



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

## hiichuuwiiyamł k'alatanuwii s'ainanx ants łt'iiai *Peoples Gathering for Salmon*



Tribal Council standing left to right: Vice Chair Doug Barrett, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Iliana Montiel, Teresa Spangler, Julie Siestrem, Enna Helms, seated front Chief Doc Slyter



Tribal Members prepared the Salmon using traditional cedar stakes over the fire. Left to right: Issac Dull, Mark Petrie, Angela Henry and Dan Kirk

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On Sunday, August 6, 2023 Tribal families gathered together at Gregory Point with Tribal Council for Salmon Ceremony. This monumental occasion was the first large gathering of the people specifically for honoring the Salmon People since 2019. To protect our more vulnerable individuals from the Coronavirus, large gatherings had been placed on hold. Members of Tribal Council held small ceremonies in place of the larger gathering to ensure the continued honor and respect of the Salmon People, as did many small family units throughout the Tribal community. Through those difficult times, many prayers and smudge smoke were sent up for the community, for health and wellness of the people.

Tribal Government staff welcomed everyone with big smiles as they were shuttled

from parking at Coos Head to the Ceremony site at Gregory Point. Here they were greeted with even more enthusiasm and open arms. After checking in and receiving a gift of canned smoked Salmon and an event t-shirt, they began to mingle amongst one another. The morning sprinkles cleared and the sun began to shine down, welcoming the people back to their homelands.

Family and friends reunited, with lots of smiles and some tears of joy at coming together once more. Many folks visited the fire pit where the Salmon was being prepared by Tribal members Issac Dull, Mark Petrie, Angela Henry and Dan Kirk. Many thanks to them and to all of those that helped prepare the Salmon in a good way. More than one person commented on this being the best Salmon they've

had, much of that due to the preparation and certainly also to the blessings of gathering again.

Enjoying their conversations and delicious fry bread indulgences cooked by Courtney Krossman and Ty Walton out of the Tribes food truck, folks happily shared salutations. The excitement in the air at gathering once again was palpable.

Chief Doc Slyter and the members of Tribal Council joined together at the podium set up for the day's remarks. A warm and heartfelt welcome was given, inviting folks to find their seats and join them in opening of the Salmon Ceremony. Chief Doc Slyter offered up an opening invocation and prayer followed by welcoming words by the other members of Tribal Council.

While every Salmon Ceremony is important and honors the Salmon People for their gifts to us, this occasion felt incredibly special. Chief Slyter became the peoples elected Chief in April of 2020. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic he has not had the opportunity to have a full Salmon Ceremony, with the whole community such as this, while being

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Chief Doc Slyter

### Also in this Edition:

*Three Rivers Health Center Groundbreaking Ceremony page 6*

### Save the Date:

*Restoration Celebration Event*

Saturday, October 14, 2023

### Restoration Day

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Please prepare as Tribal Offices will be Closed in Observance of Restoration



## Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from July 9, 2023 - August 13, 2023

### Chief Slyter

07/09 Tribal Council Meeting  
 07/17 Interview with Jamie Hale from The Oregonian – Amanda Trail  
 07/20 Leader's Circle  
 07/24 Shutter Creek  
 07/26 GFORB Meeting, Business Meeting  
 07/30 Senator Wyden & Rep. Val Hoyle – North Jetty Extension  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony – Gregory Point  
 08/08 Ground Breaking for future Medical Center – Bank in Empire  
 08/10 Leader's Circle  
 Daily emails and phone calls

### Brad Kneaper, Tribal Council Chair

07/09 Regular Council Meeting  
 07/10 Meet with Oregon State Police Representative and meet the OSP Liaison.  
 Travel to, attend Elders Honor Day Dinner (Spirit Mountain Casino)  
 07/11 Attend Elders Honor Day Breakfast, Travel Home from Spirit Mountain Casino  
 07/13 Meet with interim Tribal Court Judge Costello regarding future of the Court Introductory meeting with Tribal Attorney's Law Partner  
 07/14 Consultation with Department of State Lands regarding possible uses of Shutter Creek  
 07/18 Virtual Listening Session (ZOOM) with Tribal Community on the constitutional amendment process.  
 07/20 Leaders Circle, Consultation with Oregon State University NAGPRA Coordinator. Update on Staff Projects  
 07/24 Follow-up meeting with staff and CEO (ZOOM) regarding Consultation with Department of State Lands (DSL) (on July 14, 2023) preceding a letter to DSL regarding use of Shutter Creek property  
 07/26 Gaming Operational Review Board and meet with CEO, Business Council Meeting  
 07/30 Jetty Repair Event held at Bastendorff Parking Lot with Sen Ron Wyden, Rep Val Hoyle, Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard and local officials.  
 Town Hall Meeting at Marshfield Junior High School with Sen Ron Wyden, Rep Val Hoyle.  
 08/01 Meet with KMTR (local Coos Bay Television Station) Station Manager at Tribal Government Offices regarding advertising, and news coverage of Tribal events and stories.  
 08/03 – 08/07 Out of Town for a family event  
 08/06 Attended Salmon Ceremony  
 08/08 Attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Three Rivers Health Center.  
 08/09 Meet (ZOOM) with CEO and Legal regarding upcoming (on Friday August 11) Offshore Wind Energy Stakeholders Meeting in which Tribes were not included/invited. Legal was able to secure an invitation for CEO and Chair  
 08/10 Attended Elders Lunch, Attended Elders Committee Meeting, Leader's Circle meeting: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Consultation on potential impacts on

Viewshed (Views) on areas important Tribal People.  
 Discussion on Tribal Court future.  
 08/11 Attend (ZOOM) Offshore Wind Energy Stakeholders meeting  
 Total Hours: 152

### Iliana Montiel

07/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
 07/18 Constitutional Public Meeting for Tribal Members via Zoom  
 07/25 NPAIHB QBM & CRIHB Meeting  
 07/26 NPAIHB QBM & CRIHB Meeting / GFORB via Zoom  
 07/27 NPAIHB QBM & CRIHB Meeting  
 08/05 TC Breakfast  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony  
 08/08 Groundbreaking Ceremony for Three Rivers Health Center  
 08/10 Leaders Circle  
 Total Hours: 60

### Julie Siestroom

07/09 Tribal Council-General Council Regular Monthly Meeting  
 07/09 -07/11 Elders Honor Day Grand Ronde  
 07/12 OTELA Tribal Advisory Committee Regular Meeting  
 07/14 Updates and Consultation Shutter Creek  
 07/16 In person, on site meeting with Chief Doc Slyter and Jamie Hale-reporter from the Oregonian Newspaper, Tribal Hall, Community Center, Plank House, Sweat Lodge  
 07/18 Tribal Council-General Membership Constitutional Public Meeting, in person on site Community Center and Zoom  
 07/20 BOEM Listening Session, Leaders Circle Meeting  
 In person on site visitors, Dawn Marie Alaspisco-OSU (NAGPRA) Coordinator and Paul Odenthal-Senior Assistant Vice President for OSU Financial Administration, CNRD staff Ashley Russell Assistant Director, Courtney Krossman THPO, Jesse Beers Cultural Stewardship Manager  
 07/21 Tribal Listening Session-OHA Director Recruitment  
 07/24 Shutter Creek Follow-up meeting with internal staff  
 07/26 GFORB monthly meeting, Three Rivers Casino Florence  
 Tribal Council Regular Business meeting, Three Rivers Casino Florence  
 07/30 In person onsite visits with Senator Ron Wyden and Rep. Val Hoyle, Coos Head/Bastendorff parking lot across from North Spit Jetty under current reconstruction by USAC, Public Town Hall meeting Marshfield Junior High School  
 08/03 Rodger Craddock Tribute 30 years of Coos Bay Government service and Congratulations for being hired to serve as the new Executive Director of Coos County Airport District  
 08/05 Salmon Ceremony Breakfast Community Center  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony Gregory Point  
 08/08 Chief Doc Slyter Blessing Ceremony on building site for the Tribal Health and Wellness project in progress  
 08/10 Elders Luncheon Community Center, Leaders Circle meeting, BOEM in

person presentation, discussion of Truscage viewshep results on six KOP  
 08/13 Tribal Council-General Membership Regular Monthly Meeting  
 (Phone, Text, Email, Research, Driving)  
 Total Hours: 130

