir until warmed. If dry, add a splash of water.

Add kale one handful at a time. Stir it in until wilted.

Put lentils in the bowl and surround with the tomatoes.

Courtesy of USAPulse.org (adapted recipe)



PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE

Native Food for Life Online - Virtual Potluck Recipe Card



Vegetarian Chickpea Sandwich Filling

Charlene Franklin

Ingredients

- 1 19-ounce can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
 - 1 stalk celery, chopped
 - 1/2 small onion, chopped
 - 1/4 to 1/2 cup vegan mayonnaise (add more to taste)
 - 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon dried or 1 tablespoon fresh dill weed
 - 1 tablespoon dill relish
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Optional:
- 1/2 to 1 cup halved or quartered grapes
 - 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped toasted pecans
 - 1/4 to 1/2 cup chopped apple

Directions

Drain and rinse chickpeas. Pour chickpeas into mixing bowl and mash to desired consistency. Add celery, onions, mayonnaise, lemon juice, dill weed, dill relish, salt, and pepper. Add optional ingredients if desired. Stir to combine all ingredients.

Adapted from AllRecipes.com



PHYSICIANS COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE MEDICINE

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



Bob & Wendy Garcia

Bucket List:

- Spend a quiet retirement wandering our property and boating on Siltcoos Lake.
- I have been fortunate to have been able to do and see just about everything I have wanted!

Favorite Hobbies:

- Gardening, and then watching and enjoying the beauty of the plants.
- Spending time with my dogs, cats, cockatiel and mini pigs.
- Watching my nieces and nephew become strong, independent and caring individuals.

Favorite Saying:

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.”

Wendy Garcia

Hanis Coos

- Wife to Robert Garcia; Sister to Jacquie Armstrong and Vicki Faciane; Daughter of Wanda Williford; Granddaughter of Florence Davis; Great Granddaughter of Dora McGrady.

Proudest Accomplishments:

- Starting out as a clerk with the State of Alaska and worked my way up to become the Deputy Director of the division for the entire State of Alaska!
- Helping to make the business my parents started into a successful and respected company.
- Being able to help and spend time with my parents as an adult.



Michael Steinmuller

Bucket List:

- Own their house
- Have a workshop

Michael Steinmuller

Lower Umpqua

- Brother to Linda and Fran; Husband to Andrea Steinmuller; Father to Alex and Kacie; Grandfather to Myles and Kennedy.

Proudest Accomplishments:

- My Marriage, kids, and grandkids.
- Buying a house
- Being self- employed
- Financial stability

Favorite Hobbies:

- Wood working

Favorite Saying:

“Get busy living or get busy dying.”
-Shawshank Redemption



Wendy Garcia pictured front row, second from right surrounded by family


Welcome New Tribal Elders

Sean Currier

Michele Wong



CTCLUSI



Flu Vaccines

2021-2022

230 Flu Vaccines Given in 2021-2022
136 MORE people vaccinated through CTCLUSI compare to 2020-2021

Thank You!!

