



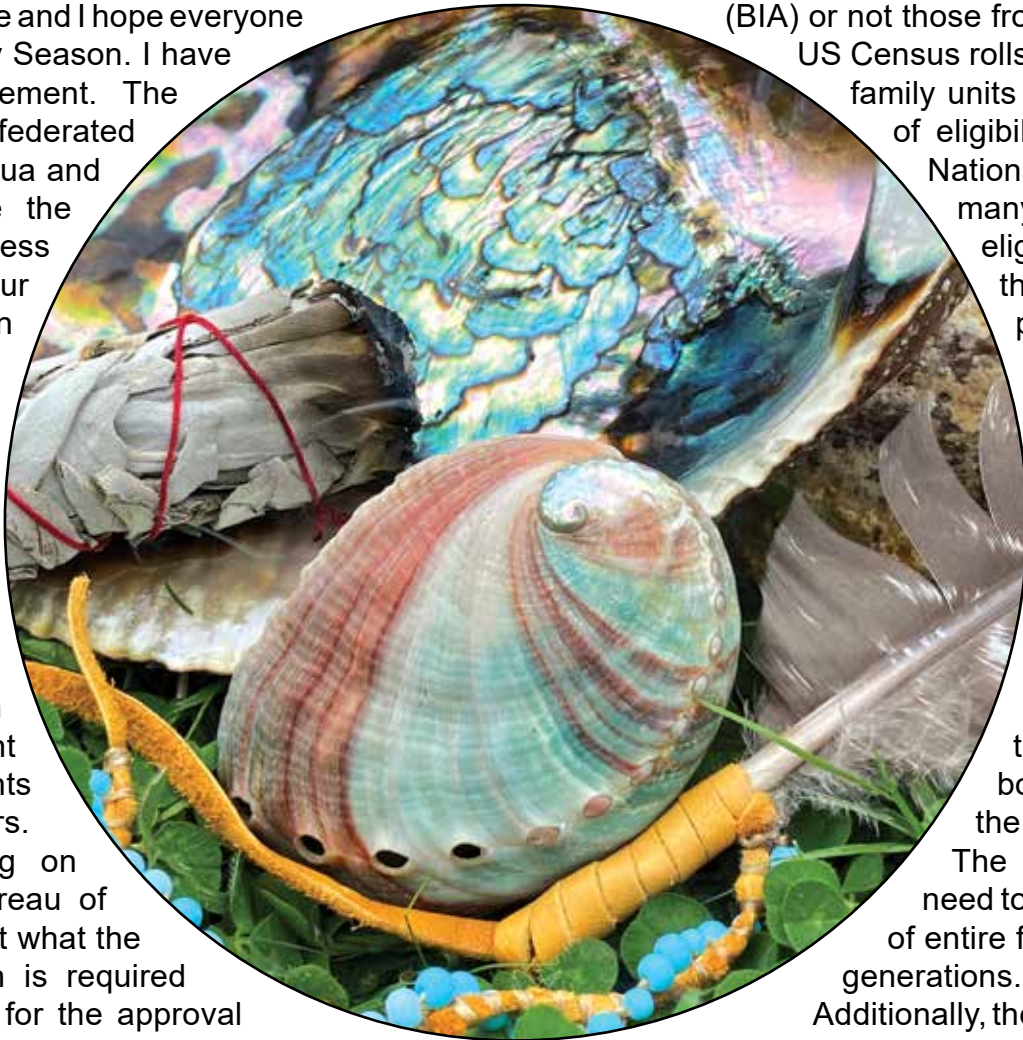
NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS TO BEGIN SOON

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope everyone had a happy, healthy Holiday Season. I have a very important announcement. The Tribal Council of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians has made the decision to begin the process to seek approval to amend our Constitution. This Constitution has never been amended since it was first approved on June 23, 1987. It has been nearly 36 years. There are areas that have been identified that need clarification such as the Enrollment process. This section of the Constitution has a critical area of concern that could affect the enrollment of clearly provable descendants of current and future members.

I recently had a meeting on November 17th with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to find out what the process entails. An election is required of the General Membership for the approval of any amendments. This election is a federal election that will solely be conducted by the BIA for the Tribe in accordance with Federal Regulations.

Currently required by the Constitution the Tribe uses the Public Domain Census Roll of January 1, 1940 prepared by the Grande Ronde Siletz Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs as the primary tool to determine eligibility. You must have a lineal descendant listed on this Roll with tribal affiliation named as Coos, Lower Umpqua or Siuslaw. The Roll uses terminology of "Kusa" as Coos, and "Umpqua" we must determine with other factors "Lower Umpqua" from "Upper Umpqua". It is required for any applicant to be a "Lineal Ancestor"-a child, grandchild great grandchild and so on. There is no current provision for "Collateral Descendant"- a sibling, aunt, uncle and so on. Also, the Constitution only allows for the use of census rolls that are from the Department of Interior



The language of the Restoration Act of 1984 differs significantly from our current Constitutional requirements for eligibility. This critically affects future generations of current enrolled members who seek enrollment today.

(BIA) or not those from Department of Commerce, US Census rolls to help research and support family units and where they lived as part of eligibility determination. We have National Archive documents on many families that was used in eligibility determination during the Restoration Act of 1984 prior to the Constitution. The language of the Restoration Act of 1984 differs significantly from our current Constitutional requirements for eligibility. This critically affects future generations of current enrolled members who seek enrollment today. The Enrollment Committee has a difficult job to ensure that applicant eligibility meet both genealogically and meet the criteria of the Constitution. The Council is in support of the need to make changes to be inclusive of entire families to preserve our future generations.

