



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

## Chief Doc Slyter Honored at 38<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians came together in their first large in-person event since the start of the Covid 19 Pandemic. This gathering was a welcome one and an important one for Tribal members as it was to celebrate that on October 17, 1984, the Federal Government recognized our Tribal sovereignty.

The doors to the Three Rivers Casino Resort Events Center opened at noon for Tribal families to visit amongst themselves and get to greet so many familiar faces. It has been a long couple of years and the room was filled with joy and laughter at seeing each other again.

To begin the afternoon events, Chairman Brad Kneaper took to the stage to welcome membership. During his welcoming remarks he shared, "Welcome everyone to the 38th Restoration Celebration...It's so nice to see everyone at our first

real in- person gathering in over two years. I appreciate everyone's understanding as we concentrated on the safety of our membership with the past precautions taken to gather. We hope the worst is behind us now and will remain positive for the future.

Our 38th year of being Restored has me reflecting on so many areas of the Tribe...Let us all remember what we endured, as a Tribe; the long years of termination from 1954 to 1984, then began to rebuild again on October 17, 1984 with Public Law 98-481; The Restoration Act, which is what we are celebrating here today."

Chair Kneaper also thanked all members of Tribal Council, past



Chief Warren Brainard and Chief David Brainard help honor Chief Doc Slyter by wrapping him in a blanket from Eight Generation and placing a headdress upon him during the CTCLUSI 38<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration

and present for their hard work and leadership in moving the Tribe forward. Due to their and many employees' efforts "We have grown tremendously over the past 38 years. First with our Enrollment from the original roll of 311 members to now; one thousand, three hundred and sixteen members. We strive to continue to improve and expand programs and services with the help of our CEO Lee Ann Wander.

Areas like our returned Forest Lands, consisting of nearly 15,000 acres, offer so many future possibilities...Other areas of expansion have been in our Department of Cultural and Natural Resources, with new state-of-the-art labs and equipment, improved cultural protection of sites and artifacts, and exploring possibilities of renewable energy while monitoring potential environmental impacts. Our expansion of the Tribal Police Department with new grants and the possibility of new BIA base funding.

One final important area of growth is the Tribes Economic Success. With two Casinos, - one in Coos Bay and one

in Florence, we struggled through financial hardships over the years due to various circumstances, but now we find ourselves with a clear path for complete debt relief, with an estimated of the end of 2023.

With the reduction of debt, this opens the door for other opportunities such as: to expand on more economic endeavors, additional programming and services to the membership, to a new Medical and Behavioral Health Clinic in Coos Bay, to other endless possibilities."

The sense of hope and future potential was alive in all those

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Save the Dates:

**Fall Harvest Drum Making**  
**November 19, 2022**

Tribal Hall, Coos Bay 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Tribal Fall Harvest Party**  
**November 19, 2022**

Tribal Community Center, Coos Bay  
(dinner at 1:00 p.m., crafts and activities following dinner)



Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from September 11, 2022 - October 8, 2022

Chief Doc Slyter:

09/11 Budget Meeting / Tribal Council Meeting  
09/13 Elakha Board Meeting  
09/16 Waite Ranch Gathering - Florence  
09/21 Tribal Council Meeting Special Meeting  
09/22 Hunting-Fishing-Gathering Meeting  
09/28 GFORB Meeting  
09/28 Business Meeting  
10/03 Annual Tribal /State Government to Government Summit  
10/04 Annual Tribal /State Government to Government Summit  
10/06 Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit Talk / Leader's Circle  
Total Hours: 60

Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair:

09/11 Regular Council Meeting. (travel day, excused) I was able to log into the meeting via ZOOM during "Good of the Tribe".  
09/14 Rock Creek Rebuild (TEAMS Technical difficulties, unable to stay on. Meet with CEO, Legal, Blue Earth Board (via ZOOM)  
09/15 Interviews for CTCLUSI for Department of Natural Resources and Culture Director (One no show due to technical issues, rescheduled) / Meet with CEO, CFO, Jeannie, Legal and Sovereign Finance (ZOOM).  
09/16 Waite Ranch Gathering (Outdoor) with Staff, Mackenzie River Trust and Council. Interview for CTCLUSI Department of Natural Resources and Culture. (Zoom, rescheduled from 9/14).  
09/20 Review documents for 9/22/2022 ZOOM Town Hall meeting.  
09/21 Special Council Meeting for Grant Application.  
09/22 CTCLUSI, Coquille, BOEM Zoom Meeting / Hunting, Fishing and Gathering meeting with Membership Town Hall (ZOOM).  
09/26 Meet with CEO and Staff.  
09/27 Meet in person with CEO, Legal, Blue Earth Board President (ZOOMED), Blue Earth Manager / Meet with CEO and Legal.  
09/27 GFORB Meeting (In person) / Business Council Meeting (in person)  
09/29 Final review and edits based on Town Hall Comments on Hunting, Fishing and gathering Ballot / Final Tribal-State Summit planning meeting (ZOOM)  
10/03 Public Safety Cluster Meeting (TRC in person) / Dinner with Chairpersons from Nine Tribes / Tribal-State Reception.  
10/04 Tribal-State Summit (TRC). Oregon Governor, Representatives from State of Oregon Agencies, all Nine Oregon Tribes Chair Persons and staff meeting and discuss issues pertinent to cooperation, collaboration, and consultation, and well as issues important to Tribes.  
10/05 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance (ZOOM) (logged out when meeting didn't begin 15 minutes after start

time).  
10/06 Council Report / Leaders Circle  
10/08 Prepare for Regular Tribal Council, General Council Meetings  
Total Hours: 131.5

Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:

09/11 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
09/12 Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) virtual consultation with Tribal Nations on the Fiscal Year 2024  
09/13 Natives Program Indian Parent Committee 4j Lane EDU  
09/14 TAC Meeting ELD Alyssa Chatterjee ODE Oregon Government / First Budget Meeting  
09/15 Interview Director of Natural Resources and Culture  
09/16 Interview Director of Natural Resources and Culture  
09/20 Natives Program Indian Parent Committee 4j Lane EDU  
09/21 Tribal Council Special Meeting / CTCLUSI Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of Water Quality Standards for The Waters of the Tribe  
09/22 Coquille/CTCLUSI BOEM TCL Follow Up Call / Hunting, Fishing, Gathering Tribal Membership Town Hall  
09/26 ODE Oregon Tribal Hub Full Work Day / "These Waters Know Our Paddles": Coos Bay Learning Day  
09/27 ODE Oregon Tribal Hub Half Day / US DOI Tribal Consultation on the Castro Huerta Decision  
09/28 BOEM Webinar / GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
09/29 2nd Budget Meeting  
10/03 Annual Tribal /State Government to Government Summit  
10/04 Annual Tribal /State Government to Government Summit  
10/06 Early Learning Council: Home Visiting Committee Public Meeting / Leaders Circle  
Emails, phone calls, research driving duties  
Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel:

