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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CHIEF DONALD "DOC" SLYTER

May 25, 1951 – November 4, 2023

A Celebration of Life for Chief Donald "Doc" Slyter, of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, was held at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 18, at the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Community Center & Tribal Hall located at 338 Wallace Street in Coos Bay. A meal was provided immediately following the service.

Don was born May 25, 1951 in North Bend, Oregon, the son of Donald Slyter and Carolyn (Carlson) Slyter and passed away at his home surrounded by his family on November 4, 2023. After a long battle with cancer, he left this world to rejoin the Creator.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald

"Tuffy" and Carolyn Slyter and in-laws, Jerry and Loretta Farrens. He is survived by his wife, Debbie and sons, Tyler Slyter and Scott Slyter; sister, Debbie Bossley and brother-in-law, Bob; sister-in-law, Connie Reid and brother-in-law, Paul. Grandchildren, Reece Slyter, Ryan Hirschbock and Mallory Hirschbock; nephews, Rusty Bossley and Cody Workman and wife Amber; nieces, Mindy Andresen and husband, Keith, Katie Workman and Kysha Bossley; great-nephews, Bryson Bossley and Ryan Andresen and great-niece, Kaya Carter and extended family, Nikki and Bobby Hirschbock.

Don grew up in Coos Bay and graduated from Marshfield High School in 1970. He was an avid surfer throughout

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Confederated Tribes of Coos,
Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
1245 Fulton Avenue
Coos Bay, OR 97420

Save the Date:

Tribal Holiday Party

December 9, 2023

Three Rivers Casino Resort Events Center

Please RSVP 541-435-7155

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from October 8, 2023 - November 11, 2023

Brad Kneaper, Chair
October - November 2023
(Vacation October 5 through October 13, 2023.)
10/14 Restoration Day Celebration at Three Rivers Casino.
10/16 Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Code and Regulation Review.
10/17 Restoration Day Holiday.
10/18 Staff to Staff Meeting with Senator Merkley's Staff regarding Bureau of Wind Energy Management (TEAMS), Meet with Sovereign Finance Regarding Financial Status, Meet with Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Energy (ATNI) regarding Offshore Wind Energy Project comments. (ZOOM).
10/19 Oregon Tribes Meeting regarding BOEM and Offshore Wind Energy Projects.
10/24 Government to Government Consultation with Oregon Governor Kotek on Offshore Wind and BOEM, Consultation with BOEM Director Klein and BOEM Management of Off Shore Wind Energy Projects.
10/25 Gaming Operational Review Board Meeting, Tribal Council Business Meeting.
10/26 Interview Applicant for Community Information Manager, three applicants.
11/01 Meeting regarding Press Release on updated resolution declining support of the Offshore Wind Energy Project off Oregon coast for lack of addressing Tribes Concerns for environmental, cultural and community consequences, and lack of meaningful consultation, Special Council Meeting to discuss and approve "Online Repository" Grant Application by Department of Culture and Natural Resources, Consultation with Oregon Health Authority on Opioid Settlement Funding.
11/02 Sovereign Finance Financial Review.
11/03 Special Council Meeting re: Gaming Operational Review Board Candidate Discussion.
11/09 Elder's Luncheon, Elder's Committee Meeting, Leader's Circle.
11/10 Veteran's Day Holiday Off.
Total Hours: 170

Doug Barrett, Vice Chair
10/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting / Tribal Council General Meeting
10/09 – 23 9 - Tribes Flag Ceremony at Southern Oregon University
10/12 Indian Country ECHO, SOR Grants meeting, Culture Committee Meeting
10/13 Special Meeting – Grant Proposal Meeting – DCNR
10/14 Restoration Celebration
10/16 2024 Budget meeting
10/18 MHA / LADCP – Meeting, Blue Earth Board Meeting
10/19 Oregon Tribes Meeting, Leaders Circle
10/24 2024 Budget Meeting, G2G Consultation with Governor Kotek on Wind Energy, G2G Consultation with BOEM Director Klien
10/26 GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting
10/26 2024 Sacred Tobacco Gathering\ Planning Meeting
11/01 Special Meeting : Online Data Repository Project, Oregon Anglers Alliance Meeting, OHA – Opioid settlement meeting
11/03 Special Meeting for GFORB Candidates
11/09 Siuslaw Indians at Heceta Light Station meeting on site, Council Debrief, Cultural Committee Meeting
11/10 Prayer Fire & Smudge burning for Chief at the Hatch Tract, OAA (Oregon Anglers Alliance) Meeting
11/11 Saturday Night Fire & Smudge Burning for Chief at the Plank House
11/12 Tribal Council Meeting
Total Hours: 169 hrs. & emails

Teresa Spangler:
10/08 Regular Council Meeting, General Council Meeting
10/13 Special Council Meeting - regarding Tribal Cultural Landscapes Assessment Grant
10/14 Restoration Celebration
10/19 Oregon 9 Tribes Meeting, Leaders Circle
10/24 Government to Government Consultation with Governor Kotek, Government to Government Consultation with BOEM Director Klein
10/26 Business Council Meeting
11/01 Special Meeting, Consult with OHA
11/03 Special Meeting
10/19 Council discussion – Debrief E-mails and phone calls.
Total Hours – 75.5

Julie Siestreem:
10/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting, Tribal Council /General Council Meeting
10/10 Education Committee Meeting, 4jIPC meeting
10/11 DELC Tribal Affairs Meeting, 4j NATIVES Program Culture Night
10/12 WOW TS Topology Sets for Detailed Study Planning and Environment and Siting Sub Group meeting
10/13 NOTICE: Special Meeting Tribal Cultural Landscapes Assessment Grant Proposal
10/14 39th Restoration Ceremony
10/16 Budget Meeting
10/17 Quarterly West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Study Advisory Committee Meeting
10/19 Oregon Nine Tribes meeting, Leaders Circle
10/23 Budget meeting
10/24 G2G Consultation with Governor Tina Kotek Regarding Wind Energy, CTCLUSI /BOEM G2G Consultation with US Federal Government BOEM Director Elizbeth Klein
10/25 GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting
10/26 CTCLUSI Education Department Tribal Advisory Committee Mtg
11/01 NOTICE: Special Meeting: Online Data Repository Project Grant Matthew Schwoebel DCNR, Consultation with OHA-Opiod Settlement Funding
11/03 NOTICE: Special Meeting GFORB
11/09 Tribal Council Debriefing
11/12 Tribal Council Budget Hearing, Tribal Council/General Council Regular Monthly Meeting
Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel
10/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
10/14 Restoration
10/17 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting
10/18 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting
10/19 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting
10/23 Budget Meeting
10/24 G2G Consultation – Gov. Kotek
10/25 GFORB/ Tribal Council Business Meeting
11/01 Consult w/ OHA – Opioid Settlement Funding
11/03 Special Meeting
11/09 Council Debrief reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours for the Month: 68

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of an **CANDYCANE - 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 CANDYCANE hiding!**

Must email by December 15th 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.

November "ACORN" Winners:

Adult - Tes Gagner

Youth - Grayson Dollins



The Acorn from the November edition was hidden on page 10!
Look closely at the picture on the top right group of photos on page 10. The acorn is on the tabel at the bottom edge of the photo.

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
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 for new requirements needed to be honored.

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

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
The full meeting video is available at www.ctclusi.org If you are an enrolled member of CTCLUSI and would like to receive typed copies of the Tribal Council Meeting minutes please submit a written request to Jeannie Miller at 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay OR 97420 or jmiller@ctclusi.org Please include the meeting date requested, your name, current address, and Tribal Roll number for verification.

