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Coronavirus Information: COVID-19 Vaccination



Kristy Petrie, Community Health Nurse - BSN prepares a Moderna Covid 19 Vaccination





Kristy Petrie, Community Health Nurse - BSN and Naomi Petrie, DHAT check paperwork during drive thru vaccination clinic

Contributed by Vicki Faciane, Director of Health & Family Support Services

Happy March and happy Spring! I hope you and your family are healthy and safe. Your CTCLUSI Tribal Health Department has been hard at work to provide information and assistance to Tribal members throughout the pandemic. We are providing this article to give you factual information on the COVID-19 vaccine so you can make informed decisions for your health care and that of your family members.

The Tribe is working with the State of Oregon to receive and provide COVID-19 vaccinations to persons 18 and older. Currently, there is not a vaccination for children under the age of 16, and only one vaccine – Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine – is approved for children 16-17 years old. Because the Pfizer vaccine requires super-cold storage and other special handling, which is not available in the rural areas of Oregon, we are receiving the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Both of these vaccines are a series of two shots given 3-4 weeks apart; the Moderna vaccine booster is given 28 days after the primary shot. As of the date you receive your newsletter, we will have received 900 primary doses and 600 boosters of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

The following people (**must be 18 or older**) are eligible to receive the vaccine from CTCLUSI:

- enrolled Tribal members;
- employees of all Tribal entities;
- spouses/partners of Tribal members and employees;
- adults who live full-time in a Tribal/employee household; and
- adult full-time caretakers of Tribal members.

CTCLUSI is providing Moderna vaccinations following the recommendations from the CDC and the State of Oregon, as approved by our Tribal Council. As with all other vaccinating agencies, we are prioritizing vaccinations by risk groups. Elders 65 and older, people with certain high-risk medical conditions, people living in nursing homes and congregate care facilities, and front-line essential workers will receive priority over other groups. As we continue to vaccinate people, our priority groups will expand, so please be patient. Someone will call you when you are eligible to receive your vaccine.

Vaccination is voluntary and you must sign a consent form at the time of your appointment. The following is additional information on CTCLUSI's vaccination clinics and procedures:

- **You must get your primary and booster from the same vaccine location (provider).** We are issued the exact number of booster doses for the number of primary doses we receive. We are not able to give a booster shot to you if you did not get your primary shot from us. **Due to limits on the number of vaccines in a vial and being a small clinic site, you must get your second dose (booster shot) at the same location of your first shot.**
- If you are under the care of a healthcare practitioner for a serious or chronic medical condition, we may require you to check with them before you get the vaccine.
- **Coos county clinics only**: If you are pregnant or nursing, we are not able to vaccinate you. For **Lane county clinics**, you will need to provide a note from your healthcare practitioner that it is okay for you to receive the vaccine. The note must

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Save the Date:

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Open House via Zoom

March 25, 2021

5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. pst

https://zoom.us/j/93455682512?pwd=WnJzVlR2SXJMalB6NWlxcVZIbDM0QT09

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from January 10, 2021 - February 13, 2021.

Chief Doc Slyter:
01/11 THPO Advisory Review Board Meeting
01/12 City Club of Eugene
01/12 Leader's Circle
01/13 Special Meeting -Personnel
01/14 Cultural Committee Meeting
01/14 Leader's Circle
01/19 Special Meeting
01/21 DARS - meeting regarding Lottie's traditional dress
01/21 Leader's Circle
01/26 U.S. White House Tribal Briefing
01/27 Admin Office - paperwork
01/27 GFORB
01/27 Business Meeting
01/28 BIA
01/29 State Tribal Call
02/02 NTIA ATNI Covid 19
02/02 Leader's Circle
02/04 Leader's Circle
02/08 Cultural Committee Meeting
02/09 Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance
02/09 Lakeside Water Task Force Meeting
02/11 Leader's Circle
Tribal Emails & Phone calls
Total Hours: 120

Debbie Bossley Tribal Chair:
Jan. – Feb. In Office 23 days
01/10 Tribal Council Meeting
01/12 Leaders Circle
01/14 Leaders Circle
01/15 LCIS
01/19 OTGA, Special Meeting
01/20 Housing Meeting
01/21 Leaders Circle
01/22 LCIS
01/27 GFORB / Business Meeting Leaders Circle
01/28 BIA
01/29 LCIS, 9 Tribes & Governor
02/02 Leaders Circle
02/04 Leaders Circle
02/08 Qaxas Groundbreaking
02/09 OTGA
02/11 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 130

Mark Petrie, Vice-Chair:
01/10 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
01/11 Three Rivers Foundation Granting Meeting
01/12 Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) Board of Directors meeting
01/12 National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit
01/12 Leader's Circle
01/13 Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) prep call
01/13 Hanis Language Class
01/14 DEQ RAC Meeting #1
01/14 Culture Committee Meeting
01/14 Leader's Circle
01/15 DEQ RAC Interview Questions
01/19 OCEAN Monthly Meeting
01/19 Oregon Renewable Energy Siting Assessment (ORESA) webinar
01/19 Education Committee Meeting
01/19 Tribal Council Special Meeting
01/20 Hanis Language Class
01/21 4th Grade Program Presentation Recording
01/21 BOEM - OCEAN call about research study proposal for floating offshore wind development impacts
01/21 Leader's Circle
01/22 CTCLUSI meeting with Bonneville Environmental Foundation staff
01/22 Strategic Energy Plan Team Meeting
01/22 Language Committee Meeting
01/26 OCEAN Meeting with Rogue Climate
01/26 National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (NOMEC) Session
01/27 Hanis Language Class
01/27 GFORB Meeting
01/27 Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/27 ATNI Climate Change Breakout Session - presentation
01/28 DEQ RAC Meeting with fellow RAC member
01/29 State-Tribal Call re: COVID-19 Response Efforts
02/02 COVID-19 Relief for Indian Country - Broadband
02/02 Education Committee Meeting
02/02 Leader's Circle
02/04 White House/Indian Country COVID-19 Update Call
02/04 Leader's Circle
02/05 NTIA: Broadband Consultation
02/05 Strategic Energy Plan Team Meeting
02/08 Culture Committee Meeting
02/09 OCEAN BOD Meeting
02/09 Education Committee Meeting
02/09 Investment Committee Meeting
02/10 NTIA: Broadband Consultation
02/10 DEQ RAC Coordination Meeting with CNR
02/10 Hanis Language Class
02/10 Cultural Wednesday Activity: Ramil Beers - Traditional Tools
02/11 Leader's Circle
02/12 NTIA: Broadband Consultation
02/12 CTCLUSI Forestry Presentation: Forest Management Modeling
Total Hours: 160

Iliana Montiel:
01/10 Regular Council Meeting
01/12 Presidential Inauguration / Leaders' Circle
01/13 Overview of Coronavirus Response & Relief Act, 2021 / TC Special Meeting
01/14 Leader's Circle
01/15 Governor's Call
01/19 NPAIHB Quarterly Board Meeting / TC Special Meeting
01/20 NPAIHN Quarterly Board Meeting
01/21 Leaders' Circle
01/26 ATNI Health Committee
01/27 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/29 IMCE Tribal Consultation
02/02 Covid-19 Relief for Indian Country and Native Communities in the Covid-19 funding package / Leader's Circle
02/04 White House/Indian Country Covid-19 Update / Leaders' Circle
02/08 CHAP Advisory Workgroup
02/09 Investment Meeting
Total Hours: 55

Josh Davies:
01/10 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
01/11 Three Rivers Foundation Meeting
01/12 National Tribal Leadership Climate Change Summit
TBH 18 & TBH COVID Call - CTCLUSI
PIC Stakeholder Briefing for Indian Country
Presidential Inaugural Committee Call w/ Indian Country (Tuesday)
Governor Brown Press Conference
Leaders Circle
01/13 US EPA: Tribal Lead Curriculum
WREN Coordinating Body Meeting
01/14 Tribal Consultation Listening Session regarding Tribal Governments and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)
Leaders Circle
01/19 ODOE Renewable Energy Market Assessment Preliminary Results
Education Committee Meeting
Tribal Council Special Meeting
01/20 Youth Development Council Planning Retreat Planning Subcommittee
All Students Belong Engagement
Coos History Museum Edcuation Committee Meeting
Housing Committee Meeting
01/21 Oregon Department of Education: State Board of Education Meeting
Leaders Circle
01/22 OIEA Winter Board Meeting
New Beginnings Meeting
CTCLUSI/BEF
Strategic Energy Planning Meeting
01/26 G2G Education Cluster
NOMEC Tribal Leader Listening
White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs will host a briefing for Tribal Leaders
01/27 Exploring the Tribal Disaster Declaration
GYO Advisory Council
GFORB
Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/28 Federal/Tribal Coordination Call (hosted by BIA)
01/29 State-tribal call re: COVID-19 response efforts
NTIA Preparation Meeting
02/01 Government Relations & External Affairs Team, ODE: Signing-Up for Public Hearings/Testimony
02/02 Education Committee Meeting - Scholarships
Testify HB 2052 and HB 2055
COVID-19 Relief for Indian Country and Native communities in the COVID-19 funding package Broadband ($1billion)
NTIA Preparation Meeting
Leaders Circle
02/03 Environmental Justice - EPA Competitive Grants Award Process
OHA ODE Return to In-Person Instruction
Press Conference
02/04 OV State Service Plan Virtual Engagement Session
White House/Indian Country COVID-19 Update Call
Leaders Circle
02/05 Governor Brown Press Conference
02/09 Education Committee Meeting
Investment Committee Meeting
02/10 Secure Rural Schools Funding Opportunity
02/11 Leaders Circle
02/12 Notice: Department of Commerce Tribal Consultation on Tribal Broadband Connectivity Grants
CTCLUSI Forestry Presentation
02/14 Tribal Council Regular Meeting

Doug Barrett:
01/10 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
01/11 Three Rivers Foundation decisions
01/12 Leaders Circle
01/14 Leaders Circle
01/19 Tribal council special meeting
01/21 Leaders Circle
01/27 GRORB meeting / Tribal Council Business meeting
01/28 Federal Tribal Coordination call BIA
02/02 Native American Storytelling: Culture is Prevention / Leaders Circle
02/04 Leaders Circle
02/05 Department of Commerce Tribal Consultation on Tribal Broadband & Connectivity Grants
02/08 Culture Committee Meeting
02/09 Investment Meeting
02/10 Department of Commerce Tribal Consultation on Tribal Broadband
02/11Leaders Circle
02/14 Tribal Council Meeting
Total Hours: 75 & emails

Enna Helms

*report not provided before deadline

Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?
The CLUSI Tribal Council welcomes your ideas, comments, criticisms, etc.
Please write to: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
ATTN: Tribal Council 1245 Fulton Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST
If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506. We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES
Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jan Lawrence at 541-888-7538 or at jlawrence@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: 541-888-7506 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
Full video available at www.ctclusi.org
If you would like to receive typed copies or an audio CD of the Tribal Council meeting minutes send a written request, including your current address to Jeannie McNeil, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Upcoming Events

March 8th – Last day to submit comments on Housing Dept. Annual Performance Report
March 9th – COH Dentalium Necklaces (register by March 1st) 6:00 p.m.
March 11th – Last day to register for online parenting classes (see pg. 15)
March 14th – Tribal Council Regular Meeting via zoom 10:00 a.m.
March 15th – Deadline to register for COH Beaded Collar Project (see pg. 9)
March 15th – Virtual Adult Culture activity via zoom 6:00 p.m.
March 16th – COH Beaded Collar Class 6:00 p.m.
March 17th – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.
March 22nd – March 26th – Virtual Spring Break Camp
March 24th – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.
March 25th – Hazard Mitigation Plan Open House via zoom 5:15 p.m.
March 29th – Virtual Adult Culture activity via zoom 6:00 p.m.
March 31st – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.

