



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

Tribal Families Gather to Celebrate the Holiday Season



Tribal youth gather to sing holiday songs in our Tribal language



Tribal youth visited Santa and received a gift

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On Saturday, December 9, 2023 the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians gathered for a Holiday Celebration at the Three Rivers Casino Resort Events Center in Florence, Oregon. Tribal Families and friends began gathering in the events center when the doors opened at noon. Everyone was greeted by friendly faces of staff members at each entrance. At the door they signed in, and adults signed up for raffle prizes, as well as received a welcoming gift of a tribal themed glass ornament.

People visited the various booths set up around the room, filled with activities and giveaways. Youth and adults alike stopped by and visited the Natural Resources Department staff for fun ocean themed temporary tattoos and informational handouts. The booth had poster boards set up about oil and chemical spill response as well as 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.

The Tobacco Prevention Program booth had information regarding commercial tobacco cessation and the important difference between tobacco products today and traditional ceremonial tobacco. Tribal member and Prevention Program Assistant Nicole Romine was available to talk with Tribal members seeking information on culturally appropriate tobacco uses. Available at the prevention booth were also gingerbread Plankhouse kits baked by The Gingerbread Village Restaurant out of Mapleton, Oregon. These kits were given to Tribal families to take home and decorate together for the holiday season. Families who took home

a gingerbread Plankhouse kit were asked to submit a photo of their creation for a chance to win a prize.

Tribal Police Chief Brian Dubray and Officer Shawn Fleming also manned a booth in the back of the event center. They focused on Naloxone (Narcan) awareness and kits, as well as child safety. Turn to page 8 to learn more about Naloxone and harm reduction. Knowledge about how to identify and help during overdose situations could help save a life. They also handed out kits about the kind of information to collect about your child and store safely in case of emergencies. Contact Tribal Police if you'd like a kit or more information.

Families also gathered throughout the evening under a festive balloon archway decorated by Emily Barton. Staff members were available to take and print out family photos using the balloon arch as the perfect backdrop to capture the holiday cheer. A huge thank you to all of the staff from Tribal Government and the Three Rivers Casino Resort for all of the hard work and effort they put in to making the evening so wonderful and memorable.

Vice Chair Doug Barrett took to the stage to welcome everyone to the festivities. He also asked for a moment of silence to honor Chief Doc Slyter and his family. We are all still mourning the recent loss of our Tribal Chief, and acknowledging that while he is gone, he is never forgotten is a good reminder to us all. After an opening invocation, a meal was served buffet style by the Three Rivers staff members. Many youth grabbed plates for their family Elders before digging in to the yummy assortment of foods to choose from.

Later in the evening, after the meal, Vice Chair Barrett retook the

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Save the Date:

Deadline to Submit Statement of Candidacy:

January 12, 2024

Tribal Chief Election Day

February 11, 2024

See page 5 for more information or visit www.ctclusi.org

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from November 11, 2023 - December 10, 2023

Brad Kneaper, Chairman
11/12 Budget Presentation to Council, Regular Council Meeting.
11/15 Council Report, Special council Meeting regarding Resolution to apply for Native American Museum Services Grant
11/17 Dinner Meeting with James Su Nevada State Bank at Three Rivers Casino – Florence
11/18 Assist Chief Doc Slyter’s Family with Chief’s Celebration of Life
11/29 Meeting with Staff – Coos Bay, Gaming Operational Review Board Meeting, Business Council Meeting
11/30 Meet with Representative Court Boice, Bob Zybach, CEO regarding the Elliot State Forest
12/06 Meet with Oregon Public Broadcasting Reporter Monica Samayoa, CEO, Legal and Staff regarding Offshore Wind Project, Meet with CEO and Legal to review Blue Earth Budget Documents
12/07 Recorded Interview with OPB Reporter Monica Samayoa regarding Offshore Wind, Leaders Circle Meeting: Topics Gaming Operational Review Board Member discussion; Native Program Update by Josh Davies; Tribal Affairs Director Shana McConville Radford
12/09 Attend a RoundTable discussion on the Proposed Port of Coos Bay Project,In attendance were Sen Ron Wyden, Representative Val Hoyle, White House Infrastructure Coordinator Mitch Landrieu, Coquille Chair Brenda Meade, State and local officials and labor officials.

Total Hours: 152

Doug Barrett, Vice Chair
11/12 Tribal Council Meeting
11/13 Budget Meeting
11/14 CTCLUSI / Hult Dam EIS meeting
11/16 Special Meeting
11/16 Amanda Trail Peace Hike Monthly meeting
11/17 CTCLUSI Education Tribal Advisory Committee meeting, Hult Dam Reservoir and Dam Safety EIS Weekly Update, Dinner with James Su at TRC
11/18 Chief Doc Slyter – Celebration of life
11/24 Native American Heritage Day
11/27 Blue Earth Board Meeting
11/28 Town Hall with Dick Anderson and Boomer Wright
11/29 GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting
11/30 Sacred Tobacco Gathering Planning
12/06 Planning Meeting : Lets Kayak @ Go Hiking
12/07 Leaders Circle
12/10 Tribal Council Meeting
Total Hours: 154 hrs. & emails

Teresa Spangler
11/12 Budget presentation, Regular Council Meeting
11/15 Special Council Meeting
11/17 Dinner with James Su (Nevada State Bank)
11/27 Holiday Planning Meeting
11/29 Business Council Meeting
12/07 Leaders Circle meeting
12/09 Tribal Christmas Party
E-mails and Phone Calls
Total Hours: 60.5

Julie Siestreem
11/12 Tribal Council Regular Monthly Meeting
11/13 Budget Meeting
11/14 November 14, 2023 4j NATIVES IPC Meeting
11/15 DELC Meeting, Tribal Council Special Meeting Native American Museum Services Meeting
11/17 CTCLUSI Education Department Tribal Advisory Committee Mtg. OTELA 2 of 3, James Su Annual in person Meeting
11/18 Chief Doc Slyter Celebration of Life
11/19 Chief Doc Slyter – Family Ceremony
11/21 Education Committee Meeting
11/27 ELC HVS Committee Meeting
11/09 GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/07 Leaders Circle Meeting
12/09 Tribal Christmas Party Three Council Regular Meeting Rivers Casino
12/10 Tribal Council Regular Monthly Meeting Three Rivers Casino meetings, emails, phone calls, texts, research, driving
Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel
11/12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/15 Special Meeting
11/18 Chief Slyter – Celebration of Life
11/29 GFORB/ Tribal Council Business Meeting
reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours for the Month: 36

Enna Helms
11/12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
11/13 Budget meeting
11/15 SPECIAL MEETING Resolution 23 - Native American Museum Services
11/18 Chief’s Service at Community Center
11/29 Tribal Council Business
12/07 Tribal Council’s Leaders Circle
12/09 Tribal Holiday Party
Total Hours: 60

2024 Special Election
for Chief

February 11, 2024
Tribal Hall Polling Place

338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, Oregon
Polling Hours 12:00 pm to 4:00pm

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www.ctclusi.org

Council Meeting

January 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.

Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of an **ROASTED MYRTLE NUT - exactly like the one pictured at right.** It could be any size and on any page, but will look exactly like the one shown here.

If you find it, email mgaines@ctclusi.org to have your name entered into a prize drawing. **In your email you must include your name, age, address (for mailing purposes) and contact phone number. In your email you must also let us know what page and where on the page you spotted the MYRTLE NUT hiding!**

Must email by January 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.