CTCLUSI Departments, Services & Offices

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Tribal Committee Members

<p>Budget Committee 1. Martin Harris 2. Wendy Garcia 3. Margaret Corvi 4. Stephanie Watkins, Chair stephaniewatkins1360@gmail.com 5. Teresa Spangler 6. Allen (Butch) Swigert 7. Roseanna Perry</p>	<p>Elders Committee 1. Arleen Perkins, Chair 2. VACANT 3. Warren (Tom) Brainard 4. VACANT 5. Martin Harris 6. Allen (Butch) Swigert 7. Brad Kneaper</p>	<p>Language Committee 1. Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo 2. Tammy Evarts 3. Jade Fong 4. VACANT 5. Jamie Biesanz, Chair jamiebiesanz@gmail.com 6. Jesse Beers 7. Ayuthea Cisneros</p>	<p>Are you a Tribal member who would like to learn more about a Tribal Committee, or are interested in being on a committee? Reach out to a Committee Chair person or a Tribal Government Staff member. Committee Chairs are noted at left with current sitting members of the committee at the time of publication of this paper. For questions, please contact Jeannie Miller, 541-888-7506 or jmiller@ctclusi.org The Tribe maintains a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not. Letters of interest remain on file for one full year. Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.</p>
<p>Culture Committee 1. Earla Kirk 2. Doug Barrett 3. Jennifer L. Conway-Portillo 4. Nicole Romine 5. Michael Brainard 6. Patrica Whereat-Phillips, Chair pphillips@ctclusi.org</p>	<p>Enrollment Committee 1. Warren T. Brainard 2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips 3. Skip Brainard 4. Vicki Faciane, Chair vicki.faciane@gmail.com 5. Teresa Spangler</p>	<p>Election Board 1. VACANT 2. Michael Brainard, Chair qaxas19@gmail.com 3. Teresa Gagner 4. Mark Petrie 5. Josh Davies 6. Pauline Benson 7. Ashley Russell</p>	
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Tribal Council

Tribal Chief
Gone, but never forgotten

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Council Meeting
December 10, 2023
10:00 a.m.
Three Rivers Casino
5647 Highway 126, Florence, Oregon
Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Approval of Minutes as needed
 4. Tribal Council Reports
 5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
 6. Chief Financial Officer Report
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Other
 10. Good of the Tribes
 11. Executive Session as needed

Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org



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

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/>

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-087
Date of Passage: July 9, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment New Member
Explanation: Tribal Council approves new member Carina Rose Chandler. **Vote 5-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-088
Date of Passage: July 9, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment Active to Historic
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action move the following indivulas from the active roll to the historic roll of the Tribe: Chester Levi Perry, Wanda Louise Williford, Micheal Linn McNutt, Lorre Grace Lewis and Juanita Marie Butterfield. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-089
Date of Passage: July 9, 2023
Subject (title): Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon for Participation in the OR Alert Program
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the participation brought to Council from the Tribal Police Department. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-090
Date of Passage: July 9, 2023
Subject (title): Approving and Submittal of FY 2023 O'Link 78 MOA
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement to between 11 Tribes of Northern California and Oregon for allocation of funding for Indian Housing Block Grant . **Vote 6-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-091
Date of Passage: July 9, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment New Members
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the following names as new members of the Tribe: Waylon Jordan Hunt and Hallie Isla Schutz. **7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-092
Date of Passage: July 26, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Modification for Architectural - Engineering Services for Health Services Project
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract modification for the designs for the new Health Clinic. **Vote 5-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-093
Date of Passage: July 26, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Award Approval for Construction Services for Health Services Project
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract for the construction services for the new Health Clinic. **Vote 4-2-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-094
Date of Passage: July 26, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this Order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-107
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Contract for the Planning Department for Solar
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract for a solar feasibility study and design to provide emergency power back up to Administration. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-108
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): CY 2024 IHS Diabetes Program Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for grant funding for the Diabetes Program. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-109
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Victims of Crime Act Funding
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for grant funding. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-110
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Allocation for Funds for Three Rivers Casino HVAC System
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this funding allocation for funds needed for TRC from ARPA Funding. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-111
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Rescinding Chapter 7-9 Investment Committee
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action for first reading and 28 day comment period for Tribal Membership. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-112
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Rescinding Chapter 7-12 Tribal Health Committee
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action for first reading and 28 day comment period for Tribal Membership. **Vote 5-0-2**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-113
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Rescinding Chapter 4-3 Child Protection Team
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action for first reading and 28 day comment period for Tribal Membership. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-114
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Agreement with Company for Design
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for a company to do business with Severy project. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-115
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title):Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-116
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-117
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-118
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Approval of New Bank Account
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the action to provide FDIC secure banking account for Housing Department. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-119
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Equipment Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this equipment order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-120
Date of Passage: September 10, 2023
Subject (title): Withdrawal of BEST for SBA 8a Program
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-121
Date of Passage: September 10, 2023
Subject (title): Letter of Agreement with Company related to Health Records Services
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for the Health Department. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-122
Date of Passage: September 10, 2023
Subject (title): Appointments to Three Rivers Foundation Board of Trustees
Explanation: Tribal Council appoints the following Doug Barrett, Teresa Spangler, Enna Helms, Cindy Castro, Ryan Ceniga, Pat Farr and Lori Gates. **Vote 4-0-3**

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

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The seal of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw. It features a circular design with a fish in the center, surrounded by the text "CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, SIUSLAW".

Update Your Contact Information

Is your contact information up-to-date?

Please contact the Enrollment Department today with your current contact information.

It is important that your information is current and accurate so that you do not miss out on updates regarding Tribal benefits, programs, invitations to events, and Tribal Election Ballots.

Forms are also available online to update your contact information, request new Tribal ID cards, change of name requests and more. Visit <https://ctclusi.org/enrollment/> for fill out these forms online.

Contact Enrollment by calling 541-888-7538

Important PRC Application Deadline and Limited Benefits Update

The Purchased and Referred Care department is now accepting applications for the Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) program for FY2024. You must submit a new application each year for each PRC-eligible Tribal member in your household. **This year, the deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Failure to submit an application for the program will result in denial of eligibility for the PRC program. If an application is received after January 31, 2024, PRC will only pay claims 90 days prior to the date the application was submitted for that calendar year.** You can apply online at www.ctclusi.org. You will see a link at the bottom of the home page that will take you to the online form (or look under Member Services, Purchased and Referred Care). Please be sure to upload the front and back of your insurance card(s) to ensure we have the most current information. You must complete a separate form for each PRC-eligible family member. Please call PRC at (541) 888-4873 or (800) 227-0392 to have a hard-copy application mailed to you or with any questions.

Dental Benefits

PRC is pleased to announce that an increase has been approved for your Annual Dental Benefits. Starting January 1st, 2024 your dental benefits will increase from \$1700 to \$2500 annually. This now includes most major dental procedures including implants and orthodontia! **Orthodontia must be requested and reviewed by PRC and the CTCLUSI Dentist and will only be covered if it is deemed medically necessary.** Orthodontists must be willing to work with the PRC billing requirements. As always, cosmetic procedures are excluded, i.e. bleaching. All remaining Limited Benefits remain the same.

Vision Benefits

PRC is pleased to announce that an increase has been approved for your Annual Vision Benefits. Starting January 1st, 2024 your vision benefits will increase from \$500 to \$700 annually.

NEED A RIDE?

Contributed by Kathy Perkins, Tribal Transportation Coordinator

The Tribal Transportation Department aims to provide necessary transit services for accessing shopping, employment, education, health care, and social/recreational opportunities to all CTCLUSI members and their eligible family members currently lacking reliable transportation.

