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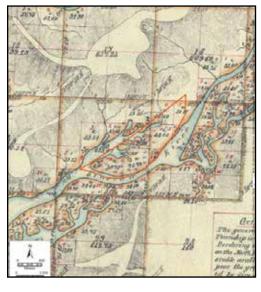


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NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

# Restoring Lands, Waters and Language







Waite late 1800's

Photo of Waite Ranch from 2019 canoe pull with the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club. Members planted western red cedar and gathered juncus on that trip.

Waite present day

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A decade after regional conservation organization, McKenzie River Trust, purchased a 217-acre property in the Siuslaw Estuary, we are breaking ground on a large-scale restoration project. Led by our Tribe, the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), the project will improve salmon and shorebird habitat, contribute to regional climate resilience, and provide a place for local Tribal citizens and families to celebrate and promote Indigenous culture on our ancestral lands.

We have been involved in many restoration projects within our ancestral lands; however, this is the first time that, working with partners, the place will be restored in a completely holistic way. For the Tribe, part of restoration is not only restoring the place but restoring the culture to the place that had maintained or stewarded it for thousands of years. A restored place is not a wilderness but a place that is healthy for all the people, whether they have fins, legs or are microscopic. This is also the first time we are planning on restoring a place name for a restoration project. To restore not only the ecosystem and the culture that stewarded it but also the language or the polite way to refer to a place.

In the process of naming a place sometimes it's easy because a place name in our traditional languages already exists and so not much conversation needs to take place because it has a name. Unfortunately, no place names have survived for the Waite Ranch property so our language committee has been surveying Tribal Citizens for possibilities and then our Linguists, Patty Whereat-Phillips and Enna Helms have translated them. Below is a list of possible names submitted by Tribal Citizens who have had cultural practice experiences on the lands in conversation. These have been translated into the language of the place for consideration;

temuwii tt'a'ai (people coming together land/place.)-this is a reference to the partnership to restore this place between Mckenzie River Trust, Siuslaw Watershed Council and CTCLUSI.

inq'a'ai chiin; ikt'at'uu chiina'muu (river returns; the place where the ikt'at'uu [Siuslaw River] comes back- reference to the waters coming back together near there. It's also a reference to the river returning on to the property itself as a functional estuary.

t'ilməsinɨ maniis ants (siixai) qa'a'muu (our youth takes care of this [canoe] entering place). This references our youth getting a canoe landing added to the final engineer plans through the New Beginnings for Tribal Students Camp

haich ikt'at'uu (heart of the Siuslaw [river])- This references the shape of the land there from overhead shaped like the heart of an aluudaq' canoe.

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### Save the Dates:

### Student Recognition Celebration Event: June 17, 2023

In person at Tribal Community Center & via zoom Please RSVP to this event

### Salmon Ceremony: August 6, 2023

Interested in designing this years t-shirt? See page 17

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### Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from April 9, 2023 - May 14, 2023

Chief Doc Slyter

04/09 Tribal Council Meeting; General Council Meeting -3.5 hrs

04/13 Culture Committee Meeting; Special Council Meeting; Leaders Circle - 4.5hrs

04/18 Rocky Mountain State Park Executive Conference – Newport Oregon - 3hrs

04/20 Shutter Creek Site Visit- 4hrs 04/24 Plankhouse Meet and Greet – Depart of Land Conservation Development (DLCD) – 3hrs

04/25 DLCD Meeting in Bandon – 4hrs 04/26 Zoom Meeting with Rep Val Hoyle – 1hr; Gaming Operational Review Board Meeting; Business Meeting – 1.5hrs; Business Meeting – 3hrs

04/04 Leaders Circle – 3hrs

04/11 Elders Luncheon – Communtiy Center – 2Hrs; Cultural Committee Meeting – 2.5hrs

Daily Emails and Phone Calls – 66 hrs

**Total Hours 100.4** 

Brad Kneaper, Chairman

04/09 Regular Council Meeting; Easter Lunch by Joe Barton; General Council Meeting- No quorum Present, Listening Session Held

04/10 Council Report Prepared 04/11 ZOOM Meeting with CEO, Legal.

Gaming Commission Discussion.

04/13 Meet (ZOOM) to review and approve the Constitutional Survey.

04/18 ZOOM Meeting with REDW regarding potential Council Training.

04/20 Shutter Creek Facility Tour with Dept of State Lands, Council and Staff; Lunch Meeting with CEO, Legal,Staff; Leader's Circle

04/26 Council, CEO, Legal, and
Mapetsi meet with Representative
Val Hoyle and Staff regarding
Wind Energy environmental
Concerns, Port Project
environmental Concerns; Meeting
was cut short because the ZOOM
meeting set up by Rep Hoyle's
staff was set up with the free
version and cut off at 40 minutes;
Gaming Operational Review
Board; Business Council Meeting.

04/27 Pre-meeting with Council,
Staff, Legal and Mapetsi regarding
Meeting with Sen Wyden Meeting
with Senator Ron Wyden and
Staff, Council, CEO, Legal and
Mapetsi (ZOOM) Special Council
Meeting – Resolutions for Gaming
Commission Supervision; TRC
CFO Contract. Appointed Vice
Chair Position.

04/29 Virtual (ZOOM) Listening Session on the possible Constitutional Amendments.

05/03 ZOOM Meeting with Mapetsi, CEO regarding meeting requested by Karmen Fore, Rep Val Hoyle's Chief of Staff with Tribal Chair. (May 5, 2023)

05/05 Meet with Karmen Fore, Chief of Staff for Rep Val Hoyle's Chief of Staff. Follow up to meeting Val Hoyle meeting on April 26, 2023.

05/12 Visit Lake Tract Forest

Hours: 166.5

Julie Siestreem

04/09 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m. Tribal Council Regular Monthly meeting and, Tribal Council Election Day

04/10 12:00 noon- 4p.m. The Elliot State Research Forest Prospective Board meeting public question, comment, answer

04/11 4:15p.m.-5:30p.m. Education Committee meeting; 5:30p.m.-8:30p.m. 4j IPC meeting

04/13 6:00p.m.-7p.m. First Constitutional Survey Content Approval

04/20 5;15p.m.-7:15p.m. Tribal Council Leaders Circle

04/24 7:00p.m.-9p.m. State of Oregon
Department of Land Conservation
and Development and Land
Conservation and Development
Commission Members on site
visit CTCLUSI Community Center
and Plankhouse

04/25 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

04/26 1:00p.m.-2p.m. U.S. House of Representative 4<sup>th</sup> District Val Hoyle (4<sup>th</sup> district consists of; Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Lane, Benton and Douglas Counties); 4:00p.m.-5p.m. GFORB meeting; 6:00p.m.-9p.m. Tribal Council Business Meeting

04/27 1:15p.m.-1:45p.m. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden Pre meeting discussion; 1:45-2:45 Meeting with U.S. Senator Ron Wyden meeting; 2:45p.m.-3:15p.m. Tribal Council Special Meeting

04/28 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m. OTELA Gathering and Work Session

04/29 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Constitutional Amendment Public question, answer, comment discussion session with Tribal Council and General Membership in person Community Center and Zoom

05/03 11:00a.m.-12 noon White House Climate and Environmental Justification Briefing webinar

