



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

24th Annual Elders Honor Day



Elders Honor Day King and Queen, Sheri Meza of the Coquille Indian Tribe and Tommy Thorn of The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians



The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians Chief Doc Slyter plays his flute for the Elders

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On Friday, March 17th, Elders from Tribes across the state gathered together at the Mill Casino in North Bend, Oregon. Co-hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) and the Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT), over 300 Elders attended the 24th Annual Elders Honor Day event. The unprecedented global Covid-19 pandemic halted the celebration in 2020, and after three long years, our Tribal Elders were able to gather and see their friends and family from their neighboring Tribes once more. Elders representing Tribes across Oregon and Washington were present, including members of the CTCLUSI, CIT, Warm Springs, Grand Ronde, Siletz, Umatilla, Cow Creek, Lower Rogue and Cowlitz.

Friday morning began with a welcoming Canoe protocol on the Bay behind the Mill Casino. Tribal Elders gathered on the boardwalk to watch CTCLUSI canoe Lottie be pulled in by members of CTCLUSI and

CIT. Skipper and CTCLUSI Tribal Council member Doug Barrett, along with Cultural Stewardship Manager Jesse Beers lead pullers up to the boardwalk and welcomed all the Tribal Elders to our waters. They shared about traditional canoe culture and then pulled to the dock to allow any Tribal Elders who wanted to pull in the canoe to join them. "It was a great morning for a pull. One Elder shared that they had always wanted to go in a traditional canoe, at 83 she never thought she'd get the chance. It made our day" shared Beers.

Opening remarks were given by CIT Chief Jason Younker. The presentation of the flags by CIT and CTCLUSI Veterans was accompanied by a song and drumming by the Nasomah Singers of the CIT. Veterans of the CTCLUSI who presented the Flags were Eddie Helms, while Chief Warren Brainard retired the flag. Following the Color Guard posting of the Eagle Staff and Flags, Chief Younker gave a warm welcome to the Tribal Elders. His words were joyful

and laughter spread throughout the room.

Chief Younker then drew the raffle tickets for the lucky winners of King and Queen of Elders Honors Day. Ko'kwel (CIT) Tribal Elder Sheri Meza was awarded the honor of Queen, while our very own CTCLUSI Tribal Elder Tommy Thorn was crowned King. Sheri and Tommy were showered with amazing gifts for winning the honor of King and Queen; a beautiful Pendleton blanket, gift baskets from both CTCLUSI and CIT, and of course crowns to wear for the rest of the evening.

Following the crowning of our King and Queen, Chief Younker asked to recognize and honor the Eldest Man and Woman present. Siletz Elder Ed Ben was recognized as the Eldest Man. He asked for the microphone so that he could share with the room that he had been bestowed this honor many times before. Ed shared how appreciative he was but that he wanted to share this honor with the next eldest man instead. In this generous regifting,

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Save the Dates:

Tribal Council Election Day: April 9, 2023

Absentee Ballot or Tribal Hall Polling Place 12 pm-4 pm

Constitutional Information Session: April 29, 2023

In person at Tribal Community Center & via zoom 3 pm-5 pm

(zoom link will be posted in the Citizen Portal of the Tribal website on the day of the event)

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from February 11, 2023 - March 10, 2023

Doc Slyter Tribal Chief

- 2-12 Regular Council Meeting
 - 2-16 Three Rivers Foundation Grant Awards Luncheon
 - 2-21 Peace Giving Dinner and presentation
 - 2-22 Retirement Gathering for Doug Barrett/ Business Council Meeting
 - 2-23 Leaders Circle- Consultation with Department of State Lands (Shutter Creek)
 - 2-27 Interview with CFO candidate for TRC
 - 2-28 Consultation with BLM regarding Hult Dam
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle-Meeting with North Bend /Coos and Curry Counties Housing Authority. State Lobbyist interviews (3 candidates)
 - 3-11 Tribal Council Candidate Forum.
- Daily E-mails and Informational reading**

Brad Kneaper - Chair Position 2

- 2-12 Regular Council Meeting_
 - 2-13 Council Report
 - 2-15 Meet with CFO,CEO regarding Financials
 - 2-16 Three Rivers Foundation Grant Awards Luncheon
 - 2-21 Peace Giving Dinner and presentation
 - 2-22 Retirement Gathering for Doug Barrett at Community Center, GFORB (Zoom due to weather), Business Council Meeting (Zoom)
 - 2-23 Leaders Circle- Consultation with Department of State Lands (Shutter Creek)
 - 2-27 Interview with CFO candidate for TRC
 - 3-1 Interview 2 Candidates for CTCLUSI Director of Human Services Applicant
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle-Meeting with North Bend /Coos and Curry Counties Housing Authority. State Lobbyist interviews (3 candidates)
 - 3-3 Interview 2 Candidates for CTCLUSI Director of Human Services (Total of 4)
 - 3-6 Meet with interview panel for CTCLUSI H R Director to discuss candidates
 - 3-9 Meet with CEO & Legal regarding possible Tribal Code updates
 - 3-11Tribal Council Candidate Forum.
- Total Hours 148**

Julie Siestreem Vice Chair - Position 3

- 2-12 Regular Tribal Council mtg.
- 2-14 Education Committee mtg., 4JPC Mtg
- 2-15 BOEM Oregon Timelapse location discussion, Truescape
- 2-21 Peace Giving Dinner and presentation
- 2-22 Retirement Gathering for Doug Barrett, GFORB, Tribal Council Mtg
- 2-23 Leaders Circle, DSL Shutter Creek Elliot State Forest Research Project/ Vicki Walker
- 2-28 Fish and Wildlife Officer Interview, Chief Brian Dubray,ODE, HVS Committee mtg, Hult Dam EIS Consultation

