



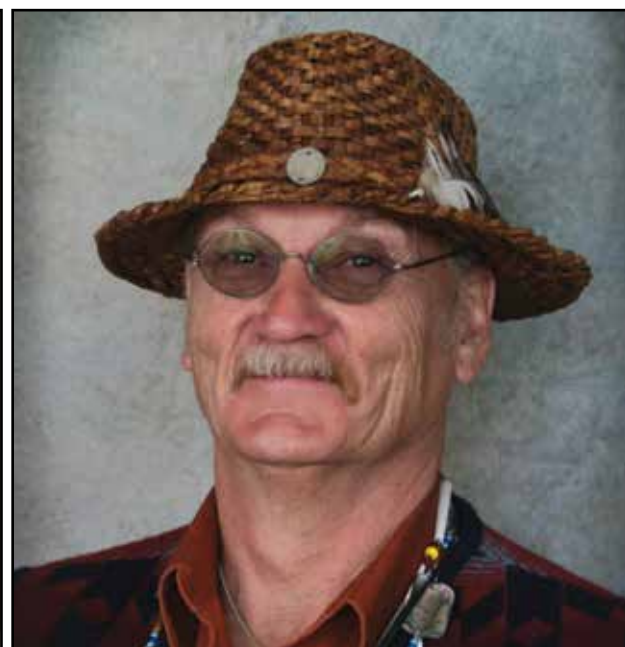
## Tribal Council Election, April 10, 2022 Results



Brad Kneaper, Chair (Siuslaw) Position #2



Teresa Spangler, (Siuslaw) Position #4



Doug Barrett, (Siuslaw) Position #6

Authored by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal Council Elections were held on Sunday, April 10, 2022. Polls were open at the Tribal Hall for in person voting between 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. Staff and members of the Election Board were available to assist with registering voters, voting questions, and aiding the third-party contractor ISLER CPA with the official count.






The certified elections results determined position #2 is newly elected Brad Kneaper, position #4 is newly elected Teresa Spangler, and position #6 in re-elected Doug Barrett. The official vote numbers are posted here (at right) in this edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper as well as on the Tribal Government Website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org).

Tribal Council held a special meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022 to determine the Chair and Vice Chair representative for the Council. Turn to page four of this paper to hear from your new Tribal Chair, Brad Kneaper and residing Vice Chair, Julie Siestreem.

Your voice as a General Council member matters. One way to have your voice heard is to vote in your Tribal elections. According to data collected from the Elections Clerk, there are 910 Tribal members eligible to vote out of a total of 1,316. However, only 565 of those eligible voters are actually registered to vote. Only registered voters receive absentee ballots to vote by mail. This makes it vitally important for you to register to vote to ensure that your voice is heard during Tribal elections. In the April 10<sup>th</sup> Tribal Council Election only 43% of registered voters submitted ballots by either absentee mail-in or in-person.

Remember, next year is also an election year for Tribal Council Positions #1, #3, and #5. To ensure that you receive a ballot by mail, please contact the Election Clerk and make sure you are registered to vote.

Call 541-888-9577 and ask for Elections or email [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org)

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<b>APRIL 10, 2022 - TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION</b>	
<b>ELECTION RESULTS</b>	
<b>POSITION # 2</b>	
Debbie Bossley (Incumbent)	96
Brad Kneaper	116
David Petrie	32
<b>POSITION # 4</b>	
Josh Davies (Incumbent)	110
Teresa Spangler	133
<b>POSITION # 6</b>	
Doug Barrett (Incumbent)	122
Michael Romine	45
Vicki Faciane	78
<p>These are the sworn results of the April 10, 2022 Tribal Council Election for Tribal Council Positions #2, #4, and #6 by Isler CPA, Eugene, Oregon.</p> <div> <div>   Election Board Chairperson </div> <div>   Isler CPA Representative </div> <div>   Board Member VICE CHAIRMAN </div> <div>   Board Member </div> </div>	



Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from March 11, 2022 – April 09, 2022

Chief Doc Slyter:

3/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
3/15 Goose Point Zoom meeting  
3/16 Blue Earth Board  
3/17 Leader’s Circle  
3/18 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
3/23 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
3/31 Toured Gregory Point/Plank House with Barton Robison  
4/01 Luncheon for Green Algae problem in Lakeside  
4/04 Took Bob Bailey from Elakha Alliance on tour of Coquille Plankhouse & our Plankhouse  
4/05 Coos County Commissioner Zoom Meeting  
Total Hours: 55.25

Debbie Bossley, Chair:

March - April In Office 20 days  
03/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
03/15 OTGA Meeting  
03/16 Port of Coos Bay Container Facility Meeting  
03/17 9 Tribes & Governor / Leaders Circle  
03/18 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/21 President of the Senate Courtney & Representative Rayfield Meeting  
03/22 Social Services Director Interview  
03/24 Leaders Circle  
03/24 Social Services Director Interviews  
03/29 Lakeside Cemetery  
03/30 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
03/31 Chair Meade Meeting / Leaders Circle  
Total Hours: 94.5

Julie Siestroom, Vice Chair:

03/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
03/15 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Meeting/ Capital Projects Meeting  
03/16 Port of Coos Bay Container Facility Meeting / Blue Earth Board Meeting w/ Tribal Council  
03/17 Oregon Racing Commission / Tribal Chairs & Governor / Leaders Circle / IPC 4j  
03/18 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/21 Virtual Spring Break Camp / President of the Senate Courtney & Representative Rayfield Meeting  
03/22 Virtual Spring Break Camp / Director of Social Services Interview  
03/23 Virtual Spring Break Camp / Tribal Council Special Meeting

03/24 Leaders Circle  
03/25 Director of Social Services Interviews  
03/28 RESPECT ACT (H.R. 3587)  
Chair Raul M. Grijalva  
03/29 Lakeside Cemetery in person visit with Chair Debbie Bossley, Lakeside current Government / White House Tribal Briefing  
03/30 BIA/CTCLUSI Meeting / Coos Head / GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
03/31 Oregon Tribal Broadband Summit II / Chair Meade Meeting / Leaders Circle  
04/04 Forest Planning Advisory Committee Update  
04/05 Coos County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting / Traditional Consultation ITEK White House  
04/06 Director of Social Services Interview  
04/07 Tribal Consultations on FEMA 2022-2026 National Tribal Strategy  
04/08 Water Healing Gathering Planning Meeting  
Total Hours: 94.5

Iliana Montiel:

03/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
03/16 Blue Earth Board Meeting  
03/17 Leaders Circle  
03/18 Tribal Council Special meeting  
03/23 Tribal Council Special meeting  
03/30 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
03/31 Leaders Circle  
Reading & responding to emails  
Total Hours: 37

Josh Davies:

03/13 Tribal Council Meeting / Celebrated my Mom’s Birthday  
03/16 EAC Board of Directors Meeting / Blue Earth Board Meeting with Tribal Council  
03/17 Met with HECC / Leaders Circle  
03/18 Tribal Council Special Meeting / ESSR III Healing Ceremonies Tribal meeting  
03/23 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/24 Leaders Circle  
03/29 White House Tribal Briefing - Biden’s Budget / Tribal Consultation on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law / White House Tribal Briefing  
03/30 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council

Business Meeting  
0331 TSPC Commissioner meeting  
04/01 TSPC Commissioner meeting  
04/05 Tribal Consultation on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge  
04/07 Tribal Consultations on FEMA’s draft 2022-2026 National Tribal Strategy  
Total Hours: 86

Doug Barrett:

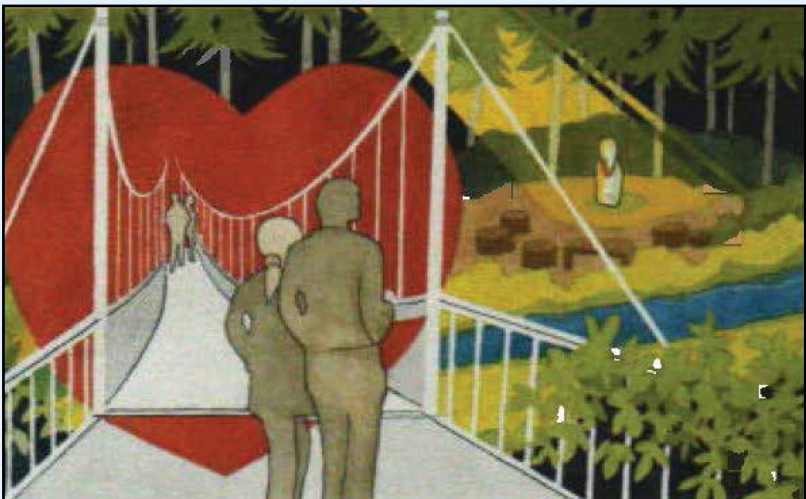
03/13 Tribal Council Meeting  
03/15 Capital Projects Meeting  
03/16 Native Wellness Gathering Planning Committee / Blue Earth Board Meeting With Tribal Council  
03/17 Oregon Racing Commission Zoom Meeting / Leaders Circle  
03/18 Rivers and Waters Healing Ceremony Planning Meeting / Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/23 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/24 Leaders Circle  
03/25 Rivers and Waters Healing Ceremony Planning Meeting  
03/30 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
03/31 Leaders Circle  
04/04 Planning Advisory Committee Meeting  
04/05 Tribal Consultation on Indigenous TEK, (Traditional Ecological Knowledge)  
04/07 Leaders Circle  
04/08 Rivers and Waters Healing Ceremony Planning Meeting  
Total Hours: 74 & Emails

Enna Helms:

03/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting;  
03/16 Blue Earth Board with Tribal Council  
03/17 Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
03/21 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
03/22 Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
03/25 Director Interviews  
03/30 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
03/31 Tribal Council Leaders Circle  
04/04 Forest Planning Advisory Committee Update  
04/08 Water Healing Gathering Planning Meeting  
Total Hours: 36

“Bridging Cultures, Healing Hearts” - Amanda Bridge Dedication

You are invited to attend a very special event on May 21, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in Yachats, Oregon.  
“Bridging Cultures, Healing Hearts”



Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, View the Future, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon Coast Visitors Association, City of Yachats, and additional partners, are proud to announce the completion and formal dedication of the Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge, located just south of Yachats city limits.  
Following the dedication will be a reception and performances of the play, “Amanda Transcending”. All events are free, although tickets must be reserved due to limited seating. Oregon State Covid requirements will be required in all settings.  
To register visit the website [www.viewthefuture.org](http://www.viewthefuture.org) and click on “2022 Bridge Dedication”  
You will find all the information you need to get tickets and register your RS.V.P.