05/04 3:00p.m.- 6:00p.m. Tribal Council Leaders Circle

05/09 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m. 4j IPC 05/11 11:00am.- 12:30 p.m. Elders

Luncheon

05/12 2:00p.m.-3:30p.m. Tribal Consultation UIHP discussion update M110 Tribal set aside

Total hours: 130

**Doug Barrett, Vice Chairman** 

04/09 Tribal Council Meeting / General Council meeting / Tribal Council Vote

04/10 DSL Elliot State Research Forest Board Meeting

04/11 Blue Earth Board Meeting

04/12 Community of Practice with Healthy Native Youth; April Lane Act Meeting, with ODOT

04/13 NW TOR Consortium Monthly Meeting; SOR Grants Tribal Monthly Meeting; Constitutional Survey approval before mail out

04/17 Reedsport Substance Use Disorder on the Coast

04/18 HHS Annual Tribal Budget Consultation

04/19 AOD Prevention Networking Hour; MHA / LADCP Monthly Meeting

04/20 Shutter Creek Site Visit;

Leaders Circle

04/21 Lane ACT Steering Committee Meeting

04/24 Waite Ranch Communications Engagement meeting; Meeting at the Plank House with CLCD

04/24 Reclaiming Native Psychological Brilliance

04/26 Meeting with Representative Val Hoile and Port of Coos Bay; GFORB Meeting and Tribal Council Business Meeting

04/27 Meeting with Senator Wyden; Tribal Council Special Meeting

04/29 Constitutional Amendment Public Questions and Answers Session; Paddle and River Cleanup & Tours at Waite Ranch; Tribal Canoe at Florence Library with the Kayak Club of Florence

05/01 Offshore wind CBA

05/04 Substance Use Disorders ECHO; Leaders Circle Meeting

05/08 Waite Ranch Restoration Meeting

05/10 Community of Practice with Native Youth

05/11 TOR and SOR Meeting; Culture Committee Meeting

05/12 Tribal Consultation / UIHP Confer Meeting M110

Total hours:183

**Iliana Montiel** 

04/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting / General Council Meeting / Trial Council Election Day

04/13 Constitutional survey final approval

04/24 Meeting in Plankhouse with CLCD

04/25 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting

04/26 Benefits Board Meeting / NPAIHB QBM / GFORB/ Tribal Council Business Meeting

04/27 Meeting w/ Dan Čondy / Meeting with Senator Wyden / TC Special Meeting / Scorecard completion

04/29 Constitutional Amendment – Public Question and Answer session with the General Council

05/05 Leaders Circle

05/7 – 5/ 18 Vacation

reading & responding to emails.

Total Hours for the Month: 45

Enna Helms

04/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting; General Council Meeting; Election Day

04/10 DSL Elliot State Research Forest Board Meeting

04/11-04/13 NW Indian Housing Authority
Spring Meeting

04/12 RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee

04/13 Constitutional Survey for Approval to Tribal Membership

04/20 Tribal Council's Leaders Circle

04/24 DLCD Visit Plankhouse

04/26 Rep Hoyle re: Port of Coos Bay; Tribal Council Business Meeting and Tribal Council swear in

04/28 OHCS Tribal Housing Work Group

05/04 Oregon Tribes Meeting in Portland

05/10 Racial Justice Council on Housing and Homelessness Committee Meeting

Total hours: 70 Hours

### 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 Please let us know if you have a change in 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?**

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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### Council Meeting June 11, 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
- Approval of Minutes as needed
- Tribal Council Reports
- Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
- 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

# CTCLUSI Departments, Services & Offices

### **Government Office**

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### **Tribal Committee Members**

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- 2. Wendy Garcia
- 3. Margaret Corvi
- 4. Stephanie Watkins, Chair stephaniewatkins1360@gmail.com
- 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, pphillips@ctclusi.org

### **Education Committee**

- 1. Michelle Brix
- 2. Julie Siestreem 3. Wendy Garcia
- 4. Ashley Russell, Chair
- arussell@ctclusi.org
- 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

### **Enrollment Committee**

- 1. Warren T. Brainard
- 2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
- 3. Skip Brainard 4. Vicki Faciane, Chair vicki.faciane@gmail.com
- 5. Teresa Spangler

### **Housing Committee**

- 1. Wendy Garcia
- 2. Danny Krossman, Chair dkrossman33@gmail.com
- 3. Enna Helms 4. Debbie Bossley
- 5. VACANT

### **Investment Committee**

- 1. Roseanna Perry
- 2. Jade Fong
- 3. VACANT
- 4. VACANT 5. Vicki Faciane

### Language Committee

- 1. Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo
- 2. Tammy Evarts
- 3. Jade Fong
- 4. VACANT 5. Jamie Biesanz, Chair jamiebiesanz@gmail.com
- 6. Jesse Beers
- 7. Ayuthea Cisneros

### **Election Board**

- 1. VACANT 2. Michael Brainard, Chair qaxas19@gmail.com
- 3. Teresa Gagner
- 4. Mark Petrie
- 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

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

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### 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

Greetings Everyone,

The summer months are here and it's hard to believe we are halfway through the year already. An important issue we remain steady in our efforts on is the Constitutional Amendment process for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw (CTCLUSI). The Constitution represents the written framework of our government structure.

The history of our Tribe has been documented and there is a lot of that information on the Tribes' website under "History" I encourage you all to visit and read. Dates of history from the 1700, 1800, and 1900's tells a story of how we as a people survived during many things that negatively impacted us since the contact of Europeans.

We endured the Termination Years of 1954-1984, our ancestors maintained diligent efforts during this time, and, when we were restored in 1984, they began to develop our Constitution that was finally voted on by the people and adopted in 1987. This document has never been amended and has been unchanged for 36 years.

This original document framed our Authority of Government, defined our Jurisdiction and Territory, our Membership Requirements, the Rights, Powers and Authority of the members and the elected body of Tribal Council. Since 1984, the Tribe has grown tremendously. The Constitution does not reflect our Self - Governance Agreements, establishment of a Tribal Court and all Ordinances codified and made into Tribal Codes (Tribal Laws), our efforts to develop agreements with the State for hunting, fishing, and gathering, our Election Board and Election Code, the

Compacts for Gaming for economic growth, and, finally, the requirements for Secretary of Interior approvals that no longer apply.

For the area of Enrollment, we are thankful we have never been a blood quantum Tribe, however; our membership has some inconsistent areas that need to be addressed. We are committed to be inclusive to anyone who can prove lineage to CTCLUSI. Some members have family linage documented in more than one Tribe and some have family who were outside the area when the 1940 census roll was taken. The Bureau of Indian Affairs census roll that we rely upon for enrollment decisions was a snapshot of who was in the area and who chose to be counted. It does not capture everyone that we today consider to be a CTCLUSI member.

To gain membership input on proposed amendments, we drafted a survey and sent it to every adult Tribal member. We held a Public Meeting inviting members to ask questions on April 29<sup>th</sup> and we heard and listened to many comments and provided information to membership at that meeting. May 12<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for

submissions of comments. Many thanks to all who participated and took the time to offer comments.