### Teresa Spangler

07/09 Regular Council Meeting  
 07/10 – 07/11 Elders Honor Day at Spirit Mountain Casino  
 07/14 Updates and Consultation Regarding Shutter Creek with Dept. of State Lands  
 07/18 Constitutional Public Meeting with General Council (Zoom)  
 07/20 Leaders Circle Meeting  
 07/24 Internal meeting with staff regarding Shutter Creek  
 07/26 Business Council Meeting  
 07/30 Jetty Repair Event with Army Corp of Engineers and local leaders.  
*Coos County Town Hall with Sen. Ron Wyden and Rep. Val Hoyle.*  
 08/05 Breakfast with the Tribal Community  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony  
 08/08 Ground Breaking Ceremony for Three Rivers Health Center  
 08/10 Leaders Circle Meeting/ Consultation with (BOEM) regarding offshore wind energy  
 Total Hours: 74.5

### Doug Barrett, Vice Chair

07/ 10 – 07/14 Culture Camp  
 07/04 Shutter Creek Updates and Consultation  
 07/18 Constitution Public Meeting for Tribal Members  
 07/19 MHA / LADCP Meeting  
 07/20 Monitoring at Casino for vegetation removal, Leaders Circle, BOEM Listening Session  
 07/22 – 07/23 Cow Creel Pow Wow  
 07/24 – 08/04 Canoe Journey & Protocol  
 07/26 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 07/30 Canoe Landing day at Alki beach in West Seattle  
 08/04 Grande Ronde ODFW meeting in Salem  
 08/05 Camp Ta Nea, end of camp Potlach Ceremony, Tribal Council Breakfast  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony  
 08/08 Three Rivers Health Center Ground Breaking Ceremony  
 08/09 Lane ACT Meeting  
 08/10 Culture Committee Meeting, Leaders Circle  
 08/12 Siletz Pow Wow  
 08/13 Tribal Council Meeting  
 Total Hours: 146 and emails

### Enna Helms

07/19 Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
 07/18 Constitutional Public Meeting for Tribal Members  
 07/20 Tribal Housing Committee Meeting; Developing a Comprehensive Housing Survey for membership with Housing Committee  
 07/26 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 08/05 Tribal Council Breakfast  
 08/06 Salmon Ceremony  
 08/10 Leaders Circle Meeting; Consultation with BOEM  
 Total Hours: 72

# 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 Miller, 541-888-7506 or [jmiller@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmiller@ctclusi.org)  
We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

**ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES**

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jeannie Miller at 541-888-7506 or at email [jmiller@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmiller@ctclusi.org) for new requirements needed to be honored.

**US FOREST SERVICE  
NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES**

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

**CHANGES?**

Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at [www.ctclusi.org/enrollment](http://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](http://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 Miller at 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay OR 97420 or [jmiller@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmiller@ctclusi.org) Please include the meeting date requested, your name, current address, and Tribal Roll number for verification.

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**Council Meeting**  
September 10, 2023  
Budget Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.  
Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m.  
Coos Bay Community Center  
338 Wallace Ave.  
Please login to the citizen portal of [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

- Agenda:
- Call to Order
  - Invocation
  - Approval of Minutes as needed
  - Tribal Council Reports
  - Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
  - Chief Financial Officer Report
  - Old Business
  - New Business
  - Other
  - Good of the Tribes
  - Executive Session as needed

Council meeting video available to view at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)



### THE VOICE OF CLUSI

If you or anyone in your Tribal family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you!  
-Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist  
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### 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 Members Attend Town Hall*

### *Given by Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Val Hoyle*

Contributed by Julie Siestreem, Tribal Council Member

Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Val Hoyle visited our area July 30, 2023 for the senators 1061st Public Town Hall. Several Tribal Council members were able to attend two out of the three-part daylong session. During the session in the parking lot below Coos Head and end of Bastendorf beach opposite North Spit the primary interest was with the current status of the North Spit Jetty repair being processed by USACE. The Repair was started March 18, 2023. The jetty was built between 1891-1895 and measured 9,000 feet in length

and completed length of 9,600 in 1929 but since then has lost more than 1000 feet. Reconstruction is expected to last until December 2025. USACE Captain Marie Adams explained the current progress on the jetty repairs and introduced the Coast Guard Chief and Project Engineer to give information regarding the importance of the repairs for safety and rescue reasons. All seats were filled during the session conducted at Marshfield Junior High School and moderated by Arnie Roblan. The jetty repair project was spoken of again as well

as other subjects of concern to all able to attend. There was a question voiced regarding the relationship if any of the jetty repair project in relationship to the potential Intermodal Shipping facility the International Oregon Port of Coos Bay is supporting. Both Sen Wyden and Rep. Hoyle said they support the project however with all the EIS and Regulations being adhered to as well as Tribal concerns being addressed. Simply, the channel may widen from the current 350 feet to 450 feet and deepen from the current 37 feet to 45 feet to facilitate the project.



## **Chief Doc Slyter Gives Tour to Jamie Hall of the Oregonian Newspaper**

Contributed by Julie Siestreem, Tribal Council Member

Chief Doc Slyter invited Jamie Hall, an Oregonian Newspaper reporter/photographer to visit our Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and, Siuslaw Tribal Hall, Community Center, Plank House and, Sweat Lodge July 16, 2023. Chief walked Jamie through our Tribal Hall and informed him of its origin and uses over time. With Chief's permission I pointed out his Veteran's photograph, formal Chief portrait and his mother Carolyn Slyter's Elder portrait alongside all the other Tribal Veterans, Chiefs and Elders. Our gallery/museum was not open at the time however we pointed it out as well as the Library and Education areas, and newly renovated kitchen. Chief led us onto the Community Center where he led all of us through the facility explaining

the multiuse aspect of the building. Chief explained the Historical Paintings Pamela Stoebsler created which hang in the building as well as the Early Learning Playground area in the back of the building. From there Chief led us to the Plank House where we sat around the fire pit without fire for safety reasons and Chief taught use the first musical instruments; drum, rattle and flute. He gave a rattle to Jamie and encouraged him to join him as he played flute

songs. Again, I believe there is some kind of magic when Chief does this with visitors who have never done this before in their lives. It was beautiful! Chief welcomed Jamie to return during the future winter months when we could build a fire in the fire pit safely and share more songs with him.



Chief Doc Slyter, Jamie Hall, and Council member Julie Siestreem



Chief shows Jamie Hall the Plankhouse



Chief Doc Slyter and Jamie Hall



Please Join Us, The Confederated Tribes of  
Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians

CTCLUSI was Restored on October 17, 1984.  
Join us Saturday, October 14th to celebrate and Honor our Restoration.  
Our Restoration of Language, Land & Waters, Hunting & Fishing Rights and Regalia

39th Restoration Celebration  
Saturday, October 14, 2023



Three Rivers Casino Resort Event Center  
5647 Highway 126, Florence, Oregon 97439  
Doors Open at 12 Noon  
Event Begins at 1:00 pm

The Department of Natural Resources & Culture  
will be hosting a site visit of the  
Waite Ranch Restoration Project  
in Florence early in the day  
\*more details to follow in formal invitations by mail

RSVP 541-435-7155 or 888-365-7155

Three Rivers Casino Hotel has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate for Tribal families who desire to stay throughout the weekend. Space is limited. Call (877) 374-8377 to book your stay directly and Reference "Restoration" to receive special event pricing.



\*\*This is a drug and alcohol free event. Families with children under 21 must enter the Event Center from the exterior entrance

## Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **HONEY BEE on FLOWER** - 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 **HONEY BEE on FLOWER** hiding!

Must email by September 15<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.



Taken from a photograph by Morgan Gaines

August "Basket Start" Winners:  
Adult - Stacey Hopkins  
Youth - Eisleigh Napier

Basket Start from the August edition was located on page 12 in the picture of Pam Davies and Jon George in the Grand Ronde Elders Honors Day trip article.