Resolution Summaries

21-117 Approval of Expenditures from COVID 19-Funds For Tribal Dental Clinic 10/10/21 Vote 7-0-0	21-118 Amendment to CLUSITC Chapter 1-15 Executive Management for Second Reading and Final Action 10/10/21 Vote 7-0-0	21-119 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Resistance Flooring. CTCLUSI Community Center , Housing Office, Building A Building C and Florence Outreach 10/10/21 Vote 7-0-0
21-120 Appointment to Blue Earth Board Position #5: Julie Siestreem. 10/10/21 Vote 4-1-2	21-121 Extension of CPA Audit Services Engagement for Tribal Government and Three Rivers Casino Florence and Coos Bay 10/10/21 Vote 7-0-0	21-122 Tribal Member Emergency COVID -19 General Welfare Assistance American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Program 10/14/2021 Vote 5-2-0
21-123 Appointed to Blue Earth Board of Directors: Josh Davies, Kerry Brainard, Jim Berg, Jim Berg and Doug Barrett 10/27/21 Vote 5-0-1	21-124 Enrollment of New Members Paisley Jean Noelle Lawrence, and Hudson Angel Casillas. 10/27/21 Three Rivers Casino Equipment Lease 11/24/2021 Vote 6-0-0	21-125 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Funds for Property Purchase 10/27/21 Vote 6-0-0
21-126 Contract for a Chief Dental Officer for CTCLUSI Dental Clinic 10/27/21 Vote 5-0-1	21-127 Approval of Expenditures from COVID-19 for the Purchase of Surveillance Network Video Recorders and Cameras to Cover Tribal Properties 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-0128 Contract for New Boat for Department of Natural Resources 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0
21-129 Approval of Expenditures from COVID-19 Funds for a Vehicle for Education Department 11/14/2021 Vote 4-0-1	21-130 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Funds for 30 IPADS and accessories for Language Classes 11/14/21 Vote 4-0-1	21-131 MOU with CTCLUSI and Oregon State University 11/14/21 Vote 4-0-1
21-132 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Funds to Purchase Equipment for DNR 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-133 Adjustment of Tribal Elders Pension Increase as of January 1, 2022. 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-134 Call for a Special Election Vote of the General Council on the Issue of Tribal Council Stipend 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0
21-135 OHP Provider Agreement 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-136 Election Board Appointment , Mark Petrie 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-137 Appointments of the Tribal Benefits Board 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0
21-138 Approval of Expenditures from COVID-19 Funds for Property Purchase 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-139 Appointing Lee Ann Wander as Chief Executive Officer 11/14/21 Vote 5-0-0	21-140 Approval of Expenditures from CONVID-19 Funds For Towable Generator 11/24/21 Vote 5-1-0
21-141 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Funds for Office Containers for the Waste Water Treatment Plan 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-142 Approval of Expenditures from COVID -19 Funds for the purchase of 1 Year of Security Software 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-143 Three Rivers Casino Games Order 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0
21-144 Three Rivers Casino Games Order 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-145 Three Rivers Casino Equipment Lease 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-146 Three Rivers Casino Equipment Lease 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0
21-147 Three Rivers Casino Equipment Lease 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-148 Emergency Amendments of Tribal Code Chapter -8 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board 11/24/21 Vote 6-0-0	21-149 Approval of Purchase of Property 12/12/21 Vote 7-0-0
21-150 Financing Loan Authorization 12/28/21 Vote 7-0-0		

In this pubic paper, some Resolutions will display minimal details due to confidentiality. If any Tribal Member has any questions please email Jeannie McNeil , jmcneil@ctclusi.org

Listen and Learn a Traditional Story in Your Tribal Language

Spider's Ashes are Snow

Tribal Linguist Patty Whereat-Phillips has created video's of the Spider's Ashes are Snow story in our Traditional Languages of Hanis, Miluk, and Sha'yuushtl'a uhl Quuiich.

While we patiently wait until we can gather again we have the opportunity to keep the oral storytelling tradition going through online opportunities such as these.

Using your smart phone, scan the QR codes below to see the corresponding video online. Or you can also login to the Citizen Portal of the Tribal website and view these video's online at <https://ctclusi.org/youth-services-private/>

Need help accessing the Citizen Portal? Contact Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org or 541-808-7918.



Hanis
Spider's Ashes are Snow



Miluk
Spider's Ashes are Snow



Sha'yuushtl'a uhl
Quuiich
Spider's Ashes are Snow

CTCLUSI Dental Clinic Hours

Hours of Operation 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We are open Mondays - Thursdays
in January, March, May, July, September, November

We are open Tuesdays - Fridays
in February, April, June, August, October, December



Call us today to schedule your appointment!

(541) 888-6433

or toll free at 877-688-6433

We are located at
1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420



Low Income Water Assistance Program 2022 !

CTCLUSI has a new **Low Income Water Assistance Program for Low Income Tribal Households!** Qualifying households must be low-income and reside within the 5-County Service Delivery Area of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane or Lincoln counties. Applications for assistance will soon be available on the CTCLUSI Tribal Website at www.ctclusi.org and will be located in the Family Support Services section of the website. To qualify for waste water and/or household drinking water assistance, your household annual gross income must be at or below the following income limits:

1 Person Family	\$29,345
2 Person Family	\$38,373
3 Person Family	\$47,402
4 Person Family	\$56,431
5 Person Family	\$65,460

If you have any questions or need assistance applying, please contact Shayne Platz, CTCLUSI Health and Human Services Department, splatz@ctclusi.org or at 541-297-3450, Eugene Outreach Office.

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

PROGRAM UPDATE!

Eligible households **no longer** need to reside within the Tribe's five county service 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

CTCLUSI website at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP>.

To qualify, your household gross income needs to 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> . If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program or need assistance with the online application, please contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

Education Corner

Student Spotlight: Tennepah Brainard

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

Congratulations to Tennepah Brainard. She has received straight A's for the third semester in a row and now received the honor of being added to the President's List. Tennepah is currently a sophomore this year. While attending the Institute of American Indian Arts, she is working towards a career path of graphic design with a minor in photography.