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  
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COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Christine Sylvester, 541-888-7532. 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](mailto: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](http://www.ctclusi.org/enrollment) or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-888-7506 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The full meeting video is available at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) If you are an enrolled member of CTCLUSI and would like to receive typed copies of the Tribal Council Meeting minutes please submit a written request to Jeannie McNeil 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay OR 97459 or [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org) including the date requested , your name , current address and Tribal Roll number for verification.

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- 5. Bryson Bossley

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- 2. George Barton
- 3. Warren (Tom) Brainard
- 4. VACANT
- 5. Martin Harris
- 6. Allen (Butch) Swigert
- 7. Brad Kneaper

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- 1. Debbie Bossley
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- 3. Skip Brainard
- 4. Vicki Faciane
- 5. Teresa Spangler

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Are you a Tribal member who would like to learn more about a Tribal Committee, or are interested in being on a committee? Reach out to a Committee Chair person or a Tribal Government Staff member.

Committee Chairs are noted at left with current sitting members of the committee at the time of publication of this paper.

For questions, please contact Christine Sylvester, 541-888-7532 or [csylvester@ctclusi.org](mailto:csylvester@ctclusi.org)

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Council Meeting

May 8, 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](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Agenda:

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



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](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org)

Upcoming Events

Turn to page 19 of this publication for a monthly calendar of upcoming events or visit the Events Calendar on the tribal website at <https://ctclusi.org/events/>



## Tribal Council Corner

### An Introduction from Newly Elected Chairman Brad Kneaper



Greetings,

I want to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Brad Kneaper and I am a Siuslaw member of the Tribe. First and foremost, I want to acknowledge and thank previous Council members and recognize the work they have done. Each and everyone have contributed to the future and welfare of our Tribe. I am honored and privileged to serve the Tribe in this capacity. I retired in March of 2021 as Chief Law Enforcement Officer for our Tribe. In that capacity I was the Tribal Police Chief and the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission. I began employment with the Tribe on April 1, 2004. I was very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work for my Tribe.

I want to continue the work that previous Councils have done. I believe there are many important goals that we should strive to reach. Economic diversification is very important to the future of our Tribe. I would like to see that our children, grandchildren and future generations benefit from new programs and programs that are already in place. A goal of mine is to see those programs and benefits expanded to include all our tribal families no matter where they

live.

Our culture is vitally important and we need to preserve it. We need to make it possible for our people to learn from our culture and find out who we were and where we came from while moving into the future. I want to see our people enjoy our forests. Hunting and Fishing rights that should have never been lost need to be restored. While our forests need to be preserved, we need to do that responsibly. I don't think that anyone wants to see our forests clear-cut.

There is a lot of work to be done. I mentioned a few things above, and these are some of the things I believe and want to see, but we need your help. Come to council meetings either in person or by Zoom. Join committees, and be part of the planning and development process. Communicate with Council and Government Staff in a positive way. Neither Council nor Government Staff want to keep information from you. Sometimes all of us may miscommunicate information, if there is confusion we want to clear that up. We all want to work together for the benefit of the tribe.

I wish you all health and happiness.

*Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair*

### A Message from Vice Chair Julie Siestroom

Dear General Fellow CTCLUSI members,

The April 2022 Elections brings forth change in Tribal Council. Council positions are elected by the people, and first I want to encourage you all to exercise your right as an Enrolled member of this Tribe to VOTE. We only have approximately 25% of our eligible voters participating in our elections. Let your voices be heard and please participate in our Election process.

Our former Chair Debbie Bossley and former Councilmen Josh Davies will be missed, I enjoyed and appreciated working alongside them and learned a tremendous amount from each of them during our time in office together. I want to acknowledge their daily dedication, devotion and hard work over the last four years and offer my thankful gratitude for their strength, sacrifices, guidance and service.

All the candidates should be commended for their efforts who ran for Tribal Council with

the desire to work for the Tribe. Each of them deserves respect for their participation in our Election process. Thank you to fellow Tribal Members David Petrie, Michael Romine and Vicki Faciane for your passion and desire to help our people.

Finally, congratulations to Brad Kneaper, our new Chairman, Teresa Spangler and Doug Barrett, our newly elected and re-elected members of Tribal Council. With change comes room for growth, new perspectives and fresh ideas. I personally look forward to continuing the positive path Council has established, with our new Council members. To work together with unity to continue this momentum for the betterment of the Tribe. We are in a constant and continuous state of prayers for good health and spirit for all of us.

Respectfully yours,

*Julie Siestroom, Fellow Tribal Member and Tribal Council Vice- Chair*



### Comments from Your Tribal Council Elected Members



I am very honored to have been one of the Tribal members chosen to serve on Council. The work that has been done in the last four years has made so much forward progress and I am very grateful to be able to continue this great work. What I look forward to more than anything is once again connecting with our Tribal community.

I will work hard the next four years in a positive way and please always know you can reach out to me at any time when you have any questions or concerns.

*Teresa Spangler, Tribal Council*



I am humbly honored to be re-elected to serve you. The work I have done on a Council level is so important to me, I am committed to work for all our members for the betterment of the Tribe for the next four years. Thanks to all past Councils for the time they served and everyone who dedicated to fight for the Tribe before us. I am excited to continue with all the projects and plans that have been started, to see them completed will be very rewarding. The Council will continue to work hard on all matters of concern together as we move the Tribe forward.

Please call me any time with any questions or comments and ideas, we work for you.

*Doug Barrett, Tribal Council*



## Donald Boyd Ivy ~ February 21, 1951-July 19, 2021

Chief Donald Boyd Ivy of the Coquille Indian Tribe passed away on Monday, July 19, 2021, peacefully at home with his family by his side. He had fought a courageous seven month battle with cancer. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Fred Ivy and Mary Gladys Burns Ivy. He is survived by his wife, Lucinda DiNovo; his sister and brother-in-law, Corrine and Greg Burnum; his son and daughter-in-law, Jon Ivy and Soo Lee; and grandson Elliott Ivy.

Family and close friends remember Don as intensely loyal, joyful and private, valuing his family and home life above all. A lifelong learner and scholar, he avidly sought out and read everything he could find addressing Northwest prehistory and history, current environmental and Native American issues, and popular culture.

In the public sphere, Don was a natural leader widely recognized for his intelligence, integrity, creativity and boundless intellectual curiosity. His infectious energy and commitment to the common good enabled him to establish new, productive relationships with and among diverse groups and individuals. A skilled consensus builder, he advanced understanding of his Coquille Tribal ancestors' traditional culture while helping to create unprecedented collaborations at state and local levels. His work included active participation in a wide range of community events and activities. Above all, he was deeply committed to advancing core values and quietly strengthening the next generation.

Don is credited with establishment of Oregon's exceptionally positive inter-tribal and inter-governmental relationships, expanded opportunities for education, increased tribal economic independence, and invaluable productive communication networks within and among tribal, state and local governments, academic institutions and non-tribal communities. His legacy includes vastly increased understanding and appreciation of the history, traditions, culture and continuing significance of the Coquille Indian Tribe, and heightened awareness of the relationship of natural systems to contemporary issues. Much of his work was accomplished quietly, often anonymously. His goal was always to "make good things happen"

Don was born February, 21, 1951, in North Bend, Oregon. He spent much of his childhood and early youth roaming the Coos and Coquille Tribal homelands' backwaters and bayfronts; surfing its ocean beaches; exploring its coves, headlands and tidelands; and venturing through the forests, prairies and banks of the Middle Fork Coquille River. His passion for discovery and fascination with the natural world remained with him throughout his life.

Don's energy, resourcefulness and strong work ethic were apparent from an early age. As a youngster he sold pumpkins from a Hood River fruit stand, picked beans in Eugene, peeled bark for chittum buyers, and collected and sold scrap metal. In his teens he worked at the local Sunset Market, then as a stock boy for Albertson's in North Bend. At 25, he was appointed Albertson's Portland-based store director, managing stores in Oregon and Washington until 1982. In 1983, he accepted a position with E&J Gallo Winery and was ultimately named Gallo's territory/brand manager for all of Western Oregon.

Don returned to Coos Bay in 1989 for the Coquille Indian Tribe's inaugural restoration celebration. (After decades of work, the tribe

had regained federal recognition on June 28, 1989.) Initially a volunteer on the tribe's Self-Sufficiency Planning Committee, he returned to Coos Bay permanently in 1991 as the tribe's first self-sufficiency planning coordinator and economic development specialist. During the next several years, he helped write the Tribe's Constitution and ordinances, and helped develop and implement the first tribal budgets. He also assisted in drafting articles of incorporation for the then-new Coquille Economic Development Corp. (CEDCO) and facilitated the tribe's acquisition of Tupper Rock in Bandon, Ore., a site of enormous cultural significance.

In 1993, Don began working as a consultant to the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, advising Oregon and Northern California tribal governments on development of tribal constitutions, on governance, and on economic and community development projects. His clients included the Yurok Tribe, the Klamath Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Lummi Nation, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and the Tulalip Tribes. In 1996, Don assisted the Coquille Indian Tribe with reorganization of CEDCO and revision of its articles of incorporation.

In 1997, Don was hired to establish and lead the Coquille Indian Tribe's then-new Cultural Resources Program. He recognized that the tribe's recently regained sovereignty mandated even more intensive work to locate, reassemble and interpret scattered documentary and physical evidence of tribal history and culture. Don believed strongly that accurate knowledge of tribal culture and history was essential for current and future generations' academic, economic and political progress.

Don independently began collecting and researching written materials concerning local tribal history, and he began exchanging that information and cultural knowledge with historians, anthropologists, geologists and archaeologists at Oregon State University and the University of Oregon. He soon developed professional relationships — and in many cases, close personal friendships — with leading academics working throughout Southwestern Oregon. Field researchers noted that Don's deep familiarity with traditional cultural practices altered their understanding and recognition of historic landscapes. Undergraduate and graduate students working under Don's supervision found him to be an exceptionally engaged and inspiring mentor who strongly encouraged their professional development. Don was especially proud of the many students who, after working alongside him, obtained advanced degrees in related fields.