09/11 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
09/14 First Budget Meeting via zoom  
09/15 Director of NRC Interviews  
09/16 Director of NRC Interview  
09/22 Hunting, Fishing, Gathering Tribal membership Town Hall  
09/28 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
10/03 Reception with Tribal/State Leaders  
10/04 2022 Annual Tribal-State Government-to Government summit reading & responding to emails.  
Total Hours: 53

Teresa Spangler:

09/11 Regular Council Meeting  
09/15 Government to Government planning meeting  
09/16 Waite Ranch Gathering with McKenzie River Trust, Siuslaw Watershed Council and Tribal Council  
09/22 Government to Government planning meeting / Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Town Hall

09/28 Business Council Meeting  
10/03 Government to Government Summit  
10/04 Government to Government Summit  
10/06 Leaders Circle  
E-mails daily  
Total Hours: 62

Doug Barrett:

09/11 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular meeting  
09/14 First Budget meeting  
09/21 Tribal Council Special Meeting  
09/22 Hunting, Fishing, Gathering Tribal Membership Town Hall  
09/28 GFORB meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
09/29 2nd Budget meeting  
10/03 Tribal / State Government-to-Government Summit – Fire Marshals meeting  
10/04 Tribal / State Government-to-Government Summit – Governor and panels  
10/06 3rd Budget meeting – Tribal Court, Planning and Transportation / Leaders Circle  
Total Hours: 42 & Emails

Enna Helms:

09/11 Budget Hearing; Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
09/12 Election Board Meeting Agenda Special Election  
09/13 The Northwest Elders and Knowledge Keepers; Native American Boarding School: "They Bring Forward H.R. 5444" Seven weeks of Action  
09/14 First Budget meeting- 2023  
09/16 Waite Ranch Gathering with Staff and Board/Council; RJC Council Check-in  
09/20 Native American Boarding School: "They Bring Forward H.R. 5444" Seven weeks of Action; RJC Report Coordinating Team; checked in at the Housing Committee meeting  
09/21 Tribal Council Special Meeting; Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of Water Quality Standards  
09/22 Coquille/CLUSI BOEM TCL Follow-up Call; Hunting, Fishing, Gathering Tribal Membership Town Hall meeting  
09/27 Native American Boarding School: "They Bring Forward H.R. 5444" Seven weeks of Action; RJC Coordinating Team  
09/28 Tribal Council Business Meeting; Racial Justice Council  
09/29 2nd Budget Meeting  
10/04 Native American Boarding School: "They Bring Forward H.R. 5444" Seven weeks of Action  
10/06 3rd Budget Meeting: Tribal Court, Planning & Transportation; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting  
Total Hours: 90

2nd Budget Hearing & Regular Council Meeting

Sunday, November 13, 2022

Budget meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., before the Regular Council Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

# Information

## QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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

## COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact 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 Christine Sylvester at 541-888-7532 or at email csylvester@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

## US FOREST SERVICE NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

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

## CHANGES?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at www.ctclusi.org/enrollment or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-888-7538 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The full meeting video is available at 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 including the date requested , your name , current address and Tribal Roll number for verification.

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# Tribal Committee Members

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6. Allen (Butch) Swigert
7. Roseanna Perry

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5. Michael Brainard
6. Patrica Whereat-Phillips

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

### Enrollment Committee

1. Warren T. Brainard
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. **Vicki Faciane, Chair**  
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5. Teresa Spangler

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4. Josh Davies
5. VACANT

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2. Jade Fong
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4. Andrew Newsome
5. Vicki Faciane

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3. Teresa Gagner
4. **Mark Petrie, Chair**  
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5. Josh Davies
6. Pauline Benson
7. Ashley Russell

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

The Tribe maintains 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. Letters of interest remain on file for one full year. Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.



# Tribal Council

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# Council Meeting

November 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will also 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

### CTCLUSI Hosts 2022 Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit



Photograph of panelists at the G2G Summit at Three Rivers Casino Resort.  
Pictured far right is Chairman Brad Kneaper and pictured far left is Oregon Governor Kate Brown

Contributed by Tribal Chair Brad Kneaper

On October 3rd and 4th, The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians hosted the 2022 Annual Tribal-State Government-to-Government Summit (G2G). This is the first in person G2G to occur since Covid 19 shut down many if not most in-person meetings. While I have attended previous G2G Summits in the past as an employee of the Tribe, this was my first as Tribal Chair.

I had the honor of meeting and dining with the Chairs from all Nine Oregon Tribes, the Governor and elected officials from State Government, as well as State Department heads. I had the opportunity to meet in person quite a number of people that I had talked with by phone and via email, particularly during COVID. Since I have been Tribal Chair, I have had a number

of opportunities to participate in meeting and Consultation with State and Federal Agencies. While actual Consultation varies between individual state agencies, there has been a push from the state to solidify and commonly define Consultation. This Summit emphasized that push. It is good to see that the state is moving in this direction. Tribal Council and Tribal staff also attended and participated and helped to make this a success.

I also have to commend the staff and management of Three Rivers Casino. They suffer from serious staffing shortages, but you would never have believed that from the way the G2G Summit came off. I had numerous comments from the Tribal Chairs, State Government Staff, and the Governor on how great everything turned out. The Tribal Chairs-Governors

Dinner on Monday night was amazing and plentiful. You know it was when you see the Governor and many of the Chair's leaving the dinner with boxes of leftovers, commenting that they would be enjoying them for more than one night when at home.

Council Person Teresa Spangler, and Executive Administrative Assistant Christine Sylvester coordinated and planned with the Governor's staff and Three Rivers Casino staff. They did a phenomenal job in planning and executing the event this year. There were a number of comments from the Governor's staff that this was the best organized and run summit that they could recall.

Thank you Teresa, Christine and all that helped plan and participated in this year's Summit. You made us all look good!

#### All CTCLUSI Government Offices will be Open to the Public with Revised Safety Precautions

**Effective as of October 17, 2022** until further notice. Please see below:

- Anyone entering a Tribal Government Office, whether staff, Tribal Members or guests, will be required to conduct a temperature scan and sign in at reception. There will be a separate sign-in sheet for staff and one for visitors.
  - o Appointments are still suggested for membership to make ahead of time for any anticipated service needs.
- Masks remain optional except in Health and Dental which will still be mandatory.
- Social Distancing is still a requirement indoors and all Tribal Government Offices, conference rooms, meeting rooms, Community Center, Tribal Hall, etc will only be approved for **half-capacity** of the original occupancy.

As the Fall season approaches, and what the unknown impacts of Covid and flu season will bring this year, this guidance will be continuously monitored and subject to change accordingly to assist with mitigation of spread efforts. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any Tribal Government Office.