April 6th - COH Beaded Collar Class 6:00 p.m.
April 7th – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.
April 11th – Tribal Council Regular Meeting via zoom 10:00 a.m.
April 11th – General Council Meeting via zoom 1:00 p.m.
April 13th – COH Ladder Earrings (register by April 5th) 6:00 p.m.
April 14th – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.
April 21st – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.
April 28th – Conscious Discipline Parenting Class via zoom 6:30 p.m.

Check out our online Events Calendar at https://ctclusi.org/events/

THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

Join a Committee

Enrollment, Housing, Education, Culture, Health, Elders, Budget, Investment, and Garden Committees are always accepting letters of interest. Would you like to serve on a Tribal committee? Submit your letter of interest to Jeannie McNeil at jmcneil@ctclusi.org. All letters of interest are kept on file for one year.

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Council Meeting
March 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.
To practice safe social distancing guidelines, this meeting will be streamed online. Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Agenda:
1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
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

Council Corner

Hello Tribal Community,

I am so happy to share that Tribal Council has been working with our Health Department to develop eligibility guidelines for providing COVID-19 vaccines to our Tribal community.

So far, we have vaccinated over 400 people!

Vaccines are being provided by the State of Oregon directly to Oregon Tribes. The vaccines we are receiving from the State are the Moderna vaccines. This vaccine is delivered as two shots, 28 days apart. As of the end of February, we expect to have received 900 first doses.

Currently, none of the vaccines approved by the FDA are approved for children under the age of 16. The Moderna vaccine is approved for adults ages 18 and older. Although we are currently vaccinating all eligible groups, we are giving priority to our Elders, Tribal staff over the age of 65, frontline/essential workers, and adults with high-risk medical conditions. The following groups can get vaccinated from CTCLUSI:

- Enrolled Tribal members
- Employees of Tribal government and all Tribal entities
- Spouses/partners of the above groups
- Adults who live full-time in the household of the above groups
- Adult full-time caretakers of Tribal members

We have currently held 4 separate Vaccine Clinics in Coos Bay, Florence, and Eugene. We will continue to hold these clinics as long as we have the vaccine available. Clinics are scheduled a week in advance to be sure we will have doses available. We must have a minimum of 10 people, in order to open a vial. If you have to travel 50 miles or more round-trip for a vaccination, we will reimburse you with a gas card based on the number of miles you have to travel (up to a maximum of $200 or 1,000 round-trip miles).



Finally, please remember that while getting a COVID-19 vaccination is an important part of getting rid of this disease, the shot is not a magic bullet. You will not have the full effect of the vaccine until **at least two weeks after your second dose**. Even then, the CDC and the State of Oregon are recommending continuation of social distancing, hand-washing, and mask-wearing. Although you will be vaccinated, you may still be able to get the disease and/or pass it on to others.

If you would like to get your vaccination at one of the CTCLUSI vaccine clinics, please fill out the Vaccine Request form on line at www.ctclusi.org.

Please join me and the entire Tribal Council in thanking the CTCLUSI Tribal government staff who are working so hard to get these vaccines delivered to members of our Tribal community!

Stay Safe and Healthy
Iliana Montiel, Tribal Council

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-096
Date of Passage: October 28, 2020
Subject (title): Trial Council Approval of Selection of Apparent Successful Bidder for Housing Department Community Center with Offices Project
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves bid process for Housing Community Center and Office. **Vote 6-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-097
Date of Passage: October 28, 2020
Subject (title): Games Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**

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Date of Passage: October 28, 2020
Subject (title): Games Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this purchase and agreement for the gaming business at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-099
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): HVAC Catalytic Air Systems
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this agreement for new air cleaning systems to protect employees and guests at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-100
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): Lifting Closure of Tribal Forest Lands
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this resolution to open Tribal Lands with the fires and fire threat subsided. **Vote 5-2-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-101
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): Rescission of Resolution 20-083 for Approval of Successful Bidder for Housing Project
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this action. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-102
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): Loan Application
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this action. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-103
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): Promissory Note (USDA LOAN)
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this financial Resolution. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-104
Date of Passage: November 24, 2020
Subject (title): Language Committee Appointments
Explanation: The Tribal Council appointed Ayuthea Cisneros to Language Committee. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-105
Date of Passage: December 3, 2020
Subject (title): Financial Decision
Explanation: The Tribal Council voted to approve this action. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-106
Date of Passage: December 3, 2020
Subject (title): Financial Decision
Explanation: The Tribal Council voted to approve this action. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-107
Date of Passage: December 3 2020
Subject (title): Use of CARES Act Funding for Necessary Expenditures at Three Rivers Casino
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the purchase of laundry equipment and an additional shuttle. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-108
Date of Passage: December 13, 2020
Subject (title): Approval of 2021 Tribal Government Budget
Explanation: The Tribal Council voted to approved this budget for 2021. **Vote 5-2-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-109
Date of Passage: December 13, 2020
Subject (title): Use of CARES Act Funding for Necessary Expenditures at Three Rivers Casino
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the purchase of additional security and computer equipment. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-110
Date of Passage: December 13, 2020
Subject (title): Amendment to CLUSITC Chapter 1-15 Executive Management for Second Reading and Final Action
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the amendments after the 28-day comment period for Tribal Membership. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-111
Date of Passage: December 15, 2020
Subject (title): General Welfare Assistance Program
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the creation of CTCLUSI Elder General Welfare Assistance Program to help Elders with COVID assistance. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 20-112
Date of Passage: December 15, 2020
Subject (title): Tribal Members Emergency COVID Assistance General Welfare Assistance Program, Addendum 1
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this addendum to allow more assistance to membership to assist them due to COVID-19 impact on their lives. **Vote 7-0-0**

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

CTCLUSI Summer Student Internships

Cancelled

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, CTCLUSI Summer Student Internships have been canceled this year. We hope to provide internship opportunities in the future but at this time our Tribal communities health is our top priority. Please stay safe and continue to practice CDC recommended safety guidelines concerning the coronavirus.

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings at CTCLUSI and All Other Tribal Entities

Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Florence
Bartender ~ Barback ~ Cocktail Beverage Server
Food & Beverage Lead ~ Food Server Blue Bills Busperson
Food Court Runner/Dining Room Attendant
Food Court Cashier/Barista
Lead Cook ~ Line Cook ~ Prep Cook
Dish Machine Operator
Night Auditor
Casino Host
Table Games Dealer
Slot/Keno/Bingo Attendant ~ Slot Technician I
Soft Count Team Member
Environmental Service Technician
Special Events Team Member
Security Officer 1
Manager – Security

Three Rivers Casino Resort ~ Coos Bay
Security Officer 1
Environmental Services Technician 1

Tribal Government Offices
Coos Bay
Circles of Healing Program Coordinator
Family Support Services Program Specialist
Dental Assistant II (will accept a Dental Assistant I)
Accounting Specialist I

Assignment Varies
Special Events Employee

Blue Earth Services & Technology
No Openings

http://ctclusi-int.atsondemand.com/
Go to **Job Opportunities** on the website for full job posting and to Apply Online
Updated Daily
Or call Recruitment at **541-902-3821**

Is the Tribal Member Emergency COVID-19 Assistance I received taxable?

The Tribe received federal CARES Act, Title V, Coronavirus Relief Funds and determined that it is necessary and appropriate to allocate a portion of those funds to its members that certify their needs to ease the current economic cost of living for the hardships in compliance with the CARES Act permitted uses. This Emergency Assistance is to be paid to members on a nontaxable basis in accordance with the requirements of the federal Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, Public Law 113-168 in 2014. Please consult with your tax professional for your personal tax situation.



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA AND SIUSLAW INDIANS TRIBAL CODE
TITLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS
CHAPTER 1-17 GENERAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1-17-2 This Code is established pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council by the Constitution of the Tribe, and pursuant to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, codified under Internal Revenue Code Section 139E, which excludes from gross income, for income tax purposes, the value of general welfare assistance that may be provided to an Eligible Tribal Member.

Be sure to check the Tribal website www.ctclusi.org for digital copies of The Voice of CLUSI monthly newsletter, events calendar, and more Tribal Government Information.

Visit https://ctclusi.org/health-alert-notifications for more information and links to the CDC concerning the Covid-19 Pandemic.

If you are a Tribal member who needs assistance getting signed up for full access to www.ctclusi.org please e-mail mgaines@ctclusi.org or call (541) 808-7918.

Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden four direction/medicine wheel symbol like the one pictured below (it could be any size and on any page).

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 picture hiding! Must email by March15th to be included in the raffle drawing.

Winner will be notified by phone or email and their name and prize description will appear in an upcoming edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper.



Happy Searching!

Winners of the February 2021 edition Basket Cap Search:

Adult: Tes Gagner ***Youth: Heidi Schmidt***

February raffle drawing winners received a sweatshirt from the DNR/Culture Department.

Electronic Payment Program

Effective 2021, CTCLUSI Finance department AP team is implementing an electronic payment program.
If you wish to receive your payments as direct deposit to your bank account, please provide your bank account information requested in the secure electronic form (see the link below) to the CTLUSI AP team.

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/EFT-Form

This form can also be found on the Tribal website at
https://ctclusi.org/finance-department/

Any Questions?
Email **AP@ctclusi.org**
Call: Denise Driskill, (541) 888-7534
or Denise Layton, (541) 888- 7301

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT NEWS

REQUEST A NEW TRIBAL ID CARD ONLINE!