Awesome accomplishments!!
Keep up the great work.

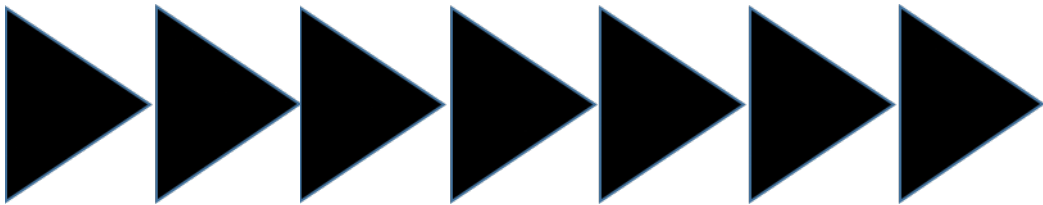
Photo at right: Tennepah Brainard's Graduation from Sheldon High School, Eugene, Oregon



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.




DID YOU SIGN UP ?

We still have **Chrome Books** in stock—If you haven't received yours sign up now.
Must be CTCLUSI enrolled

Link to sign up:
<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/HousingCOVIDEmergencyAssistance>

If you have any questions,
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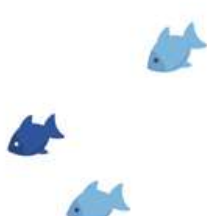
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It is now time to submit your FAFSA and turn in your financial aid papers.

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Tribal Council Election Candidate Forums

**Saturday March 12, 2022
beginning at 10am**

This will be a virtual event only, no in person participation will be allowed due to health reason as voted by the Election Board. If anyone requires assistance to participate please contact Jeannie McNeil or Christine Sylvester at 541-888-9577 so we may try and assist you prior to the event. Link will be posted in the Citizen Portal of the website for the day of the event.

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

<https://ctclusi.org/youth-services-private/>

The Zoom link to live classes will be posted here as well as all the previously recorded zoom classes. Did you miss any classes? You can still go watch and enjoy online!

Need help registering for the website?
Contact Morgan Gaines
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Positive COVID-19 Results and CTCLUSI Resources

Contributed by CTCLUSI Health Department

OHA COVID-19 News Release: January 18, 2022

Oregon Reports 28, 037 new confirmed and presumptive COVID-19 cases, 10 new deaths.

PORTLAND, Ore. — There are 10 new COVID-19 related deaths in Oregon, raising the state's death toll to 5,893, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported at 12:01 a.m. today.

OHA reported 28,037 new confirmed and presumptive cases of COVID-19 as of 12:01 a.m. today, bringing the state total to 541,415. Today's total also reflects the weekend and MLK Jr. holiday Jan. 17.

Are you a CTCLUSI Tribal member that has an active COVID-19 positive test? CTCLUSI has resources for members. 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 (frozen meals), 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 5-day quarantine/isolation 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). The test must be completed at a pharmacy or health care facility. Over the counter tests and home tests are not considered diagnostic by the State, and we cannot take these as proof of a positive test.
2. A CHA will review the COVID-19 kit checklist with the COVID-19 positive Tribal member.

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Will a COVID-19 booster shot prevent me from getting COVID-19?

A COVID-19 booster shot greatly reduces the chance of being infected. And with a booster shot, being seriously ill or hospitalized from COVID-19 is very unlikely.

Will a COVID-19 booster shot prevent me from getting very sick?

A COVID-19 booster shot will prevent most people from becoming very sick or having to go to the hospital, even if they get infected.

Will a COVID-19 booster shot prevent me from spreading the virus?

If you get COVID-19, you can still spread the virus. However, because booster shots lower the chances of becoming infected in the first place, that means you'll be less likely to spread the virus.

Omicron: What we know about this new variant

- 1 Viruses like SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, **mutate or change constantly**.
- 2 All over the world, **scientists are studying** the Omicron variant.
- 3 We know how to **protect ourselves and others** against infection: Get vaccinated (and if you're eligible, a booster), wear a mask in indoor public settings or outdoor crowded settings, keep physical distance and wash hands frequently.
- 4 Oregon Health Authority is monitoring Omicron closely.
- 5 As we learn more, **we will share information** on how you can best protect yourself and keep your loved ones and your community safe.