At the same time, Don worked with other tribal representatives statewide to help state, federal and local land managers recognize and modify practices that inadvertently harmed tribal cultural resources or destroyed culturally significant sites. He was instrumental in creation of Oregon's Culture Cluster, through which all nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon and 19 state agencies achieved productive communication and more effective protections of cultural resources. The group still follows Don's vision of collective stewardship as its core principle. The strong inter-governmental relationships he helped build have made Oregon a national leader in tribal-state land stewardship.

To further education and awareness of the Coquille tribal identity and understanding of the Coquille Tribe's perspectives, Don designed and organized an annual Coquille Tribe Culture Conference. Under his leadership, the conference was held annually for 11 years, attracting the enthusiastic participation of tribal members, academics and agency representatives. Don managed the conference to maximize opportunities for individual and group discussions that would further sensitivity to tribal concerns and build positive partnerships to enhance protection of cultural resources.

In 2005, Don became deeply involved in design and construction of what would become the tribe's now-iconic Community Plank House. Embodying Don's vision of connected past, present and future, the building combines a form anchored in traditional culture, with a welcoming interior easily adapted to a wide variety of tribal celebrations and events. The significance of this structure for the tribe's cultural renaissance was recognized early by Don's cousin, the late George Wasson, who predicted the house would inspire a revival of traditional dancing. In fact, the Plank House quickly became the natural gathering place for tribal members and youth to dance and drum during annual solstice celebrations.

As another facet of the Cultural Resources Program, in 2007 Don assisted in the creation of the Killich Youth Corps. Fired by his energy and passion for continued stewardship of ancestral homelands, the program engaged tribal teens in the physical work of cultural resource and environmental restoration. Like so many of Don's initiatives, the Youth Corps

provided its participants with immediate benefit while also preparing them to meet future challenges. The youth gained knowledge and experienced meaningful accomplishment, while also gaining basic life skills and a sense of personal responsibility.

Don also worked with partners to ensure that young people throughout the region were aware of local tribes' histories and cultures. Beginning in late 2004, he, along with representatives of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Coos History Museum, created what was at the time the only structured multi-week school program highlighting local tribes' traditions, technologies and continued presence in the community. The program proved so popular and effective in addressing existing curriculum gaps that it now serves schools in Coos, Curry, Lane and Douglas counties. In 2017, inspired in part by this program, the Oregon Legislature mandated creation and teaching of K-12 Native American curricula statewide.

In 2014, Don was elected chief of the Coquille Tribal Council, the primary cultural and spiritual representative of the tribe. He served in this role for seven years, retiring shortly before his death.

Between 1990 and 2020, Don participated as a highly valued member of state and local boards and committees — literally too many to count. They include the Oregon Heritage Commission (vice chair), Oregon Racial Justice Council, American Leadership Forum, Southwestern Oregon Community College Foundation, Partnership for Coastal Watersheds, Port of Coos Bay Marine Reserves Recommendation Committee, Coos-Curry-Douglas Business Development Corp. Board, Coos County Planning Commission and South Slough Natural Resource Advisory Committee.

Don's lasting impact extends far beyond tribal and state interests. He repeatedly devoted time and effort for the benefit of the entire South Coast community. He was among the first to recognize the multiple economic, social and cultural benefits of constructing a new museum on the downtown Coos Bay waterfront, and he helped inspire the Coquille Indian Tribe to provide a generous early gift of \$1 million that triggered successful construction fundraising. The facility was completed in 2013, with the Coquille Tribe its single largest donor. Under Don's recent leadership, the Coquille Indian Tribe acted as the first vocal supporter and an important partner in creation of Southwestern Oregon Community College's new Health & Science Technology Center.

Don was also generous with his time, appearing as a highly popular and sought-after speaker at innumerable community events. He also accepted various invitations to assist with educational programs at the community college, including field trips for participants in Road Scholar Elder Hostel excursions, and for geology students.

In the private sphere, Don's adventurous spirit and curiosity inspired a lifelong enthusiasm for travel. He loved exploring unfamiliar cities and countrysides on foot, simply to discover new people and places. In addition to visiting much of the United States, he made multiple trips to Europe, Central America and East Asia, with Thailand, Cambodia, China and Cuba among his favorite destinations.

Throughout his life, Don continued to spend countless hours fishing, crabbing and clamming on Coos Bay. A talented chef and generous host, he was happiest when cooking and sharing meals with family and friends. In gatherings big and small, he always made a point of individually welcoming each guest with a warm hug, and he created an atmosphere in which meaningful conversation could flourish. Having transformed his backyard with an intensive assortment of native and exotic plants, he delighted in the diversity of visiting birds, and later qualified as a master gardener through OSU Extension.

Don consistently chose to share his many gifts in the true spirit of potlatch, a tradition shared by the Coquille Tribe with many other Pacific Northwest tribes. In Don's words:

"To potlatch is to give and receive; to share and to care; and to pay back (and pay forward) for the blessings and benefits we have received — or hope to receive. It is about helping those who need help now, with hopes that they can and will help us later. As we are helpful to each other, so too are we helped in our own lives."

**A public memorial service and Celebration of Don's life will occur at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 7, at The Mill Casino • Hotel, 3201 Tremont Avenue, North Bend, Ore., with a reception to follow.**

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations in Don's memory be made to the Donald Ivy Memorial Scholarship Endowment at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Don was a student at SWOCC and in 2021 was named the SWOCC Distinguished Alumnus for his significant contributions to the community. To help students and the community in Don's honor, donations can be made online at [www.socc.edu/give](http://www.socc.edu/give). Donations can also be made online to the Elakha Alliance [www.elakhaalliance.org/donivy/](http://www.elakhaalliance.org/donivy/), of which Don was a founding member and whose mission is to restore a healthy population of sea otters to the Oregon Coast.





# Tribal Riparian Management Strategy

Contributed by Colin Beck, Forest Lands Manager

The Forestry Program recently presented a draft version of our Tribal Riparian Management Strategy to members of our Forest Planning Advisory Committee, Culture and Natural Resources staff, and Tribal Council. This strategy will ultimately be incorporated into our Forest Management Plan, and will guide protection and restoration of water quality as well as salmon and lamprey habitat on the Tribal Forest. This strategy was developed over the past year with input from the Advisory Committee and other Tribal Members, and with assistance from leading scientific experts in the fields of forest hydrology and fisheries biology. Dr. Gordon Reeves, Research Fish Biologist (Emeritus) at the Pacific Northwest Research Station and Dr. Lee Benda, Forest Hydrologist at TerrainWorks both assisted in the development of the Riparian Management Strategy.

The focus of the Tribal Riparian Management Strategy will be to use tribal ecological knowledge, up-to-date science, and state-of-the-art computer modeling techniques to identify areas where protection and restoration can most benefit fish and other aquatic organisms. We have delineated Tribal Riparian Management Zones (TRMZ's) in areas where protection and restoration will have the greatest benefit to aquatic ecosystems. Unlike private, state and federal forestlands where a generic "one size fits all" approach is used, the TRMZ's on the Tribal Forest are developed using site-specific factors including stream gradient, stream size, stream aspect, landslide susceptibility, and the potential for the stream to provide fish habitat.

The Tribal approach will also differ from that used on private, state, and federal lands in that appropriate management activities will be implemented in the TRMZ's where doing so will benefit aquatic species. Such management activities could include selective harvest (thinning) to promote development of large trees, tipping trees into streams to improve in-stream habitat, and planting native species to improve habitat and biological diversity.

The Tribal Riparian Management Strategy will be one of the most environmentally sound and scientifically defensible riparian management approaches in the Pacific Northwest. The only other forest that will be implementing a comparably progressive approach is the Elliott State Research Forest. The Elliott is also within the Tribes' Ancestral Territory, and we've been working closely with the State and OSU on the future management of that forest. We hope that our approach to managing riparian areas on the Tribal Forest as well as on the Elliott will serve as an example for other land managers, and will lead those land managers to adopt management approaches that provide improved protections and benefits for salmon and lamprey.

## Forest Management Planning Update

Development of the Forest Management Plan (FMP) has faced some setbacks due to staff turnover as well as ongoing staffing shortages; however, the Forestry Program has been able to overcome some of these setbacks and we are making significant progress towards completing the FMP and getting the Forestry Program fully operational. Here's a quick summary of our progress to date and planned timeline going forward:

- In February of 2021 the Forestry Program presented a variety of forest management options to the Forest Planning Advisory Council, Culture and Natural Resources staff, and members of Tribal Council. We received some helpful input from staff and our Advisory Committee members. Those present were generally supportive of the "Holistic Forest Management" alternative, though which the Tribal Forest would be managed using ecological forestry techniques to provide a balance of timber harvest, cultural and environmental protection, and a diversity of habitat and species diversity. The primary characteristics of this approach are longer harvest rotations, uneven-aged management (no clearcutting), and a focus on protecting and restoring aquatic habitat.
- Tribal Council provided direction for CTCLUSI to enter the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act (ITARA) Demonstration Project in September of 2021. Under ITARA, the Tribes will be able to carry out many forest planning and management activities without the need for oversight and approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This will reduce the Tribes' management costs, speed planning timelines, increase management flexibilities, and allow

us to fully exercise tribal sovereignty and self-governance in the management of the Tribal Forest.

- In September of 2021 we presented a range of management alternatives to Tribal Council, and sought direction from Tribal Council on the management direction that should be incorporated into the Forest Management Plan. Tribal Council directed that we should pursue the "Holistic Forest Management" approach, which provides a balanced approach to managing for revenue as well as ecological and cultural objectives.
- In November of 2021 we completed a draft of the Tribal Forest Management Code, and in February of 2022 we completed a draft of the Tribal Forestry Regulations. Both of these documents are required under ITARA. We are currently working on a Tribal environmental review process, and a policy for managing Threatened & Endangered Species under the Endangered Species Act. These documents will be presented to Tribal Council for initial review in the near future.



A thinned stand on the Lake Creek Tract of the Tribal Forest.

Culture and Natural Resources staff, and Tribal Council earlier this month. This Tribal Riparian Management Strategy will be a major component of the FMP.