Tribal Government can be reached at 541-888-9577 or toll free 1-888-280-0726

#### Save the Dates:

##### Fall Harvest Drum Making November 19, 2022

Tribal Hall, Coos Bay 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
(Please RSVP to reserve drum)

##### Tribal Fall Harvest Party November 19, 2022

Tribal Community Center, Coos Bay  
(dinner at 1:00 p.m., crafts and activities following dinner)

##### Tribal Family Holiday Party December 10, 2022

Three Rivers Casino, Florence  
Doors open at 3:00 p.m.

**RSVP for events by calling  
1-541-435-7155**

# Tribal Council Corner

## City of North Bend Declares October 11<sup>th</sup> as Indigenous Peoples Day

Please be inspired to read the North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke and, North Bend City Council members, presented a Proclamation declaring October 11th as Indigenous Peoples Day this October 11, 2022 at the North Bend City Council evening meeting. Chief Doc Slyter, Vice Chair Julie Siestreem, CTCLUSI General Members Andrew Brainard, his Father and Grandfather were present to receive and represent all our general membership. Please enjoy reading the full text and sharing it with anyone you would like;

### PROCLAMATION DECLARING "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES'DAY"

WHEREAS, Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend (City) recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the fact that North Bend is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and values the many contribution made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and deep cultural contribution; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that to help enhance the understanding of Indigenous Peoples they, with other government entities, organizations, and other public institutions should include an acknowledgment of its American Indian history experiences; and



Chief Doc Slyter, Vice Chair Julie Siestreem, Tribal members, and the City of North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke stand together during the Indeginous Peoples Day Proclamation on October 11, 2022.

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

NOW< THEREFORE< BE IT RESOLVED, the North Bend, City Council, shall recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council encourages other businesses, organizations, and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

The foregoing proclamation was duly adopted by the City of North Bend, Coos County, Oregon on this day 11th day of October 2022

Jessica Engelke, North Bend Mayor  
County of Coos, State of Oregon,  
North Bend, Oregon  
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Mayor Jessica Engelke asked those of us present if we would like to comment. Andrew Brainard passed the honor to Chief Doc Slyter who passed it to Vice Chair Julie Siestreem. Julie thanked North Bend Mayor Jessica Engelke and all the North Bend City Council members for; "creating and implementing the proclamation with respect for and, appreciation for our ancestors seven generations back and, hope for our seven generations forward."

Respectfully yours,  
Julie Siestreem

## Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden ACORN like the one pictured below (it could be any size and on any page).

If you find it, email [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) to have your name entered into a prize drawing. **In your email you must include your name, age, address (for mailing purposes) and contact phone number. In your email you must also let us know what page and where on the page you spotted the ACORN hiding! Must email by November 15<sup>th</sup> to be included in the raffle drawing.**

Winner will be notified by phone or email and their name and prize description will appear in an upcoming edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper. Prizes will vary and are provided by various CTCLUSI Government departments.

### October "Bat" Edition Winners

Adult - Tammy Evarts

Youth - Morgan Phillips

October winners will recieve a dry bag sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and Culture



## 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!

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# CTCLUSI Collaborates with Coos History Museum

Contributed by the Culture and Natural Resources Department

The Coos History Museum states that "Museums are a vital part of how we tell the stories of who we are, who we've been, and how we will live together. They maintain our cultural heritage and teach us about all the ways we are different and the same. Reflecting the diversity of that heritage is a critical part of the Coos County Historical Society and The Coos History Museums' work. We work towards highlighting diversity, equity, and inclusion as a key focus area in our strategic priorities and educational programming. Inclusion is how we move toward our equity goal, and diversity describes the breadth of our experiences and perspectives."

As part of that goal, the Coos History Museum is working with CTCLUSI and providing talks in their space for the community.

Tribal Member Ashley Russell gave her first talk and demonstration on herbal medicine highlighting culturally significant first aid plants at the Coos History Museum after graduating from the Chestnut School of Herbal Medicine last October.

See the advertisement for the upcoming First Tuesday Talk on November 1, 2022: Reclaiming Our Words: Tribal language effort on the Oregon South Coast. Tribal members Patty Whereat-Phillips and Enna Helms will be presenting.

## First Tuesday Talks

November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Members: Free / Non-Members: \$7 / Non-Members Online: \$5



### RECLAIMING OUR WORDS: Tribal language efforts on the Oregon South Coast

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Join us for a panel discussion about Native American Language Revitalization on the Oregon South Coast.



#### Presenters:

Troy Anderson, Miluk language Contractor/Coquille Indian Tribe

Jaeci Hall, Tribal Language Coordinator/Coquille Indian Tribe

Enna Helms, Tribal Language Associate /CTCLUSI

Patty Whereat-Phillips, Language Teacher/CTCLUSI

Nick Viles, Language & Traditional Arts-CTSI

#### Registration:

[cooshistory.org/events/first-tuesday-talks-nov-2022/](https://cooshistory.org/events/first-tuesday-talks-nov-2022/)

Sponsors:



Steve & Jan Hooper



As shared by Council member Enna Helms, "The Tribes have worked diligently to provide an exhibit at the Coos History Museum on the importance of language revitalization. Our goals around language revitalization are to create speech communities. The work in developing the exhibit was in collaboration with Coquille Indian Tribe and Siletz Nation as we all share an interest and commitment in promoting our languages. Language Revitalization is essential to our identity

and the continuation and transmission of our culture and lifeways. The Tribe will also be providing presentations during the first Tuesday in November. We are very thankful to the Coos History Museum for their support in graciously integrating language, culture and history from Tribal perspectives."



## Public Lands Day

Contributed by CTCLUSI Natural Resources Department

On September 24th, 2022, CTCLUSI partnered with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at Bastendorff Beach to commemorate National Public Lands. Many local volunteers gathered to help pick up trash, pull non-native plant, and spread native seed. The BLM provided tools, gloves, and seed, as well as offered a Junior Ranger activity for youth. The Tribe offered temporary tattoos of cartoon marine animals and hosted a table highlighting traditional fishing technologies. We also talked about the Tribe's laboratory expansion, non-point source pollution, and the importance of native plants. It was a great turn out and we look forward to partnering again next year.



## Commercial Tobacco Journeys



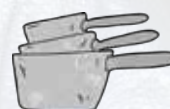
Are you in commercial tobacco recovery/cessation? The Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program (TTPP) would love to hear your journey! Journeys about relapses in commercial tobacco product use, including vaping, e-cigarettes, zyn pouches & other nicotine, are welcomed as well.