Visit ***www.ctclusi.org*** and go to Enrollment.
Fill out the new form online, upload a new photo and your card will be mailed to you in 7-10 days.
You must verify your mailing and physical address and list a phone number in case I need to contact you for additional verification over the phone.

Questions?
Email Jeannie McNeil at jmcneil@ctclusi.org

Łe’ Łəx (Medicine) of the Month: Fiddleheads

Contributed by Ashley Russell, Water Protection Specialist

Although traditionally our ancestors did not eat the emerging fronds of bracken ferns as they contain toxins that can be carcinogenic and should be used sparingly, they did eat the large rhizomes, which were usually gathered in spring and then again in late fall when the leaves begin to die back. The rhizomes were cooked directly in a fire or earth oven. They were then scraped, pounded into a pulp, and eaten with salmon eggs. Today, this starchy pulp can be dried into a flour and used much like rice flour in various dishes.

Lady fern fiddleheads do not contain the toxins that bracken fern fronds do, luckily, and are amazingly delicious. They can be eaten raw, steamed, or cooked. They are great fresh in a tossed salad or even pickled. Be sure to remove the “hairs” from the curled tops before enjoying them.



Photograph of pickled fiddleheads provided by Ashley Russell

Hanis: łkwa (bracken rhizome); łk’wítɪmł (plant, ferns in general)

Miluk: łq’wa (bracken rhizome); łq’watɪmł (plant, ferns in general)

Siuslaw: yáuxa (bracken rhizome)

Scientific Name: *Pteridium aquilinum* (Bracken Fern)

Athyrium filix-femina (Lady Fern)

March 2021

Virtual Cultural Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 “Qaihlonhl Kwotsai!” Let’s Paint *with Jesse Beers & Amanda Craig*	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Pickling Traditional First Foods Video	30	31			

Virtual Spring Break Camp

Watch Previously Recorded Virtual Cultural Activities Online

Visit the Tribal website at www.ctclusi.org and login. In the new Citizen Portal you will find a tab for Virtual Culture Zoom classes.

The Zoom link to live classes will be posted here as well as all the previously recorded zoom classes.

Did you miss any February classes? You can still go watch and enjoy online!

Monday activities are geared towards Adults, and Wednesday activities are geared for Youth.

Due to the Virtual Spring Break Camp this month, there will not be evening youth classes.

Contact Ashley Russell at arussell@ctclusi.org for materials while supplies last.

Need help registering for the website?
Contact Morgan Gaines
mgaines@ctclusi.org
(541) 808-7918

Tribal Forest Land Updates

Contributed by Steve Andringa, CTCLUSI Forest Lands Manager

Umpqua Eden

This is the seventh, and the final, in a series of articles describing another CTCLUSI forest land tract – Umpqua Eden. This beautiful 145 acre parcel lies just inland from the mouth of the Umpqua River. Umpqua Eden is remarkable because its' Tribal use spans thousands of years of history. The water-ways were the highways of Native people for millennia, which likely contributed to the high use along the shoreline of Umpqua Eden.

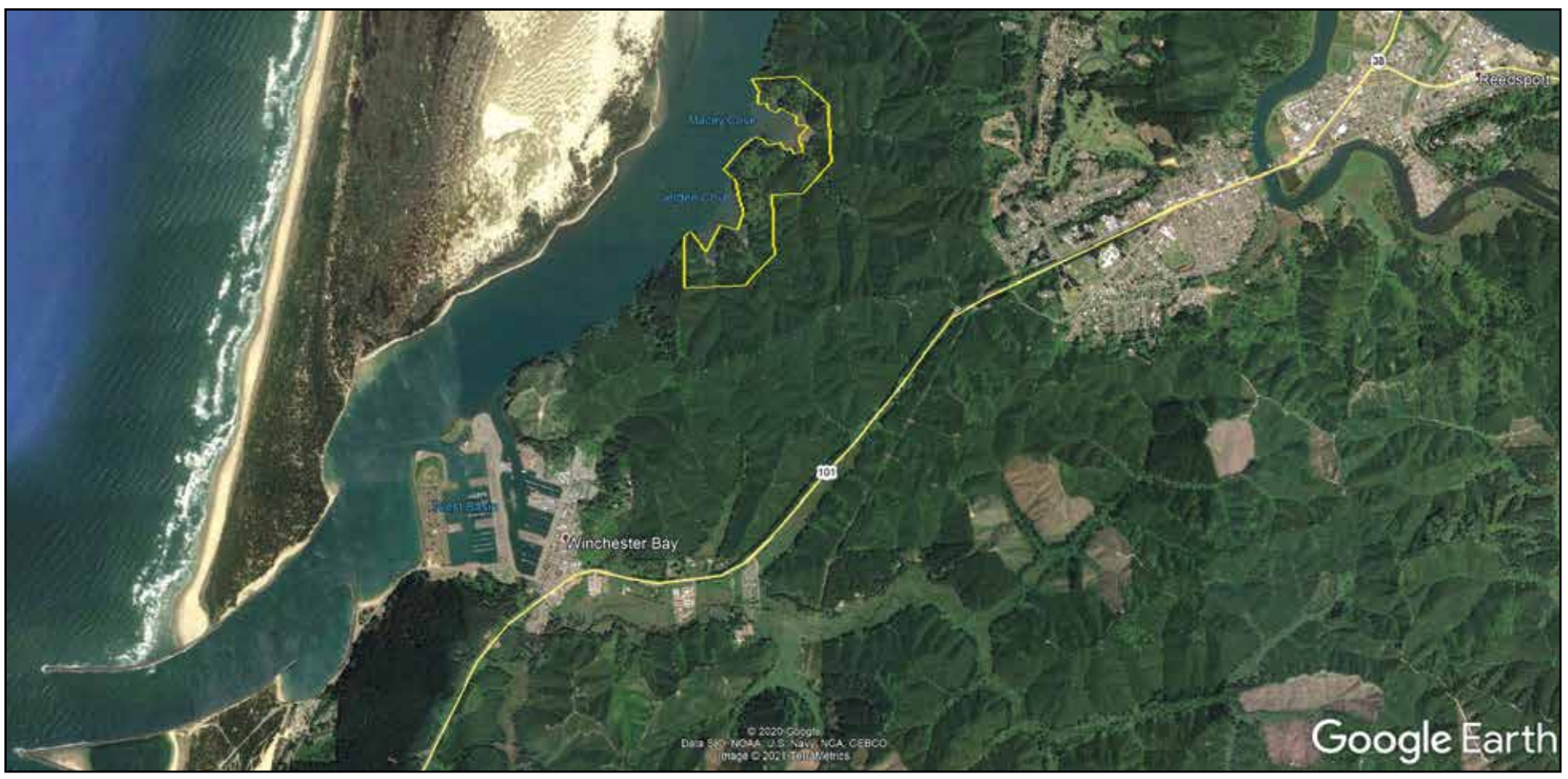
Although the condition of the land and the waters has been modified and degraded over the past hundred years, it is of critical importance to the Tribe to protect these resources in order to continue the Tribe's traditions and way of life. Because of the sensitivity of Umpqua Eden, there are no plans for any timber harvesting. Indeed, any land management activities would be of light intensity to preserve and protect this most sacred land.

Culturally significant plants and animals are both plentiful and diverse at Umpqua Eden. Common cultural plant species include nettle, black and red huckleberry, white and red cedar, skunk cabbage, and salmonberry. Black bears, deer, elk, and bobcat are common at Umpqua Eden. The waters surrounding Umpqua Eden are home to Dungeness crab, various species of clams, and multiple runs of salmon.

Accessing the Umpqua Eden tract is not easy, and probably better that way. The gated road off Highway 101 accesses multiple private land owners, but the road to Umpqua Eden stops just near the property line. As this road is grown over and washed out in places, the tract of land is easier viewed from the Umpqua River itself. In fact, the 2019 CTCLUSI canoe journey used the inlet as a resting place and a chance to share with those on the journey the history of these tribal lands.



Umpqua Eden Tract



2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Tribal Member Open House

Contributed by Jeffrey Stump, Planning Director

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) Tribal Government would like to invite you to a two-hour open house for Tribal members to discuss the **CTCLUSI 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)**. The HMP is the document that guides the Confederated Tribes in reducing risks and lessening the impact of disasters.

To be eligible for mitigation funding, the Tribes must update the HMP once every five years and your participation is critical to ensure that the HMP reflects your concerns about hazards and ideas to mitigate them.

The Tribes have engaged WSP to facilitate the HMP update process, including facilitation of this open house.

Please join us for an informal gathering to:

- Discuss the Confederated Tribe's hazard mitigation planning process
- Voice Tribal member concerns about natural and human-caused hazards, including exposure and vulnerability to those hazards
- Share stories of your lived experiences or historical knowledge of hazards and events within the community
- Discuss opportunities for mitigating natural and human-caused hazards

When: March 25, 2021 from 5:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Where: https://zoom.us/j/93455682512?pwd=WnJzVlR2SXJMalB6NWlxcVZIbDM0QT09

We would like your input on the hazard mitigation plan:

- What hazard(s) keep you up at night?
- What hazards have you experienced?
- What actions would you like to see CTCLUSI Tribal Government take to mitigate the risks associated with those hazards?

