



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

Strengthening Government-to-Government Relations: Tribal Flag Raising on the Coos Bay Boardwalk

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

In a ceremony held on Friday, October 28, 2022, the City of Coos Bay honored the Tribal Governments of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, The Coquille Indians, and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

During the event, each of the three Tribal Governments were given framed copies of the two recently approved City Council proclamations: Indigenous Peoples Day and Native American Heritage Month passed by City Council in October.

Coos Bay Mayor, Joe Benetti shared some insightful thoughts during the ceremony. *"As we gather today, we are reminded that the land upon which Coos Bay is now built is steeped in rich indigenous history. It is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Coquille Indian Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians and the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians..."*

We also acknowledge the significant contribution the Tribes make to our community at large and the economic impact their governments and programs make to our community and its citizens.

We respect the federally recognized Tribes and we affirm the City's ongoing commitment to helping our entire community better understand our shared past, present, and future. And we continue to look for opportunities to work collaboratively for the betterment of this great place we call home."

Tribal Council Vice Chair, Julie Siestreem was in attendance of the event. She had this to share about the ceremony, *"Chair Brad Kneaper spoke words of appreciation representing Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw. Councilman Doug Barrett sang one of our songs and led us in a cedar ceremony by bringing cedar for all of us in attendance to put into the*



Government representatives from the City of Coos Bay, CTCLUSI, and The Coquille Tribe stand together during the flag raising ceremony on October 28, 2022

Coos River after his sang. Was a monumental day forward in the ongoing positive Nation to Nation Government relationship building we have done and, continue to do. I was thankful, grateful and honored to be in attendance with the other Tribal Council members and, general members who were able to attend."

Representatives of Tribal Governments for both CTCLUSI and The Coquille Tribe shared a few words during the event. Due to scheduling conflicts, a representative of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians was unable to participate. Coquille Chair Brenda Meade made a statement on behalf of The Coquille Indians Tribal Government. Our own Chairman, Brad Kneaper represented the people of CTCLUSI in his own statement. *"I am proud to be here with our neighboring Tribes as we honor ALL those who came before us, our past generations, in remembrance of their incredible endurance and perseverance through difficult years of Termination and Restoration.*

This Proclamation marking "November as Native American Heritage Month"

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Save the Date:

Tribal Holiday Celebration

December 10, 2022

Three Rivers Casino Resort Events Center

See flyer for more information on page 14

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from October 9, 2022 - November 12, 2022

Chief Doc Slyter:
 10/9 Tribal Council Meeting / General Council Meeting
 10/11 North Bend City Council Meeting
 10/13 Cultural Meeting
 10/15 Tribal Restoration Dinner-Three Rivers Casino
 10/20 Swearing in of new Tribal Community Services Officer / Leader's Circle
 10/22 Special Council Meeting / Hunting & Fishing Voting at Tribal Hall
 10/24 Met with Executive Director of the Elakha Alliance
 10/26 GFORB Meeting / Business Meeting
 10/28 Speaker at - Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit r/e Amanda Trail
 11/3 Leader's Circle
 11/10 Cultural Meeting / Leader's Circle
 Emails-phone calls
Total Hours: 76.5

Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair:
 10/09 Regular Tribal Council Meeting / General Council Meeting (Quorum not Present, Open Discussion)
 10/10 Holiday - Indigenous Persons Day.
 10/11 Meeting with CEO, Legal – ZOOM / Meeting with Oregon State Representative Sanchez regarding Consultation Bill / North Bend City Council Meeting – Indigenous Persons Day Proclamation. (Via YouTube)
 11/13 Preparations for Restoration Celebration
 11/14 Preparations for Restoration Celebration
 11/15 CTCLUSI Restoration Celebration at Three Rivers Casino-Florence.
 10/17 Holiday Restoration Day.
 10/18 Meet with Sovereign Finance (ZOOM) / Coos Bay City Council Meeting-Native American Heritage Month Proclamation (TEAMS).
 10/19 Meeting with National Indian Gaming (NIGC) Regional Director and Vice Chair Blue Earth Board Meeting (ZOOM)
 10/20 CTCLUSI Health Clinic Planning Meeting (TEAMS) / Swearing In New Police Officer Robert Snyder / Leader's Circle.
 10/21 Pick-up Ballots (blank) to deliver to Eugene Outreach to provide to Tribal Members who lost ballots.
 10/22 Meet with Election Committee at polling place.
 Measure passed 338 Yes, 1 No
 10/26 Oregon Tribal Roundtable with Representative Blumenauer. CEO spoke /GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 10/27 Meet with Tribal Court Judge Williams / Design-Planning Meeting on CTCLUSI Health Clinic (ZOOM)
 10/28 Tribal Flag Ceremony, display our Tribal Flag at the Coos Bay Boardwalk.
 11/01 CTCLUSI/BIA Coos Head Trust Status Meeting (ZOOM).
 11/02 Interview Director of Social Services Director Applicant (ZOOM).
 11/03 Leader's Circle.
 11/04 CTCLUSI Health Building Progress Meeting (TEAMS) / Interview Director of Social Services Director Applicant / Meeting with Legal, CEO, Chairman of Blue Earth Board / Meeting with Legal, CEO, Chairman of Blue Earth Board and BEST Manager
 11/10 Leader's Circle.
Total Hours: 179

Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:
 10/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 10/11 Meeting with Representative Sanchez / Education Committee Meeting /4j IPC Meeting / City of North Bend Council Meeting
 Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation
 10/12 SSB770 HHS Cluster Meeting / Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting
 10/13 ODFW Meeting in Coos Bay / Fourth Budget Meeting
 10/15 Restoration Celebration
 10/18 City of Coos Bay City Council Meeting – Native Heritage Month Proclamation
 10/20 Swearing In Ceremony – Office Snyder / Fifth Budget Meeting / Leaders Circle
 10/22 Special Council Meeting / Special Election
 10/24 Amanda Trail Peace Hike Planning Meeting
 10/26 Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting / GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 10/27 Sixth Budget Meeting
 10/28 Tribal Flag Raising Ceremony – Coos Bay Boardwalk
 10/31 BOEM Oregon Key Observation Points Meeting
 11/03 Leaders Circle
 11/04 CTCLUSI Thanksgiving Staff Turkey Gifting
 11/08 BOEM Oregon Key Observation Points Meeting / Elders Overnight Gathering / 4j IPC Meeting
 11/09 Elders Overnight Gathering / Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting
 11/10 Supportive Services for Veteran Families Native American Outreach / Leaders Circle
 Emails, phone calls, research driving duties
Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel:
 10/09 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 10/12 SB 770
 10/13 Tribal Sovereignty and the Indian Health Care Zoom / Budget Meeting
 10/15 Restoration at TRC
 10/17 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting in Umatilla
 10/18 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting in Umatilla
 10/19 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting in Umatilla
 10/20 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting in Umatilla
 10/26 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 10/27 Budget Meeting
 10/28 Tribal Flag Ceremony – Coos Bay Boardwalk
 11/02 Director of SS Interview
 11/02 Leaders Circle
 11/04 Director of SS Interview
 11/10 CCD Quarterly Board Meeting / Leaders Circle
 reading & responding to emails
Total Hours: 76

