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

Lagauwiiyat'as, True History Gallery

Open House Hours Every Saturday, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., until March 18, 2023



Photograph by Ashley Russell

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CTCLUSI's Department of Culture and Natural Resources' Curations Program is excited to announce the planning for an upcoming exhibit at Lagauwiiyat'as True History Gallery at CTCLUSI's Tribal Hall in Coos Bay, scheduled for Fall/Winter of 2023!

The exhibit will feature the beloved wedding dress of Lottie Evanoff, daughter of the last hereditary chief, which was recently returned home to the Tribe. The dress will be surrounded by other Tribal regalia, illustrating the evolution of Tribal traditional regalia to contemporary times.

Upcoming exhibit planned for Fall/Winter 2023!

The Curations Team is soliciting any interested Tribal citizens and CTCLUSI people for temporary loan of their precious regalia

for this exhibition. The regalia would be made accessible for your use during the coinciding ceremony that will be held on opening day of the exhibit. We would also greatly welcome any photographs of you or your family wearing your regalia that might be displayed in the exhibit, too!

For more information about the exhibit or loaning regalia, please get in touch with the Curations Team at thpo@ctclusi.org.

We welcome any and all feedback and suggestions for the gallery design and materials featured. If you would like to become more involved, volunteer, or have any questions

Contact Information:

(541) 888-9577 or email thpo@ctclusi.org

Save the Dates:

*Deadline to Submit Statement of Candidacy
March 10, 2023*

Tribal Council Election Forum: March 11, 2023

*Tribal Council Elections: April 9, 2023
Tribal Hall or by Absentee Ballot*

Are you registered to vote in Tribal Elections? Turn to pages 4 & 5

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from December 11, 2022 - January 7, 2023

Chief Doc Slyter:

12/11 Tribal Council Meeting
12/13 GFORB Meeting
12/13 Elakha Board Meeting
12/14 Member Consultation
12/14 DLCD Visit
12/22 Leader's Circle
12/28 GFORB Meeting / Business Meeting
12/30 Special Council Meeting
01/05 Leader's Circle
Emails and Phone Calls
Total Hours: 69.5

Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair:

12/11 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
12/12 ZOOM meeting with BIA Regional Director, CEO and staff on the Status of Coos Head going into Trust. Progressing well.
12/13 Meet with Legal, CEO and staff on Draft of Constitutional Amendment process.
12/15 Discussion on GSA/Shutter Creek status. Mapetsi, CEO and staff (ZOOM)
12/19 Interview applicant for Director of Department of Natural Resources (ZOOM)
12/20 Myself, CEO, and Legal Meet in Person with ODFW Director and Staff at Community Center regarding Co-Management Agreement.
12/21 Interviews with two Applicants for Department of Natural Resources (ZOOM)
12/22 Leaders Circle / Special Council Meeting to approve Playground Equipment for housing.
12/28 Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB) Meeting / Tribal Business Council Meeting
12/30 Special Council Meeting Regarding Tribal Court Judge Contract.
01/04 Follow up Meeting with Mapetsi, CEO and Staff regarding Shutter Creek facility reassigning of purpose by State and Federal, and developing relationship with GSA.
01/05 Leaders Circle (ZOOM due to Illness)
Total Hours: 102

Julie Siestreem, Vice Chair:

12/11 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/13 White house Office of Science and Technology Policy Council on Environmental Quality Ocean Policy Committee-mitigation/adaptation/ Tribal Council Special Meeting
12/14 Oregon State Early Learning Division Tribal Advisory Committee
12/23 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
12/28 Gaming Operational Review Board / Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/30 Tribal Council Special Meeting
01/03 US Federal Government Bureau of Oregon Energy Management Oregon Key Observation Point Identification Meeting
01/04 Oregon SB770 Health and Human Services Cluster Meeting
01/05 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
01/06 Nine Tribes First 2023 Water Healing Ceremony Planning Session
01/08 Tribal Council Regular Monthly Meeting
Emails, phone calls, research driving duties
Total Hours: 65

Iliana Montiel:

12/11 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/13 Special GFORB Meeting
12/19 Director of NR&C Interview
12/21 Director of NR&C Interviews
12/22 Leaders Circle
12/28 GFORB Meeting / Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/30 TC Special Meeting
01/04 SB 770 Meeting
01/05 Leaders Circle
reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours: 48

Upcoming Council Meeting

Regular Meeting
February 12, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Business Meeting
February 22, 2023
6:00 p.m.

