Youth gathered for nishchima’muu camp (Culture Camp) for the week of July 10th through July 14th. Mapleton High School was very gracious to allow us to set up camp on the school property in Mapleton, Oregon for the week. This was a great central location for youth traveling from Coos Bay and Eugene and private enough to have a safe and fun environment for the youth to fully enjoy camping.

Staff collaborating from the Department of Culture and Natural Resources, Education, and Social Services Departments provided a fun filled experience for the campers and their families. Youth under seven had a parent or guardian chaperone them during camp while the other youth were set up into small camp clans throughout the week. Monday’s arrival at camp had campers reuniting with their cousins and former camp buddies, while some new faces joined for their first ever Culture Camp and made fast friends...

SAVE the DATE:
Budget Hearing
September 10, 2023
Begins at 9:00 a.m. before the scheduled Regular Council Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from June 11, 2023 - July 8, 2023

Chief Doc Slyter
06/11 Tribal Council Meeting
Wanda Williford Memorial Opening
Prayer and Played Flute
06/12 Sunset Memorial Cemetery – Wanda Williford Ceremony
07/06 Zoom- Pre meeting for Val Hoyle
Daily emails and phone calls
Total hours: 32

Brad Kneaper, Chairman
06/11 Regular Council Meeting
Attend Tribal Elder Memorial Service
06/15 Department of Natural Resources and Culture Director Applicant Interview
06/16 Visit to Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission on the proposed Co-Management Agreement. The Commission approved unanimously.
06/17 Attended Student Recognition Dinner
06/21 Leader’s Circle Meeting
06/22 Special Council Meeting. On the agenda were a (1) Resolution for an employment agreement, (2) Resolution amending a contract with Indigenous Healthcare Advancement, (3) Resolution for a contract for Phase 1 Waite Ranch Restoration Project. (4) Enrollment Discussion.
06/25 Seeds for Success Project Opening Gathering.
06/26 Media Interview on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Co-Management Agreement.
06/27 Attend the Tribal Government Employee All-Staff Meeting. Attended a portion of Tribal Court Training.
06/28 Tribal CEO and I met with Florence City Mayor and City Manager regarding common areas of concern, including Wind Energy, Coos Bay Port Project, Housing issues and other items of mutual interest.
Business Council Meeting
07/05 Waite Ranch Restoration Project Pre-Construction Gathering.
07/06 Pre-Meeting to discuss meeting with Representative Val Hoyle. (ZOOM). Meet (in person) with Representative Val Hoyle regarding Wind Energy, Port Expansion Projects Environmental Concerns. Also discussed future relationship and communications.
Total hours: 134

Doug Barrett, Vice Chair
06/11 Tribal Council Meeting
Wanda Williford Memorial
06/12 Travel day to Tulalip Washington
06/13 Tribal Clean Energy Summit in Tulalip
06/15 Elakha Board Meeting
06/16 ODFW Signing of MOA
06/17 Student Recognition Dinner
06/21 Leaders Circle
06/22 Culture Committee Meeting Special Council meeting
06/24 Coquelle Restoration Day
06/26 ATNI Changing Currents; Tribal Waters Summit at Mill Casino
06/28 Tribal Council Business Meeting
07/05 Waite Ranch Pre-Construction Gathering Ceremony
07/06 Pre-Meeting and Meeting with Representative Val Hoile
07/08 Grande Ronde Veterans Pow Wow in Grande Ronde
Total Hours: 158 hrs

Julie Siestreem
06/11 Tribal Council general Membership Regular Monthly Meeting Community Center
Wanda Williford Celebration of Life, Tribal Hall
06/13 Education Committee Meeting Final Scholarship Determination Jeannie McNeil
06/14 Oregon Department of Education Early Learning Division Tribal Advisory Committee Regular Meeting
06/21 Excused Leaders Circle Meeting
06/22 Special Meeting Tribal Council
06/26-06/30 Attended choice sessions as schedule allowed. ATNI Changing Currents Tribal Water Summit, Mill hotel and Casino North Bend Oregon
06/27 Court Training Tribal Hall
06/28 GFORB Regular Monthly Meeting TRC Florence Tribal Council Regular Monthly Business Meeting TRC Florence
07/06 Tribal Council Pre-Meeting for Congresswoman Val Hoyle in person meeting Tribal Council in person meeting with Congresswoman Val Hoyle Community Center
07/09 Tribal Council and General Council Regular Monthly Meeting Email, text , phone, in-person communications, research, driving as needed.
Total hours: 130

Teresa Spangler
06/11 Regular Council Meeting
06/16 ODFW Hearing in Newport.
06/17 Student Recognition Dinner
06/21 Leaders Circle Meeting
06/22 Special Council Meeting
06/26 Seeds for Success dinner at Deadwood Property with OSU, DNR/Culture and Forestry.
06/28 Business Council Meeting
07/05 Waite Ranch Pre- Construction Meeting
Total Hours: 71

Iliana Montiel
06/11 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
Wanda Williford Memorial
06/17 Student Recognition Dinner
06/21 Leaders Circle
06/22 Special Council Meeting
06/28 GFORB/ Tribal Council Business Meeting
07/06 SB 770 Meeting
Total Hours: 40

CTCLUSI
Tribal General Council
First 2024 Budget Hearing (CLUSITC 7-10-3(a))
2023 Supplemental Budget Hearing (CLUSITC 7-10-9)

September 10, 2023

Budget meeting will start at 9:00 a.m., before the Regular Council Meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Voice of CLUSI July 2023 Edition Corrections