Teresa Spangler:
 10/09 Regular Council Meeting/ General Council Meeting
 10/11 City of North Bend Council Meeting
 Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation
 10/15 Restoration

10/18 City if Coos Bay Council Meeting
 Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation
 10/20 Swearing in of Officer Snyder / Leaders Circle
 10/22 Special Council meeting- sign review- Hunting Fishing Hunting and Gathering vote
 10/25 Two Higher Education Interviews
 10/26 Business Council Meeting
 10/28 Higher Education Interview / Tribal Flag Ceremony Coos Bay Boardwalk
 11/02 Social Services Director interview
 11/03 Leaders Circle
 11/04 Social Services Director interview
 E-mails daily
Total Hours: 86.5

Doug Barrett:
 10/09 Tribal Council Meeting
 10/10 Indigenous Peoples Day - Holiday
 10/11 October Lane ACT meeting
 10/13 Culture Committee Meeting / 4th Budget Meeting, Housing / Health
 10/14 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting
 10/15 Restoration Celebration – Three Rivers Casino
 10/19 Blue Earth Federal Corp Board Meeting
 10/20 5th Budget Meeting, DNR / Forestry / Leaders Circle
 10/22 Special Council Meeting / Enrollment Committee / Special Election Day
 10/26 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 10/27 City Club of Eugene discussing offshore wind / 6th Budget Meeting / Social Services
 10/28 Tribal Flag Ceremony – Coos Bay Boardwalk
 11/03 Leaders Circle
 11/10 Culture Committee Meeting / Leaders Circle
 11/11 Native American Heritage Day / Veterans Day
Total Hours: 64 & Emails

Enna Helms:
 10/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting; General Council Meeting
 10/11 City of North Bend Council Meeting - Indigenous Peoples Day Proclamation Reading; RJC Coordinating Team
 10/12 Participated in the Oregon Historic Preservation Plan Discussion 2024-2029
 10/13 4th Budget Meeting: Housing, Health
 10/15 Restoration Celebration and Honoring Chief Doc Slyter
 10/20 5th Budget Meeting: DNR, Forestry; Tribal Council Leaders Circle
 10/22 Special Election Day
 10/26 Tribal Council Business Meeting
 10/27 6th Budget Meeting: Social Services
 11/01 Racial Justice Council
 11/03 Tribal Council's Leaders Circle
 11/07 RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee Orientation
 11/09 Haaland v. Brackeen Oral Argument Information; RJC Housing, Homelessness & Human Services Committee
 11/10 RJC Report Coordinating Team; Tribal Council's Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 85

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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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.



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Council Meeting

December 11, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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

Agenda:

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



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
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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

Hello everyone,

If you haven't heard, though I suspect you have, the Special Election on October 22, 2022 for the Hunting, Fishing, and Gathering Measure was a great success. The Measure passed by an overwhelming number. The final vote was 338 voting yes, and 1 no vote. I want to thank everyone who participated and helped get the word out to family and friends. This was a great effort by many, and was by all accounts a record turnout. We have submitted the draft agreement to the state and are just waiting for them to respond back. I would love to say that it was all ready to go, and I am as impatient as anyone to have everything done. Look for updates coming as soon as we get them in the newsletter and on the CTCLUSI web page.

Now that we have this Special Election past us, we have seen what we can accomplish as a Tribe. I would love to see this kind of turn-out for every single election. It is vitally important to the Tribe to have the input

from all tribal people in all formats, and particularly by the vote. In order for Tribal Government to represent you, we need to see where you stand. We frequently hear from relatively few tribal members, and that's great, but we need to hear from all. I know, as I lived out of the area for a time, I frequently didn't vote because I didn't know the people involved or the issues at hand. It's difficult to know when you aren't close enough to attend Council Meetings or other events. However one thing that Covid brought us is virtual meetings. We can now attend meetings and even events virtually if you aren't able to attend in person. The Sunday Regular Council Meeting (Sunday November 13, 2022) had a few people attend in person, and more via ZOOM. I encourage everyone to try it. This is the best way to see and know what's happening with the Tribe and help you to make decisions when it's time to vote.

I hope that everyone has a very safe and happy holiday season.



Brad Kneaper, Chairman

"Building Bridges, Healing Hearts: The Amanda Trail"

On October 28th, Chief Doc Slyter along with Dennis Comfort, Coast Region Manager of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and Joanne Kittel, View the Future, Co-chair and Yachats Trails Leader made a presentation, along with a powerpoint, to the Oregon Outdoor Recreation Summit held in Welches, Oregon. Robert Kentta, Tribal Council Member and Cultural Resources Director of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) was also scheduled to join the panel but needed to cancel to host the arrival of Governor Brown and staff.

This presentation focused primarily on building a trusting and equitable relationship with CTCLUSI and CTSI to bring the historic truth about local Indigenous history to the Yachats residents and visitors through naming of a trail and creek, developing interpretive signage along the trail, creating events, ceremonies, composing music, and literally and figuratively building bridges together.

Chief Slyter spoke of the importance of Tribal involvement as supervisors in order to present accurately and respectfully THEIR history and culture and how these sites are considered sacred.

The audience of 70+ was made up of professionals from agencies and organizations throughout the northwest who work in the recreational field. Therefore, the emphasis was on how important it is to preserve archaeological sites where trails are built and rehabilitated. It was also stressed that before any construction can take place, the builders must contact their local Tribes and SHPO (State Historical Preservation Officer) to assure



Joanne Kittel, View the Future, Co-chair and Yachats Trails Leader gives a presentation on the Amanda Trail

that such construction is not disturbing archaeological sites.

Additionally, trail groups need to strive toward how a trail project and history associated with that trail will benefit Tribal Communities. The Amanda Trail, and its sister trail, the Ya'Xaik Trail, have brought hikers from all over the world to experience these solemn and spiritual trails that remember in perpetuity the government-sponsored genocidal policies that led to the death of many Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw and Alsea Peoples imprisoned at the Alsea Subagency. It is about trails healing and bringing together a previously divided people. This would not have happened without the collaboration and supervision from the CTCLUSI and the CTSI. The response was overwhelmingly positive and at times emotional for audience members.