Teresa Spangler:

12/11 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
12/16 Help with delivery of Christmas Checks to Government Staff
12/22 Leaders Circle / Special Council meeting (approval of playground equipment)
12/28 Business Council Meeting
12/30 Special Council Meeting (Contract Approval)
01/05 Foundation Decision Meeting
01/05 Leaders Circle
All Month Emails (Grant Applications)
Total Hours: 56.5

Doug Barrett:

12/11 TC Meeting
12/12 Music is Healing – ECHO Talking Circle
12/13 Ocean Policy Committee Climate Action Plan
12/14 Lane / Act meeting
12/21 Winter Solstice Ceremony and Sweat
12/22 Leaders Circle
12/28 GFORB meeting / Tribal Council Business meeting
12/30 Tribal Council Special Meeting
01/01 Amanda Trail Piece Hike & Ceremony
01/04 North Fork Smith Project
01/05 Three Rivers Foundation Decision Meeting / Leaders Circle
01/06 Healing of the Waters Ceremony - event planning meeting
01/08 Tribal Council
Total Hours: 69 & Emails

Enna Helms:

12/11 Coffee at qa'aich with Tribal Community; Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/14 RJC Housing, Homelessness & Human
12/21 Solstice Celebration
12/22 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
12/28 Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/30 Tribal Council Special Meeting
01/01 Annual Peace Hike at Yachats
01/05 Three Rivers Foundation Board Meeting; Tribal Council Leaders Circle Meeting
01/06 2023 Healing the Water Event Planning
+Emails, phone calls
Total Hours: 74

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden **ROSE exactly like the one pictured at right**. It could be any size and on any page but will look exactly like the one shown here.

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 ROSE hiding! Must email by February 15th 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 different CTCLUSI Government departments.

January "Snowflake" Edition Winners

Adult - Tracee Schmidt
Youth - Liesl Schmidt



Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

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

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Christine Sylvester, 541-888-7532. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Christine Sylvester at 541-888-7532 or at email csylvester@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

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

CHANGES?

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

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Tribal Committee Members

Budget Committee

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2. Wendy Garcia
3. Margaret Corvi
4. **Stephanie Watkins, Chair**
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5. Teresa Spangler
6. Allen (Butch) Swigert
7. Roseanna Perry

Culture Committee

1. Earla Kirk
2. Doug Barrett
3. Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo
4. VACANT
5. Michael Brainard
6. Patrica Whereat-Phillips

Education Committee

1. Michelle Brix
2. Julie Siestreem
3. Wendy Garcia
4. **Ashley Russell, Chair**
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5. Michael Brainard

Elders Committee

1. **Arleen Perkins, Chair**
2. VACANT
3. Warren (Tom) Brainard
4. VACANT
5. Martin Harris
6. Allen (Butch) Swigert
7. Brad Kneaper

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1. Warren T. Brainard
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. **Vicki Faciane, Chair**
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1. Wendy Garcia
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3. Enna Helms
4. Debbie Bossley
5. VACANT

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1. Roseanna Perry
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5. Vicki Faciane

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1. Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo
2. Tammy Evarts
3. Jade Fong
4. VACANT
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7. Ayuthea Cisneros

Election Board

1. VACANT
2. Michael Brainard
3. Teresa Gagner
4. **Mark Petrie, Chair**
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5. Josh Davies
6. Pauline Benson
7. Ashley Russell

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

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

For questions, please contact Christine Sylvester, 541-888-7532 or csylvester@ctclusi.org

The Tribe maintains a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not. Letters of interest remain on file for one full year. Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.



Tribal Council

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Council Meeting

February 12, 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



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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

Greetings everyone,

I just want to give you all a short update to some of the many things that we as a Council are working on. First is the Hunting and Fishing Co-Management agreement with the State of Oregon. The draft agreement has been sent to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). The next step is a meeting and presentation with the ODFW Commission in April.

The Constitutional amendment process is going well. We are taking it slow and cautiously to make sure that it's done right. We are working with our legal counsel to draft the amendments. Once this is complete, and we have heard from you, we will move forward. If and when it comes to a vote, each individual proposed amendment will be listed on the ballot so that you can vote "YES" or "NO" for each one. You will be able to decide on each one whether you agree or not. As we have said before, there are several areas within the constitution that are outdated and refer to information that is no longer applicable or valid. There will be more information on proposed amendments coming.

In the meantime, I hope everyone had a great Holiday week and a safe and Happy New Year. I hope to hear from you, and see you attend our meetings either in person or virtually via ZOOM.

Brad Kneaper, Chairman



TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

APRIL 9, 2023

For Position #1, #3 & #5

| POSITION NUMBER | INCUMBENT |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Position #1 | Enna Helms |
| Position #3 | Julie Siestreem |
| 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:

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.