Transportation options that may be provided directly include door-to-door rides with a 72-hr advance notice and bus passes for the Rhody Express and LTD routes. In addition to services provided directly from the Transportation Department, CCAT services are available free of charge by presenting your Tribal ID card to the CCAT driver at the time of service.

For more information or to access these services, please contact Kathy Perkins, Tribal Transportation Coordinator, at 541-888-9577 ext. 7550.

Tribal
Holiday Party
Saturday, December 9, 2023

Three Rivers Casino Resort Events Center
Door open at 12:00 p.m. (Noon), Dinner served at 1:00 p.m.
Please join us for a family friendly event full of good cheer
...and a special visit from Santa!
All Members of Tribal Families and Households Welcome
Tribal Adults may bring one additional guest
Stockings will be provided for every child, a photo booth for all, and raffle prizes for adults

Please RSVP so we can be sure Santa has a stocking for all children present
RSVP by Calling 541-435-7155
This is a drug and alcohol free event

Posted December 2023

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

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

Tribal Member: Layne Walker Krossman	Tribal Member: Aliee Louise Barrett
Parent: Justin Michael Krossman	Parent: Robert Lawrence Barrett
Lineal Descendant: Tennapah Jane Talbot	Lineal Descendant: Robert Loren Barrett SR
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Tribal Member: Malighia Renee Thorn	Tribal Member: Lucas James Cuthbertson
Parent: Tommy Ray Thorn (Grandfather)	Parent: Shantell Suri Cuthbertson
Lineal Descendant: Howard L Anderson	Lineal Descendant: Jane J Jordan
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Coos
Tribal Member: Adeline Rose Cuthbertson	Tribal Member: Bristol Otilie Debate
Parent: Shantell Suri Cuthbertson	Parent: Julia Christine Debate
Lineal Descendant: Jane J Jordan	Lineal Descendant: Tennapah Jane Talbot
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos

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

BAY AREA FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET – WINTER MARKET

Enjoy this Winter Market Wednesday’s in November to April at the Historic Flora Building on the waterfront. You’ll find local coffee, honey, seasonal fruits and vegetables and much, much more. Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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2024 New Years Day Peace Hike

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2024 New Year’s Day Peace Hike

Yachats, OR- On New Year’s Day, the Yachats Trails Committee will host the 13th Annual Peace Hike in Yachats, Oregon. The Peace Hike traditionally honors the memory of a blind Native American (Coos) woman named Amanda who was forcibly taken away from her daughter and marched 80 miles with other captives all barefoot through the rocky terrain to the Alsea Sub-agency prison camp in what is now Yachats in 1864.

Each year, as part of the ceremony, cedar springs, a sacred tree for many tribes of the Pacific Northwest, are provided for anyone to explore prayers and set intentions with cedar. People can take the sprig and walk holding their vision of peace and its meaning.

The 2024 Peace Hike is commemorating Donald (Doc) Slyter, Chief of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians as an outstanding leader, mentor, and educator serving as a healing bridge between his Tribes and the Yachats Community.

Schedule

9:30AM - The Yachats Community Drum will be available, and drumming will start at the picnic shelter, located behind the Yachats Commons.

10 AM. Fire will be lit, and the ceremony will begin in part led by Tribal members including the telling of the Amanda story.

10:30 – Participants will walk with their cedar sprig on the trail they have chosen, return to the fire where they will place the Cedar sprig, to add their prayers or visions for the new year.

For those hiking to the Amanda Gathering Area, which is 2.2 miles south from the Commons, there will be several options to park to lessen that distance.

12 PM – There will be a ceremony conducted by Tribal members at the Amanda Gathering area and a fire to which to lay one’s Cedar sprig.

1:00PM – There will be closing of the fires at both locations.

The Yachats Trails Committee has composed a map of alternative trails that allow everyone to hike or walk where they are most comfortable in addition to those who want to hike to the Amanda Gathering Area. Committee members will be on hand to answer questions and provide maps and guidance at the Picnic Shelter behind the Yachats Commons.

There will be two small ceremonial fires in which to place the Cedar sprigs - one near the picnic shelter and one at the Amanda Gathering Area for those who hike the Amanda Trail.

To truly understand the government sponsored genocidal policies that led to the murder and suffering of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw and Alsea Peoples, watch a video narrated by Patricia Whereat Phillips, Miluk Coos, member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) and Donald Slyter, Chief of the CTCLUSI. www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6D-wkqXGy0

Water, energy bars and delicious cookies prepared and generously donated by the Yachats Ladies Club will be available at the Picnic Shelter and the Amanda Gathering Area.

All participants will be given Peace hike buttons.

This year’s Peace Hike button has been beautifully created by artist Laura Cole.

More information on the 2024 New Years Day Peace Hike can be found online at www.yachats.org

Winter Solstice

Embracing the return of the light and renewal through engaging seasonal activities



Tribal Hall
December 18, 19, 20, 21, 22nd

Camping Accommodations Available
(or drop in at your convenience)

Monday, December 18
Arrival, Camp Set Up and Community Camp Fire

Tuesday, December 19
10:00 am Brunch
11:30 am – Communal songs
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Basket Weaving & Carving/Women’s Sweat
5:00 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm Storytelling & Ceremony

Wednesday, December 20
10:00 am Brunch
11:30 am – Communal songs
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Basket Weaving & Carving/Men’s Sweat
5:00 pm – Dinner
7:00 pm Storytelling & Ceremony

Thursday, December 21
10:00 am Brunch
11:30 am – Communal songs
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Basket Weaving & Carving
5:00 pm – Salmon Dinner
7:00 pm Storytelling & Ceremony

Friday, December 22
Breakfast at your leisure and departure

Youth Activity
Every day
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm


Meals Provided

Paddle Carving

Weaving

Songs

For Camping Accomodations contact Jesse Beers at (541) 297-0748



2024 New Years Day PEACE HIKE

Honoring Indigenous People and Culture

Dedication to Donald (Doc) Slyter, Chief, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians
January 1st | 9:30 am to 1 pm

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE


9:30 am Start with Yachats Community Drumming at Commons Pavilion

10 am Fire will be lit, and the ceremony will begin, led by Tribal members with the telling of the Amanda story

10:30 am Set intentions and walk with a cedar sprig to the ceremony site along the Amanda Trail or walk community trails (maps available)

12 pm Tribal member-led ceremony at the Amanda statue, place your cedar sprig on the fire

Scan for the Amanda story told by Patricia Whereat Phillips, Miluk Coos Tribal member, linguist, of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI).





NOTICE of SPECIAL ELECTION

February 11, 2024

Special Election for Tribal Chief Position

On November 4, 2023, the Tribe was notified of the passing of Chief Donald (Doc) Slyter. The Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians requires that due to this event, the Tribal shall schedule a special election within sixty (60) days. Tribal Constitution Article XI, Section 3.

Tribal Council in compliance with Constitution and the Tribal Election Code passed Resolution 23-165 on November 11, 2023 to schedule a Special Election and call the Election Board to facilitate a Special Election to regulate election activity.

Tribal Code 7-3-41-(a) (1) states this Special Election to replace a Tribal Chief shall be subject to the remaining term of office, and this will be until April 2030.

Tribal Code 7-3-42(a) states this election shall be by secret ballot and shall be conducted in the same manner as a general election, all eligible members may vote.

Tribal Code 7-3-44 (a) (3) states that the election shall be scheduled to be held no less than ninety (90) days from the date it is called; February 11, 2023 shall be the date for the Special Election for the Tribal Chief. CLUSI Const. Art. XI Section 3.