Tribal Council will now hold a special workshop to discuss and study all the comments received. A draft of the actual language in the format that will be sent by BIA will be sent to every adult member for consideration and we will allow for an additional comment period, and a second Public Meeting will be held in



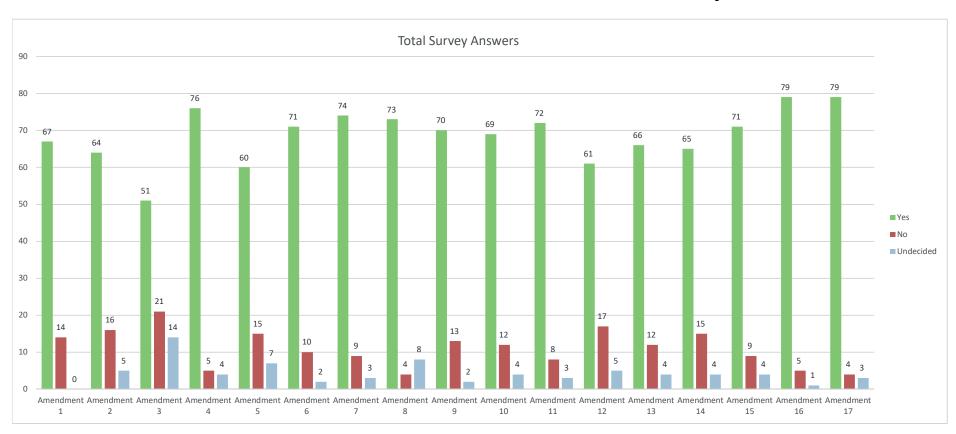
Chairman Brad Kneaper

June. Please watch your mailboxes and check the Tribal website to announce this important public meeting date to be set in June. The meeting will be held on Zoom and in person at the Tribal Community Center in Coos Bay.

The graph below is the responses to the surveys received for your information.

As we continue to take time in this important process, please watch your mail and visit the website for future information and updates.

### **Results from Constitutional Assessment Survey**





# Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.:23-045
Date of Passage: April 9, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment of New

Members

**Explanation:** Tribal Council approved the final enrollment of the following: Colbie Elizabeth Carnation and Elijah Luis

Lemos . Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:23-046 Date of Passage: April 9, 2023 Subject (title): Enrollment Name

Change

**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee to approve name changes

submitted. Vote 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:23-047
Date of Passage: April 9, 2023
Subject (title): Approval of Steel
Building and Concrete Pad at Florence
Outreach

**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this project and related costs. **Vote 7-0-0** 

RESOLUTION NO.:23-048
Date of Passage: April 9, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment Active to
Historic

**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves the placement of names of the following to be added to the plaque located at Tribal Hall. Daniel Ray Dollins, Linn Lee McNutt, Melody Joy Homer and Anthony

Todd McNutt Vote - 7-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:23-049
Date of Passage: April 9, 2023
Subject (title): Task Orders with
McKenzie River Trust and Siuslaw
Water Shed Council for Wait Ranch
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves

**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves the expenditures and continuation of this project. **Vote 7-0-0** 

RESOLUTION NO.:23-050 Date of Passage: April 13, 2023

Subject (title): Supervision of the Executive Director of the Gaming

Commission

**Explanation:** The Tribal Council approves

this action. Vote -7-0-0

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

Posted March 1, 2023

# ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

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

Tribal Member: Waylon Jordan Hunt	Tribal Member: Hallie Isla Schutz
Parent: Jordan David Hunt	Parent: Abigail Rose Schultz
Lineal Descendant: Martha Louise Huntington	Lineal Descendant: Emil Maxamillion Brainard
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos

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

# The Voice of CLUSI Corrections:

In the May 2023 edition of The Voice of CLUSI paper, an article was published on page 15 that was sourced from the Siuslaw News.

The title of that article references Tribal Canoe "Artifacts" being on display. The items on display were artifacts. They were not contemporary pieces used in current canoe culture practices and from Tribal Council Vice-Chairman Doug Barrett's personal collection.

### Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **CAMAS FLOWER - 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 <u>CAMAS FLOWER</u> hiding! Must email by June 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

May "Flicker Feather" Edition Winners:

Adult - Kyle Gaines Youth - Grayson Dollins



"Camas was a food staple for our Tribes for hundreds of years. I would like to thank Chief Warren Brainard and wife Marjene for providing me with camas bulbs so I could to start my own patch. This picture shows my camas that I started about 7 years ago. Again, thanks to Chief Warren and Marjene for gifting camas bulbs not only to me and other Tribal members, but to the Tribal Garden located at the Tribal Hall property. It is so nice to see the return of a Native plant to the Coos Bay area."

-Chief Doc Slyter

Flicker Feather from May 2023 edition was hidden on page 9 on the left side of the women's self defense flyer.

# Canoe Pull to the Munsel Lake Property

Contributed by Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager

We'll be visiting the Munsel Lake Property via Canoe on June 10th and we'd like to invite you to join us! This property is in Siuslaw Territory and near the north fork of the Siuslaw River. It most likely would have been managed for thousands of years using controlled burns and other management practices by the Tribe to have good open land, as Frank Drew put it. This way you could see Elk and Deer, have good, straight weaving materials, it cuts down on pathogens, gives you space to grow first foods and gives you healthier timber. Munsel lake is a fresh water lake that is one of 4 lakes within a 50 mile long Dunal Aquifer, this is an important ground water source. This lake is pinned from the west by dune sands and from the east by bedrock.

When the Coast Reservation was operational (1859-1875) Munsel Lake sat within the boundaries of the reservation until this land that was set aside for our people "forever" was closed. At which point the United States Government decided to

both open the land to settlers and offer tax free allotments to Indian people. Of course, the allotment era had other outcomes as well. The allotment or land ownership pushed our Ancestors from a way of communal stewardship and management of the lands for the greatest collective good of the people and resources into smaller land ownership by small family groups, land possession and ultimately selfish tendencies and greed. Later, in 1924 when Tribal people became citizens of the United States and gained the right to vote these tax free allotments became fee lands. Fee lands are lands that you have to pay taxes on. Many Tribal Families lost these after this time because they did not understand the concept of taxes or did not believe that their tax free allotments could be taxed. The irony of losing a tax free allotment Ancestors who lost allotments in this way.

The Munsel Lake Property was one of the few allotments that was not lost. It was Frank Drew's allotment he passed the land down to his Daughter, Marge Severy (Coos and Lower Umpqua) who gave it or rather sold it for one dollar to our Tribe. Marge was an amazingly strong representative of her Tribe and was full of knowledge, though like many of us she wished she had asked more of her relatives before they passed. She also wished for the property to be used for Cultural and Educational uses, not economical. Let's pull to the Munsel Lake Property and honor Marge Severy's wishes.

### June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Agenda: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 9:00 am gather at the Florence Outreach

Office 9:30 am to ~ 12:00pm Canoe trip and visit of Munsel lake.

~12:30 - 1:00 pm Parting words and snacks.

on back taxes was not lost on my Barrett All Tribal families are welcome. Elders and members with physical limitations can be accommodated on a first come, first serve RSVP basis. For safety reasons, all participants under 18 years of age are required to be supervised by a parent or guardian during this activity.