- 3-2 Leaders Circle North Bend City / Coos County Housing Authority mtg.
 - 3-4 Family Bead Gathering
 - 3-8 Pacific Seafood SB1025, HB 3337 discussion, ODE-HOLD Tribal Advisory Committee mtg.
 - 3-10 Retirement Gathering John Schaefer
 - 3-11 CTCLUSI Tribal Council Election Candidate Forum
 - 3-12 Regular Tribal Council mtg. Research, emails, texts, phone calls, driving as needed
- Total Hours 130 hours**

Teresa Spangler - Position 4

- 2-12 Regular Council Meeting_
 - 2-16 Three Rivers Foundation Grant Awards Luncheon
 - 2-21 Peace Giving Dinner and presentation
 - 2-22 Business Council Meeting
 - 2-23 Leaders Circle- Consultation with Department of State Lands (Shutter Creek)
 - 2-27 Interview with CFO candidate for TRC
 - 2-28 Consultation with BLM regarding Hult Dam
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle-Meeting with North Bend /Coos and Curry Counties Housing Authority. State Lobbyist interviews (3 candidates)
 - 3-3 Looked at possible rentals with Housing and Planning Departments
 - 3-11 Tribal Council Candidate Forum.
- Daily E-mails and Informational reading 61.5 Total Hours**

Iliana Montiel - Position 5

- 2-12 Regular Council Meeting
 - 2-16 Three Rivers Foundation Grant Awards Celebration
 - 2-21 Peacegiving Training Dinner
 - 2-22 Doug Barrett Retirement Gathering/ GFORB Meeting/ Tribal Council Business Meeting
 - 2-23 Leaders Circle
 - 2-27 TRC CFO Final Interview
 - 3-1 Director of Human Resources Interviews
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle
 - 3-2 Director of Human Resources Interviews
 - 3-11 TC Candidate Forum reading and responding to emails
- Total Hours for the month: 70**

Doug Barrett - Position 6

- 2-2 Tribal Council
- 2-15 MHA / LADCP Meeting
- 2-16 Three Rivers Foundation Awards Lunch
- 2-16 Kayakers meeting for Pictures at the Florence Library
- 2-16 Culture Committee Meeting & ORC (Oregon Racing Commission)
- 2-17 East Side Canoe Presentation to 125 Kindergarten students
- 2-21 Peace Giving Dinner and Training
- 2-22 Hult Damn – Doug Retirement
- 2-22 GFORB – Tribal Council Business Meeting

- 2-23 Leaders Circle – Shutter Creek / Elliot State Forest
 - 2-28 Hult Damn EIS Consultation & Peer Specialist Series
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle
 - 3-6 Talking Circle in Plank House
 - 3-8 Community of Practice with Healthy Native Youth
 - 3-9 Amanda Trail Discussion with Joanne Kittel and High school youth from Eugene
 - 3-9 Culture Committee Meeting
 - 3-10 John Schaefer’s Retirement lunch
 - 3-11 Candidate Forums
 - 3-12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
- Total Hours 168 hrs. & emails**

Enna Helms - Position 1

- 2-12 Regular Council Meeting
 - 2-22 Retirement Gathering for Doug Barrett/ Business Council Meeting
 - 2-23 Racial Justice Council (State of Oregon)/ Leaders Circle- Consultation with Department of State Lands (Shutter Creek)
 - 2-28 Consultation with BLM regarding Hult Dam
 - 3-2 Leaders Circle-Meeting with North Bend /Coos and Curry Counties Housing Authority. State Lobbyist interviews (3 candidates)
 - 3-8 Housing and Homelessness Committee
 - 3-11 Tribal Council Candidate Forum
- Daily E-mails and Informational reading Total Hours 65**

Upcoming Regular and General Tribal Council Meetings

Sunday, April 9, 2023

Regular Meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

General Council Meeting start at 1:00 p.m.

Tribal Community Center

Tribal Council Election Day

April 9, 2023

Voting Polls open from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Avenue
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

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 Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jeannie McNeil at 541-888-7506 or at email jmcneil@ctclusi.org 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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3. Margaret Corvi
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6. Allen (Butch) Swigert
7. Roseanna Perry

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

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

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

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

For questions, please contact Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506 or jmcneil@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

April 9, 2023

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.

**General Council Meeting
1:00 p.m.**

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

Notice to Tribal Membership:

Please be sure to watch for a special mailing early in April 2023.

This mailing will include a cover letter, survey, and information guide about the constitutional amendment process.

Tribal Council invites you to attend an important public meeting to discuss this process and answer any questions General Council may have.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

For Enrolled CTCLUSI Members

Constitutional Information Session

Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Via Zoom or in person at the Community Center in Coos Bay, Oregon

Zoom link will be provided on the private side of Tribes website on this date.

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **Trillium Flower - exactly like the one pictured below**. 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 TRILLIUM FLOWER hiding! Must email by April 20th to be included in the raffle drawing.

Winners 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.



March “Salal” Edition Winners

Adult - Warren B. Brainard

Youth - Benjamin Hopkins

Posted: April 1, 2023

NOTICE OF TWO (2) NEW PROPOSED CODES

The following proposed Codes was passed for First Reading by Tribal Council on February 12, 2023

TITLE: 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Chapter 1-18 Burial Benefit Fund

The Tribal Council has determined a need for this Burial Benefit Fund; and

The purpose of this Code is to assist Tribal families who may experience a financial hardship due to the loss of a spouse or family member and to better define a service that is already offered to membership.

TITLE: 10 NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIORONMENT

Chapter 10-1 Water Quality Standards

The Tribal Council has determined a need for this Water Quality Standard; and

The purpose of these standards is to safeguard, maintain and improve the quality of the Tribes waters... the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for the development of these standards.

Tribal Council hereby approves the establishment of Chapter 1-18 Burial Benefit Fund and Chapter 10-1 Water Quality Standards, and hereby approves drafts for first reading and posting for a twenty-eight (28) day period

DATE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE PROPOSED CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

May 14, 2023

Please visit www.ctclusi.org for complete draft edits to the Code for membership to review.