Tribal Code 7-3-44 (b)(1) states this Special Election shall be held in conjunction with a regular monthly meeting of the Tribal Council. CLUSI Const. Art. XI Section 3.

Special Election Date: February 11, 2024

Candidate Eligibility: Any enrolled member of CTCLUSI, at least 21 years of age, never previously removed from office for good cause may submit a Statement of Candidacy to run for Tribal Chief.


Statement of Candidacy & Position Statement: A Statement of Candidacy form will be available on the Tribes website under “Elections” or at any Tribal Government office reception in Coos Bay, Florence or Eugene. This must be filed no later than 30 days before the scheduled election.

Position Statement: Any candidate can provide a Position Statement, it shall be no longer than one sheet of 8 ½ x11 paper, two sided if desired. This is will be included in the ballot mailing, but is not required to run for this position. This can be submitted at the same time as the Statement of Candidacy.

Ballot Mailing: This Special Election will be by secret ballot by mail, sent to all current registered voters to the last known address on file in the Enrollment office, or you may vote in person and register on Election Day February 11, 2023 at the Tribal Hall located at 338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, Oregon 97420 during the open polling hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Ballots must be mailed at least 14 days before the Election Day.

For additional Election information please see www.ctclusi.org. Questions? Please contact Jeannie Miller, Election Clerk jmiller@ctclusi.org 541-888-7506.


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December 2 & 3rd • 10AM to 4PM
All genders and ages are invited.
All materials will be provided.

Those wishing to pick out their ribbon skirt or shirt fabric, please contact
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Once thought lost for good, Native Americans' prized tobacco is back in Oregon

KLCC | By Brian Bull

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In a video taken at the 2023 Sacred Tobacco and Traditional Medicine Gathering near Bend, several members of Native American tribes or groups hold a jar containing Columbian tobacco. This strain of tobacco disappeared from the Pacific Northwest in the 1800s and was feared lost. Tribes across Oregon are reigniting their relationship with tobacco. Not just any tobacco, but the very kind their ancestors grew and used before colonization and the fur trade.

And this plant is making its comeback after being gone for nearly two centuries.

It's a sunny day at Gregory Point on the Oregon Coast, though to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CLUSI), this windswept place of rock, surf, and greenery is called Baldich.

Ceremonies are often held here. Tribal member Mark Petrie says one of these is the salmon ceremony, which involves remnants of a salmon feast.

"And so out here we return those salmon remains to the water, to the salmon people, respect for them and what they bring us," he explains. "And also ask them to come back next year to feed our people and continue that long-standing relationship we've had with them for so long."

Petrie adds sacred tobacco is also offered.

Joining us is Nicole Romine, the CLUSI Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Assistant. As we navigate a rocky trail with seagulls and cormorants swooping overhead, she carries a jar filled with greenish tan leaves.

"This is actually some of our first harvested tobacco," says Romine. "I was just going to do a little blessing here with you guys and bless our stories."

I don't record the blessing, as some Native practices are to be experienced only in the moment. But what Romine and Petrie are more than happy to share, is that this type of tobacco is called *Nicotiana quadrivalvis* variety *multivalvis*, or Columbian tobacco.

Back at the tribe's plankhouse in Coos Bay, Petrie says this tobacco was grown by tribal biologist John Schaefer a few years ago after a lengthy quest—a quest that began in 1825, on the banks of the Columbia River.

"There was a man who came through, a botanist, David Douglas, looking for special plants to take back to the Royal Horticultural Society," said Petrie. "And so he heard about the sacred tobacco that the tribes were growing right next to their plank houses."

Douglas was intrigued with the Natives' sacred tobacco, but was rebuked when he asked to take some seeds back to London. So he took to more devious means.

"He came by way of night and took some seeds," continues Petrie. "(He) was caught, talked his way out of it, traded some other tobacco and I'm sure other things for the seeds. He got away with them."

Through the 19th century, traditional tobacco became increasingly rare in the Pacific Northwest. Robert Kennta, former cultural director of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, says it trended out during the fur trade.

"The traditional tobacco kinda fell out of use, once the traded tobacco



Photo credit: Desiree Acosta.

In a video taken at the 2023 Sacred Tobacco and Traditional Medicine Gathering near Bend, several members of Native American tribes or groups hold a jar containing Columbian tobacco. This strain of tobacco disappeared from the Pacific Northwest in the 1800s and was feared lost.

came into the area through Hudson Bay Company, and the ships along the coast and other sources," Kentta explains. "To me it's a little bit of a surprise that our elders picked it up that quick, because they had such strict protocols around tobacco having to be grown a certain way, and used a certain way." Those protocols eroded over generations. What was once ceremonial and practiced with care soon became a casual but addictive habit. Commercially-processed tobacco products with additives became commonplace, with many appropriating Native American imagery on their labels and advertisements.

That marketing – as well as messaging that modern smoking is "traditional" – drove up commercial tobacco use, as well as health issues in Native communities. Data from The Truth Initiative shows 16% of Native American and Alaskan high-schoolers smoke cigarettes nearly three times more than non-Indians. And Native people suffer very high rates of heart disease and cancer.

"It's only to be used as a tool, to bring your prayers up to the Creator," said Scott Kalama. He's a certified prevention specialist

at the Confederated Tribes in Warm Springs. He's worked twelve years in tobacco prevention, educating his fellow Natives on commercial tobacco versus traditional tobacco.

"How the over-the-counter products have additives in it and how it's really addictive," he said. "I always tell them that, 'Hey man, I know you're out here, smoking a cigarette. But I know you're



Photo credit: Brian Bull/KLCC

Gregory Point, Oregon. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians call this area Baldich, and use it for gatherings and ceremonies.

not praying. You're just over here using it to get that nicotine."

The Return

In 2006, CLUSI biologist Schaefer received one strain of important tobacco seeds from Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Virginia. This was *Nicotiana quadrivalvis* variety *quadrivalvis*, more commonly known as Indian tobacco. But the prized Columbian tobacco seeds—the kind taken by David Douglas—remained hard to find.

Then in 2017, there came word of a tobacco seed bank in central Europe.

At the tribal headquarters in Coos Bay, Romine leads me through a shed filled with drying plants and materials, including tule, sage, and cedar. Near the back, she presents me with a gnarled and



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Mark Petrie, a CLUSI tribal member, with the Columbian strain of tobacco. It's considered a sacred and important plant.

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bulbous piece of history, *Nicotiana quadrivalis* variety *multivalvis*, the same Columbian tobacco sought for years.

"So this is the strain that made its way from the Columbia River Gorge all the way over to London, and then all the way to Pulaway, Poland," she said.

Shaking one of the plant's seed pods, Romine says Schaefer managed to have the Columbian tobacco seeds shipped from Poland that same year, ending the hunt for the tobacco planted and used by Pacific Northwest tribes.

There are more plants being raised in the tribe's nearby greenhouse, not just for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, but for others.

Sharing what was once lost This past May at the Sun River Resort in central Oregon, an event called the Sacred Tobacco and Traditional Medicine Gathering was held. Petrie and others gifted the recovered Columbian Tobacco to several Native American groups and the other eight federally-recognized tribes within Oregon's boundaries.

Petrie says it was good medicine to see tribes reconnect with the tobacco. "We have been without the sacred tobacco for so long, we have it back in our ceremonies and it brings a lot of happiness to our elders, myself, our families, that we have that back with us," he said.

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians plan to have another event next year in Grand Ronde. They hope to build on the sharing of a sacred plant that was absent for nearly two centuries, and is cherished by many tribes.