## Resolution Summaries

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-066  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Interim Tribal Forest Access Policy  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves the interim forest access policy for Tribal lands.  
**Vote** 4-3-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-067  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Survivor Investment Partnership Statement of Work and Tribal Council Approval (SIP )  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this partnership with several entities for funding to aid in Health Services. **Vote** 6-0-1

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-068  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Gaming Lease Agreement  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this gaming lease agreement for the Coos Bay Casino. **Vote** 6-0-1

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-069  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Gaming Machine Order .  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this machine order for Three Rivers Casino Florence location. **Vote** 6-0-1

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-070  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Gaming Machine Order Master Agreement  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this machine order and master agreement for Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay and Florence locations. **Vote** 6-0-1

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-071  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Gaming Commission Appointment  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council appoints Jon Barton and Susan Zoelk to the Gaming Commission. **Vote** 7-0-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-072  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Amendment to Investment Agreement  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this amendment to an agreement to expand to become Tribes investment and fiduciary advisor . **Vote** 7-0-0

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 23-073  
**Date of Passage:** May 31, 2023  
**Subject (title):** Approve Application for the Oregon Emergency Management OEM State Homeland Security Program SHSPFY 19 20 Funding Surplus Solicitation Grant  
**Explanation:** Tribal Council approves this funding request for additional grant funding for the Tribal Police Department. **Vote** 6-0-1

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



# Three Rivers Health Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians held a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the future site of the Three Rivers Health Center located in Coos Bay, Oregon. The Tribe purchased the old Banner Bank building in Empire over a year ago in hopes of creating a much-needed healthcare facility for the Tribal community and surrounding area. That endeavor has officially begun.

Members of the Tribal Council gathered together at the site on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., followed by bus loads of Tribal Government staff invited to attend. An opening invocation was given by Chief Doc Slyter who also offered up a flute song for the event. Each member of Tribal Council shared a few words at the incredible undertaking of this future health center. They expressed how excited and proud they are in making such vital services available to the community. Council member Iliana Montiel, Assistant Director of Health Services, served as Interim Health Director for over a year and who has pushed from the beginning for a Tribally operated clinic gave a heartfelt welcome. Happy tears were shed as she shared that "this center has been a long time in the making. There has long been an identified need for extended mental health and primary health services for the area, and I'm just so happy to see that we're finally getting this center going for our community. Our Elders and people need services here and they are finally going to get them."

The Three Rivers Health Center will aim to fill the gaps in healthcare and bring much needed qualified service providers to the area. The center will also offer state of the art mental health pods to allow for remote access to match patients to providers and services not otherwise offered in the bay area.

The Tribe has purchased Telehealth pods that are going to connect Eugene, Florence and Coos Bay, the three locations of the Tribes Government Offices, with Coos Bay being the hub. These telehealth pods will essentially act like mobile remote exam rooms, where specialist will connect with to patients remotely so they will not have to drive to Eugene, Portland or elsewhere to access services. Travel has been a large hindrance to accessing health care services within the Tribal community. Our Tribe will be the first in the country to be implementing this type of care system and will be a huge benefit to the entire local community.

Lee Ann Wander, Chief Executive Officer stated "our pods are going to be the first of their kind in the United States so we are definitely going to be a model Tribe for the services and health care we are going to be bringing and the way we deliver those services."

Walking through the building, CTCLUSI Health Administrator John Reeves III shared some details about the coming health center and it's lay out. "We will have a pharmacy, medical, and behavioral health", gesturing towards the existing bank vault



Pictured above left to right: Tribal Council member Julie Siestroom, Chief Doc Slyter, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Vice-Chair Doug Barrett, Council member Iliana Montiel, Council member Teresa Spangler, CEO LeeAnn Wander, and Health Administrator John Reeves III

and drive up tellers window, "where we are standing right here is actually the pharmacy. We'll be utilizing the vault and have a two-lane drive thru window, because that's hard to come by in this area."

"The health center will basically be broken up into two different tracks. You'll have a medical side and a behavioral health side. From the reception area, patients will gain access back into the clinic where we'll have six exam rooms, five of which will be general medical exam rooms and we will also have a procedure room. We'll have three providers, probably working out of six rooms, one of whom will be dedicated for same day visits. There will also be extended hours, so patients can be seen before work, during lunch, those times that they really need to access care."

The Tribe is also in the recruitment process of bringing on a Psychiatrist and Psych Nurse Practitioner for the behavioral health portion of the health center as behavioral health is hard to come by for folks who need stabilized behavioral health in the community.

The Tribe is excited to move forward with the Three Rivers Health Center. As of now, a tentative soft opening is planned for January/February of 2024. There will be lots of on-going training with the team that's going to be here and services to Elders will likely begin at that time. A grand opening will be planned later for the whole community sometime in late March or April. While Tribal members will always get preferential treatment and have access to services the clinic will be open to everyone.

More information will become available as the Tribe moves closer to it's goal of opening the health center doors. Be sure to check future editions of The Voice of CLUSI and the tribes website [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) for more exciting news about The Three Rivers Health Center!

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*-Iliana Montiel, Council Member and Assistant Director of Health Services*



Tribal Council welcomes staff to the site of the upcoming Three Rivers Health Center and speaks to their excitement at bringing much needed and accessible health and behavioral health services to the community



Members of Tribal Council are excited and ready to begin renovations of the space to make way for The Three Rivers Center in Coos Bay, Oregon



# Tribal Council Vice Chair Takes Canoe Lottie on Canoe Journey with Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians

Vice-Chair and Siuslaw Tribal Elder Doug Barrett of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians skippered the Tribal dugout canoe Lottie for the 2023 Canoe Journey: Paddle to Muckleshoot.

Barrett gathered up Lottie from the pull barn at the Tribal Government Offices in Coos Bay then headed to meet Jesse Spain and pullers from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians. This was the first time two flags from two Tribes were flown in one canoe.

Coos Tribal member Rachel Shaefer and a friend came to the rescue on the final day to give Lottie a full crew for the Landing.

From July 22 thru 31st they pulled alongside our Tribal cousins on the pacific northwest water ways to honor past, current, and future ancestors.



Two Tribal Flags fly together in Lottie, CTCLUSI’s traditional dugout canoe.



Many helping hands helped carrie dugout canoe Lottie to shore



This aerial photograph shows all of the Tribal canoes lined up on the shore.  
Photograph credit: Archie Black



Posted September 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.

<b><u>Tribal Member: David Maurice Patrick</u></b>	<b><u>Tribal Member: Ar’Maya Denise K Plush</u></b>
Parent: Jacqueline Mae Fung	Parent: Brittney Lynn Chambers
Lineal Descendant: Mabel Bennett-Barney	Lineal Descendant: John Perry
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Lower Umpqua
<b><u>Tribal Member: Neveeh Jean Faith Lott</u></b>	<b><u>Tribal Member: Monroe Pierce Garcia</u></b>
Parent: James Douglas Lott JR	Parent: Antonio Garcia JR
Lineal Descendant: Lillian Mae Lott	Lineal Descendant: Eugene G Jordan
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Coos
<b><u>Tribal Member: Soaryn Liam Grimmpane</u></b>	<b><u>Tribal Member: Abel Owen Carpenter</u></b>
Parent: Tiffany Marie Bolling	Parent: Nathan Luis Carpenter
Lineal Descendant: (Amy) Ona Bella Bolling	Lineal Descendant: Charlene Billings
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
<b><u>Tribal Member: James Randall Hondros</u></b>	
Parent: Amanda Cline Hondros	
Lineal Descendant: Mabel Bennett-Barney	
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).



# Salmon Ceremony... continued from cover

acting Chief. His openhearted words felt even more monumental because of this. To mark the occasion, Chief played the first song he ever wrote for the flute; the Three Rivers Song.

Next, Chairman Brad Kneaper spoke directly to Chief, "Your mentorship and your leadership, I really appreciate it and I'm very happy to see you here today." Chief Slyter replied, "it's good to be seen" which received much cheer. Chair Kneaper went on to welcome those in attendance and share a little on the recent hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering agreement reached with the State of Oregon. "We received so much more recognition from the State on the ways in which we can take care of our Salmon, take care of our forests. We've been entered into a co-management with the State, hunting and fishing rights. It's about more than that, a lot more than that. It's about protecting those lands and species...to ensure that those things are there for us forever."