- We are currently finishing up a draft of the "Management Objectives and Guidelines" that will be a major section of the FMP. Once the draft is completed, it will be distributed to the Forest Planning Advisory Committee, Culture and Natural Resources staff, and Tribal Council for review and comment.
- We are planning to have a completed draft of the FMP in May or June of 2022. The draft will be circulated among the Planning Advisory Committee, Culture and Natural Resources staff, and Tribal Council for review and input. Once we have incorporated the feedback that we receive and obtained preliminary approval from Tribal Council, the FMP will need to be reviewed and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- This coming summer, we will be meeting and negotiating with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to secure their approval of our FMP and the Tribes' ability to operate under ITARA without the need for future BIA approval and oversight. We hope that the BIA will complete their review and approve the FMP and other necessary documents in September of 2022. At that point in time the FMP will require a final approval from Tribal Council.
- Concurrent with our negotiations with the BIA, we will be working to plan upcoming management activities on the Tribal Forest. These management activities will likely include timber sales, thinning, reforestation, road maintenance, invasive species control, and planting of native species. These management activities will be detailed in an Operations Plan, which will detail management activities over a period of approximately five years. Once the Operations Plan has been drafted, we will seek input from Tribal Council, staff, the Advisory Committee, and the Tribal Membership. The Operations Plan will ultimately require approval from Tribal Council.
- Once the Tribal Forest Management Code and Regulations, the ITARA documents, the Forest Management Plan, and the Operations Plan have all been reviewed and approved by Tribal Council, we will proceed with the implementation of management activities including timber sales. Individual timber sales will require additional approval by the CEO and/or Tribal Council. We expect that timber sales could be ready for approval in October of 2022, with on-the-ground activities starting in the winter of 2023.

While we've made significant progress to date, there are many steps of review and approval that need to take place before management activities such as timber sales are implemented. We will continue to work with Tribal Council, the Advisory Committee, the Tribal Membership and staff to seek input on the FMP and upcoming management activities.

If you are interested in learning more about the Tribal Riparian Management Strategy or the Forest Management Plan, or would like to provide suggestions and input, please contact the Tribes' Forest Lands Manager, Colin Beck, and cbeck@ctclusi.org or (541) 888-9577.



# Garden Boxes Still Available

Contributed by Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager

When COVID-19 hit we were presented with an obstacle: the inability to safely access the community garden due to health concerns relating to COVID-19. This pandemic also inhibited our ability to gather, learn from our Elders, and teach our youth as a Tribal community. We recognized that our community garden isn't beneficial to our Tribal membership if they aren't able to utilize it without risk. Because of this, we sought innovative ways and resources to be able to provide our Tribal people with ways to supply themselves with their own traditional foods and other healthy fruits and vegetables from the safety of their own backyards.

While, working from home during quarantine our department wrote a small grant with the goal to provide garden boxes and soil to Tribal Elders and Families who were interested within the five-county service area. This way should they be quarantined at home again they can be more self-sufficient and grow their own fruit and veg. Having our tribal citizens be self-reliant is a great way to increase our tribal citizen's Food Sovereignty. Luckily, we received this grant from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB).

Thanks to our maintenance department's hard work on the garden boxes and delivery. We were able to provide 4 patio planters and they

constructed 22 raised beds, which were delivered to 22 tribal families, 11 of which were Elders. We have now secured and sent out fifty different organic garden and herb seeds along with harvest brodiaea, camas, sweet grass, bear grass, and traditional tobacco. With this small grant and teamwork, we were able to provide large results.

Now, through the CARES act we are once again able to offer this resource and maintenance has already started putting them together. Just as before this is a first come first serve opportunity as there is a limited amount of lumber. We have a small waiting list left over from the last funding and we will be contacting them shortly. If you already have a garden box and would like another

feel free to contact us and we will put you on a waiting list. If we have enough boxes you maybe able to get another. For those that don't have any garden boxes and missed your opportunity last time or didn't have the space and now do, here's your chance!

If interested in this round of 4 foot by 8 foot garden boxes and live within the five county service area please contact:

Jesse Beers- Sha'yuushtl'axan hiich  
(I am a Siuslaw Person)  
CTCLUSI Stewardship Manager  
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Cell: (541) 297-0748  
E-mail: jbeers@ctclusi.org



## Call for Archery & Fishing Instructors

FIRST HUNTER & FISHER PROGRAM  
SUMMER 2022

2X PER WEEK FROM  
JUNE 20TH-  
JULY 29TH

The Culture & Natural Resources Department is looking to host our first ever First Hunter & Fisher Program this summer for youth ages 9-13 in the Eugene and Coos Bay Areas. If you would like to become an instructor (Must be able to pass a background check), please contact Jesse Beers at jbeers@ctclusi.org or (541) 297-0748 or Ashley Russell at arussell@ctclusi.org or (541) 888-7511.



VIRTUAL CULTURAL FRIDAYS  
3:30-5:30 PM (PST)

## Traditional Cooking

Q&A  
with  
Jesse Beers



May 27th

Join live via ZOOM

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# WHAT'S IN A NAME? HANIS, MILUK, SHA'YUSHTŁ'A UŁ QUUIICH

Contributed by Patty Whereat-Phillips, Tribal Linguist and Enna Helms, Linguist Associate

Our Tribe has been known as the “Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians” for many years. At least since the 1960s, although before then occasionally there were other variations on the name (such as the Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua and Coos Bay Indians which was the name used in an appeal to the United Nations to repudiate the US government’s tribal termination policy). In the 19<sup>th</sup> century, there were more interesting spellings from explorers and colonists – Koos, Kusa, Kalawotset, Sheastuckles, among many others. However, with few exceptions, all of these names were in whole or in part misunderstandings on the part of the writers. Few really understood the actual relations of Tribe and language. Indeed, even today few do.

The traditional languages of the Tribe have other names, and not everyone is familiar with the traditional names of the languages.

The modern name “Coos” refers to two languages spoken on the bay (very closely related in many respects, but distinct enough to be classified as two distinct languages) which are hanis and miluk. The name “Coos” has referred to both of these communities on the bay, as even the earliest explorers largely failed to pick up on the fact that there were two languages spoken on the bay. The Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw spoke two dialects of the same language. Linguists early on named their language “Siuslaw” (to avoid confusion with other Umpqua languages, namely the unrelated Upper Umpqua language).

As mentioned above, there were two languages spoken on Coos Bay. Broadly speaking, hanis was spoken at villages along much of Coos River, the upper bay down to the Empire region. The miluk speaking villages began at a place roughly halfway between Empire and Charleston, down the bay through South Slough and Cape Arago. A southern dialect of miluk was spoken by the Lower Coquille people that lived in 3 villages at or near the mouth of the Coquille River. However, the full distribution of the languages is a little more complex than this. Miluk villages on the main bay all had seasonal fishing camps on the South Fork Coos River (this was the actual “Millicoma River”). Just as many Hanis villages also had seasonal camps on kuggwiich (today’s “Millicoma River”). And while these were primarily camps inhabited seasonally for fishing, there were always a few people who preferred to stay year-round

in these far upriver communities. Which likely meant there were at least a few miluk speaking people that lived year-round up South Fork.

Now, many people might assume that Tribe=language, meaning Tribe and language are synonymous. But the reality wasn’t that straightforward at all. Interestingly, the hanis and miluk communities did not recognize tribal boundaries between them. Both hanis and miluk recognized Tenmile Creek as a boundary between the Lower Umpqua and Coos Bay people, and a point near Cut Creek as a boundary between them and the Lower Coquille. But on the bay itself there were no boundaries. As was common in Oregon coastal villages, each village had a lot of political autonomy. Although larger villages with well respected chiefs tended to have more influence than others. But they were more like a loose confederation of villages recognizing a complex web of social and economic ties in common. I write a little bit about this in a little more detail here: <https://shichils.wordpress.com/2015/01/26/on-boundaries-and-Tribes/>

The modern name “Coos” is, I think, likely to have come from a couple of sources. The first being from the journals of Lewis and Clark in 1806. They asked the Tillamook and Clatsop about Tribes to the south, and they called the Coos Bay people “Coo-oo-oos”. Then, in both Hanis and Miluk the bay and the area is called kuukwis, which sounds similar to Coo-oo-oos. In both Hanis and Miluk, kuukwis means ‘south’, as the people felt closer kinship to the people to the north than the Athabaskan peoples which dominated the south. (The popular story that Coos means lake or place of pines is wrong, and in part reflects a confusion with Cöos county in New Hampshire which does mean white pines in the Abenaki language, which is not related to our languages).

The meaning of the names hanis and miluk isn’t yet known, but they are tied to two politically influential and prominent villages: hanisiich (loosely, “hanis place”) in Empire and milukwich (“miluk place”) near Charleston.

The Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw spoke dialects of the same language. Currently we call this language sha’yuushtł’a uł quuiich, a name that was voted on by the participants in a language page on facebook to reflect the traditional names of each Tribe.

Although some words were different the two communities had no trouble understanding each other’s speech. The name “Umpqua” apparently comes from a place name of a location somewhere near Roseburg in the Upper Umpqua language and early on became applied by colonists to the entire river. The Lower Umpqua were also often known as Kalawatset which is the Tillamook name for them. In their own language, they are the quuiich which means “south people” from south (quuii) and people (hiich), reflecting that they are the southern community of people that spoke the same language as the Siuslaw people.

“Siuslaw” is just an anglicized version of the name in the Native language, sha’yuushtł’a. Unlike quuiich, this name doesn’t have a clear etymology. As best I have been able to determine, it comes from the name of a creek which was probably the source of drinking water for a village on the North Fork Siuslaw. This name became the name for the Siuslaw (sha’yuushtł’a) people.

The quuiich people lived in several villages from the mouth of the river up to a village known as Ts’aliila, which is located just a short distance upriver from Wells Creek and Scottsburg, as well as on the Smith River, and at least one fish camp on tsaxinich (Tahkenitch) creek. Smith River falls was an important seasonal fishing site for salmon and lamprey.

The sha’yuushtł’a lived in villages from the mouth to far up Lake Creek and the Siuslaw River. Triangle Lake was a meeting place for Siuslaw and Kalapuya people to trade, and some Siuslaws went elk hunting in the hills just to the east of the lake.