Page 2 - Council member Teresa Spangler submitted her business report and it was accidentally omitted from the July publication.
Spangler’s report for the period of May 14, 2023 - June 11, 2023
05/14 Regular Council Meeting
05/15 Meeting with Mapetsi and General Services Administration
05/23 Dinner with James Su from Nevada State Bank
05/24 Flag Ceremony at Mapleton High School
05/26 Ribbon Cutting for Grand Opening in Blue Bills
05/30 Meeting with Senator Jeff Merkley
05/31 Business Council Meeting
06/07 Leaders Circle Meeting - Met with Oregon State University-Then with Department of State lands
E-Mails Daily Total Hours: 68

Page 10 - In the Student Recognition Celebration article, a misprint of the Education Director’s name appeared. The correct spelling is Jemiah Wassman.
# Tribal Council

**Meeting Information**

- **Date:** August 23, 2023
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Location:** Coos Bay Community Center 338 Wallace Ave.

- **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. Adjourn

## Tribal Committee Members

- **Elders Committee**
  - Arleen Perkins, Chair  
  - VACCANT  
  - Patricia Neven (Tillamook)  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT

- **Enrollment Committee**
  - Warren T. Brainard  
  - Patricia Wheret-Phillips  
  - Skip Brainard  
  - Vicki Fiaciane, Chair  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT

- **Housing Committee**
  - Wendy Garcia, Vice Chair  
  - Danny Krossman, Chair  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT  

- **Investment Committee**
  - Roseanna Perry  
  - Jake Fong  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT  
  - VACCANT

- **Language Committee**
  - Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo  
  - Tammy Evarts  
  - Jake Fong  
  - VACCANT  
  - Jamie Biesanz, Chair  
  - VACCANT  
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  - Coos Bay, OR 97420
  - Phone: 541-888-6433
  - Toll free 1-800-877-2718
  - Phone 541-744-1334
  - Toll Free 1-888-280-0726
  - Fax 541-888-7505

- **Tribe’s monthly calendar of upcoming events or visit the Events Calendar on the tribal website at https://ctclusi.org/events/
Hello Everyone,

I want to provide you all with a couple of updates on two ongoing projects that I know you are interested in. First, the Co-Managed Agreement (Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, Gathering) with the State of Oregon. As I’m sure you are aware, our agreement was unanimously approved by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission. The next steps are finalizing the agreement ceremony that will be open to the public, particularly Tribal Citizens. After that meeting with the ODFW Commission representative to work out the implementation. I do want to remind everyone that this isn’t only about the ability to hunt and fish under our own regulations, it’s also about working together to Protect and restore the Cultural and Natural Resources, some of which are in danger of disappearing.

Next, we are progressing with the proposed amendments to the constitution. We have had two ZOOM listening sessions with Tribal Membership, the last one on Tuesday (July 18, 2023). The meeting was productive and while I would have liked to see more of our Tribal Citizens attend, those that did asked meaningful questions and offered valuable comments. I believe the recording of that meeting will be posted on the website, and a separate article summarizing the meeting will be posted in this newsletter by Morgan Gaines, who attended as well. There was a recent mailing that went out with a survey. Once we feel like we have received all of those, Council will meet to discuss and consider all the information that has been received from both surveys and both ZOOM listening sessions. Once all that information has been put together, it will go out to membership for review again. Please review all the documents and send in your comments or questions. Posting comments on social media will not give you a voice in this election, nor allow us to address your concerns or answer your questions. One more thing, and I’ve addressed this several times, both in the listening sessions and verbally, and I believe in previous articles, these amendments DO NOT give Council the ability to vote themselves a pay increase. The amendments give that authority to ONLY the General Council.

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RESOLUTION NO.: 23-059
Date of Passage: April 26, 2023
Subject (title): 2022 abbreviated Annual Performance Report Submission IHBG- CARES Explanation: Tribal Council approves this submission of data from the Homeless Improvement Board to HUD Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-060
Date of Passage: April 27, 2023
Subject (title): Three Rivers Casino Chief Financial Officer Explanation: Tribal Council approves this employment contract Vote 5-1-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-061
Date of Passage: May 14, 2023
Subject (title): River Road Plaza Shopping Center Lease 2nd amendment and Tribal Council Approval Explanation: Tribal Council approves the amendment to renew the lease for office space for the Eugene Outreach office until May 2025. Vote 5-1-0

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

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-062
Date of Passage: May 14, 2023
Subject (title): Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Siuslaw Coho Partnership Focused Investment Partnership Grant Application. Explanation: Tribal Council approves this project. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-063
Date of Passage: May 14, 2023
Subject (title): Approval of Opening New account for EZ Mini Storage Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-064
Date of Passage: May 14, 2023
Subject (title): Native Connections Substance abuse and Mental Health Services Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request to submit application for grant funding. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-065
Date of Passage: May 31, 2023
Subject (title): Approve Application for the 2023 Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) Tribal Strategic Investment (TSI) Grant Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for funding for police supplies and equipment. Vote 7-0-0

Tribal Police Department Hires Fish & Wildlife Officer

Contributed by Brian Dubray, Chief of Police

The CTCLUSI Police Department is excited to welcome and introduce Don Miller as our Fish and Wildlife Officer. Don comes to us with a successful career in law enforcement spanning 30 years. His prior experience includes training and supervisory experience as a Field Training Officer, Field Training Evaluator, Crisis Team Member (CIT) Fugitive Warrant Unit, Gang Unit, TACT Team Unit, Senior Detective, Sergeant Detective, Sergeant Patrol Operations, and Chief of Police. Don has also worked at the Houston Office of the FBI as a Special Deputy United States Marshal where he conducted investigations into Human Trafficking of Minors.