Additionally, there is a provision that disallows membership if your ancestor was involved in any past monetary judgements from the Government during years of Termination. Some of our Tribal families have tribal affiliation with more than one Tribe. Some Tribes who were terminated were eligible to receive a monetary payment as the Government tried to rectify the injustice to Native Americans in this form of compensation. Several years ago, the struggle for many Tribes to be restored as they waged countless political battles, our past leadership of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw turned down offers of such compensation. CTCLUSI leadership at the time choose to exclude membership for anyone who accepted such funding. We as leadership today support that decision. However, if any applicants' Ancestor had taken payment or was eligible to receive payment (and may not have received it) from this Government action, the rules now are the entire family line is

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Save the Dates:

First Canoe Pull of the New Year 2023
February 25th at Tahkenitch Lake

See page 17 for more information

Tribal Council Elections

April 9, 2023

Tribal Hall or by Absentee Ballot

Are you registered to vote in Tribal Elections? Turn to page 8

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from November 13 – December 10, 2022

Chief Doc Slyter:

11/13 Budget Meeting / Tribal Council Meeting
 11/19 Fall Harvest /Drum Making - Community Center
 11/30 GFORB Meeting / Business Meeting - Florence Casino
 12/05 CFO Candidate Interview / Tribal Council Special Meeting
 12/07 Zoom- Friends of the Columbia Gorge
 12/08 Culture Committee Meeting / Leader's Circle
 12/09 Native American Flute Presentation - Siuslaw 5th grade classes-Florence
 12/10 Tribal Christmas Party - 3 Rivers Casino Florence
 Emails-phone calls
Total Hours: 88

Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair:

11/13 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular meeting
 11/14 Three Rivers Casino CFO Applicant Interview.
 11/17 Meet with BIA, CEO, Legal and Staff regarding Secretarial Election – Constitution
 11/19 Fall Harvest Gathering.
 11/22 Legislative Council of Indian Service (LCIS) (Virtual)
 11/23 Interviews X3 – Education Director Applicants (ZOOM).
 11/30 Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB) Meeting / Business Tribal Council
 12/02 Meeting with Cow Creek Tribe (ZOOM)
 12/05 Three Rivers Casino (TRC) CFO Applicant Final Interview (in person) at TRC. Tribal Council-TRC CFO Applicant meeting and greet. In person at TRC. Tribal Council Special Meeting.
 12/06 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Meeting (ZOOM).
 12/07 Three Rivers Casino CEO – Tribal Council Meeting to discuss Strategic Plan for Debt Payoff.
 12/08 Elder's Luncheon / Leaders Circle.
 12/09 CTCLUSI Health Clinic Progress Meeting.
 12/10 Tribal Christmas Party at TRC
Total Hours: 119

Julie Siestrem, Vice Chair:

11/13 Tribal Council Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Monthly Meeting
 11/15 Virtual Cyber Security Symposium 2022 Day 1
 11/16 Virtual Cyber Security Symposium 2022 Day 2
 11/18 State of Oregon Early Learning Council Home Visiting System Committee Meeting
 11/19 Fall Harvest Gathering, Drum Making, Crafts Making, Dinner/Tribal Hall & Community Center Coos Bay
 11/21 US Government Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Government to Government
 11/22 State of Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services
 11/23 CTCLUSI Interview Director of Education (3)
 11/29 Department of Justice Listening Session on Affirmative Litigation and Environmental Justice
 11/29 BOEM Tribal Quarterly Regional Update / Department of Health Services Listening Session
 11/30 GFORB Meeting TRC Florence / tribal Council Business Meeting TRC Florence
 12/07 Peace Hike Planning Session-Joanne Kittel / Three Rivers Casino Resort Debt Strategic Pay Down Plan Presentation Review
 12/08 State of Oregon Early Learning Council Home Visiting Committee Public Meeting
 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
 12/10 Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Holiday Gathering TRC Florence
 Emails, phone calls, research driving duties
Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel:

11/01 Leaders Circle
 11/13 Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 11/23 Director of Education Interviews
 11/30 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
 12/05 Meet w/ TRCR CFO candidate / TC Special Meeting
 12/07 TRCR Debt strategic pay down Presentation Review
 12/08 Leaders Circle
 12/10 Holiday Party
 Vacation 11/11 – 11/20
 reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours: 38

Teresa Spangler:

11/13 Budget Hearing / Regular Council Meeting
 11/14 Three Rivers Casino CFO Interview
 11/19 Fall Harvest
 11/23 3 Interviews for Education
 11/30 Tribal Council Business meeting
 12/02 Zoom meeting with Cow Creek Tribe
 12/05 CFO final Interview and introduction to Tribal Council
 12/07 Three Rivers Casino CEO- Strategic plan for debt reduction
 12/08 Leaders Circle
 12/10 Tribal Christmas Party
 E-mail and Informational reading
Total Hours: 65.5

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:

11/13 Coffee in the plank house, Budget Hearing / Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 11/19 Fall Harvest - Drum Making
 11/28 Legislative Training
 11/30 Tribal Council Business Meeting
 12/05 Tribal Council Special Meeting
 12/07 TRCR Debt Strategic Pay Down Plan Presentation Review
 12/08 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
 12/10 Holiday Party
 Emails & Phone calls
Total Hours: 85

Enrollment Posting Correction

The Enrollment Posting in the December 2023 edition of The Voice of CLUSI should have listed Bristol Maxine Byer's Tribe as Coos.

Tribal Member: Bristol Maxine Byer
Parent: Blake Richard Byer
LinealDescendant: Edwina (Clarkson)Siestrem
Tribe: Coos

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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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.



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Council Meeting

January 8, 2023

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 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

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS continued from cover story

permanently barred from enrollment. These families have documented Tribal affiliation as Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw members. Today, now several generations later, family lines should not be prohibited as they did not benefit or were not involved in past generations decision. We feel that is unjust. Changes need to be made.

Another area that may be suggested is in the Election Process, to allow for a form of primary process in future Tribal Council Elections if we have more than two candidates running for the same position, currently the Constitution has timelines that does not allow for such a process. This has been a part of discussion of the Election Committee, who are responsible for conducting our Elections.

Finally, there is some language to be changed due the changes to the BIA requirements over the years with provisions that are no longer applicable.