December “CANDY CANE” Winners:

Adult - Morgan Krossman

Youth - Ray Jutte

The Candy Cane from the December 2023 edition of The Voice of CLUSI was located on page 15 hidden in the corner of the bottem left photograph.



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.

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<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
January 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.
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- Agenda:
1. Call to Order
 2. Invocation
 3. Approval of Minutes as needed
 4. Tribal Council Reports
 5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
 6. Chief Financial Officer Report
 7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Other
 10. Good of the Tribes
 11. Executive Session as needed
- Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org



THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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-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 Corner

Greetings everyone,

I want to give everyone an update on a couple of things that you may be interested in hearing about.

First let's talk about the election for Chief. By the time you read this, it may be past the deadline to submit Statement of Candidacy Forms.

- Ballots will be mailed out on January 19, 2024
- A forum for Tribal Chief Candidates will be held on January 20, 2024 at 1:00PM if more than one candidate submits.
- On February 11, 2024 is the day scheduled for the election. The polls will be open from 12PM – 4pm. Remember to have your absentee ballots in early enough that they arrive in time to be counted.

On another topic, the Co-Management agreement with the State of Oregon. The draft regulations have gone to the state for review. I don't think that it should take too long to get a response back, but we will see.

Next, the process of amending our Constitution is being tabled until such time as we get a full council on board. This will happen after the election for the position of Chief.

We will soon have a full Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB) in place. GFORB

is a critical component for regulating and overseeing Casino Management. In the recent past, some Tribal Council Members have been filling in for that role, and while they have done a great job, it is time to get a professional board in place. This task may be complete by the time you read this.

The Tribe has now hired a Community Information Manager. This position will be extremely valuable for the Tribe to help us get information out to the world on subjects that are important to the Tribal Community and to the Non-Tribal Community as well. This is a position that I have always believed we should have had from the day I started back in 2004. I look forward to how this will benefit the Tribe in getting our name out

And last, but the most important. This has been a very difficult time for everyone. The passing of Chief has left a huge gap for Council and for the Tribe. To use the word "replace" seems so impersonal and wrong. Chief Slyter will not be replaced. Someone new will be filling the position of Chief soon. That person will have some big shoes to fill. I know that my time commitment as Chairman is such that I couldn't have done it while I was still working. It's not always the number of hours, though at times, it does involve long hours. It's also the day to day commitment. The time commitment is huge for the position of Chief, at least as much as the Chairman position, if not more. I know Chief Slyter spent a lot of time, all times of the day and evenings,



Chairman Brad Kneaper

including weekends fulfilling the duties and responsibilities that go with the title of Chief. Chief Slyter showed me that every day. I am proud to have served with Chief Slyter on Council, and as a tribal government employee before that. With that said, I look forward to serving with our new Chief, whomever that may be.

For now, be safe and I hope you all have had a wonderful Holiday Season.

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.

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I look forward to hearing from you!

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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



2024 Special Election for Chief

**February 11, 2024 Tribal Hall Polling Place
338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, Oregon
Polling Hours 12:00 pm to 4:00pm**

CANDIDATE FORUMS:

**Current Candidates for 2024 Special Election
(as of print date 12/20/23)
(listed in the order they declared)**

**Ashley Russell – 12-13-2023
Doug Barrett – 12-14-2023
Beaver Bowen -12-15-2023
Andrew Brainard -12-15-2023**

FINAL DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS IS: JANUARY 12, 2024

Statement of Candidacy for anyone who wishes to declare to run as a candidate in the 2024 Special Election for Chief.
Any Position Statements from anyone who has declared, for the January Newsletter and to be included in the ballot mailing; also due by this date.

Please contact Jeannie Miller for Election related questions 541-888-7506 or jmiller@ctclusi.org

SATURDAY JANUARY 20, 2024 at 1:00p.m.

A Forum to meet the candidates for Chief position will be hosted by the Election Board, all enrolled CTCLUSI members are invited to participate. The forum guidelines will be explained the day of the event. Candidates are not required to participate. Only enrolled CTCLUSI members will be able to submit questions to the candidates.
A Zoom link will be on the public home page of the Tribes website www.ctclusi.org the day of the event. An in-person option will be held At the Community Center in Coos Bay.

Ballots will be mailed to the last known address the Enrollment Department has on file to all registered voters on **JANUARY 19, 2024**. ***Please contact the Enrollment Department to update your mailing address if needed and verify you are a registered voter. Debbie Bossley at 541-888-7538 or enrollment@ctclusi.org***

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-123
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Vehicle Purchase for Health Services Department for Public Health Program
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the grant expenditures for this new vehicle purchase. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-124
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Audit Services Professional Services Agreement for Tribal Government, Three Rivers Casino Resort and Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the personal service agreement with the company identified in the RFP to preform services for 2023 and 2024. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-126
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Services Agreement Approval
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement with entity to provide administrative services for the new Three Rivers Health Center. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-127
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Services Agreement Approval
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement with entity to provide nursing services for the new Three Rivers Health Center. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-128
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Services Agreement Approval
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement with entity to provide pharmacy services for the new Three Rivers Health Center. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-129
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Appoint Interim Chief Judge Karen Costello
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment of Judge Karen Costello as interim Chief Judge for CTCLUSI Tribal Court. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-130
Date of Passage: September 27, 2023
Subject (title): Third Contract Amendment for Presenting Officer Services with Melissa Cribbins for Tribal Court
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract amendment for Melissa Cribbins for extension until December 31, 2023 thru grant funding. **Vote 6-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-131
Date of Passage: August 30, 2023
Subject (title): Third Amendment for Tribal Defense Advocate Services with Steve Bauder for Tribal Court
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract amendment for Steve Bauder for extension until December 31, 2023 thru grant funding. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-133
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment New Members
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee for final approval of the following people to become members of the Tribe: David Patrick, Armaya Plush, Neveeh Lott, Monroe Garcia, Soaryn Grimmbane, Able Carpenter, and James Hondros. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-134
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Enrollment Name Change
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the recommendations of two Tribal members legal name changes. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-135
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Waite Ranch Tidal Wetland Restoration Project Change Orders 1-5
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this change order as identified. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-136
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage Through Barrier Removal Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves seeking needed grant funding for this project that will including in the Waite Ranch Tidal Wetland Restoration Project. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-137
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Indian Housing Plan for 2024
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the request for funding for the 2024 Indian Housing Plan through the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-138
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): IRA Forest Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the Forestry Department to submit a request for grant funding. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-139
Date of Passage: October 8, 2023
Subject (title): Home Repairs
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the scope of work and contractor selected from the RFB process for needed costs for repair of a Tribally Owned Home. **Vote 5-0-1**

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

One Tribe's Work to Restore Land, Water and Salmon

The Siuslaw Estuary Restoration Project will include First Foods, place names in the Siuslaw language and ramps for tribal youth canoe trips on six miles of restored coastal habitat

Article pulled from <https://ictnews.org/author/underscore-news>
DEC 11, 2023

Brian Bull
Underscore News

DATELINE: CUSHMAN, Ore. — Standing in the midst of an uneven, muddy expanse where excavators and trucks chug back and forth like giant doodlebugs, Jesse Beers doesn't exactly look as if he's surrounded by a dream.