**\*All ages are encouraged to submit entries**

**Each participant will receive a Scared Tobacco swag bag and a raffle ticket to win 1 of 5 prizes.**

#### Raffle Prizes

1. Air Fryer
2. Yoga Ball Resistance Kit
3. Instapot
4. Amazon Gift Card \$50
5. Pots and Pans set



**Selected journeys that are chosen to be printed in the newsletter can be anonymously posted or accredited at the authors' discretion.**

Please email responses to [mpetrie@ctclusi.org](mailto:mpetrie@ctclusi.org) or [nromine@ctclusi.org](mailto:nromine@ctclusi.org) or mail to Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program, 1245 Fulton Ave Coos Bay, OR 97420



# LAGAUWIIYAT'AS

TRUE HISTORY

## GALLERY



FALL HARVEST **NOVEMBER 19TH, 2022** TRIBAL HALL

### Harvest Bounty

A display of harvest traditions

*Plan your visit to see an exhibit of traditional and contemporary CTCLUSI basketry and weaving traditions at the CTCLUSI museum at Tribal Hall for Fall Harvest November 17th, 2022.*



*The Confederated Tribes of Coos,  
Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians*

In efforts to promote language revitalization, the language program developed an app for any device!

Use this QR code, or visit [https://keyman.com/keyboards/miluk\\_hanis\\_siuslaw](https://keyman.com/keyboards/miluk_hanis_siuslaw)



We are pleased to announce the Language Program has created a keyboard to type our sounds unique to our languages; miluk, hanis, shayuusht'a uł quuiich. More further instructions on how to download please visit the language page: <https://ctclusi.org/languageprivate/>

For questions or information, please email us at [language@ctclusi.org](mailto:language@ctclusi.org)

## Virtual Language Classes

### 10-Weeks - Fall 2022

September 27 through December 1

Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **miluk**

Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **hanis**

Fridays, 4:00-6:00 pm:  
**sha'yuusht'a uł quuiich**

Please sign up with Enna Helms at [language@ctclusi.org](mailto:language@ctclusi.org), or by phone at (541) 297-7538



**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82064508930>





# Hybrid Cultural Community Gatherings



Thursday's in  
November  
from  
9:00am -  
12:00pm

Eugene Outreach Office  
135 Silver Ln. Suite 200  
RSVP w/ Tes Gagner  
(541)744-1334

OR

Join by Zoom:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85403612765>

## *The Spirit of Traditional "Giving"*

As a potlatch Tribe, it is through the giving of ourselves that we prove our dedication to our lands and its beings. We do this to show our wealth and reaffirm our connections to each other and the land. Giving can take on many forms: physical items, sweat, time, stories, and songs and dances to name a few. Come join in the spirit of our potlatch culture.

Now that we are beginning to gather again, we are seeking volunteers to assist in various activities for the Tribe. Some examples are beading, gathering/processing materials, cleaning salmon, etc... Please let us know if you would like to be added to a listserv of like people that are willing to give their time in the spirit of Potlatch.

Scheduled Gift Making Event

### **BEADED NECKLACES**

**Sunday November 27, 2022**

**in Coos Bay at the Community Center**

**From 10:30 am – 2:30 pm**

The Culture and Natural Resources Department will supply all materials for creating beaded necklaces to replenish items for gifting to others for various events.

(A light lunch will be provided)

Tribal Families Welcome!

Please call or email Jeannie McNeil at (541) 888-7506 or [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org) to be added to the listserv and/or to RSVP for this event.

## *November 2022 Activities with the Department of Natural Resources and Culture*

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Moccasin Class at Tribal Hall, Coos Bay

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

Moccasin Class at Tribal Hall, Coos Bay

Myrtle Nut Hunt at Hoffman Memorial Myrtle Grove at 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Moccasin Class at Tribal Hall, Coos Bay

**Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

Veterans Day Sweat at Tribal Hall

**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Drum Making at Tribal Hall at 9:00 a.m. before the Fall Harvest Party at the Community Center at 1:00 p.m.

Call Ashley Russell for more information and to sign up for these events at 541-888-7511 or email [arussell@ctclusi.org](mailto:arussell@ctclusi.org)

Circles of  
Healing  
invites you to join us in

## GUIDED MINDFULNESS MEDITATION AND GRATITUDE REFLECTION

NOVEMBER 14, 2022 AT 6:30PM-7:30PM  
ON ZOOM:  
[HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/2712075499](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2712075499)

RSVP BY EMAIL:  
[CGAGNER@CTCLUSI.ORG](mailto:CGAGNER@CTCLUSI.ORG)

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"In the Loop" with the Circles of Healing Program

Confidentiality  
and COH

Contributed by Conor Gagner,  
Outreach Advocate

We are here to provide support, advocacy, and services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking. We do so with the utmost respect and privacy.

For those who may not know, the Circles of Healing (COH) program is completely confidential. It is only with our client's explicit written discretion that their information may be shared to any entities outside of our program.

Contact the COH Program

Conor Gagner  
COH Outreach Advocate  
(541) 744-1334 ext.7167  
(541) 808-8152  
cgagner@ctclusi.org

Morgan Krossman  
COH Transitional Services  
Specialist  
(541) 744-1334 ext.7168  
(541) 294-6007  
mkrossman@ctclusi.org

The logo of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw is located in the top right corner of the graphic. It features a circular design with a fish and a tree, surrounded by the text "CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS-LOWER UMPQUA-SIU SLAW".

EARLY RELATIONSHIP WARNING SIGNS

Contributed by: Morgan Krossman  
Circles of Healing

CIRCLES OF HEALING WANTS OUR CTCLUSI TRIBAL MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF COMMON WARNING SIGNS WHEN ENTERING A NEW RELATIONSHIP. IF YOU ARE EXPERIECING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AND NEED HELP PLEASE CONTACT OUR PROGRAM.

RED FLAGS

1. QUICK INVOLVEMENT & POSSESSIVENESS

2. EXCESSIVELY CHARMING

3. JEALOUS & MANIPULATIVE

4. GUILT TRIPS & UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

5. LACK OF TRUST

6. RIGID GENDER ROLES

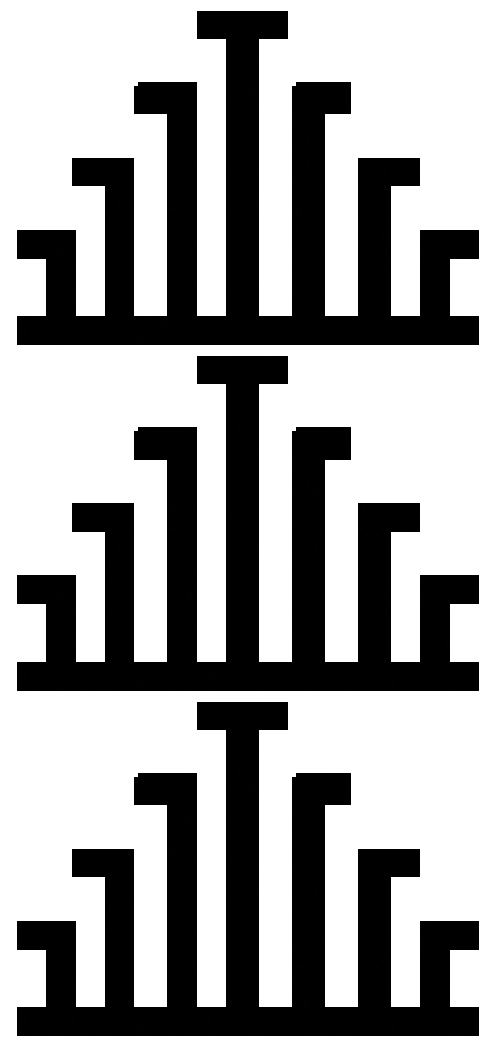
7. HISTORY OF PAST RELATIONSHIP BATTERING & ABUSE

8. LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY

9. HYPERSENSITIVITY

10. BLAMES OTHERS FOR FEELINGS AND PROBLEMS

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
IS NOT OUR LEGACY

A pair of traditional Native American moccasins with intricate beadwork and a beaded necklace. The moccasins are made of brown leather and feature colorful beadwork in red, blue, and white. The necklace is made of black, white, and blue beads.

To report suspected human trafficking,  
call the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) tip line:  
**1-866-347-2423**

If you are a victim and need help,  
call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:  
**1-888-373-7888**

The Blue Campaign logo is located in the bottom right corner. It features a circular icon with a stylized 'B' and the text "BLUE CAMPAIGN" in bold, followed by the tagline "One Voice. One Mission. End Human Trafficking."



## 38<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration



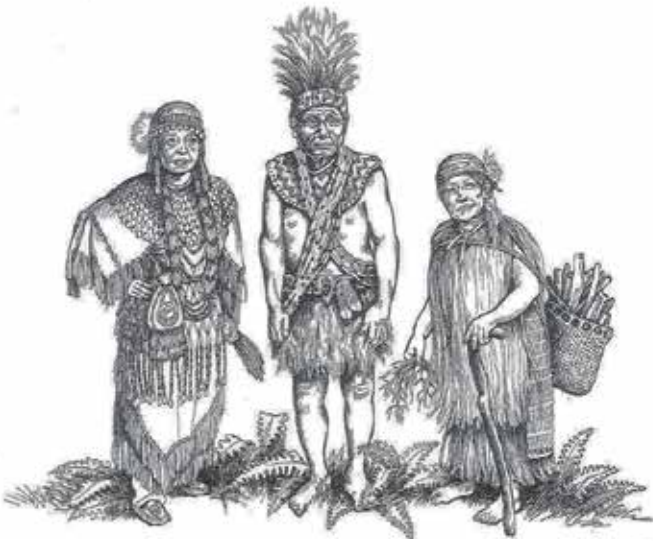


38<sup>th</sup> Restoration Celebration





# Elders Corner



## Elders Overnight Gathering

November 8 & November 9, 2022

Three Rivers Casino & Resort

## AGENDA

### Tuesday, November 8th

- 4:00 Hotel check-in (**rooms will not be available early**)
- 5:30 Dinner in Events Center
- 6:30 Crafts/ Bingo/Visiting in Events Center

### Wednesday, November 9th

- 7:00 to 12:00 Breakfast at Blue Bills for those staying overnight (vouchers will be provided)
- 10:00 Elders Committee Meeting in private meeting room in the back of the food court.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/>

Meeting ID: 889 2941 9412

Passcode: 290658

- 12:00 (noon) Hotel Check Out Time

Transportation will not be provided.

Attendees that travel over 30 miles will receive a gas card.

**Please RSVP to Doug Morrison at 541-997-6685 for dinner even if you are not staying overnight to ensure we prepare enough food.**

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**ELDERS ACTIVITY PROGRAM**





# 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



Lynette Gaines (left) pictured above with daughter Morgan Gaines (right)

## Lynette Gaines

### Lower Umpqua

• Lineal descendant of Agustus “Gus” Macy (son of Charles Macy and Lizzie Macy - Siuslaw) and Aleena Gochanour, daughter of Anna (Macy) and Glenn Campbell. Children Timothy “Kyle” Gaines and daughter Morgan Gaines, and grandchildren Thorin and Saralynn Gaines, children of son Kyle Gaines and Kayla Kopish.

### Proudest Accomplishments:

- My Children.
- Retiring healthy after 34 years with the Bureau of Land Management.
- My loving marriage of 42 years with beloved husband Tim Gaines.

### Bucket List:

- Travel by Ferry to Vancouver Island.
- Train rides across Canada and America.
- Eventually living near the Oregon Coast.

### Favorite Hobbies:

- Gardening.
- Hiking.
- Birdwatching.

### Favorite Quote:

“Happy Trails!” and “I believe in the higher power of Gravity.”

## Elders Committee Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Three Rivers Casino meeting room in food court  
or by zoom

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/https://us06web.zoom.us/j/Meeting ID: 889 2941 9412)  
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## Why RSVP For Tribal Events?

Tribal Department staff who plan events and activities for the benefit of Tribal Member need membership to “please reply” when asked to RSVP when wanting to attend Tribal events.

Your RSVP’s ensure that the right amount of supplies and food and beverages are available to meet the needs of those in attendance. Thank you in advance for making future events as successful as possible by always calling to RSVP when asked.

**RSVP for events by calling  
1-541-435-7155**



## Elders Meals and Services

Services to Elders include providing Frozen Meals, Milk and Bread, Chore Service, Respite Services, Over the Counter Medications, and other needed services.

Please contact us today if you or a Tribal Elder in your family in the five county service area (Oregon Counties of Coos, Lane, Lincoln, Douglas, and Curry) need assistance.

### Frozen Meals:

Frozen Meals, bread and milk are available.

Each Tribal Elder, Spouse or Widow(er) is eligible to receive 20 frozen meals, whole grain bread and ½ gallon of low fat (1%) milk each month and

\*\*\* We have now added frozen vegetables and fruits to our meal program \*\*\*

(A married couple can receive up to 40 meals, 2 loaves of whole grain bread and 1 gallon of low fat (1%) milk).

\*\*\*Foods for those with Special Dietary Needs may be available by special request\*\*\*

These items may be picked up curbside at the Tribal Administration Offices in Coos Bay or at the Eugene and Florence Outreach Offices.

(Please call ahead)

Home deliveries may be available if Elder is medically Home Bound

Please contact your local Community Health Aide to schedule an appointment.

**Coos Bay:**  
Barbara Black (541) 888-7520

**Eugene:**  
Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1334

**Florence:**  
Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685



# These Waters Know Our Paddles: Coos Bay

## *Sharing Our Story with Our Partners*

Contributed by The Department of Natural Resources

Even though our families and ancestors have called parts of western Oregon home long before Oregon was a state, many organizations that work in our area do not know much about our history and culture. While they hear the Tribes assert their right to practice, harvest and manage our lands, oceans, estuaries, forests and rivers, our partners often do not have the deeper context. We have found that when our partners have a deeper understanding about our lifeways and traditions, they can better help us protect our places, relations and cultural practice. Additionally, Tribal governments have modern initiatives, programs and diverse policy directives that may be unfamiliar to nongovernmental organizations that are working within the boundaries of our ancestral homelands.