Resolution Summaries

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| <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-131</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 11, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Language Committee Appointment</p> <p>Explanation: Tribal Council appointed Jess Beers.</p> <p>Vote 5-0-2</p> | <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-134</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 26, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Dissolution of CTCLUSI Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Ad- Hoc Committee</p> <p>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.: 22-137</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 28, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Revision of Tribal Gaming Enterprise Revenue Distribution</p> <p>Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the onetime payment amount and accelerated payment plan toward Three Rivers Casino loan structure. Vote –6-0-1</p> |
| <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-132</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 21, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Indian Health Service Special Diabetes Program for Indians Community Directed Grant</p> <p>Explanation: Tribal Council approves this grant application for funding for these programs.</p> <p>Vote 4-0-0</p> | <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-135</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 28, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order</p> <p>Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this gaming equipment order for Three Rivers Casino.</p> <p>Vote 6-0-1</p> | <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-138</p> <p>Date of Passage: October 09, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Indian Housing Plan for 2023 and Tribal Council Approval and Authorization</p> <p>Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the submission of the 2023 Indian Housing Plan for Housing Block Grant. Vote –7-0-0</p> |
| <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-133</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 26, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Contract for Architectural/ Engineering Services for Health Services Project</p> <p>Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract to assist in development of the Health Services Expansion Project. Vote 6-0-1</p> | <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-136</p> <p>Date of Passage: September 28, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Gaming Equipment</p> <p>Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this master agreement for gaming at Three Rivers Casino. Vote –6-0-1</p> | <p>RESOLUTION NO.: 22-139</p> <p>Date of Passage: October 09, 2022</p> <p>Subject (title): Amendments to CLUSITC Chapter 7-8 Chapter 7-8 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board For Second Reading and Final Approval</p> <p>Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the proposed amendments after a 28-day comment period. Vote –6-0-1</p> |

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

CANDIDATE FORUM INFORMATION

Candidates are not required to participate; however, there will be an opportunity for any candidate to meet with the membership and have a question/answer session on

Saturday, March 11, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location in Person: The Community Center in Coos Bay.
Virtual: A Zoom link will be provided.

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.

Only registered voters will be sent a ballot.

Ballots will be mailed March 14th-15th.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION

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.

Coos Bay at Community Center

Friday, February 10th

5:00pm Doors open

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Storytelling



annual

basaq' / hechit' / haɬk' (WINTER STORYTELLING!)

Join us for a traditional meal and winter
storytelling!



ZOOM Option:
[https://uso6we
b.zoom.us/j/821
38336162](https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/82138336162)



Coos Bay RSVP line: (541) 435-7155

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

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](https://forms.office.com/g/M3Ja7apBsR)

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'yuushtɬ'a uɬ 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)



Thank you for your participation!

Winter Air Quality Awareness

Contributed by Ali Grove, Air Protection Specialist

In the midst of winter, it's important to be aware of the air quality inside your home. Poor indoor air quality can have serious health consequences, particularly for those with respiratory issues or allergies. One way to improve the air quality in your home is by regularly dusting and vacuuming to remove dust and other pollutants that can accumulate on surfaces and in air ducts. Sealing any leaks or drafts in your home can also help improve the air quality by preventing cold, dry air from entering and causing the air inside to become dry and stagnant. Using a humidifier during the winter months can also be beneficial, as adding moisture to the air can improve breathing and reduce allergy and asthma symptoms. Proper ventilation is also essential for maintaining good indoor air quality. Make sure to open windows and doors on days when the air outside is fresher to allow for circulation.

In addition to improving the air quality inside your home, it's also important to be mindful of the impact of woodstoves and fireplaces on the air quality in your community. Here are some tips to help you burn responsibly:

- Choose the right wood: Hardwoods like oak and maple burn more slowly and produce less smoke than softer woods like fir and pine.
- Burn dry wood: Wet or green wood is difficult to burn and can produce more smoke and pollutants. Make sure to only burn wood that has been properly seasoned (left to dry for at least six months).
- Use a properly sized woodstove: A woodstove that is too small for the space you are trying to heat will not burn as efficiently and can produce more smoke. Make sure to choose a woodstove that is appropriately sized for your home.
- Follow proper burning techniques: Keep the damper on your woodstove or fireplace open when starting a fire to help it catch and burn properly. Close the damper once the fire is going to help maintain a consistent temperature.
- Keep your woodstove or fireplace clean: Regularly cleaning

the chimney and ash pit of your woodstove or fireplace can help prevent build-up of creosote, a flammable substance that can cause chimney fires.

By following these tips, you can help improve the air quality in your home and protect the health of you and your family this winter. If you have any concerns about the air quality in your home or wood burning and its impact on the air, don't hesitate to reach out to CTCLUSI's Air Quality Program for more information and assistance.

Ali Grove, Air Protection Specialist; Office: 541-435-7156 Cell: 541-294-6136 or Email: agrove@ctclusi.org

Please join us for
some good food
and games with
our tribal
community!



CTCLUSI TRIBAL TOBACCO PREVENTION
PROGRAM INVITES YOU TO:

GAME NIGHT

MONDAY
FEB 6th

AT COMMUNITY
CENTER
DINNER AT: 05:30PM

AT TRIBAL HALL
GAMES START AT:
6:00PM

WE WILL HAVE
LAMTL'AM (DICE GAME),
HEYE (HAND GAMBLING GAME),
CULTURAL TRIVIA, AND MORE!