Unlike the hanis and miluk, the sha’yuushtł’a and quuiich did recognize a boundary between the two, it was chiltkuus (Siltcoos) creek and lake. To the north, the Alsea and Yaquina kind of mirrored the Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua in that they were two bands that spoke the same language. All four of these Tribes had a legend to explain this pattern. Long ago, Coyote called the First People together and announced that he would send one couple each to the Siuslaw and Umpqua rivers and they would speak the same language. Then he sent one couple each to the Alsea and Yaquina rivers, and they would speak one language. And so it was for many generations until disrupted by American colonization. For more information on our languages, check out this youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DhINhxni8s>.

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

## CTCLUSI Circles of Healing Program

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Heal, Empower, Affirm, Learn, Inspire, Navigate, and Gather

Contributed by Kathy King, Circles of Healing Coordinator

- Culturally Sensitive Trauma Healing Support Group**
- Utilizes traditional healing circles at the beginning of each session
  - Includes education about complex trauma, CPTSD, and the brain
  - Educates about symptoms attributed to trauma and complex trauma
  - Incorporates themes of balance and holistic healing approaches
  - Support Group is facilitated in 10 weekly sessions to promote healing and progression

**Objectives**

Weekly objectives include: examining the importance of balance in all aspects (physical, spiritual, intellectual, and emotional); goal-setting; understanding and creating safety in all forms; recognizing forms of emotional dysregulation and developing skills to manage them; recognizing and navigating triggers; understanding the functions of anger and developing skills to acknowledge and navigate anger and its underlying emotions; skill-building to manage symptoms of anxiety; growing self-compassion, empathy, and self-esteem; identifying, creating, and sustaining healthy relationships; understanding family systems; identifying the occurrence of lateral violence; recognizing the effects of generational trauma; boundary setting and healthy communication skills; prevention and planning; and for increased understanding of the phases of healing. A short confidentiality agreement will apply to create a safe space for sharing.

At the end of each session, there will be a celebration ceremony.

**2022 Summer Session**

**Session 2: June 13th - August 15th**

**Session 2 - Afternoons: Mondays at 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**on ZOOM, for 10 weeks**

Contact the Circles of Healing program for information and registration for this support group. Registration and participation are at no cost and all participants will receive a certificate of completion as well as a copy of their weekly attendance logs. Please reach out for technology or other assistance in advance, as we seek to meet individualized needs.

**Circles of Healing Program: (541) 808-8152**

## LADIES SELF-CARE



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Dreamcatchers Class**

**-Tuesday-**

**June 28, 2022**

**6:00pm**

## LADIES SELF-CARE



**Circles of Healing Meet Up at Circles In The Sand**

We will meet in Scenic Bandon

We'll stay outdoors to view the circles & socially distance


**Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 10:00am**

For information and to sign up, please call or text Kathy at 541-808-8152.

There is a long, steep stairway down to the beach which can be quite cool and windy.

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**Please join us for a Zoom Class!**

**Medicine Pouch Bag & Abalone or Bezel Necklace**

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Open to all women.  
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# Spring Break Virtual Camp 2022

Authored by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Spring Break Virtual Camp 2022 was a hit with the youth who attended! Many of the youth who participated were from out of the area. That is certainly one good thing about having the ability to hold events through zoom, we get to see so many faces that otherwise we might not. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person again when it is safe to do so, but are delighted at meeting our Tribal families living throughout the country. Each family/participant was sent an activity kit filled with items that were for various events throughout the week of camp. For example, they were sent kits for beading, mosaic making, canoe cut outs, drum painting and more!

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> youth, their families, and staff gathered online. Each morning, break out groups learned their traditional languages and greeted one another in morning talking circles. Here they had a space to share and practice their traditional language.

Police Chief Brian Dubray joined us on Monday after camp protocols and introductions for a presentation on cyber safety. Our online presence has greatly increased due to Covid-19, with school taking a hybrid approach and events such as our own virtual camp. He reminded us of the importance of online safety, what type of information not to share, and how to watch out for one another.

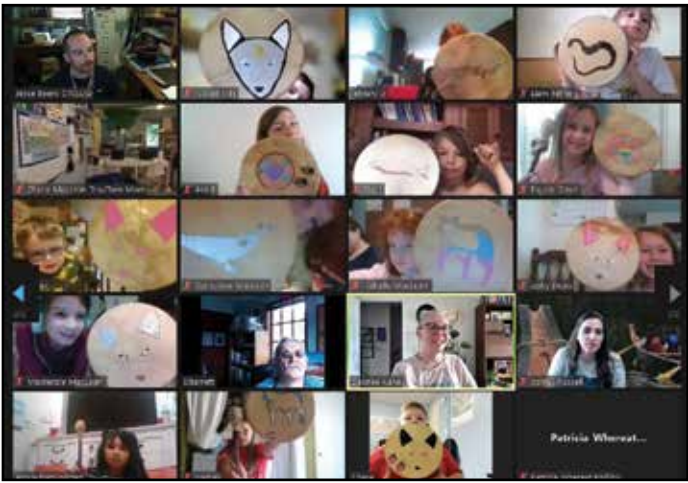
To keep us energized and get us moving rather than sitting at our computer screens to long throughout the day, we did physical warm ups by following along to Powwow Dance. Youth had a blast learning one of their own Tribal dances and put their endurance to the test with the hop dance game. That definitely got the blood flowing and appetites up for their at home lunch breaks.

Afternoon sessions were held in the Tribes new virtual space Gather.Town. This virtual space was created to replicate the Tribal Hall, Community Center, and other spaces around the reservation. Through the creation of an avatar, youth were able to explore these spaces, practice more of the language, do various scavenger hunts for traditional plants and first foods and so much more. Together they watched a movie online as well as played games such as an escape room based off of a traditional story about nuusgillii.

Throughout the week youth also met the entire Dental Clinic team, Education Department Staff, members of Culture and the Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Council members and Communications staff. The Dental staff lead a fun toothpaste slime activity while teaching youth about the importance of dental

hygiene. Culture lead them in activities around food dehydration and learning about first foods. Education and Culture joined together to present activities on solar power and traditional technologies for tool making and other uses. Youth were also lead in drum stick making and painting of their drums, and presentation on lamprey conservation, canoe culture, and the revitalization of Youth Council.

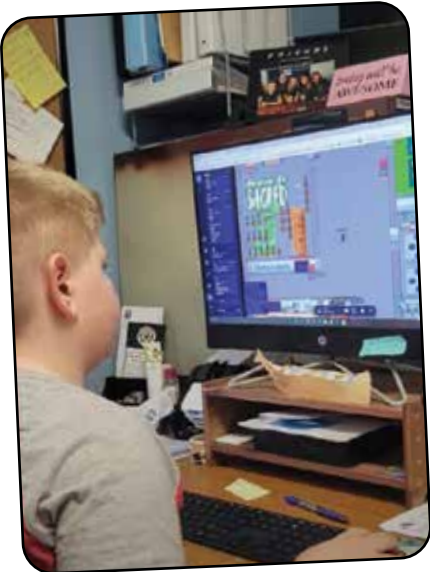
Thank you to all the staff who participated and made this camp such a success. Also thank you to all the youth and their families who participated and provided feedback. We look forward to seeing you again soon!



Youth hold up their painted drums for everyone to see!



Tribal siblings participated in virtual camp together from Washington, loved to have them join in.



Exploring Gather.Town



Showing off mosaic skills!





# Spring Break Virtual Camp 2022

What was your favorite thing from the entire camp?  
What do you want to see for the next camp?

Isabelle - "Learning about the rocks. Wants to do pottery making at the next camp."

Talice - "Making the necklaces, and the solar power activity. We should do solar powered cars."

Paislie - "Seeing everybody and doing the beading. Future camp, more fun things!"

Genevieve - "Beadng the necklaces and doing the jump dance"

Elijah - "Really liked beading, and more beading for next camp!"

Mackenzie - "Making the jewelry."

Chase - "Loved making the necklace. Wants to see everybody in person next year!"



Gather.Town was a huge hit with the Youth who picked up the hang of it quickly while us adults caught on in due time.



Tribal Dental Team spent a session talking about dental hygiene and leading fun activities over zoom

Jaylah - "Honestly can't think of one thing that was her favorite. Want to be in person next camp!"

Patty - "Being able to gather together with everyone from all over! And seeing all of the creative works by everyone."

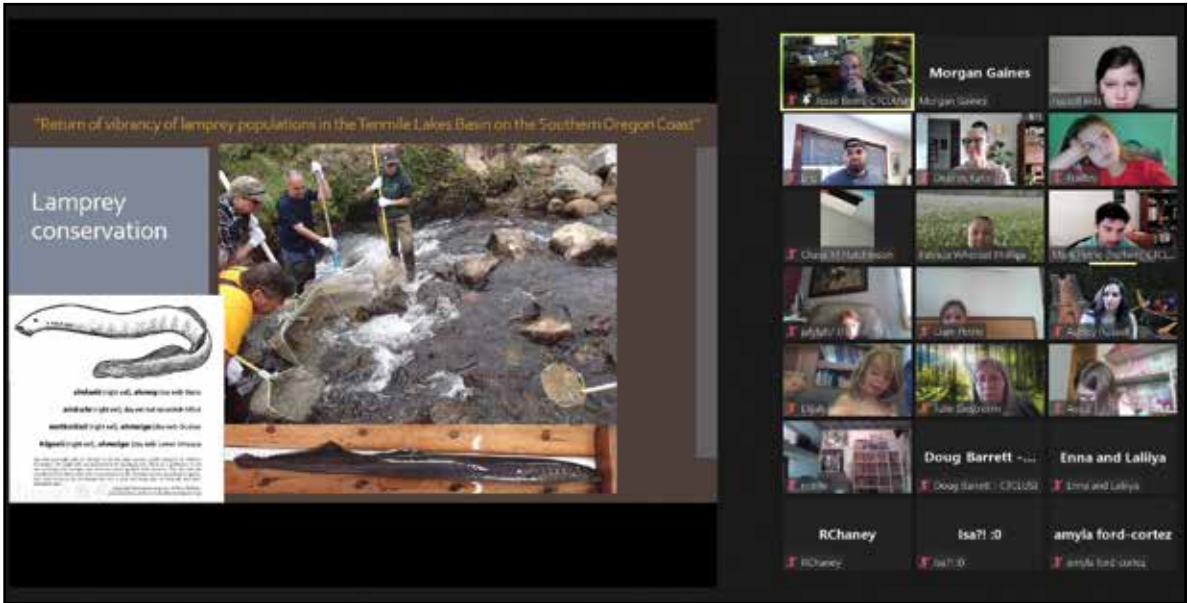
Ashley - "Watching everyone interact with each other and learn their history, language, but most importantly, the nuusgilee Escape Room in Gather."