Don begins with our agency today, and we are excited to implement this position within the Tribal Police Department. It will be a tremendous asset to be able to proactively patrol the Tribal Forest and work collaboratively with other departments to help protect the Tribe’s resources.

Chaired by Brad Kneaper

August 2023
Constitutional Amendment—continued from cover

lineal descendants due to past actions of some family’s ancestors. As it stands written from 1984, the Constitution currently states no person or those whose lineal ancestor through whom they are claiming eligibility, who received payment in compensation for land claims through any other Indian Tribe whether federally recognized or not is ineligible for membership in CTCLUSI. Revising this section and allowing the lineal descendants seeking eligibility, while of course meeting the other requirements, would allow us to lay aside old grudges and come together in unity for our citizenship, further acting upon and reinforcing our sovereignty as a Tribal Government.

Speaking of enforcing our Sovereignty, the idea was also brought up to update the language throughout the Constitution to match our standing as a Nation of Tribal Citizens. The idea of “changing the term Tribal Member to Tribal Citizen doesn’t change the technical status of enrollment but mirrors the sovereign status of the Tribe” was shared during the discussion, with many participants in agreement. In that same line of thought, updating our Tribal name would also be a potential benefit in our Government to Government relationships. “Changing the name of the Tribe does not impact any of our rights and would be more reflective of our cultural identities”, and standing as a Sovereign Nation. There is definitely much to consider and to keep reviewing. This process of amending our Tribal Constitution is important and will not be rushed. Please take the time to review and submit comments online.

After reviewing the submitted questionnaires from the last draft and taking into consideration the discussion held in the July meeting, another draft will be compiled. Please be on the lookout in your Tribal paper, website, and in mailings from the Tribe future draft comment requests. Once a final draft amendment document in complete, it will be sent to the BIA and a Secretarial Election will be called. The process for this election to amend the Constitution will be handled solely by the BIA, not the Tribe or our Election Board. All CTCLUSI enrolled members will have an opportunity to participate in this election process and vote for various proposed amendments. All members eighteen (18) years of age and older will be sent “registration” from the BIA to allow participation.

Be sure our Enrollment Department has all of your family members correct mailing addresses NOW so you won’t miss any important correspondence for the Tribe or the BIA about this matter. The Tribe will continue to provide information and updates as we continue to move this process forward. If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie McNeil at 541-888-9577 or jmceñl@ctclusi.org.

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a BASKET START - exactly like the one pictured at 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 BASKET hiding! Must email by August 18th 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.

Salmon Ceremony 2023

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

Welcomes you to join us for Salmon Ceremony 2023 with Chief Doc Slyter

Tribal Veterans to be Honored at Salmon Ceremony:

If you or a member of your family are a CTCLUSI enrolled member and/or CTCLUSI Tribal descendant and a Veteran, please submit your DD214’s to Meagan Davenport at mdavenport@ctclusi.org or call 541-888-7509 to be recognized during Salmon Ceremony on August 6, 2023. Let us know what branch you served in and submit a 5” x 7” photo to be placed on the Veterans Wall in Tribal Hall.

2023 Annual Salmon Ceremony

Sunday, August 6th

Begins at 11:00am
Lunch at 12:00 noon
Location: Gregory Point/Chiefs Island Lighthouse
Shuttle transport only to the site from Coos Head

Saturday, August 5th

Breakfast with Tribal Council

Tribal Council will be cooking a variety of breakfast items for the Tribal membership and their families
9:00am - 11:00am
Location: Community Center
338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, OR
RSVP Needed please call 1-541-435-7155
Questions? Contact Meagan Davenport 541-888-7509

Adult - Marie Petrie | Youth - Aubrey Wisdom

July “Salmon” Edition Winners:

Salmon from July edition was located on page 14, on the Peacegiving advertisement at the bottom left of the page.
Department of Forest Management Gains Two New Employees

Contributed by Colin Beck, Forest Lands Manager

Please join me in welcoming two new employees to the Department of Forest Management!

Holley Carroll is joining the department as our Forestry Program Coordinator. Holley moved here 7 years ago from Southern California and came straight to work for the Tribe as an Administrative/Payroll Assistant where she ran the biweekly payroll and manned the front office. Holley moved into PRC in 2019 and then went back to Payroll full time in 2021. Holley is looking to grow and utilize more of her diverse skills as the Forestry Programs Coordinator. She’s excited to grow the position and help the Tribe in new ways!

Daniel Jager is joining us as our new GIS Administrator. Daniel is originally from Southwest Washington, the ancestral homelands of the Cowlitz. He has been living in the dry climate of Central Washington for the past six years and is excited to be back on the coast. Daniel recently worked for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, working with cultural resources and geographic information science. He loves trying to understand the relationship between people and landscape in order to produce more meaningful maps. When Daniel is not working, he enjoys being in nature and taking photographs.

Welcome, Holley and Daniel. We’re excited to have both of you onboard!

Need Assistance Accessing the Citizen Portal on the Tribal Website?

Contact Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org or call 541-888-7536

Smoke Ready Checklist

Air pollution can harm health and may have lasting effects. Below are a few precautionary actions that we can take to get ready for wildfire smoke events. For more information visit the Air Quality Program tab at: ctclusi.org/department-of-natural-resources-culture/ or www.oregonsmoke.org

- **Create Clean Indoor Air**
  Choose a room that you can close off from outside air. Use a portable air cleaner/purifier with the highest rated MERV filter. Attach a MERV filter to a box fan for inexpensive DIY air cleaner.