With a good heart, staff and citizens of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (CTCLUSI) and the Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT) came together to build a foundation of understanding with our nongovernmental partners. We presented various perspectives, experiences and projects on subjects that related to Tribal sovereignty, cultural resources, Tribal stewardship priorities, traditional knowledge, habitat restoration projects, traditional teas, tools and medicines. This event took place in Coos Bay on the 26 and 27th of September at the Coos History Museum and South Slough Visitor Center meeting room and included a field trip to Wasson Creek floodplain restoration site.

The first day started with a song and included a process agreement for all attendees. We started our day by talking about baskets. Baskets are a formula for stewardship- the process and conditions under which materials are gathered and how a basket is made tells us important environmental information and guide how we interact with our lands, resources and waters. A basket, a canoe, a song, a hat, a skirt, a story are all pieces of our culture and individually as well as together possess information and patterns that are needed to use to take care of our homelands and collectively represents traditional knowledge important to stewarding our lands. However, traditional knowledge is largely left out of land management and environmental policy because the foundation relies upon layers of colonized systems of government and law. We asked our audience to think beyond what is currently allowed and find opportunities for collaboration that have deeper meaning and reciprocity.

Culture and Natural Resource staff from CTCLUSI gave presentations about connection, identity, history, language and place. Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager, provided a history of our homelands, people and spoke about respect and traditional ways of caring for resources. Enna Helms and Patty Whereat Phillips, both Linguists, reflected upon language and placenames in their talks, giving context to how language teaches us about the significance of placenames and words. Ashley Russell, Assistant Director of Natural Resources and Culture, and John Schaefer, Interim Director for the department, gave technical presentations and highlighted on the ground work the Tribe is doing in to understand loss of lamprey populations on the coast and how better consider this species. Rick Eichstaedt, Tribal Attorney, spoke about Tribal consultation and sovereignty and shared an opportunity uplift Tribal sovereignty by providing letters of support for CTCLUSI's Tribal Water Quality Standards. CTCLUSI and CIT's Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Courtney Krossman and Cassandra Rippee (respectively) shared best practices for notifying and working with Tribes for the protection cultural resources for habitat restoration and educational projects. Kyle Terry, Restoration Projects Manager, gave a presentation about transforming a historic dairy farm into



Traditional items on display

critical salmon habitat in the Siuslaw estuary. Robin Harkins, Natural Resource Director, and John Ogan, the Assistant Director of Natural Resources at Coquille Indian Tribe spoke about the Indian Trust Asset Reform Act and Forest management as well as the history of the cooperative fish and wildlife management agreement they recently finalized between the State and the Tribe. Additionally, our presentations were reinforced by youth led educational tables, traditional salmon bake and the beautiful walamtii tl'd.

Overall, the first day was like the tides, intense and regenerative. At some points, it felt like a crash course on coastal Oregon Tribal rights and programs, and during other parts of the day, it felt like an extended community salmon ceremony. The experience was centered on Tribal values and the shared benefits of having strong partner relationships. We had more than 20 organizations in attendance! Staff from McKenzie River Trust, Wild Rivers Land Trust, Ecotrust, the Nature Conservancy, Pew Charitable Trusts, Crag Environmental Law Center, Oregon



Tribal Historic Preservation Officers Courtney Krossman (CTCLUSI) and Cassandra Rippee (CIT)

Shores Conservation Coalition, Surfrider Foundation, the Wetlands Conservancy, Oregon Cultural Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Portland Audubon, Kalmiopsis Audubon, Shoreline Education for Awareness, Rogue Climate, Siuslaw Watershed Council, Coos Watershed Association, Coquille Watershed Association, Elakha Alliance, Oregon Community Foundation, and Oregon Kelp Alliance.

The second day, at the South Slough, was very well attended and more casual. We started the day with introductions, followed by question-and-answer panel. There was a lot of interest from attendees on best ways to communicate and support the Tribes. We talked about Tribal government structure as well as protocols and best practices for notification, requests and gaining consent and support for projects. Through these conversations we emphasized how good intentions can threaten our way of life if the actions that follow do not take to heart our history, culture and protocols. While at the Wasson Creek floodplain restoration, with the remnants of pitch lady (mosquitoes) finding weaknesses in our cloth barriers, the Tribes led discussions on the dualities and complexities of sustaining our culture and helping our salmon relations. Tribes are put in positions where they have to weigh damaging ancestral weirs that hold traditional knowledge not just in how they are made but how they were used on the landscape and species recovery so that we can continue to eat our first foods.

Modern Tribal existence is complex and so are the decisions we make to keep our culture and identity. Over the course of the two days of sharing our experiences, we helped reorient the perspectives of our partners to build a better understanding of working together and in hopes that we can find solutions together.



# Renaming “Waite Ranch”

Contributed by CTCLUSI Language Program

The Siuslaw estuary contains habitats for Coastal Coho and Chinook Salmon, Pacific Lamprey, and sea-run Cutthroat. Since the first outside settlers began arriving in the 1870s, these habitats have been heavily impacted by diking and development. The Tribes, Siuslaw Watershed Council and many other partners have been working for many years to help restore vital salmonid habitat. One such place is “Waite Ranch”, on the north bank of the river near Cushman.

In December 2010, with the help of Oregon Watershed Development Board, the McKenzie River Trust bought the former ranch site. They have been working with the Siuslaw Watershed Council and the Tribes on plans to restore the site to a brackish marsh, bringing back some of the former habitat for salmonids, lamprey, and other species.

Tribal Council and DNR Staff visited “Waite Ranch” with partners McKenzie River Trust and Siuslaw Watershed Council on the 16th of September to discuss goals of the restoration project and the infrastructure of a tide gate system to protect the highway from hydrology changes. Putting in a tidegate will help protect some of the upstream properties from tidal flooding while permitting the restoration of marsh. The project design is set to be approved by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) in December 2022.

It was a beautiful day, many topics surrounded the conservation efforts and design, and most importantly to tell stories and talk about the naming of the place in the sha’yuusht’á uł quuiich language. The traditional name of the site is unknown, but with community input we could create a contemporary name in the Native language. Some past ideas discussed were t̓imistiist (green place, that does not burn), pa’naq (garden) and takanich (crescent, after the shape of the ranch site). The site has been described as a former crabapple marsh habitat, and the sha’yuusht’á uł quuiich word for crabapple is q’at’ii. Additional suggestions and ideas from the community are welcome! We will hold several discussions with the language and culture committee over the next couple of months, please join us!