To answer these and other questions, please visit the below link to take a brief survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S6G38NK

Posted March 1, 2021

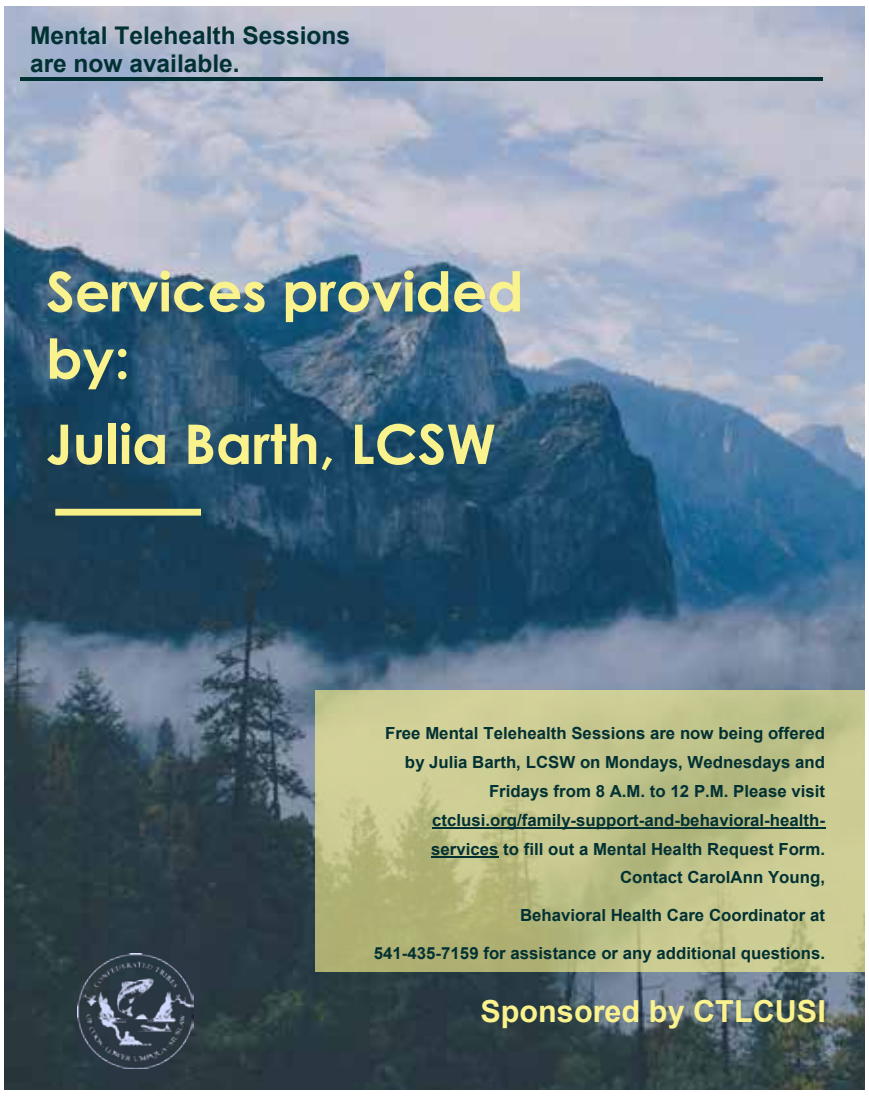
ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

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.

Ember Faye Pearson	**Leila Ming Brandley**
Parent: Erica Kathleen Odell -Pearson	Parent: Marty Nikko Bradley
Lineal Descendant: James William Brainard Jr.	Lineal Descendant: Bennett Barney
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
Rosalee Marie Robledo	**Ada Elaine Miller**
Parent: Kelley Marie Moote	Parent: Ashlie Nicole Miller
Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson	Lineal Descendant: John Perry
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Jazmine Crystal –Amalia Robledo	**Madeline Lucile Miller**
Parent: Kelly Marie Moots	Parent: Ashlie Nicole Miller
Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson	Lineal Descendant: John Perry
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Emma Lee Minden	**Tzion River Rose Van Blericom**
Parent: Jessica Jenny Minden	Parent: John P. Price Jr
Lineal Descendant: John Perry	Lineal Descendant: William I. Morris
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Lower Umpqua
Jack Douglas Carnation	**Heziah Webb Banda**
Parent: Joseph Carnation	Parent: Taylor Lowery
Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson	Lineal Descendant: Frank L. Barrett
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Siuslaw
Jaxon Wyatt Snyder	**Dawson Wayne Gabbard**
Parent: Justin Dean Sasser - Theisen	Parent: Shyanne Gilbert
Lineal Descendant: Frances Elliott	Lineal Descendant: William I. Morris
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Lower Umpqua
Christian Nicolas Van Mulligen	**Elijah David Van Mulligen**
Parent: Nicole Van Mulligen	Parent: Nicole Van Mulligen
Lineal Descendant: Edger Lee	Lineal Descendant: Edger Lee
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).





"In the Loop" with the Circles of Healing Program

Circles of Healing Beaded Collar Project

The Circles of Healing Program will be hosting another session of beaded collar courses in collaboration with guest instructor and artisan Kristy Petrie. This will be offered to the first 10 adult Tribal household members who register.

Courses will be held from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom on the following dates: March 16th, April 6th, April 20th, May 4th, May 18th, May 25th.

All materials will be provided and mailed to participants.

The deadline to register to participate is Monday, March 15, 2021.

To register call or email Melissa Smith at 541-294-2197 or melissa.smith@ctclusi.org

Circles of Healing Zoom Workshop Series

Hi' Siti Ha (Good Is Our Heart) Women's Healing Through Traditions Series

2021 Class Schedule

Tuesday, February 9th

Smudge Kits

Register by Monday, February 1st

Tuesday, March 9th

Dentalium Necklaces

Register by Monday, March 1st

Tuesday, April 13th

Ladder Earrings

Register by Monday, April 5th

Tuesday, May 11th

Medicine Bags

Register by Monday, May 3rd

Tuesday, June 8th

Feather Fans

Register by Monday, May 31st

Tuesday, July 13th

Dreamcatchers

Register by Monday, July 5th

Classes will be offered from 6:00 PM– 8:00 PM via Zoom.

To register, contact Melissa Smith at 541-294-2197 or melissa.smith@ctclusi.org

These activities were supported by the Response Circles Grant Award from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

Coronavirus Information: COVID-19 Vaccination

Continued from cover page article

be on the letterhead of the healthcare practitioner or clinic.

- Vaccination clinics are being held in Coos Bay, Florence, and Eugene only. You must be able to travel to one of these locations. (*Gas cards are available as reimbursement if you have to drive 50 or more miles roundtrip — up to 1,000 miles roundtrip — to the vaccination site. Talk to the person who schedules your appointment for more information.*)
- Vaccination is based on availability of doses. Due to strict time limits once a vial has been thawed and opened, we cannot schedule a clinic until we have a minimum of 10 recipients.
- At the vaccination site you must remain in your vehicle. You must also wear a mask **properly covering your nose and mouth** for all of the time your window is open and/or you are interacting with anyone outside of your vehicle.

There is a lot of misinformation being shared on COVID-19, particularly about the vaccines. Please make sure you are getting your information from a reliable source. If you would like to know more about the vaccine, you can go to the CDC website at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html.



Pictured above: The Florence Outreach Office transforms into drive thru clinic
Pictured below: Nurse Kristy administers Moderna Vaccines





A few final things to know about the vaccine in general:

- The two COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the U.S. do not contain eggs, preservatives, or latex. For a complete list of ingredients in the Moderna vaccine and other information, you can go to the *Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers* at: https://www.fda.gov/media/144638/download.
- Even after you have received two doses of the vaccine, you will still need to wear a mask and follow COVID-19 precautions. There are still a lot of unknowns about the virus and the vaccines. Although the vaccines appear to be very effective at preventing serious COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and death, you may still be able to get and spread the virus after vaccination. There is no data yet on how long you will be protected after receiving the vaccination.
- The risk of serious side effects from the vaccine appears to be very low, but you may still exhibit symptoms after receiving your vaccine. Robust symptoms are occurring in approximately half of people receiving the vaccine, especially after the second dose. Mild to moderate symptoms are a sign of a good immune response. Common complaints include flu-like symptoms, such as chills, fever, muscle aches, headaches, tiredness, and (less commonly) GI symptoms, and should only last 1-2 days. **If you experience unexpected or serious symptoms after your vaccination, contact your healthcare practitioner or call 9-1-1. CTCLUSI vaccine clinic staff are not able to give medical advice.**

If you would like to get your vaccination at one of the CTCLUSI vaccine clinics, please fill out the Vaccine Request form on line at www.ctclusi.org. Scroll down on the main page to the box titled, COVID-19 Moderna Vaccination. When there is a vaccination clinic scheduled in your preferred location (Coos Bay, Florence, or Eugene), someone will contact you to schedule your appointment. **Please call at least 24 hours or more if you are unable to make your appointment – we are diligent in avoiding wasted doses, so we want to be able to schedule another person if you cannot make it.** Once a vial is opened we only have six (6) hours to administer all ten (10) doses in that vial.

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

We are your health benefit, not an insurance.

We are always happy to assist you with your medical coverage needs!

Holley Abrica- 541-888-7528
Purchased/Referred Care Specialist
habrica@ctclusi.org

Sharon Arnold- 541-888-1308
Purchased/Referred Care Specialist
sarnold@ctclusi.org

Kelli Nelson- 541-888-7518
Health Program Benefits Specialist
knelson@ctclusi.org

Phone: 541-888-4873
Toll Free: 800-227-0392
Fax: 541-888-5388
E-mail: prc@ctclusi.org

Purchased/Referred Care (PRC)

Tribal Health Benefit

Be sure to call 48 hours in advance for your Purchase Order (PO) Number!

This allows us to take care of any issues that may arise that could cause your claim to be denied.

You may wait up to 72* hours after an emergency to call us.

Call us at 541-888-4873 or 1-800-227-0392

*Exception: Elders 65 years of age or older are allowed 30 days.

Also, if you have not yet done so, please submit your annual application at www.CTCLUSI.org.

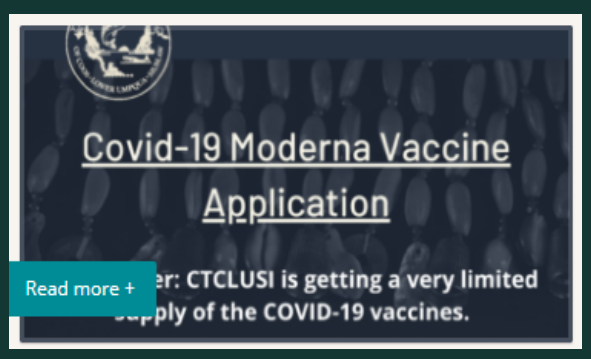
If you have not completed this year's application, you are currently ineligible for services.

How to sign up for the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine

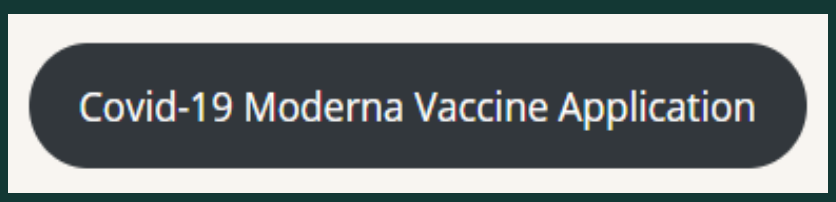
1. Go to ctclusi.org

2. Scroll down to “Latest Tribal News & Events"

3. Click on “Read more” on the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine Application



4. Select the COVID-19 Moderna Vaccine Application



5. Please select if you are a Tribal Member or a CTCLUSI employee.
    a. There is an “other” option to write in if you are a tribal spouse, widow, or any other applicable reason.