### What's Provided:

- Paddles, life jackets, and waterwicking long sleeve shirts
- Water
- Lunch
- Canoe protocol and etiquette instruction
- Sunscreen

### What to Bring:

- Water bottle
- Warm clothes
- Rain gear if rain is forecast
- Sunglasses
- Hat/headgear

Please utilize our RSVP Line at 541-435-7155 or toll free at 1-888-365-7155



## CTCLUSI Natural Resources and Culture Staff Gift Attendees at Sacred Tobacco and Medicines Gathering

Contributed by the Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program

At the Sacred Tobacco and Medicines Gathering in May, The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Tribal Tobacco and Prevention Program gifted sacred Colombian tobacco (var. multivalvus) to several individuals and organizations.

Oregon tribal recipients of the CTCLUSI gift were the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, The Cowlitz Indian Tribe, and Coquille Indian Tribe. The Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program for Klamath Tribe also received the sacred tobacco as a gift.

Organizations working to benefit tribal members who received tobacco were the Native American Youth Association, the Native American Rehabilitation Association, and Sakari Farms in Bend, OR. Our tribe has an important and critical history with sacred Columbian tobacco. It holds an important role in our traditions. We offer and view this gifting as a way to honor and show respect to individuals and organizations dedicated to the cultural and longterm preservation of our people and life ways.

If you are a tribal person or program interested in more information please contact Nicole Romine at nromine@ctclusi.org



# Restoring Lands, Waters and Language...continued from cover page

going in a circle place; big elbow [bend])- this references the shape of the property currently creating a bend.

hiis piiuuła'muu (good fishing place)- this references the good fishing off the shore there.

tiannagami maxch gnuuha'muu (elk antlers finding place) references an elk shed that was found there.

Ipinnat patina'muu (duck hunting place)- references the good duck hunting that may possibly be there post restoration and used to be there.

hawatsitach hauhuu; (new marsh)- references the return of the functional estuary lands.

hawatsitəch wi'iiyamł tł'a'ai (new Salmon's place)references the restoration of salmon habitat

wi'ii chiina'muu (Salmon returning place)-references both the return of access for Salmon to this estuary land as well as referencing to the access to Tribal Citizens performing Salmon Ceremony there during COVID.

hiilaxwauni chiiwa (salty water place)- references the tidal influence and the brackish water in the estuary

shkuuchisk'in (small mountain place)- references the small dike that will be put on site to protect the highway and will be a visual feature from the highway side.

We welcome Tribal input on any and all of these names, especially if you have had personal cultural activity on these lands. Please reach out and let us know preferences as the Language Committee will be meeting soon to look over these names.

The physical project will take place over two summer seasons and include restoring roughly 200 acres of tidal wetlands just a few miles upstream from Florence, OR. Among some of the most biologically and economically productive ecosystems, estuarine wetlands provide critical habitat for salmon and other fish species. Since the 1850s, nearly 70% of Oregon's outer coast estuarine habitat has been lost to land development,

2024: Update existing tide gate to

support fish passage into and out of the

slough between new levee and highway.

Secondary Channels

2023: Construct simple network of

channel development post-project.

secondary tidal channels to promote

shinchai; shincha'muu; łkuumiihat'ilma (going in a circle; directly contributing to the decline of salmon and steelhead abundance on Oregon's coast. Through the restoration, critical salmon nursery and graduation habitat will become available to support this iconic northwest species in a basin that was closed to fishing in 2022 due to low returns.

In 2010, McKenzie River Trust purchased the property that was historically a forested tidal swamp turned dairy farm. Since that time, partners from across the Siuslaw Basin have come together to design, engineer, and now implement the project. Partnerships like these add to the longevity and success of these projects.

Led by our Tribal Nation with staff support from the Siuslaw Watershed Council and McKenzie River Trust, the project will take place in two phases, the first of which will run through early September of this year. During the summer of 2023, those passing the project area on Highway 126 can expect to see a lot of heavy equipment on-site as functional estuary grade is cut back into the landscape. The restoration project is not predicted to cause any traffic delays or impacts for travel along Highway 126, however, people can expect to see some increase in truck traffic moving soil in and out of the project area.

Funding for the project was secured through the America the Beautiful Challenge and administered through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. This funding was generously matched with dollars from the Native Americans in Philanthropy who provide conservation funding for Tribal Nations. Additional funding was provided through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Associations (NOAA) Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery fund.

Given the property's accessible location and associated infrastructure improvements, partners look forward to welcoming the public onto the site through guided events and tours once work is complete. "We look forward to working with schools, community volunteers, and Tribal Citizens and their families to help replant the project site and provide ongoing care once the dust settles on the project." To learn more about the restoration project and find events and volunteer opportunities, you can visit www.mckenzieriver.org online.

2024: Canoe landing to support

Revegetation

traditional cultural access and practices

to reestablish biocultural management.

2024-Ongoing: Replant the project area

with native trees, shrubs, and forbes

with an emphasis on first foods and

and buffer against storms and floods.

access to indigenous communities

. Improving local fisheries as a result of new

nursery habital for salmon and other fish. · Restoring culturally important species and

. Investing in climate resiliency through tidal

multiple years of construction and planting

wetlands protection and preservation.

Supporting the local economy through

projects for contractors.



2024: Remove existing levee at end of

project to allow for tidal inundation to

2023-2024: Construct levee betwe

project area and slough/Highway 126.

New Levee

invite the river back onto the landscape.

**Drainage Ditches** 

meandering channels.

2023: Fill in existing straight drainage

ditches to encourage development of

# Lagauwiiyat'as, True History Gallery

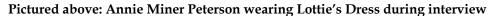
Upcoming exhibit planned for Fall/Winter 2023!

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!







Lottie Evanoff's buckskin dress will be on display during exhibit

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

# **Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Word Search**

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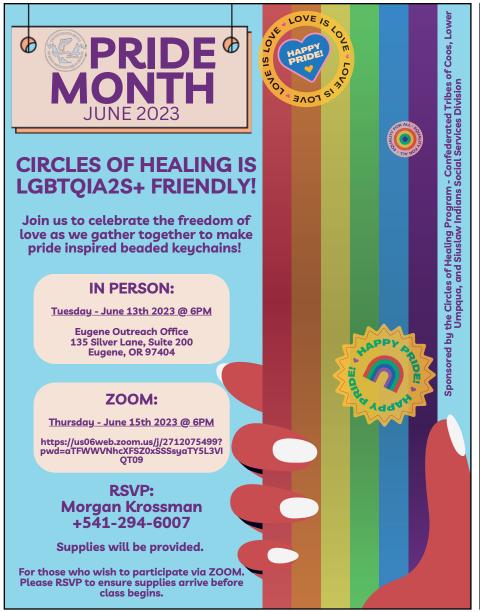
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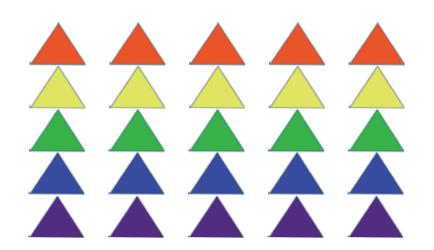


Please watch the ctclusi.org webpage for suggested list of things to bring.