- **Gather N95 Masks**
  If you must be outside in heavy smoke, NIOSH approved masks with the label “N95” or “N100” are the most effective at protection from air pollution.

- **Make a Plan for Vulnerable Household Members**
  Consider how to keep children, elders, pregnant women, those with heart or lung disease, and outdoor workers out of smoky air whenever possible.

- **Consider Ideas to Stay Mentally Strong and Engaged**
  Social connection is key when you’re isolated indoors. Identify someone you can ask for help, and someone you can help. Make a list of things that have helped you cope with smoke in the past.

- **Know How to Get Air Quality Information**
  Keep an eye on PM2.5 levels in your area during wildfires. AirNow is a very reliable source which is referenced by many different air quality professionals. There are two websites: AirNow.gov or fire.airnow.gov. The EPA’s Smoke Sense app also has some great air quality and smoke safety educational information.
### HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

#### HEAT STROKE
- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness (passing out)

#### HEAT EXHAUSTION
- Heavy sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Fainting (passing out)

#### HEAT CRAMPS
- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
- Muscle pain or spasms

#### SUNBURN
- Painful, red, and warm skin
- Blisters on the skin

#### HEAT RASH
- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)

#### WHAT TO DO

#### HEAT STROKE
- Call 911 right away—heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person’s temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink
- Move to a cool place
- Loosen your clothes
- Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
- Sip water

Get medical help right away if:
- You are throwing up
- Your symptoms get worse
- Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
- Drink water or a sports drink
- Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity

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Get medical help right away if:
- You're on a low-sodium diet
- You have heart problems
- Stay in a cool, dry place
- Keep the rash dry
- Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash

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**INDOOR AIR QUALITY TESTING PILOT PROJECT**

The Department of Culture & Natural Resources’ Air Quality Program is launching an Indoor Air Quality Testing Pilot Project for Tribal members who own their home. Prioritization for homes west of the coast range & elders.

Based on need & availability: Air Purifier, Dehumidifier, or an Air Matters Toolkit available to participants.

**Please contact:**

**Ali Grove, Air Protection Specialist**

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**Air Quality Alerts**

For current Air Quality Advisories effecting the CTCLUSI 5 county service area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties) please visit the Health Alert Notifications tab under News & Events on the CTCLUSI website (ctclusi.org/health-alert-notifications/).

You can also download the CTCLUSI Alert Hub app on your phone to receive notifications.

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**Cleaner Alternatives**

Learn about your options before burning wood in your backyard. Switching to natural gas or propane reduces harmful air pollutants. Kits that convert existing fire rings and pits to natural gas or propane burners are available at hearth and patio stores.

**Check Your Local Laws**

Some local governments have adopted ordinances to restrict backyard recreational fires. For more information, check with local authorities.

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**Enjoy Your Fire Pit Responsibly**

Contributed by Armando Martinez, Emergency Management Coordinator

If you choose to burn wood, reduce particle pollution with these steps:

- Only burn seasoned, dry wood, which burns hotter and cleaner.
- Use a moisture meter to check firewood; moisture content is best at about 20 percent.
- Cover stacked wood, but allow good air flow so it can dry.
- Never burn wood during air quality alert days, when air pollution is already higher.
- Never burn green wood, construction waste, plastic, garbage, or yard waste. They create more smoke and can be toxic.
- Take extra care if you live in a region where brush fires are of concern.

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Health Administrator Hired to Oversee CTCLUSI Health Services

John R Reeves III, MHA is the new Health Administrator overseeing the health services at CTCLUSI. John has been in healthcare management for twenty-three years, and has worked improving healthcare within Indian Country for seventeen of those years. John comes to CTCLUSI from Honolulu, Hawai’i where he had previously been helping the State of Hawai’i manage their state-owned critical access hospitals and integrated outpatient clinics on the island of Kaua’i. John holds a Master of Healthcare Administration from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management from National American University in Rapid City, South Dakota. John is a champion of improving access, operational understanding, prosperity, and equity in healthcare delivery within rural communities.

Professionally, John has directly managed Tribal Health programs in various states, and has founded and grown multiple startup companies throughout his career. Starting with Tribal Healthcare Consultants in 2016, which provided healthcare consulting in Indian Country, and in 2020 that business grew and rebranded as Indigenous Healthcare Advancements consisting of multiple services lines from healthcare consulting, to health program planning, healthcare expansion support, and many other healthcare related services. John brings with him a wealth of resources and relationships that have time and again positively impacted Indigenous communities.

John is married to Pui Reeves, who is currently serving as the CEO of Indigenous Healthcare Advancements, and she manages the business from Seattle, Washington with a soon to be location in Las Vegas, Nevada. Together they have two children Jayden (21) who lives in Sacramento, California, and Janessa (19) who lives in Newport, Oregon.

John is excited to integrate into the CTCLUSI community and support the community in the expansion of their new healthcare service lines of Behavioral Health, Medical, Pharmacy, and Specialty Telehealth while also supporting the Tribe in exercising their Self-Determination! John can be reached by office phone at (541) 888-7515 or by email at jreeves@ctclusi.org, and if you would like to set up an appointment to discuss anything Health Services related you are encouraged to schedule an appointment with his assistant Naomi Petrie at npetrie@ctclusi.org.

Tribal Member Takes on Role of Health Program Assistant

Naomi Petrie is from Coos Bay, OR, and is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). She is the second youngest out of 18 siblings belonging to David Petrie. She has lived in Coos Bay, OR for the majority of her life. She worked in the dental field for 5 years as a Dental Health Aid Therapist at the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic. Naomi received her Associate of Applied Science and DHAT certificate in June of 2017, and then her DHAT license in November of 2022. Naomi has made the switch to the administrative side of things as the new Health Program Assistant. She looks forward to helping the CTCLUSI tribe in a new capacity.