The Council is committed to dedicate as

much time as needed for this amendment process to do it right. This will not be a fast process. **Nothing in our 2023 Tribal Council Election process will change as result of efforts to begin this process.**

What the BIA will do? Once BIA receives our proposed amendments, BIA will need to be sure that the amendments are legally sufficient and then will officially accept them. BIA will then establish a Secretarial Election Board with a member of the BIA to serve as the Chairperson, call a meeting of this board with 5 days of acceptance and set the date for this Secretarial Election. The BIA will send out a "Notice" of the Secretarial Election date to all those members 18 and over. The BIA will then send out special "registration packets", as all of our Tribal Members will need to register with the BIA to participate in the Secretarial Election. Finally, the BIA will send out ballots for this election. The Secretarial Election Board will establish a place to tabulate votes and the BIA will

facilitate the tabulation and certify the results.

How Can General Membership Get Involved? We are creating a form, that will be available online and in paper form, for every member 18 years of age and older to comment and make any suggestions on Amendments to the Constitution and their reason why. We will use ALL the membership input to guide us as we create the official draft Amendments we will submit for approval to the BIA and the General Membership. Our goal is to bring the Constitution up to date, while keeping the intended safeguards written in by the authors of the constitution. We will be sending out information to each member very soon. Be watching your mailbox and reading the Tribes Newsletter for important information.

We hope to hear from all of you in this very important process.

Brad Kneaper, Tribal Council Chairman

"COMMUNICATION is the KEY"



To the CTCLUSI Tribal Membership,
My name is Teresa Spangler and I currently hold position # 4 on Tribal Council.

I want to share my thoughts on communication with Tribal Membership. We have many different forms of multimedia and still struggle in the area of communication. As a Council, we want to be transparent and make sure you know what we are doing on your behalf. We try hard to provide information to all Tribal Membership about progress and projects as soon as we can.

We have several ways the Tribe directs communication to all of you such as:

- The Tribal Newsletter – The Voice of CTCLUSI
- CTCLUSI Website
- Two Council meetings each month. The second Sunday at 10 am and the Last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm (Zoom is always available) Both are open to all Tribal Membership.
- The information is posted at the Government offices in Coos Bay and Outreach offices in Eugene and Florence
- Auto Dialer Calls to Tribal Families
- Direct Mailings to every household

We wholeheartedly believe it is our goal to keep everyone informed about new information for members & our activity and goals. But please know it is all of our responsibilities to have the correct information and we encourage everyone to reach out if you have a question or concern.

We, as a Council try to encourage members to attend meetings and be informed. At the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 10th, which was very well attended, the Chairman announced that the Council meeting would be held the following morning at the same place. Many members stayed the night. On Sunday, we thought we might have a larger attendance than we typically see for our monthly council meeting. Unfortunately, we did not, with only 3 members attending in person and two via zoom.

I always say we can never over-communicate! We want to stay transparent with what we are doing and we would like for you to help us keep that commitment. Ways you can communicate with us:

- An exclusive Tribal Council e-mail is in the citizen portal of the CTCLUSI Website (**MembersToCouncil@ctclusi.org**) Council individual e-mails or by phone are also listed on the website.
- Second Sunday of every month Council Meeting in "Good of the Tribe."

Many Thanks,
Teresa Spangler



Resolution Summaries

<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-114 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Payoff of Windward Inn Loan Explanation: Tribal Council approves this pay off. Vote 6-1-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-115 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): North River Boats Change Order Explanation: Tribal Council approves this need for additional equipment. Vote 7-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-116 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Designation of Coos Head House as Tribal Government Office Space Explanation: Tribal Council approves this change in designation. Vote 7-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-117 Date of Passage: June 29, 2022 Subject (title): Dissolution of CTCLUSI Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Ad- Hoc Committee Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this action at this time and thanked those members for all their work. Vote - 5-1-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-118 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Contract for Entertainer Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this contract for entertainment at Three Rivers Casino, Florence. Vote 6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-119 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Gaming Device Master Agreement Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this master agreement for gaming devices at Three Rivers Casino. Vote -6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-120 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Master Service Agreement Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the master agreement for Three Rivers Casino. Vote -6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-121 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this gaming equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. Vote -6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-122 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this gaming equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. Vote -6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-123 Date of Passage: August 31, 2022 Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this gaming equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. Vote -6-0-1</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-124 Date of Passage: August 14, 2022 Subject (title): Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Fund Return Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the action to return these funds. Vote -7-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-125 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Call for a Special Election Vote of the General Council on the Issue of Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the process to begin. Vote -6-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-126 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Audit Service Professional Services Agreement for Tribal Government, Three Rivers Casino Resort and Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the selection of a desired company to engage services with. Vote -6-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-127 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Hult Reservoir and Dam Safety EIS MOU with BLM NW Oregon District Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the MOU to establish a relationship with the Tribe and BLM on this project. Vote -6-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-128 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Letter of Support and MOU for Mapleton School District Full Service Community Grant Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this MOU and support the Native education goals of Mapleton School District. Vote -6-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-129 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Adjustment of Tribal Elders' Pension Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the increase from \$400.00 to \$500.00 per month beginning October 1, 2022 Vote -6-0-0</p>	<p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-130 Date of Passage: September 11, 2022 Subject (title): Enrollment Committee Appointment Explanation: The Tribal Council re-appoints Warren Tom Brainard to the Enrollment Committee Vote -7-0-0</p>
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In this public paper, some Resolution titles and explanation will not be displayed or minimal details due to confidentiality.

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden **Snow Flake exactly like the one pictured at right**. It could be any size and on any page. (It is not one of the snowflakes on the COH Dentalium flyer on page 9).

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 Snow Flake hiding! Must email by January 13th to be included in the raffle drawing.