Traditional tobacco versus today's commercial product? "The traditional tobacco, was strong. It had a big kick to it," Siletz tribal member Robert Kentta says. "Because it was so strong, only older men really smoked it on a regular basis because they didn't have to get things done as much throughout the day and, and whatnot. So apparently it was strong enough that it would kind of lay you out and make you unproductive for a period of time."

Commercial tobacco is raised on large plantations, and then harvested and treated with chemical additives including nicotine. Over the past century, it's not been unusual to see Native Americans and other Indigenous communities use it for blessings and ceremonies. But proponents of the traditional forms are hoping to eventually bring their ancestors' tobacco back to reclaim its use, and discontinue use of the processed variety.

"Most of my life kind of before I started my job with the tribe, my family members—many of them were smokers—chewed tobacco," said Nicole Romine. "And so I saw the harms that befell my family members, and I've lost family members through the use of commercial tobacco. Lung cancer, other cancers, other early death just caused from use of commercial tobacco and alcoholism as well. So those two things had been in my life since I was a young child."



Photo credit: Desiree Acosta.
In a video from May 2023, Mark Petrie shakes hands with members of NARA NW Portland, after gifting them CLUSI's traditional tobacco. The Columbian variety was absent from the region - perhaps the entire U.S. - for nearly two centuries.



Photo credit: Brian Bull/KLCC
CLUSI's Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Assistant, Nicole Romine, tends to young tobacco plants in a tribal greenhouse.

Romine says this has guided her as she works in tobacco prevention efforts, and she said the plant holds a special place in her heart as she serves as its steward, currently. She also said tobacco is also offered whenever something is taken, such as during harvesting a plant or catching a fish.

"When we take something, we always give something back," said Romine. "Taking something without returning doesn't feel right for us."

As to health concerns: traditional tobacco isn't used as frequently or in the same manner as cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and vaping devices.

"You may see us wearing pouches around our necks or on our hips, on

our belts," said Petrie. "We have leather pouches, medicine bags, if you will. And we have a lot of our members that carry our secret tobacco with them in that way."

"And it is a dried form of the plant that is not necessarily dried to retain the nicotine that's in the plant, because our goal isn't to have the highest amount of nicotine in there, it's not for consumption or use in that way. We use it more for our ceremonies or dances and our gathering practices when we go out."

Petrie said the traditional tobacco was often put into clay pipes, and smoked while laying on one's back. He told KLCC at this point that this was as much as he felt comfortable sharing tribal practices with their ancestor's tobacco, given its sacred nature.

Petrie did add that care was taken not to overuse the plant, and making it a habit was not encouraged.

"It was actually noted in some of our histories that there was a term for somebody that did become addicted to tobacco, and that was a very derogatory term and it was very much frowned upon," he said. "And if any of the members did use the tobacco in a way that was more habitual, more addiction-based, they would need some help."

Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program

This year we have grown our *Nicotiana quadrivalvis* var. *multivalvis* (Columbian Tobacco)

Seeds and dried Tobacco available

If you need Traditional Tobacco please reach out to Nicole Romine 541-294-9341 or nromine@ctclusi.org

Chief Donald “Doc” Slyter Walks On

high school and was drafted right after graduation, serving 2 years in the United States Army. After his military service, Don met Debbie and the two were married on August 4, 1973. Don’s work career included 3 -Sons Logging, mechanic at Automotive Electric, mechanic at Verger Chevrolet, and finally retiring from Verizon Telephone in 2007 after 29^{1/2} years.

Don was Hanis Coos, a descendant of the Jordan Family and elected Chief of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. Don’s commitment and participation in the Tribes spanned over five decades. His work was instrumental with the Pre-Restoration Council to help get a bill passed through Congress and signed by the President of the United States to reinstate the Confederated Tribes in 1984. Recently, he was present for the Tribes’ 39th Restoration Celebration held at Three Rivers Casino in Florence.

His lifelong involvement with the Tribes included being elected to Tribal Council since Restoration in 1984-1987, then again in April 2015-April 2019, re-elected for a second term April 2019-April 2020 and becoming Chief in April 2020 after running unopposed. Doc served on several committees which included the Elder’s Committee, Housing Committee, Budget Committee and currently was a member of the Gaming Facility Operation Review Board, Tribal Cultural Committee, Elakha Alliance and the Lakeside Water Task Force. He also had been involved with the Amanda Trail project in Yachats since 2009.

Since recognition, Chief Doc had worked continuously with local, state and government agencies to better his Tribes. Not only was he involved with his Tribes, but he also played the Native American Flute. He was a flute maker, player and composer. He produced a CD with traditional and original songs in 2013, including a song he wrote for his wife titled “Debbie”. He gave an ‘Introduction to Native American Flutes’ presentation for several local schools, community organizations and state organizations. Doc was asked to play his flute for one of the daily opening ceremonies at the State Capital in Salem in May 2009 and played his flute on

stage at the local community live theatre for a Veteran’s Day program. For several years he played his flute at the annual Coquille Indian Tribe Salmon Celebration held at The Mill Casino.

In between all of his Tribal responsibilities he still made time for the other important things in life; quality time with family and doing his favorite activities; such as fishing, camping, swimming, snorkeling and snow skiing.

His many friends remember him as being a kind and gentle person that embraced his Tribal heritage and was eager to share his culture with all.

Don was well known for this simple, but encouraging quote: *“get rid of your negative energy and move forward in a positive way”*.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be sent to Chief “Doc” Slyter Education Scholarship, c/o Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420 or Elakha Alliance, PO Box 704, Siletz, OR 97380 or online www.elakhaalliance.org

Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131. Family and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at www.coosbayareafunerals.com



Chief Doc Slyter with wife Debbie Slyter, and sons Tyler and Scott, pictured together at the 2023 Salmon Ceremony



Chief Slyter and his mother, Carolyn Slyter at Gregory Point

Chief Donald “Doc” Slyter Walks On



Chief gathering tule



Chief Slyter and sister Debbie Bossley



Elected as Chief April 2020



Chief with beloved friend Joanne Kittel



Gifted flute maker and musician



Chief Slyter and Chief Ivy, gone but not forgotten



Chief Slyter pulls canoe Tyee E. Bowen in Sunset Bay, Charleston, Oregon with members of the CTCLUSI Canoe Family

Elders at Seven Feathers and Wildlife Safari!

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, CHA and Barbara Black, CHA & Tribal Navigator

On October 11th, CTCLUSI Elders and staff joined the Cow Creek Elders at Seven Feathers Casino Resort for an evening of socializing, Bingo, a delicious dinner, and some very nice raffle prizes. Bingo had us all in stitches with Sophia Gosselin as MC/Bingo Caller. The Elders enjoyed a friendly banter back and forth with fun remarks and giggles. At the end of the evening every Elder and staff received a handmade necklace as a gift from the Cow Creek Elders, all uniquely made!

The next morning, we had breakfast at the Cow Creek restaurant where Doug Barrett was honored by an impromptu guest appearance from the Cow Creek Tribe for the Canoe Journey held earlier this summer. Cow Creek and CTCLUSI worked together pulling the canoe. Doug was honored with many gifts, and our Elders were delighted to see him receive recognition for his participation. Each young man who shared his canoe experience gifted a single Eagle feather followed with the Eagle Claw. It was a touching moment shared by all.

After breakfast, we gathered our things, loaded up the vans and headed to Winston for a bus tour through Wildlife Safari. The weather was perfect, the sun was shining, and the animals were very active! Some of the best parts of the tour were the little cheetah cubs running around and playing, the elephant resting its trunk on the fence, and the bears laying out sunbathing.