Vice-Chair Doug Barrett shared "It's an honor to see everybody here, for Chief first, actual Salmon Ceremony." Vice-Chair had just returned from Canoe Journey and also shared some words inviting folks to join him again next year for the next paddle. Following, Council member Teresa Spangler spoke about the incredible difference she sees in all of the youth in attendance. The last time we gathered many of them were so young and they've grown so much, "I think our future looks really bright."

Council member Julie Siestreem spoke on behalf of Council member Iliana Montiel, who was present but unable to speak at the time, "she sends you her love and her prayers". Julie continued to speak from her own heart, "as one of the many humble Elders in this crowd, I want to say thank you Chief! Thank you for being with us today." She continued to share how she is one of the Tribal members who lived far away from the homelands for a long period of time, but always tried to come back during

Salmon Ceremony. "I would very humbly ask Chief's mom Carolyn Slyter, what am I supposed to do? Where am I supposed to be? I don't want to do the wrong thing. And every time, she would just gently say; You are welcome wherever you are. You are welcome. For those of you that come from somewhere else who have never been here, for those of you we've met online...



Chief Doc Slyter pictured above with Debbie Slyter, wife, and their sons Scott and Tyler

you are welcome."

Enna Helms was the last Council member to welcome the crowd and offer up greetings in the traditional languages. She went one to share about the language revitalization work that is being done and to let everyone know that language classes are starting back up again this fall.

After a delicious meal catered by local Bon Appétit Catering of Coos Bay, Oregon, and the stake roasted Salmon everyone gathered out towards the point. While Chief Slyter, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Debbie Slyter and Julie Siestreem took the remains of the Salmon to the waters between Gregory Point and Chief's Island, the people gathered to sing and dance.

Chief Slyter offered up prayers in thanks to the Salmon People for their nourishment of the People. Giving back their remains to the waters, sending them home and also welcoming them to come again next year.

Up top, the people gathered, led by Enna Helms and Mark Petrie in song. The youth were all smiles and giggles as they tried their hardest to stay in the hop dance together. Everyone was then welcomed to join in for a few songs and dances; their faces filled with joy as they moved as one in a circle of friendship. Tribal members joined in by dancing, singing, drumming, or enjoying the festivities by watching and encouraging the dancers.

Vice-Chair Doug Barrett then invited everyone to canoe and take the remainder of the Salmon to the waters. Canoe Lottie was then moved from the ceremony site to the waters of Sunset Bay. Many people gathered on the beach and made light work of moving Lottie from the canoe trailer to the waves. The first group in the canoe took the remaining Salmon bones with them and offered them to the waters in a good way.

Children and adults alike took turns taking the canoe out into the bay. For many, this was the first time they had been in a traditional dugout canoe, making this year's Salmon Ceremony one to remember.

Thank you to Tribal Council and all of the Government staff who made this year's event so special. It was wonderful to come back together to celebrate as one. Thank you to Jim Young, Roseana Perry, and Morgan Gaines for their submissions for the t-shirt designs. Morgan Gaines' artwork was selected and featured a Salmon, two canoe paddles and the Quuiich (Lower Umpqua) phrase hiichuuwiiyamł k'alatuuwii s'ainanx ants tt'iiyai, meaning people's gathering for salmon. Thank you Patty Phillips-Whereat for the language translation. And thank you to all of you who were able to attend, some traveling great distances, and to those with us in spirit.

hiis haiyach, with a good heart

## Veteran Jarrod Smith (Coos) Honored at Salmon Ceremony

Tribal Veteran Jarrod Smith was honored at Salmon Ceremony for his military service.

Jarrod Smith is a Coos Tribal member and has been enrolled since January of 1999. He lives in Wilson, North Carolina and was able to attend this year's Salmon Ceremony and spend time with his family.

In honor of his services he was gifted a Pendleton Blanket

Jarrod served in the Marines from February 1993 through February 1997, and then in the North Carolina Army National Guard from March 2000 to February 2023. During that time, he served in combat in Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Smith also advised the Moldovan Army in 2017.



Jarrod Smith honored by Chief Doc Slyter



Vice Chair and Canoe Skipper Doug Barrett took groups out in Lottie, the traditional cedar dug-out canoe in Sunset Bay after Salmon Ceremony, August 6, 2023.

The front two lead pullers pictured are Charlotte Kennedy and Timothy Kyle Gaines. This was the first time in the canoe for each of them, making this year's Salmon Ceremony even more special.

This is also the first time in recent history, the last 10 years or more, that Salmon was returned to the waters by canoe during Salmon Ceremony. These waters and lands of the Oregon coast have been our home that we share with the Salmon People since time immemorial.



LAGAUWIIYAT’AS GALLERY OPENED SALMON CEREMONY WEEKEND

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

tamatis nishchima’muu Exhibition opened during Salmon Ceremony weekend August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in the LAGAUWIIYAT’AS Gallery located in Tribal Hall in Coos Bay, Oregon. This exhibit was a respectful showing of time-honored materials that symbolize our ceremony and traditions. Some of the items featured on display are red ochre beads, a mortar still containing red ochre, basket caps (traditional and contemporary including cedar graduation caps), dentalium and beaded jewelry, maple bark skirts, and pine nut and dentalium aprons. The pine nut and dentalium aprons are displayed in a center case that you can walk around. The original creator of these aprons is unknown; however, beloved Tribal Elder Sue Olson took great care in seeing to their cleaning and restringing. The display of Olson’s beadwork of a beaded collar, multi-layer dentalium necklace, and apron are also on display.

Another highlight of the exhibit is the showcase of Lottie Evanoff’s buckskin dress. On June 4, 2021, a transfer ceremony was held in the Tribal Community Center marking the return of Lottie’s dress to the Tribe from the Daughters of the American Revolution. The delicate nature of the buckskin dress means it will only be on its slow rotating display for a short time, after which it will be displayed laying down in a case.

Walking through the space you feel immersed in the culture and materials of regalia on display. There is a lovely wooden bench made to sit and enjoy the space. You can face the rotating display case where Lottie’s dress is currently on display, or the rest of the room decorated with cases and images. Many of the photographs on display feature Tribal members wearing regalia at various events over the past few years. These modern photographs were provided by Quuiich (Lower Umpqua) Tribal member Morgan Gaines.

Between the last exhibit and the current display, the gallery received an update in lighting, a beautiful blue wall color, and cedar plank backdrop. Some of the cedar boards used were donated by Coos Tribal Elder George Barton, thank you for your donation. Thank you also to Ty Walton of the maintenance department for all of the work you did in helping update the gallery space and creating the showcase wall and future display spaces lining the room. Hiisa (many thanks) to Courtney Krossman, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Janet Niessener, Environmental Scientist and Curatorial Specialist in your creation of this space. This contemporary look at our traditional materials show how we are thriving today and keeping those traditions alive to gift to future generations.

For more information about the exhibit, please get in touch with the Curations Team at [thpo@ctclusi.org](mailto:thpo@ctclusi.org)



Council Serves Breakfast to Tribal Community

On Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> members of Tribal Council, Elder Eddie Helms, Joe Barton and Tribal Government staff treated the Tribal Community with a lovely breakfast. Everyone gathered in the Community Center and enjoyed the meal together. Pictured here are some photos from Salmon Ceremony weekend Breakfast with Tribal Council