But for Beers and many other members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) in Coastal Oregon, it's a dream come true: in two years, restoration of a roughly 200-acre dairy farm will be complete, transforming the land into a system of channels that'll bring back wildlife largely absent for generations. Some evidence of change is already visible. Beers walks over to a recently excavated site, where a small creek snakes through the marsh.

"When the rains come and the tides are at their highest, this area has a lot of inundation of water," Beers said.

Beers is the cultural stewardship manager for the CTCLUSI. Along with the McKenzie River Trust and Siuslaw Watershed Council, the tribe has been working on the Siuslaw Estuary Restoration Project for more than a decade. In 2010, the McKenzie River Trust acquired the former Waite Ranch about three miles east of Florence, which set in motion plans to restore its pre-development splendor.

Beers says the Siuslaw Estuary Restoration Project is important to the CTCLUSI as active stewards of the lands and waters.

"Access for Indigenous folks on the landscape is also part of the stewardship role that we play," Beers said. "We're not separate than the landscape. We're part of it. We're still here."

Restoration

A small team of members from the Oregon State University Fisheries and Wildlife Club came here in 2019 to plant Western red cedar, but restoration on a large scale didn't get moving until this summer. Hunter White, an engineer with Environmental Science Associates (ESA) says on this particular phase, there are probably a dozen operators of excavators, bulldozers and heavy-capacity trucks working the estuary site.

"We started to get some of that rain and so that really has limited the ability to get into certain areas," White said in October, as a couple excavators shoveled soil in the distance. "A lot of this site is wetland, and so the ability for construction equipment to get out into some of these areas is getting more challenging. Right now we're kind of working with a small window of dry conditions that's allowing the contractor to kind of do some final wrap up work, stabilize the bare soil surfaces, and get things seeded and stabilized for the winter."

White says once that's complete, they'll pick up again next year and finish out the

project. That's also assuming there are no signs of previous inhabitants, whether that's human remains, pottery shards, or other evidence of early Indigenous people. So far, Beers says, nothing has been unearthed.

"We're really happy that we haven't found anything because we don't want to really do anything either that's going to slow down the project at the same time," he says. "We need to be conscious and make sure we preserve and protect any cultural resources that are found here."

Beers says there are living cultural resources there as well. He says a large stand of silverweed is on site — that's one of the tribes' First Foods (the roots are edible). "So we can harvest those and take them back home and have them for future planting or even just for First Food gathering materials," Beers said. "I'm also looking at some white clay materials that are really good cultural resource materials as well, for making a variety of cultural things whether that'd be stone pipes or bowls."

Restoration is a concept all too familiar



Jesse Beers, cultural stewardship manager for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, stands by an excavated area on the developing estuary site that's already filling with water from the nearby Siuslaw River. Brian Bull / Underscore News

in this area, as development, climate change and pollution have disrupted their spawning grounds and migratory patterns for decades. Besides being a traditional staple for Indigenous people across what is now Oregon, the fish also is considered a vital part of the CTCLUSI culture.

The tribe says since the mid 1800s, about 70% of Oregon's coastal estuarine habitat has been lost to development, which has hurt the numbers of salmon and steelhead. Last year, the Siuslaw basin was closed for the entire 2022 salmon season due to forecasted low returns.

"You will see the river return — particularly at the high tides — up into this area that we're looking at right now," said Margaret Treadwell, central coast conservation program manager for the McKenzie River Trust. It purchased the land with \$750,000 funded by a grant from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. She says working with the tribes and Siuslaw Watershed Council has provided a restoration plan that'll make a difference.

"The river will be coming back in here bringing saltwater, creating just a nice passage for fish to come up through here and spend their juvenile time," Treadwell said.

Reconnection

While some members of the Waite Family have mixed feelings about the transformation of their dairy farm into an estuary, Mindy Montgomery said she's happy. Her grandparents, Allan "Bus" Howard Waite and Loretta Johnson Waite, as well as her father Joey Allan Waite all worked on the farm when she was young. Family reunions happened over the holidays, with members playing horseshoes, digging for clams, and having "ill-advised softball games in the cow pasture" which "inevitably ended with at least one sprained ankle."

Montgomery explained that the rights to the dairy were sold in 1986 during the federal government's Whole Herd Buyout Program, after which it transitioned to a beef cattle operation for several more years.

"My feelings of positivity come from knowing that the legacy of conservation and stewardship that were taught to me by my Dad are going to be memorialized with this restoration," Montgomery said. Her father was active on the Siuslaw Soil and Water Conservation Board, taught hunter's safety through the Siuslaw Rod and Gun club, and



Excavator and heavy load trucks stand at the ready on the Siuslaw Estuary Restoration site outside the coastal town of Florence, Ore. Brian Bull / Underscore News

to the CTCLUSI and other tribes whose status as a federally-recognized tribe was terminated by Congress in the 1950s. Motivated by the stated desire to assimilate Native Americans into mainstream culture, the U.S. government terminated 109 tribes — 60 of which were in Oregon. The terminations disrupted tribes' operations and forced many to relinquish ownership of ancestral lands. The CTCLUSI's status was reinstated in 1984, and tribal leaders have been working since to regain many things that were lost during those three decades. The big hope for all the partners behind this restoration is that salmon will prosper

One Tribe’s Work to Restore Land, Water and Salmon

The Siuslaw Estuary Restoration Project will include First Foods, place names in the Siuslaw language and ramps for tribal youth canoe trips on six miles of restored coastal habitat

was also engaged with the Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program. “He took us fishing and hunting and taught us respect for the Earth, its natural resources, and the plants, fungi, birds, fish and mammals that we share it with,” Montgomery said. “Restoration of critical waterfowl and fishery habitat makes me proud and I am very glad to hear that the tribes are getting access to their ancestral lands.”

During an earlier visit this summer, Kyle Terry, the restoration project manager for CTCLUSI, led a field tour of the estuary. Pausing the utility vehicle he drove on a small path flanked by piles of sod and clay, Terry pointed to the work done within just the first month.

“There were about six linear drainage ditches dug to accommodate the dairy ranch,” Terry said. “And we’re going to fill all those in this year, they were originally dug to drain the site so the pasture grass could be raised and cows could graze.”

Terry says a half-mile long artificial dike on the perimeter of the pasture will be lowered, and its removal will allow the Siuslaw River to reconnect with various channels at high tide. When finished, six miles of coastal habitat will be created, making a hospitable environment for salmon,

steelhead, shorebirds and lamprey. Language Revitalization†

Overall, this estuary restoration feat will take two years and cost \$10 million, which covers the geotechnical engineering, design, permitting, both construction phases and revegetation.

Beers is especially excited to share this experience with his teenage son, Ramil, who participated in a program called New Beginnings for Tribal Students last year, coordinated by CTCLUSI, Oregon State University and Southwestern Oregon Community College. Working with Native

youth who are interested in the natural resources and sciences, participants took several traditional canoes up to the Waite Ranch site. Now the plans feature a canoe ramp, says Beers.

“And so when this project finishes up, we’re looking forward to having canoe trips up here with our tribal youth and actually being able to access the property from the water in that way.”

Another significant feature will be the incorporation of the Siuslaw language. Over a dozen place names have been proposed for the restored area, including *inq’a’ai chiin*; *ikt’at’uu chiina’muu* (river returns; the place where the *ikt’at’uu* [Siuslaw River] comes back) and *haich ikt’at’uu* (heart of the Siuslaw), a reference to the shape of the land, which resembles the heart of an aluudaq’ canoe. The names were all suggested by tribal members, and a CTCLUSI committee is reviewing them as the project moves forward.