**Please contact us at [language@ctclusi.org](mailto:language@ctclusi.org), or call Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538, or Patty Phillips at (707) 812-0705 with any questions or suggestions around the renaming of waite ranch.**

We are truly thankful to all in attendance and for all the amazing dialogue held surrounding this beautiful place.



Pictured above, left to right: Chairman Brad Kneaper, Interim Director of Natural Resources John Schaefer, Council member Enna Helms and daughter, Council member Teresa Spangler, Chief Doc Slyter, and wetlands Project Manager Kyle Terry



**Siuslaw Watershed Council**; Mizu Brruss, Financial Manager, Margaret Corvi, Board President, Jim Grano, Board Vice President, Kevin Carroll, Board Representative, Erika Vasquez Wagner, Board Representative, **McKenzie River Trust**; Eli Tome, Conservation Director, Margaret Treadwell, Central Coast Conservation Programs Manager, Jodi Lemmer, Stewardship Manager, Elizabeth Goward, Volunteer Programs Manager/Communications, Bev Hollander, Board Member and David Fryfield, Board Member, **CTCLUSI**; Chief, Doc Slyter, Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair, Enna Helms, Tribal Council & Linguist Associate, Teresa Spangler, Tribal Council, John Schaefer, Interim Director of Natural Resources, Kyle Terry, Wetlands Project Manager.



# Are You Prepared for a Dental Emergency?

Contributed by Bobbie Hafer, RDH. Published as a public service by the American Dental Association

Thousands of dental emergencies - from injuries to a painful, abscessed tooth - take place every day. Would you know what to do if your child broke a tooth or had a tooth knocked out while playing outdoors? What if you had a bad toothache in the middle of the night and couldn't get to the dentist until the next day? Knowing what to do can lessen the pain and save a tooth that might otherwise be lost.

Keep your dental office phone number and an emergency number where the dentist can be reached after hours with other emergency numbers, such as that of your family medical doctor. Call the dentist immediately for instructions on how to handle a dental emergency. Here are some common recommendations:

- **Toothache:** Rinse the mouth with warm water to clean it out. Gently use dental floss or an interdental cleaner to remove any food or other debris that may be caught between the teeth. Never put aspirin or any other painkiller against the gums near the aching tooth. This could burn the gum tissue. If the toothache persists, try to see the dentist. Don't rely on painkillers. They may temporarily relieve pain but your dentist should evaluate the condition.
- **Knocked-out (avulsed) tooth:** Try to find the tooth! This may not be as easy as you think if the injury took place on a playground, basketball court, or while skateboarding, so try

to stay calm. Hold the tooth by the crown and rinse the root in water if the tooth is dirty. Don't scrub it or remove any attached tissue fragments. If it's possible, gently insert and hold the tooth in its socket while you head to the dentist. If that's not possible, put the tooth in a cup of milk and bring it to the dentist. Time is critical for successful re-implantation, so try to get to your dentist immediately.

- **Broken tooth:** Rinse your mouth with warm water to clean the area. Use cold compresses on the outside of the cheek or lip to help reduce the swelling.
- **Tongue or lip bites or wounds:** Clean the area gently with a clean cloth and apply cold compresses to reduce any swelling. If the bleeding can't be controlled, go to a hospital emergency room or clinic. You may be able to reduce bleeding from the tongue by pulling it forward and using gauze to put pressure on the wound.
- **Objects caught between teeth:** Try to gently remove the object with dental floss. Never use a sharp instrument to remove any object that is stuck between your teeth. If you can't dislodge the object with floss, contact your dentist.
- **Possible broken jaw:** Apply cold compresses to control swelling. Get to the hospital emergency room immediately.

## Dental Therapy Update

Contributed by Marissa Gardner, DHAT

On February 8th, 2016 Dental Pilot Project Application #100, "Oregon Tribes Dental Health Aide Pilot Project," was approved by the OHA (Oregon Health Authority). Soon after following the approval date Naomi Petrie and I, Marissa Gardner, attended the Alaska Dental Therapy Educational Program in Alaska. We graduated from the 2-year program and began working for the tribes' dental clinic under the Dental Pilot Project #100. For many years we faced challenges in the pilot study that affected our scope of practice, it put extra tasks on some of our staff and made for longer appointments for our patients.

After years of hard work, the pilot study has been deemed a safe and effective way to deliver dental services to our tribal community. We have succeeded with the result of the State of Oregon passing Dental Therapy in July 2021. Since Dental Therapy is a new concept for our State, there haven't been any examination criteria created or passed. We've been waiting for the Oregon Board of Dentistry and committee to make the rules and regulations for the Dental Therapy OSCE test (Objective Structured Clinical Examination) and as of August 2022, the exam has officially been approved for us to take. So we traveled to Portland and took the exam on September 12th, the very next day we received our passing scores and are now eligible and are in the process of applying for licensure with the Oregon Board of Dentistry.

It has been a long and stressful process over the years for ourselves, our staff, and our patients but in the end, we are so proud and honored to be a part of this pilot study to help blaze the way for expanding dental services to our people. We thank everyone for their patience and support through this journey of a breakthrough for the State of Oregon!

### Make an Appointment with the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic

1245 Fulton Avenue,  
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

**541-888-6433**

Business Hours  
Open 8:00 a.m., Close 5:00 p.m.

The clinic is open Monday through Thursday during the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The clinic is open Tuesday through Friday during the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

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# In Honor of Francis Willis Somday

Written by Robyn Somday



Francis was born on May 22, 1952, with a twin brother Joseph Lewis Somday. His father is William Lewis Somday, and his mother is Betty Lou Bonwell (Somday). He was born in the small town of Republic, Washington but grew up in Malo, Washington on the north half of the Colville Reservation.

His family was not rich and lived a life of hard work and discipline. That stayed with him all his life. Francis worked hard and to the best of his ability always. He always showed respect and had a great work ethic. He would

listen and try to help people through their problems and take pride in their success.

Francis made his final journey on March 27, 2022. He went peacefully in his sleep. We had a quiet ceremony with family in the beautiful Catholic Church in Republic, Washington, and brought him home to the family ranch to lay him to rest. It is beautiful on the Ranch, and it is where he grew up. He is close to family and at peace. He had a good life and enjoyed it to the fullest. He leaves us all with so many good memories, and his sense of humor is forever in our smiles.

From 2002 through 2012, Francis became the Tribal administrator of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. His responsibilities included the overall management of tribal operations. He established the Blue Earth Federal Corporation and the Three Rivers Casino. He also secured the Coos Head Naval Base, now a significant piece of tribal property. This property helped in the restoration of a portion of the tribes' ancestral homeland.