# "In the Loop" with the Circles of Healing Program







### 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 541-808-8152

# June is Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

### Is It PTSD?

When you have PTSD, it's hard to feel safe. The traumatic event – natural disaster, combat, sexual assault, accident - can take hold, and you find you can't stop thinking about it. Maybe you have nightmares and trouble sleeping. Maybe you feel on edge and unsettled or don't find pleasure in things you used to enjoy. Maybe you feel it's just easier to be alone. Feelings like these are common after going through a trauma. For most people, they pass in a few weeks or months, but for others, they are long-lasting.

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health problem. PTSD can only develop after you go through or see a lifethreatening event. PTSD symptoms fall into

four categories: reliving or re-experiencing advocate – take that first step for yourself. remind you of the event, negative changes in beliefs and feelings, and hyperarousal or being on guard. For someone to be diagnosed with PTSD, they need to have symptoms in all four categories.

PTSD symptoms can happen at any age, and they come and go. Only a mental health care provider can diagnose you with PTSD. And, knowing if you have PTSD is the first step to getting effective treatment. So, it is important to talk with a doctor if you think you have symptoms. There are effective treatments even if you have been living with symptoms for years.

Keep in mind that you're not alone. And, some treatments will help you feel better and take back control of your life. Be the

the event, avoiding things or places that Learn more about PTSD symptoms at the National Center for PTSD.



### Tribal Court Clerk Attends American Indian Justice Conference

Restorative justice

practices have been

recidivism rates by

at least 32 percent.

shown to reduce

Contributed by Stephanie Nord, Tribal Court Clerk

Did you know 97 percent (97%) of all incarcerated individuals have past histories of trauma? I didn't, although I suspected. States are finally beginning to recognize, and adopt, Native American Tribal practices of Restorative Justice, further solidifying Natives knew what they were doing, and they did it well.

There are so many reasons why you should attend a conference on Native Americans affairs. Learning more about Restorative Justice is just one of those many reasons. Experienced traveler I am not. My sheer lack of knowledge in traveling and airport technology and terminology, combined with near panic of crashing in the airplane, was well worth it.

As the Tribal court clerk, I had the honor and privilege of attending the *American Indian Justice Conference* May 3<sup>rd</sup> and

4th in Reno, Nevada. The educational conference centered on the people affiliated with federally recognized tribes employed in the criminal justice system, including courts, corrections, law enforcement, probation, and other areas.

Consisting of presentations and workshops, we had the ability to choose which one to attend (except when the Chief Judge J.D. Williams asked me to

attend specific ones to further my knowledge on tribal traditions), which turns out he was right about. Walking what seemed to be a mile, I had to find my way to the conference rooms in the Grand Sierra Resort and casino hotel, which is exceptionally large and remarkable.

Although a little late for the beginning of the Cultural opening, I finally made it there to witness the rest of the traditional Great basin dances by the *Eagle wings Pageant Dancers*, courtesy of the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. These talented, experienced dancers kicked off the beginning of the conference with energetic spirit.

One of the first sessions I attended was the "Introduction to Restorative Practices," where presenters from the "National Criminal Justice training center of Fox Valley Technical college," spoke of how Restoration practices bring people together, reconnecting them. Restorative Justice focuses on human connection and healing, allowing the victim to ask questions, giving them more of a sense of justice. Victim centered, it focuses on healing, but also allows for the one who committed the crime to make amends, helping to restore the human connection. The benefits are impressive, and states are taking notice.

Some key differences between Restorative justice and the State corrections system include asking "what harm was done?"

instead of "what law was broken?" I was most impressed with the Restoration process also focusing on the restoration of self-esteem, self-worth, and hope in the person who committed the crime. Instead of committing them to a jail cell where they most likely will reoffend, the Restoration process is to be "trauma informed." In prisons and jails 97 percent (97%) of inmates have prior histories of trauma, which often lead to substance abuse, and eventually end up in the system. State corrections are now acknowledging the behaviors associated with past trauma in inmates, and are incorporating similar practices to Restorative Justice. (icjia.illinois.gov).

The next session "Family group conferencing," spoke of using Restorative justice practices in families dealing with a variety of issues from substance abuse to family violence. With a

> trained facilitator, the families create a circle to discuss behaviors that affect them as a whole, not just the person who caused harm. Using this method has helped a lot of families restore relationships and create harmony.

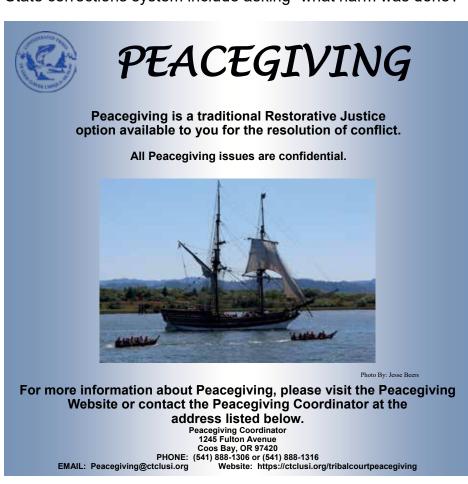
> To hear about the positive outcome traditional Restoration practices have had all over the nation is something Native Americans can be proud of. While attending the "Response in Healing to Wellness Courts," the results speak for themselves in surveys, studies, and tests. Restorative justice practices have been shown to

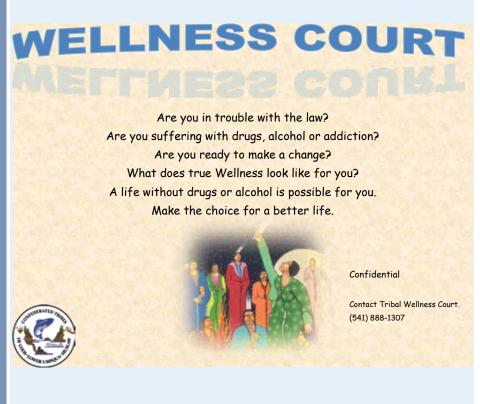
reduce recidivism rates by at least 32 percent.

The "Circle Peacemaking, Tribal Sovereignty..." workshop talked about the importance of self-care while providing peacegiving or facilitating in circles, and how "holding each other up," is essential.

Although I attended more workshops than I named here, the most interesting one for me was one I attended by accident. Heading in the wrong conference room took me to a double workshop "The Role of tribal law enforcement in the missing or murdered indigenous persons effort," and "Developing Best practices and protocols for the investigation of unresolved/cold cases." This impressive two-part workshop was presented by the staff of MMU (missing and murdered unit) Mark Pooley, Jason Jones, former Homicide Investigations, and Jeff Lindsey, former FBI and COPS officer). There is too much to list here in what I learned from this workshop, but these men donate their time to help locate missing persons, and help in cold case murders. They will help non-native communities as well, if the community is a rural area and no DNA testing has been completed.

I can't thank the Tribe enough for sending me to this conference. Always encouraging me to learn more about Tribal traditions and practices, I also thank Judge J.D. Williams for sending me, and getting me out of my comfort zone.





### CTCLUSI Constitutional Amendment Process

### Notice to All Adult CTCLUSI Enrolled Members who make up the General Council:

You will have the right as an enrolled member of CTCLUSI to participate in the upcoming election to vote on proposed amendments to the CTCLUSI Constitution. The Tribal Government will continue to send out information to each member about draft of amendments and Council will hold a second Public Meeting in late June to allow for more Tribal Member comments and to address any questions or concerns.