The notice of the proposed amendment/creation of Code/Ordinance shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and the complete Codes will be posted for public comment for twenty-eight (28) days in the Administration Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes’ Website and at Three Rivers Casino (Office of the Gaming Commission). Written comments should be sent to the Tribal Council in care of Jeannie McNeil, CTCLUSI, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420 or email: jmcneil@ctclusi.org.



Tribal Council Election Day

April 9, 2023

Tribal Hall

338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Polls Hours between 12:00 noon and 4:00pm

You can come and vote in person during this time and also register to vote.

2023 Tribal Council Election Candidate List

Listed in the order the candidates declared by position. Please see the following order listed below:

<u>POSITION NUMBER</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
Position #1	Debbie Bossley
Position #1	Enna Helms - Incumbent
Position #1	Kerry Brainard
Position #3	Julie Siestreem - Incumbent
Position #3	Jeremy Petrie
Position #3	Crystal Bishop
Position #5	Iliana Montiel - Incumbent
Position #5	Henry (Kip)Brainard
Position #5	Justin Krossman

Visit www.ctclusi.org on the Election Page for detailed Election and Candidate information.

To Tribal Membership:

On March 15th Tribal Council Election ballots were mailed to all registered voters to the last known address Enrollment had on file. If you do not receive a Tribal Council Election ballot please reach out to the Enrollment Department to verify your address or to be sure you are a registered voter. Send email requests to enrollment@ctclusi.org or call Jeannie McNeil 541-888-7506

Tribal Election Day

April 9, 2023
from 12:00 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m.
in Tribal Hall at
338 Wallace
Ave., Coos Bay,
OR 97420

Notice to Tribal Membership

Available on the Private Side of CTCLUSI Website for Tribal Member Information.

2022 Annual report summary of activity for the Tribal Administration including Finance, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology, also Tribal Police Department, Health and Human Services, Dental Clinic, Social Services, Housing Department, Forestry, Department of Natural Resources and Culture, Education, Tribal Court and Planning.

Tribal Council has approved the posting of a list of CTCLUSI properties for Tribal membership to view. This list can be found on the Realty and Land Use section of the Citizen Portal and is viewable under the Realty Inventory tab on that page. If you login to the Citizen Portal you will see a link to this page.

www.ctclusi.org

For assistance with your Citizen Portal login please contact Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org or call 541-808-7918.

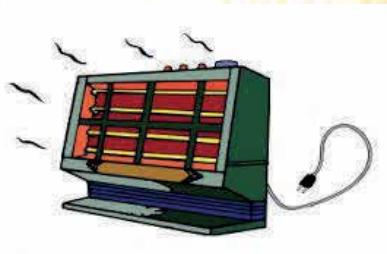
LIHEAP

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:

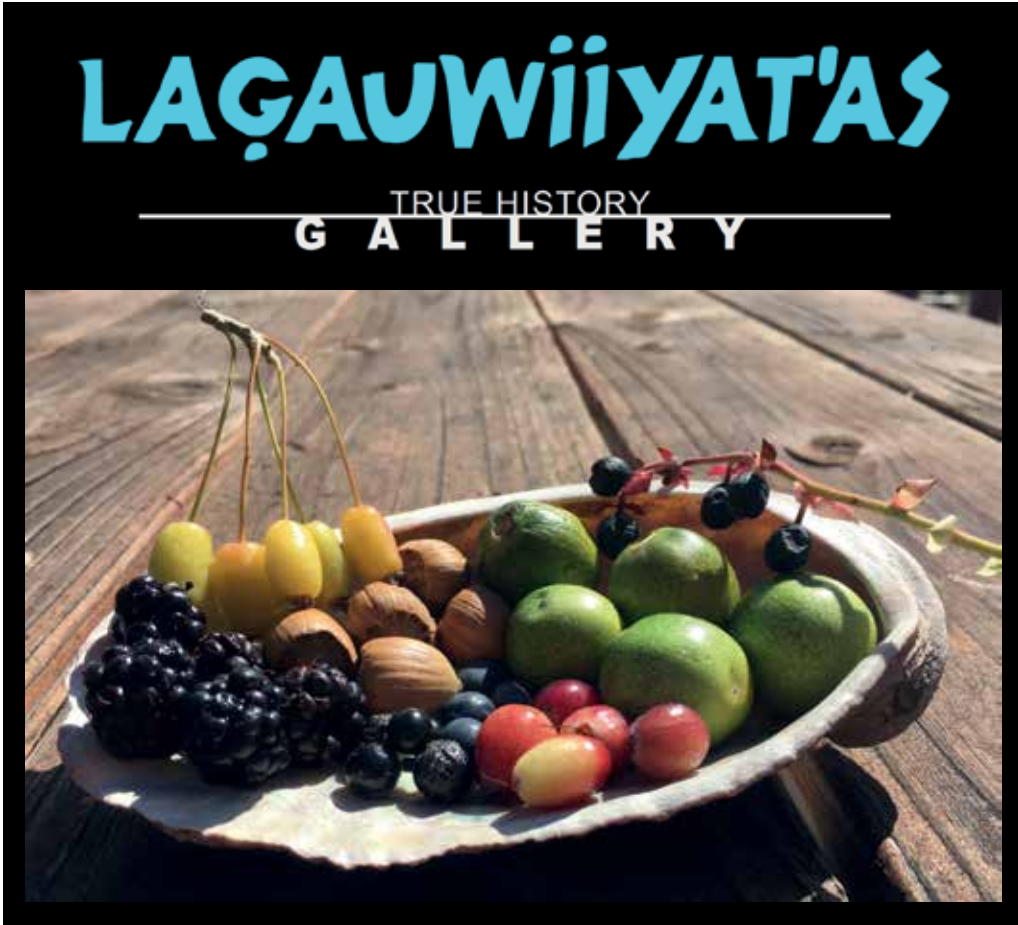
1 Person Family	\$31,266
2 Person Family	\$40,886
3 Person Family	\$50,506
4 Person Family	\$60,126
5 Person Family	\$69,747
6 Person Family	\$79,367



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.