In Francis's own words: "My work experience for the past 40 years has been working in executive-level management positions with my own tribe Colville, the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. I have learned both the government/ political internal workings as well as the business/economic operations of tribal government. I have spent a good part of my life understanding and working with and for tribal governments and their economic and political independence. I also understand that as tribal governments become self-sufficient so must the members the government serves. This self-sufficiency comes from education, employment, and good health. My development of the economic structures of the Tribes I have worked with has been a great source of pride for me, however, the greatest source of pride has been to see individual tribal members succeed and know that I shared in making lives better."

What would Francis want you to remember about him? Maybe his love, his humor, his dedication to the Tribe, and his giving nature. This is written and printed in October 2022. This is the Year Francis was to retire.

**Disclosure:** The Somday Family submitted this publication and it has been condensed from the original version due to space constraints with content omitted.. The CTCLUSI Tribal Council wishes to publicly offer condolence to the Somday Family and the membership of the Coville Tribe for their loss.



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hich'uunewiye **CARVERS**  
**GATHERING 2022**

Coquille Indian Tribe's Plankhouse  
November 15-18 | Coos Bay, Oregon

Facilitated by the  
*WaKanim Artists Collaborative*

Earl Davis, Shoalwater Bay      Tony Johnson, Chinook  
Travis Stewart, Grand Ronde      Shirod Younker, Coquille

**About the Event**

Join us and learn to design, layout, and carve a traditional bowl/platter in red alder using an adze and carving knives. Materials provided. Prior woodworking or carving experience is preferred. Expand your network, learn new techniques and collaborate with other tribal carvers! Registration is \$300 and includes lodging, lunch, dinner, and materials.

**Agenda at a Glance**

- Tuesday (11/15) 4:30 p.m.: Registration and Check-in at The Mill Hotel and Casino
- Wednesday (11/16) 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Workshops at the Coquille Indian Tribe's Plankhouse. Lunch and Dinner provided.
- Thursday (11/17) 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Workshops at the Coquille Indian Tribe's Plankhouse. Lunch and Dinner provided.
- Friday (11/18) 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Workshops at the Coquille Indian Tribe's Plankhouse. Lunch provided. Open House from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Space is limited. Register today.**

Limited scholarships may be available on a first come basis.



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**TO REGISTER OR FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:**  
Shianne Myers, Coquille Indian Tribe  
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## Fall Harvest Dinner Community Center Drum Making (Tribal Hall) Saturday, November 19, 2022

Drum Making 9:00 to 1:00 Tribal Hall Sponsored by Prevention and Cultural

Doug & Mark will be instructing how to make a hand drum

**One Drum per Tribal Family, Drums go first to RSVP list**

Non RSVP guests will go on a waiting list until all RSVP guests receive their drums

**DRUM MAKING RSVP: 1-541-435-7155 or 1-888-365-7155**

RSVP By 11/10/2022

**Dinner at 1:00 p.m.**

**Crafts & Activities following dinner**



## 38<sup>th</sup> Restoration...continued from cover story

present, as they enjoyed a meal prepared by the Three Rivers Casino Resort staff, visited with various Tribal Departments with cultural displays around the room.


A major highlight of the evening was the honoring of the current Chief of CTCLUSI, Chief Doc Slyter. A group of singers joined Enna Helms and Patty Whereat-Phillips on stage alongside Chief Slyter. Chiefs Warren Brainard and David Brainard were in attendance and also asked to join them onstage. Tribal members presented Chief Slyter with a five strand dentalium necklace and words of thanks. Chief Slyter was then presented with a traditional feather headdress, woven and adorned with shells. Chiefs Warren and David also wrapped Chief Slyter in a wool blanket from Eighth Generation. The singers then lead everyone (lyrics were provided on screen and printed at the tables) in a few traditional songs. Cultural Stewardship Manager Jesse Beers also sang a prayer song, that must have been meant for the occasion as it was the song that came to him. Many thanks to all those that helped create the necklace and headdress for

gifting and honoring our Chief. Hiisa.

Tribal linguist Patty Whereat-Phillips rounded out the evening with some wonderful traditional stories starting with a Siuslaw tale. Chief Slyter's new headdress was in full view, pointed towards Patty on the stage as he sat captivated by her storytelling. The event was also streamed live over Zoom so that membership could participate even if they could not attend in person.

At the evening's conclusion, guests were invited to take home and enjoy the roasted myrtle nuts that were integrated into the table centerpieces. Canned smoked salmon was also available as a parting gift, as well as a dentalium necklace reserved for the Eldest of each table.

A special thanks to all the Tribal Government & Three Rivers Casino Staff for their hard work making this a successful event. We are all so happy to see you again and look forward to the upcoming gatherings planned thru the rest of the year.



# PEACEGIVING

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## CTCLUSI Participates in Octoberfish

Contributed by the Culture and Natural Resources Department

On October 1st 2022, CTCLUSI was invited to participate in Octoberfish, which is an annual free event that celebrates Coos Culture. It was hosted by the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology and Pacific Fisheries Enhancement Corp. in Charleston, Oregon. In attendance were also a lot of other local organizations, vendors, and non-profits, including but not limited to Rogue Climate, Cooswa,

SSNERR, and 7 Devil's Brewery. We were excited to bring Lottie down for some fun and sun to do some cultural outreach and networking. The tuna lunch was amazing and so were the live bands. We would like to thank the Tuna Boys for sponsoring our lunches and can't wait to attend again next year.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	2 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	3 Cultural Gathering Eugene Outreach 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Moccasin Class, 4 Coos Bay sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 4pm-6pm	5 Moccasin Class, Coos Bay
6 Moccasin Class, Coos Bay	7	8 Elders Overnight Trip - miluk language class 4pm-6pm	9 Elders Overnight Trip hanis language class 4pm-6pm	10 Cultural Gathering Eugene Outreach 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	11 Veterans Day Offices Closed Veterans Day Sweat	12
13 2nd Budget Hearing 9:00 a.m. Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	14 COH Guided Meditation 6:30 pm	15 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	16 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	17 Cultural Gathering Eugene Outreach 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	18 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 4-6pm	19 Drum Making 9:00 a.m. Fall Harvest Party 1:00 p.m.
20	21	22 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	23 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	25 Native American Heritage Day Offices Closed	26
27 Beaded Necklaces Community Center 10:30 am - 2:30 pm	28	29 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	30 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	1	2	3
4	5	6 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	7 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	8	9	10

## DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	30 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Family Holiday Party TRC 3:00 p.m.
11 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 CTCLUSI Staff Appreciation Day Offices Closed	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Observance of Christmas Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

*Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart*





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**TUESDAY - MEATBALL MARINARA FETTUCINE \$16**

**WEDNESDAY - CHICKEN COBB SANDWICH \$15**

**THURSDAY - CAPTAIN'S FEAST \$18**

**FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$20**  
*Served from 4pm-10pm*

**SATURDAY - CHERRY CHIPOTLE  
BABY BACK RIBS \$20**  
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