# Salmon Ceremony 2023

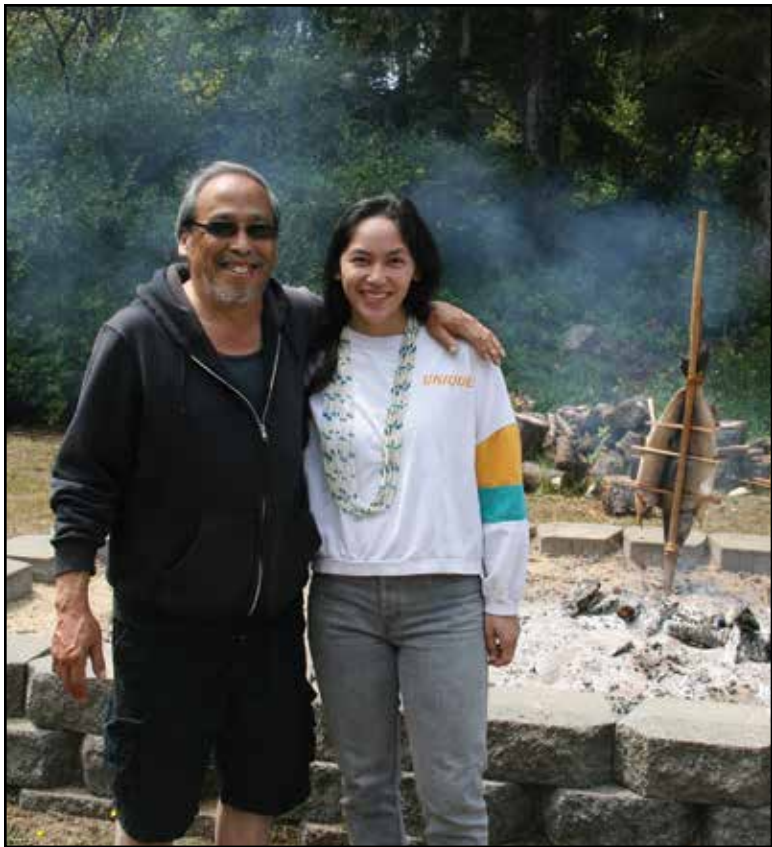




Salmon Ceremony 2023



Chief David Brainard, Eddie Helms, Scott Slyter, Chief Doc Slyter, Chief Warren Brainard and Enna Helms



hiisa to all  
that were  
able to attend





# September is Healthy Aging Month

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

It's never too late to strive for a healthier lifestyle, and September is the perfect time to make a plan. Here are 10 tips for aging healthy. Recapture that "back to school" feeling with a personal commitment to renew yourself. To improve yourself physically, socially, and mentally, here are ten tips to inspire you from The Healthy Aging Campaign.

### Physical Well-Being

1. Move more, sit less.  
Why? Physical activity is your weapon to help control blood pressure, help prevent heart disease and stroke and possibly lower your risk for depression, anxiety, and conditions like certain cancers and type 2 diabetes. What to do? Choose something fun so you can keep at it, like cycling, walking, dancing, swimming, or aerobics.
2. How much do you need to do?  
Current national recommendations are 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week and two days of muscle-strengthening training. That's only 20 minutes a day, seven days a week, or around an hour a day if you do three days a week.
3. Get motivated  
Seek out free websites and apps like All Trails to find parks and trails around the world; American Heart Association with ideas on how to join a walking club or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for individuals with a disability.

### Diet

4. Try to cut back on salt. A diet rich in sodium has been linked to high blood pressure, stroke, and heart attack—all good reasons to try not to over-salt your food. Adding more fiber to your diet can help lower cholesterol, control your blood sugar, as well helping maintain good digestive health.

### Social

5. Volunteer  
Be of service. An excellent way to bring happiness into your life is to not focus on yourself. Refocus on others by volunteering your time and expertise. United Way, the

- American Red Cross, Volunteer Match, AmeriCorps are all helpful national resources. For local volunteer opportunities connect with Coos Bay Public Library, Pacific Home Health and Hospice, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, Coos County Historical Society, Area Agency on Aging Meals on Wheels, South Coast Family Harbor, and Boys & Girls Club of Southwestern Oregon.
6. Beat back loneliness  
Don't wait for the phone to ring. Be proactive and call someone for a lunch date. Set up a calendar of lunch dates and challenge yourself to have at least two lunch dates per month (once a week is even better!) It doesn't have to be expensive ... pack a picnic, and head to a park. Try to mix up your get-togethers with old friends and new acquaintances.
  7. Rekindle or follow a new passion  
Take a hard look at what you like rather than what other people tell you to do to meet new people. Pick some activities where you might meet new friends.
  8. Get a dog  
If you don't have one, get one and walk. You will be amazed how many people you will meet through your dog. Can't have one? Check with Coos County Animal Shelter or Friends of Coos County Animals to see if they need dog walkers.
- ### Mental
9. Be realistic with what you can accomplish.  
Learn to say no ... don't overwhelm yourself with a to-do list. See more tips for reducing or controlling stress from Mental Health America (website: mhanational.org), the non-profit dedicated to addressing the needs of those with mental illness and promoting the overall mental health of all.



10. Plan for your next exciting passage.  
Capitalize on your career experience and start a new one. Yes, enjoy a brief "retirement." Travel, and spend more time with family and friends. Develop new hobbies. Redefining your purpose to maintain a sense of identity and purpose is essential to a healthy lifestyle. What is your next passage?

So, grab onto that "back to school" feeling and make September the perfect time to renew or set your lifestyle goals. Remember, it's never too late!  
For further information and more tips, visit <https://healthyaging.net/september-healthy-aging-month/>.

Source and image source: <https://healthyaging.net/>

## Care Giver Support Services

Are you the informal, unpaid family caregiver of a Tribal Elder or their Spouse living in the 5-county service area?  
Are you a Grandparent or relative caregiver, age 55 and older, who is the primary caregiver of a child not more than 18 years old because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child?  
(Must be related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption and live with the child)

### We can help!

#### Do you need...

- Information about available services
- Assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services
- locating support groups, and caregiver training
- We can help pay for Respite Care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their care giving responsibilities
- We can also help with supplemental services like paying for home making to help give you a break.

We also have a medical goods lending closet to help with things like canes, crutches, walkers, rollators, wheelchairs, lift chairs and other aids, we can also help to provide incontinence supplies.

**Please contact your local Community Health Aide to see how we can help.**

- Coos Bay** – Barbara Black (541) 888-7520, [bblack@ctclusi.org](mailto:bblack@ctclusi.org)  
**Florence** – Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685, [dmorrison@ctclusi.org](mailto:dmorrison@ctclusi.org)  
**Eugene** – Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1334, [kbixby@ctclusi.org](mailto:kbixby@ctclusi.org)



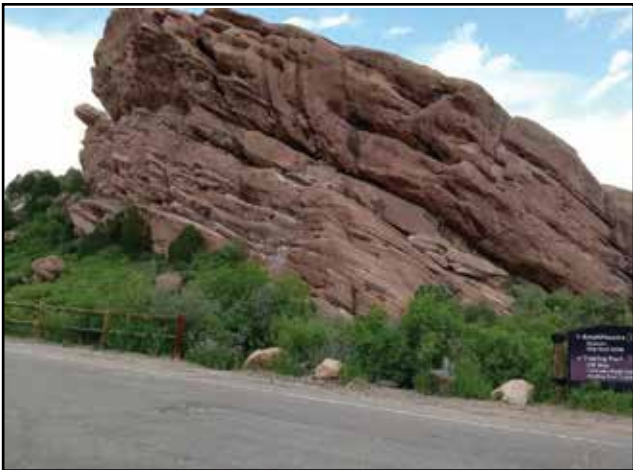
# Elders Corner

## What's Up, Elders?

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

From the end of March to the beginning of July, Chris Nelson (Coos) spent his days in Colorado, helping a friend in need. He kept busy with a lot of work, including driving dump trucks and moving heavy equipment. He also enjoyed a little bit of snow!

Chris spent his spare time sightseeing, meeting new people and making new friends. As pictured, he visited the Red Rocks and the National Motocross Races. He returned to Oregon just in time for our Elders trip to Grand Ronde. Welcome back, Chris!



Welcome  
New Tribal  
Elders

Kimberly  
Malloch

Karen  
Porter

Kathy  
Perkins

Mitch  
Harper

Scott  
Krossman

Jan Sweet



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.

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

**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

Upcoming Elders  
Overnight Trip  
October 11th - 12th, 2023  
At Seven Feathers Hotel and  
Resort  
Agenda Coming Soon!

Please contact Barbara Black  
at bblack@ctclusi.org to RSVP

Transportation is limited

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





## Preserving Our Heritage Through Song

Contributed by Enna Helms,  
Language Teacher

Attention all Tribal singers within the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians! You are invited to play a vital role in the creation of a CD featuring our traditional songs and personal melodies. Our songs serve as the threads that weave together our cultural heritage, enabling us to entwine our stories, emotions, and customs that words cannot capture. Songs are the heartbeat of our language, and without them, our prayers struggle to find their voice. This CD project is a celebration of our cultural heritage, an opportunity to capture the essence of our tribal identity and pass it down to generations to come.

Join Us!