Fitness Program

Naomi Petrie is taking over the administration of the Fitness Program. Remember, this program is available to all enrolled Tribal members and their spouse. The Fitness Program covers the cost of fitness-related activities, such as gym memberships, sports participation and limited weight-loss/management programs (does not cover medical weight-loss programs). There is also a benefit for equipment such as gym memberships, sports participation and limited weight-loss/management programs (does not cover medical weight-loss programs). There is also a benefit for equipment such as gym memberships, sports participation and limited weight-loss/management programs (does not cover medical weight-loss programs).

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Immunization is the Safest and Most Effective Public Health Tool for Preventing Disease and Death

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including your ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations. During NIAM, we encourage you to talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider to ensure you and your family are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.

As your children head back to school this fall, it’s particularly important for you to work with your child’s doctor or nurse to make sure they get caught up on missed well-child visits, sports physicals, and recommended vaccines. Scan the QR code to find out about your CDC recommended child’s immunization schedule:

Remember to take care of yourself, too! Make sure to receive any vaccines you need to stay healthy. August is also a critical time for those who are eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccination, check out vaccines.gov website or call 1-800-232-0233 to find a vaccine location.

References:

### Diabetes and Emergencies

**When a crisis happens,** medication, water, or diabetes supplies may be hard to get. By planning ahead you can act quickly. Have an emergency kit ready to go so you can better manage your diabetes away from home.

**Build an Emergency Kit**
- Get a backpack or box that holds a week or more of supplies. Stock the kit with items that apply to you on the checklist. Place the kit where you can grab it and go. See more at Ready.gov on how to build your kit.
- **Diabetes Medical Supplies for 1-2 weeks**
  - Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications taken by mouth, inhaled, or injected
  - Glucose meters, test strips, lancets, and batteries
  - Continuous glucose monitoring supplies
  - Insulin pens, needles, and syringes
  - Insulin pump supplies
  - Glucose tablets, juice boxes, or hard candy to treat low blood sugar
  - Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes
  - First aid kit

- **Personal Information and Items**
  - Current medication list, along with your pharmacy and provider’s contact information
  - Copies of important records, identification, and health insurance cards
  - Extra cell phone charger
  - Extra pair of glasses or contact lenses, as needed

**More Essentials for Your Kit**
- A 3-day supply of food, water, and other essentials to pack
  - Non-perishable food such as peanut butter, crackers, protein bars and shakes, tuna, sardines, nuts, and canned fruit
  - A can opener and eating utensils
  - One gallon of water per day
  - Radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
  - A warm blanket and a change of clothing

**Create an Emergency Plan**
- Talk with family members about why and how to prepare for disasters common to your area.

**Things to consider**
- Discuss where to meet in case you are separated from your family. Include a boat-up location
- Plan how you will stay in touch if phones and internet are out.
- Decide what tasks need to be done by each household member
- For more help with making your emergency plan, see the Ready.gov website.

If you have disabilities or other medical needs:
- **Decide what you might need during and after an emergency**
- Talk with your caregivers to help you prepare your emergency plan
- For help making a plan for people with disabilities, see the American Red Cross, Disability Services for People with Physical Disabilites.

### Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

**Dial 988**

for mental health emergencies.

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

#WeNeedYouHere

**What is 988?**

988 is a direct three-digit line to trained National Suicide Prevention Lifeline crisis counselors that will go live July 16, 2022. With an easy to remember 3-digit number, the Lifeline hopes to reach many more people in emotional crisis. This service is provided free of charge to the caller. Any person of any age can call or text 988; services will be available 24/7, year round. They will include a text option, translation services for non-English speakers, accessible options for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, and services for minors.
Culture Camp 2023...continued from cover

Camp week was full of traditional activities, adventures, and fun. Youth explored their family histories together, learning about their Tribal connections. Throughout the week while at camp they learned cedar and tule weaving, beading, flintknapping, atlatl throwing, plant identification, participating in talking circles and so much more. They spent time in the mornings and evenings in language groups learning their traditional languages and using it throughout the week. Field trips were also on the agenda, with the first one being a drive to Sunset Bay in Charleston, Oregon. Following a safety lesson and gearing up in life jackets they enjoyed an afternoon of kayaking in the bay, searching the tidepools, fishing, and beachcombing.

Later in the week campers explored the Amanda Trail and learned the history of one of their Coos ancestors who was separated from her daughter and forced to march to the Alsea Reservation in Yachats, Oregon. Starting at the Cape Perpetua lookout, campers hiked the Amanda Trail down to the Amanda statue located on honorary Tribal member Joanne Kettle's property just south of Yachats.

The sun was shining bright for our campers throughout the week. This made for perfect weather for taking the canoes out on the water. To beat the heat the youth also had lots of opportunities for swimming in the Siuslaw and enjoying using refillable water balloons back at camp.

Lottie, the traditional dugout canoe and Tyee ii Bowen, the cedar strip canoe were both pulled by youth in the Siuslaw River. Some friendly canoe races where held paddling from the Mapleton boat ramp to the Mapleton bridge and back. This was a first-time experience for some of the campers and oh what an incredible time it was. Truly inspiring to see the faces of our Tribal youth light up taking part in their living culture and moving us forward in a good way.