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

December "Candy Cane" Edition Winners

Adult - Matt Dollins

Youth - Saralynn Gaines



Tribal Hall
Saturday,
February 11th, 2023
Doors open 5:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm and
Storytelling will follow

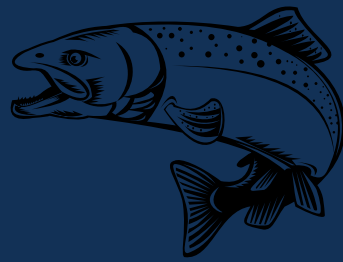


geluu basaq' / hechit' (WINTER STORYTELLING!)

**Join us for a traditional meal and winter
 storytelling!**



ZOOM Option:
[https://us06we
 b.zoom.us/j/821
 38336162](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82138336162)



Hosted by the Cultural Coalition
 Sponsored by the Oregon Cultural Trust and Coos, Lower
 Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Winter Language Classes

Contributed by Enna Helms and
 Patricia Phillips, Language Teachers

Language Classes

We are continuing our language classes this winter starting the first week of January. Our classes alternate between the three different languages; miluk (Coos), hanis (Coos), and sha'yuusht'a (Siuslaw) ut quuiich (Lower Umpqua) for 10-weeks long. Our curriculum is centered on "Language in the Home" because that is where language begins. Last fall, we focused on learning how to introduce ourselves and family, where we live, places, emotions, food and cooking. While we work to build on our vocabulary you do not need to take previous language classes in order to join us!

This winter we will learn about weather and times of day which is a great unit we circle back to every class and build on, since our classes are held on zoom, everyone who participates tends to have slightly different weather situations and it creates a fun and very practical dialog to engage in! We are also covering sickness and health, house cleaning, house commands, and locating objects around the house. Our class focuses primarily on speaking, but we have various activities that support our active listening and writing skills. Language classes are built in connection to our culture, as we engage in language we are always in connection to our culture, learning the stories, customs, and indigenous ways of knowledge, art, and strengthening our identity as a Tribal community. Please see the language class flier for details and how to be involved!

Higher Education Students

We have established our language requirement through the University of Oregon! There is potential to expand this for students through other Universities and we are working on creating these pathways! If this is a need or interest please reach out to Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538 or ehelms@ctclusi.org.

For more information and latest updates on language, please visit the Tribal language webpage at <https://ctclusi.org/languageprivate/>.

Virtual Language Classes 10 Weeks - Winter 2022

January 3rd through March 9th, 2023

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

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

Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 pm:
sha'yuusht'a ut quuiich

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



Join Zoom
 Meeting:

[https://us06we
 b.zoom.us/j/
 82064508930](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82064508930)



CTCLUSI Partners with OSU Seeds for Success Program

The CTCLUSI Department of Forest Management and Department of Culture and Natural Resources are excited to be partnering with the Oregon State University (OSU) College of Forestry (CoF) on the Seeds for Success program. The aim of this program is to support tribes in developing their capacity to collect and propagate seeds from culturally important plants, and to develop tools for restoring both tribal and federally-managed lands using traditional ecological knowledge (TEK).

The Seeds of Success program is led by Dr. Cristina Eisenberg, who is Native American, and is also the Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Director of Tribal Initiatives at the OSU CoF. Dr. Eisenberg is well known and respected for her work studying interactions between wolves, bison, elk, fire, and indigenous land management practices.

Dr. Tom DeLuca, the OSU CoF Dean, is a co-investigator on the project. Dr. DeLuca is a soil scientist who has studied forest soils throughout the U.S. and Europe. His current research interests include the effects of cultural burning on soil nutrients, carbon cycling, and plant health.

CTCLUSI staff are currently working with Dr. Eisenberg and Dr. DeLuca to develop a cooperative research project that will look at the effects of different forest management activities on culturally important plants. The overall goal of this research will be to develop monitoring tools that can be used to identify the types of forest treatments that provide the best balance of economics, biological diversity, ecological resiliency, and an abundance of culturally important plants for use by the Tribal Membership.

Implementation of this research project will require a team of field technicians, who will measure plots on the Tribal Forest to determine the presence of culturally important plants. These plots will be measured again following forest



CTCLUSI Biologist and Acting Director of Culture and Natural Resources, John Schaefer, collects bear grass seeds on the Lake Tract of the CTCLUSI Tribal Forest.

management activities such as timber harvest, thinning, and prescribed fire. The results will help us to determine which combination of treatments are most effective at achieving the Tribe's desired results, not only in terms of timber and revenue production but also in terms of protecting and promoting other things that Tribal Members value.

Both OSU and CTCLUSI staff are placing a strong emphasis on utilizing Tribal Members, and especially Tribal Youth, to support this important work. Towards that end, OSU is seeking to hire five field technicians for full-time seasonal

work this coming summer. These field technicians will be provided with food, gas, and transportation expenses in addition to hourly compensation at federal pay rates. Funding is also available for personal field gear such as work boots. This work would also provide valuable experience working alongside world-renowned researchers, as could lead to future academic opportunities through OSU.

If you or anyone you know is interested our would like to learn more please contact Assistant Director of Culture and Natural Resources, Ashley Russell, or Director of Forest Management, Colin Beck.



Summer Job Opportunities on Tribal Lands!

BLM/OSU/CTCLUSI Partnership: Pacific Northwest Tribal Conservation Corps Project for Seeds of Success

Do you want to learn how to measure forest stands, using best silviculture methods? Do you want to learn about eDNA, pollinators, and culturally significant plants? Do you want to help restore resiliency to fire-prone forests? Do you want to learn about soil ecology and fire? Do you want to help create healthy forests that can meet human needs? If so, join us as a field technician on the Pacific Northwest Tribal Conservation Corps Project for Seeds of Success. There are five field technician positions at Oregon State University, for work in the CTCLUSI community, on BLM lands and Tribal Lands. A food per diem and

gas/transportation will be provided. Interns will be paid at federal rates, starting at \$20.00 per hour, for full-time work. Work begins in May and runs through early September. You can work for all or part of this time. This project is led by Dr. Cristina Eisenberg, who is Native American, and is the Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Director of Tribal Initiatives at the OSU College of Forestry (CoF). CoF dean Tom DeLuca is a co-investigator. No previous field experience is needed, all that we seek are people who are excited about learning and passionate about creating healthier forests.