Lagauwiiyat’as, True History Gallery

Upcoming exhibit planned for Fall/Winter 2023!

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.

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

April 8th 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 April 8th 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 campground 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 at (541) 997-6685. In any case, please remember to RSVP so that we can plan accordingly.



Community Consensus Naming of Places

The Tribe will be hosting a roundtable discussion on names for CTCLUSI Tracts of land and Waite Ranch, with the goal of finding community consensus

**Saturday, April 8th
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

Location: Community Center
338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, OR

Zoom option:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81896231965>

Fry bread will be served

Virtual Language Classes 10 Weeks - Spring 2023

April 3rd through June 8th

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

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

Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 pm:
sha'yuushtt'a uł quuiich

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



Join Zoom Meeting:

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


Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program's
~~~**Wellness Meeting**~~~  
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hiyini'was (m) hiyinawas (h) təmuuwii (s.q)

When: **April 17th**  
Where: **Tribal Hall**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm**  
**338 Wallace Ave Coos**  
**Bay, OR 97420**

When: **April 19th**  
Where: **Eugene Outreach**  
**Office 6:00pm-7:00pm**  
**135 Silver Ln Suite 200**  
**Eugene, OR 97404**

Those affected by commercial tobacco and nicotine products are welcome to attend and Snacks will be provided.

The opposite of addiction is not sobriety, but human connection. – Johann Hari



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

\*Gas Cards will be given to participants at the end of the meeting.

**Please R.S.V.P at 541-294-9341 (Nicole) or 541-297-3681 (Mark)**

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**Come Celebrate Earth Day!**



**Saturday, April 22nd**  
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## Tribal Members, Families and CTCLUSI Staff Attend Recent Gift Making Event

On March 4th CTCLUSI Department of Natural Resources and Culture hosted an event for beading necklaces. All the necklaces created at this event will be used for future gifting by the Tribe. All materials were provided by the Department and this was done on a volunteer basis, patterns were created by Ashley Russell so participants could easily follow and create simple beautiful works of art.

Everyone is welcome to assist in these series of events.  
The next events will be on

**April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>**

From 10:30 am – 2:00 pm in Coos Bay, Oregon at the Tribal Community Center

Please reach out to Jeanne McNeil [jmcneil@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmcneil@ctclusi.org) if you wish to participate. You can also work volunteer from home and supplies can be shipped to you with a postage paid return of your work.

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



Ava Barton and Gavin Simpson



Tes Gagner



Vice Chair, Julie Siestroom



Susan Rodley

A huge thank you to all the participants at the March 4th gift making event:  
Vice Chair, Julie Siestroom  
Tes Gagner  
Susan Rodley  
Ava Barton  
Gavin Simpson  
Jeannie McNeil  
We hope you join us for the next one!

# MMIP DAY

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

## MAY 5TH 2023

### MMIP - CEDAR PLAITED BRACELETS

#### EUGENE

EUGENE OUTREACH  
OFFICE

MONDAY APRIL 24TH  
6-8PM

135 SILVER LANE STE 200  
EUGENE, OR 97404

RSVP 541.294.6007

#### COOS BAY

TRIBAL HALL

TUESDAY APRIL 18TH  
12-2PM

1245 FULTON AVE  
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JOIN CIRCLES OF HEALING  
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We will gather as a community to create MMIP inspired cedar plaited bracelets and discuss the importance of this day for indigenous communities across the nation.

During this time we hope to gather attendees handprints for display in Tribal Government Offices on May 5th 2023!


Hope too see you then!



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U.S. Data gathered by the U.S. Department of Justice indicates that Native American and Alaskan Native women are more than 2.5 times more likely to be raped or sexually assaulted than women in the USA in general.

According to a 2010 GAO Study, U.S. Attorneys declined to prosecute 67 percent of sexual abuse, firearms violations, homicide and other violent crimes occurring in the lives of Native American women.





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73% of sexual assaults are perpetrated by a non-stranger. (new-hope.org)





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## Elders Honor Day continued from cover page...

Elder Don Van Mechelen from the Cowlitz Tribe was teary eyed and so thankful to be awarded the title. As it so turned out, his sister Juanita Clark, also of the Cowlitz Tribe, was then named the Eldest Woman. They celebrated together and were both wrapped in Pendleton blankets and given gift baskets from the CTCLUSI and CIT.

A delicious lunch of salads, soups, sandwiches and wraps were served by the Mill Casino staff by event hosts CIT. Elders were able to visit and socialize with one another through lunch and after. It was a lovely time to visit and catch up with one another, seeing old friends and making new acquaintances was a welcomed afternoon activity for the first Elders Honor Day since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In the early evening the Elders gathered again in the Salmon Room of the Mill Casino. This time they were greeted by CTCLUSI Chief Doc Slyter. Chief Slyter welcomed them back and gave thanks and acknowledgments to the Tribal Council leaders present. He asked each Tribe present to have their Council members stand and thanked them all for the work that they and their past Councils have done to

get the Tribes to where we are today. Chief Slyter also asked that all Tribal Veterans please stand and be honored for their service and dedication. He played a brief song on his flute to honor them, followed up by another. After two enthusiastic volunteers joined him on stage he also played along with them in a demonstration of the first three musical instruments; a rattle, drum, and his flute (to represent a bone whistle).

Chief Slyter also shared the story of Amanda, a blind Coos woman who was marched to the Alsea Reservation in Yachats, Oregon. Her story is one of strength and resilience in the face of hardship. Her story is honored every year during a New Years Day Peace Hike in which Chief Slyter shared that all are welcome to attend. Shortly after Chief Slyter's welcoming words, a delicious meal of salmon and prime rib was served for all to enjoy. The meal was provided by the event hosts of CTCLUSI and served by

the Mill Casino staff. Hearts and bellies were full from the physical and emotional nourishment that the day had provided us.

In a heartfelt conclusion of the evening, Elders of the Siletz Tribe presented the hosting Tribes of CTCLUSI and CIT with blankets as a gracious gift for hosting the Elders event. Everyone was so pleased to be able to gather again and see one another.

Thank you to the vendors that participated throughout the day, and an especially big thank

you to all the CTCLUSI, CIT, and Mill Casino staff members for their contribution to making this such a wonderful event. Thank you also goes to the Tribal Councils of both the CTCLUSI and CIT for their support in honoring our Elders. We look forward to seeing you at the next Elders Honors Day, hosted at Three Rivers Casino & Resort in 2024!