6. At this time, we are only able to vaccinate at the following locations, **Coos Bay, Florence and Eugene** due to needing a prescribing provider (Physician) to write standing orders. At this time, we have one Physician for Coos County and one Physician for Lane County.

7. If you need help filling out your COVID-19 application, contact your local Community Health Aid.
    a. Counties Covered: Curry, Coos, Western Douglas
        1. Barbra Tower: 541-435-7228
    b. Counties Covered: Western Lane, Douglas
        1. Doug Morrison: 541-997-6685
    c. Counties Covered: Lane, Lincoln, Eastern Douglas
        1. Kimmy Bixby: 541-808-8684

Tribal Elder Billie Leona Lewis Walks On

Beloved Hanis Coos Tribal Elder Billie Leona Lewis of North Bend, Oregon walked on on February 14, 2021.

Born July 24, 1942 in Grants Pass, Oregon to F.C. and Leona Roy (Anderson). Billie is survived by her children Lorre Lewis and Martin Harris, Grandchildren Terrance, Laura, Andrea (Sunshine), and Issac, her siblings Jeanne Cookson and Howard Roy, and nephews Eagle and Cougar.

Her life was one of a caregiver to others as a registered nurse. After her family, her love of her Nation was her priority. She was a crusader for women's rights and Tribal rights; she was a walking family historian and teacher of Coos culture. Her footprint was big and deep even though she was a size 6 ½ shoe. We know wherever she is she is dancing with the ancestors and still dancing in our hearts.

Her fear was that she would not be remembered, but the work she has done for our children will live for generations due to her teaching. She was a self-taught weaver and loved to do beadwork, her pieces were enjoyed by all and her favorite saying was "history will repeat itself".

Billie's family will be honoring her in ceremony and potlatch by spreading her ashes at Cape Arago the Saturday before Salmon Ceremony in August.

With all my love,
we will miss you greatly.
-Jeanne



Pictured left to right - Jeanne Cookson and Billie Lewis



Jeanne Cookson, Billie Lewis and Leona Roy

Title VI Program Services Available to Elders

The Title VI Program for Elders (age 55 and over) provides federal grant monies for our Congregate Meals Program, Frozen Meals Program, Chore Service and Respite Care Services for Tribal Elders, Spouses and Widow(er)s whose primary residence is within our five-county service area (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln counties).

This month we would like to highlight Chore Services:

Chore Services Program Eligibility:

- Elders age 55 and older whose primary place of residence is within the five-county service area of: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane, and Lincoln Counties.
- Tribal spouses are not eligible for Chore Services; however, widow(er)s are eligible until the time they remarry.
- Services must be provided at the Elder's primary place of residence is within the five county service area.
- The purpose of the Chore Services program is to provide assistance to Elders with activities they cannot easily do for themselves and which, by having someone perform these duties for them, allows them to remain living independently in their own home(s).

Some but not all inclusive eligible chore services include:

- Yard work, including lawn mowing, leaf raking, general clearing of debris around the home
- Weather stripping around doors and windows
- Gutter cleaning
- Snow removal from driveway and sidewalks
- Purchase and stacking of firewood

General cleaning of the household, including but not limited to dusting and cobweb removal, vacuuming, trash removal, bathroom cleaning, dishwashing, laundry, scrubbing floors and walls, appliance cleaning, window washing, and stripping and remaking beds.

There are forms that must be filled out for this service. Those forms can be picked up at your local office or mailed to your home. The cycle for these funds is not on a calendar year.
The funds are available annually from April 1st of the current year through March 31st of the following year.

For further information on Chore Service, please contact your local Community Health Aide:
Coos Bay - Barbara Tower (541) 888-7520 Florence - Doug Morrison (541) 997-6685
Eugene - Kimmy Bixby (541) 744-1349

Elders Corner

The Elders Spotlight of the Month will feature a new Elder each month. Elders are selected from a list of the Eldest to the Youngest Elder, starting with the Eldest. Elders will be contacted by Kimmy Bixby of Community Health Services with information for an article to be published in a future edition of The Voice of CLUSI newsletter. Many thanks go out to our Elders for all that they have done for our Tribal community. We hope to use this opportunity to highlight a few of your many accomplishments. ***Thank you Elders!***

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide



Linda Dart

Bucket List:
• Take a cruise on the Mississippi.
• Spend time going across the United States to see things she has not seen.
• Traveling within the states.

Interesting fact:
• Her first home outside of the hospital was Tribal Hall.

Linda Dart

Coos

Immediate Family:
• Daughters Tamara Evarts and Amy Ursprung; son Daniel Dart, II; mother Florence May Helms; sisters Ellen Hansen and Christy Wurster, brother John Domaschofky; grandmother Ida Wages Helms; and uncle Eddie Helms; along with many cousins.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Her 3 children.
• Husband of 52 years – Daniel Dart.
• A good career with the State of Oregon.

Favorite Hobbies:
• Reading historical romances.
• Decorating, generally in the home.



William V. Wong

Favorite Hobbies:
• Woodworking
• Walking long distances to stay healthy throughout his 80s.

Favorite Sayings:
"I've got this."

William V. Wong

Coos

Immediate Family:
• Son of Mabel Barney; grandson of Bennett Barney; husband to Shirley Wong; father to Rosalyn, Nanci and Jennifer; grandfather to Schuyler, Morgan, Helena, and Julia; brother to Claudette and Danielle; and uncle to countless nieces and nephews.

Proudest Accomplishments:
• Celebrating his 62nd wedding anniversary with his wife.
• Serving honorably in the U.S. Army, 1963 – 1967.
• Completing seven 26-mile marathons.

Bucket List:
• Been there, done that!

Valentine Memories

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Aide

With 2020 behind us we are slowly moving forward in hopes that this could be the beginning of the end for this pandemic. Although we may still have many months of restrictions ahead of us, the best yet most difficult thing we can do is try to be patient. We have grown accustomed to celebrating our holidays and special events differently in order to protect our community from this terrible illness, and it has been efficient in keeping most of us safe, especially our Elders. Looking back on our fond memories of past events is a great way of staying optimistic about our future. Pictured here is one of my favorite Elders events, hosted by Deedee Plaep, our Birthday/Valentine's luncheon from 2019. I am so grateful that I have gotten to join in these wonderful events with our Elders.







Photos from 2019 Valentine Elders Luncheon

Frozen Produce and Applesauce for Elders

This is a friendly reminder that we are providing frozen produce and jars of applesauce as a supplement to our frozen meals program. For Tribal Elders within the 5-county service areas, these items will be available for pickup at all three Outreach locations — Coos Bay, Florence and Eugene. Each Tribal Elder is allotted two bags of frozen fruit, three bags of frozen vegetables and one jar of applesauce per month.

All products provided are produced in the USA.



For more information, please contact your service area Community Health Aide.

Doug Morrison Florence (541) 997-6685

Armando Martinez Coos Bay (541) 888-9577

Kimmy Bixby Eugene (541) 744-1334

Funding provided through the Title VI Nutrition Services Incentive Program

12 Month Emergency Preparedness Calendar: February - Sheltering

Contributed by: Armando Martinez, Emergency Management Coordinator, By: do1thing.com

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don't know where to start, so they never start at all. With Do 1 Thing you can take small steps that make a big difference in an emergency. Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

do 1 thing

SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Sheltering



THE GOAL: Know how to respond safely when instructions are given to evacuate or take shelter

In a disaster you may be asked to either evacuate or shelter-in-place. In the excitement of an emergency, it can be difficult to focus on what you are doing. Know what to do to keep your family safe. Practice your tornado and fire safety plans. If your family has practiced, they will be more comfortable doing it when the emergency actually happens.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

❒ Identify the best storm shelter in your home and practice getting to the shelter with your family.

Choosing the best place in your home or workplace to shelter from a tornado isn't always easy. Many newer buildings don't have a really good shelter area. Use these rules of thumb to find the best tornado shelter possible:

- Stay away from windows and skylights
- Shelter "down and in"—Put as many walls between yourself and the outside as you can (think of the ceiling as a wall)
- Avoid rooms with large ceiling expanses
- Find an area large enough for everyone to stay comfortably for at least 45 minutes

If you live in an area prone to hurricanes, be prepared to protect your family and your property. Cover windows with plywood or hurricane shutters when a hurricane warning is issued—don't use tape. If you are advised to evacuate, do so. Otherwise, stay inside and away from windows until the storm has completely passed.

THE MISSION OF DO 1 THING IS TO MOVE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR ALL HAZARDS AND BECOME DISASTER RESILIENT do1thing.com

❒ Learn how to safely shelter in place.

In an emergency like a chemical spill, you may be told to "shelter in place". This means to make the place where you are a safe place to stay until the danger has passed. Shelter in place orders are given when it would be dangerous for you to go outside.

Notification—Warning sirens may be used to warn people that it is not safe to be outside. Emergency responders may go door to door in the affected area. They may also use loudspeakers from police or fire vehicles to give instructions. Information will also be given over television and radio using the Emergency Alert System.

What to do in a hazardous materials incident—The first thing to do when a chemical spill or similar event occurs is to get information. Turn on the television or radio to find out if your area is affected and what steps to take. Never call 911 to get information about an emergency. Only call 911 if you are injured or need assistance.

If you are told to shelter in place you should close all doors and windows and shut off fans and air conditioners. Take your family to a room with as few doors and windows as possible. You may be told to put towels or tape around the cracks of the windows and doors. Follow emergency instructions carefully. Make sure you take a battery-powered radio with you so that you will know when the danger has passed. Power in your area may be shut off during the incident.

❒ Make a Go Bag for emergency sheltering.

Emergency shelters will be opened when people are displaced from their homes. In most areas emergency shelters are operated by the American Red Cross. At the Red Cross Shelter:

RED CROSS WILL PROVIDE
- A cot to sleep on
- Meals and bottled water
- A nurse for basic medical care
- Information about the disaster from public officials

YOU MAY NEED TO BRING
- Pillow and blanket
- Identification
- Change of clothes
- Cards or magazines
- Comfort items
- Your medication and medical supplies (or a list of what you are taking, dosage, and Dr's names)

NOT ALLOWED AT THE SHELTER
- Weapons or alcohol
- Pets (except for service animals)



The Red Cross will never provide information about you to anyone without your permission. There is never any charge for emergency sheltering.