Afternoon sessions took place in Gather.Town. Here youth interacted with each other using avatars while exploring a virtual replica of Tribal Hall, the Community Center and more!



Every morning youth participated in their Native Language Classes to learn vocabulary words for each day's activities. They learn the language so fast!



Youth listened in during a presentation all about the lamprey conservation efforts that the Tribe has been doing. They learned how lamprey was not only a traditional food source for our ancestors but remains a vital part of our local ecosystems.



Health Department Hires  
Purchased/ Referred Care Specialist

My name is Heidi Reiber and I'm the new Purchased / Referred Care Specialist in the Coos Bay office. I have lived in the Coos Bay / North Bend area my entire life. I attended school in Coos Bay and North Bend before graduating from Marshfield High School in 2002. I previously worked at The Mill Casino Hotel and RV Park for 16 years. This position will give me more, much needed time with my family. My boyfriend Kyle and I had our first child in 2020. Our daughter, Reilin, will be two in July, and watching her grow up has been one of the biggest joys of our lives. I enjoy time spent at the beach searching for treasures, camping with friends and family during the summer months, and gardening. I am excited to be part of the PRC team and I look forward to learning new skills and meeting new people.



Call PRC at 541-888-4873  
or Toll Free at 1-800-227-0392



Say Hello to  
Housing Director Jamie Meyers

I have worked for CTCLUSI since November of 2016 as the DHAT Coordinator/ Dental Billing Specialist in the dental clinic. During this time, I have worked with the State of Oregon to help the DHAT (Dental Health Aide Therapist) program be successful and pass legislation for the DHATs to become licensed in Oregon. Before working for CTCLUSI, I worked doing property management and was a part of the first building in North Bend obtain the Urban Renewal Grant in 2012 where I managed the project during upgrades. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management while also working full-time.

I am the mother of two boys, 20 and 13, and the mother-in-law to a 21-year-old. I spend my off time with my family as much as I can. My youngest is active in many sports, and I enjoy taking him to practices and watching him play. If we have time outside of that, we enjoy exploring new places and small hikes.

I am looking forward to working with Tribal members in a new aspect while doing everything I can to maintain the standards set before us while providing affordable living.



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Tribal Member Sharon Arnold Retirement Celebration

Authored by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On February 25, 2022 a retirement celebration was held amongst staff to honor Tribal member Sharon Arnold during her last day with the Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) department of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians. Sharon has been helping Tribal members for over 13 years. When she started in 2008 she trained at the front desk, then moved into the dental office and part time in contract health. From there she moved into PRC full time. She is already missed but we are so very grateful to her for all of her time and dedication through the years. We wish you every happiness in your retirement.

Some of the kind words shared during her retirement celebration include:

"It's been so fun to work with you, I appreciate all the years that you've given us and that you've stayed as long as you did. It's just been an absolute pleasure to work with you. Tribal members love you and you're going to be truly, truly missed." ~ Iliana Montiel  
"[When I came onboard with the Tribe] you were so very welcoming, and at the same time, kind of intimidating. You knew so much, you were such the office professional in every step of the way. There wasn't a day you didn't show up ready to present as the professional you were. Every single day, on time, I just can't say enough about you. We grew very close...I think of you as a sister, mom, a coworker, a friend, you're just a very, very special person that was always so balanced and great to work with as a coworker... You're going to be missed a lot." ~ Nancy Spray

Sharon shared amongst the kinds words of her friends and coworkers that "I want everyone to know that I've appreciated

what the Tribe has done for me...and have nothing but gratitude for all that the Tribe has done for me and my family." Sharon also shared some parting words of wisdom by letting us all know "If you can't have fun when you're working, you should go someplace else. You should enjoy your job, and especially the people you have to share more time with than your family, so you need to care for what you do."



Tribal Council members gift Sharon with a Pendleton blanket



Most attended via zoom while a small group gathered with Sharon in the Community Center to celebrate her last day of work at CTCLUSI



# 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

## Attention Tribal Elders:

### Help us celebrate you!

If you have not yet been featured in the Elders Corner and would like to be, please reach out to us by contacting Kimmy Bixby at (541) 808-8684 or email [kbixby@ctclusi.org](mailto:kbixby@ctclusi.org)

## Elders Committee

Are you interested in serving on the Elders Committee?  
Contact us today for more information by calling Christine Sylvester at 541-888-7532 or email [csylvester@ctclusi.org](mailto:csylvester@ctclusi.org)



Chris Cornellsen

### Chris Cornellsen

#### Coos

• My native heritage that I'm aware of starts with my great-great-great-grandmother Nancy Walker, her daughter (my great-great-grandmother) Etta Carlson was married to Gustav. Their daughter (my great-grandmother) was Lizzie (Elizabeth) Carlson Hodges. Her daughter was my grandmother, Daisy Hakanson Ellefsen, married to Art. My mom, Lynn (Marylyn) Cornelssen, was their daughter and married my Dad Hank (Henry) in 1958. I have a sister Cathy, 3 nieces and nephews, and 5 great-nieces and nephews. I'm currently engaged to Rojelio Castrejón and we plan to wed later this year.

#### Bucket List:

• I don't have a bucket list. Just live life to the fullest, travel, and be fit and healthy.

#### Favorite Saying:

"When life gives you lemons make lemonade."

#### Favorite Hobbies:

- Hike
- Camp
- Travel

#### Proudest Accomplishments:

- Graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Graphic Design and I'm proud to have worked in that profession for over 35 years.
- Co-founder of a non-profit, helping raise funds to help organizations fight bullying, and promote inclusion and tolerance in our youth.
- Travel. So far, I've been to 13 countries and 22 states, and DC.

## Title VI Program Services Available to Elders

The Title VI Program for Elders (age 55 and over) provides federal grant monies for our Congregate Meals Program, Frozen Meals Program, Chore Service and Respite Care Services for Tribal Elders, Spouses and Widow(er)s whose primary residence is within our five-county service area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties).

### This month we would like to highlight Chore Services:

#### Chore Services Program Eligibility:

- Elders age 55 and older whose primary place of residence is within the five-county service area of: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln Counties.
- Tribal spouses are not eligible for Chore Services; however, widow(er)s are eligible until the time they remarry.
- Services must be provided at the Elder's primary place of residence is within the five county service area.
- The purpose of the Chore Services program is to provide assistance to Elders with activities they cannot easily do for themselves and which, by having someone perform these duties for them, allows them to remain living independently in their own home(s).

#### Some but not all inclusive eligible chore services include:

- Yard work, including lawn mowing, leaf raking, general clearing of debris around the home
  - Weather stripping around doors and windows
  - Gutter cleaning
  - Snow removal from driveway and sidewalks
  - Purchase and stacking of firewood
- General cleaning of the household, including but not limited to dusting and cobweb removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, appliance cleaning, window washing, and stripping and remaking beds.

**There are forms that must be filled out for this service. Those forms can be picked up at your local office or mailed to your home. The cycle for these funds is not on a calendar year.**

**The funds are available annually from April 1st of the current year through March 31st of the following year.**

**For further information on Chore Service, please contact your local Community Health Aide:**

**Coos Bay - Barbara Black (541) 888-7520    Florence - Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685**  
**Eugene - Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1349**



## LEARN ABOUT WILDFIRE SMOKE AND HOW REDUCE EXPOSURE

Contributed by Ali Grove, Air Protection Specialist

We are blessed to live in the lush Pacific Northwest, with plenty of fresh air and cool coastal winds. However, wildfire smoke knows no boundaries, and even from far away can find its way into our communities. The composition of wildfire smoke is complex and the chemical species are determined by the burn site, vegetation burned, and weather conditions. All wildfire emissions have a substantial amount of PM2.5 (about 90%), which has a significant impact on human health. Particulate matter at this size is especially harmful because the hazardous chemicals are so tiny, they can enter the bloodstream. Proactive planning is essential for keeping our families and loved ones safe during smoke events. I would like to look back on a traditional Coos story that was shared with me about a 'fire wind' - a big fire that came over the sea and people hid in the mud to escape it.

A version that Frank Drew, Hanis Coos, told in English:

"One time long ago there came from the west, in the daytime, five gusts or layers of fire, from the ocean; they swept across the land. It seems as if the people knew just what to do to save themselves. Everything burned. One sheet of fire came east quickly. Seeing it coming the people all went into the river and mud flats, crawling into the west mud and water until the sheet of fire had passed over them. Only the mud did not burn. Four more sheets of flame were evaded the very same way. The people had taken sealion paunches and put into them the infants that could not run. The people could not explain what made the fire come that way, but maybe it was to purify the earth."



While we need not hide in the mud from wildfire smoke, this story tells of the resiliency of the first people and how preparedness can help in times of need. There are a few precautionary actions that we can take to get ready for wildfire smoke events:

- Designate a room in your home to be a "clean room." This room should have as few windows or doors as possible, or they should be closed, to keep smoke out. Use an indoor air cleaner or filter fan to make the air in the room even cleaner. HEPA filters are highly rated.
- When the air looks and smells smoky, it may not be the best time for activities outdoors. Use your best judgement.
- If you must be outdoors, NIOSH approved masks with the label "N95" or "N100" are the most effective type of mask that protects you from air pollution.
- Keep an eye on PM2.5 levels in your area during wildfires. AirNow's Fire and Smoke Map is a reliable source, which can let you know if there are fires or smoke plumes within a 150-mile radius of your selected location ([fire.airnow.gov](https://fire.airnow.gov)).

If you have any questions on air protection matters feel free to contact me at my Office: 541-435-7156 Cell: 541-294-6136 or Email: [agrove@ctclusi.org](mailto:agrove@ctclusi.org)

### What is PM2.5?

PM2.5 means particulate matter measuring 2.5 microns or less across. A micron is a very small unit of measure – one millionth of a meter.

- These particles are so small that they cannot be seen by the human eye.
- Particles this small can be easily inhaled and travel deep into the respiratory tract and have been associated with a variety of short-term and long-term health conditions.

Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency  
<https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/particulate-matter-pm-basics>

The Cultural and Natural Resources Department will be hosting regalia classes, please email [dnrculture@ctclusi.org](mailto:dnrculture@ctclusi.org) or call Enna at (541) 297-7538.