CTCLUSI Chief, Doc Slyter



Chief Doc Slyter plays a song on the flute

2023 New Year's Day Peace Hike

9:30 AM – 1: PM

Picnic Shelter behind the Yachats Commons at 4th-5th Street and Highway 101.

Given the ever-shifting impact of Covid and the absolute need to keep the Peace Hike activities safe, the Yachats Trails Team will continue having the format be a combination of live and virtual experiences. There will be no indoor ceremony but there are a number of ways to manifest and celebrate peace throughout the day, both outdoors and within one's home or shelter.

The Peace Hike traditionally honors the memory of a blind Native American (Coos) woman named Amanda who was forcibly taken away from her daughter and marched 80 miles with other captives all barefoot through the rocky terrain to the Alsea Sub-agency prison camp in what is now Yachats in 1864.

To truly understand the government sponsored genocidal policies that led to the murder and suffering of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw and Alsea Peoples, watch a video narrated by Patricia Whereat Phillips, Miluk Coos, member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) and Donald Slyter, Chief of the CTCLUSI.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6D-wkqXGy0

Cedar is a sacred tree for many tribes of the Pacific Northwest. On January 1, anyone interested in exploring Cedar in prayers is invited to take a Cedar sprig from a basket outside the Commons at the Picnic Shelter or at the Bears' Statue on the Amanda Trail. From there they can take the sprig and walk with it holding their vision of peace and what it means in one's life.

On New Year's Day (weather dependent) this year's Yachats Trails Committee has composed a map of alternative trails that allow everyone to hike or walk where they are most comfortable in addition to those who want to hike to the Amanda Gathering Area. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and provide maps and guidance at the Lions Picnic Shelter behind the Yachats Commons.

There will be two small ceremonial fires in which to place the Cedar sprigs - one near the picnic shelter and one at the Amanda Gathering Area for those who hike the Amanda Trail.

Schedule

9:30AM - The Yachats Community Drum will be available, and drumming will start at the picnic shelter.

10 AM. Fire will be lit, and the ceremony will begin in part led by Tribal members including the telling of the Amanda story.

10:30 – Participants will walk with their cedar sprig on the trail they have chosen, return to the fire where they will place the Cedar sprig, to add their prayers or visions for the new year.

For those hiking to the Amanda Gathering Area, which is 2.2 miles south from the Commons, there will be several options to park to lessen that distance.

12 PM – There will be a ceremony conducted by Tribal members at the Amanda Gathering area and a fire to which to lay one's Cedar sprig.

1:00PM – There will be closing of the fires at both locations. Water, energy bars and delicious cookies prepared and generously donated by the Yachats Ladies Club will be available at the Picnic Shelter and the Amanda Gathering Area.

All participants will be given Peace hike buttons.

This year's Peace Hike button has been beautifully created by artists Loren Dickinson and Bette Perman.

If you have hiked or celebrated peace throughout the day, both outdoors and at home or shelter and were unable to participate directly, you may pick up peace hike buttons at the Yachats Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center located at 2nd Street and Highway 101.

The Yachats Trails Committee wishes you peace and good fortune during this time of many celebrations and in the year to come.

It is through the Tribes' and community endeavors with the Amanda and Ya'Xaik Trails that many people have become aware of the need to acknowledge the wrongs of the past and to be more conscious of the need to treat people of all cultures throughout the world with honor, dignity and respect.

Organizers this year are Yachats Trails Committee, Parks & Commons, Commission, City of Yachats, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and the Yachats Chamber of Commerce



2023 NEW YEARS DAY PEACE HIKE

HONORING INDIGENOUS IDENTITY AND CULTURE

JANUARY 1ST | 9:30 AM TO 1 PM



The Peace Hike traditionally honors the memory of a blind Native American (Coos) woman named Amanda who was forcibly taken away from her daughter and marched 80 miles with other captives all barefoot through the rocky terrain to the Alsea Sub-agency prison camp in what is now Yachats in 1864.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

9:30 am Start with Yachats Community Drumming at Commons Pavilion

10 am Fire will be lit, the ceremony will begin, led by Tribal members with the telling of the Amanda story

10:30 am Set intentions and walk with a cedar sprig to ceremony site along the Amanda Trail or walk community trails (maps available)

12 pm Tribal member led ceremony at the Amanda statue, place your cedar sprig on the fire

Scan for the Amanda story told by Patricia Whereat Phillips, Miluk Coos Tribal member, linguist, of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI).

Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program's
Support Group for Commercial Tobacco

When: Last Wednesday of
the Month 6:00pm-7:00pm



First Meeting:

January 25th 2023

Where: Tribal Hall

338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, OR
97420



**“Although no one can go
back and make a brand new
start, anyone can start from
now and make a brand new
ending.” —Carl Bard**

Activity: multi-
string dentalium
necklace. Build a
string each
meeting to
accumulate a full
multi-string
dentalium necklace
by the end of the
year.

Native Language
Summit

Contributed by Enna Helms, Tribal Linguist Associate

The Native Language Summit hosted by the U.S. Department of Interior was held on October 14th in Oklahoma City this year. The theme of this summit was “speaking sovereignty” and Tribes were asked how to translate that in their language. This came as a last moment request and the Language Department came to these words provided across the three different languages; miluk language - k’ele łudədaya t̬ətnə t̬iis, hanis language – luuwii łudaya lətin t̬i’i’iis, and sha’yuusht̬’a quuiich – hiisa maniisuun antsnt̬ wa’as meaning “taking care of our language.” It was so neat to see our words represented at the summit! The summit focused on “supporting the integration of Native language instruction and language into educational settings and strengthening community consultation around Native languages.’ The current consultation is happening around developing a 10-year Language Revitalization Plan to support Tribal Nations in their efforts to speak our languages. We are thankful to be able to listen in on all the sessions and share ideas on a path forward in teaching Native languages within our communities.



TRADITIONAL GAMES

LANGUAGE

WINTER
SOLSTICE
YOUTH
GATHERING

WEAVING

SINGING AND
DANCING

EUGENE OUTREACH OFFICE
FLORENCE OUTREACH OFFICE
TRIBAL HALL COOS BAY

DECEMBER 19-21, 2022

1:00 -4:00 PM
SNACKS PROVIDED

OPEN TO YOUTH OF TRIBAL FAMILIES.
JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF POTLATCH
THROUGH GIFT MAKING AND GIVING.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
ASHLEY RUSSELL AT ARUSSELL@CTCLUSI.ORG
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BEADING

STORYTELLING

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden CANDY CANE exactly like the one pictured below (it could be any size and on any page).
If you find it, email 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 December 16th 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.