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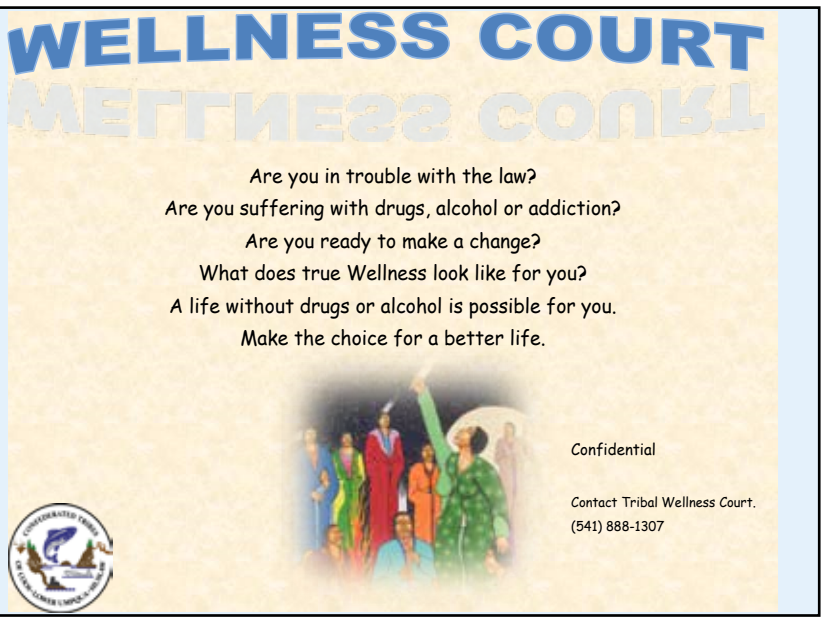

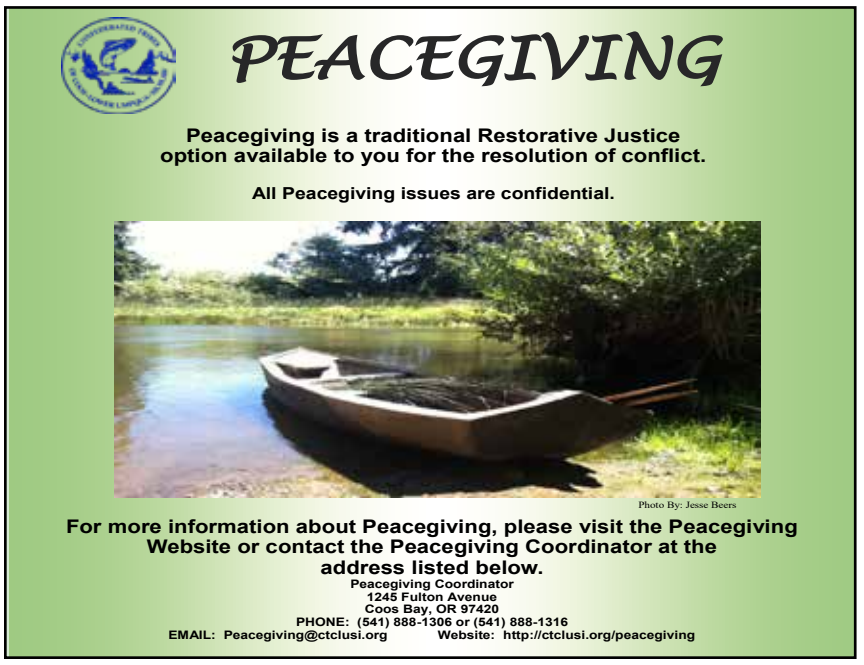

Chrome Books

Housing Department IHBG-CARES Grant

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

With the recent Education Department surveys, there were many requests for chrome books. We know that it is very difficult navigating work and school via zoom with limited computers in the household. The Tribes are continuing to take sign-ups for Chromebooks. Each Tribally Enrolled member ages 5-18, 55 and older and any higher education students need to apply and take advantage of this wonderful offer. You need to go onto the Tribal website at www.ctclusi.org and fill out the Laserfiche form for each member that falls into those categories just mentioned. The form can be found on the Housing public page or if you login to the Citizen Portal under Admin Request Forms.

The Tribes are doing its best to make sure every enrolled member in those brackets receives a Chromebook. Should you have questions don't hesitate to reach out to Laura Fortin or Josh Davies for further information.

Laura Fortin, lfortin@ctclusi.org, 541-888-7504
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Housing Department new Community Center and Office Building

Contributed by Laura Fortin, Housing Director

On site, meeting and groundbreaking photos were done on February 8, 2021 for the construction of the new Qaxas Community Center and Housing Dept. offices. The planning for this project began with former Housing Director Linda Malcomb in 2017. I am very excited to see this project getting underway; this is a positive move and supported by our Tribal Council as well as the residents at Qaxas. This new building will allow direct services to residents from the housing staff, Health Department, Family Services, Culture and Tribal Police. We will be able to provide trainings, family planning, youth activities, and neighborhood events. The building will provide an office space for other departments to meet with resident clients to help with forms and paper work and consultation.



Pictured right to left: Tribal Chair Debbie Bossley, Excavator Josh Lilly, Director of Housing Laura Fortin, Architect/Engineer Mike Crow, and Contractor Keith Morrison

Housing Department Annual Performance Report

As required by HUD the Housing Department must complete and submit an Annual Performance Report each year. This report details the programs and activities that were completed by the Housing Department during 2020. To review the document and make comments, please contact Laura Fortin at 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420, or at 541-888-7504 or at lfortin@ctclusi.org. All comments must be submitted to the Housing Department staff no later than March 8, 2021.

Zoom Fatigue

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

Oh no the dreaded zoom meeting. I know we are all feeling it, "zoom fatigue." Don't let it bog you down. We are a resilient people, our ancestors have endured much for us to be here today, don't let a little thing like zoom bring you down. This is our world at the moment, there is nothing that we can do about it except adapt. We want to see Tribal members and family of CTCLUSI thriving. Zoom fatigue is real and if you don't take the proper steps of self-care it will drain you. When you're Zooming, take time before to center yourself, take breaks, go outside and breathe in the fresh air. We live in a beautiful location take it all in. After your done Zooming, take another break outside, chat with friends or family of course while remaining safe. Visit, www.mindful.org for more ways to help cope and get through our zoom days as best as we can.



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Presented by the CTCLUSI Health and Family Support Services in Partnership with The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Tribe of Indians

Education Corner

House Bill 2055

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

At one time, we used to have a “Learning Center”, and while it has been closed for many years, it is time to start researching opportunities to bring this back. We have many young children that could benefit from early learning services. After speaking with Valeria Atanacio, Tribal Affairs Manager at Early Learning Division, HB 2055 will establish a Tribal Early Learning Hub for purpose of delivering early learning services to tribal communities of this state.

What is an Early Learning Hub? Early Learning Hubs coordinate cross-sector partners to work together to create local systems that are aligned, coordinated, and family-centered. HB 2055 proposal builds upon the work that began with the 2013 Oregon Legislature passing HB 2013, creating up to 16 Early Learning Hubs. This began with six hubs and grew to 16 in 2015, covering the entirety of Oregon. Each Hub is individually tasked with working with the Tribal Nations that overlap with their region. What is the problem? (Our WHY) Early Learning Hubs coordinate cross-sector partners to work together to create locally aligned systems, this direction left coordination with Tribes to happen at the regional level and is in direct conflict with the ELD’s government to government relationship with Oregon’s nine Tribes. The current system further increases the number of local entities that a Tribe must confer with to ensure adequate services to their membership. The current system implies that to coordinate state early learning programs, Tribal Governments must coordinate with non-governmental, local entities. During Government to Government consultation with the Education Cluster, Tribes have requested the development of a Tribal Early Learning Hub. How would HB 2055 resolve the problem? Establishing the Tribal Early Learning Hub will: Institute an official advisory group known as the ‘ELD Tribal Advisory Committee, Ensure direct consultation with Oregon’s nine tribes through the ELD’s Tribal Affairs Manager in the planning and implementation of division-wide policies and programs, Enhance the coordination of resources available to tribal early learning programs, Support early learning programs and tribal child care providers receive culturally specific resources to meet the needs of the children, families, and communities they serve, Help build a system of trust. The Tribal Early Learning Hub will be an important connection point that brings together early learning staff and stakeholders across the nine tribes.

The ELD Tribal Advisory Committee under HB 2055 will: Oversee the rule drafting of the Tribal Early Learning Hub, Develop a plan and framework for implementation of the Tribal Early Learning Hub, Establish criteria to identify and measure program effectiveness for American Indian/Alaska Native children and families in Oregon., and provide access and resources for Tribes and tribal members who have concerns, questions, ideas, or suggestions about ELD clusters and programs.

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House Bill 2055

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SUMMARY

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Establishes Tribal Early Learning Hub for purpose of delivering early learning services to tribal communities of this state.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Tribal Early Learning Hub.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Tribal advisory committee” means the committee established by the Early Learning Division for the purpose of advising the Early Learning Council on the Tribal Early Learning Hub.

(b) “Tribal Early Learning Hub” means the entity designated by the Early Learning Council, in consultation with the tribal advisory committee, to coordinate early learning services provided to the tribal communities of this state, as determined by rules adopted by the Early Learning Council in consultation with the tribal advisory committee.

(2) The Early Learning Council shall implement and coordinate a system that coordinates the delivery of early learning services to the tribal communities of this state through the direction of the Tribal Early Learning Hub. The Tribal Early Learning Hub shall be separate and distinct from the Early Learning Hubs designated under ORS 417.827.

(3) The Early Learning Division shall establish a tribal advisory committee. The tribal advisory committee shall consist of 25 members appointed by the Early Learning Division as follows:

(a) Two representatives from each of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes of this state;

(b) One representative from the Commission on Indian Services;

(c) Four parents of children enrolled in early childhood care and early childhood education programs, as identified by representatives of the nine federally recognized Indian tribes of this state;

(d) One representative of the Early Learning Council, who shall be a nonvoting member; and

(e) One representative of the Early Learning Division, who shall be a nonvoting member.

(4) The tribal advisory committee shall advise the Early Learning Council on the delivery of early care and education services to the tribal communities of this state in a culturally specific manner. The Early Learning Council shall adopt rules related to the Tribal Early Learning Hub in consultation with the tribal advisory committee, including rules that pre-

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2/1/2021

RE: Support for HB 2055

Dear Chair Power, Vice-Chair Reynolds, Vice-Chair Zika, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Josh Davies, Tribal Councilman and Director of Education for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and on behalf of our Tribal Council who fully support this bill, I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2055. Not only because the creation of a Tribal Early Learning Hub was requested by Oregon Tribes during Government to Government consultation meetings with the Education Cluster, but because this is has much needed for many years. The Tribes fully this program and partnership. As stated in other testimonies, public policies directly impacting Indigenous communities have been designed without their input. When public policy is developed by and for the communities it is designed to impact, it can have a lasting and transformative effect.