**Looking for Tribal Artists available and interested in teaching a range of regalia classes**

## Material Gathering

for bark, roots, sticks, sedge, etc

The Cultural and Natural Resources Department will be hosting material gathering days on our Tribal lands, please email [dnrculture@ctclusi.org](mailto:dnrculture@ctclusi.org) or call 1 (800) 877-2718

**May 6th, Smith River Tract**

RSVP by May 5th if interested in caravanning

**May 20th, Lake Creek Tract**

RSVP by May 19th if interested in caravanning

Call for details if you are interested in attending

### Department of Natural Resources

#### Clean Air Program

Has received a grant from DEQ to promote

Clean Air in Tribal Communities

Survey to follow



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# Progress Update on Upgrades to DNR’s Environmental Testing Laboratory

Contributed by Janet Niessner, Environmental Scientist

Since 2016, the Department of Natural Resources and Culture’s environmental laboratory has been dedicated to monitoring water quality to monitor baseline measurements and find trends on a monthly basis. But water is the basis for all life, and therefore affects and is affected by its ecosystem. As a result, the laboratory also looks at sediment, vegetation, fish tissues, and culturally-handled materials for a variety of contaminants and pollutants. The long-term objectives of the laboratory program are focused into three areas: 1) to support sovereignty and self-governance; 2) to collaborate with agencies to understand environmental and human health risks; and 3) provide educational resources to the Tribal community.

Beginning in Fall 2021, DNR asked Tribal Council for funding to support analytical improvements to the Department’s Environmental Testing Laboratory, which happily was granted! Staff purchased numerous analytical instruments and associated testing supplies to understand the presence of toxic algae, pesticides and herbicides, DNA and RNA, legacy contaminants (such as PCBs, PAHs), pharmaceuticals and drugs, and heavy metal toxicity (such as arsenic, lead, and mercury). The laboratory will also support regulatory compliance testing for the wastewater treatment plant in Florence, contractual bacteria testing in water, and numerous grant-funded projects.

In February 2022, DNR staff reported to the community about the massive upgrades occurring to our laboratory. So much has happened since that time! Apart from ongoing trainings, staff are already scheduling monthly routine analysis, compiling draft protocols, and calculating per-sample analytical costs for grant applications with local partners. The Laboratory Program team, formed from DNR’s various environmental programs, has a structured workplan for development and a draft Laboratory Management Plan. More specific updates include:

### FlowCam

The FlowCam Cyano was successfully installed and laboratory staff are pacing through the training modules running samples collected from Empire Docks in Coos Bay. Routine analysis has already begun to understand what phytoplankton and zooplankton exist in the various waterbodies.

### Liquid Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (LCMS)

Upgrades are nearly finished for facility HVAC requirements. Our new Shimadzu LCMS-9030 Quadrupole Time of Flight (QTOF) with two Nexera X3 High Performance Liquid Chromatographs (HPLCs) are scheduled for installation the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Staff will have a couple weeks to work with the instrument to develop some working knowledge and questions prior to the official operational training scheduled for the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Staff will also be traveling to Maryland for more advanced operational training hopefully by Fall or Winter 2022.

### Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GCMS)

Although our Shimadzu GCMS-TQ8050 was purchased in 2020 to investigate pesticides, herbicides, PCBS, PAHs, and other contaminants of concern (COCs), formal training was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff worked hard to analyze samples, but had difficulty with remote software training in trying to work and understand the results. Training was finally rescheduled and completed in April 2022, and routine analysis has begun on water, vegetation, sediment, and fish tissues.

### Quantitative Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (qPCR)

Staff have completed the installation of the Agilent AriaMx quantitative polymerase chain reaction (qPCR) instrument and NanodropOne Spectrophotometer to analyze the presence/absence of for DNA, RNA, and proteins. In coordination with the Facilities and Maintenance Department, we are in the midst of building a clean-room structure for sample processing to avoid sample contamination.

### Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) assistance:

Electrical upgrades were completed in February to accommodate new ovens, furnace, bioclave, and vacuum pump to perform analysis for Total Suspended Solids, Total Dissolved Solids, Volatile Suspended Solids, and more. Staff are nearly complete with written formal procedures to undertake validation testing to assure quality testing. Staff are coordinating with Facilities and Maintenance staff to form a collaborative and fluid routine by summer 2022.


### Portable X-Ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (pXRF):

Laboratory and cultural staff presented the purchase proposal to Tribal Council in April 2022 for a pXRF to screen for the presence of heavy metal contamination on a variety of materials. Staff are working through the procurement process and preparing health and safety protocols for its operation. The instrument will require no installation or routine maintenance, and can be put to immediate use upon arrival. In the mean time, participating staff are drafting testing plans for specific projects so that analysis can be carried through in a structured manner depending on the material and the application.

DNR hopes to meet with Tribal Council for development of the Laboratory Program, as well as for suggestions on bestowing a traditional Tribal name for the entity. Staff are poised to put up a website page as well that would describe our function and advertise educational opportunities. As analysis moves forward, results will influence educational outreach on health concerns to both the Tribal community and community at large. Moreover, cultural staff will be facilitating the Gather.Town platform to include visual and interactive education for these incredible tools, especially in how they can be used with traditional ecological knowledge.

Stay tuned for more important updates regarding laboratory capabilities and a virtual tour in the coming months!

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## 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  
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EMAIL: [Peacegiving@ctclusi.org](mailto:Peacegiving@ctclusi.org) Website: <https://ctclusi.org/tribalcourtpeacegiving>


## 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.



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## Education Corner

### Abbie Wright Earns Full Scholarship for Summer Abroad Program!



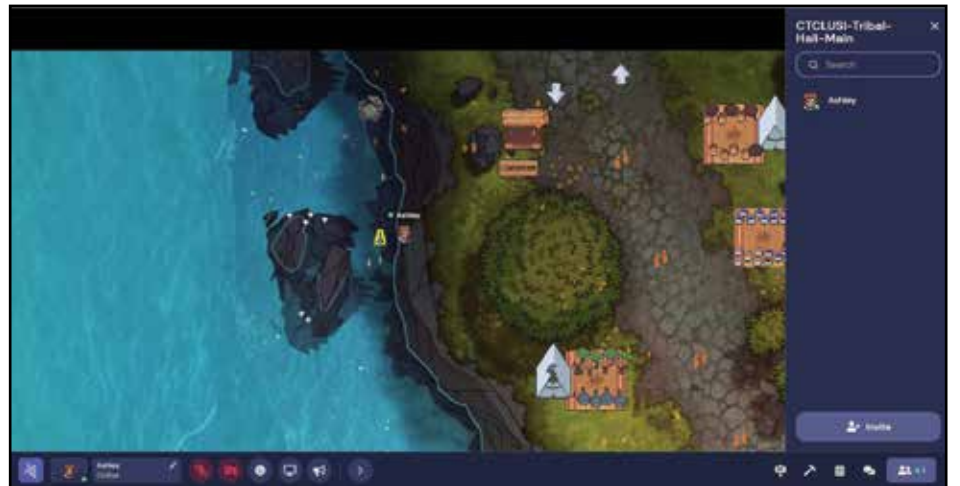
Abbie Wright (Coos) of Grants Pass High School (GPHS) is headed to South Africa this summer! There she will spend three weeks in Cape Town, South Africa, working on projects that bring South African President Nelson Mandela's legacy to life.

Only 10 students in the entire state of Oregon received full scholarships to attend the CIEE summer opportunity.

Congratulations Abbie, we look forward to hearing about your experience when you return.

Information contributed by Shawna Wright

### Explore with Us in Gather.Town



Spring has Sprung! Virtual scavenger hunts for first foods and spring flowers are now available in our CTCLUSI metaverse. Check them out at [gather.town](https://gather.town).

For more information, to receive an invite link, and/or for login help, contact Eriq Acosta at (541) 888-1318 or [eacosta@ctclusi.org](mailto:eacosta@ctclusi.org) or Desiree Kane [gather@ctclusi.org](mailto:gather@ctclusi.org)



### SAVE THE DATE

#### STUDENT RECOGNITION DINNER

**SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2022**

**Please check CLUSI web page for updated information.**

Contact education; 541-888-9577

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OUR TRIBAL YOUTH ARE OUR TRIBE'S FUTURE.  
INVEST IN A TRIBAL YOUTH TODAY.

To donate to a Tribal Higher Education Scholarship,  
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HIGHER  
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STUDENTS  
NEED YOU!**

### Attention 2022 Graduates!

Are you graduating from high school or your higher education institution this spring term? If you would like a dentalium necklace with your school colors to wear to your graduation, please contact the culture department as soon as possible. Call Ashley Russell at 541-888-7511 or email [arussell@ctclusi.org](mailto:arussell@ctclusi.org) by Friday, May 20, 2022 to ensure enough time to mail your necklace to you before your graduation. Thank you.

### ATTENTION HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS

## SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Apply online via laserfiche at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)

*Scholarship Application  
Deadline is May 22nd by  
12:00 am (PST)*

For more information, please contact  
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# Education Corner



## Tribal Youth Ages 14-24

**Mission Statement:**  
The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Youth Council strives to protect and preserve the cultural, spiritual, and traditional values of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

Youth Council aims to embrace our cultural traditions and strengthen our Tribal community as well as positively impact the communities in which we live.

Youth Council works towards a common good while always being mindful and looking forward to the next seven generations by being good stewards of the lands, waters, and communities in which we live.

If you are interested in being part of CTCLUSI Youth Council please contact:

Josh Davies  
jdavies@ctclusi.org  
541-888-1314 (office)  
541-294-4105 (cell)

## Congratulation Recent Graduates!

*Ashley Faciane*  
Master of Science  
Cyber Security Engineering  
University of San Diego

*Alexandra Campbell*  
Bachelor of Science  
Psychology  
Western Oregon University

New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) Presents

## Tribal Youth Pre-college OSU Summer Camp August 22-25, 2022

Designed for CTCLUSI Youth entering 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Learn about going to college and how to get help with financial aid, scholarships, and explore majors!

Explore SWOCC and OSU campuses and visit cultural centers including the OSU Ina Haws Longhouse.

Hands-on FUN field trips about environmental science and careers. Meet science professionals and college students.