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<https://special.usps.com/testkits>**

VACCINATION, MASKING, AND SOCIAL DISTANCING

Testing is only one step you can take to protect yourself, friends, family, and others. Everyone is encouraged to:

- Get up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations. Visit vaccines.gov to find a vaccine or booster near you.
- Wear a well-fitted mask when gathering indoors.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance between people.



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Tribal Government Website Information

www.ctclusi.org

Visit the Tribal Government website www.ctclusi.org for digital copies of The Voice of CLUSI monthly newsletter and more Tribal Government Information.

Tribal Members login to the Citizen Portal for even more access to links and recordings of cultural activities.

If you are a Tribal member who needs assistance getting signed up for full access to the Citizen Portal, resetting your password, or any other tribal website needs on www.ctclusi.org please e-mail Communications Specialist, Morgan Gaines at mgaines@ctclusi.org or call (541) 808-7918.

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Line Cook ~ Night Cook/Cleaner ~ Dish Machine Operator

Team Dining Room Staff

Hotel Front Desk/PBX Clerk ~ Telephone Specialist

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Supervisor – Table Games ~ Table Games Dealer

Environmental Services Technician 1

Banquet & Events Coordinator ~ Special Events Team Member

Chief Financial Officer ~ Players Services Representative

Soft Count Team Member ~ Security Officer 1

Network Administrator/Engineer ~

Information Technology Technician II

Three Rivers Casino Resort (Coos Bay)

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Maintenance Technician II

Environmental Services Technician 1

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Player Services Representative Dual Rate Main Bank

Player Services Team Member

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NOTICE TO ALL READERS

Tribal Council Candidate Position Statement

Inserted With This Publication

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the candidates' position statements.

Tribal Code Title 7 Enrollment, Committees, Elections and Referendums, Chapter 7-3 Elections. 7-3-24 Candidacy Procedures (b) (3) Each candidate shall indicate the position for which he or she is filing. No shuffling of positions will be allowed. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to present a position statement for inclusion in the Tribal Newsletter if submitted by the Newsletter deadline. Position statements shall not be longer than one (1) sheet of 8-1/2" by 11" paper printed on both sides, capable of being copied on a black and white copier. Position statements shall be published in the February, March or April issue, depending upon when the candidate filed and the candidate's preference. It will be stated in the Tribal Newsletter that the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians shall not be responsible for the accuracy of the candidates' position statements. Further, if a reasonable doubt exists as to the accuracy, candidates will be asked to furnish proof of their statement.

If you have any Election related questions please visit www.ctclusi.org for complete Election information or contact: Mark Petrie, Election Board Chairman at mpetrie@ctclusi.org or Jeannie McNeil, Election Board Clerk jmcneil@ctclusi.org. You can also call 541-888-9577 and your call will be directed to someone to assist you.

Thank You

The following Position Statements are arranged in the order they were received by the deadline of this publication.



Teresa Spangler

Council Position #4

Dear General Council,

My name is Teresa Spangler, and I am running for Tribal Council Position #4. It would be an honor and a privilege to represent all Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. I am a member of the Siuslaw Tribe and the granddaughter of Dorothy Barrett Kneaper.

I previously served on Council after being appointed spring of 2013, then successfully ran for office and served from 2015-2019. During my tenure I was a decision maker in the building of the Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay and the reorganization of the Three Rivers Casino Florence which marked the beginning of the Casino debt restructuring. In addition, the Jordan Cove project was ramping up in Coos Bay requiring the constant care and attention of the Council. I am proud to say I was just one in a long list of Tribal Members who participated in land conveyance consisting of several parcels totaling 14,742 acres. I was one of many decision makers who approved the first Dental Health Aid Therapist (DHAT) program. We have two Tribal members who are currently working in our Tribal Dental Clinic because of this program. Lastly, during my tenure, I was able to meet many Tribal members who I am honored to now call my friends. I would again like to serve on Council, as I truly believe I can help our Tribe's next steps into the future.

My 17-year career working with the Three Rivers Casinos has evolved with progressively expanding management and executive-level responsibilities to include; organizational strategic-planning, administration of multiple departments, programs and projects; development, execution, close-out and evaluation of programs and projects; budget development and fiscal

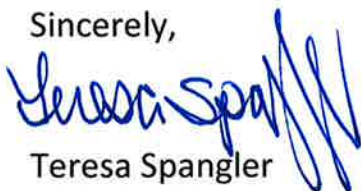
management; contract management and negotiations; policy development and implementation; risk management; human resources, workforce development and retention programs. In addition, I have served, and continue to serve, on many Tribal committees, as well as an outside nonprofit board.