*Saturday,  
September 30, 2023*

Join us as we will be gathering on **Saturday, September 30th** in Eugene, OR at a recording studio in this collective effort. We will meet at the Eugene Outreach Office at 10:00 am for a final practice and lunch, then caravan to the recording studio from 1:00-4:00pm. We are offering transportation from the Coos Bay and Florence offices.

We understand that each of you carries a unique personal connection and journey to our culture and we are presented with two ways of participation:

### Sing Traditional Songs:

Come together as a group to record some of our most cherished traditional songs, fostering and honoring our heritage.

### Contribute a Personal Song:

Share a song that reflects your connection and experiences within CTCLUSI.

For more information on how to join us with your singing voice to this CD project, please connect with Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538.

## Virtual Language Classes

10 Week sessions Fall 2023

September 26th through December 1st

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

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

Fridays, 12:00-2:00 pm:  
**sha'yuusht'a uł quuiich**

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



## Big Canoe Ocean Fishing Trips



**DO YOU WANT TO FISH FOR SALMON, HALIBUT,  
LINGCOD, ROCKFISH OR TUNA WITH AN EXPERIENCED  
FISHING CAPTAIN?**

*The Tribe is hosting fishing trips for Tribal Members and their immediate family members on our new 34 ft. North River ocean vessel, the Big Canoe.*

**All tackle and bait is provided.**

Please send an e-mail to [bigcanoe@ctclusi.org](mailto:bigcanoe@ctclusi.org) or call (541) 888-7533 if you are interested in being notified of upcoming trips, or if you would like to learn more.

**Contact  
Us**

[bigcanoe@ctclusi.org](mailto:bigcanoe@ctclusi.org)  
541-888-7533

*Note: Ocean fishing trips are weather-dependent and may be scheduled or cancelled on short notice due to changing ocean conditions.*



# Tribal Youth Attend United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference in Washington D.C.

Contributed by Nicole Romine, Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Assistant

Over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend five youth had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C for the United National Indian Tribal Youth’s (UNITY) National Conference. The National Conference held from June 29<sup>th</sup> -July 3<sup>rd</sup> presented dozens of engaging workshop topics like Indigenous Identity: Defending, Protecting, and Retaining in a Post-Contact World, Missing Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) Youth Prevention Initiative as well as Promoting and Implementing Our Elder’s Teachings. The UNITY National Conference is a great way to reconnect as a tribal youth council as it allows networking and problem solving with around 2,500 other native youth facing similar issues surrounding their tribal communities. The Conference helps bolster confidence and resources for youth facing issues such as high suicide rates, opioid and drug issues, alcohol addictions, high MMIP rates and creates connections for these youth to creates pathways to breaking the generational trauma. Additional opportunities presented at the conference included video messages from Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland and Vice-President Kamala Harris addressing the youth and encouraging the continued empowerment of native youth and community service for Indian country. One special presentation centered on the topic a “Representation Matters” panel featuring Marcus Guinn, an Osage/ Potowatomi/ Puerto Rican person and Official DJ for the Oklahoma City Thunder as well as Shawn Martinez, a Navajo person who is the Senior Director of Live Presentation for the Phoenix Suns, this presentation was particularly interested for one of our youth, Kyle Dauterman, who is a producer themselves.

Traveling all the way from Taiwan a group known as Vox Nativa, who are a collection of indigenous tribal students, presented their cultural demonstration. The youth choir is award winning and has traveled the world preforming their culture and engaging audience members like Alhana McNutt, who is photographed dancing with the choir during a friendship dance (top middle photo on Youth Council ad). During this performance we were given special accommodations for our policy group Mapetsi’s Deb Ho and Her father Ike Ho, who is an esteemed Taiwanese ambassador, to attend and meet with the youth choir.

While in Washington D.C. our youth were presented with another stellar opportunity for advocating for the tribes, our environment and our culture by meeting with staff of Senator Merkley, Senator Wyden and Representative Hoyle facilitated by our policy lobbyist group Mapetsi. Our youth conducted themselves to a high standard and represented our tribes in a respectful manner while engaging with hard topics like the mega-port of coos bay, off shore turbines, housing crisis, along with environmental and cultural impacts our tribe faces with these big decisions.

At the National Museum of the American Indian our youth presented the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw updated flags and received our older outdated flags to be presented and retired to council. Throughout the trip we ran into our several of the other Oregon tribe’s youth councils including meeting with the Cow Creek Youth Council at the National Museum of the American Indian. Our youth had the chance to view the senate gallery in the Capitol Building, explore the National Mall; Paying our respect at the Vietnam, WWII, WWI, and Korean War memorials, seeing the White house, Lincoln memorial, Washington memorial, National Art Gallery, Botanical Garden and National Archive, which house the Constitution, Declaration of independence and Bill of Rights. Our sightseeing included a night biking tour of the National Mall for several of our youth. Our weekend wound down into an exciting and perspective opening Cultural sharing night where several youth councils presented. This trip has been a nice kick off to our Youth Council revamp. If you are interested in youth council and making a difference in your community to contact please email [youthcouncil@ctclusi.org](mailto:youthcouncil@ctclusi.org).



Pictured above are the Youth and Chaperons who attended the 2023 Unity Conference in Washington D.C. this past June into July. Below, images of Youth Council during their trip to D.C. adorn the Youth Council recruitment flyer.



## CLUSI YOUTH COUNCIL

**Are you 14-24 years old?**

**What do you think our Youth Council should do for the community?**

**Would you like to attend camps, summits, conferences and trainings that can better both you and your tribe?**

**Are you interested in community service?**

**Are you interested in helping out anyway you can?**

**Would you like to keep updated about Youth Council in general?**

[youthcouncil@ctclusi.org](mailto:youthcouncil@ctclusi.org)





**THE HAUNTED HALL-OWS**  
at Tribal Hall

**Saturday, October 21st**  
**4:00pm-8:00pm**

**Costume Contest**  
**1st-3rd place prizes 7:00pm**

candy gift bags  
Snacks provided  
Pin the spider on the web

**Pumpkin Carving contest**  
**5:30pm**

Tribal and Employee Family  
Please RSVP  
1-541-435-7155

**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**  
Office: 541-435-7156, Cell: 541-294-6136, email: [agrove@ctclusi.org](mailto:agrove@ctclusi.org)

College of Engineering

**WOOD HEATING SURVEY**

Do you use wood as the main source of heat for your home? If you are interested in sharing your experiences, this survey may be for you. To access the survey, scan the QR code or enter the link below in a web browser.

<http://bit.ly/3ZqUXdH>

We are interested in learning about your habits and challenges with wood heating. The results of this survey will inform a set of design principles that will be shared with manufacturers to promote the future design of clean-burning stoves. Additionally, these results will inform the design of new innovations that will make it easier for people to make a cleaner and more efficient fire in their stove. The first 50 CTCLUSI Tribal members to participate will receive a \$30 Visa gift card for completing the survey.

This study is conducted by researchers at Oregon State University in partnership with CTCLUSI with the aim of developing a retrofit device that could be installed on cordwood heater stoves to reduce emissions and improve heating efficiency. Participants must be over 18 and heat their home primarily with wood to be eligible for this study. Participation is voluntary and may be discontinued at any time. If you decide to participate, you will be asked to answer questions about your home heating practices. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. This research is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency.

**Adoption and Impact Assessments for Energy Technologies**  
Principal Investigator: Nordica MacCarty  
Questions about the survey can be addressed to [kilkennk@oregonstate.edu](mailto:kilkennk@oregonstate.edu)  
This study has been approved by the OSU Institutional Review Board.