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# Feeling Stressed, April is Stress Awareness Month

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

Stress Awareness Month has been recognized every April since 1992. Health Departments all over the country focus on raising awareness of the negative impact of stress. Learning to cope with stress and finding healthy ways to deal with stressful situations can go a long way in living a healthy and positive life.

### What does stress mean to you?

We all experience stress – yet we may experience it in very different ways. Because of this, there is no single definition for stress, but the most common explanation is a physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension. Stress is a reaction to a situation where a person feels anxious or threatened. Learning healthy ways to cope and getting the proper care and support can help reduce stressful feelings and symptoms.

Common reactions to a stressful event can include:

- Disbelief, shock, and numbness
- Feeling sad, frustrated, and helpless
- Difficulty concentrating and making decisions
- Headaches, back pains, and stomach problems
- Smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs
- Affecting more than just your mind

Long-term stress can prove to be more than just a mental issue. From headaches to stomach disorders to depression – even very serious issues like stroke and heart disease can come as a result of stress.

When you are placed in a stressful situation, specific stress hormones rush into your bloodstream leading to an increase in heart rate, blood pressure and glucose levels. This is helpful in emergency situations, but having this “rush” for extended periods of time can be dangerous and make you susceptible to the issues mentioned previously.

### Learn to overcome issues you cannot change

Sometimes the stress in our lives is not something we have the power to change. Try to:

- Recognize when you don’t have control, and let it go.
- Avoid getting anxious about situations that you cannot change.
- Take control of your reactions and focus your mind on something that makes you feel calm and in control.
- Develop a vision for healthy living, wellness, and personal growth, and set realistic goals to help you realize your vision.

### Healthy ways for coping with your stress

Here are some basic ideas to help you cope with stress:

- Take care of yourself – eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break if you feel stressed.
- Share your problems and how you are feeling and coping with a family member, friend, doctor, pastor or counselor.
- Avoid drugs and alcohol. These can create additional problems and increase the stress you are already feeling.
- Recognize when you need more help – know when to talk to a psychologist, social worker or counselor if things continue.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do activities you enjoy.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media. It’s good to be informed but hearing about adverse events constantly can be upsetting. Consider limiting news to just a couple times a day and disconnecting from phone, tv, and computer screens for a while.

Potentially the most valuable takeaway here is knowing how to talk to others about your stress. This goes both ways, as you need to know how to discuss your problems with others as well as talk to anyone that comes to you with their issues.

Source:  
1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, December 2). Stress and coping. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/stress-coping/index.html>  
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## Nutrition for Life: Sugar Substitutes

Sugar substitutes are sweeteners used instead of table sugar. They are also referred to as artificial sweeteners, non-caloric sweeteners, and no-calorie sweeteners. Sugar substitutes are often sweeter than sugar but have fewer calories. Because of this, **it takes only a small amount to sweeten foods and beverages.**

For people with diabetes, it is recommended to **eat smaller amounts of foods that turn into blood glucose (also called blood sugar).** These include things like fruit, grains, peas, beans, and lentils. Avoid sugary drinks such as soda, juice, and sweetened tea. Drink water, diet soda, or unsweetened tea instead.

If you're trying to reduce sugar in your diet, you may be turning to products sweetened with sugar substitutes. Sugar substitutes are found in a variety of food and drinks labeled as "sugar-free" or "no added sugar".

- **Sugar-free**  
— The product does not contain sugar at all, though it may contain sugar alcohols or artificial sweeteners.
- **No added sugar**  
— No extra sugar was added during processing. However, the original source might have contained sugar, such as fruit juice concentrate.

### Additional possible benefits of using sugar substitutes:

- **Weight control.** These sweeteners have virtually no calories, although their effectiveness for long-term weight loss isn't clear.
- **Prediabetes and diabetes prevention and management.** Sugar substitutes generally don't raise blood glucose levels.



SUGAR

RAISES BLOOD GLUCOSE

VS.



SUGAR SUBSTITUTE

DOESN'T RAISE BLOOD GLUCOSE

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## Nutrition for Life: Sugar Substitutes

**Known sugar substitutes that are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) include:**

- Aspartame (Equal and Nutrasweet)
- Saccharin (Sweet 'N Low and Sweet Twin)
- Sucralose (Splenda)
- Stevia (Truvia)

**Aspartame, saccharin, sucralose, and stevia sweeteners** are all around 200 to 700 times sweeter than sugar. They are commonly used to sweeten foods, drinks, medicines, vitamins, and more.

**Sugar alcohols** are carbohydrates that occur naturally in certain fruits and vegetables, they can also be manufactured. Despite their name, sugar alcohols are not alcoholic. **Sugar alcohols contain calories, but they are lower in calories than sugar.** Sugar alcohols add sweetness, bulk, and texture to food, and help foods stay moist.



SUGAR ALCOHOL

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Food labels may use the general term "sugar alcohol" or list the specific name, such as sorbitol. The most common sugar alcohols found in foods and other products include:

- Mannitol
- Sorbitol
- Xylitol

**Moderation is key in the use of products with sugar substitutes and sugar alcohols.** Keep in mind that foods that are sugar-free are not calorie-free. These foods can still cause weight gain. Also, keep in mind that processed foods, which often contain sugar substitutes, generally don't offer the same health benefits as whole foods, such as fruits and vegetables.

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# Elders Corner

## What’s Up, Elders?

Submitted by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

### Brenda Brainard

Brenda has been staying busy with the University of Oregon Museum of Natural History, teaching cedar basket classes. She has taught two classes so far. She has also recently spent a month in Santa Fe with her daughter Tennenpah, getting her transitioned to in-person college. Congratulations to Tennenpah and thank you for sharing, Brenda!



## Tribal Veterans Gathering

Who is Invited: Tribal Veterans, Veterans, and Active Duty Members.  
Plus one Guest

Day: Saturday, April 8, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Location: Tribal Plankhouse, Kilkich



### Meet and Greet Event

#### Proposed Schedule

- 5:30 pm-Flag Ceremony and song sharing
- 6 pm-7pm-Catered Dinner
- 7 pm-7:30 pm-Drumming, story sharing, event closing

#### Please RSVP

- Call Lindsay Ward at 541-982-3307 to RSVP



## Planning for the Golden Years

### AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

11:30AM - Leave Eugene Outreach & Coos Bay Admin  