For more information, please contact:

Ashley Russell
Assistant Director of Culture and Natural Resources
(541) 888-7511 (office)
arussell@ctclusi.org

Colin Beck
Director of Forest Management
(541) 261-3420 (cell)
cbeck@ctclusi.org

TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

APRIL 9, 2023

For Position #1, #3 & #5

POSITION NUMBER	INCUMBENT
Position #1	Enna Helms
Position #3	Julie Siestream
Position #5	Iliana Montiel

TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL PLEASE SEE BELOW

7-3-23 Candidate Eligibility

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

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

7-3-24 Statements of Candidacy

(1) Candidates shall file Statements of Candidacy no later than thirty (30) days before the scheduled date of the election. CLUSI Const. Art. VIII, Section 4(c).

Each candidate shall indicate the position for which he or she is filing. No shuffling of positions will be allowed. You may submit to any CTCLUSI Government Office.

Deadline to File – Friday March 10, 2023 by 5:00pm

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

Once a Statement of Candidacy is submitted see Newsletter deadlines below.

Newsletter Deadline for Position Statement Publication:

January 13th for the February Newsletter

February 15th for the March Newsletter

March 17th for the April Newsletter

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

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION

Only registered voters will be sent a ballot

April 9, 2023 is Election Day

Voting hours shall be from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Election shall be held at the

Tribal Hall

338 Wallace Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

You can register and vote in person during this time.

Please reach out to enrollment@ctclusi.org to verify your registration is valid.

Visit www.ctclusi.org under Election for more details of the 2023 Tribal Council Election.

"In the Loop" with the Circles of Healing Program

Circles of Healing Welcomes Program Coordinator, Melinda McNutt

Kia ora! Mālō lava! Malo e Lelei! Aloha! Dia dhuit! Osiyo! Haŋ mašké! Hello!

I am excited to become part of CTCLUSI and am grateful for the warm welcome you have gifted me as I embark as the Circles of Healing Program Coordinator. I grow from a diverse cultural background and embrace every nook and cranny of my eclectic history. My growing years were spent 6 miles down a dirt logging road, off the grid, barefoot among the ancient forests learning from animals, plants, and birds. A stone's throw from the wild North Coast between Oregon and Northern California in an off-the-grid "Hippy Commune". In middle school, I made the move into "town", to a tiny, rugged mountain community of timber folks so I could attend a "for real" school. I stayed with my grandmother during the week "in town" which means we had on-demand electricity and I had to wear shoes. I spent my late teens and early 20's living out of my 1964 Chevy Van at the coast with my Soul Dog, Cinjun. I was all about Van Life before it became a YouTube channel! I worked in restaurants, sewed windboard sails, mined for crystals and gems, interned with a glass blower, trained dogs for sight and hearing assistance animals, worked on a wonderful organic farm, and managed a farmer's market, among so much more!

At 23 I fell in love with a Lakota Sioux boy from the Rosebud Tribe in South Dakota; birthed my first son at 24 and my youngest son at 28. We spent some time immersing ourselves in The Plains and learning from the people until we decided to settle back in Oregon. We chose Tillamook, where I worked for attorneys as a legal assistant and a paralegal in training. I took a job at Tillamook County Women's Crisis Center as a Domestic Violence Advocate / Volunteer Coordinator and bloomed into a social justice warrior! 5 years later we were called to care for family back in Central California and I went to work as a DV Advocate, Volunteer Coordinator and Resource Developer/Grant Administer for another Women's Center. In 2008 I took a position at the University of California at Santa Cruz in University Housing as my husband's health took a turn and we needed substantial health insurance that the non-profit just didn't offer. After my late husband passed, I remained at the university where I ran 3 separate Housing Offices and oversaw the residential programming and staff. I spent 9 years as the landlord for the State of California before transferring to the Bursars Office. I spent my final 6 years at the university in Student Financials auditing accounts and reconciling budgets of undistributed and misplaced funds and acting as the lead customer service staff for the billing department. I retired from the university after 15 years in March of

2022 and my current husband and I moved to the Roseburg area to care for my aging parents.

I started a non-profit Bully Breed Advocacy Group in 2015 called SCM Pits/Rock-A-Bully Rebels. I am a certified Vet Assistant and canine trainer and I volunteer with local shelters as much as possible. I am a K9 Gladiator, a Spartan Mud runner (before the injuries). I am a special needs mother and Autism Advocate. I am a survivor and a care provider. I have always been an artisan and my creating continues today. I am a crystal healer and love talking rocks and energy. I need the sea to breathe and spend as much time as I can with her. I truly believe the universe conspires to move us where we are meant to be. My path brought me here and I am so grateful for the gift. I look forward to connecting with you and supporting each other in the important work we do.

kia ora, Manuia fa'afetai, malo 'aupito, Mahalo, Buiochas, wado, Wopila, Thank You.



Melinda McNutt, Circles of Healing Program Coordinator

CIRCLES OF HEALING

DENTALIUM

JEWELRY

Self Care Day

Drop in for a afternoon of dentalium jewelry making with Circles of Healing Staff!

Supplies will be provided

In-Person Wednesday, February 1st 2023 from 1-4pm @ Eugene Outreach Office

Can't make it in person? Join us over Zoom!

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83206122753>

RSVP by January 18th 2023

CONTACT MORGAN KROSSMAN @ 541.294.6007

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

Tribal Families Gather for Holiday Celebration

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal Families and friends gathered for a Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at the Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence, Oregon. As families arrived they were greeted by Tribal Government staff members. They had an opportunity to visit amongst one another and talk to staff members from the Education department and the Culture and Natural Resources Department at booths located in the back of the Events Center. Youth were gifted with Thunderbird plushies and families received their 2023 Calendar from the Tribe created by Quuiich Tribal member Morgan Gaines. Families also enjoyed a fun and festive photo booth where they made memories and received picture strips capturing the moment.