**Aprovecho Research Center**

**Oregon State University**

**Pumpkin Patch & Prevention**

**Coos Bay:**  
**Saturday, October 7th**  
Abby's Pizza 12:00pm  
Mahaffey Ranch 2:00pm

**Eugene:**  
**Sunday, October 8th**  
Putter's Pizza 12:00pm  
Thistle Down Farm 2:00pm

**Please RSVP at 1-541-435-7155**

**Native Comedy Night (18+)**

~Drug, Alcohol and Commercial Tobacco free event~

**Adult (18+).** Comedy night with Comedian  
**Renee Romannose and Emcee Fred Hill**

**Saturday, September 23rd**  
**Bristol Bay Event Center**  
**481 Bennett Ave Coos Bay, OR 97420**

**ADULTS (18+) Only** **ADULTS (18+) Only**

**Dinner 5:00pm-6:00pm**  
**Comedy 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Wildflour Catering Raffle Prizes

**Please RSVP to 541-435-7155**  
**→ Childcare will not be provided. ←**



# Circles of Healing's Conor Gagner Earns Legal Court Advocate Certification

Contributed by Conor Gagner, COH Outreach Advocate

I had the privilege to be accepted into the National Tribal Trial College and the University of Wisconsin Law School's 6-month certification course to become a Tribal Court Legal Advocate. While the course work online was rigorous and a bit trying at times, I maintained my commitment to my studies and was able to attend the finals week and graduate in person at the University of Wisconsin Law School in Madison, Wisconsin. It was truly an incredible experience to learn from such intelligent, experienced, and caring lawyers and judges at the National Tribal Trial College. I have learned the ins and outs of protection orders and civil litigation in the areas of domestic and sexual violence in order to advocate for survivors as they navigate Tribal Court systems.

It is my hope that I can use this certification to better serve my fellow tribal citizens. If you require assistance filing for a protection or stalking order in state or tribal court, I am a confidential advocate and I can assist you. No one should have to live in constant fear of violence. Circles of Healing is here to provide survivors a variety of different services including safety planning, relocation services, emotional support, referral to community resources, and legal advocacy. Domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and stalking are large problems that are hard to talk about and address. The uncomfortable silence around these issues can feel stifling to those going through them. Please know that we at Circles of Healing are here to listen, and we are here to help. Don't hesitate to reach out.



Pictured above holding his certificate is Conor Gagner



Conor Gagner, COH Outreach Advocate  
cgagner@ctclusi.org  
541-808-8152

## Administrative Assistant Joins the Florence Outreach Office

Hi all,  
My name is Lexi Sterling and I recently relocated to Florence from Vancouver, Washington and am enjoying being back on the coast! I previously lived in Florence in 2018 when I began working for Three Rivers Casino Resort as a Casino Host until late 2019.

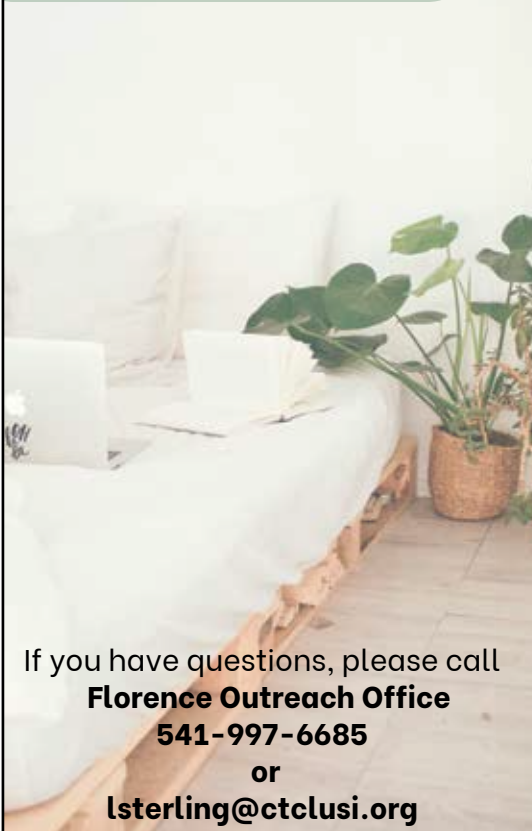
In 2019 I received my Bachelor of Arts in Social Science degree with emphasis in Business Administration, English, and Anthropology from Washington State University. While in college I was fortunate enough to be selected to participate in 4 different internships with The Walt Disney Company working in their restaurants, hotels, and theme parks.

For the past several years I have been working in the Evergreen School District in various secretarial/support staff roles. These experiences have provided me opportunities to handle complex guest situations and serve guests of all ages with diverse backgrounds and needs from all over the world.

I look forward to using these skills to help serve you all as the new Florence Outreach Office Administrative Assistant!



### Sleep Tightly Make your linen requests today!



If you have questions, please call  
**Florence Outreach Office**  
**541-997-6685**  
or  
**lsterling@ctclusi.org**

Three Rivers Casino & Hotel in Florence, Oregon periodically donates their gently used linens to CTCLUSI. These items have been pulled from circulation at the hotel and are available to you!

These items may be requested at any time, however, there is limited availability so we cannot guarantee any/all items are in stock. All linens are white unless specified otherwise.

Please scan the QR code below with your mobile device to fill out the request form. All requests will be filled in the order in which they are received and will be delivered to your preferred Tribal outreach office for pick-up.



Our Tribal outreach offices are located in Coos Bay, Florence, and Eugene. Unfortunately, these items cannot be mailed. If you have any questions, please call Lexi Sterling at the Florence Outreach Office at 541-997-6685. Thank you!

## 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](http://www.ctclusi.org/events) to view the online event calendar  
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## TRIBE CONCERNED ABOUT WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT TO FISHERIES, LOCAL JOBS, AND PRISTINE VIEWSHEDS

August 23, 2023

For Immediate Release

### TRIBE CONCERNED ABOUT WIND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT TO FISHERIES, LOCAL JOBS, AND PRISTINE VIEWSHEDS

**Coos Bay, Oregon** – This week, the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) released two draft Wind Energy Areas (“WEAs”) for the development of off-shore wind energy off the Oregon Coast, including areas near Florence and Brookings. The release of these WEAs was contrary to the call of the Oregon Governor and Congressional delegation requesting that the process for wind energy development be suspended to ensure that the concerns of local residents, commercial fishing, and Tribes are fully considered in the process.

The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (“Tribe”) join these concerns and believe that the release of the WEAs was premature and threatens fisheries, local fishing jobs, and some of Oregon’s pristine ocean viewsheds, some of which are sacred to the Tribe.

“The Tribe supports any green economic development project that follows the law and does not harm local fishing jobs, our environment, or Tribal cultural resources. We cannot support offshore wind development until we are provided assurance that it will do good and not harm the Tribe, its members, and the greater community,” said Tribal Council Chair Brad Kneaper. “Last year, the Tribal Council called upon BOEM to engage in meaningful government-to-government consultation with the Tribe and to take action to ensure that offshore wind energy development in any area of interest to the Tribe avoids or mitigates impacts to Tribal cultural resources to the satisfaction of the Tribe. We are not satisfied that the WEAs will do that.”

In multiple communications, the Tribe raised a number of concerns to BOEM about wind energy development. These comments include a request that important, cultural viewsheds be excluded from the WEAs and that wind development avoid areas critical to resident and migratory species, including important areas for fishing.

“Last week, BOEM shared its initial visual impacts assessment that demonstrates that the blades and lights from these facilities could be seen from important places along the coast both during the day and at night. This is not acceptable to the Tribe,” said Chair Kneaper.

“The Tribe also has consistently asked the BOEM exclude important fishing areas. Fishing is an important industry on the Coast that employs tribal members and supports tribal businesses. Fish, including salmon, are also an important cultural and subsistence resource to the Tribe. Any impact to fish from wind development is going to harm our local jobs and the Tribe,” said Chair Kneaper.

“The Tribe remains open to working with the BOEM to resolve the issues raised in our comments,” said Chair Kneaper. “We plan to provide comments to BOEM on the WEAs, to provide testimony at the public hearings, and to coordinate with our local and state partners to address our concerns.”

## Housing Programs for Low Income Tribal Families

Contributed by Jamie Meyers, Director of Housing

Two of the programs that are offered to low income CTCLUSI Tribal Members are the Down Payment Loan Assistance and Home Repair Assistance. Each program is based upon income and offers up to \$10,000 in assistance for qualifying Tribal families.

The down payment loan assistance is available throughout Oregon for first time homebuyers, and is designed with the goal of increasing the availability of affordable housing to eligible low-income Indian families by addressing homeownership financing on several levels. The Program assists families in purchasing their first home by providing a loan to help with the down payment and closing costs.

The Home Repair Assistance is for Low-income Indian families who own and live in their home for home repairs under this program in order to allow the home to meet safe, sanitary and suitable living conditions. Funding approval is based on the priority of the repair project as described below and the completed application date. The Housing Department will determine the project’s priority level based on the information provided in the completed application and/or an

inspection of the premises. If first priority projects are completed, and remaining funds exist, the Housing Department may approve funding for second priority repair projects according to the completed application date. The three levels are: Life Threatening conditions, Health Concerns, and General repair.