After the bus tour, we walked around the park to see some other animals up close, including the beautiful puma who took an interest in the feathers on a certain Elder's hat! This same Elder got an earful from a nearby Kookaburra.

At lunch time, the staff in the café worked tirelessly to get the food made and sent out to everyone, with the help from a few of our staff members. Great job! After lunch we had a little more time to walk around and visit the gift shop before loading up and heading home. What a fun overnight trip, with only a "scrape" or two along the way.



Elders Corner

Welcome New Tribal Elders

Tamara Evarts

Peggy Kintner

Christopher Miller

Attention Elders!

We want your recommendations for upcoming elder event activities.

We are also looking for tribal artisans that are interested in donating gifts for the upcoming Elder’s Honor Day. Please, contact Barbara or Arleen if you are interested.

Email Barbara Black at bblack@ctclusi.org or call Arleen at 541-888-5266 with your suggestions.

Elders Luncheon

Thursday, December 7, 2023
11:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
(Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.)
at
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Event Center
5647 Oregon 126, Florence, OR 97439

Come join us for a fun filled day of Games and BINGO!

There will be a gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Please mark your gift for male or female.



Please RSVP by Monday, November 27, 2023.

Please call to RSVP: Barbara Black at 541-888-7520



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



Make your Linen Requests today!

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.



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

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!

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
kikennk@oregonstate.edu
This study has been approved by the OSU Institutional Review Board.



Wrapping up CTCLUSI's Tribal Spill Response Plan, version 2.0!

Contributed by Janet Niessner, Environmental Scientist; Sarah Hardisty, Oregon Sea Grant Fellow

The Department of Culture and Natural Resources (DCNR) is saying farewell to Sarah Hardisty, our Oregon Sea Grant fellow who generously gave an entire year to help the Tribe make critical updates to CTCLUSI's former Tribal Estuary Response Plan (2018), to the new and revamped Tribal Spill Response Plan.

The 2018 Plan was originally established to protect Tribal resources in the waters of Coos Bay, especially to ensure cultural resource protection in review of the Jordan Cove Liquid Natural Gas proposed project. With this Plan, the TRP staff engaged in planning conversations with agencies and partners in response and resource protection, such as EPA, the USCG, ODEQ, and other emergency management professionals. CTCLUSI also became the third Tribe to become a member of the EPA Region 10 Regional Response Team (RRT) and the Northwest Area Committee (NWAC), alongside the Makah Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation.

Since 2018, CTCLUSI has undergone significant growth. The Tribe has gained an additional 15,000 acres in forest lands, purchased additional properties, implemented both a dental and health clinic, established an Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Manager, just to name some examples. TRP staff have also made significant strides in building capacity for spill response and contamination investigation since 2018. EPA has begun funding additional staff in water quality and tribal response as well as spill response equipment and supplies. Staff have assisted in reviewing response plans and regulation changes from other agencies and incorporating Tribal language and interests, updating the regional geographic response strategies with ODEQ and the USCG, and helped update CTCLUSI's Area of Interest geographical boundary. Staff have also worked to build the most comprehensive environmental testing laboratory on the

south coast of Oregon.

With these changes, TRP staff realized that the plan needed to be updated for not just new capacity and policy, but also to include an updated Tribal Area of Interest and jurisdictional properties. This draft is in its final stages for a solid first draft. An early draft was presented to Tribal Council



for review and initial feedback. Following that, staff are finalizing contributions and changes by this month. This first draft will be submitted to the Regional Response Team (including EPA, USCG, and ODEQ) for feedback. Changes stemming from these comments will be presented to Council again in 2024 for feedback, and hopefully closing for a final draft in that year with Tribal Council's resolution.

We sincerely thank Sarah not just for her substantial work on all of this, but for her kind and generous energy during her time with our team. She will be joining us for one last outreach event at CTCLUSI's holiday party on December 9th, where the community will get to meet her in person and see the results of her hard work.

A note from Sarah:

Looking back at this past year, I have gained so much from my fellowship with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians beyond the knowledge of Oil Spill Response protocol and policy. The values of CTCLUSI are reflected in the spill response plan, and the effort to protect the natural resources and

culture of the land is apparent in DCNR. We have worked towards expanding the spill response plan to protect oceans and inland areas stretching across CTCLUSI's over 3 million acres of culturally relevant land and to improve communication between state agencies and CTCLUSI.

I am grateful to have worked with our partners and those at CTCLUSI who have participated in the project! My primary background is in science – my graduate school project was on the bay ghost shrimp - but have had some coursework and an internship in science policy. Through this fellowship, I have been able to engage in Northwest Area Committee/Regional Response Team Meetings which include members from the Makah and Yakama Nation, EPA, Coast Guard, ODEQ, and WDOE. I also was able to attend the West Coast Ocean Alliance meeting which included 20 tribal government members and was facilitated in


part by Margaret Corvi, who originally wrote the Oil Spill Estuary Response Plan and is the Tribal Coordinator for WCOA. These were important opportunities to see how different government entities work together and listen to Tribal government priorities. Updates from me, and other Sea Grant fellows, can be found on the blog: [Sea Grant Scholars | Learning through experience, for the future of our oceans.](#)

There can be a lot of doom and gloom in oil spill response – it is not fun to think about the effects of oil or hazardous chemicals affecting wildlife or the lack of communication or compensation for Tribal Governments in the event of the spill. However, working towards preventing these from occurring is meaningful and rewarding. A book that I would recommend to pick up this winter is Climate Optimism by Zahra Biabani that highlights climate 'wins' internationally. It highlights when oil companies have been held accountable for spills or to cut emissions, and when pipelines or offshore oil and gas leases were halted. It also covers topics like information overload and negativity bias in the news.

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WELLNESS COURT


Are you in trouble with the law?
Are you suffering with drugs, alcohol or addiction?
Are you ready to make a change?
What does true Wellness look like for you?
A life without drugs or alcohol is possible for you.
Make the choice for a better life.



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Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307





PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.




Photo by Morgan Gaines

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

Peacegiving Coordinator
 1245 Fulton Avenue
 Coos Bay, OR 97420
 PHONE: (541) 888-1306 or (541) 888-1316
 EMAIL: Peacegiving@ctclusi.org Website: <https://ctclusi.org/tribalcourtpeacegiving>

Haunted Hallows Prevention Event was a Smashing Success!

Contributed by Nicole Romine, Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program

The Haunted Hallows event on October 21st, 2023, had around a hundred tribal and employee family members cycle into the community center throughout the night! The whole community center was decorated, starting with a three-tiered balloon arch covered in fake spiders, webs and twinkling lights. Another biodegradable ballon ach with a blow-up Michelin-man was used as a backdrop for pictures while the floating candles and witch hats added an extra layer of spooky to the evening. The event hosted by the Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program featured pumpkin carving, hidden candy and toy search, temporary Halloween tattoos and a spooky cake walk. In the cake walk corner you could listen to the translated stories of nuuskilii, the Pitch Women, contributed by Patty Phillips. The costume contests winners and pumpkin carving winners took home Halloween-themed gift baskets. This event had the Circle of Healing program materials detailing how to safely check Halloween candy for parents and how to be safe at night for youth including wearing reflective gear, how to crossroads safely and to stay in groups settings. The Tobacco program would like to thank the Maintenace department for helping decorate and all the volunteers and employees helping to create a special and safe activity zone for youths and families.