1:00PM - 4:30PM

Featuring Speakers:

Melissa Andron, Lane County Senior & Disability Services  
&

Lualhati Anderson, CSWA MSW QMHP-C,  
Older Adult Behavioral Health Specialist for Coos & Curry Counties  
“Long Term Care and the System” & “Yes, I’m doing it my way: Advanced Directives.”

5:30PM - Dinner

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

09:00AM - 10:00AM - Breakfast

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Featuring Speakers: Karen L. Costello, Esq.

&

Jodie Delsere, Lane County SHIBA Coordinator  
“Keep Your Loved Ones Secure- Start Estate Planning Now” & Medicare  
101

12:00PM - 1:00PM - Lunch

RSVP by MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

(541) 435 7155 or Toll Free 1(800) 365-7155

Agendas will be mailed to those who RSVP  
Transportation will be provided

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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  
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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.



# Dental Team Welcomes Dental Assistant Rylee Kreutzer

Hello! My name is Rylee Kreutzer, and I was born in Coos Bay and raised in Bandon. I've lived in Bandon my whole life besides these last two years. I graduated from Bandon High School in June of 2020 and have been in the Dental Field, beginning my assistant career in September of that same year. Being a dental assistant means a lot to me. I've worked very hard to get to where I am today. This career journey has been so rewarding. I am very grateful I have had the opportunity to learn on the job alongside great doctors and other assistants and continue to do so here.

I have a pet Beta fish, Bubbles, at home, and in my spare time, you can find me anywhere where it is Sunny or anywhere with a good view. I spend a lot of time exploring the mountains, up rivers, and on the beaches. I also spend a lot of time in Bandon with my family.

I love to meet new people and make new friends, as well as be part of a team and making a positive difference in others' lives. Whether that be my coworkers or a patient, I am working with. I am very excited to be here and look forward to my time with the CTCLUSI Dental Team!

Thank you, Rylee

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Photo By: Jesse Beers

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Coos Bay, OR 97420

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

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- Intro to Childcare Health and Safety

Call **Meagan Davenport** at **541-888-7509**, and she can assist in connecting you to Southwestern’s (SWOCC) CARE Connections Childcare Resource and Referral Office (541-888-7957)

MOCASSIN & CEDAR GRADUATION CAP MAKING

TRIBAL HALL COOS BAY

APRIL 15 & 16TH 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Coos Bay RSVP line: (541) 435-7155



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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](mailto:cstone@ctclusi.org) with the following information:

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Presented By the CTCLUSI Social Services Department in Partnership with The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians and The Klamath Tribes

When: Tuesdays, 6pm-7:30pm

April 4, 11, 18, 25  
May 2, 9, 16, 23

Where: Via Zoom.  
A Zoom Link will be emailed to those who Register by March 27, 2023

- TOPICS
- Session 1: Introduction
  - Session 2: Laying the Foundation
  - Session 3: The Creator
  - Session 4: Choice
  - Session 5: Vision
  - Session 6: Being Teachable
  - Session 7: Barriers to Being Teachable
  - Session 8: Wisdom
  - Session 9: Service
  - Session 10: Self-Identity
  - Session 11: Relationships
  - Session 12: Nurturing

“The family is at the heart of Native American Cultures. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.” (Native American Fatherhood & Families & Association)

To RSVP contact Shayne Platz, CTCLUSI Social Services Department 541-297-3450



## *Doug Barrett Retires as Alcohol and Drug Prevention Coordinator, Dedicated to Being Full Time Council Member*

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On Wednesday, February 22, 2023 Prevention Coordinator Doug Barrett officially retired. In celebration of his 25 years of working for the Tribe, staff gathered together to celebrate and gift him for his years of service.

Ashley Russell opened the retirement ceremony with a drum and singing the paddle song. The paddle song comes from the 2016 Canoe Journey to Nisqually in which Doug skippered, one of many canoe journeys. Following the opening paddle song Dylan Brainard also came up to sing a song he wrote on guitar. Doug gave Dylan the guitar he wrote his parody song on to the tune of 'Drift Away', years ago when he was working with him as a youth. Dylan kept it all this time and thanks Doug for everything.

CEO LeeAnn Wander shared a few words about his 25 years of service to the Tribe. "There was no preparing of a speech since I wasn't here the majority of those years. But what I do know is that it does takes a special soul to be able work with families and touch children's lives the way you do. Not everybody has that gift...I'm really grateful to have seen that and share that and look forward to working with you longer. I would say we would miss you but we're not going to because you're still going to be here every day!" Even with Doug retiring from employment, he will be dedicating his time to his service for the Tribe as a full time Council member.

The floor was opened to everyone in attendance to share a story about working with Doug over the years. Many fun stories were shared by employees and especially by the Tribal member employees who had grown up with Doug through the years. Tales from being on the canoes with Doug, attending the various youth camps through the years, and just the day to day fun and antics of working alongside him.

Chief Doc Slyter also shared some kind words, "I appreciate the statement of you being that magnet to all the kids. Doug your ability to always think about people going through hard times, and all the good wishes and prayers that you provided for them, I appreciate that. I being one of them, all the prayers that you gave me...so I have to play a song to you." Chief then played a song on one of his handmade flutes. The particular flute he played was made from a piece of wood that came from the old bridge that used to go out to the lighthouse at Baldich (Gregory Point). Chief then gifted Doug with this special flute in honor of his retirement.



Doug Barrett receives handmade flute by Chief Doc Slyter



Doug admires the replica of Lottie, hand carved by Justin Futch

A special hand carved replica canoe of Lottie was then gifted by the Natural Resources Department to Doug. This replica was carved by Justin Futch of the Coquille Indian Tribe. Ashley Russell and Vice Chair Julie Siestreem then gifted him with some gorgeous turquoise necklaces. Dental Hygienist Bobbie Hafer made a lovely card that everyone was able to sign for him as a keepsake of all his years of work for CTCLUSI.

Thank you for your dedication; you've left a lasting impression that no one will forget for years to come. We'll see you around and look forward to having you on Council full time. We know you'll do more than grin and barrett.

*Hiis Haiyach (with a good heart)*



## *Welcome Back CarolAnn Young to Social Services*

Hello! My name is CarolAnn Young. I grew up in Idaho and moved here to Coos Bay in 2018 with my family as I had always loved the coast and wanted to be close to the beach. I graduated from Boise State University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a minor in Psychology. I have a background working in corrections and social services. I previously worked for