Hiisa, Luwii to Tribal Council and all the staff, volunteers, parents, and youth who made culture camp so wonderful this year. We really couldn’t do it without all of your support and willingness to help out and participate. Thank you and we so look forward to seeing you next time!
Culture Camp 2023...continued from cover

Getting ready for reusable water balloon time! Photo by Desiree Acosta

Hiking the Amanda Trail. Photo by Courtney Krossman

Everyone circling up before kayaking at Sunset Bay. All photographs by Morgan Gaines unless otherwise specified.
Grande Ronde Elders Honor Day Trip 2023

Contributed by Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator, Community Health

Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) Elders were honored to participate in the Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day held July 9-11, 2023 at the Spirit Mountain Event Center.

Sunday, July 9th, CTCLUSI brought together 29 Elders with staff to attend this 3-day getaway for fun and relaxation. After boarding their transport, chatting and laughter quickly took over for the duration of the trip. The scenic views of the Oregon Coast did not disappoint our travelers.

Finally reaching the destination, Grand Ronde welcomed all with a beautiful hotel facility at Spirit Mountain Lodge. Our Elders met up at the Happy Dragon restaurant for the first dinner meal. Lively conversations and good food were enjoyed by all.

The following day, Monday, July 10th they gathered together with other tribal elders to help celebrate Grand Ronde Elders Honor Day. It began with a blessing by Jon George, Grand Ronde Tribal Council.

Jon George continued as the MC throughout the day for all activities hosted in the Spirit Mountain Casino Event Center. He introduced, Vince Redhouse of “Wind People Music” who played several flute songs throughout the day. There were several other musicians who joined him for some of the songs he shared with us. Vince shared a bit of his life story with us.

The Grand Ronde Royalty Princesses sang in their language and danced in celebration. Annually the warriors ages 7-18 apply to serve on the Grand Ronde Royalty in March and are chosen in July. There are three age groups; Little Veterans Queen 7-10, Junior Veterans Queen11-13, Senior Veterans Queen 14-18. As they serve they learn traditions, powwow protocols, public speaking, and, do needed work with the veterans.

The Pre-K children from the Chinuk Wawa Education Program sang three songs in their language with the support of adult drummers on each side of them.

Throughout the day, raffle prizes of Pendleton blankets, luggage totes, T-shirts, CD’s, more blankets, leather purses, necklaces, and beaded jewelry, were offered. We had our own set of CTCLUSI winners.

Bingo consisted of 10 rounds with various shapes. Competition was fierce.

Dinner that evening was given a 5-star rating by the Elders. We met at the Amore restaurant. Elders were given the choice of Seafood Louie, Chicken Parmesan, Prime Rib, Chicken Marsala, and Shrimp Scampi. The food was excellent.

On the last day, Tuesday, July 11th we had breakfast together, then headed to the Chachalu Museum and Culture Center for a guided tour by Joseph Ham and Dakota Zimmer. We listened to the Grand Ronde’s history and stories. We had behind-the-scenes commentary on who was who in the family pictures set up throughout the museum. Our own guide Joseph was pleased to talk more tribal to tribal, sharing stories of boat races of the canoes in the river and whom the people are making the unique baskets.

The travel back home was filled with great storytelling, laughter, and brand-new memories to share. The common thread to this trip is how much they enjoyed the togetherness, building new friendships, the hard laughter-to where one cries, and the beautiful drive to and from.
Elders Corner

What’s Up, Elders?
Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

Nellie Zimmer recently traveled to Hampstead, North Carolina to visit and spend time with her daughter Nan Bellini, Son-in-Law Ed, and Granddaughter Gabby. Her son Todd and his wife Mindy traveled with her.

During her stay, she and her family kept busy with barbeques at Nan’s place, did some antique shopping, visited The Bellamy Plantation Mansion, the Confederate Cemetery in New Bern, the pharmacy where Pepsi Cola was invented in New Bern, and took a few trips to the beach to dip their toes in the Atlantic Ocean. They also stopped by a huge candy store called the Sugar Palace!

There are so many pictures Nellie and her family are happy to share; we hope you enjoy!

More Photos from the Elders Honors Trip

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More Photos from the Elders Honors Trip

Sept 6th—Sept 8th
Hellgate Jet boat Excursion
Dinner Trip
Grants Pass, OR

What to bring: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, jacket. Remember the possibility that you and your things may get wet.

Hotel has onsite pool.

Wednesday, September 6
1:00 pm Tribal transportation leaves Coos Bay office
12:30 pm Tribal transportation leaves Florence office
1:30 pm Tribal transportation leaves Eugene office
4:00 pm Check into The Riverside Inn—(986 SW 6th St.)
6:00 pm Black Bear Diner—(1900 NW 6th St.)

Thursday, September 7
8:00-10:00 am Continental Breakfast at The Riverside Inn
10:30 am Bear Hotel Museum Tour (2010 NE Spalding Ave.)
11:30 am Lunch at TAPROCK (Evergreen Room) (971 SE 6th Street)
1:00—2:30 pm Walk about downtown - G Street Marketplace (137 SW G St)
3:30 pm Meet in lobby area
3:45—8:30 pm Hellgate Jet Boat Excursions — (966 SW 6th Street)
8:45 pm Check back into Riverside Inn

Friday, September 8
8:00—10:30 am Continental Breakfast at Riverside Inn
11:00 am Transportation Leaves Back To Home

For further information please contact: Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator/Community Health Aide at 541-888-7520.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

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

Limited transportation is being provided from the Coos Bay, Florence and Eugene Offices. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before departure.