I strongly believe when we treat people with respect it makes it easier to work together and get things done. Looking back, it gives me such pride when I am able to facilitate accomplishments of others. Five of the team members under my supervision have been promoted to management positions and are thriving in their new roles.

My vision for the future would be to diversify our Tribal resources and make certain we have a solid framework looking at the next Seven Generations. As the last two years have shown, we need to look at many different business opportunities so our Tribal members can be successful moving into the future.

I look forward to the time when our Tribal families are able to gather again and have that sense of community and wellbeing we have when we are together. Until that time, I would be honored to be one of the voices of our families on the council.

Sincerely,



Teresa Spangler

541-999-7309



Bradley (Brad) Kneaper Council Position #2

My name is Bradley (Brad) Kneaper and I am running for Tribal Council Position #2. I am a Siuslaw Tribal Member and grandson of Dorothy (Barrett) Kneaper.

I believe I am qualified for this position and can help our tribe to continue to move forward in a positive and productive way.

The Tribe has come a long way since 2004 when I first came to work, including the (re)acquisition of nearly 15,000 acres of ancestral lands for us to manage for cultural and economic use. The work of our current and past Councils have led us to great accomplishments. I think there are many other things that we can do, such as:

- Hunting and fishing rights for Tribal Members, with access to our tribal forests for cultural purposes;
- Employment, housing and education for Tribal Members. Review and make sure that the processes are open and transparent;
- Economic diversity for our tribe. This is extremely important for our tribe to continue with forward progress and the economic health for future generations. The casinos provide funding for the tribal government for programs and investments however I believe that we need to have other sources of income. I have a number of ideas on ways to help push that goal forward. I believe that we should (and do) have qualified and competent people leading our business ventures, and that we should enable them to flourish and be successful;
- Transparency in Tribal Council activities. Review and evaluate possible new ways to demonstrate to all of our Tribal Communities what the Tribal Council is doing;
- Future opportunities for the Tribe and Tribal Communities. We have to be ready to evaluate and act on opportunities when they arise. We have to develop outside resources and paths of communication in order to help accomplish this. We need to listen to our people and develop paths for communication.

I hope to be able to serve you as a Council person. My life has been dedicated to public service and I have worked hard for over 40 years in various capacities, including Fire service, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement. This is a brief example of my professional history:

I retired from my position as Chief Law Enforcement Officer with Tribal Government with 34 years of law enforcement. I worked for the Tribe for just under 17 years and I have experience in working with Tribal Council, County, State and Federal Governments and law enforcement agencies.

March 1, 1987 through March 2004 I was employed as a sworn police officer by the Oregon State Police. During the 17 years and one month, I worked patrol, as a detective in several disciplines and interagency teams. I finished out my time as Patrol Sergeant/Assistant Station Commander.

April 1, 2004 I came to work for CTCLUSI as a lieutenant, and was appointed Chief of Police in 2006, to help the Tribe develop and establish a professional police department. In doing this, I promoted the tribal police department and established credibility with other law enforcement agencies. We were able to accomplish many things. Among those were Policing Agreements with the City of Florence and Coos Bay, Coos and Lane Counties. I worked with other Tribal Police Chiefs and legal representation, and was successful getting 2011 SB 412 passed in Oregon giving qualified tribal officers full police authority on and off tribal lands. This was the first of its kind in the United States and put Tribal Police on an even footing with all other law enforcement agencies.

In June 2014 I was appointed as Chief Law Enforcement Officer/Executive Director of the Gaming Commission. In that role I continued as Chief of Police, and oversaw the Gaming Commission. The Commission ensures compliance in relation to Tribal Gaming, with the State Tribal Compact, Rules and Regulations set forth by Tribal Ordinance, Federal Law, National Indian Gaming Commission Regulations as well and Policies and Procedures of the Gaming Commission and Three Rivers Casino Resort Florence and Coos Bay.

I attended many of the tribe's family and youth camps to provide safety and security. However, the best part of these camps were the interactions with the youth of our tribe. I cannot even begin to describe the pride I have of our tribal youth and those that worked in these camps. Those were experiences that I will never forget. I learned so much from the kids. I look forward to a time when these types of activities can resume.

I have served on the Election committee as Vice Chair and Chair, and I currently serve on the Elders Committee.

I have learned that collaboration and open communication can break down barriers and I hope to be able to use the skills I have developed in over 40 years of public service. I am proud to have worked for our tribe. The years I worked for you have been the best of my career. I hope to continue to work for you as a Tribal Council Member in Position #2.