“It’ll be pretty spectacular to see, especially when the artificial levee gets breached and the water comes in the way it used to,” said Beers, as a motor boat hummed up the Siuslaw River a few hundred feet away. “It’s gonna be exciting for sure.”

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A channel of water has already formed from river seepage at the Siuslaw Estuary Restoration site outside the coastal town of Florence, Ore. Brian Bull / Underscore News

Healing of the Canoe

Contributed by Brandy Lauby, Education Specialist II

This December, the Education Department was invited to attend *Healing of the Canoe*, a train-the-trainer session sponsored by the Ko-Kwel Tribe to reconnect and rebuild the youth program that the local tribes have historically worked together to provide for young people. Isaac Dull, tribal member and Experiential Learning facilitator, as well as Brandy Lauby were honored to be invited and attend this 2-day training event.

The purposeful team gathered on a wet December morning in a meeting room at the Mill Casino and was comprised of stake holders from Ko-Kwel and CTCLUSI. Laura Angulo, Anne Niblett, and Mark Petrie have previously attended the training before and implemented the teachings of HOC in past youth programs. Also, in attendance were some of the past participants that remember going through the HOC programs as youth like MJ Parish and Shianne Schmidt, who now work for Ko Kwel.

Mark Petrie had this to say about the HOC training, “The HOC program in partnership with our Ko-Kwel tribal cousins is near and dear to my heart. We had so much fun in previous years’ HOC events. I was elated when I got the invite to attend this HOC training! Coming together with old friends and new to plan and offer cultural youth programming is my passion. Building up

our youth also builds community resiliency and solidarity - which many of us need and crave. Culture is healing!”

It was the first time for Brandy Lauby. “I was moved to be surrounded by this team of people who all truly care for and about tribal youth,” she said reflecting on her time learning about the program. “Something that resonated with me at this training was how important it is to feel connected to your tribal community. How healing it is to be a part of a community. Just knowing and feeling that you belong is powerful. COVID fractured this connection to the community. We had to be safe, and to do so we had to stay separate. This has deeply affected the youth and their ability to connect to their tribal community and in doing so has affected the ability to gain the healing properties from that connection to their community.”

The connections fostered during this important program already are taking form. Laura Angulo was in attendance and she, along with the Education Department, are beginning to make plans for making the HOC activities return in the coming months. The Tribe now has a group of individuals that are now trained or refreshed, and are willing to offer their own special gifts and talents to making this happen again for the local tribal youth - Truly begin healing the wounds COVID left on our younger relatives.



The Healing of the Canoe curriculum is a life skills and substance abuse prevention curriculum for use with tribal youth. It was designed to be adapted by tribal communities using their unique tribal traditions, practices, beliefs, values and stories to teach youth the skills they need to navigate life’s journey, and to promote a sense of belonging to their tribal community. Northwest Tribal Canoe Journey as a metaphor for life. Traditional stories, cultural activities and speakers from the community are woven into each chapter. The Healing of the Canoe (HOC) project began almost two decades ago as an idea to develop a community driven, culturally relevant, substance abuse and mental health intervention program for tribal youth. The resulting Culturally Grounded Life Skills for Youth Curriculum uses the Canoe Journey as a metaphor, providing youth with the skills needed to navigate their journey through life.

Sourced from: <https://healingofthecanoe.org/>

Tribal Police Partners with HIV Alliance to Conduct Naloxone (Narcan) Training

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

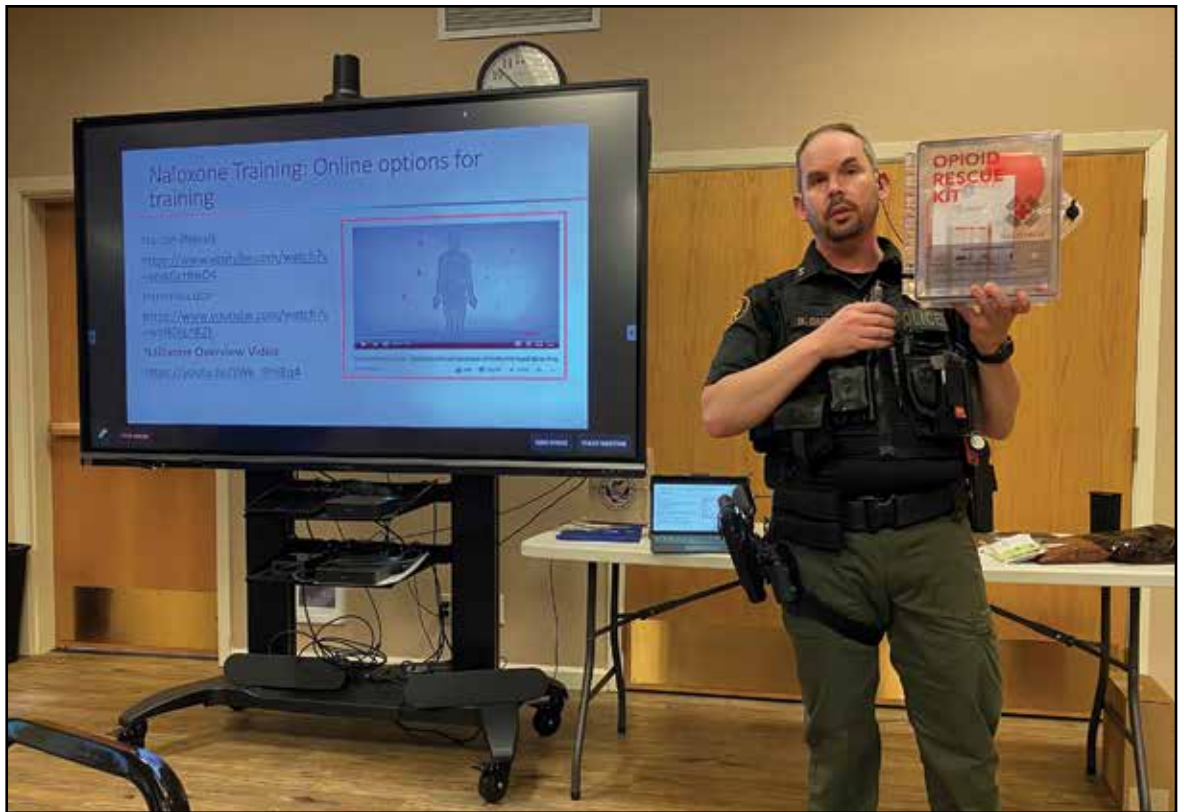
On November 14, 2023 the Tribal Police Department partnered with HIV Alliance to conduct a Naloxone Train-the-Trainer event. Tribal Government staff from both CTCLUSI and the Coquille Tribe, as well as a number of community partners attended the training held in the CTCLUSI Community Center in Coos Bay, Oregon.

The HIV Alliance was founded in Eugene, Oregon in 1994. As an agency, they are committed to not only addressing clients' needs for HIV-specific care and prevention services, but to reducing all barriers to wellness. Facilitating the training was Dane Zahner (he/him), Southern Prevention/Harm Reduction Manager, Roseburg.