CTCLUSI from December of 2019 until June of 2022 as the Behavioral Health Care Coordinator. I am honored to be back as the new Social Services Worker and look forward to working with you all and am thankful for the opportunity to be back with CTCLUSI.





# Peacegivers Gather with Tribal Court for Dinner and Discussion

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Peacegivers gathered with Tribal Court staff on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 for a Peacegiving Dinner and update training at Ciccarelli’s restaurant in North Bend, Oregon. The Peacegivers have not been able to gather for an in-person training since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020. This was their first gathering and a welcome refresher for the work that they have been nominated to do.

The Peacegiving Court calls on the wisdom and experience of Tribal elders; addresses youths in conflict as a whole person to find the root causes of inappropriate or irresponsible behavior; focuses on restoration in the community rather than punishment; mentors the youth in cultural traditions and rituals; gives to the youth, and invites the youth to give back to the community. Ultimately, the court seeks to attain peace through healing; healing the hurts that caused the behavior and healing the tear in the fabric of the community caused by the behavior.

The Peacegiving Court was a collaboration of the Coquille Indian Tribe (CIT) and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. The Court was conceived of by a CIT Elder and the Chief Judge of both tribes. The concept was to create a court that would use an alternative approach to conflict resolution, based on the traditions of the tribes.

The concept is similar to “Peacemaking” courts of other Native American tribes, however, the name “Peacegiving” was chosen because, in the words of a founding elder; “The idea of mutual giving speaks for the

northwest. I like “Peacegiving” because you can’t make peace, you can only offer it.”

The main focus of the evening was to refresh the Peacegivers on the philosophy of Peacegiving and the meaning behind restorative justice. Restorative justice is the ideal of accountability for the offender to take responsibility and taking action to repair the harm done. It seeks to rehabilitate through reconciliation with the victims and the community at large. This form of justice through our Peacegiving Court is more in line with our traditional values.

Chief Judge JD Williams spoke about Restorative Justice and how that aligns with the values of the Peacegiving and Wellness Courts of CTLUSI. He also talked about the history of our own Peacegiving Court and invited Judge Don Costello to share his knowledge on the founding of the Peacegiving Court and how it has developed over the years.

At the end of the evening Tribal Court Administrator – Peacegiving Court Outreach Coordinator Diane Whitson thanked all the Peacegivers for attending, along with the members of Council including Chief Doc Slyter, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Vice Chair Julie Siestreem, Iliana Montiel, and Doug Barrett.

If you are interested in learning more about the Peacegiving Court or know a Tribal member in our community that you think would be a good Peacegiver, contact Tribal Court for information on how to nominate them.



## In Oregon, Secretary Haaland Highlights Investments in Wildland Fire and Outdoor Recreation Economies

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023  
Contact: [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov)

**MEDFORD, Ore.** — Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland was in Oregon this weekend to highlight Biden-Harris administration investments to support wildland fire preparedness, water management and outdoor recreation opportunities across the state. She was joined by Senator Jeff Merkley, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget Joan M. Mooney, and Department leaders to meet with local, state, federal and Tribal leaders, Interior Department employees and local stakeholders to hear directly about the issues facing their communities. The group met with area Tribal leaders — including the Burns Paiute, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Coquille, Cow Creek, Grand Ronde, Klamath, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Siletz, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes — to hear about ongoing priorities in their communities and how Biden-Harris investments in Indian Country can continue to deliver support and resources across Indigenous communities. In Bend, Secretary Haaland, Senator Merkley, and Mayor of Bend Melanie Kebler hosted a roundtable discussion with local outdoor recreation enthusiasts, business owners and conservation advocates to discuss the importance of outdoor recreation for the local economy. Secretary Haaland praised

investments from the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA), a landmark conservation law that helps protect and improve our public lands and Bureau of Indian Education-funded schools in part by addressing overdue maintenance needs. As part of her efforts to highlight GAOA investments across the nation, Secretary Haaland visited Crater Lake National Park, which is receiving \$45 million from GAOA’s Legacy Restoration Fund to rehabilitate sections of the East Rim Drive. Overall, funding for Oregon from the Legacy Restoration Fund is estimated to address \$130 million in deferred maintenance across the state’s public lands. President Biden’s fiscal year 2024 budget proposal includes an additional \$4 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund, permanently funded through GAOA, for two projects in Oregon — the Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge, and the Willamette Valley Conservation Area. Secretary Haaland and Senator Merkley also traveled to the Klamath Falls region, where they met with Tribes, irrigators, and Interior Department staff focused on the urgent water and wildlife issues impacting the Klamath Basin. They visited several sites throughout the area — including the Bureau of Reclamation’s Klamath A Canal, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Klamath Lake Fish Hatchery, and the Barnes and Agency Lake Units at Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge — where they heard about the unique challenges and opportunities facing the region.

Over the past 20 years, the Klamath Basin has met unprecedented challenges due to ongoing drought conditions, limited water supply and diverse needs. The Interior Department has sought collaborative solutions that help minimize the impacts of the drought and facilitate long-term conservation and economic growth. Key investments over the last several months include historic funding from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for ecosystem restoration and aquatic ecosystem initiatives, grant funding for salmon restoration projects, and a new restoration and resilience framework that identifies the Klamath Basin as a Keystone Initiative. These targeted and strategic announcements are demonstrative of the Department’s commitment to the continued efforts in the Klamath region. In Medford, Secretary Haaland and Senator Merkley met with local wildland fire preparedness and response officials, including from the Interior Department’s Bureau of Land Management, to receive a briefing on the state’s fire outlook and discuss ongoing wildland fire efforts. Secretary Haaland announced that the Department is investing more than \$21 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law this year for wildfire risk reductions efforts in Oregon. Since December, the Department has announced \$278 million across the country for wildland fire management efforts this year — \$50 million of which was announced last week.