Please RSVP with Nicole Romine nromine@ctclusi.com 541-294-9341
or Mark Petrie mpetrie@ctclusi.org 541-435-7217

Department of Culture and Natural Resources Welcomes Sea Grant Fellow

Hello everyone! My name is Sarah Hardisty and I am a recent graduate of Oregon State University's Integrative Biology program and a current Natural Resource Policy Fellow (NRPF) with the Oregon Sea Grant. As an NRPF fellow, I am working for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians' Department of Culture and Natural Resources. My work will be focused on updating and expanding the Tribal Estuary Response Plan. I grew up in the Seattle area and have a love for the PNW outdoors, including the marine life of my local estuary - the Puget Sound. I am looking forward to applying my knowledge of environmental science and learning more about the policies relevant to safeguarding the estuaries and estuarine resources of the CTCLUSI.



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

Paddle Making Class

February 3 - 4, 2023



Tribal Hall 338 Wallace
Avenue, Coos Bay,
Oregon

Friday, February 3rd

12:00 - 6:00 pm

snacks provided

Saturday, February 4th

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

lunch provided

Please RSVP to 541-435-7155

CCDF New Plan Public Hearing

Please join me via ZOOM, for the CCDF
Fiscal Year 2023-2025 New Plan Public
Hearing!

Monday, February 6, 2023,
from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. PST

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84069646049?pwd=Zm9ZcXJabVRwT0RtQXVPcjlaZWIMZz09>

Meeting ID: 840 6964 6049

Passcode: 606848

Please contact Meagan Davenport
at 541-888-7509
or mdavenport@ctclusi.org
for any questions prior to the meeting.

2023 Fitness Form Online

A friendly reminder:

Tribal members can find the
2023 fitness form online at the
CTCLUSI website!

Under Member Services >
Community Health and Wellness
Programs tab

Reach out to Meagan Davenport
at 541-888-7509

or mdavenport@ctclusi.org
with any questions!

Feb 25th Canoe Pull at Tahkenitch!

Tahkenitch (tsaxinich) was a traditional village at a marine estuary where our people lived for thousands of years. The site is dated to be older than 8,000 years. However, around 3,000 years ago the sand dunes encroached and slowly turned this marine estuary into the freshwater lake we know today. This site is a sacred place.

On February 25th join us for the first Canoe Pull of the season. We plan to pull on Tahkenitch Lake! We will meet at the Tahkenitch Landing Boat Ramp at the camp ground at 9:00am. We will canoe, sing and maybe even dance a bit to bless these lands and waters. We will also have a picnic and talk about the historic site. Come join us for this historic canoe pull.



If transportation is needed from the Tribal Administration Building in Coos Bay or the Florence Outreach Office, please call Jesse Beers @ (541) 997-6685. In any case, please remember to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.

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!

Important PRC Application Information

REMINDER: The deadline for the 2023 PRC applications was 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 to have a hard-copy application mailed to you or with any questions.

Circles of Healing

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

For more information, please call an Advocate

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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

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>

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:

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|-----------------|----------|
| 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.

Youth Winter Solstice Event

Contributed by Nicole Romine, Tobacco Prevention Program Assistant

The Youth Winter Solstice event was held on December 19-21, 2022. Monday featured Gingerbread Plank houses, commissioned by the Old-World Gingerbread Village in Mapleton, we were able to have 30 Gingerbread plank house kits. The Dental Clinic staff joined in at Coos Bay and helped youth assemble and decorate their plank houses! Activities were held in the Eugene outreach office, Florence Outreach Office and Tribal Hall in Coos Bay. There were many activities including planting pots and stenciling, cedar ornaments, archery, shinny, sugar cooking decorating, solar light jars, origami stars, clay effigies, and many more.

Natural Resources and Culture Department collaborating with Communications Program Morgan Gaines, Circles of Healing Morgan Krossman and Conor Gagner, Community Health Aide Kimmy Bixby and Administrative Assistant Tes Gagner, who hosted events in the Eugene Outreach Office. Community Health Aide Doug Morrison, Youth Prevention Specialist Doug Barrett and Administrative Assistant Courtney Stone hosted the solstice events in the Florence Outreach Office. Thank you to all departments and programs that helped assist at the Youth Winter Solstice event!

Special thanks to Elder Eddie Helms for cooking Solstice dinner!



Spring Break Camp March 27th- 31st

**Paid Camp Counselors and
Counselors in training
needed! (Age 16+)**

Activities:

Canoeing
Shinny /nauhina'nawos /pekuuwi
Archery
Swimming
Beading
Trivia and board game night
and more!

**Apply as a *SPECIAL EVENTS*
EMPLOYEE by **February 15th****

Link found on our CTCLUSI website under Human
Resource and Job Opportunities

**Grades 3rd-12th for
overnight camp**

**Five (5) days and four (4) nights during Spring
Break! at**

**Tribal Hall & Community Center
338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, OR 97420**

**For more information please contact Jemiah Wassman
jwassman@ctclusi.org or 541-888-1314**

Consider Signing Up to be an On Call/ Special Events Employee

Contributed by Jesse Beers, Culture Stewardship Manager

In the before times or pre-COVID-19, many of you will remember that we had a wide array of events. These events were skill and people intensive and takes many more people than just our regular staff. Luckily, we have an 'on call' program where we have access to a wide array of skilled citizens that are able to help out with cooking, being a camp counselor, or having traditional skills such as weaving or regalia making, or even assisting in clean up.

Of course, COVID-19 is not over but we have been approved to go forward with cultural events at half capacity. Unfortunately, due to lack of continued events during this time, the 'on call' program is fairly empty. We would like to put a call out for any Tribal Citizens who would like to help with any events to please reach out to the info below and get signed up. Right now, we are looking for camp counselors and regalia helpers but you never know what we are going to need, so sign up soon!

There are many upcoming cultural events and we want your help!

Apply for **Special Events Employee** on the *CTCLUSI Tribal Members Job Opportunities* page:

<https://ctclusi.org/human-resources-job-opportunities/>

List your skill sets any additional experience on your application in the resume text box.

Applicants must be 14 years of age or older, and pass required pre-employment screenings.

Not sure if you're already on the list?
Contact HR Recruitment: recruitment@ctclusihr.org

CEREMONIAL DRESS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

CULTURE COALITION SEEKING MATERIALS

We are interested in dentalium 3/4 - 2 inch,
olivella, purple and yellow cowry, arrow heads,
abalone heart shaped and chunks, glass beads,
pine nuts, seed beads.

Your donated items will be used to reproduce
our ceremonial dress.

If you're interested in donating your time in
helping with this project, let me know.

If you have items or questions please contact
Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538 /
ehelms@ctclusi.org

for more information by Wednesday, March 15





**The Coquille Indian Tribe
&
The Confederated Tribes of
Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians**

wish to invite you to the

**24th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day
to be held March 17 & 18, 2023
at the Mill Casino & Hotel - Salmon Room**

(Agenda will be coming soon)

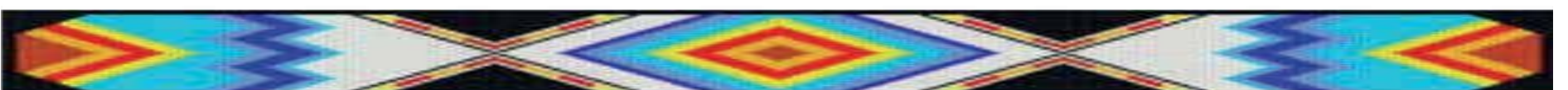
**Please RSVP by Tuesday, February 28, 2023 to:
Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685 or email: dmorrison@ctclusi.org**

There will be no charges for Tribal Elders for any of the activities, all other guests with the exception of Legal Spouses and Caregivers will be charged for meals.

CTCLUSI Elders traveling more than 120 miles (one-way) can have a room provided for Thursday March 16th and stay the night before the Honor Day.

(Please Note: Dinner will not be provided on Thursday)

ALL GUESTS MUST BE OVER 55 YEARS OLD WITH EXCEPTION OF LEGAL SPOUSES, CAREGIVERS AND STAFF



Elders Corner

What's Up, Elders?

Submitted by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide



Julie Riggs and her husband, Bob decided to enjoy a relaxing weekend away after dealing with a few medical issues. They are so glad they did! They visited Garibaldi to ride the Candy Cane Express. On their way, they saw a large herd of Elk in Cloverdale, the ocean in Manzanita, and the rock formations between Garibaldi and Rockaway Beach. They had so much fun making new memories together.



SAVE THE DATE

15th Annual Native Caring... *A Conference to Learn, Connect & Share*

Hosted by

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Other Oregon partnering Tribes include:

Burns Paiute Tribe ~ The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation ~ The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians ~ Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians ~ Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs ~ Coquille Indian Tribe ~ Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ~ The Klamath Tribes



April 18-19, 2023
*Seven Feathers
Casino Resort*
**146 Chief Miwaleta Lane
Canyonville, OR 97417**

Please come and join other caregivers of native elders, native elders providing care for their spouse and elder relative caregivers of children from Northwest Indian communities in this two-day event. You will have the opportunity to attend valuable workshops that enhance your caregiving skills and give you a break from your daily responsibilities.

CTCLUSI will sponsor up to 10 participants to attend, so if you are the unpaid caregiver of a tribal elder, tribal elder caring for their spouse or elder relative caring for a tribal child, **please contact**

**Doug Morrison at the Florence Outreach Office
for more information or to RSVP at
541-997-6685 or Toll-Free 1-866-313-9913.**

Watch for More Info Coming Soon!

Elders Luncheon

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**CTCLUSI Florence Outreach Office
3757 Highway 101 Florence, OR**

**Please RSVP
by Wednesday, February 1, 2023
to 541-435-7155 or 1-888-365-7155**

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

Elders Luncheon

Thursday, March 9, 2023

11:30am to 1:30pm

Sizzler

**1010 Postal Way
Springfield, OR**



**Please RSVP at
541-435-7155 or 888-365-7155
by Friday, March 3, 2023**

**Transportation will be provided from the
Coos Bay and Florence offices**

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
Health Services Division, Elders Activity Program



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



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:

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

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.

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ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

All of These Forms Are Available to Fill Out Online :

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

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

Visit www.ctclusi.org and click the Tribal Enrollment tab from the dropdown Government Tab options. Or sign in to the Citizen Portal and click on the Admin Request Forms box.

Contact the Enrollment Office
Debbie Bossley, Enrollment Specialist
at 541-888-7538
or email dbossley@ctclusi.org



Can you find the 8 hidden nicotine items?
Let us know what you find and receive a prize and swag from the Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program!



Email or text your response!

nromine@ctclusi.org or mpetrie@ctclusi.org

541-294-9341

*one (1) submission per person

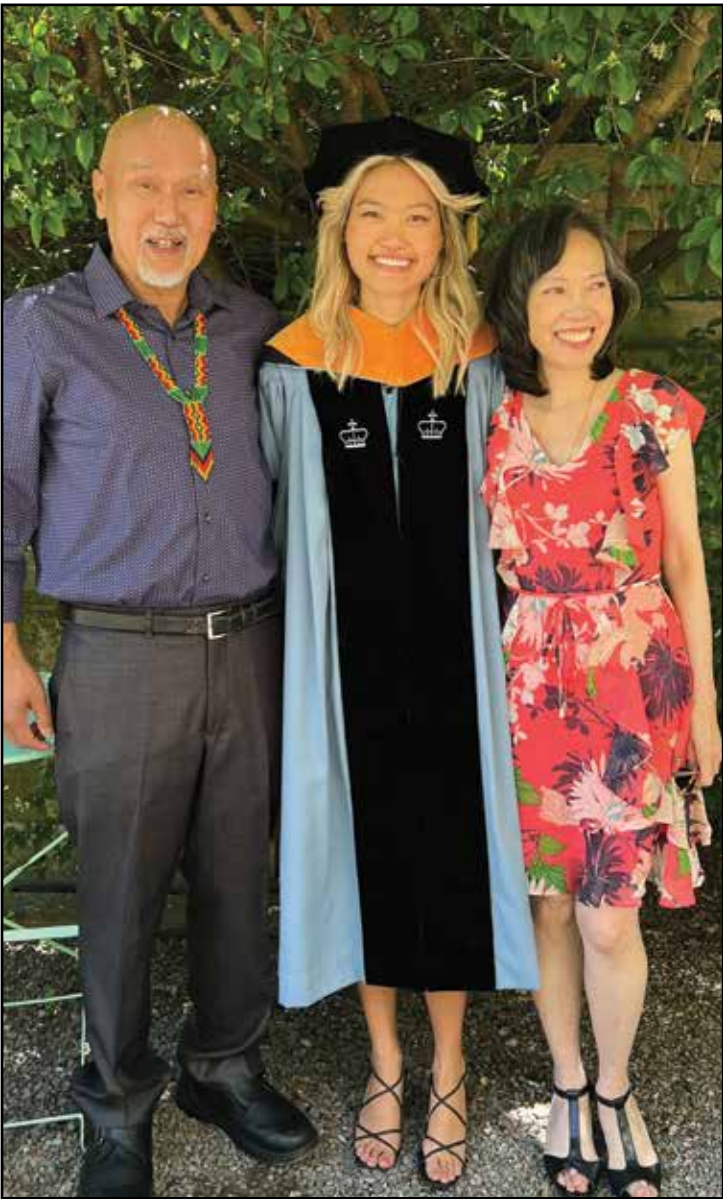
Please provide your full name and address with your submission to get a prize and swag!

*Tribal Member Fleurette Fong Graduates from Columbia University
as Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse*

Hello! My name is Fleurette Fong and I'm a CTCLUSI Tribal Member. I've lived most of my life in San Francisco and spent the last few years in New York City. I recently graduated from Columbia University as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner.

I didn't always know that I wanted to be a nurse but I was always drawn to the mental health field. I owe that to growing

up in a city with a substantial unhoused population as well as my identity as a biracial Native and Asian American. My identity inherently informs my interest in helping minoritized communities who are often worse off due to systemic oppression and intergenerational trauma. These are social issues I'm passionate about in my personal life, so it's humbling to get to put this into practice for a living.



I wanted to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported me on this journey. Several years ago, Stephanie Watkins was kind enough to take me under her wing as an intern on the Human Resources team, which was a learning experience that I continue to carry with me. She piloted the Workforce Development Program which sought to assist Tribal Members with obtaining gainful employment. (Readers, you may have received a phone call from a nervous intern... that was me!) I also wanted to extend many thanks to the tireless work of the Education and Housing Departments. I cannot emphasize enough that I would have struggled to complete higher education without the gratitude of the Tribe. I also thank the Tribal Council for continuing to prioritize



and empower the educational endeavors of our future, the Tribal youth.

Last but not least, my family has supported me through all my late nights and challenges in academia. Being born from an immigrant mother and a father who served in the Marines, it is one of the greatest privileges to have the means to pursue a career in mental health – a field that I care so deeply about. Native Americans are no strangers to the consequences of stigma and lack of representation in mental health care. I hope that after I gain more proficiency in the field I can use my experience to give back to the Native community and our Tribe.

Education Department Welcomes Education Specialist

My name is Jemiah Wassman, and I was born in Powers, OR. I graduated from Myrtle Point High School in 1999 and received an Associate of Arts degree from Edmonds Community College in Washington in 2002. I graduated college with a bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Washington in Seattle in 2005.

After graduation, I lived in Southwest Germany working for the Department of Defense as a civilian. In 2006, I moved to Alaska to work as a tour guide on glaciers in the Tongass National Forest, and in 2007, I moved back to the Seattle area to work for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. In 2009, I went to work for the Admissions office at the University of Washington, and in 2011, I returned to Coos County, Oregon. I began working for Southwestern Oregon Community College in 2013, where I remained working for about 10 years. I am now very excited to be transitioning to the CTCLUSI, and look forward to meeting everyone.

My new position in the Education Department will be to support K-12 students by assisting in the development and implementation of tribal youth activities that are fun, educational, and confidence building. I will also provide case management for higher education students transitioning to college and technical schools, which includes applying to scholarships, federal aid, tribal assistance, and any other resources and guidance to ensure all tribal students have every opportunity to reach their educational goals. I look forward to collaborating with all departments on the many upcoming projects the Education department has planned.

All the best,
Jemiah Wassman, Education Specialist



Tribal Members, Login to the Citizen Portal of the Tribal Website and Check Out the Public Events Calendar Online

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Dai, Niishanax! You have likely already experience the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians website at www.ctclusi.org, but did you know that as a Tribal Member you can also gain access to the Citizen Portal?

You will find that all the information in the drop-down tabs in the header of each page is public. The reason behind this is to ensure ease of access to our community partners, granters, and our surrounding community to find general information on our programs and history. We want those we work with and live around to be able to learn more about us, our history, and the incredible resilience we have as a people, and how we are thriving today.

The Citizen Portal feature offers a central location for all the information that is just for Tribal membership. If you had a login for the previous website you should be able to use that same login information. We highly encourage you to update your passwords, or if you cannot remember your login, please use the forgot password feature. Sometime this feature can take a few minutes to update. Please be patient or contact me if you need assistance. If you have never visited and logged into the site before, please fill out a new user registration. All Tribal members should have access to the Citizen Portal. This is where you will find featured videos such as previously recorded Tribal Council meeting, Language learning, and even recorded Cultural videos.

If you need assistance with your current login or new user registration feel free to reach out to me using the Contact Us feature on the website. It can be located at the top of the page drop down menu next to the Citizen Portal button. When visiting the website, be sure to check out the bottom of the homepage. Here you will find the latest Tribal News and Events and links to forms or applications for events and programs.

Another feature I would like to highlight is the Events Calendar. You'll find the events calendar in the drop-down menu at the top of the page titled News and Events. You do not have to be logged in to access the events calendar. Please check here regularly for new event postings and changes or updates to planned events that were announced in your monthly Tribal paper The Voice of CLUSI.

The Voice of CLUSI monthly paper is also available on the public side of the website. Simply click the News & Events dropdown tab and then click The Voice of CTCLUSI.

I hope you have fun exploring the website. I am always available to help if you are having difficulties with your login. Feel free to email me at mgaines@ctclusi.org or call my cell at 541-808-7918. Know that the site will continue to be updated regularly and more content will be available each month.

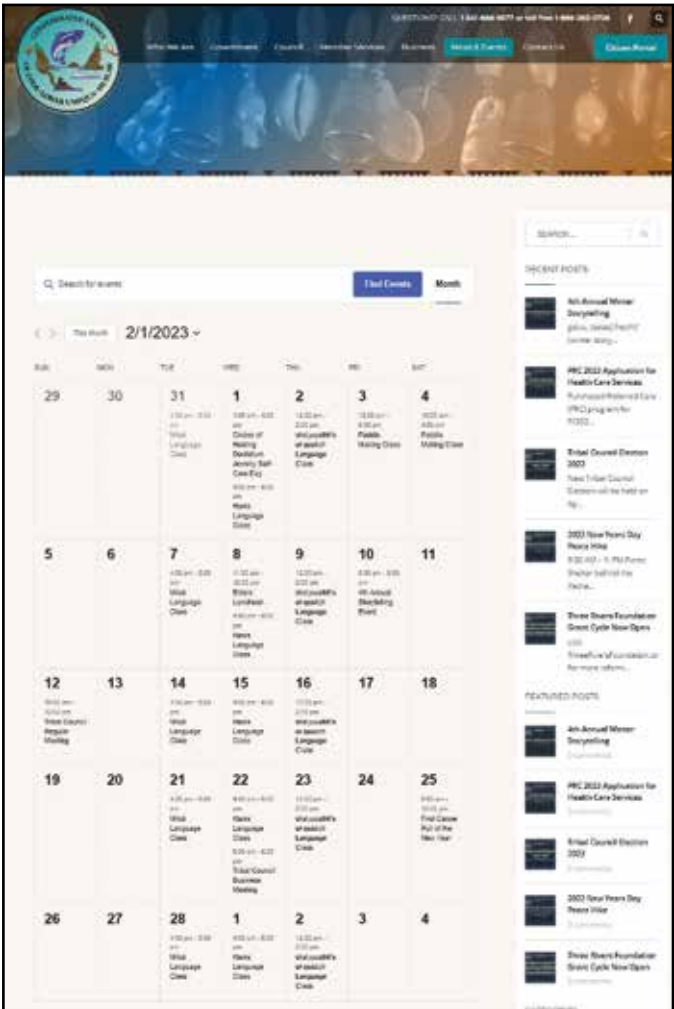
See you online!



www.ctclusi.org

To View the Events Calendar

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



SCHOLARSHIP
SIGN-UP DAYS

EUGENE OUTREACH OFFICE

JANUARY 27TH

3:00PM-5:00PM &

ON GATHER PLATFORM

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GATHER.TOWN PLEASE REACH OUT

COMMUNITY CENTER-COOS BAY

FEBRUARY 18TH

11:00AM-3:00PM &

ON GATHER PLATFORM

*FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT GATHER.TOWN PLEASE REACH OUT

For more information, please contact

Eriq Acosta
eacosta@ctclusi.org

Jemiah Wassman
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Nicole Romine
nromine@ctclusi.org

HELPFUL ITEMS:

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Tribal Hall, Coos Bay

February 18 and 19th

10:00am to 4:00pm



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Coos Bay RSVP line: (541) 435-7155

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988

for mental health emergencies.

Text NATIVE to 741741
for free, 24/7 support.

#WeNeedYouHere



What is 988?

988 is a direct three-digit line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis counselors that will go live July 16, 2022. With an easy to remember 3-digit number, the Lifeline hopes to reach many more people in emotional crisis. This service is provided free of charge to the caller. Any person of any age can call or text 988; services will be available 24/7, year round. They will include a text option, translation services for non-English speakers, accessible options for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and services for minors.

When you’ve got a police, fire, or rescue emergency, you call 911.

When you have a mental health emergency, you call/text 988.

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD):

More Than the Winter Blues

As the days get shorter and there is less daylight, you may start to feel sad. While many people experience the “winter blues,” some people may have a type of depression called seasonal affective disorder (SAD).

The first step is to determine how much your symptoms interfere with your daily life.

Do you have mild symptoms that have lasted less than 2 weeks?



- Feeling down but still able to take care of yourself and others
- Having some trouble sleeping
- Having less energy than usual but still able to do your job, schoolwork, or housework

These activities can make you feel better:



- Doing something you enjoy
- Going outside in the sunlight
- Spending time with family and friends
- Eating healthy and avoiding foods with lots of sugar

If these activities do not help or your symptoms are getting worse, talk to a health care provider.

Do you have more severe symptoms that have lasted more than 2 weeks?



- Social withdrawal
- Oversleeping
- Gaining weight
- Craving foods with lots of sugar like cakes, candies, and cookies

Seek professional help:



- Light therapy
- Psychotherapy (talk therapy)
- Medications
- Vitamin D supplements

For help finding treatment, visit nimh.nih.gov/findhelp.

If you or someone you know is in immediate distress or is thinking about hurting themselves, call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at **988** or chat at 988lifeline.org.



National Institute of Mental Health

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Why RSVP

For Tribal Events?

Tribal Department staff who plan events and activities for the benefit of Tribal Member need membership to “please reply” when asked to RSVP when wanting to attend Tribal events. This ensures the right amount of supplies and food and beverages to meet the needs of those in attendance. Thank you in advance for making future events as successful as possible by always calling to RSVP when asked.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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 CCDF Public Hearing 4pm - 5pm 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 4th Annual Storytelling 5pm Tribal Hall | 11 |
| 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 | 18 moccasins class Tribal Hall 10-4pm Scholarship Sign-Up Day 11am-3pm Coos Bay |
| 19 moccasinsclass Tribal Hall 10-4pm | 20 | 21 miluk language class 4pm-6pm | 22 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 23 sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 24 | 25 First Canoe Pull of 2023 Tahkenitch Lake 9am |
| 26 | 27 | 28 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 |

MARCH 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 26 | 27 | 28 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 | Elders Luncheon 9 Eugene, 11:30am sha'yuushtta ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 10 Deadline to file Intent to Run for Tribal Council | 11 Tribal Council Forums 10am - 1pm |
| 12 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Elders Honors Day | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | Spring Break Camp 29 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

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