This Constitutional Amendment Election is called a Secretary Elections and will be completely facilitated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) The BIA will get the

address of every Enrolled adult member from the Tribes Enrollment Department and will be sending out first, a "Notice of Secretarial Election" this will provide you with the election date. They will then be sending information to the last known address of every adult enrolled Tribal member requiring you to "register" for this election with them. You must register with the BIA to participate. The Tribal Government will be providing outreach to membership and be available for any questions throughout the process.

Once you are registered with the BIA, you will then be sent a ballot mailing from them. The Tribal Government will have no involvement with this process. Once you have voted, all the votes will be sent to the BIA and tabulated. The outcome will be solely determined by the BIA and they will certify the results.

If you have any questions please contact Jeannie McNeil at imcneil@ ctclusi.org or you can contact the Tribal Council directly to their group email for members only, which is located on the citizen portal of the Tribes website. www.ctclusi.org

### Tribal Council Hosts Site Visit with Oregon State and Land Conservation **Development and Commission**

Contributed by Julie Siestreem, Tribal Council

Chief Doc Slyter invited staff and members of the Oregon State Department of Land Conservation Development and Land Conservation and Development Commission to an onsite visit to our Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Community Center and Plankhouse on April 24, 2023.

Tribal Council, Government Staff and regular Staff were invited to attend and participate in the Cultural and Historical Gathering led by our Chief form 7:00p.m. to 9p.m. Chief led the group throughout the Community Center as he shared a historical overview of our Tribal history. Cultural Stewardship Manager, Jesse Beers shared a few of our Tribal stories. Chief led the group on to the Plankhouse which Vice Chair Doug Barrett and

Jesse Beers had prepared a fire for all to circle around while Chief performed several flute prayer songs thanking our Creator for all our blessings and asking for continued guidance and strength to make sound decisions in the best interests of our general membership.

At one point Chief brought out a drum and a rattle and taught the group which of the three was the first and oldest musical instrument. To the groups surprise he asked for two volunteers from the visitors to participate in a song with him. He gave one the drum and the other the rattle. The song they played together was smooth, well connected, as if they had all known each the instruments all their lives!

Gifts were exchanged. Good byes were exchanged and, offers

were made for future visits to share more of our history and culture with the visitors.

### **ATTENTION** TRIBAL MEMBERS AND STAFF!

TRIBAL COURT INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

JUNE 27, 2023

Tribal Hall 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"TRIBAL COURT TRIBAL LEGAL SERVICES"

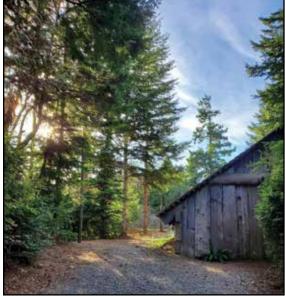
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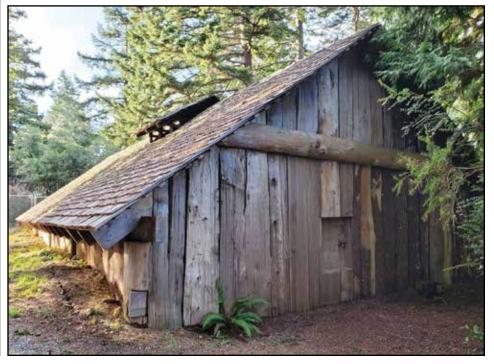
Presented by: Tribal Court Judges J.D. Williams and Karen Costello

Lunch will be provided PLEASE R.S.V.P. by calling **1-541-435-7155** (so we can order the luncheon)



The two beautiful photos of the CTCLUSI Plankhouse were taken and shared by Council Member Julie Siestreem.





# Tribal Elder Wanda L. Williford Walks On

away on April 17, 2023. She was born Wanda Louise Hughes in North Bend, Oregon, on May 4, 1935, daughter of Eugene T. Hughes and Florence M. Lambert (later Florence Davis). Her parents divorced when she was 10 and she lived with her mother, her grandmother, Dora Goodman, and her aunt, Fronie Erickson, all Hanis Coos Indians. She grew up in the Tribe pre-termination and was part of Tribal activities her entire

life. Her ancestors included Caroline Evans (her 2x great-grandmother who received an allotment from the federal government for a plot of land that is now part of Shore Acres State Park) and Annie Miner Peterson (Caroline's aunt). Annie's daughter, Nellie Aasen, was a close friend of Dora, and Wanda had many fond memories of visiting with Nellie and her family as a child. Wanda graduated from North Bend High School, Class of 1953, and attended business school in Oakland, California.

She met her husband, John Williford, in 1955 at the North Bend Air Force Station (Oregon), and they were married at her mother's home on December 28, 1955. In 1956, John was transferred to California, where their first child was born. For the remainder of John's 24 years in the U.S. Air Force, Wanda followed and supported him as they lived at numerous small Air Force radar sites throughout the United States, as well as two years in Colorado Springs (where John worked at Cheyenne Mountain/NORAD) and four years in the Philippine Islands. During their travels, Wanda worked in various business-

related fields, eventually moving into a career in banking in Slidell, Louisiana. After moving to Bethel, Alaska, Wanda went to work for Alaska USA Credit Union, for which she was the manager until moving to Fairbanks, then Anchorage, Alaska.

Upon John's retirement in 1994, he and Wanda returned to Oregon. They bought a small Victorian house built in 1908 in North Bend, which they added on to, renovated, and made their forever home - a home that Wanda loved and was immensely proud of. In 1995, after finishing renovations on their home, Wanda founded Native American Technology Corporation (NATECH), a small business dedicated to finding highly qualified employees to staff government contracts.



Wanda L. Williford May 4, 1935 - April 17, 2023

CTCLUSI Tribal Elder Wanda L. Williford, age 87, passed Today, NATECH is a thriving small business with contracts with Northop Grumman, LEIDOS, CSSI, and the Smithsonian, to name a few. Wanda was rightfully proud of NATECH's success, especially when it was awarded the Portland District Small Family-Owned Business of the Year in 2019 and the Pacific Northwest Region Small Business Subcontractor of the Year in 2022. With Wanda's passing, the company will continue the strong foundation she and John built, with their

family at the helm.

Wanda was very proud of her Hanis Coos Indian heritage. After she moved back to Oregon, she became very active in her Tribe, contributing both time and resources to the Tribe. In April 1998, Wanda was elected to the CTCLUSI Tribal Council. She was the first woman elected as Tribal Council Chairperson for the Tribe, a position she held from January 2000 until she left Tribal Council in February 2001. Under her leadership, tribal housing was built, administration and health care facilities were established. culturally important Tribal land was reacquired from the federal government, and she helped launch the Tribe's first casino. She was a strong proponent for the education of our Tribal youth, and she contributed money for scholarships for Tribal members to attend college. Wanda was also very accomplished in crewel embroidery work, and many Elders' Honor Day attendees over the years have received beautiful tablecloths embroidered by her.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, John W. Williford. She is survived by three daughters and

their husbands (Vicki and Kerwin Faciane, North Bend, OR: Wendy and Bob Garcia, Westlake, OR; and Jacquie and Larry Armstrong, Yuma, AZ), four grandchildren (Cori Kelly, Aldie, VA; Ashley Faciane, San Diego, CA; Amanda Craig, Bend, OR; and John Faciane, San Francisco, CA), and one great-granddaughter (Samantha Kelly, Aldie, VA).