With HB 2055, as a Tribe that is currently looking for resources for Early Learning, creating the Tribal Early Learning Hub will allow more access and resources with an ability to include those whom may have concerns, questions, ideas, or suggestions for future concepts. Tribal communities have endured many problems when trying to locate the correct person to contact or who to receive answers from, if they are to be received in a timely manner at all. Having a Hub for the nine Tribes of Oregon to contact when needed will allow for many positive interactions that will benefit both the ELD and Tribes.

Native Americans were educated on a holistic approach prior to the boarding school era. We have continued to see our students struggle with the current education system for many years. Our youth deserve to learn in the best way possible for them. Like most native youth, our Tribal members learn best through project based learning and excel when learning through nature. Our parents worry more about survival then education, or do not hold the skills or confidence in positive parenting strategies.

As CTCLUSI moves forward as an engaged partner with the Tribal Early Learning Hub, it will be more effective to have the ELD programs that assist with our families and students in the development of their skills. The Native American Hub will ultimately create a positive growth mindset during this unprecedented time in our nation’s history within supporting of the nine Tribes. What better way is there to do this than the creation of a Tribal Early Learning Hub?

I, CTCLUSI Tribal Councilman Josh Davies urge the Committee to support HB 2055.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Tutoring Available

As we know, schools have started this year are either in a hybrid model or completely online. Regardless of what your educational path is, the Education Department is here to help. If your student is in need of tutoring, please go to our website (www.ctclusi.org). Under Member Services, please click on the Higher Education tab. Under the Higher Education tab, scroll down to Education Programs. There you will the survey that can be filled out to submit tutoring needs to the education department. Here is the direct link to the survey:

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/ED-Tutor-Request

Education Corner

House Bill 2052

Contributed by Josh Davies, Education Director

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House Bill 2052

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SUMMARY

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Requires school district to allow students to wear Native American items of cultural significance at public school events, including high school graduation.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the wearing of Native American items of cultural significance at public school events; creating new provisions; amending ORS 329.451; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the State of Oregon is committed to fulfilling the unique and continuing trust relationship the state has with Native American people; and

Whereas the State of Oregon has the responsibility of promoting the health, safety and welfare of Native American people, including educating Native American children, preserving Native American cultural values and honoring Native American educational sovereignty; and

Whereas the State of Oregon is committed to working with Native American tribes and organizations toward the goal of ensuring that programs serving Native American children are of the highest quality; and

Whereas the State of Oregon is committed to providing for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs of Native American children, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of those children; and

Whereas the State of Oregon is committed to ensuring that public education programs and policies are designed to support self-determination and are free from policies that may negatively affect the academic success of Native American children; and

Whereas this state, like other states around the nation, continues to see a graduation gap between American Indian and Alaska Native students and their peers and continues to see higher dropout rates and lower graduation rates for Native American students than for their white or Asian peers; and

Whereas every year, American Indian and Alaska Native high school students from across this state are given eagle feathers or other items of cultural significance to be worn at graduation ceremonies as a form of practice and an expression of spiritual and religious beliefs; and

Whereas the eagle feathers are given to recognize a student's leadership, academic achievement and maturity, to signify the achievement of this important educational journey, and to honor the graduate and the graduate's family, community and tribal nation; and

Whereas American Indian and Alaska Native high school students seek to express and practice their religious and spiritual beliefs, to celebrate their personal academic achievements and leadership, and to transition into adulthood by wearing an eagle feather or other cultural items of signif-

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2/2/2021

RE: Support for HB 2052: Tribal Regalia & Objects of Cultural Significance

Dear Chair Alonso Leon, Vice-Chairs Neron and Weber, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Josh Davies, Tribal Councilman and Director of Education for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and on behalf of our Tribal Council who fully support this bill, I am submitting testimony to support HB 2052. The Tribes fully support requiring school districts to allow students to wear Native American items of cultural significance at public school events, including high school graduation.

Our people have been proud of their knowledge and culture since time immorial. Learning the stories, the ceremonial practices, lead to true sustainability for our environment and true abundance for our people. As young people grew and acquired more knowledge, rights were achieved and gifts were given. These rights and gifts represent a strength of self, an ability to represent their people in a good way and for others to recognize those achievements instantly. Since that time, Our lands were illegally taken, and our traditions suppressed. All this time though, we remained resilient. Our ancestors endured and persevered to have our tribes restored as sovereign nations. Today, we work with Federal, State, and local partners to steward our lands. Both of which were taken from us and for the land that have been returned to us. Today, we also gift our youth and young adults with sacred cultural items. Whether that be Dentalium, Eagle Feathers, Flicker Feathers, it is a gift that they have earned to show that they represent our community in a good way. Not allowing our youth to represent the culture of the very lands the schools are built on is hypocritical and it is a remnant of the boarding school days. HB 2052 is an additional small step to allow us the freedom to live our culture, the culture of these lands and waters.

My daughter recently graduated from high school. When she brought this concept to me, I offered my support. She said, Thank you, but this was something I have to conquer." It took her multiple visits to the administration's office to receive verbal approval for her and another Native student to wear cedar bark caps. My daughter's cedar bark cap took many, many hours to create by hands of another Tribal Member. My daughter was brave enough to go against the grain and to stand up for her heritage, ancestors and future Tribal Members. These courageous young women made way for fellow Indigenous students to be able to wear regalia at their respective high schools. This Bill would allow others to have the same opportunity to represent their Tribes and culture proudly, with dignity and with respect.

When we were restored in 1984, our first Chief (Edgar Bowen) used to say, "The Government wanted me to go to school when all I wanted to do was fish. They told me, go to school, get a job, and then you can fish. Well, now I'm finally done with all that and there are no fish left. They've taken that from me too," and then he would laugh. I used to think about this many times. As Native folks I think we choose to laugh when we should be crying. I've heard kids say, "I was going

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to wear a cedar bark cap, or my flicker feathers but they didn't want it to interfere with 'tradition', and then they laughed too. By not allowing our youth to incorporate their culture into these 'new traditions' we are creating new generations of trauma, more nervous laughter, covering tears. On anyone's graduation the only laughter should be genuine, not to cover their trauma.

Allow us to heal where and when we can. HB 2052 begins this healing. While the path may be long, it will become easier with each step forward. I would like to leave you today with a quote from Chief Seattle, "Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

I, CTCLUSI Tribal Councilman Josh Davies urge the Committee to support HB 2052.

Thank you for your consideration,

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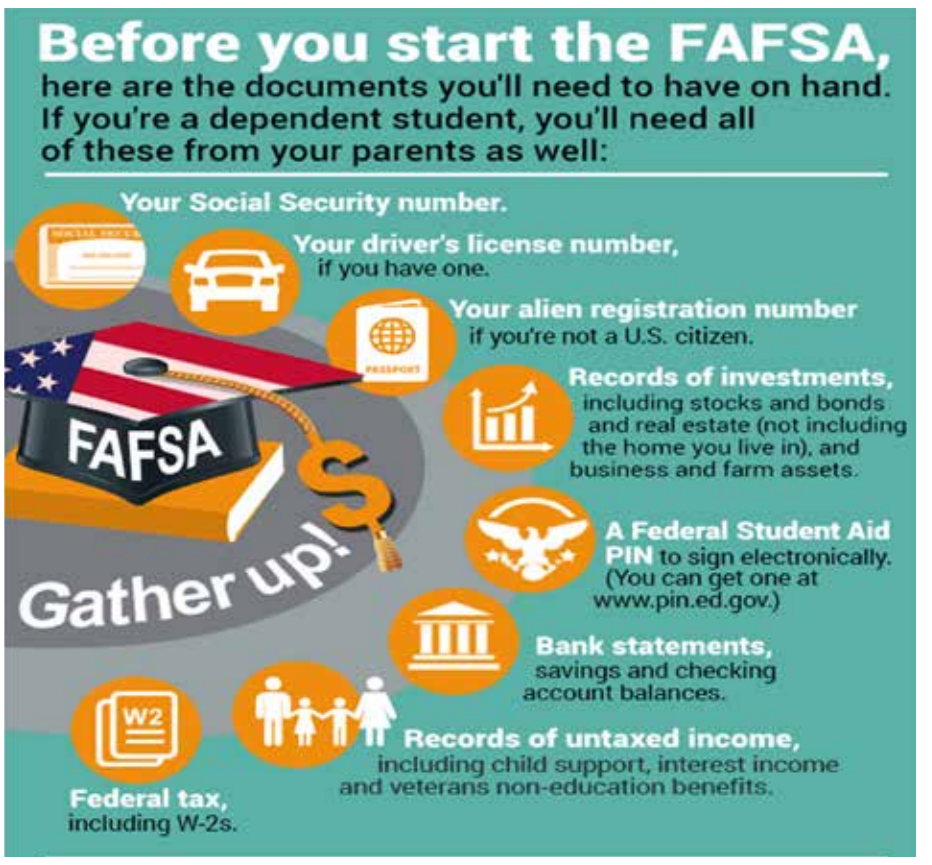
Financial Aid

The financial burden for college continues to increase year after year as institutions raise tuition costs, Covid-19 has created the concept and need for distance learning, along with many other barriers are Tribal students are now challenged with.

High school through higher education students and their families who are looking for information on financial aid, scholarships, loans, and any other higher education insight, are welcome to attend our financial aid nights beginning this winter. Participants will need to sign up through the website so materials can be shipped prior to the Zoom meetings.

It's that time of year again. Filling out your FAFSA can be challenging cumbersome and just flat out difficult sometimes. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete your free application. At the education department we have more than 30 years of education experience including filling out the FAFSA form. We are here to help support and guide you through the steps if needed. Do not hesitate to reach out. 32 percent of FAFSA applicants thought they or their family may be ineligible or may not qualify for financial aid. Another 28 percent don't want to take out debt. There are many reasons to not fill out the FAFSA. It's a free form you fill out online with ZERO obligation to take anything. There are options for loans through FAFSA but there is also a lot of grants that do not need to be paid back, FREE MONEY so don't wait and take advantage of this free program. If you need help, have more questions and or need support filling out the form don't hesitate to reach out to the Education department.