November "Acorn" Edition Winners

Adult - Alex Aud
Youth - Saralynn Gaines

November winners will receive a gift sponsored by the Circles of Healing Program.

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



We are pleased to announce the Language Program has created a keyboard to type our sounds unique to our languages; miluk, hanis, shayuushtt'a uł quuiich.

For 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



BEADING ANYONE?

Are you in the Eugene/Springfield area? Anyone who would like to work on their own beading projects at their own pace are welcome to meet at the Eugene Outreach Office. No materials will be provided. It is a casual gathering of those who want to learn from each other and enjoy one another's company. This a great opportunity for the younger generation of women to learn from

experienced beaders. Those who are interested can meet the first Wednesday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Eugene Office beginning in January 2023.

Please RSVP to Tes Gagner at 541-744-1334 from now through the end of December 2022.

No childcare or materials will be provided.



Virtual Language Classes 10-Weeks - Winter 2022

January 2nd through March 9th, 2023



Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82064508930>

Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **miluk**
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **hanis**
Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 pm: **sha'yuushtt'a uł quuiich**

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

Public Health Modernization Improvement Coordinator joins the Health & Social Service Department in Coos Bay

Yá'ah'tééh (Hello). My name is Dennita Antonellis-John and I was raised on the Navajo (Diné) Nation in Northeastern Arizona, where I grew up speaking diné, herding sheep on the mesas, and planting crops every summer. I am of the Naakaii Dine'é (Mexican People) clan, born for Tl'ógí Dine'é (Zia Clan) clan. My maternal grandfathers are of the Tl'aashchí'í Dine'é (Red Bottom People) clan and my paternal grandfathers are of the Tseíkeehé Dine'é (Two-rock-sit Clan) clan. Having spent most of my childhood with my paternal grandparents, I pursued public health with the purpose of providing support and services to tribal elders. I completed my Bachelors of Applied Science in Public Agency Service from the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences at Northern Arizona University and my Masters of Public Health from the University of Arizona's Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health in Tucson, AZ. Prior to joining CTCLUSI's Health & Social Services Department, I worked within the COVID-19 vaccine and workforce initiative section at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Inc (CDC Foundation) developing COVID-19 policies and procedures for my assigned tribe. At the Cow Creek Band Umpqua Tribe of Indians public health department, I worked mostly on COVID-19 response efforts. As your Public Health Modernization Improvement Coordinator, I am looking forward to working with the tribal membership, various internal partners and departments, the government and health administration, and other external partners advancing CTCLUSI's Public Health Modernization Program. Outside of work I love making beadwork, kayaking, fishing, and hunting for edible mushroom on the Oregon Coast, where I live with my spouse and two fur babies. Thank you. Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Modernization Improvement Coordinator.



Dennita Antonellis-John

Meet Your New Administrative Assistant in the Florence Outreach Office

Osiyo (hello in Cherokee), tribal members! I am so grateful to be joining you as the Administrative Assistant in the Florence Outreach Office. I am so happy that we have opened the office to the public and I look forward to meeting all of you! My work background is in advocacy and nonprofit management with people with various disabilities but after COVID, I hit the road with my partner in our RV and traveled the west.



Courtney Stone

We found ourselves through magnetism and chance in Deadwood where we've been joyfully setting up our 6-acre homestead. I absolutely love to garden and grow food – after spending most of my life in desert climates, I'm still constantly in awe of the beauty and diversity of life right outside (and sometimes inside) my windows! I am welcomed home by my partner, two kids, 50 chickens, 12 turkeys, 8 pigs, 4 ducks, and our dog and cat – it is sometimes a noisy welcome!

My grandma is my guide in connecting with my Cherokee heritage and citizenship. I am thankful to have her supporting me in deepening my understanding of our tribal history, culture and the Code of Right Relationships:

1. Speak only words of truth.
2. Speak only of the good qualities of others.
3. Be a confidant and carry no tales.
4. Turn aside the veil of anger to release the beauty inherent in all.
5. Waste not the bounty, and want not.
6. Honor the light in all. Compare nothing; see all for its suchness.
7. Respect all life; cut away the ignorance from one's own heart.
8. Neither kill nor harbor thoughts of an angry nature, which destroy peace like an arrow.
9. Do it now; if you see what needs doing, do it.

FITNESS PROGRAM DEADLINE

The **deadline** for all 2022 fitness purchases made between July and December to qualify for reimbursement is

Monday, January 16, 2023

by end of the business day.

For assistance with the Fitness or Nike Shoe Program please contact

Meagan Davenport at the Coos Bay Administrative Office at 541-888-7509 or via email at mdavenport@ctclusi.org

Make your linen requests!

A limited amount of gently used linen is available for tribal members! Linen requests will be filled in the order they are received and delivered to your preferred tribal office for pickup. Please contact Courtney at the Florence Outreach Office at 541-997-6685 or cstone@ctclusi.org with the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- The office where you would prefer to pick up your items
- The number you would like of: King or Queen Sheets, Comforters and Duvet Covers; Twin Sheets; King, Queen or Twin Mattress Covers; Pillows; Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Bath Mats, White and Black Wash Clothes; Individually-sized Bars of Soap & Bath Salts

Thank you!

“In the Loop” with the Circles of Healing Program

CIRCLES OF HEALING
Toy Drive

OFTEN TIMES CHILDREN INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES ARE PUT IN SITUATIONS WHERE THEY HAVE TO LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND. YOUR DONATION OF A TOY COULD BRIGHTEN THEIR HOLIDAY SEASON.

If you are interested in participating please contact
Conor Gagner: 541-808-8152
or
Morgan Krossman: 541-294-6007
and we will provide you the details of the gift request of one of the children involved with our program.

Thank you!

Brought to you by the Social Services Department

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM CIRCLES OF HEALING

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO GATHER WITH FAMILY AND LOVED ONES. UNFORTUNATELY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DOES NOT TAKE A BREAK FROM THE HOLIDAYS. CIRCLES OF HEALING IS HERE TO HELP.

CALL
541-808-8152
TO SPEAK TO A
CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCATE.

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.



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
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Families Gather for Fall Harvest and Drum Making

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal families and friends gathered together in Coos Bay, Oregon on Saturday, November 19th for the 2022 Fall Harvest Celebration and Drum Making activities. The Culture and Natural Resources Department started the morning at 9:00 a.m. in Tribal Hall with drum making. Over 28 rounds drums were made by stretching rawhide over round wooden frames, with some families making extra to donate back to the program for gifting or use at future gatherings. Chief Doc Slyter offered a blessing over the finished drums in the beautiful afternoon sunshine with everyone gathered around in a circle.

The Laguawiiyat'as Gallery in the Historic Tribal Hall was also open to view. This was the first museum display in the gallery since it's original opening. A display of harvest themes from traditional to contemporary basketry and weaving traditions were available for all the enjoy. As you moved through the room you saw images and examples of plant materials and how they are gathered and processed, all the way to the finished items such as basketry or regalia. Delicate historical baskets are viewable

through glass cases, while raw plant materials, and basket starts are laid out or hung within the space making it feel organic and inviting. The brightly colored contemporary photographs clearly depict that this art is alive and thriving within the Tribal community.

The doors to the Community Center opened to all around noon with a lovely grazing board filled with salmon and fruits to snack on while the afternoon festivities were about to begin. The beautiful newly remodeled Tribal Hall kitchen and Community center were the perfect setting for everyone to visit in. After a lovely welcome by Tribal Council Vice Chair Julie Siestrem and brief words from Council member Doug Barrett and Chairman Brad Kneaper, Chief Doc Slyter gave an invocation for the feast. A warm and delicious fall feast of turkey and its usual accoutrements was catered by Wildflour Café of North Bend, Oregon.

To round out an already joyously filled afternoon, everyone visited booths set up with crafts lead by Tribal Government Staff. The Dental team's bouncy race was a big hit with electric toothbrushes for the

winners! The Circles of Healing program also drew a large crowd of bigs and littles alike as they offered colorfully bright and fun face paintings. Festive gnomes and flower pot gingerbread houses were gleeful assembled and painted with help from the Finance, Planning, and Transportation Departments. Turkey and Giving tree ornaments and decorations were available with Tribal Court Staff, along with a solar lantern activity from the Education Department. The Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program and Culture department helped everyone make smudge bundles and cedar boughs they could fill with their choice of dried cultural items such as cedar, myrtle wood, lavender, and elderberries to name a few. A festive fall backdrop was also available for family photos.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in putting together this event. A lot of work goes into planning gatherings such as these. Tribal families and friends certainly appreciate being given the space and opportunity to come together in celebration once again.

Hiisa, K'ele, Luuwii (thank you).



Families Gather for Fall Harvest and Drum Making



Elders November Overnight Trip Enjoyed by All

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal Elders gathered for their first group activity of the year for an Elders Overnight on November 8th and 9th. Covid 19 has taken a lot from our community, and we are cautiously coming back together. This evening of Tribal Elders sharing a meal, fun, and laughter, left us all with a real sense of comradery.

The evening started with coffee and visiting amongst each other in the event center of the Three Rivers Casino Resort. Three Rivers staff created an elegant and celebratory atmosphere for the evening meal of salmon and roast. After dinner, a small group of Elders headed to the crafting tables while the rest were excited for BINGO!

Communications Specialist, Morgan Gaines and Community Health Aide, Barb Black handed out snowmen making kits and showed the group how to assemble them, then let their imaginations go wild for decorating them with festive ribbons and drawn on faces. Once the snowmen were made, they moved on to other crafts such as cinnamon stick ribbon tree ornaments and pomander balls made of oranges stuck with cloves, for a festive and delightfully scented decoration.

The crafters delighted in the sounds of the excited shouts of BINGO from the crowd at the front of the room. One table in particular seemed to be especially lucky, taking home many prizes, from blankets to cook books. Community Health Aide, Doug Morrison showed off his best "Vanna White" skills as he checked BINGO numbers and delivered prizes to the lucky winners around the room. Tribal Council member and Interim Health Services Director, Iliana Montiel called out numbers for the games and enjoyed watching the excited crowd call out their winnings throughout the evening. There was a mix of serious BINGO faces to laughter and lighthearted players. All in all, a wonderful night for sure.

Elders who stayed the evening at the Three Rivers Casino Hotel enjoyed a small buffet for breakfast in the Events Center the following morning. At ten o'clock, most Elders headed out for the journey home, while some moved to the private room at the back of the Three Rivers Food Court for the scheduled Elders Committee meeting.

We were so glad to see you all and kept those of you who couldn't make it in our thoughts. We hope to see you soon for the upcoming Elders Luncheon on December 8th in Coos Bay or for the Tribal Holiday Party on December 10th in Florence.



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



Ken Slossen

Favorite Hobbies:

- Fishing.
- Kayaking.
- Has a YouTube channel on his fishing and kayaking in the low country.

Favorite Quote:
“You’re not gonna out-work me!”

Ken Slossen

Lower Umpqua

- Little brothers Rick Slossen and Jeff Slossen; mother Patricia Phillips; father Riley Alvin Slossen; grandparents Jesse Slossen and Vera Slossen; uncle Riley Elbert Lott, Sr. and Aunt Lillian Mae Lott; cousins Nick Slossen, Jesse Joe Slossen, Joe (Sonny) Slossen, Elaine Allison, Riley Lott, Jr., Ernest Lott, John Leon Lott, James Lott, Kathy Price; and many more 2nd and 3rd cousins!

Proudest Accomplishments:

- Family
- Only 10 years away from retirement.
- Still in good health.
- Learning to cook.

Bucket List:

- Kayaking on the Yukon in Alaska with brother, Rick.
- Climbing to the top of Rainier.
- Skydiving.

Welcome New Tribal Elder
Brian Elliott

Community Health Aides Contact Information

Coos Bay:
Barbara Black (541) 888-7520

Eugene:
Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1334

Florence:
Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685

Elders Christmas Luncheon

Door Prizes & Bingo!

Thursday, December 8, 2022

from 11:30am-3:00pm

(Doors open at 11:00am)

at the CTCLUSI Community Center
338 Wallace Street, Coos Bay

**RSVP to Doug Morrison at 541-997-6685
by Thursday, December 1, 2022**

Guest Speaker via Zoom
regarding Medicare 101
11:30am-1:00pm

No transportation provided

Tribal Family Holiday Celebration

2022

THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT EVENT CENTER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

Doors open at 2:00 pm.

Families with children under 21 will need to enter at the SW Event Center entrance

*Santa will visit after the
Holiday Meal*

Each child attending will receive a filled stocking from Santa.

RSVP Line: 541-435-7155 or

toll free 1-888-280-0726

please include children's name & age

RSVP by December 5th

For more information, please contact
Christine Sylvester @ 541-888-7532

**TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE PROVIDED
THIS IS A DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

Hotel rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at a discounted price \$99.00

For room reservations call 1-877-374-8377

You must reserve your hotel room by December 5th, 2022 for this discount.

Tribal Family Use Fitness Funds to Play Soccer!



We would like to thank the Tribe for helping us be able to afford for them to play soccer. They all did really well. Won games and made strides in improving their skills for the game. Hopefully if they continue to like it, scholarships down the road (since it will be 5 kids in college at the same time)!

The triplets are 8 and the twins are 5.

-Cheri MacLean

THREE RIVERS FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians through the Three Rivers Foundation demonstrate their dedication to preserving and advancing the quality of life in Southwest Oregon.

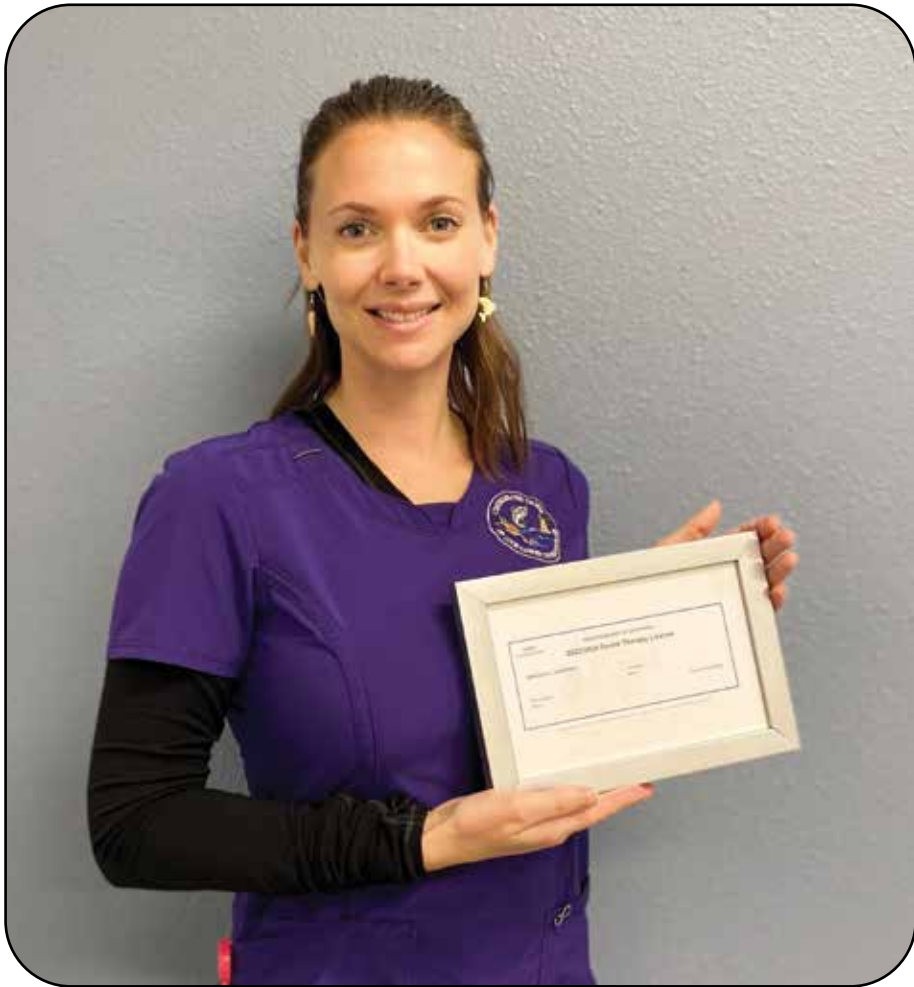
The Three Rivers Foundation is devoted to investing in the community in a way that is reflective of the Tribe's culture, values, and compassion.

Grant Cycle 2022/2023 will open for applications December 1st!

The Foundation will begin accepting applications on December 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

ThreeRiversFoundation.org

Dental Therapy Update



Contributed by Marissa Gardner, DHAT

We did it! As of November 10th Naomi and I, Marissa, became Licensed Dental Therapist! When we were notified about achieving our license with the Oregon Board of Dentistry we quickly submitted our collaborative agreement with our supervising dentist and continued to work outside of the Pilot Project #100. We are the first of ten Dental Therapist working in the state of Oregon. Thank you to everyone who has participated and supported us throughout this amazing journey in making history 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.

Important PRC Application Deadline

The Purchased and Referred Care Department is now accepting applications for the Purchased/ Referred Care (PRC) program for FY2023. You must submit a new application every year for each PRC-eligible Tribal member in your household. **This year, the deadline for applications is Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Failure to submit an application for the program will result in denial of eligibility for the PRC program. If an application is received after January 31, 2023, PRC will only pay claims 90 days prior to the date the application was submitted for that calendar year.** You can apply online at www.ctclusi.org. You will see a link at the bottom of the home page that will take you to the online form (or look under Member Services, Purchased, and Referred Care). **Please be sure to upload the front and back of your insurance card(s) to ensure we have the most current information. You must complete a separate application for each PRC-eligible family member.** Please call PRC at (541) 888-4873 or (800) 227-0392 if you have any questions or if you need to have a hard-copy application mailed to you or with any questions.

Posted December 1, 2022

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

The Enrollment Committee recommends that the enrollment of the Applicants listed below should be approved. Besides publication in the Tribal Newsletter, according to CLUSITC 7-1-36(i), this information will be posted in the Administrative Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes’ website and at Three Rivers Casino for twenty-eight (28) days from the date listed above.

Tribal Member: Zendaya Adamari Mendez Parent: Ressha Lee Carnine Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson Tribe: Coos	Tribal Member: Achilles S.T. Arnold Parent: Megan Lent Lineal Descendant: John Perry Tribe: Lower Umpqua
Tribal Member: Tyler Lloyd Jones Parent: Todd Lloyd Jones Lineal Descendant: Robert L Kneaper Tribe: Siuslaw	Tribal Member: Bristol Maxine Byer Parent: Blake Richard Byer LinealDescendant: Edwina (Clarkson)Siestreem Tribe: Siuslaw
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Tribal Member: Kaylynn Marie Henderson Parent: Shane Loren Henderson Lineal Descendant: Hazel (Anderson) McNutt Tribe: Coos	

In accordance with CLUSITC 7-1-37(a), Tribal Members shall have the right to protest the recommendation of the Committee approving an application and must file a written, signed protest with the Committee stating their reasons for believing that an Applicant(s) is not entitled to enrollment. The protest must be filed with the Committee within twenty-eight (28) days after notice of the proposed enrollment is posted as described in CLUSITC 7-1-36(i).

NOTICE

Each Council member shall be elected for a four (4) year term at the appropriate General Council meeting (April 9, 2023) in the year of the expired term. Council Positions #1, #3, and #5 shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Positions #2, #4 and #6 shall be elected in even-numbered years.

2023 TRIBAL COUNCIL
ELECTION DATE: APRIL 9, 2023

<u>POSITION NUMBER</u>	<u>INCUMBENT</u>
Position #1	Enna Helms
Position #3	Julie Siestreem
Position #5	Iliana Montiel

(Incumbents are listed but not yet declared to run)

Tribal Council Elections

7-3-22 Public Notice of Upcoming Elections

(a) The Election Board must publish in the Tribal Newsletter and post at the Tribes' Administrative Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and in the office of the Gaming Commission, a notice of upcoming regular Tribal Council elections. This shall be done no later than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the scheduled date of a regular Tribal Council election.

7-3-23 Candidate Eligibility

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

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

7-3-24 Candidacy Procedures

(a) Statements of Candidacy: Candidates shall file statements of candidacy no later than thirty (30) days before the scheduled date of the election and shall stipulate which position he/she is filing for. **7-3-24 (a)(3)...**once a person has filed for a position, he will not be allowed to change positions or to withdraw and refile for the same election. The deadline for filing for the 2023 Election will be Friday, March 10, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.

7-3-24(b) Public Notices and Position Statements (Once a Statement of Candidacy has been submitted)

(b)(3)..Candidates will be given the opportunity to present a **Position Statement** for inclusion in the February, March or April 2023 Tribal Newsletter. The statement must be submitted before the paper's deadline and shall be no longer than one (1) sheet of 8-1/2" x 11" paper printed on both sides, capable of being copied on a black and white copier. (This Position Statement will be included in the official ballot mailing)

Deadline for February 2023 Newsletter is January 15th
Deadline for March 2023 Newsletter is February 12th
Deadline for April 2023 Newsletter is March 15th

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

Harvest Shellfish?
Win \$50!

Contributed by Taylor Dodrill, Portland State University and South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve
Janet Niessner, Environmental Scientist, CTCLUSI

Do you harvest shellfish recreationally? Are you 18 or older? Please take our 10-minute survey for a chance to win a \$50 gift card to a local business.

This survey is a part of a study being done by a Portland State University graduate student in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Department of Culture and Natural Resources, the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The purpose of this study is to understand how shellfish harvesters view their risk of shellfish poisoning caused by harmful algal blooms (HABs), and to understand their preferences for management of fisheries during harmful algal blooms. The results will be used to develop a report that may be published in a scientific journal and to provide guidance to local managers on making coastal communities more resilient to harmful algal blooms.

To learn about HABs and the health risks associated, go to EPA.gov/cyanohabs. For any questions regarding this project and survey please contact Taylor Dodrill at tdodrill@pdx.edu.

All survey answers are anonymous, and the combined results will be made public after all survey data have been analyzed. We plan to use this information to improve safety information provided to shellfish harvesters.

You can find the survey at: <https://forms.office.com/g/M3Ja7apBsR>



Thank you for your participation!

Tribal Police Department Welcome Community Services Officer (CSO) to the Team

The CTCLUSI Police Department is excited to welcome Robert (Rob) Snyder as the department's Community Services Officer (CSO). Officer Snyder comes to us from Virginia, and he has spent the majority of his life, and law enforcement career, in the Washington DC metro area. Officer Snyder has over 20 years law enforcement experience in one of the largest counties in the country. In addition to his primary duties, Rob served as an undercover Task Force Officer assigned with the ATF, US Postal Inspection Service and FBI primarily focused on large-scale narcotics and violent crime operations. Officer Snyder's plethora of law enforcement experience will be of tremendous benefit to the Tribal Police Department and the CSO position.

The focus of the CSO is to identify Native American high-risk or high-volume users of the criminal justice system or emergency medical services and proactively connect them with resources and services.



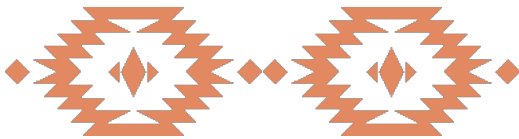
Rob Snyder, Community Services Officer

New Beginnings for Tribal Students wants to hear from CTCLUSI

The New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) grant program at Oregon State University and Southwestern Oregon Community College would like to hear input from our CTCLUSI partners. The goal of the grant is to increase Native American undergraduate student success and meaningful career development. We do this through supporting students in experiential learning internships in natural sciences, mentorships and a pre-college youth camp. NBTS program leaders would like to share how the first two years of the program has gone, hear about your own experience with higher education that might help youth today, and gain your input on the program overall.

NBTS Collaborative Gatherings

Join us for a fun evening of food, games, prizes and discussion at one of the CTCLUSI regional offices.



- January 13th, in **Coos Bay**, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Community Center 338 Wallace St. Coos Bay 97420
- January 20th, in **Florence**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, at 3757 Hwy 101 Florence 97439
- January 27th, in **Eugene**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at 135 Silver Lane #200 Eugene 97404

RSVP at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBTSCollabRSVP>

Games and prizes!!

Bring a potluck dish (optional) and we'll provide food and refreshments.

Childcare available, please RSVP if you can



Oregon State
University



SOUTHWESTERN
AN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

For more information contact:
Bessie Joyce, NBTS Program Manager, bessiejoyce4@gmail.com
Jesse Beers, CTCLUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager, jbeers@ctclusi.org



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CTCLUSI has continued to suspend
income requirements for the CCDF
(childcare) program, making it easy
for families in the 5-county service
area to qualify for assistance with
their daycare payments



For more information contact Meagan Davenport at
541-888-7509 or mdavenport@ctclusi.org



PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.




Photo By: Jesse Beers

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


Peacegiving Coordinator
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420

PHONE: (541) 888-1306 or (541) 888-1316
EMAIL: Peacegiving@ctclusi.org Website: <https://ctclusi.org/tribalcourtpeacegiving>

WELLNESS COURT


MEETNESS COURT

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



Confidential

Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307





Resolution Summaries

- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-097**
Date of Passage: June 29, 2022
Subject (title): Application to EPA FY 2022 Tribal Solid Waste Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this grant request. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-098**
Date of Passage: June 29, 2022
Subject (title): Employment Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this employment contract. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-099**
Date of Passage: June 29, 2022
Subject (title): Employment Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this employment contract. **Vote 7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-100**
Date of Passage: June 29, 2022
Subject (title): Contract with McCaffree Electric LLC
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this contract for work to be done on the building for the Department of Natural Resources. **Vote -7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-101**
Date of Passage: July 10, 2022
Subject (title): Enrollment – Name Changes
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the request for the name change of two members. **Vote 6-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-102**
Date of Passage: July 10, 2022
Subject (title): Enrollment of New Members
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the enrollment of the following people: Shioh Michael Henry, Huntley Kaylynn Sprague and Zella Darling Stahl. **Vote –7-0-0**

- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-103**
Date of Passage: July 10, 2022
Subject (title): American the Beautiful Challenge Application
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the request for funding for the Waite Ranch project. **Vote –7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-104**
Date of Passage: July 10, 2022
Subject (title): Abbreviated Indian Housing Plan for IHBG- ARPA
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this funding request. **Vote –7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-105**
Date of Passage: July 27 2022
Subject (title): Tribal Participation in Nation Wide Elders Needs Assessment Title VI Program
Explanation: The Tribal Council supports and approves this funding request and program. **Vote –5-0-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-106**
Date of Passage: July 27, 2022
Subject (title): 2021 Abbreviate Annual Performance Report Submission IHBG – CARES
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this funding request. **Vote –6-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-107**
Date of Passage: July 27, 2022
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote –5-0-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-108**
Date of Passage: July 27, 2022
Subject (title): Health Equipment Purchase
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the purchase of new equipment for the new health clinic. **Vote –4-1-1**

- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-109**
Date of Passage: August 14, 2022
Subject (title): Amendments to CLUSITC Chapter 1-6 Public Records First Reading
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the amendments to Chapter 1-6 and directs it to be posted for a 28-day comment period for Tribal Members to review. **Vote –6-0-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-110**
Date of Passage: June 23, 2022
Subject (title): Amendments to CLUSITC Chapter 7-8 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board (GFORB)
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the amendments to Chapter 1-6 and directs it to be posted for a 28-day comment period for Tribal Members to review. **Vote –6-0-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-111**
Date of Passage: August 14, 2022
Subject (title): Contract for Software
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this software purchase for Finance. **Vote –7-0-0**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-112**
Date of Passage: August 14, 2022
Subject (title): Housing Committee Appointment
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the appointment of Wendy Garcia to the Housing Committee. **Vote –6-0-1**
- RESOLUTION NO.: 22-113**
Date of Passage: August 14, 2022
Subject (title): Contract for Forestry
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this contract to assist with assessment of forestry inventory. **Vote –7-0-0**

In this public paper, some Resolution titles and explanation will not be displayed or minimal details due to confidentiality.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	Elders Christmas Luncheon, Community Center 11:30 am - 3:00 pm	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 Winter Solstice Youth Gathering	20 Winter Solstice Youth Gathering	21 Winter Solstice Day Winter Solstice Youth Gathering	22	23 CTCLUSI Staff Appreciation Day Offices Closed	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Observance of Christmas Offices Closed	27	28	29	30	31
New Years Day 1 New Years Day Peace Hike Yachats, OR. 9:30 a.m.	2 Observance of New Years Day Offices Closed	3 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	4 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	5 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	6	7

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Years Day New Years Day Peace Hike Yachats, OR. 9:30 a.m.	2 Observance of New Years Day Offices Closed	3 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	4 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	5 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	6	7
8 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	9	10 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	11 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	12 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	13 NBTS Collab Gathering, Coos Bay 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	14
15	16 Observance of Martin Luther Kings, Jr. Day Offices Closed	17 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	18 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	19 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	20 NBTS Collab Gathering, Florence 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	21
22	23	24 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	25 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Support Group for Commercial Tobacco Tribal Hall, 6:00 p.m.	26 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	27 NBTS Collab Gathering, Eugene 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	28
29	30	31 PRC Application Deadline miluk language class 4pm-6pm	1 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	2 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	3	4
5	6	7 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	8 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	9 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	10	11

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

Tribal Flag Ceremony...continued from cover page

reflects that our City Officials recognize that Coos Bay was founded and built upon Native American lands. This language is vital to the education of communities about our Tribes.

Lands and waterways of Coos County are rich with the history of our people on our aboriginal homelands. Our past provides us lessons and history through documented historic information. Our Ancestors shared information through stories of village sites, tools, traditions, cultural lifeways and language for hundreds of years. This is how we continue to share our heritage and culture to our future generations.

Today, our Tribal Flag will be here flying proudly to represent all past and future generations of CTCLUSI and the continued value in the Government-to-Government relationships we have established with the City of Coos Bay. This reaffirms our commitment of future joint endeavors in multiple areas of the community to ensure preservation, conservation and sustainability for future generations.”

Walking down the Coos Bay Boardwalk or cruising north on the 101 Hwy through the City of Coos Bay, you'll spot the Tribal Flag of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians waving in the wind.



Pictured above from left to right: CTCLUSI CEO LeeAnn Wander, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Council members Teresa Spangler, Doug Barrett, and Vice Chair Julie Siestreem, Tribal members Pamela Davies, Andrew Brainard, and Council member Iliana Montiel

HOLIDAY NEIGHBORHOOD

MONDAYS 6PM-9PM
\$50 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes. PLUS \$10 Free Play Holiday Neighborhood Prize for the entire bank!

WINNING COLORS

TUESDAYS 6PM-9PM
Pick your color and you could win \$100 Cash. Drawings every 30 minutes. Earn 25 same-day points to play.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

WEDNESDAYS 8PM
Win \$1,000 Cash! Drawing at 8pm. Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.

PROGRESSIVE FORTUNE WHEEL

THURSDAYS 7PM-9PM
Drawings every 30 minutes to Spin the Wheel! Progressive Jackpot starts at \$1,000 and increases by \$100 for every attempt. Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.

HOLIDAY CASH

WIN \$1,000! Every Saturday
\$1,000 Drawings every 30 minutes from 7pm-9pm. Earn entries Sunday-Saturday. One entry for every 50 points earned.

Café 1297

DECEMBER WEEKLY SPECIALS
Open Daily
Now Open for Breakfast at 8am

MONDAY - MUFFALETTA SANDWICH \$15	FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21 Served from 4pm-10pm
TUESDAY - BURGUNDY BEEF TIPS \$16	SATURDAY - PORK OSO BUCCO \$19 Served from 4pm-10pm
WEDNESDAY - LOADED MAC N' CHEESE \$16	SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE Served from 4pm-10pm
THURSDAY - THREE CHEESE CHICKEN ENCHILADAS \$14	

THREE RIVERS CASINO

COOS BAY

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LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Eligible households do not need to reside within the Tribe's five county service area to be eligible; however, households must reside within the State of Oregon. The Health and Social Services Division is now offering Heating assistance for qualifying low income households. To receive assistance contact the Health and Social Services Division or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP>

To qualify, your household gross income needs to be at or below the following income limits:

1 Person Family	\$31,266
2 Person Family	\$40,886
3 Person Family	\$50,506
4 Person Family	\$60,126
5 Person Family	\$69,747
6 Person Family	\$79,367

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

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

No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can fill out the application online at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP> . If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program or need assistance with the online application, please contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.