Other activities include:

- Sleep in the dorms at OSU
- Snorkeling in the Santiam River with scientists
- Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport
- Visit ecological and cultural restoration sites
- Canoe trip to Waite Ranch on the Siuslaw

Youth will come home having experienced life on the OSU college campus and a packet for how to get help with entering college/community college and the Native American cultural support resources on campus.

A range of environmental sciences and careers are explored but not a required interest for youth.

Camp participation and all meals are FREE.

Campers will be supervised 24 hours per day.

All Covid-19 safety measures in place at the time for CTCLUSI and OSU will be carefully followed.

This event is also co-sponsored by the OSU Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences, and Oregon Sea Grant.



Last day to sign up June 7<sup>th</sup>

<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/New-Beginnings-Tribal-Student-OSU-SOCC-Overnight-Camp>

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Congratulations  
*Carson McMahan*  
for earning Student of the Week at your Elementary School!  
On March 4, 2022 Carson was awarded student of the week for “PAWS-itively working hard to meet goals in the classroom and school.”  
We are so proud of you, keep up the good work!



## Tentative Schedule for Summer Programming

### May:

- Virtual Cultural Friday 3:30-5:00 pm (PST) (May 6<sup>th</sup>) Graduation Caps
- Chief Don Ivy Memorial Ceremony (May 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Materials Gathering (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (May 6<sup>th</sup>); Smith River Tract-Enna Helms
- Virtual Cultural Friday 3:30-5:00 pm (PST) (May 13<sup>th</sup>) – Graduation Caps (Continued)
- Tseriadvn Village Ceremony (May 14<sup>th</sup>) Salmon Bake and Canoe Activities (Sat and Sun)
- Virtual Cultural Friday 3:30-5:00 pm (PST) (May 20<sup>th</sup>) – Finish Graduation Caps
- Materials Gathering (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (May 20<sup>th</sup>); Lake Creek Tract-Enna Helms
- Amanda Trail Suspension Bridge Dedication (May 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Virtual Cultural Friday 3:30-5:00 pm (PST) (May 27<sup>th</sup>) Traditional Cooking (prerecorded video): live Q&A with Jesse Beers

### June:

- Summer Solstice Kits
- Materials Gathering (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>); Site TBD-Enna Helms
- Materials Gathering Week (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (June 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>); Site TBD-Enna Helms
- Materials Processing (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (June 18<sup>th</sup>) - Enna Helms
- Student Recognition Dinner (June 18<sup>th</sup>)
- First Hunter/Fisher Program (twice per week from June 20<sup>th</sup>- July 29<sup>th</sup>).
- Summer Solstice (June 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### July:

- Materials Gathering (roots, bark, sedges, sticks, etc...) (July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>): Site TBD-Enna Helms
- Summer School (July 5-15)
- Regalia Making July 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00-4:00 pm (Eugene Office)
- Regalia Making July 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00-4:00 pm (Tribal Hall)

### August:

- Local Canoe Journey/Honoring the salmon on all the rivers (August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Salmon Ceremony (August 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Culture Camp (August 8-12<sup>th</sup>)
- Canoe Pull (August 12<sup>th</sup>)
- BPA Field Trip Grades 8-12 (August 19-21<sup>st</sup>)
- OSU Tribal Youth Program Grades 10-12 (August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Back to School Party (August 27<sup>th</sup>)

**Due to the shifting landscape around Covid 19, in person activities and events are subject to cancellation, rescheduling, or conversion to hybrid/virtual gatherings. Please be patient with us as we try to schedule summer programming accordingly. Our goal is to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable populations.**

**Be sure to refer to your current newsletters, the online event calendar at [www.ctclusi.org/events/](http://www.ctclusi.org/events/) or the government staff members organizing the event for more information. Thank you for your understanding.**

## Are you in the 5 County Service area and needing a ride?

The Tribal Transportation Department aims to provide necessary transit services for accessing shopping, employment, education, health care, and social/recreational opportunities to all CTCLUSI members and their eligible family members currently lacking reliable transportation.

Transportation options that may be provided directly include door-to-door rides with a 72-hr advance notice and/or bus passes. In addition to services provided directly from the Transportation Department, CCAT services are available free of charge by presenting your Tribal ID card to the CCAT driver at the time of service.

\*Door-to-Door Service is limited to Coos County at this time\*

**For more information or to access these services, please contact Kathy Perkins, Tribal Transportation Coordinator, at 541-888-9577 ext. 7550.**



### CTCLUSI Summer School

#### July 5 - 15, 2022

This camp is for students entering Kindergarten through 12th Grade or students who are 5 through 18 years of age. We are offering camp to Tribal Enrolled students, step/foster/adopted children, and children of other federally recognized Tribes. The Education Department will be following protocols put in place by Tribal Council in regards to Covid-19 pandemic. We will keep participants up to date with information as it comes available.

Please sign up for Summer School using the Laserfiche link at:  
<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Summer-School-Application>

**Deadline to sign up  
June 16, 2022 at 11:59pm**

Once signed up for Summer School, a confirmation email will be sent.

Email will include Summer School Zoom information, mandatory parent/camper meeting, along with additional important camp material.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Cedar Grad Caps 3:30pm - 5:30pm Materials Gathering, Smith River Tract	7 Chief Don Ivy Memorial @ The Mill Casino 1pm - 4pm
8 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	9	10	11	12 Culture Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.	13 Cedar Grad Caps 3:30pm - 5:30pm	14 Tseriadun Honor Ceremony & Salmon Bake, Port Orford
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22 Scholarships Deadline 12am	23	24	25	26	27 Traditional Cooking via zoom w/ Q&A 3:30pm - 5:30pm	28
29	30 Memorial Day All Tribal Offices will be Closed	31 Ladies Self Care Medicine Pouch 6pm	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Culture Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.	10 Materials Gathering, Location TBA	11 Materials Gathering, Location TBA

## JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Culture Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m.	10 Materials Gathering, Location TBA	11 Materials Gathering, Location TBA
12 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	13 Materials Gathering, Location TBA	14	15	16 Deadline to sign up for Summer School (7/5- 7/15)	17 Materials Gathering, Location TBA	18 Materials Gathering, Location TBA Student Recognition Dinner
19	20	Summer Solstice		23	24	25
26	27	28 Ladies Self Care Dreamcatchers 6pm	29	30	1	2
3	4 Fourth of July All Tribal Offices will be Closed	5	6 Summer	7 School	8	9

*Hiis Haiyach - with a good heart*



LOTTIE'S DRESS  
REPRESENTATION PROJECT

**CULTURE  
COALITION  
SEEKING  
EXPERIENCED  
TRIBAL ARTISTS**

The Tribe is looking for available and experienced bead and leather workers (hand sewing only) to help complete a representation of Lottie's dress.

Contact Pam Stoehsler at  
(509) 386-3318 or  
Enna Helms at ehelms@ctclusi.org



## Three Rivers Casino Donates to Local Schools Athletic Divisions



Coos Bay, OR. February 28, 2022 -

Tribal Council Woman Iliana Montiel presents a \$10,000 check donation from Three Rivers Casino to the Marshfield Pirates Football Coach John Lemmons and his State Championship winning team. Congratulations on a historic season!

Three Rivers Casino also donated \$10,000 to Siuslaw High School in Florence, Oregon for winning State Championship in their division as well.

## THE VOICE OF CLUSI

If you or anyone in your 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, Communications Specialist  
Office: (541) 888-7536  
Cell: (541) 808-7918 or mgaines@ctclusi.org



### MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

\$50 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes. PLUS, \$10 Free Play Good Neighbor Prize for the entire bank!



### TUESDAYS 6PM-9PM

Pick your color and you could win \$100 Cash. Drawings every 30 minutes. Earn 25 same-day points to play.



### WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 Minutes to win up to \$1,000! Earn 50 points and swipe at the kiosk to pop a balloon for your prize amount. Earn additional entries for every 100 same-day points earned (limit 4). If you are picked at one of the drawings from 7pm to 9pm, you'll win that prize.



### THURSDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every hour to win up to \$2,500! Receive one entry for every 25 same-day points earned.



### WIN \$1,000 CASH!

Saturdays from 7pm-9pm

Drawings every 30 minutes. Earn entries Sunday - Saturday. 2X entries on Fridays. One entry for every 50 points earned.



### MAY 14 & 15, 2022

- HONORING OF RAYMOND "SPEEDY" FRY
- HONORING OF DONALD FRY: MAY 14, 1PM
- SALMON BAKE/POT LUCK: MAY 14, 2PM
- HONORING DANCE LED BY EARL HUITT AFTER WE EAT
- CANOE ACTIVITY MORNINGS MAY 14 & 15 AT THE 12TH STREET BOACH LAUNCH

Flyer by Dainora.com

Directions to Tseriadun State Park in Port Orford, Oregon:  
Go west on either 9th or 12th streets, go all the way to the end of road.  
\*Drug and alcohol free event  
\*\* Inclement weather will move ceremony to Port Orford Senior Center, 15th St.  
Event history: <https://blog.portorfordhistoricalphotos.org/26th-annual-tseriadun-native-salmon-bake-and-honor-ceremony/>



MAY  
WEEKLY SPECIALS  
Open Daily - 8am-12am

**MONDAY - CHICKEN BACON RANCH PIZZA & WINGS**  
With spring onions, Roma tomatoes, and tri-colored bell peppers. Served with six wings and choice of sauce. \$20

**TUESDAY - FISH TACOS**  
Beer battered cod on a warm tortilla topped with avocado, tomato, red onion, cilantro, red cabbage, cotija cheese, fire-roasted corn and black bean salsa. Drizzled with garlic, lime crema and served with coleslaw. \$16

**WEDNESDAY - TOP SIRLOIN**  
Ten ounces with mushroom onion demi-glace. Served with Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, brown gravy, chef's choice vegetables and garlic bread. \$16

**THURSDAY - SEAFOOD MELT**  
Bay shrimp and snow crab piled high on a brandy garlic butter crouton with melted swiss cheese. Served with French fries. \$12

**FRIDAY - OVEN ROASTED PRIME RIB**  
Served from 4pm-9pm  
Served with au jus, baked potato, chef's vegetables and a dinner roll. \$20

**SATURDAY - SMOKED BBQ BRISKET**  
Served from 4pm-9pm  
Served with baked beans, coleslaw, corn on the cob, sweet cornbread. \$18

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