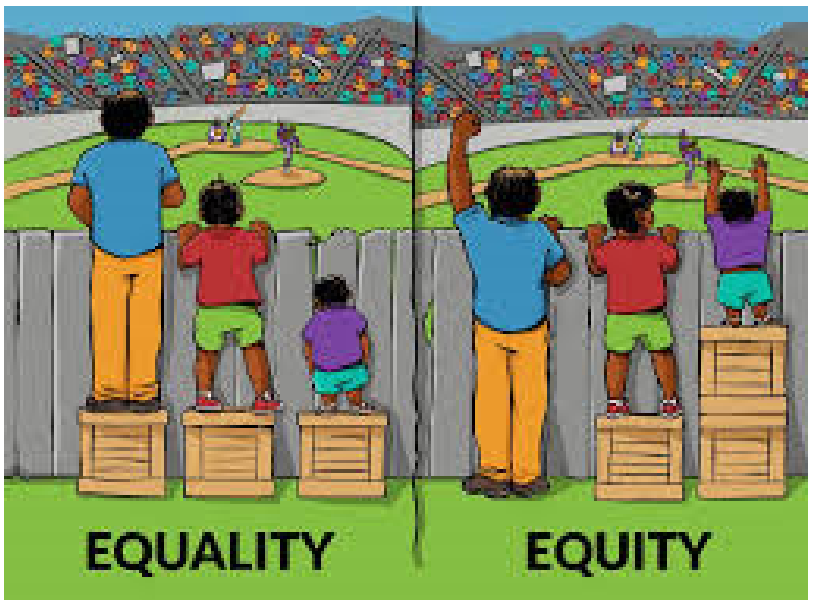


Education Corner

SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

We recently submitted a survey to the community asking many questions and one being how can we as an education department be of better of service? We want to first thank all of you that took the time to fill out the survey, THANK YOU! We are doing our best during these difficult times to create tailor programming based off the feedback from those surveys that you turned in. Because off your participation we recently submitted a grant to The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to be able to create programming, initially, virtually with a hands-on component. Our hopes are to eventually get you all in person and continue to grow as an education department and community. Be on the lookout as we wait for approval and will update calendars of potential news and upcoming programming. We look forward to seeing you all and your kids virtually and in person in the near future.



CTCLUSI Education News Facebook Group Page

Information for CTCLUSI TRIBAL Members about higher education needs, financial aid, events and activities are shared here. Education Department and other CTCLUSI departmental activities will also be shared here. Higher Education students are also encouraged to join this page as important college information will be posted as we get it (scholarships, internships, etc.). Please look for the CTCLUSI Education News and click join group!

Find us on: facebook



The CTCLUSI Education Department is very proud of all of your hard work and we want to recognize that you are finally graduated!! Any high school, GED, and higher education students who are graduating please contact the Education Department to let us know.

We are looking to host a virtual Student Recognition Dinner this year (if we are unable to have one in person) and would like to celebrate all our students for their achievements, perseverance, and dedication.

Save the Date and more details coming soon!

Literature Nights

Thank you to the Tribal Members who joined us for our Literature Nights. We are looking to continue these events. Please sign up if you would like to receive a book for your student. We are going to be purchasing Native American authored books to share with our students.

We still have a limited supply of books for our k-8 students. If you would like us to send you a book, please fill out the Laserfiche form at

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Literature-Nights

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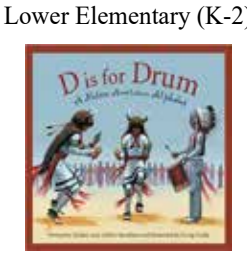
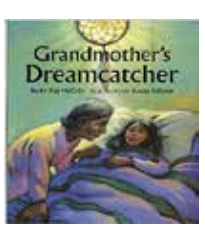


Upper Elementary (3-5)



Middle school students (6-8)





Please send in any achievements, awards, or accolades that your student has received this year.

We are looking to host a student corner that will spotlight students monthly and will be able to communicate their great accomplishment(s) with the Tribal Membership.

Please submit a picture, a brief description, and also a release stating we can use photo and information for upcoming newsletters.

Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) in the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic

Contributed by Jamie Meyers, DHAT Coordinator/Dental Billing Specialist

Do you think of the dentist office as only just a place to go for toothaches? Have you thought about any of the following questions:

- When should I start taking my baby to the dentist office?
- How does the health of my teeth and gums affect the rest of my health?
- Does having diabetes affect my mouth?
- Why does the dentist take my blood pressure at my appointments?
- Does my medicine make my mouth dry and make my teeth worse?
- How does smoking effect my teeth and gums? Is there any help to stop smoking?

Our dental team can answer these questions and so much more. In addition to our dentist and hygienist, we have two Dental Health Aide Therapists (DHATs) in our clinic to reach out and build relationships with the community.

Naomi Petrie and Marissa Gardner are Tribal members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI). These two Tribal members serve as DHATs in our clinic alongside our Chief Dental Officer and Registered Dental Hygienist.

Naomi Petrie is a member of the Hanis Coos Tribe, and is the daughter of David and Valerie Petrie. She was born in Coos Bay, Oregon and graduated from North Bend High School. Naomi enjoys hiking, mushroom hunting, gathering berries, and cooking in her spare time. She enjoys spending time with her Brittany Spaniel named Fern, and two cats: Eli and Nerner.

Marissa Gardner is a member of the Lower Umpqua Tribe and is the daughter of Jesse Gardner and Regina Lewis and sister to Travis and Jess Gardner. Marissa is originally from the Coos Bay area and has been residing in Coos Bay for the past 3 years with her boyfriend Curtis, daughter Christy, and family pet Leo. Some of her family's hobbies are hiking, fishing, camping, and spending quality family time.

Do you know what a Dental Health Aide Therapist can do for you?

- Hygiene
- Restore cavities
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- X-rays
- Sealants
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Simple extractions
- Nutrition counseling
- Tobacco cessation counseling

For their first year of training, a DHAT student will complete an educational program in Anchorage, Alaska. The second year, the student continues his or her education with clinical experiences in Bethel, Alaska. After graduation from the two-year program, DHATs work in a clinic under the general supervision of a dentist as part of a team of providers.

The dental therapists continue to learn and develop skills alongside our dental team providing care for our community. The DHATs take pride in learning and educating themselves to be able to educate you.

If you would like to consult with Naomi or Marissa or any of our dental team, call the CTCLUSI Dental office at 541-888-6433.



Marissa Gardner
Dental Health Aide Therapist



Naomi Petrie
Dental Health Aide Therapist

Love is in the Air at CTCLUSI Dental Clinic – Another Bigfoot Sighting

Contributed by MeAnnDa Wallage, EFDA, and Marissa Gardner, DHAT

Once more, Bigfoot has been sighted at the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic and this time he was caught red handed with love in his eyes. On Valentine's Day, Bigfoot had a romantic dinner with his unnamed lady friend. They shared a meal while social distancing and practiced good hand hygiene before and after their meal and chocolates.

Sometimes over holidays we have an urge to eat too many sweets. If that was the case for you or your sweetie and you are now experiencing tooth pain, come into the CTCLUSI Dental Clinic for a routine checkup. Bigfoot recommends daily flossing and brushing at least twice per day. If you or your family are in need of any toothbrushes, tooth paste, or floss please call the clinic in advance for a goodie bag; then call the clinic upon arrival for a staff member to deliver your goodie bag for curbside pickup. Our staff at CTCLUSI Dental Clinic are working hard to maintain a safe environment and we appreciate everyone's cooperation during these difficult times.

Please call our office at (541) 888-6433 to make an appointment with our Dentist or one of our DHATs.





CTCLUSI Dental Team and Bigfoot at their daily morning huddle

Dental Clinic Update

The Dental Clinic is now open for routine care and hygiene appointments. Due to continued concerns over COVID-19 transmission in our community, we will only be able to see a limited number of patients each day. For us to ensure the safety of our patients and our staff, we will have all patients remain in their vehicle and call the clinic from their car upon arrival. There are currently four designated parking spaces for "Dental Patient Parking Only." Please be sure to use one of these four spaces. A staff member will then come to the vehicle and complete a COVID-19 screening process. All additional paperwork will be filled out by the patient in their car after the screening process is complete.

It is mandatory that all patients wear an appropriate mask when being escorted into the building, as well as all times while in the clinic other than when dental work is being performed. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you. In addition, you will be required to wash/sanitize your hands.

We will not be allowing anyone to enter the building on their own, nor will we allow anyone to wait in our waiting room. We are asking all patients to call the dental clinic after your appointment to schedule further treatment needs.

These measures are being taken to lessen the potential for exposure of COVID-19. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during these unprecedented times.

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

The Health and Family Support Services Department is offering Heating for qualifying low income households. To receive heating assistance contact the Health and Family Support Services Department or fill out an application on the CTCLUSI website at https://ctclusi.org/family-services. Eligible households must reside in the five county service area of Coos, Curry, Lincoln, Douglas, and Lane, and fall into 60% of the Estimated Oregon State Median Income as listed below. To qualify, your yearly income needs to be at or below the following income:

1 Person Family	**$27,805**
2 Person Family	**$36,361**
3 Person Family	**$44,916**
4 Person Family	**$53,472**
5 Person Family	**$62,028**
6 Person Family	**$70,583**



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 , or you contact a Family Support Services staff to assist you. The general CTCLUSI Family Support Services Department number is 541-888-6169. If you have any questions regarding the LIHEAP program, you can also contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

*Note that available funding can be subject to change .

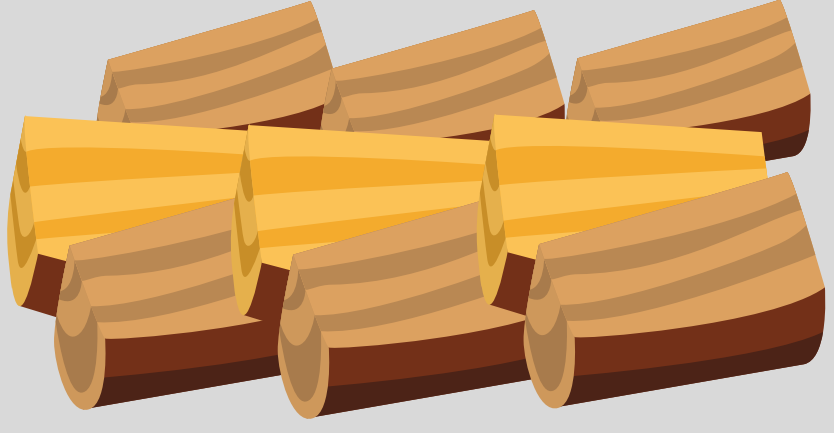
Firewood Delivery Program

For LIHEAP Recipients and Tribal Elders

If you are eligible for **LIHEAP** and firewood is your primary heating source, please contact Shayne Platz at (541) 297-3450

Tribal **Elders** in need of firewood for heating, please contact Tyrell Walton at (541) 808-7957

First come, first served until all wood is gone
2 cords max per household
Delivery available within service area, please call Tyrell to schedule



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