Following her cremation, her ashes will be placed beside her husband at Sunset Memorial Park in Coos Bay, Oregon. The family is holding a memorial in her honor at the CTCLUSI Tribal Hall on Sunday, June 11, 2023, beginning at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the CTCLUSI Education Department.



Wanda pictured above at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the Tribal Government Administration Building in Coos Bay, Oregon



# **Elders Corner**



# What's Up, Elders?

Submitted by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

### Madeline Knowlton

Tribal Elder Madeline Knowlton resides in Alaska and was fortunate enough to visit family in the lower Pacific Northwest in March, 2023.

She began her trek to Coos Bay, landing in Eugene first, to ride with her daughter Cheri and son-in-law David to our Tribe's Annual Elders Honor Day at the Mill Casino. The morning of the event she started off with a canoe ride!

During Elders Honor Day Madeline reunited with some family and friends and really enjoyed the event. The rest of the weekend she enjoyed many family gatherings such as her great-granddaughter's birthday party, then church and lunch with her nephew Andrew and other family members and friends.

The next couple of days, Madeline spent in Florence with two of

her grandchildren, Isaac and Keileigh, shopping in Old Town and eating at Three Rivers Casino. From there, she rode the bus to Eugene and then took the Amtrak to Seattle to meet her son Pete and daughter-in-law Erin and their family for a three-day visit.

After her visit in Weshington

After her visit in Washington, Madeline flew to San Francisco where her daughter Cheri and son-in-law David picked her up. They spent the night in San Jose and attended a memorial service the next day for a dear aunt on her husband's side of the family.

From San Jose, she flew home to snowy Anchorage to get some much-needed rest and cherish all the memories she made.



# Coos Bay Elders Luncheon —

Contributed by Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator/Community Health Aide

Our Coos Bay Elders Luncheon was held locally at the CTCLUSI Tribal Community Center. Lunch consisted of smoked chicken, smoked pulled pork, green salad and pasta salad, and topped off with a lemon bar dessert. It was a delicious meal enjoyed by all.

Our guest speakers were Sarah Kilby and Rylie Scoville from Oregon Department of Human Services-Aging & People with Disabilities. They presented a slide show of information about Long-Term Care





Pictured left: Chief Doc Slyter plays flute during the Elders Luncheon

Pictured above: Emergency Planners provided by the Public Health Modernization grant were passed out during the luncheon.

Services and how they can help if needed. Elders can reach out to Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator, at 541-888-7520. Or, if they want to reach out directly to Sarah or Rylie for assistance, you can call 541-756-2017.

Emergency Planners were given out to attendees who missed the Golden Years Event, last April. In case of a natural or manmade disaster, these planners were created with the thought in mind, if Elders grab this box it will help save and retain

personal information that could be lost. There are 6 different segments inside that are geared to have our Elders in control of their decisions towards their health and end of life wishes. It also allows to open conversations with family members in the event of being incapable of making their wishes known. Each case has 6 segments inside to fill out. These included: Personal Information, CTCLUSI Information, Financial, Health Information, Advanced Care Planning, and Peace at Life's End. These planners were worked on by Armando Martinez, CTCLUSI's Emergency Management Coordinator, with funds provided by the Public Health Modernization grant.





Health and Social Services Division

### FLORENCE



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### Three Rivers Casino and Resort Opens Destination Bar and Restaurant

FLORENCE, Ore. -- Three Rivers Casino and Resort announces the re-opening of its bar and restaurant, Blue Bills. Located within the casino, Blue Bills aims to act as a connector to coastal visitors, offering food, drinks and fun decor.

"We are thrilled to be re-opening our restaurant and offering more options for our visitors seeking out our full-service tourism destination," said Rich Colton, Director of Marketing for the Three Rivers Casino and Resort.

The Florence Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a ribbon cutting on May 26 at noon, along with a grand opening celebration throughout Memorial Day weekend. Blue Bills will offer food specials and music.

The Siuslaw Pioneer Museum works tirelessly to preserve the history of the area. As a nod to the casino's partnership with the museum, the restaurant will feature imagery of old Florence.

"We are honored to highlight our wonderful history and support the museum's efforts to tell our community story for residents and visitors," said Del Phelps, Siuslaw Pioneer Museum President of the Board. "We want to continue to connect people to our beautiful coast."

Construction of Blue Bills was completed within Lane County, with much of the work done by the Three Rivers facilities department and food and beverage staff. The restaurant includes new signage, bar equipment, flooring and seating areas. It also

showcases larger, more spacious booths to invite groups of up to eight patrons to have fun and relax.

For more information, visit threeriverscasino.com.

### **About Three Rivers Casino Resort**

Owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Three Rivers Casino Resort has strong ties to the surrounding community along the Central Oregon Coast. As one of the largest employers in the area, Three Rivers provides resources and opportunities for tribal and non-tribal members of the region. In addition to providing local jobs, Three Rivers sponsors local arts programs for professional and children's theater and donates to dozens of local and regional nonprofit organizations. It has become a pillar of community support; the philanthropic spirit of Three Rivers Casino is felt deeply on the

Central Oregon Coast and statewide.

# About the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians are made up of 3 tribes (4 Bands): 2 bands of Coos Tribes: Hanis Coos (Coos Proper), Miluk Coos; Lower Umpqua Tribe; and Siuslaw Tribe. The tribes trace their ancestry back to the aboriginal inhabitants of the South-Central coast of Oregon.

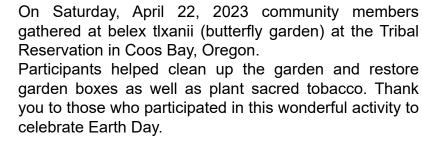




# Tribal Members Gather in the Community Garden for Earth Day







All photographs taken and shared by Tribal Council Member Julie Siestreem







# Notice from CTCLUSI Transportation Department

Do you live in Coos Bay/North Bend? Are you interested in going to the Farmers Market on Wednesdays?

Get a hold of **Kathy Perkins**Call or text **541-808-8282** 

Email kperkins@ctclusi.org





New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) present

## OSU Indigenous Youth Summer Camp August 20-25, 2023

Hands-on FUN outdoor field trips to learn about **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CAREERS**.

Designed for self-identifying Indigenous youth entering 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades in Oregon.

- Field trip activities to include freshwater snorkeling with wetsuits provided, team-building challenge course, Hatfield Marine Science Center, ethnobotany, traditional canoeing and much more.
- Learn about going to college and OSU'S variety of environmental science programs and majors.
- Visit the OSU student longhouse, Kaku-Ixt Mana Ina Haws.
- How to get help with financial aid and scholarships.
- One night camping at Cascadia County Park.

### MORE INFORMATION and

REGISTRATION: https://ctclusi.org/new-

ndigenous-youth-summer-camp/



FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

CTCLUSI Jemiah Wassman or Jesse Beers (541) 888-9577

Bessie Joyce NBTS Program Manager bessiejoyce4@gmail.com (541) 743-6106









This camp is a partnership of CTCLUSI, OSU and SWOCC with support from a USDA New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS). Co-sponsored by the OSU Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences, Oregon Sea Grant and the Calapooia Watershed Council.