Tribal Police Chief Brian Dubray shared at the training that soon, all Tribal Government Offices will be equipped with a supply case to aid in harm reduction. These cases will contain Naloxone (Narcan), a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including fentanyl, and prescription opioid medications. Naloxone quickly reverses an overdose by blocking the effects of opioids. It can restore normal breathing within 2 to 3 minutes in a person whose breath has slowed, or even stopped, as a result of opioid overdose. Naloxone only works if a person has opioids in their system; the medication has no effect if opioids are absent. Naloxone can be administered through a nasal spray (also called Narcan) or intramuscular injection.

Signs of an overdose:

Slow, weak, or no breathing, choking or gurgling sounds, discolored skin (around mouth and hands), vomiting, decreased level of consciousness, no response to stimuli, limp body, unable to speak, and pinpoint pupils.



Tribal Police Chief Brian Dubray holds up one of the opioid rescue kits that will soon be placed in all Tribal Government Offices

If someone is overdosing:

(1) Check for breathing and try to wake the person up (sternum rub or calling out to them)



(2) Call 911!



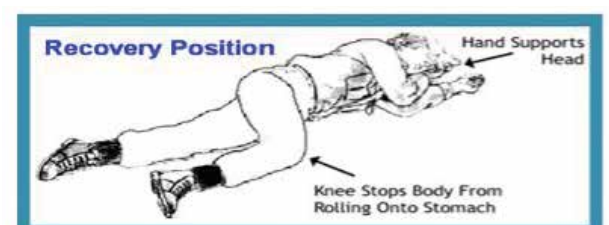
(3) Start rescue breathing – one breath every five seconds for 30 seconds



(4) Administer naloxone (Narcan) if available



(5) Stay with the person and prop them up on their side (in the recovery position)



Tribal Police Chief Brian Dubray gifts Dane Zahner of HIV Alliance for conducting the Naloxone Training

These important steps could help save a life.
For more information visit <https://hivalliance.org/educate/harm-reduction/>
or contact CTCLUSI Tribal Police by calling 541-997-6011.

TRIBE ASKS STATE LAND BOARD FOR PAUSE ON ELLIOTT STATE RESEARCH FOREST

December 5, 2023
For Immediate Release

COOS BAY, OREGON – Today, the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (“Tribe”) sent a letter asking the three members of the State Land Board to postpone finalizing plans for the Elliott State Research Forest (“Elliott”) in the hopes that the State and the Tribe can resolve significant concerns that have been raised by the Tribe regarding the ecological sustainability of those plans.

The December 5th letter from the Tribe to Governor Tina Kotek, Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade, and State Treasurer Tobias Read asks the State to postpone adoption of a Habitat Conservation Plan and Forest Management Plan for the Elliott. The letter states that the currently proposed plans offer an extreme approach to forest management that lacks Indigenous Knowledge that the Tribe has gained through thousands of years of sustainably managing these lands. The letter also asks the State Land Board to halt a carbon sale on the Elliott, which the Tribe feels would result in harm to the environment and the climate while also limiting future options for the Elliott.

“We are concerned with the proposed approach for the Elliott, which would divide the vast majority of the forest into extreme management regimes where the forest would either be managed intensively for timber production or would be placed into reserves where human stewardship would not be allowed,” said Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair. “The lands that we refer to as the Elliott have been stewarded by the Coos and Lower Umpqua people since time immemorial. We have always recognized that we have a reciprocal relationship with the forest. We have a responsibility to steward the forest so that it is healthy and provides habitat for all of our plant and animal relatives. In return, the forest has always provided for people.”

“The Elliott presents an opportunity to do something different, to demonstrate that there’s a better and more balanced way to manage our forests,” continued Chair Kneaper. “Instead of recognizing this opportunity, the state is proposing to manage the Elliott using the same old approaches that have been used federal land and industrial timberlands – reserves and intensively-managed timber

production areas. We are asking the State to work with the Tribe and explore a more enlightened approach for the Elliott.”

While the Department of State Lands (“DSL”), the agency that is taking the lead on developing plans for the Elliott, has described current plans for the Elliott as resulting from a collaborative process, the Tribe has a different perspective.

“The reserve designations that underly the State’s plans for the Elliott were developed outside of any collaborative process, and without Tribal involvement,” said Chair Kneaper. “These reserves resulted from agreements between the State and litigant groups who have sued to stop management activities on the Elliott. These agreements were reached outside of any public process, and without involvement from the Tribe. The Tribe has repeatedly asked DSL to revisit the rationale behind these reserves, and we’ve repeatedly been told that the reserve designations are not open for discussion.”

The Tribe repeatedly told DSL that the proposed management direction for the Elliott diminishes the role of Indigenous people in managing for the ecological health of the forest.

“DSL’s plans assume that natural disturbances will be sufficient to maintain ecological diversity and health within most of the Elliott. The current plan is to put two-thirds of the Elliott into reserves where human stewardship is excluded and only natural processes are allowed to shape the forest. This ignores the fact that for thousands of years Tribal people actively stewarded these lands to create a diverse mix of habitat conditions that included open forests, meadows, and prairies. The reserve approach would result in expanses of dense, closed-canopy forests that historically didn’t exist in the Coast Range. The so-called natural conditions that DSL wants to recreate were the result of Tribal people being forcefully removed from their homelands. The current plans for the Elliott are based on a core premise that removal of Tribal people and Indigenous stewardship is what’s best for the forest. We are asking that DSL abandon this approach and instead work with the Tribes to restore Indigenous stewardship to the Elliott.”

The Tribe is also opposed to DSL’s plans to move forward with a sale of carbon on the Elliott.

“DSL has already decided how they intend to manage the Elliott,” said Chair Kneaper. “They’re not proposing to change their management approach if they sell carbon. Selling carbon credits wouldn’t result in any added climate benefit. What it would do is it would allow the purchaser of those credits to emit more carbon from their own smoke stacks. A carbon sale would also limit our options to manage the Elliott as the climate changes around us. We’d like to see the Elliott managed so that it sequesters carbon, and is also resilient to climate change. DSL’s carbon sale plan would compromise both of those goals.”

Senate Bill 1546 was passed by the Oregon Legislature in 2022, and provides timeline for establishing the Elliott State Research Forest. The legislation includes a sunset provision that makes the legislation ineffective if certain conditions are not met prior to December 31, 2023. Several of those conditions will not be met prior to the December 31st deadline, including a condition that the OSU Board of Trustees votes to approve OSU’s involvement in managing the Elliott and a condition requiring DSL to certify that plans for the Elliott are financially viable. As a result, the Oregon Legislature will likely need to revisit the future of the Elliott in an upcoming legislative session.

Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program



This year we have grown our
Nicotiana quadrivalvis var. multivalvis
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Seeds and dried Tobacco available



If you need Traditional Tobacco
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WAITE RANCH RENAMING VOTE

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Tribal Holiday Celebration continued from cover page

stage to call up Ashley Russell and Janet Niessner to lead the Tribal youth in song. A few holiday favorites were song by all, as well as versions translated into our Tribal languages. Jingle bells were shaking to the beat as the piano played and everyone merrily sang. Soon, a joyous belly laugh could be heard and the youth gleefully lined up next to the stage as "Santa" joined the crowd. Each child in attendance received a stocking filled with goodies as they took turns visiting with Santa as his helper elves (Tribal Council members Julie Siestroom, Iliana Montiel, and Teresa Spangler) passed out stockings and smiles to all.