CTCLUSI Dental Team Expands



Hello CTCLUSI Community,

We are Aubrey, Sally (Sarah) and Daisy Hopkins and have just come, this October, from North East Coastal Florida to South Coastal Oregon to live and work with you. From the point of view of family, we are very pleased to have the opportunity to support the oral health of the Confederated Tribes of CLUSI Community, and that of all others we may have the opportunity to care for. After more than 35 years of moves during Army and Veterans Affairs service we will call this region our home. And, we are happy to have been selected to serve as oral health providers supporting the CTCLUSI Leadership's emerging vision of enhanced whole health care services. It's good to be here.

The best of health to us all.

Tribe Welcomes Climate Adaptation Specialist

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Please help us in welcoming Kayla Stevenson, CTCLUSI's new Tribal Climate Adaptation Specialist, into the Department of Culture and Natural Resources. Kayla is an Oregon Sea Grant Natural Resource fellow that will be assisting the Tribe in a Climate Change Vulnerability and Risk Assessment. As climate change impacts increase in severity and intensity, the Tribe seeks to better understand the implication of these changes and methods for mitigation.

Kayla is a recent graduate of the University of Washington's School of Marine and Environmental Affairs and Jackson School of International Studies, receiving her Masters in Marine Affairs and Masters of Arts in International Studies in 2023. Her academic career has so far focused on Indigenous climate change adaptation strategies in the Arctic. She received her bachelor's degree at the University of Puget Sound in International Relations and Environmental Policy and Decision Making. She currently lives in Seattle but is looking forward to engaging with the Tribal community. She lives with her cat, Gilbert, and enjoys any creative activity, including watercolor painting and ceramics.

Kayla will be responsible for researching and analyzing climate related impacts that effect CTCLUSI's Tribal property and resources. The outcome of this work will be a risk analysis of climate change impacts and recommendations for mitigation strategies. This assessment will also help to inform management strategies for climate change mitigation at the local, state, and regional level and will help inform a Tribal Climate Adaptation Plan.

Welcome, Kayla! We are incredibly excited for your contributions to this important work!

As part of Kayla's work, she is distributing a survey about climate change impacts to the Tribal community. If you are interested in filling out the survey, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/yQrNMdHRIqXA22Qf8> and be entered into a raffle for a chance to win 10 amazing prizes. For any questions, feedback, or information on climate change, climate vulnerability and risks, or climate adaptation and mitigation, please contact kstevenson@ctclusi.org, or 541-888-9577.



Program Coordinator Hired for Circles of Healing

My name is Joe Gammon, and I was born in Newport Oregon and currently live in Eugene Oregon. I was in the Army for Seven years and traveled all over the world as well as deployed twice to Afghanistan. In 2013 I married my high school sweetheart and the love of my life and together we have four boys, two of which are twins. I have a Bachelor's in Human Services from the University of Oregon and a Master's in Business Leadership from Bushnell University. In my free time, I love spending time with my wife and kids and getting outside. We love to hunt and fish all over Oregon, so please tell me if you have any good spots.

My role at CTCLUSI is Program Coordinator for the Circles of Healing Program. It is such a blessing to be able to help people and work with all of 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 to view the online event calendar

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Tribal Member Achievements

Tribal Member Adam Petrie
Brings Home the Silver



Adam Petrie received three silvers in freestyle, freestyle relay and backstroke at the Special Olympics Swim Meet held in Corvallis, Oregon on Saturday, November 4, 2023.
Way to Adam!

Tribal Member Stephanie Fong Honored
by Staff on National Boss’s Day



I have worked for Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians for 11 years with their Shingle Springs Tribal TANF Program. In the beginning I was a Family Advocate I for 2.5 years then was promoted to Site Manager for the Tribal TANF office in El Dorado County Office. My staff honored me for National Boss’s Day on October 16th, 2023.

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Fall is here and Winter is approaching! The Coos, Lower Umpqua, & Siuslaw Indians Social Services Department continues offering Heating or Cooling assistance for qualifying **low income households**. In addition to meeting the income guidelines, you must reside in the State of Oregon and must be an **Enrolled CTCLUSI Tribal member or have an enrolled CTCLUSI Child in your care for LIHEAP assistance**. To receive assistance contact the Social Services Division or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP>.

To qualify, your household gross income needs to be at or below the following income limits:

1 Person Family	\$33,426
2 Person Family	\$43,711
3 Person Family	\$53,996
4 Person Family	\$64,281
5 Person Family	\$74,565
6 Person Family	\$84,850

In order for your application to be processed and determine qualification you must provide:

Proof of Income (Pay Stub)	Social Security Card
Copy of your utility bill	SSI or SSDI Statement of Benefits
Tribal Enrollment Card	Child Support Statement
Oregon Trail Card	Current Oregon Health Plan Card

No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can fill out the application online at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP> . If you have any questions or need assistance filling out an application, please contact Carol Ann Young , Social Services Worker at 541-435-7159 .

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD): More Than the Winter Blues

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

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

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

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

These activities can make you feel better:

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

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

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

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

Seek professional help:

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

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

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

nimh.nih.gov/sad
NIMH Identification No. OM 22-4320

Education Corner

After School Program

The Education Department has resumed the after school program at the Tribal Hall in Coos Bay from 3:30pm-5:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. Activities include:

- Archery
- Arrow Making
- Traditional Art
- Ancestral Gardening
- Nature Walks/First Foods
- Visits to the Marine Life Center
- Mentorship
- Elk hide scraping

The Education team has some ability to pick your child up from school to participate in these after school events with an advance note to the school secretary. Please contact Education Specialist II Brandy Lauby at 541-888-1314, or blauby@ctclusi.org to see if a pick-up for your child is possible.

Calling For Tutors!!

If you are intersted in tutoring tribal students please contact the education department at 541-888-1314. We are back in-person for tutoring as well as remotely.

You can also fill out a request to tutor on this form <https://ctclusi.org/education/>.

Tribal Member Parents

Please join our education Facebook Page if you have students K-12.

Higher Education Students are highly recommended to join as well. Scholarships, internships, job announcements, and other key educational information shared.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/650089851682043>

► **CONTACT: Jemiah Wassman** jwassman@ctclusi.org 541-888-1318

Education Corner

IMPORTANT UPDATES

- Mark your Calendar for Snow Camp in Sunriver, OR for Spring Break!!
 - March 25th-29th, 2024
 - Form to RSVP will be out soon

- Free Boys & Girls Club Memberships at Coos Bay & Eugene Facilities!-Contact the Education Department for details.
Jemiah Wassman-Education Director
541-888-1318
Brandy Lauby- Education Specialist II
541-888-1314

Reminders For Higher Education Students

FAFSA reminder-the first day to submit for the 2024-2025 school year was October 1st, 2023. Why is this important? Education institutions distribute their financial aid shortly after the FAFSA becomes available, often within just a few weeks or days. Therefore, while the official deadline is not until June 30th, 2024, it's crucial to orgaznize your documents early. This positions you at the forefront to receive financial aid.

AT HOME:

To access more enriching cultural and educational content online for children and adults, please check out Gather.Town. Contact Jemiah Wassman at jwassman@ctclusi.org with questions.

QUOTE:

"Our children are our greatest treasure; they are our future."-
-Wilma Mankiller-First Female Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation

Youth Spotlight Success

Kindly forward any distinctions, honors, or recognitions your student has earned this year. Our aim is to create a montly student corner to showcase students and share their impressive achievements with the Tribal Membership. Please provide a photo, a concise summary, and a release authorizing us to use the photo and details in future newsletters.