# **Education Department Welcomes Education Specialist II**

Hi my name is Brandy Lauby. I am excited to be working with the CTCLUSI tribe as an Education Specialist II. I have spent the last 20 years working with children in one way or another. I started in a childcare center, I have worked at 3 Head Start Programs, I spent a year at the North Bend Middle School in the Life Skills classroom, I have also provided case management, as well as direct services to children and families with disabilities.

My family moved to the coast about 14 years ago from Northern Idaho, Nimiipuu (Nez Perce) country. I am married and have 4 Kids of my own, I also helped raise



my niece, so I think of her as mine as well. I have 3 boys still at home-the girls have grown up and moved out, so I am the only girl in my house.

I have taken 3 ½ years towards my Psychology BA at Lewis-Clark State College, but didn't get a chance to finish. Since then I have taken several classes from SWOCC, Chemeketa, and PSU. Mostly Early Education, and Native American Studies. I take classes when I can, and hope to be able to finish someday.

I am an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, as are my children, but rarely get a chance to get back to visit. I try to engage in whatever local native culture I can, as I am not able to engage in my own often. I love learning about all cultures, but especially native/indigenous cultures. I appreciate you letting me be a part of your Education team, and I look forward to learning some things as well!





# LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Summer is almost Here! The Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians Social Services Department continues offering Heating or Cooling assistance for qualifying low income households. To receive assistance contact the Health and Human Services Division or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP. Households do not need to reside within the Tribe's five county service area to be eligible; however, eligible households must reside within the State of Oregon to qualify.

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:

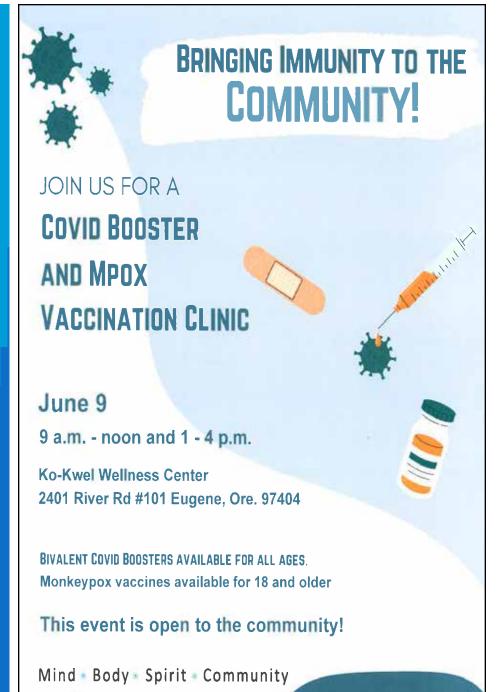
Proof of Income (Pay Stub) Social Security Card

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 <a href="https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP">https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP</a>. If you have any questions please contact Carol Ann Young at 541-435-7159 or Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.



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For questions or more

information please call our clinic at 541-916-7025 Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

### **Department of Human Resources**

Current Openings as of 5/23/2023

### **Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities**

- Administrative Assistant II. Florence
- Chief Dental Officer Coos Bay
- Community Information Manager Coos Bay
- Cultural Resources Protection Specialist Coos Bay
- Dental Hygienist Part-Time Coos Bay
- Dental Assistant I. Coos Bay
- Director of Natural Resources & Culture Coos Bay
- Forester Coos Bay
- Forestry Program Assistant Florence
- Gaming Inspector Florence
- GIS Administrator Coos Bay
- Higher Education Specialist Coos Bay
- Internal Audit Supervisor Coos Bay
- Special Events On Call Varies on assignment

Please visit Job Opportunities on the Tribes website for full job descriptions and benefits available. You may also apply for any position online. http://ctclusi.org/jobs

**Updated Frequently** 

Please email questions to recruitment@ctclusihr.org



### **Looking for Awesome Team Members**

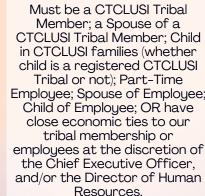
# Special Events Employees Wanted

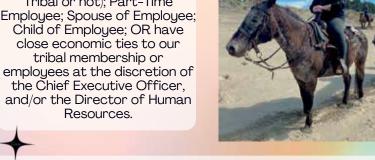
### **Potential Events that** need workers

- **Culture Camp**
- Spring Break Camp
- Restoration
- Salmon Ceremony
- **Harvest Party**
- **Halloween Party**
- **Easter Egg Hunt**
- and MORE.









On CTCLUSI Website Link: https://ctclusi-int.atsondemand.com/index.cfm? fuseaction=512409.viewjobdetail&CID=512409&JID=8 45537

# 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**

# **JUNE 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
28	29	30 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	31 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	1 sha'yuushtŧa uŧ quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	2	3	
4	5	6 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	7 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	Elders Luncheon 8 Florence Outeach 11:30 a.m. sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2p	9 Ko-Kwel Covid Booster Clinic Eugene, Oregon	10 Canoe Pull Munsel Lake	
Memorial Service 1pm 11 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	12	13 COH Pride in-person keychains 6:00 p.m.	14	15 COH Pride Zoom keychains 6:00 p.m.	16	17 Student Recognition Celebration Event	
18 Father's Day 19		Summer Solstice 21		22	23 Salmon Ceremony T-Shirt Design	24	
		9	Summer Soltice Activities	\$	Contest Deadline		
25	26	27 Tribal Court Luncheon Presentation Tribal Hall	28 Business Council	29 Youth U	30 nity Conference, Washir	1 Igton D.C.	
		11:30 am - 2 pm	Meeting 6:00 p.m.				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
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# JULY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
				Youth Uni	ton D.C.		
2	3	4 Independence Day Tribal Offices Closed	5	6	7	8	
	Youth Unity Confere	nce, Washington D.C.					
			Seeds for Success Prog	ramm			
9 Gra	10 and Ronde Elders Hono	11 rs Day	12	13	14	15	
Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.		Cult	ure Camp - Mapleton, C	regon			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
			Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	



### MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

\$50 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes PLUS \$10 Free Play Good Neighbor Prize for the whole bank.



# TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every hour to play Keep Fishin' or Cut Bait and win up to \$2,500! Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.



### WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 minutes to win up to \$1,000 or walk the plank.
Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.



# WIN \$1,000 CASH Saturdays in June

\$1,000 drawings every 30 minutes from 7pm-9pm. Earn entries Sunday through Saturday, Receive one entry for every 100 points earned.



# JUNE WEEKLY SPECIALS

Now Open for Breakfast at 8am

MONDAY - THURSDAY served from 11am-10pm

**MONDAY - CHEF'S SALAD \$14** 

**TUESDAY - CLASSIC MEATLOAF \$14** 

**WEDNESDAY - PUB STYLE COD SANDWICH \$15** 

**THURSDAY - SOUTHWEST FLANK STEAK \$18** 

FRIDAY - SUNDAY served from 4pm-10pm

FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21

**SATURDAY - SMOKIN' CHARLIE \$15** 

**SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE** 

### **FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL**

SUNDAY, JUNE 19 - DINE IN ONLY

### **BBQ BURNT ENDS \$18**

served with barbecue beans, buttered corn on the cob, house-made cornbread & chef's honey butter



COOS BAY