There will be an Elders Committee Meeting at 1:00 pm following the luncheon.
PREPAREDNESS

Prepare long before the threat of a wildfire so your home or business is ready in case of a fire:
- Create a defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.
- Use fire-resistant landscaping to harden your home with non-flammable construction materials.
- Put together a basic emergency supply kit. Store your kit in a cool, dry, and easily accessible location.
- Stock up on emergency supplies such as water, food, and medical supplies.
- Leave a plan for evacuation with family members or friends who will be staying in your home.
- Review your insurance policies to ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home and personal property.
- Maintain your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it when needed.
- Keep a copy of your emergency plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place.
- Have a disaster supply kit ready to take with you.

GET SET - BE AWARE
- Pack your emergency items.
- Create a family emergency plan:
  - Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within your home or business know the plan.
  - Don’t rely only on your common sense. Have an escape plan for everyone in your family.
  - Understand NWS forecast products, especially the meaning of the color codes.
- Be aware of the wildfire risk in your area:
  - Follow instructions of local officials.
  - Stay tuned to local radio or television stations for the latest news.
  - Follow instructions issued by local officials.
- Stay aware of the latest wildfire news and updates:
  - Check weather.gov/safety/wildfire
  - Follow your local NWS Wildfire Warning.
  - Check with your local government emergency management office.
- Pack your emergency items.
- Have a disaster supply kit ready to take with you.
- Be ready to evacuate if you or anyone in your family has had any recent special
  - Do NOT use candles. Turn on your flashlight before entering a vacated building. The battery could produce a spark that could ignite smoldering items.
  - If you smoke, be sure to extinguish your cigarette or cigar before leaving your home.
  - Use fire-resistant landscaping to harden your home with non-flammable construction materials.
  - Create a defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.

FOR HOUSES

- If you are not in the direct path
  - Protect your home with non-flammable construction materials.
  - Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm in your home. Test your smoke alarms at least once each year.
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FOR BUSINESS

- Prepare your business in case of a fire:
  - Prepare long before the threat of a wildfire so your home or business is ready in case of a fire.
  - Use fire-resistant landscaping to harden your home with non-flammable construction materials.
  - Create a defensible space by clearing brush away from your home.
  - Have several planned escape routes.
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For more information, visit weather.gov/safety/wildfire

Red Flag Warning: Take Action!

Understand wild fire warning and watches

Go - ACT EARLY!

If you or anyone in your family has had any recent special

Wildfire Safety for You and Your Family

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- A big threat after the fire are snags (fire weakened trees), be aware of the threat posed by falling trees.
- Follow your local NWS Wildfire Warning.
- Plan escape routes and make sure all those residing within your home or business know the plan.
- Leave a plan for evacuation with family members or friends who will be staying in your home.
- Review your insurance policies to ensure that you have adequate coverage for your home and personal property.

Be Ready! Wildfires

Windows/Vents

Close all windows, doors, vents, blinds, and doors.

Escape Route

Be prepared to evacuate immediately if ordered!

 adjunct to evacuation do so immediately if ordered!

Smoke Detector

Install a dual-sensor smoke alarm in your home. Test monthly and change the batteries at least once each year.

Firewood

Stack firewood away from house.

Go-Kit

Have a disaster supply kit ready to take with you.

Smell

If you smell gas, see smoke or flames, or if the building or home was damaged by fire, or if the authorities have not declared it safe.

In cases of lighting, NWS may issue a Fire Weather Watch for the next 12 hours.

Stay aware of the latest wildfire news and updates:
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THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

I look forward to hearing from you! Visit www.ctclusi.org/events to view the online event calendar.

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

Fast Facts
- Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. **
- Each year, carbon monoxide poisoning claims approximately 480 lives and sends another 15,200 people to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.***
- Each year over 200 people die from carbon monoxide produced by fuel burning appliances in the home including furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters.****
- A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.**
- Carbon Monoxide can have different effects on people based on its concentration in the air that people breathe, and the person’s health condition.****
- CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses with symptoms including shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes.**
- Consumers die when they improperly use gas generators, charcoal grills, and fuel-burning camping heaters and stoves inside their homes or in other enclosed or partially-enclosed spaces during power outages. ***

Preparedness Tips
✓ Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm (also called detectors) in the hallway of your home near sleeping areas. Avoid corners where air does not circulate.
✓ Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to test the CO alarm every month.
✓ Do not use a CO alarm in place of a smoke alarm. Have both.
✓ Before buying a CO alarm, check to make sure it is listed with Underwriter’s Laboratories standard 2034, or there is information in the owner’s manual that says the alarm meets the requirements of the IAS 6-96 standard.
✓ Make sure all household appliances are installed according to manufacturer’s instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by professionals.
✓ Have heating systems (including chimneys and vents) inspected and serviced annually, checking for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections.
✓ Only burn charcoal outdoors, never inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent.
✓ Always make sure to turn off any gas-powered engine, even if the garage door is open.
✓ Do not use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens or clothes dryers for heating your home.
✓ Know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness, and confusion. If you suspect CO poisoning, get to fresh air immediately, and then call 9-1-1.
✓ Treat the alarm signal as a real emergency each time. If the alarm sounds and you are not experiencing any symptoms described above, press the reset button. If the alarm continues to sound, call the fire department.
✓ Visit www.redcross.org/homefires for more information.

Sources: American Red Cross,* U.S. Fire Administration,** the National Fire Protection Association,** and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission.****
Monitorying HABs and Shellfish Harvester Risk in the Coos Bay Area

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) occur when certain types of microscopic, plant-like organisms (known as phytoplankton or algae) produce toxins that accumulate in the tissues of other organisms that consume them. Because these algal toxins can get into shellfish that people harvest and eat, researchers from Portland State University, CTCLUSI, and the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (SSNERR) conducted a study to understand where, when, and why HABs occur in the Coos Bay Area, as well as how recreational shellfish harvesters perceive risks from HABs. This research was undertaken through NOAA’s Margaret Davidson Fellowship.