► **CONTACT: Jemiah Wassman** jwassman@ctclusi.org 541-888-1318



Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 11/14/2023

Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities

- Advanced Practice Provider – Medical – Coos Bay
- Advanced Practice Provider – Psychiatric – Coos Bay
- Case Manager/ICWA – Coos Bay
- Community Information Manager – Coos Bay
- Dental Hygienist – Part-Time – Coos Bay
- Forester – Coos Bay
- Gaming Inspector – Florence
- Health Executive Assistant – Coos Bay
- Higher Education Specialist – Coos Bay
- Physician – Coos Bay
- Physician – Family Medicine – Coos Bay
- Physician – Psychiatrist – Coos Bay
- Psychologist – Coos Bay
- Surveillance Agent I. – 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>

Updated Frequently

Please email questions to recruitment@ctclusihr.org



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




UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	29 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	30	1 Parenting Workshop Zoom 6 pm - 7:30 pm	2 Ribbon Shirt & Skirts, Tribal Hall, Coos Bay 10 am - 4 pm
3 Ribbon Shirt & Skirts, Tribal Hall, Coos Bay 10 am - 4 pm	4	5	6	7 Elders Luncheon Three Rivers Casino 11:30 a.m.	8	9 Holiday Celebration Three Rivers Casino Event Center
10 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23
		Winter Solstice Activities, Tribal Hall, Coos Bay, Oregon (see flyer page 6)				
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day All Tribal Officed Closed 	26 Staff Appreciation Day All Tribal Officed Closed	27 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Peace Hike Yachats, 9:30 am All Tribal Offices Closed	2	3	4	5	6

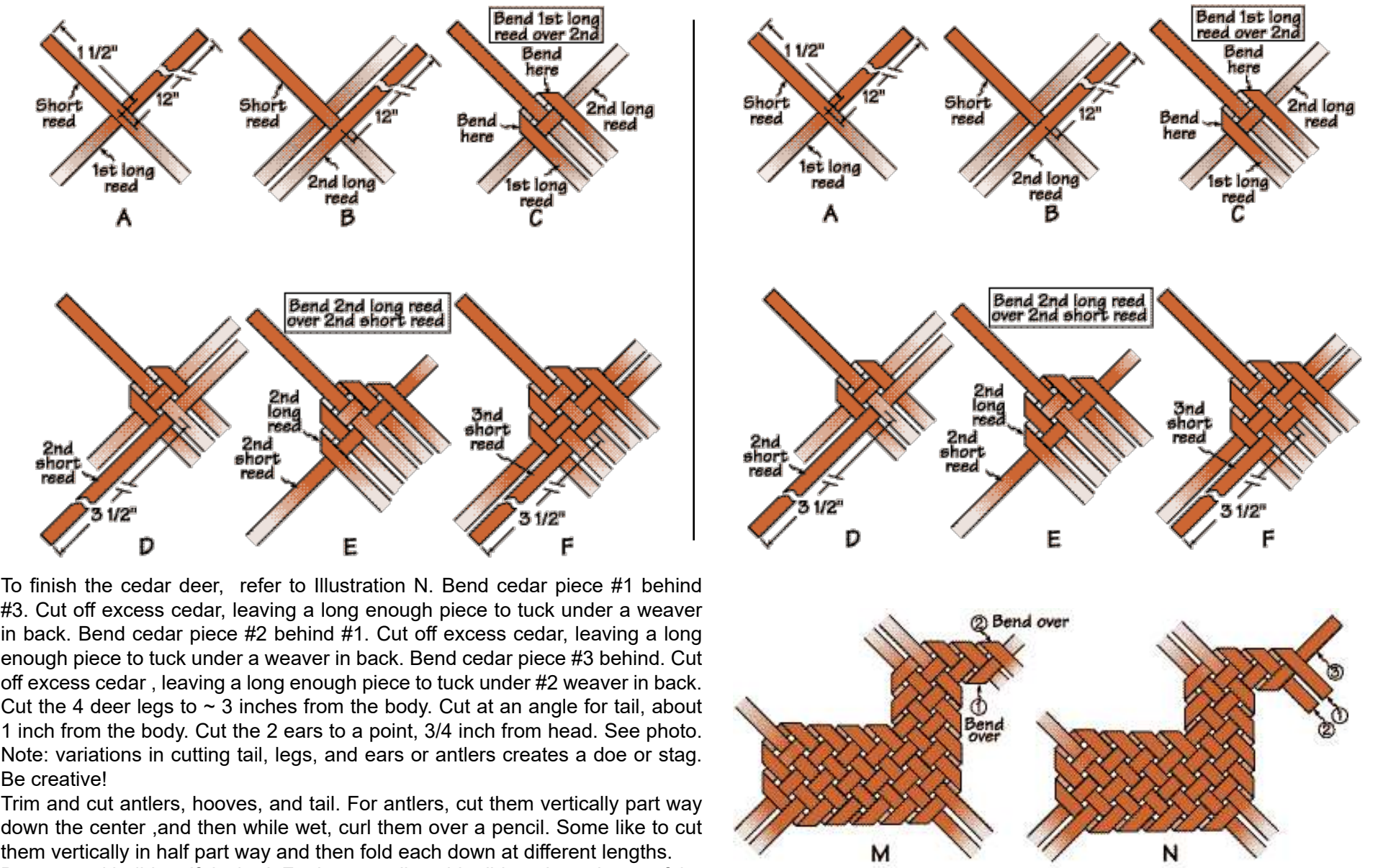
JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Peace Hike Yachats, 9:30 am All Offices Closed 	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 PRC Application Deadline Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

Cedar Deer

Soak all of the cedar pieces in warm water for approximately 2 hours or until bendable. Keep them damp as you weave. (A spray or mist bottle works best.) Follow illustrations A through M, making sure to weave tightly.



To finish the cedar deer, refer to Illustration N. Bend cedar piece #1 behind #3. Cut off excess cedar, leaving a long enough piece to tuck under a weaver in back. Bend cedar piece #2 behind #1. Cut off excess cedar, leaving a long enough piece to tuck under a weaver in back. Bend cedar piece #3 behind. Cut off excess cedar, leaving a long enough piece to tuck under #2 weaver in back. Cut the 4 deer legs to ~ 3 inches from the body. Cut at an angle for tail, about 1 inch from the body. Cut the 2 ears to a point, 3/4 inch from head. See photo. Note: variations in cutting tail, legs, and ears or antlers creates a doe or stag. Be creative!

Trim and cut antlers, hooves, and tail. For antlers, cut them vertically part way down the center, and then while wet, curl them over a pencil. Some like to cut them vertically in half part way and then fold each down at different lengths. Decorate with ribbon if desired. For hanger, slip a thin ribbon through one of the cedar pieces on the deer's back and tie ends together to create a loop.

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 or call (541) 888-7533 if you are interested in being notified of upcoming trips, or if you would like to learn more.



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HOT SEATS

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



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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.



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.



SANTA CASH

WIN \$1,000 CASH
Fridays and Saturdays
7pm to 9pm | Drawings every 30 minutes
ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY 100 POINTS EARNED ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

Café 1297 **DECEMBER WEEKLY SPECIALS**

MONDAY - THURSDAY
served from 11am-10pm

MONDAY - HERB ENCRUSTED HALF CHICKEN \$25
TUESDAY - FRY BREAD TACOS \$20
WEDNESDAY - SMOKED PORK CHOP \$25
THURSDAY - OPEN FACED HOT TURKEY \$20

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
served from 4pm-10pm

FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21
SATURDAY - JAMBALAYA \$25
SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE



Café 1297 **Christmas DINNER**
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25
Served from 11am-9pm

APPLEWOOD SMOKED CARVER HAM
Served with broccoli casserole, rosemary roasted red potatoes and an artisan roll with house made honey butter. Finished with a choice of Pecan Pie or Lemon Cake. **\$30**

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