The evening ended after a number of gifts were raffled off. Some of the items that found new homes that evening included Pendleton blankets, outdoor lounge chairs, free night stays at the Three Rivers Casino and much more. With bellies and hearts full, the evening came to a close. Thank you again to all the staff who came together to create such an amazing event. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to everyone.



Tribal Holiday Celebration continued from cover page



January is National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

More than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma. The National Eye Institute projects this number will reach 4.2 million by 2030, a 58 percent increase. Glaucoma is called “the sneak thief of sight” since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it’s permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness. Moreover, among African-American and Latino populations, glaucoma is more prevalent. Glaucoma is 6 to 8 times more common in African Americans than Caucasians. Over 3 million Americans, and 80 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. Experts estimate that half of them don’t know they have it. Combined with our aging population, we can see an epidemic of blindness looming if we don’t raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision. The World Health Organization estimates that 4.5 million people worldwide are blind due to glaucoma.

WHAT IS GLAUCOMA?

Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. Although the most common forms primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages. Vision loss is caused by damage to the optic nerve. This nerve acts like an electric cable with over a million wires. It is responsible for carrying images from the eye to the brain. There is no cure for glaucoma—yet. However, medication or surgery can slow or prevent further vision loss. The appropriate treatment depends upon the type of glaucoma among other factors. Early detection is vital to stopping the progress of the disease.

TYPES OF GLAUCOMA

There are two main types of glaucoma: primary open-angle glaucoma (POAG), and angle-closure glaucoma. These are marked by an increase of intraocular pressure (IOP), or pressure inside the eye. When optic nerve damage has occurred despite a normal IOP, this is called normal tension glaucoma. Secondary glaucoma refers to any case in which another disease causes or contributes to increased eye pressure, resulting in optic nerve damage and vision loss.

REGULAR EYE EXAMS ARE IMPORTANT

Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness in the world, according to the World Health Organization. In the most common form, there are virtually no symptoms. Vision loss begins with a peripheral or side vision, so if you have glaucoma, you may not notice anything until significant vision is lost. The best way to protect your sight from glaucoma is to get a comprehensive eye examination. Then, if you have glaucoma, treatment can begin immediately. Glaucoma is a leading cause of blindness among African Americans. And among Hispanics in older age groups, the risk of glaucoma is nearly as high as that for African-Americans. Also, siblings of persons diagnosed with glaucoma have a significantly increased risk of having glaucoma.

RISK FACTORS

Are you at risk for glaucoma? Those at higher risk include people of African, Asian, and Hispanic descent. Other high-risk groups include people over 60, family members of those already diagnosed, diabetics, and severely nearsighted people. Regular eye exams are especially important for those at higher risk for glaucoma and may help to prevent unnecessary vision loss. For more information about Glaucoma, please visit <https://glaucoma.org/>.

Source: January is Glaucoma Awareness Month. glaucoma.org. (2023, October 24). Retrieved from <https://glaucoma.org/january-is-glaucoma-awareness-month/>

Tips for Managing Blood Sugar

Did you know ?

Living well with diabetes is possible!
There are things you can do to help you stay healthy.

1

Choose water instead of sugary drinks.

2

Make healthy food choices.
Use your plate as a guide.

- Fill half of your plate with vegetables.
- Fill the other half of your plate with a grain/starch and a protein.
- Add a side of fruit.

3

Do something active every day.

- Choose an activity that you enjoy.
- Wear comfortable clothes and shoes.
- Ask a friend or family member to join you.

4

Find healthy ways to reduce stress.
Stress can raise your blood sugar. Below are some ideas that may help you feel less stressed.

- Talk with others.
- Go for a walk in nature.
- Spend time on a hobby such as beading or gardening.



Ask your medical provider if the following is right for you:



Checking blood sugar



Taking medicines



Produced by the IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention
For more diabetes information and materials, visit www.ihs.gov/diabetes
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Take a picture with your cell phone.
Look at the picture later as a reminder!



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. 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

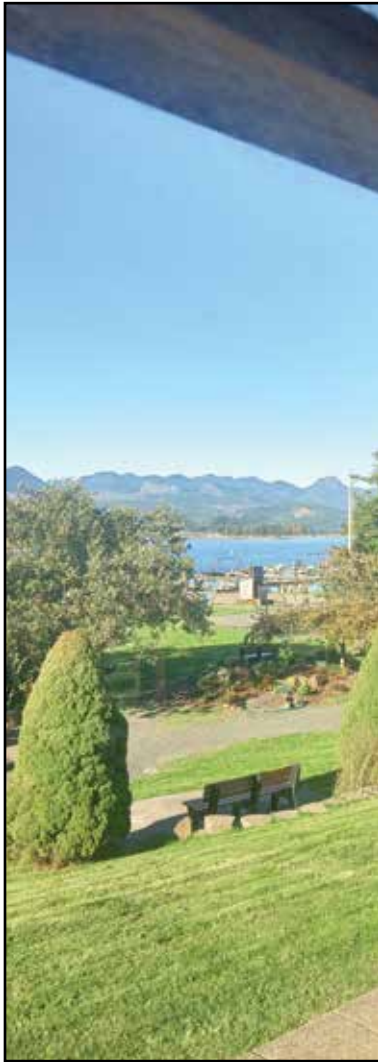
No appointment is necessary as Tribal Households can fill out the application online at <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/LIHEAP> . If you have any questions or need assistance filling out an application, please contact Carol Ann Young , Social Services Worker at 541-435-7159 .

Elders Corner

What's up, Elders?

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, CHA

Phyllis and Julie's Sister Trip



A couple of months ago, Julie and Phyllis got together for a little adventure! Julie and Bob had called the Oregon Scenic Railroad in Garibaldi, got them a room at the Garibaldi House and booked a train trip for the sisters. Phyllis caught the Florence Yachats Bus over from Veneta to meet up with the two of them for some coffee, followed by a drive to the State Park to take some pictures. Next, they drove over to Coast Road to watch the Big Waves and Spouting Horn.

In Julie's words, it was SOAWESOME.

The next morning, they enjoyed dollar size pancakes and oatmeal before they headed out for some more fun. Phyllis (aka Sis) drove the Kia up to Lincoln City, to Neskowin, Coverdale, and Beaver, where they stopped at a little farm store to get a jar of pure honey. When they made it to Tillamook, they stopped for some Dutch Bros, then to Fred Meyer for a turkey sandwich lunch.

After lunch, they arrived at the Garibaldi House and checked into their room for a little respite. Their next stop was Rockaway Beach where they

boarded the Fall Harvest Excursion Train. When they ended up in Wheeler, Phyllis explored a bit, where she checked out the Souvenir shop and found a couple of cool Bigfoot magnets!

After the excursion, they returned to Rockaway Beach and headed back to the Garibaldi House. They enjoyed a lovely dinner at the Parkside Restaurant before turning in for the night in their room.

The next morning, they enjoyed a nice continental breakfast before heading over to the Garibaldi Museum for a while. The busy sisters then ventured off to Tillamook to stop at the Tillamook Cheese Factory and try some delicious Tillamook ice cream.

Off to Newport they headed to give hugs goodbye as Phyllis caught the Yachats Bus back to Florence to meet up with her husband, Steve.

So many great memories were made, and they're looking forward to more fun times on the Christmas train trip.