## 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](mailto:recruitment@ctclusihr.org)

## 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**



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**Dial 988**  
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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.**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2023

| SUNDAY                                                                                   | MONDAY                                         | TUESDAY                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                           | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26                                                                                       | 27                                             | 28                                                                                                       | 29                                                                                                  | 30                                                 | 31     | 1 Gift Making<br>10:30 am - 2 pm<br>Coos Bay                                       |
|                                                                                          |                                                |                                                                                                          | Spring Break Camp<br>Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.                                             |                                                    |        |                                                                                    |
| 2                                                                                        | 3                                              | 4 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm                                                                        | 5 hanis language class<br>4pm-6pm                                                                   | 6 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm  | 7      | 8 Canoe Pull<br>Tahkenitch 9:00 am<br>Tribal Veterans<br>Ko'Kwel plankhouse 5:30pm |
| 9 Tribal Election Day<br>Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.<br>General Council 1:00 p.m. | 10                                             | 11 Waite Ranch Presentation Florence 7pm<br>miluk language class 4pm-6pm                                 | 12 Planning for the Golden Years-Florence<br>hanis language class 4pm-6pm                           | 13 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 14     | 15 moccasins class<br>Cedar Caps10-4pm<br>Tribal Hall                              |
| 16 moccasins class<br>Cedar Caps10-4pm<br>Tribal Hall                                    | 17 Wellness Meeting<br>Tribal Hall 6:00 pm     | 18 Native Caring Conference<br>COH Cedar Bracelets for MMIP Day Tribal Hall 12pm<br>miluk language class | 19 Native Caring Conference<br>hanis language class 4pm-6pm<br>Wellness Meeting Eugene outreach 6pm | 20 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 21     | 22 Earth Day Garden Party, Tribal Hall<br>10 am - 4 pm                             |
| 23                                                                                       | 24 COH Cedar Bracelets for MMIP Day Eugene 6pm | 25 miluk language class 4pm-6pm                                                                          | 26 hanis language class 4pm-6pm<br>Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.                               | 27 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 28     | 29 Constitutional Information Session<br>3:00pm-5pm                                |
| 30                                                                                       | 1                                              | 2 miluk language class 4pm-6pm                                                                           | 3 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                                                      | 4 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm  | 5      | 6                                                                                  |

MAY 2023

| SUNDAY                                                | MONDAY                                           | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                                             | THURSDAY                                           | FRIDAY                  | SATURDAY                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 30                                                    | 1                                                | 2 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm  | 3 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                        | 4 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm  | 5 MMIP Day of Awareness | 6 Gift Making<br>10:30 am - 2 pm<br>Coos Bay   |
| 7                                                     | 8                                                | 9 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm  | 10 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                       | 11 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 12                      | 13 Women's Self Defence 11:00 a.m.<br>Coos Bay |
| 14 Mother's Day<br>Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. | 15                                               | 16 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm | 17 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                       | 18 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 19                      | 20                                             |
| 21                                                    | 22                                               | 23 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm | 24 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                       | 25 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm | 26                      | 27                                             |
| 28                                                    | 29 Memorial Day<br>All Government Offices Closed | 30 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm | 31 hanis language class 4pm-6pm<br>Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 1 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm  | 2                       | 3                                              |
| 4                                                     | 5                                                | 6 miluk language class<br>4pm-6pm  | 7 hanis language class 4pm-6pm                                        | 8 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm  | 9                       | 10                                             |

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MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

\$100 Cash Hot Seats every  
30 minutes.



TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 minutes  
to find Bigfoot and win up to  
\$1,000! Receive one entry  
for every 50 same-day  
points earned.



WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 minutes to  
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earned.



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MONDAY - THURSDAY  
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MONDAY - CROQUE MONSIEUR \$15

TUESDAY - TACO TUESDAY \$12

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THURSDAY - SPRING SALAD \$15

FRIDAY - SUNDAY  
served from 4pm-10pm

FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21

SATURDAY - SMOKED TRI-TIP SANDWICH \$16

SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

EASTER SPECIAL - SUNDAY, APRIL 9  
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APPLEWOOD SMOKED HAM - \$16  
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