A survey was advertised to the shellfish harvesting public, including the Tribal community, between June 2022 and February 2023. This survey assessed awareness and perceptions of HABs, as well as the risk of exposure to algal toxins for shellfish harvesters.

When did people harvest?

- 3419 total years of experience harvesting shellfish of all participants
- 81% aware of HABs and connection to seafood safety
- 6% reported illness after eating recreationally harvested shellfish
- 36% do not use information about HABs before harvesting
- 64% are concerned about HABs
- Highest domoic acid exposure estimates were around half the daily acceptable limit
- People harvested most frequently in the summer, which overlaps with the greatest observed harmful algae abundance in 2021. It is important to note that HABs can occur at any time of year.

Most commonly observed harmful algae

- **Pseudo-nitzschia spp.**
  - Toxin: domoic acid

- **Dolichospermum spp.**
  - Toxins: microcystins, saxitoxins, others.

- **Microcystis spp.**
  - Toxin: microcystins

Alert levels: domoic acid - 200 ng/L (domoic acid significantly accumulates in shellfish), saxitoxin and microcystin - 1 μg/L (drinking water alert, no existing seawater alert levels).

**Bottom Line:** Overall, we found low risk of shellfish poisoning from algal toxins during the study. However, harmful algae do occur in the Coos Bay area, and at consistently higher occurrence at Tenmile Lakes. This research has shown that further study should be done to test shellfish tissues for algal toxins in addition to water.

**Know before you go!** It is important to check fishery conditions on the ODFW biotoxin website [https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/foodsafety/shellfish/pages/shellfishclosures.aspx], the ODFW hotline [toll free: 1-800-448-2474], or use another trusted source of information. If detections are found, we recommend avoiding drinking from these local water sources, recreating or having pets recreate in the waters, and eating shellfish. Help spread the word of HABs to friends and family to help keep us all safe and healthy.
Changing Currents Tribal Water Summit

Changing Currents Tribal Water Summit ATNI was hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians June 26-30, 2023 at the Mill Casino& Hotel in North Bend Oregon. “A primary goal of Changing Currents Summits is to bring together Tribal leaders, Native and non-native community leaders, as well as partners who share a common concern for our precious water resources.” To learn more about this work visit www.changingcurrents.net.

Host tribes acknowledged “the ancestral values, philosophy and stewardship practices regarding our most important natural resources are and have been shared amongst all of our Indigenous people in the same way water connects us and flows from the summits of the mountains to the sea.”

Host tribes acknowledged and thanked our ancestors for “instilling in us the wisdom to set aside any differences to come together to reaffirm our kinship ties and share our spirit and understanding of our ancestor’s knowledge, so we can effectively protect, preserve and restore the health of our waters so our descendants and all living things can live within the lands of our collective stewardship.”

The planning team for the gathering included; Direlle Calica J.D. Warm Springs Changing Currents, Shirod Younker Coquille Tribe Changing Currents, Serina Fast Horse Lakota & Blackfeet Kimimela Consulting, Chrissa Wilkie Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Changing Currents, Annie Rohlf Changing Currents, Cheyenne Hollday Verde.

Twenty-Seven Speakers gave presentations throughout the week. Shirod Younker of the Coquille Tribe and facilitator for the summit in general gave welcoming words and, he invited myself to also give welcoming words. Mel Tonasket from the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation told the group he had retired four times so far in his young 83 years of life and, he is still just as involved/committed to getting the work done that needs to be done as the day he started so many years ago. He encouraged the young people to get involved in the legislative, legal processes to help move the changes we need forward. Jessie Young Esq. one of our own Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians gave similar words of encouragement to our youth only, she emphasized her specific field of expertise Law, as the path we need our youth to use to help us navigate the best solutions for our waters. Margaret Corvi also one of our own, shared her thoughts during the “Coast & Oceans Panel”. Vice Chair Doug Barrett got as many attendees in our canoe as he could at the end of each day. Councilwoman Position #1 Enna Helms facilitated a Cultural Arts Beading Workshop the evening of the second day. The last day Jesse Beers our Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Cultural Stewardship Manager, and Vice Chair Doug Barrett facilitated a tour of our Gregory Point/ Baldicha property.

Some of the other tribes present were; Klamath Yakama, Tolowa Dee-ni Nation, Spokane Tribes, Nez Perce, Willamette, Rosealecte Band of the Ajumawi-Atsuge Nation, Resughini Rancheria, Grand Ronde, Sicangu Lakota, Yupiit Nation at Akiak Native Community, Navajo, Ekota Cherokee & Chicasaw Nation.

Eddie Helms, Shirod Younker, Enna Helms of CTCLUSI Tribal Council pictured above left

Margaret Corvi (pictured far left) sits on a panel during the Tribal Water Summit

Vice Chairman Doug Barrett working on a dentalium necklace

Tribal Council member Julie Siestreem pictured above left

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PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.

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

Website: www.ctclusi.org

Contact Tribal Wellness Court
(541) 888-1307
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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**Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart**
Congratulations to Morgan Phillips on her graduation from Creekside High School in Sonoma, California on June 7, 2023.

The United National Indian Tribal Youth National Conference took place in late June hosted in Washington D.C. Please look forward to a detailed article and quotes from the youth in the next edition of the Voice of CLUSI!