Both of the loans, are considered a silent second, this means it is not shown on your credit report. There are no payments or interest associated with the family’s participation in the program as long as the Program requirements are followed and completed. The principle amount of the loan is reduced by a percentage of the original balance each year for the loan. After seven years, if program requirements are followed and completed, no repayment is necessary.

The Tribal Member must be listed on the deed of the home.

There is still funding available for the 2023 year. Please go online to fill out your application at <https://ctclusi.org/housing-department/> or call the Housing Department with any questions at 541-888-1310.

## Amanda’s Trail New Year’s Day Peace Hike Searching for Artwork for 2024 Commemorative Button

Amanda’s Trail New Year’s Day Peace Hike  
Searching for Artwork for 2024 Commemorative Button

Tribal Artist, please submit a design to be gifted for the upcoming New Years Day Peace Hike of the Amanda Trail.

Our CTCLUSI Culture Committee will be selecting one design to gift to the Yachats Trails Committee for use on commemorative buttons for Peace Hike participants.

**Deadline for entry will be  
Friday, September 29th.**

Please send a digital copy or photo of artwork to Patty Phillips, Culture Committee Chair at [pphillips@ctclusi.org](mailto:pphillips@ctclusi.org)

The Culture Committee will select the final work from entries during the Culture Committee meeting in October.

### CTCLUSI 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.

### Tribal Police Fish & Wildlife Officer Sworn In by Tribal Council



Tribal Police Fish & Wildlife Officer, Don Miller was sworn in to office at the July 26, 2023 Tribal Council Business Meeting. Pictured above, Chair Brad Kneaper welcomes Miller with a handshake.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Canoe Pull Sunset Bay 10 a.m. contact Jesse Beers 541-297-0748
3	4 Labor Day Tribal Offices Closed	5	6 Elders Hellgate Jet Boat Excursion, Grants Pass, Oregon	7	8 Song Practice Plankhouse, Coos Bay 5 pm - 7 pm	9 Mill Luck Days Canoe Races
10 Budget Hearing 9:00 a.m. Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16 weswəs (Featherwand ) making and Men's Antler Project. Eugene Contact Enna 541-297-7538
17 weswəs (Featherwand ) making and Men's Antler Project. Eugene Contact Enna 541-297-7538	18	19	20	21	22 Native American Day Tribal Offices Closed	23 Native Comedy Night 18+Coos Bay Ribbon Shirt & Skirts, Tribal Hall, Coos Bay Contact Enna 541-297-7538
24 Ribbon Shirt & Skirts, Tribal Hall, Coos Bay Contact Enna 541-297-7538	25	26 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	27 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	28	29 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	30 Tribal Singers Recording Songs - Eugene, Oregon
1	2	3 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	4 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	5	6 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	7 Prevention Activity Pumpkin Patch Mahaffey Rance Coos Bay

OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	4 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	5	6 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	7 Prevention Activity Pumpkin Patch Mahaffey Rance Coos Bay
8 Pumpkin Patch Thistle Down, Eugene Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. General Council 1:00 p.m.	9 Indigenous People's Day Tribal Offices Closed	10 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	11 Elders Overnight Trip - Seven Feathers	12	13 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	14 Restoration Celebration Three Rivers Casino Florence, OR
15	16	17 Restoration Day Tribal Offices Closed	18 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	19	20 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	21 The Haunted Hall-ows Costume contest and pumpkin carving 4pm-8pm
22	23	24 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	25 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	26	27 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	28 shichils Gathering Hold, Hoffman Memorial State Wayside 10 am- 2:00 pm
29	30	31 Halloween Day miluk language class 4pm-6pm	1 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	2	3 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	4
5	6	7 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	8 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	9	10 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	11 Veteran's Day

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart



Three Rivers Casino Pioneers Oregon Tech Training Program for Slot Technicians, Fostering Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing Across Tribal Casinos

**Aug 4, 2023**  
**Media Contact:**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Three Rivers Casino Pioneers Oregon Tech Training Program for Slot Technicians, Fostering Collaboration and Knowledge Sharing Across Tribal Casinos**  
FLORENCE, Ore. -- Three Rivers Casino, a leading establishment in the gaming industry, is revolutionizing the slot technician landscape in Oregon by introducing the innovative “Oregon Tech Training” program. Jake Isham, the Slot Technical Manager at Three Rivers Casino, is spearheading this groundbreaking initiative, which aims to strengthen the expertise of slot technicians across the state while fostering a sense of community among tribal casinos. In the past year, Isham collaborated with all of the tribal casinos in Oregon to launch the “Oregon Tech Training” program. The primary objective is to host slot-related training sessions facilitated by esteemed gaming industry vendors on a rotational basis among the participating casinos. This collective effort not only enhances the knowledge of slot technicians but also provides them with valuable networking opportunities to exchange insights, discuss challenges, and explore effective fixes. “We believe that by fostering a culture of knowledge-sharing and continuous learning, we can raise the bar for the entire gaming community in Oregon. Our vision is to cultivate a highly skilled workforce that can deliver unparalleled service to our valued customers,” said Isham. Three Rivers Casino hosted the first annual training program this month taught by IGT on their Peak slant top cabinets. This twoday intensive equipped technicians with

advanced skills, empowering them to provide enhanced services to casino patrons. The technicians received certification that acknowledges their professional and continuous learning in a dynamic industry. 16 technicians from six out of the eight casinos in Oregon attended the training demonstrating the strong support and active involvement of the tribal casino community in this program. “An unexpected bonus of attending training was being able to see how other properties do things and learn the logic behind it. There were many elements that were made more understandable or clear by being able to talk to other trained professionals,” added attendee Christopher Meeds, Slot Tech Lead- Spirit Mountain Casino  
**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 both tribal and non-tribal members of the region.

In addition to providing local jobs, Three Rivers sponsors local arts programs for both 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. For more information, visit [threeriverscasino.com](http://threeriverscasino.com).  
**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 three tribes (four Bands): two 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. For more information, visit [ctclusi.org](http://ctclusi.org).



**GIFT CARD**  
HOT SEATS

**MONDAYS 6PM-9PM**  
Hot Seats every 20 minutes to win a \$25 Gift Card

**It's in the Bag!**

**TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM**  
Drawings every 30 minutes to win a Designer Bag, PLUS, a cash prize up to \$250! One entry for every 50 same-day points earned on Tuesdays.

**Progressive FORTUNE WHEEL**

**WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM**  
Drawings every 30 minutes to spin the wheel. Progressive Jackpot starts at \$1,000 and increases \$100 for every attempt. One entry for every 50 same-day points earned on Wednesdays.

**THE HUNT FOR NEPTUNE'S GOLD**

**SATURDAYS 6PM-9PM**  
Drawing every 30 minutes to Hunt for Neptune's Gold and win up to \$10,000. One entry for every 100 points earned Sunday through Saturdays.

**Café 1297**

**SEPTEMBER WEEKLY SPECIALS**  
Now Open for Breakfast at 8am

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
served from 11am-10pm

**MONDAY - TACO SALAD \$15**

**TUESDAY - FOGHORN LEGHORN \$16**

**WEDNESDAY - SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS \$16**

**THURSDAY - LAND & SEA \$25**

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY**  
served from 4pm-10pm

**FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21**

**SATURDAY - FISH TACOS \$18**

**SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE**

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Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

**Department of Human Resources**

*Current Openings as of 8/14/2023*

**Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities**

- Circles of Healing Program Coordinator – Eugene
- Case Manager/ICWA – Coos Bay
- Community Information Manager – Coos Bay
- Cultural Resources Protection Specialist – Coos Bay
- Dental Hygienist – Part-Time – Coos Bay
- Dental Assistant I. – Coos Bay
- Forester – Coos Bay
- Human Resources Associate – Coos Bay
- Human Resources Director – Coos Bay
- Gaming Inspector – Florence
- Grants & Contracts Specialist I. – Coos Bay
- Internal Auditor I. – Florence
- Surveillance Agent I. – Graveyard shift – Florence
- 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>

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