Thank you,



Brad Kneaper

David Petrie for Tribal Council Position #2



David Petrie has been an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians since 1986.

He has served as a member of several CTCLUSI committees and has successfully written Economic Development and Cultural Interpretive grants.

In 2008 he was selected by his peers as the Tribe's first Culture Director. With a strong background in business development and steady focus on re-introducing traditional culture, ceremony, arts and language he will bring a balanced approach to Tribal Council responsibilities.

In 2011 he established Coos Waterkeeper, a sanctioned Chapter of Waterkeeper Alliance. Waterkeeper Alliance is a global organization focused on improving water quality for the benefit of humanity and aquatic life. He has a strong belief that Traditional Ecological Knowledge needs to be incorporated into Tribal/Federal/State environmental management planning processes.

For the past 10 years he has been Business Development Manager for DB Western, Inc. (DBW) and directly involved with DBW deep-water offshore wind technology research and development. This included studies regarding Port of Coos Bay and Port of Umpqua geophysical assets, public/private property ownerships, environmental data sets, hydrological studies, and FAA obstruction evaluation thresholds. Additionally, he has developed strategic relationships with global leaders in the offshore wind industry, OEM Tier 1 manufacturers, and the Business Network for Offshore Wind who ushered in this new industry on the east coast. He has a long history of successfully facilitating community and corporate relationships and has developed good relationships with elected officials, Federal/State agency representatives, Tribal Governments, private industry, and academic institutions.

With a focus on environmental protection and economic development opportunities, he looks for viable solutions that benefit all citizens utilizing Traditional Indigenous Knowledge, contemporary science, and reputable business practices.



My name is Michael Romine and I am running for position #6. I am a Miluk Coos enrolled Tribal member, descendant of Mary Adamec.

I am running for Tribal council because I want to push our Tribe in the best possible economical position, while maintaining our ancestral traditions. Our Tribe has done a great job thus far, but there is always room for improvement. My ideal improvements are listed below:

Economic development

- Our Tribe has grown exponentially in the years since becoming a restored Tribe, but there has always been one thing missing in our economic portfolio and I believe that is diversity. The structures in place currently, if utilized properly can empower and assist our Tribal membership to their financial goals.
- If I am to be elected, I would work with my fellow council members to build an economic plan that stretches far past the four-year term. We have not yet reached our financial goals because we do not have a process in place that holds the next council members accountable to maintain the economic path from the previous. With open communication and a willingness to work with past and present council members towards a common goal, our Tribe will continue to grow to sustainability for the next seven generations.

Tribal Youth

- After working with the Youth Council in the capacity of Vice Chair for four years, it gave me an understanding on how important it is to have youth engagement in a Tribe. One of my main missions, if elected, is to ensure that our Tribal youth have the same opportunities I did as a youth, and more.
- Over the past two years, our communities have faced unprecedented times, which has kept our family's home and away from their Tribal community. While our Tribe has worked very hard to keep our Tribal families safe but engaged with virtual activities, it is time to bring our back families together for in person camps and activities. Our youth are the Tribes' future. With strong youth engagement and programs to support them, our community will continue to grow.

Outreach

- A Tribes biggest strength is their community of people. Knowledge for one, is knowledge for all. I believe transparency is key in the position of a Tribal Council member. Every decision made, from the purchase of land to the settling of debts affects every Tribal member. Not only do I believe we need to do a better job of keeping open and honest communication with our Tribal members, but also with the State and local governments. A healthy line of communication across the board opens doors for our Tribe that have been closed to us in the past.

As a Tribal member born into a restored Tribe, my outlook and experiences can bring forward a unique and diverse portfolio, that isn't present in our current leadership. From 2015 to 2017 I worked for our Tribal government as our Human Resources Coordinator, and several internships with the Tribal Police department, as well as Tribal Courts. In 2015, with a group of others, we were able to lay the foundation for our Tribal Youth Council. I operated as Vice Chair, until I aged out in 2020. The Tribe has helped me get to this point and the next step is our Tribal Council.

Per our constitution, it is our duty to promote and protect our unique identities as members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, to promote and protect our cultural, religious, and historical beliefs, as well as to the social and economic welfare of our members. If elected, I will uphold the goals set forth through our constitution. It is time for change. With change comes discomfort, but with change comes growth. I am walking down the path laid for me by our ancestors and I want to lay the same path for the people that come long after me.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Michael Romine

541-551-9224