"This is our Sister's Story"

-Julie and Phyllis



Elders Pension and Tribal Elders' Supplemental Security Income Program Application Now Required

CTCLUSI Tribal Elders,

A letter was mailed out in December to inform you that the Enrollment Department will now be managing the application process for the Tribal Elders benefit. The current funding for each Tribal Elder at age 65 and beyond is \$500.00 per month. Tribal Code Chapter 5-10 defines this program in two categories. One way is as an Elders Pension, another way its defined as Supplemental Security Income Program.

Due to the requirements of Tribal Code Chapter 5-10 Tribal Elders Pension and Tribal Elders Supplemental Security Income Program an application was mailed out for you to complete and return.

Enrolled members who turn 65 years of age, can begin to receive this benefit the first month following their 65th birthday.

Once you complete your application, your checks will be mailed to the address you provide. There is an option for direct deposit, we ask that you reach out to the Finance Department for this process.

An application is also available online on the Tribal website at www.ctclusi.org or by typing the following into your web browser <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Elder-Supplemental-Security-Income>

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this new application process.

Please contact the Enrollment Department if you have any questions by calling Debbie Bossley, Enrollment Specialist at 541-888-7538 or emailing dbossley@ctclusi.org

Tribal Member Recieves Certificate of Recognition for Language Revitalization Project

Jade Fong recently had the honor of attending a diplomatic reception held at the U.S. Department of State's Harry S. Truman Building in Washington, D.C. Recognized as one of the distinguished guests, Jade was presented with a Certificate of Achievement in acknowledgment of her exceptional efforts in revitalizing CTCLUSI's ancestral languages through her language revitalization project.

Reflecting on the experience, Jade shared, "Speaking my native language and introducing myself before hundreds of people in our nation's capital filled me with a sense of empowerment. Amidst the celebratory toasts of champagne, I engaged in conversations with fellow attendees, diplomats, and politicians, shedding light on our tribe's growth and ongoing initiatives." A heartfelt thank you extends to the linguists, tribal artists, Language Committee, tribal members, and all those who contribute to make this work possible!



Tribal member Jade Fong is pictured in both photos, second in from the left.



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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Virtual Language Classes

10 Week sessions Winter 2024



January 2nd through March 8th

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

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

Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm:
sha'yuusht'a ut quuiich

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

Language kits!

Language kits have been crafted to support and empower language learning in the home; each kit will be designed based on your primary language preference; **miluk, hanis, quuiich or sha'yuusht'a**.

Language kits offer immersive resources, games, recipes and unique swag - all dedicated to nurturing language nests within the home

<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Language-Kit-Request>

Limited materials available. We are distributing 1 language kit per Tribal household on a first-come, first serve basis.



For any assistance with this form please contact Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538 or email at language@ctclusi.org

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.

If you are in Coos Bay/North Bend and are interested in a ride to the Winter Market, give Kathy a call @ 541-888-9577 ext. 7550

Winter Solstice

Contributed by Patricia Phillips, Tribal Linguist from the December 2021 edition of The Voice of CLUSI paper, page 7.

The cycle of the seasons was important to our ancestors. They watched the phases of the moon, annual cycles of movement of the sun and stars, the seasonal flowering of different plants. In this way they noted the seasons to go harvest camas, when to expect various fish runs, and all other important seasonal activities. One way of tracking time was by counting days with bundles of sticks. For each day, one stick was removed from the bundle.

As a part of this knowledge our ancestors marked the Winter Solstice, which this year falls on December 21. The winter solstice is the day when the sun appears at its lowest, southernmost point on the horizon, has the shortest hours of daylight and longest hours of night. After the winter solstice, the daylight hours begin to lengthen again (until the summer solstice in June). The winter solstice was called “when the sun goes back/returns”; lo t’kalis biinats’ and q’wole’es biinats’ in Hanis and Miluk Coos respectively. I think the name may be the same for the summer solstice as well-when the sun returns. Annie’s friend Agnes Johnson (Hanis) once remarked that both solstices were noted and recognized the north and south motions of the sun over the course of the year.

The word for ‘return’ that Annie uses here, biinats’, is interesting. The verb appears several times in the Miluk texts, but only appears in the form biinats’ in Hanis with the phrase for solstice, tk’alis biinats’. In Miluk the root for ‘return’ is biinand does appear in other constructions, such as biitsim-return it to me! Now in Hanis, there is a verb that appears as pii(x)- or bii(x)-and it means to go home. (In Miluk, “to go home” is wos-). However, no other instances of pii(x)-/bii(x)- as biinats’.

Alas, a term or phrase for solstice was never recorded in Sha’yuusht’a ut Quuiich. But based on the literal meaning of the kuukwis versions, we could coin one. The usual word for ‘sun’ in the Sha’yuusht’a dialect is tsiitiix, pronounced tsiitiixa in the quuiich dialect. There are a couple of different verbs that mean ‘to return’, chiin- xwiitl’-. So we could construct a phrase like tsiitiix(a) chiin or tsiitiix(a) xwiitl’at’ for ‘sun returns’.

Annie Miner Peterson was the only person from our tribes that left a record of a solstice dance, and she had never seen the dance herself. She had only heard a description of it from her mother. According to Annie, there was a dance held at night. The adults all wore what she described as ‘ugly masks’ which were made of:

...dried deer heads...[or] sewed-together eel skins; or of half or less of salmon skin. The skin would be fastened over the head.... Some may have on a dried wild cat head. Mrs. P. thinks all the dancers, men and women both, have masks. Some women weave maple leaves for garments (cape and skirt) for just this dance, or ferns are made in a cape and skirt for this dance. The men wear a hide (wild cat, panther, deer) of some sort with fur on, for this dance. (Jacobs notebook 93, page 101).

Children were frightened of the masks. Annie was told that the children were so scared that they might become sick so they were not allowed to go to this dance. Unfortunately, that is all Annie Peterson learned of the dance from her mother. The meaning behind the masks and the dance is now lost.

However, it is illuminating to note that many northern cultures celebrate Winter Solstice as a time that symbolizes death and rebirth. The sun appears to come near death as it reaches its nadir at the solstice, but then it appears to return to life as after the solstice it climbs higher in the horizon and the hours of daylight lengthen. Many cultures had feasts or religious ceremonies to help (in their view) bring the sun back to life. Perhaps this dance also held a similar meaning for our ancestors.

New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) Collaborative Exchange Gatherings

CTCLUSI members and families are invited to dinner and discussion:

NBTS program leaders would like to share how the first three years of the program has gone, hear about your own experience with higher education that might help youth today, and gain your input on the program overall. ALL AGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



Join us for a fun evening of food, games, PRIZES and discussion at one of the CTCLUSI regional offices.

- January 19th, in Coos Bay, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Community Center 338 Wallace St. Coos Bay 97420
- January 26th, in Eugene, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at 135 Silver Lane #200 Eugene 97404

RSVP at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQC3MBL>

If you are unable to attend in person, please complete the survey questionnaire: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WDGPV2L>

Games and prizes!!
Bring a potluck dish (optional) and we’ll provide food and refreshments.
Childcare available on request.



For more information contact:
Bessie Joyce, NBTS Program Manager, bessiejoyce4@gmail.com
Jesse Beers, CTLCUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager, jbeers@ctlcusi.org

Invitation to Dinner with New Beginnings for Tribal Youth - Collaborative Exchange Meetings

CTCLUSI has been working with the New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) grant program for three years, with partners at Oregon State University and Southwestern Oregon Community College. The NBTS steering committee and staff would like to hear input and feedback from the CTCLUSI community at our annual winter NBTS Collaborative Exchange meetings on January 19th and January 26th. You are invited to attend either of these events. Dinner will be served along with cultural games and prizes. There will be updates about the NBTS program, a survey and meaningful discussion. Families are encouraged to attend and childcare is available.