Chairman Brad Kneaper welcomed everyone in attendance. He made sure to remind everyone of the hard work the Three Rivers Casino staff did to set up the beautifully decorated Events Center, as well as the coordination and planning from the Government staff. Chairman Kneaper thanked them all for their hard work and then invited Chief Doc Slyter to give the opening invocation. Chief Slyter also played a beautiful song on his flute and then invited everyone to line up for dinner, Elders first.

Friends and families laughed and played throughout the evening's dinner. Tribal Council made their way to the stage

to start handing out raffle gifts. The excitement grew as names were called for prizes for both youth and adults.

Coos Tribal members Ashley Russell and Alhana McNutt, accompanied by Janet Niessner on piano, then lead all the youth in singing some traditional songs and a few holiday carols. Jingle bells were passed out amongst the youth, and they exuberantly rang their bells and danced around the stage while they sang. During their last song of Santa Claus is coming to town, a set of bells could be heard and a special visitor joined them on stage.

Tribal Council members helped Santa greet all the children and give out stockings filled with treats. Everyone had a moment with Santa, and lots of ear to ear grins appeared as they talked. Tribal Council then gathered around for their own photo with Santa and the night ended on a joyous note.

Thank you to everyone who made this event a success. It is so good to be able to see you again face to face as we continue make our way thru the pandemic, still with caution for our most vulnerable. We look forward to seeing you in the future as we continue to plan in person events while monitoring CDC recommendations. We hope you had a joyous and warm Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.



Tribal Families Gather for Holiday Celebration



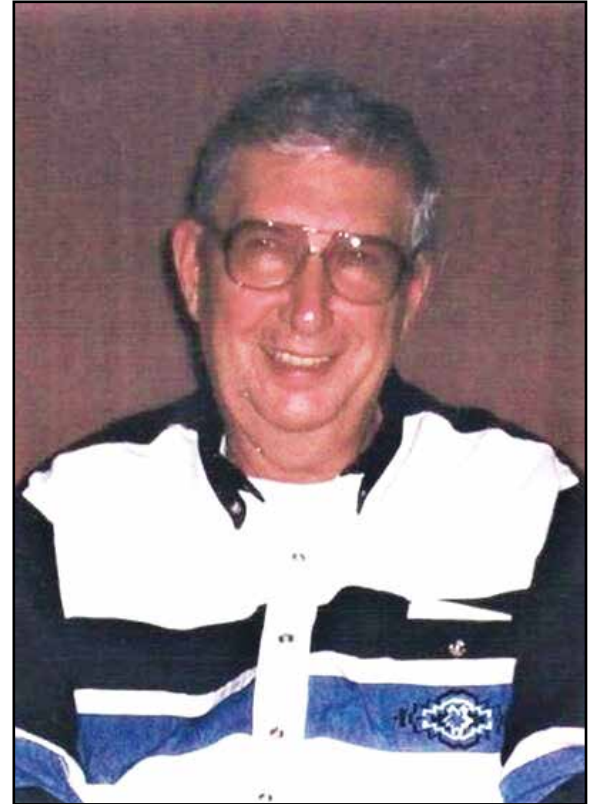
Tribal Elder Linn McNutt Walks On

Linn N. McNutt, 79, of North Bend passed away on November 18th, 2022 in Coos Bay. He was a member of the Hanis Coos band of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians.

A graveside service will be held at the Coos River cemetery.

Linn was born in North Bend, Oregon to Hazel Ernestine Anderson McNutt and Lawrence Linn McNutt on October 6th, 1943. He attended Marshfield High School, later graduating from South Western Oregon Community College (SWOCC). Linn and his brother Warren joined the U.S. Army together in 1961. Linn continued to serve until 1964. He worked as a Hook Tender for Weyerhaeuser Co for 20 plus years. He was involved in the Eagles Lodge. Linn enjoyed hunting deer and fishing for salmon. He was an active participant in tribal council meetings and enjoyed the interactions with the tribal membership.

Linn is survived by his wife Donna Rider Perkins McNutt, Mike McNutt (Bea), Anita Beauchemin, Eugene Perkins, Arron McNutt (Stephanie), sister Arleen Perkins, brothers- Warren, Stanley (Bev), 6 grandchildren, and a dear friend Jason Hoffman.



Be Prepared for Flu Season

Flu season takes a significant burden on families across the country each year, but the timing and impact vary each season. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) influenza surveillance system, which measures flu activity while it is occurring, is forecasting an elevated flu season this year. Each flu season, the flu viruses are different. This season's researchers indicate four common flu viruses.

As we go into the 2022-2023 winter season, remember getting the annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Therefore, it is recommended that everyone 6 months years old or older should get an annual flu shot. This is also recommended for individuals who are 65 years and older, pregnant people, people with a certain chronic condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart and lung disease, and other individuals at higher risk of serious flu complications. Use [Vaccine.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a location near you, then call or visit their website to make an appointment or you can contact your primary care provider. [insert QR code here].

To prevent the spread of the flu, it is recommended to practice the following techniques on a daily basis:

- Avoid close contact with people who are visibly sick.
- If you are sick, stay away from others as much as possible.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.

Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water is not available use hand sanitizers.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects most commonly use in your household.

What to do if you get sick? If you're feeling a fever, coughing, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue, it is possible that you have caught the flu. In most cases, please stay home and avoid contact with other people except to get medical care if needed. However, if you have symptoms and are in a higher-risk group, contact your healthcare provider for treatment options.

For more information, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Influenza website at <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm>.



References:
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases \(NCIRD\)](https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/)
<https://www.vaccines.gov/find-vaccines/>

Home Sick Kits

Contributed by CTCLUSI Health Department

Oregon is currently experiencing high levels of respiratory virus activity. Increases in respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), influenza viruses, SARS-CoV-2, and other respiratory viruses are straining the healthcare system nationwide.

CTCLUSI has Home sick kits for members in the five-service area (Curry, Coos, Lincoln, Lane, and Douglas).

How to get a Home Sick Kit:

- Contact your local Community Health Aide:
 - Barbara Black:
Email: bblack@ctclusi.org
Phone Number: 541-888-7520
Cell Phone: 541-294-5472
 - Doug Morrison:
Email: dmorrison@ctclusi.org
Phone Number: 541-997-6685 ext.7701
Cell Phone: 541-297-2391
 - Kimmy Bixby:
Email: kbixby@ctclusi.org
Phone Number: 541-744-1334 ext.7165
Cell Phone: 541-808-8684



Elders Corner

Elders Luncheon

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Starting at 11:30 a.m.

Location to be determined
Florence, Oregon

Please RSVP to Doug Morrison
by Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 541-997-6685

There will be an Elders Committee Meeting
at 1:00 p.m. following the luncheon

Welcome New Elders

James Rensing

Veri Green

What's up, Elders?

Have you had an exciting event happen lately? Maybe a big accomplishment or proud moment? We'd love to hear from you! It could be anything; a fun trip, a new grandbaby, a pet, or a big project you're working on... we want to hear about it! Submit photos and a description to my email kbixby@ctclusi.org
OR
Give me a call and I can help you! 541-808-8684

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

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

On December 8th Tribal Elders, spouses and staff gathered at the Community Center for our first Holiday Luncheon since 2019. It was a wonderful time catching up with one another, playing games and enjoying a delicious meal together.

We started things off with a very informative presentation by our Guest Speaker on Medicare 101. After lunch and the end of the presentation, we prepared for some fun rounds of Bingo. Many Elders won some great prizes; some of the items were beautifully handmade! They also received a beautiful door prize ornament.

Everyone seemed to greatly enjoy their time together as a Tribe and a Family. We are looking forward to more lovely gatherings in the future!



WINTER WEATHER SAFETY

Contributed by Armando Martinez, Emergency Management Coordinator

The temperatures drop this winter remember to plan ahead for yourself and potentially those in your community. It's important to know who may need help and what you're prepared to face in case your power goes out. Below is a checklist of items to go through and think about as winter storms come in:

- Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, then stay inside. Prepare your emergency car kit in case you get stuck! Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.
- Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing. Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.
- Reduce the risk of a heart attack by avoiding overexertion when shoveling snow and walking in the snow.
- Generators can be helpful when the power goes out. It is important to know how use them safely to prevent carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and other hazards. Generators should always be

outside of the home.

- Know the difference between a winter storm watch and a winter storm warning

Watch: Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Warning: Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

- Keep an eye out for your neighbors if possible. If you know someone who may be negatively impacted by the cold check to make sure they're prepared for power outages and are safe and well in their home during cold weather.

It is recommended to seek care for your child if they have one or more severe symptoms of RSV

- Trouble breathing or increased work of breathing
- Less than one wet diaper every 8 hours
- Gray or blue color to tongue, lips or skin
- Significantly decreased activity and alertness

Document accessibility: For individuals with disabilities or individuals who speak a language other than English, OHA can provide information in alternate formats such as translations, large print, or braille. Contact the COVID-19 Communications Unit at 1-971-673-2411, 711 TTY or COVID19.LanguageAccess@dhsosha.state.or.us.

OHA 4366A (12/06/2022)

The flu, COVID-19 and RSV: What you need to know

Older people and people with weaker immune systems are at-risk of becoming seriously ill from the flu, COVID-19 and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Young children can also become seriously ill from RSV.

Protect yourself and others as we spend more time together indoors:

- Get vaccinated. There are vaccines for both COVID-19 and the flu. There is no vaccine for RSV.
- Stay home when sick.
- If possible, avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If caring for someone who is ill, wear a mask and wash your hands frequently.
- Keep your hands away from your or your child's face.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and electronic devices.
- Wear a mask if you can in crowded indoor settings and around people who have weaker immune systems.
- If you cannot wear a mask, avoid crowded settings, both indoors and outdoors.

The flu, COVID-19 and RSV are all caused by viruses

These viruses can spread when:

- An infected person talks, coughs or sneezes around other people.
- Someone touches a surface or object with one of these viruses on it and then touches their own mouth, nose or eyes.

The flu, COVID-19 and RSV can cause similar symptoms, including:

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Vomiting or diarrhea (flu, more commonly in children)
- Loss of taste or smell (COVID-19)

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OHA 4364 (11/23/2022)

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NORTH BEND ICE SKATING RINK
JAN 28, 2023
Let's Ice Skate!
FREE
 5PM - 7:30PM PST

PLEASE RSVP BY 5:00 PM ON JANUARY 26TH:
 1-888-365-7155

QUESTIONS:
 EACOSTA@CTCLUSI.ORG OR
 ARUSSELL@CTCLUSI.ORG

THE VOICE OF CLUSI

If you or anyone in your family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist
 Office: (541) 888-7536
 Cell: (541) 808-7918
 Email: mgaines@ctclusi.org

visit www.ctclusi.org/events to view the online event calendar

Three Rivers Casino Gifts Donation to Marshfield High School Volleyball State Champions



Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay gifted \$3,400 to the Marshfield High School Volleyball State Champions. This donation provided them with the funds to get their Championship rings for winning the 4A tournament. Congratulations on your Championship Win!

Pictured with the team in the photo is far right Chuck Baker, casino manager for Three Rivers Coos Bay and also far left Council Women Iliana Montiel from the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

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.

Eugene Outreach Office
 January 21st and 22nd
 10:00am to 4:00pm

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RSVP: Tes Gagner (541) 744-1334

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

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

Council Member Doug Barrett Honored at Nine Tribes Prevention Meeting

On December 6, 2022, Tribal Council member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians was honored at the 9 Tribes/NARA prevention meeting in Portland, Oregon.

and treatment field. He is planning retirement in February 2023 but will of course continue to be an active participant in his Tribal community as well as with his Prevention family.

Doug has worked for 24 years in the substance abuse prevention



Pictured left to right: Julie Johnson, Doug Barrett and Shane Lopez-Johnston



Doug Barrett centered (wearing Cedar Canoe Hat, blue shirt and vest) with the group from the 9 Tribes/NARA prevention meeting on December 6, 2022

Paddle Making Class

February 3 - 4, 2023
February 17 - 18, 2023





Tribal Hall 338 Wallace Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon

<p>Friday, February 3rd 12:00 - 6:00 pm snacks provided</p>	<p>Friday, February 17th 12:00 - 6:00 pm snacks provided</p>
<p>Saturday, February 4th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm lunch provided</p>	<p>Saturday, February 18th 10:00 am - 4:00 pm lunch provided</p>

Please RSVP to 541-435-7155

Culture is Prevention Lamtłam Game Making Class

Date: Saturday, January 14, 2023
Time: 10am-2:00pm
Where: Tribal Hall
(338 Wallace St, Coos Bay)

- A hands-on class to make a fun and simple traditional game for all ages
- All supplies provided
- Lunch provided
- Please RSVP to 541-435-7155

2023 FIRST CANOE PULL OF THE NEW YEAR

February 25, 2023
Tahkenitch Lake
9:00 a.m.

Join us for Canoe pulls
in the mornings on the
last Saturday's of the
month.

First pull of the New
Year 2023 will be
Saturday, February
25th.



contact Jesse Beers
for more information
jbeers@ctclusi.org
or 541-297-0748

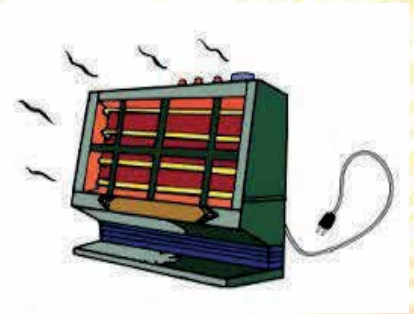
LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2023

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.

THREE RIVERS CASINO RESORT

TRIBAL MEMBER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Three Rivers Casino Resort (Florence)

Food & Beverage

BOH Bonfire Chef · Food Court/Blue Bills/TDR Chef · Line Cook Lead · Food Court Outlet Cook · Baker · TDR Cook · Dish Machine Operator
FOH F&B Supervisor · Blue Bills Food Server · Cocktail Beverage Server · Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant · Food Court Cashier/Barista · Host · Buspenderson

Internal Maintenance

EVS Tech

Finance

Chief Financial Officer · Purchasing Specialist · Revenue Auditor

Gaming Floor

Table Games Dealer · Slot/Keno/Bingo Attendant

Golf

Groundskeeper 1

Hotel

Guest Room/Laundry Attendant · Telephone Specialist · Hotel Front Desk Clerk · RV Park/GSA

Marketing/Events

Special Events TM · Special Events and Promotions TM

Security

Security Officer I

Three Rivers Casino Resort (Coos Bay)

EGM

EGM Team Member Lead – Current Team Members or Tribal Members eligible to apply

Facilities

EVS Tech 1 · Maintenance Tech 2

Food & Beverage

BOH Line Cook

Player Services

Player Services TM

Apply online at threeiverscasino.com/careers or call HR today at 541.902.6502

Updated 12/14/2022

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](https://www.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!



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.

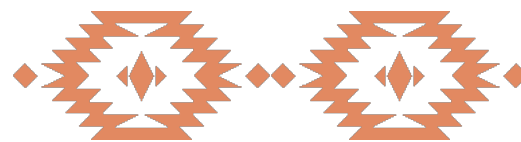
The goal of the grant is to increase Native American undergraduate student success and meaningful career development. We do this through supporting students in experiential

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



For more information contact:

Bessie Joyce, NBTS Program Manager, bessiejoyce4@gmail.com

Jesse Beers, CTCLUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager, jbeers@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 Morgan Gaines

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

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Years Day New Years Day Peace Hike Yachats	2 New Years Day Observed All Officed 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 Lamttam Game Making Class 10 - 2pm Coos Bay
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day All Officed Closed	17 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	18 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	19 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	20 President's Day All Offices Closed NBTS Collab Gathering, Florence 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	21 Moccasin Class Eugene Outreach 10 - 4 pm
22 Moccasin Class Eugene Outreach 10 - 4 pm	23	24 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	25 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Business Council Meeting 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 Ice Skating North Bend 5-7:30 pm
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 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	9 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	10	11

FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	1 COH Dentalium Jewelry 1-4 Eugene hanis language class 4pm-6pm	2 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	3 Paddle Making Class Tribal Hall 12-6 pm	4 Paddle Making Class Tribal Hall 10-4 pm
5	6 Traditional Game Night, Tribal Hall 5:30 pm	7 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	8 Elders Luncheon Florence, 11:30am hanis language class 4pm-6pm	9 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	10	11 4th Annual Storytelling 5pm Tribal Hall
12 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	13	14 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	15 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	16 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	17 Paddle Making Class Tribal Hall 12-6 pm	18 Paddle Making Class Tribal Hall 10-4 pm
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Hiis Haiyach - with a good heart

MANIC MONDAY

MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

\$100 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes.

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.



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.



WIN UP TO \$10,000!

Saturdays in January

Drawings every 30 minutes from 6pm-9pm to Find Bigfoot and win up to \$10,000! Receive one entry for every 50 points earned on Saturdays.



JANUARY WEEKLY SPECIALS

Open Daily

Now Open for Breakfast at 8am

MONDAY - MUFFALETTA SANDWICH \$15

TUESDAY - BURGUNDY BEEF TIPS \$16

WEDNESDAY - LOADED MAC N' CHEESE \$16

THURSDAY - THREE CHEESE CHICKEN ENCHILADAS \$14

FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21

SATURDAY - PORK OSO BUCCO \$19

SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

Friday thru Sunday specials served from 4pm-10pm

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