The goal of the NBTS grant is to increase Native American undergraduate student success and meaningful career development. NBTS does this through supporting students in experiential learning internships in natural sciences, mentorships and the pre-college Indigenous youth camp.

Please join us for a fun evening in support of student success:

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For more information contact:
Bessie Joyce, NBTS Program Manager, bessiejoyce4@gmail.com or phone (541) 743-6106
Jesse Beers, CTLCUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager, jbeers@ctlcusi.org

More information about NBTS is here: <https://opencampus.oregonstate.edu/nbts>

Tribal Member Josh MacLean Elected as Newest Member of Oak Harbor School Board

News Release: Josh MacLean Elected as New School Board Director

OHPS Communications • 8 days ago • Tuesday, Dec 12 at 10:43 AM • Oak Harbor Public Schools, OHPS News, OHPS School Board

Oak Harbor residents voted to elect Josh MacLean as the newest member of the Oak Harbor School Board. MacLean fills the position of former director Bob Hallahan who served eight years in the Position 3 seat.

MacLean is a father to five children in the Oak Harbor Public Schools and says that he believes board members should be humble in the face of representing the concerns of families within the district. He believes in focusing on student needs when making any decision.

MacLean has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Utah Valley University. He works as an analyst at Skagit Valley Hospital and has experience working closely with executives to evaluate plans, forecast costs, and mitigate risks.

"I have an eye for detail that has come from my background in analyzing data," said MacLean. "I believe I can use this experience to help the students in our district. I take great care to back up decisions and positions I take with hard data and facts."

MacLean has volunteered with Oak Harbor Public Schools and is a member of his tribe's education council, The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. He is also a volunteer youth basketball coach and was a leader in Boy Scouts for several years.

"I've been impressed by the dedication of Oak Harbor teachers, staff, and students," MacLean said. "I will work to amplify their efforts and always focus on the students' future."

MacLean was sworn in at the December 11 board meeting along with Lynn Goebel, Jessica Aws, Nicole Tesch, and Sharon Jensen, who were all elected to continue serving during the Nov. 7 General Election.

The school board recently adopted eleven goals for the upcoming year which include overseeing the development of a comprehensive strategic plan. Visit www.ohsd.net/SchoolBoard for more information.



Josh and Cherie MacLean and their children



Josh MacLean (third in from right) pictured with fellow School Board Members



Pictured at left:
Tribal drums and
drumsticks made
and designed
by the MacLean
family

Pictured at right:
The MacLean
family supports
Josh MacLean
during his run for
School Board!

Photos courtesy of
Cherie MacLean



Oregon Origins Project II: Seven Wonders

February 9, 2024 | 7 p.m.
Florence Events Center
FREE | Donations will benefit the Oregon Dunes Restoration Collaborative
OregonOrigins.org



Join composer Matthew Packwood and a string quartet for a performance of Oregon Origins: Seven Wonders, a musical journey through Oregon’s wild places — from Steens Mountain to the Oregon Dunes, and many stops in between. Following the performance, geologist Ian Madin will give a multimedia presentation on the breathtaking locations that inspired the work and we’ll welcome the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians for a special presentation.

Presenting sponsor



Venue sponsor



Supporting sponsor





\$10,000 scholarship

Tsagaglalal (She Who Watches) Scholarship

pronounced sha-glal

Renewable scholarship for Native American, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native non-graduating students pursuing a degree in Art or Architecture at Portland State University

The Tsagaglalal (She Who Watches) Scholarship was established in 2022 in honor of Lillian Pitt (Warm Springs/Wasco/Yakama) who has helped shape our state through her work as an artist, mentor, and advocate.

The Architecture Foundation of Oregon encourages Native American, Alaskan Native, and Hawaiian Native students pursuing a degree in Art or Architecture at Portland State University to apply for this renewable, multi-year award. AFO Scholarship recipients are expected to attend an event in Spring of their awarding year where they will be presented with their awards.

Eligibility

- Identify as Native American, Alaskan Native, and/or Hawaiian Native
- Undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled at Portland State University; or must be starting at Portland State University by Fall 2024 (Students graduating in 2024 are not eligible)
- Pursuing a degree through the School of Art + Design or the School of Architecture
- Enrollment status = Full-Time or 3/4 Time at Portland State University for the 2024-25 school year – Fall, Winter, and Spring terms
- No minimum GPA requirement

Questions?
Contact Candice Agahan
candice@af-oregon.org
503-542-3823

Apply by February 25



www.af-oregon.org/scholarships



architecture foundation of oregon



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’s Help for Mental Illnesses webpage.

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 .

Source: National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
<https://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

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SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE



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>

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.



Confidential

Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307



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.

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 12/15/2023

Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities

- Accounts Payable Specialist– Coos Bay
- Administrative Assistant II – Dental – Coos Bay
- Advanced Practice Provider – Medical – Coos Bay
- Advanced Practice Provider – Psychiatric – Coos Bay
- Case Manager/ICWA – Coos Bay
- Benefits & Training Specialist– Coos Bay
- Dental Hygienist – Full Time – Coos Bay
- Dental Assistant I. – Coos Bay
- Forester – Coos Bay
- Gaming Inspector – Florence
- 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
- Purchased Referred Care Specialist – Coos Bay

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

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Year's Eve	1 New Years Day All Tribal Officed Closed New Year's Day Peace Hike Yachats, 9:30 am	2 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	3 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	4	5 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	6
7	8	9 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	10 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	11	12 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	13
14 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	15	16 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	17 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	18	19 NBTS Dinner Coos Bay 5:30pm - 7:30pm sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class	20 Tribal Chief Candidate Forum 1:00 p.m. Community Center,
21	22	23 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	24 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	25	26 NBTS Dinner Eugene Outreach 5:30pm - 7:30pm sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class	27
28	29	30 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	31 PRC Application Deadline Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	1	2 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	3
4	5	6 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	7 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	8	9 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	10

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	31 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	1	2 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	3
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11 Special Election Day Tribal Chief Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	12	13 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	14 Valentine's Day hanis language class 4pm-6pm	15	16 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	17
18	19 Presidents Day All Tribal Officed Closed	20 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	21 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	22	23 sha'yuushtla ut quuiich language class 10am-12pm	24
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Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

Mermaid's Fortune

MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

Win up to \$250 in Free Play.
Hot Seat Drawings every 20 minutes.
10 Winners every Monday.



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.



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.



Play the game and pick your prize!

7PM | 8PM | 9PM

For every 100 same-day points earned on Fridays, swipe at the kiosk to pop a balloon for your prize amount. If your pop is selected, you'll win that prize.



January Weekly Specials

Monday - Thursday
served from 11am-10pm

Friday - Sunday
served from 4pm-10pm

- MONDAY - HERB ENCRUSTED HALF CHICKEN \$25
- TUESDAY - FRY BREAD TACOS \$20
- WEDNESDAY - SMOKED PORK CHOP \$25
- THURSDAY - OPEN FACED HOT TURKEY SANDWICH \$20
- FRIDAY - PRIME RIB \$21
- SATURDAY - JAMBALAYA \$25
- SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE