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General Council Re-Elects Members to Serve on Tribal Council



Iliana Montiel, Position 5



Julie Siestreem, Position 3



Enna Helms, Position 1

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Tribal Council Elections were held on Sunday, April 9, 2023 at the Tribal Hall in Coos Bay, Oregon. The three incumbents who were up for re-election shall remain in office according to the certified election results tallied by Isler CPA and members of the Election Board. Out of a total of 927 eligible voters of the Confederated Tribes, 213 ballots were submitted for the Council Election.

Thank you to all of those that participated in the Election and to all of the candidates who ran for Tribal Council. It is always encouraging to see such engagement with Tribal Government. Congratulations to Council members Enna Helms, Julie Siestreem, and Iliana Montiel on your re-election to your positions on Tribal Council. Each of them shared a few words for membership:

Councilwoman Enna Helms has this to say, “Dear Tribal Community Members, I am humbled and honored to have been re-elected to position 1 in the recent Tribal election. I want to take a moment to specifically thank all candidates for running and express my deepest gratitude to all of you who took the time to cast your vote and show your support. I am committed to continuing to serve this community with dedication and passion. I believe that this starts with a strong foundation of communication, respect, and transparency. This means open lines of communication, actively listening to all feedback, being upfront and honest about decisions, treating community members with respect and dignity. These values are important to creating a positive and supportive community. Thank you again for your trust and support. It is truly an honor to serve our Tribal community.”

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Director of Indian Health Service Visits CTCLUSI

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Indian Health Service (IHS) Director Roselyn Tso met with members of Tribal Council during a site visit in early April as part of the IHS Leadership tour for 2023. Throughout this tour of Oregon and Washington, IHS met with several Tribal Councils and health care facility leadership to speak on their shared commitment to ensuring all facilities are actively meeting the needs of the Tribal communities they serve.

This is the first time the Tribe has been visited in person by IHS, so it was a momentous occasion to have Director Tso herself



Pictured above, members of Tribal Council with IHS Director Tso

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Save the Dates:

Tribal Scholarships Deadline: May 21, 2023

Applications available at www.ctclusi.org/education/

Student Recognition Celebration Event: June 17, 2023

In person at Tribal Community Center & via zoom
Please RSVP to this event

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from March 10, 2023 - April 8, 2023

Chief Doc Slyter
3-15 Zoom w/Kate Sappelli regarding Oregon Governor's Tourism Conference
3-17 Elder's Honor Day Dinner
3-18 Elder's Honor Day Breakfast
3-23 Leader's Circle
3-24 Zoom interview on SB100 - Oregon Land Use
3-27 Oregon Broadband Representatives - Toured Tribal Lands
3-29 GFORB meeting
3-29 Business Meeting
3-30 Constitution Meeting
4-4 Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism
4-6 Leader's Circle
4-6 GFORB Special Meeting
Total Hours 72.75 Daily E-mails and Phone Calls

Brad Kneaper, Chairman
3-12 Regular Council Meeting
3-17 Listening Session with Sec of Interior Deb Haaland, Sen Merkley, and 9 Tribes in Person in Bend, OR.
3-29 Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB). Business Council Meeting.
3-30 Meeting (ZOOM) to discuss Constitutional Amendment Process.
3-31 Meet with Oregon Broadband Office regarding broadband access for Tribal Communities and Tribal Members. Opening meeting to start and ongoing relationship to accomplish broadband access goals.
4-3 Meet in person with Indian Health Services (IHS) Director Roselyn Tso, Acting IHS Chief of Staff Ann Church, Portland Area IHS Director Capt. Marcus Martinez, Acting Special Assistant to the Area Director Capt. Roney Won.
4-4 Attend a dinner with Oregon Department of Human Services.
4-5 Attended (OR SB770) Health and Human Services Cluster Meeting at Three Rivers Casino-Florence.
4-6 Leaders Circle (in person) Update by Director of Forest Management Colin Beck on the Elliot State Forest and Oregon State University.
Hours: 113.5

Doug Barrett, Vice Chair
3–13 9 -Tribes Meeting
3–14 Gathertown Meeting for Spring Break Camp
3–15 AOD Prevention Networking hour
3–16 DCNR Department Monthly Meeting
3–16 Hearing Advisory: An Examination into Offshore Wind Industrialization
3–17 Elders Honor Day & Canoe Protocol for Elders
3–20 Equinox Sweat
3–22 Peace Giving Case
3–23 Sacred Tobacco Planning Meeting
3–23 Leaders Circle / Tenmile Update
3–24 CTCLUSI Spring Break Planning Meeting
3–27 – 31 Spring Break Camp
3–28 Funeral for Elder at Grande Ronde, Who went to many Canoe Journeys
3–29 GFORB Meeting
3–29 Tribal Council Business Meeting
3–30 Constitution Discussion Meeting
3–31 Broad Band Meeting
3–31 Meeting with Boomer Wright, Port of Siuslaw & Brian Cole to save Salmon
4–4 Dinner with (ODHS) Oregon Department of Health Service
4–5 SB 770 Health & Human Services Cluster Meeting at Three Rivers Casino
4–5 CTCLUSI and Siuslaw National Forest Annual Meeting
4–6 Planning Meeting – Sacred Tobacco & Traditional Medicine Conference
4–6 GFORB Special Meeting
4–6 Leaders Circle
4–8 Canoe Pull on Tahkenitch
4–9 Tribal Council Meeting / General Council meeting / Tribal Council Vote
Total Hours: 144 hrs. & emails

Iliana Montiel – Position 5
3-12 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
3-17 Elders Honor Day
3-23 Leaders Circle
3-29 GFORB/ Tribal Council Business Meeting
4-3 IHS Director Site Visit
4-4 Hosted ODHS Directors/ Oregon Tribes Quarterly Convening /Dinner with Tribal Affairs Office and Director Fairborz
4-5 Hosted SB770 Health & Human Services Cluster Meeting at TRC
4-6 LC / Special GFORB meeting reading & responding to emails.
Total Hours for the Month: 66

Teresa Spangler - Position 4
3-10 Regular Council Meeting
3-17 Listening session in Bend with Secretary Deb Haaland and Senator Merkley
3-23 Leaders Circle (10 Mile update)
3-29 Business Council Meeting
3-30 Constitution discussion
3-31 Listening Session with Oregon Broadband Office
4-3 Meeting with the Director of IHS and her staff
4-6 Leaders Circle- Elliot State Forest update
Total Hours:70

Julie Siestreem
3-12 Tribal Council/ General Council Regular Meeting
3-14 Education Committee Meeting
3-14 Oregon Legislative Assembly Opposition Testimony HB 3382
3-14 4j NATIVES IPC Meeting
3-15 Oregon Legislative Commission on Indian Services meeting
3-15 Oregon Legislative Commission Joint Presentation on OTELA
3-16 Race and Ethnicity Standards
3-17 Elders Honor Day
3-23 $16 Million Federal EPA Grant Webinar
3-23 Tribal Council Leaders Circle meeting Tenmile Lake Update
3-24 OTELA Web Design Proposal discussion
3-28 Oregon Legislative Assembly Support Testimony HB3086
3-29 GFORB monthly meeting
3-29 Tribal Council Business monthly meeting
3-30 Oregon Legislative Assembly Support Testimony HB3086
3-30 Tribal Council Constitutional Discussion meeting
3-31 Oregon Broadband Office Discussion meeting Tribal Council and Staff
4-3 US Federal Government Indian Health Services on site visit informal discussion with Tribal Council and Staff
4-5 Health and Human Services Cluster meeting
4-6 Tribal Council Leaders Circle meeting
4-6 GFORB Special meeting
4-9 Tribal Council/General Council Regular Meeting/Election new Tribal Council period positions #1, #3 and #5
130 hours meetings, gatherings, emails, phone calls, research, driving

Enna Helms
3-12 Regular Council Meeting
3-16 OHCS - Tribal Housing Work Group; Racial Justice Council
3-23 Leaders Circle / Tenmile Update
3-29 Tribal Council Business Meeting
3-30 Constitutional Discussion Meeting
3-31 OHCS-THBG Work Group
4-6 Leaders Circle / Tenmile Update
Hours 42 Emails & phone calls, etc

Council Election...*continued from cover page*

Councilwoman Julie Siestreem shared, "Dear fellow members of our Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, please know, I am humbly thankful, grateful, blessed and honored for all the support I received to continue my role as Position #3 Tribal Council for the next four years. My commitment has and will continue to be full-time for the best interests of the General Membership.

Additionally, please remember, I am one vote of seven and, am committed to collaborating with all fellow Council members in every decision we make.

With sincere respect and appreciation for all our Ancestors and previous Tribal Council members who have built a solid foundation for us, I believe our future is bright with promise for our next seven generations."

And finally, Councilwoman Iliana Montiel expressed that, "I would like to extend a huge thank you to those that re-elected me. It was very humbling and I received some very kind emails. I will do my best to achieve the goals I had listed. I truly want to move our tribe forward in a positive way. I invite tribal members to come to the council meetings to share their needs and to stay informed. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time."

The elected Council officials take office directly following the certification of the Election results. As per Tribal Code Chapter 1-9 Tribal Council:

"1-9-4 Officers of the Tribal Council (a) Election of Officers The members of the Tribal Council shall elect from its members a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson. [CLUSI Const. Art. IV, Section 1] Officers shall be nominated by Tribal Council members and elected by a majority vote of the Tribal Council. (b) Terms of Office Except as provided in CLUSITC 1-9-4(c) below, the officers of the Tribal Council shall serve from the time of their election as officers until the expiration of their current term on the Tribal Council."

Due to this code, Julie Siestreems' term as Vice-Chair ended as her previous term on Council ended. Therefore, the Tribal Council was tasked with voting and appointing the position of Vice-Chair. Tribal Council held a special meeting on April 13, 2023 to fill the role of Vice-Chair. Council Member Doug Barrett was elected by vote of Tribal Council to fill this position. Council would like to express their deepest gratitude to Julie Siestreem for serving in this role previously. They are grateful for her service and look forward to continuing to work side by side with her on Tribal Council in service to all Tribal membership.

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 Jeannie McNeil at 541-888-7506 or at email jmcneil@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 McNeil 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay OR 97459 or jmcneil@ctclusi.org including the date requested , your name , current address and Tribal Roll number for verification.

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Are you a Tribal member who would like to learn more about a Tribal Committee, or are interested in being on a committee? Reach out to a Committee Chair person or a Tribal Government Staff member.

Committee Chairs are noted at left with current sitting members of the committee at the time of publication of this paper.

For questions, please contact Jeannie McNeil, 541-888-7506 or jmcneil@ctclusi.org

The Tribe maintains a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not. Letters of interest remain on file for one full year. Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.

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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 mgaines@ctclusi.org

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/

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Council Meeting
May 14, 2023
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

Tribal Council Corner

Greeting to our Tribal Families,

I hope this issue of our Newsletter finds you all well. I would like to update you on several things that are ongoing and of significant importance to all of us.

First the Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Agreement status. We are scheduled to meet with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission in June. There are two or three other tribes scheduled for that meeting as well. When we get closer to the date, we will share more information about the meeting.

Next, the constitutional amendments. By the time you read this, you should have received a packet with the proposed amendments. If you have not received the packet, please contact Jeannie McNeil at the Tribal Government Offices, so that you can get that information. I hope that you will take the time to read the information and if you have anything to share, we look forward to seeing your comments. I know that there is some misinformation out there, and I want to reassure everyone that the purpose of these amendments are to allow this council and future councils to work for the improvement of the lives of our members and the protection and enhancement of our Sovereignty. I want to remind you that the BIA will send packets to ALL eligible voters who will need to register with the BIA in order to vote in this election. This is whether or not you are registered with the Tribe.

As you know, we just had a Tribal Council Election and I'm sure that you know what the results were. It was good to see the number of people that stepped up to run for council, no matter what the outcome was. It is important that we have participation and the contributions of our people to ensure the success of our tribe. Along with that, we need your participation in the voting process. I know it's very difficult for those of you that live outside the immediate area to feel connected and feel like you know what is happening. I encourage you to tune in to Council Meetings and events even if you can't be here in person. The one good thing that Covid brought us is the ability to attend virtually all Council Meetings and other events through ZOOM. In this election, we received a total of 213 ballots, both in person and by mail. There are a total of about 661 registered voters out of a total of 927 eligible voters. It would be great to see more of us participate in the election process. I also know that outside the Five County Service Area, it might not seem to matter whether you vote or not. However, everyone should have an equal voice in the Tribe. In addition, there may be a time when we are able to extend more services outside the current service area. That is one of my goals.

"I also know that outside the Five County Service Area, it might not seem to matter whether you vote or not. However, everyone should have an equal voice in the Tribe."

And speaking of Council Meetings, as you may know, we had a Regular Council Meeting followed by a General Council Meeting. Unfortunately, there were not enough members to hold an official General Council Meeting and instead a listening session was held that was attended by about eleven (11) people. Council heard from members about various topics of interest and importance to them which was really appreciated.

After the Regular Council Meeting and before the General Council Meeting during the break, an Easter Dinner was prepared for those attending by Joe Barton. It was a great dinner with turkey, ham, potatoes, dressing, cake and more. Joe is a great cook, and did a great job. He was assisted by several tribal members, serving and cleaning up. The dinner was attended by about 78 people, including children whom had participated in an Easter Egg Hunt facilitated earlier in the day by Nicole Romine from the Prevention Department.



Chairman Brad Kneaper

We are seeing a significant reduction in debt and are scheduled to have casino debt eliminated by early to mid 2024. This could change due to unforeseen circumstances of course, but we can now look to the future investment in our Tribe and our Tribal People. As part of this investment we are in the process of building out our Health Clinic. This will be a great asset to the health and wellness of our people. There may also be telehealth type of options along with that as well.

In closing, there are important things coming and we are in a very good place and the future is bright. I want you all to be part of it.

Can You Find Me?

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

Must email by May 20th 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.



April "Trillium" Edition Winners

Adult - Matt Dollins

Youth - Grayson Dollins

Trillium was located on page 13 on the "Planning for the Golden Years " Flyer

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-026
Date of Passage: February 22, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approved this contract for Three Rivers Casino .
Vote 6-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-027
Date of Passage: February 22, 2023
Subject (title): Management Software for Three Rivers Casino
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this new software for Three Rivers Casino Golf Course. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-028
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Approval of Modification of Procurement Policy and Procedures
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this amendment to the Tribal Government procurement policies and procedures.
Vote 5-1-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-029
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Creation of Tribal Code Chapter 1-18 Burial Benefit Fund for First Reading
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves to pass this official Code for first reading which would allow and identify the process for burial assistance with eligibility criteria defined. Direction to post for 28 day comment period for Tribal membership input.
Vote – 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-030
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Creation of Tribal Code Chapter 10-1 Water Quality Standards approved for First Reading
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the creation of this Tribal Code for first reading and 28 day comment period. **Vote 5-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-031
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Approval Application for CTAS Grant Purpose Area #1
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the grant application for the Tribal Police Department. **Vote -6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-032
Date of Passage: March 12. 2023
Subject (title): Application for Home Ownership Development and Tribal Council Approval
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves to apply for this funding to assist the Housing Department in assistance to home ownership. **Vote –6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-033
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Approval Application for CTAS Grant Purpose Area #3
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the application of this grant funding that will assist funding areas of the Trial Court .
Vote –6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-034
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Housing Committee Appointment
Explanation: The Tribal Council appoints Allan (Butch) Swigert to the Housing Committee. **Vote –6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-035
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Appointment to Tribal Benefits Board
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the appointment of Don Moos to the Benefits Board . **Vote –5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-036
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): Contract Employment
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this contract. **Vote –5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-037
Date of Passage: March 12, 2023
Subject (title): State Lobbyist
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves selection and engagement with State Lobbyist. **Vote –6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-038
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Interest in Activity Relate to Climate Commodities Smart Award
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this collaboration efforts for funding for the Tribes Forest lands. **Vote –7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-039
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): 2022 Annual Performance Support Submission – HUD
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this report for submission. **Vote –7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-040
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Prefab Steel Building
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this request for construction for storage at Three Rivers Casino. **Vote –6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-041
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Gaming Order
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this purchase for equipment for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote –6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-042
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Equipment Lease for Gaming
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this request to lease equipment for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote –6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-043
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Culture Committee Appointment
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves the appointment of Nicole Romine as a member of the Culture Committee. **Vote –5-0-2**

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-044
Date of Passage: March 29, 2023
Subject (title): Chief Judge Contract
Explanation: The Tribal Council approves this 9th amendment to Chief Judge. **Vote –7-0-0**

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

Notice to Tribal Membership

- **The Constitutional Amendment Survey was mailed to membership in April. The suvery is available to complete online on the homepage of ctclusi.org Your opinion matters in this important amendment process. Please have surveys in by May 12, 2023.**
- 2022 Annual report summary of activity for the Tribal Administration including Finance, Facilities, Human Resources, Information Technology, also Tribal Police Department, Health and Human Services, Dental Clinic, Social Services, Housing Department, Forestry, Department of Natural Resources and Culture, Education, Tribal Court and Planning.
- Tribal Council has approved the posting of a list of CTCLUSI properties for Tribal membership to view. This list can be found on the Realty and Land Use section of the Citizen Portal and is viewable under the Realty Inventory tab on that page. If you login to the Citizen Portal you will see a link to this page.

www.ctclusi.org

For assistance with your Citizen Portal login please contact Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org or call 541-808-7918.

Notice from CTCLUSI Transportation Department

Do you live in Coos Bay/ North Bend?

Are you interested in going to the Farmers Market on Wednesdays?

Get a hold of **Kathy Perkins**

Call or text **541-808-8282**

Email **kperkins@ctclusi.org**



Lagauwiiyat'as, True History Gallery

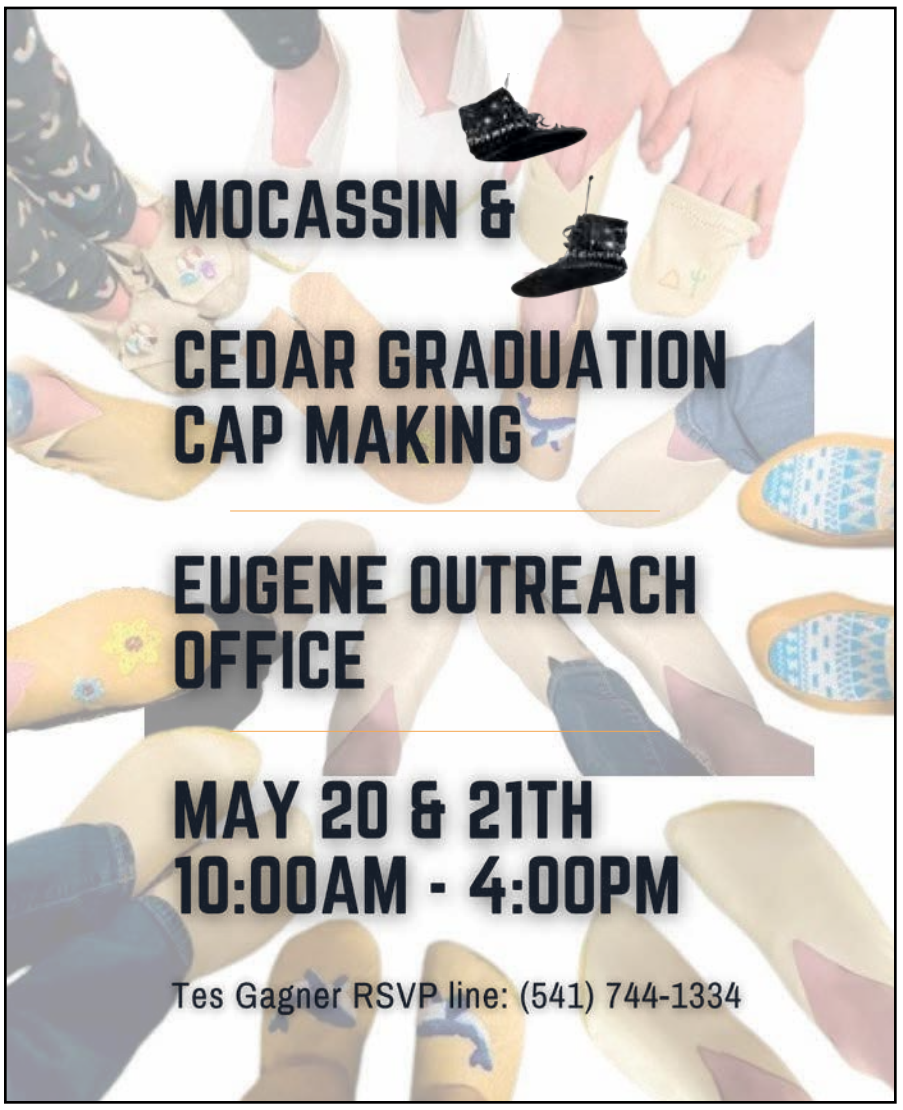
Upcoming exhibit planned for Fall/Winter 2023!

CTCLUSI's Department of Culture and Natural Resources' Curations Program is excited to announce the planning for an upcoming exhibit at Lagauwiiyat'as True History Gallery at CTCLUSI's Tribal Hall in Coos Bay, scheduled for Fall/ Winter of 2023!

The exhibit will feature the beloved wedding dress of Lottie Evanoff, daughter of the last hereditary chief, which was recently returned home to the Tribe. The dress will be surrounded by other Tribal regalia, illustrating the evolution of Tribal traditional regalia to contemporary times.

The Curations Team is soliciting any interested Tribal citizens and CTCLUSI people for temporary loan of their precious regalia for this exhibition. The regalia would be made accessible for your use during the coinciding ceremony that will be held on opening day of the exhibit. We would also greatly welcome any photographs of you or your family wearing your regalia that might be displayed in the exhibit, too!

For more information about the exhibit or loaning regalia, please get in touch with the Curations Team at thpo@ctclusi.org



Are you interested in Tribal Youth Council?

All Youth ages 14-24 years old and are interested in joining please call or email Nicole Romine at 541-294-9341 or nromine@ctclusi.org Please keep a look out for any Youth Council events here in the future!

Virtual Language Classes
10 Weeks - Spring 2023

April 3rd through June 8th

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

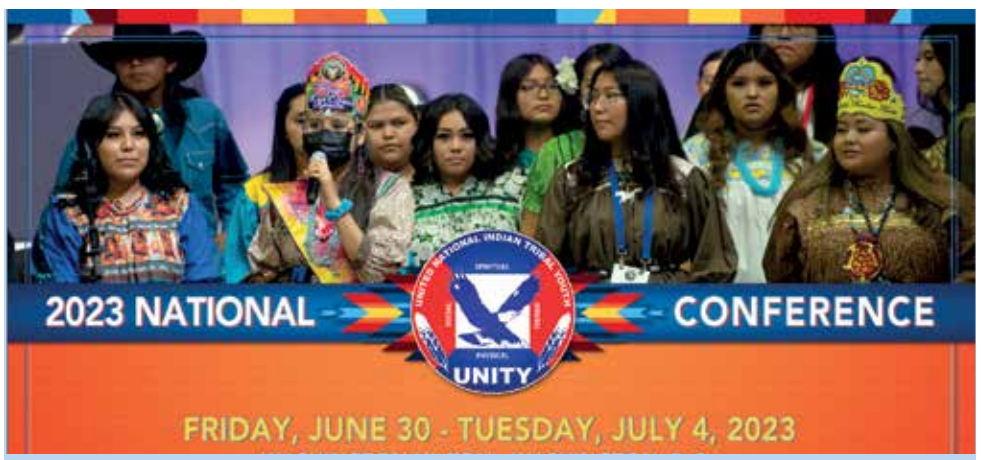
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **hanis**

Thursdays, 12:00-2:00 pm: **sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich**

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82064508930

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



CALL TO YOUTH 16-24 YEARS OLD

UNITED NATIONAL INDIAN TRIBAL YOUTH (UNITY) CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON D.C.

JUNE 28TH-JULY 5TH

PLEASE APPLY WITH A LETTER OR VIDEO OF INTEREST BY MAY 26TH ←

THEME: WHAT SOVEREIGNTY MEANS TO YOU AND/OR HOW TRIBAL EVENTS HAVE IMPACTED YOUR LIFE.

EIGHT (8) SPOTS AVAILABLE

→ **ALL EXPENSES PAID**

SUBMIT to Nicole Romine nromine@ctclusi.org

Job and Internship Announcement

Get Paid to Work on the Tribal Forest through the Seeds for Success Program

Are you interested in helping create forests more resilient to climate change? Are you interested in learning how Indigenous Knowledge can help inform conservation and management of federal forest lands? Do you want to work in the woods, collect seeds of native plants, and learn about ethnobotany, soil science, pollinator ecology, wildlife, forestry, Indigenous Knowledge and ecocultural restoration? Then consider applying for a Field Technician 2 position on *the BLM Oregon Tribal Conservation Corps Project for Seeds of Success*. Work will take place in Summer 2023 on Oregon BLM O&C Lands including the sites of some of the 2020 Labor Day Fires, and on Tribal land (including the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians' Tribal Forest). 75% of this position involves doing fieldwork, and 25% involves working to support Tribal interns and do outreach within the Tribal communities with which we are working on this project.



Photo: Tribal Biologist John Schaefer (retired), collects bear grass seeds on the Lake Tract of the Tribal Forest.

Learn more about this project and how to apply on this link: https://jobs.oregonstate.edu/postings/135086. The project is led by Dr. Cristina Eisenberg, Oregon State University College of Forestry Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence and Maybelle Clark MacDonald Director of Tribal Initiatives in Natural Resources, and is part of the Indigenous Natural Resource Office and TEK Lab. Learn more about our lab at these links: https://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/inro; https://tek.forestry.oregonstate.edu/. There are several Field Technician 2 positions available on this project. We are strongly committed to DEIJ principles in all that we do on this project. Please contact Cristina if you want to know more: cristina.eisenberg@oregonstate.edu.



Summer Field Internship on the Tribal Forest

In addition to the Field Technician 2 positions described above, the Tribe is also seeking young Tribal Members who are interested in participating in a summer internship on the Tribal Forest that will take place from June 25th to July 7th. Internship participants will work alongside OSU College of Forestry faculty and researchers as well as CTCLUSI Natural Resources and Forestry staff, performing research related to the restoration of culturally important plants on the Tribes' Lake Tract. Meals, transportation, and all work supplies will be provided. This will be an immersive experience, with participants camping at the Tribes' Deadwood Property. A stipend will also be provided to participants. Please contact Assistant Director of Culture and Natural Resources, Ashley Russell (arussell@ctclusi.org) or Director of Forest Management, Colin Beck (cbeck@ctclusi.org) if you might be interested in participating and would like to discuss this opportunity in further detail. We will make all attempts to accommodate the unique needs of young Tribal Members who wish to participate, so if you are in doubt as to whether this internship would be a good fit for you please reach out to Colin or Ashley.



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Big Canoe Arrives

Contributed by Colin Beck, Director of Forest Management

The Tribe recently took possession of Big Canoe, our new ocean vessel. Big Canoe was custom-designed and built specifically for the Tribe's needs by North River Boats out of Roseburg, Oregon. Big Canoe was purchased using a National Marine Fisheries Service grant, which was provided to the Tribe to help mitigate the loss of fishing opportunities that the Tribe experienced when docks and boat ramps were closed at the beginning of the COVID pandemic. These grant funds will also be used to purchase equipment and gear used in the operation of the vessel, pay for fuel and maintenance, and cover other operating expenses during the first few years of operation. Credit is due to retired Tribal Biologist John Schaefer for identifying and securing this grant funding.



Photo: Big Canoe is seen on Ben Irving Reservoir, where Culture and Natural Resources Department Staff met with representatives from North River Boats to take the vessel on a trial run to ensure that all systems and equipment were operating properly.

Big Canoe has a registered length of 34' 6", an overall length of 40', and a beam (width) of 10' 6". She is powered by twin 300 horsepower Yamaha outboards, and also has a 25 horsepower Yamaha kicker motor which will be used when trolling for salmon. The outboards include an electronically-controlled steering package, which can be used to hold the vessel on a fixed location or steer it on a GPS-guided pre-set course. A bow thruster provides added maneuverability in tight quarters. The electronics package includes three 16" Simrad chart plotters, high and medium-frequency CHIRP sonar transducers, a 3D transducer, an AIS and GPS-enabled VHF marine radio, dual autopilot systems, and of course a Bluetooth stereo system. Safety equipment includes an 8-person self-inflating life raft, a life sling for man-over-board recovery, an EPIRB emergency distress beacon, USCG-approved flares and distress signals, and self-inflating life jackets equipped with flashing emergency beacons. The vessel is equipped with a live well for storage of bait, shellfish, and other marine specimens. A 500-lb. capacity davit can be used to pull crab and shrimp pots, and is also equipped to lift a person out of the water in the case of an emergency. A heated cabin includes seating for 7, a refrigerator, a stove, and both 12v and 120v power outlets.

Big Canoe will be used for a variety of applications including taking Tribal Members on fishing and crabbing trips, securing traditional foods for Tribal gatherings, conducting offshore water quality monitoring, and assisting with restoration projects such as removing sea urchins to restore kelp forest habitat. We also expect to use the vessel to assist with a variety of research projects. We are currently exploring the use of the vessel to research and monitor dentalium beds in the waters outside of Coos Bay.

We plan to start offering fishing and crabbing trips to Tribal Members and their immediate families in the near future. Target species will include rockfish, lingcod, halibut, salmon, and crab. As a first step, we hope to compile a call list of interested Tribal Members. As we start to plan fishing trips with Big Canoe, we will call Tribal Members on the list until we have enough participants to fill the boat. If you are interested in fishing or crabbing trips please email bigcanoe@ctclusi.org with your name, physical address, and a good contact number.

CTCLUSI Welcomes Director of Human Resources

Ginny Hall has joined CTCLUSI as our Director of Human Resources at Tribal Government in Coos Bay, Oregon. We are excited to have her join the team. She brings with her many years of experience in management at various financial institutions and private employers as well as human resource experience such as recruitment, hiring practices, employee development, coaching/training, employee relations, performance reviews and so, so much more.

Ginny's Educational background started with Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania where she graduated with a degree in Finance and Economics. Her career began on Wall Street, eventually growing and bringing her out to the West Coast and the state of Washington. Career opportunities eventually brought her further down the coastline where she took up residence in Bandon, Oregon.



Halfway through her career in management she began to incorporate the front end of human resource work. She enjoyed it so much she transitioned full time into human resources five years ago. Ginny received an advanced certification from the Society of Human Resources (SHRM) because of the value that she felt it provided to her knowledge base. Within the next year, she plans on obtaining another certification of human resources that is specific to Tribal Governments.

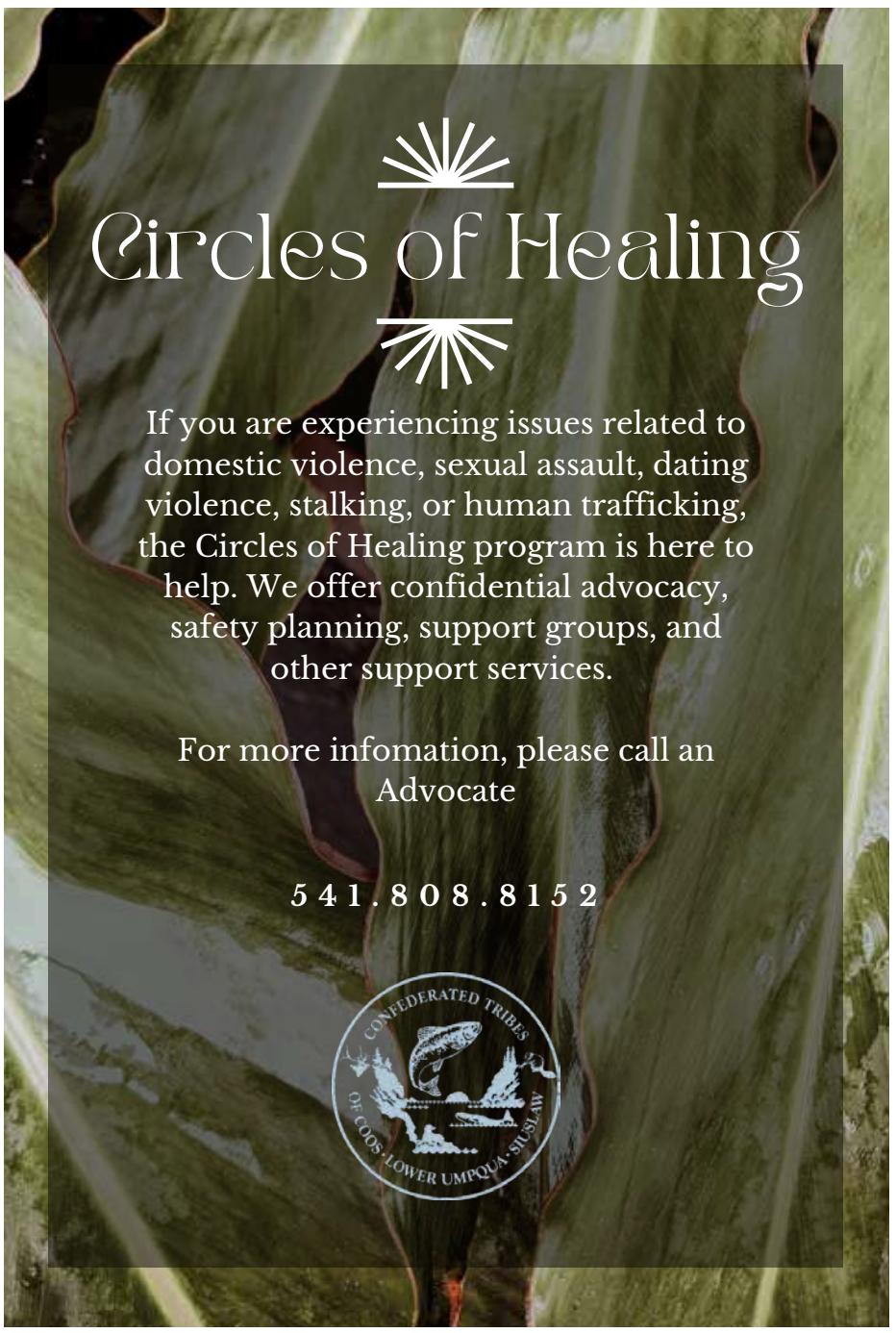


While she knows that local, federal and state entity regulations can parallel Tribal Government, Ginny is aware of just how unique Tribal Government codes and policies are. Sovereignty allows Tribes the ability of self-determination on how they operate their own governments.

Ginny is a huge advocate of employee engagement and employee wellbeing and hopes to participate in PRAISE and add input and supportive ideas for new/enhanced fun and exciting ways for employees to enjoy their work and be the best employees they can be to serve Tribal membership. "It's an honor to work with CTCLUSI and I am thrilled to be a part of the team!"

Ginny believes wholeheartedly in giving back to her community through volunteerism. She has volunteered at various opportunities in Bandon such as SMART in the Bandon School District, the Bandon Holiday Community Meals and the Bandon food pantry, Good Neighbors. When not at work, Ginny enjoys spending her time outdoors with various activities such as running, hiking, biking, beachcombing, sailing & horseback riding (when opportunities arise), canoeing, gardening, and of course long walks and playtime with her favorite gal Casey, a five-year-old yellow Lab.

"In the Loop" with the Circles of Healing Program





Meet Your New Director of Social Services

Hi, my name is Kelly Bradley and I am your new Social Services Director. I was raised in Washington State, on and off the Tulalip Indian Reservation. I am Menominee and Cherokee but not enrolled. I have worked in Tribal social services over the past 25 years in multiple states (Alaska, Arizona, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska). I am married to a very patient man and we have 8 children (1 biological and 7 adopted from foster care). We were foster parents for 14+ years and found a passion for those children who were difficult to place. Three of our adopted children have fetal alcohol exposure, one with autism, one with schizoaffective disorder, and four of them have varying degrees of attachment disorder. My background includes law enforcement, sexual assault advocacy, forensic child interview specialist, youth mental health crisis case worker, special needs child/parent educator, and clinical medical administrator. I am very honored to be here and look forward to serving CTCLUSI and the tribal members.



LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program 2023

Eligible households do not need to reside within the Tribe's five county service area to be eligible; however, households must reside within the State of Oregon. The Health and Social Services Division is now offering Heating assistance for qualifying **low income households.** To receive assistance contact the Health and 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	$31,266
2 Person Family	$40,886
3 Person Family	$50,506
4 Person Family	$60,126
5 Person Family	$69,747
6 Person Family	$79,367



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 regarding the LIHEAP program or need assistance with the online application, please contact Shayne Platz at 541-297-3450.

Tons of Fun at Spring Break Camp 2023

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

Spring Break Camp was held at the Tribal Community Center in Coos Bay, Oregon from March 27th to March 31st. Over 55 youth ages 5 to 10 signed up to attend. Eight youth from the Klamath Tribe Youth Council also attended and graciously invited our youth to attend the 9 Tribes Youth Summit they will be hosting this August. Youth were grouped into five separate "clans" by age to be grouped into for activities during the camp week. Each group had a staff member, youth counselor, and counselor-in-training to guide the youth thru their daily events.

Throughout the week youth had tons of fun learning about their traditional culture, filling the days with tons of fun activities, as well as went on a number of field trips. They began the week getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new ones. The morning was filled with introductions to their traditional languages and followed up with a trip to the Pottery Company in Coos Bay where they painted ceramic keepsakes.

The following day, on Tuesday, March 28th they spent the day at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology in Charleston, Oregon. Here they learned about the many different types of algae that grows and thrives on the Oregon coast, as well as the numerous creatures that call the bay home. They collected algae and made pressed cards. Afterwards they explored the amazing Marine Life Center and got up close and personal with creatures in the various touch tanks.

The groups traveled to Florence, Oregon mid-week where they split off into smaller sized groups and rotated activities throughout the day. All the groups helped plant indigenous plants on the Hatch Tract property to help with its continued restoration. Horseback riding was a big hit at the C & M Stables. This was the first time a lot of the youth had with riding horses and the staff at the stables made the experience one to remember. And to round out the day's fun, rounds of mini golf at the SandLand Adventures Putt Putt, go karts, and bumper boat rides had everyone smiling.

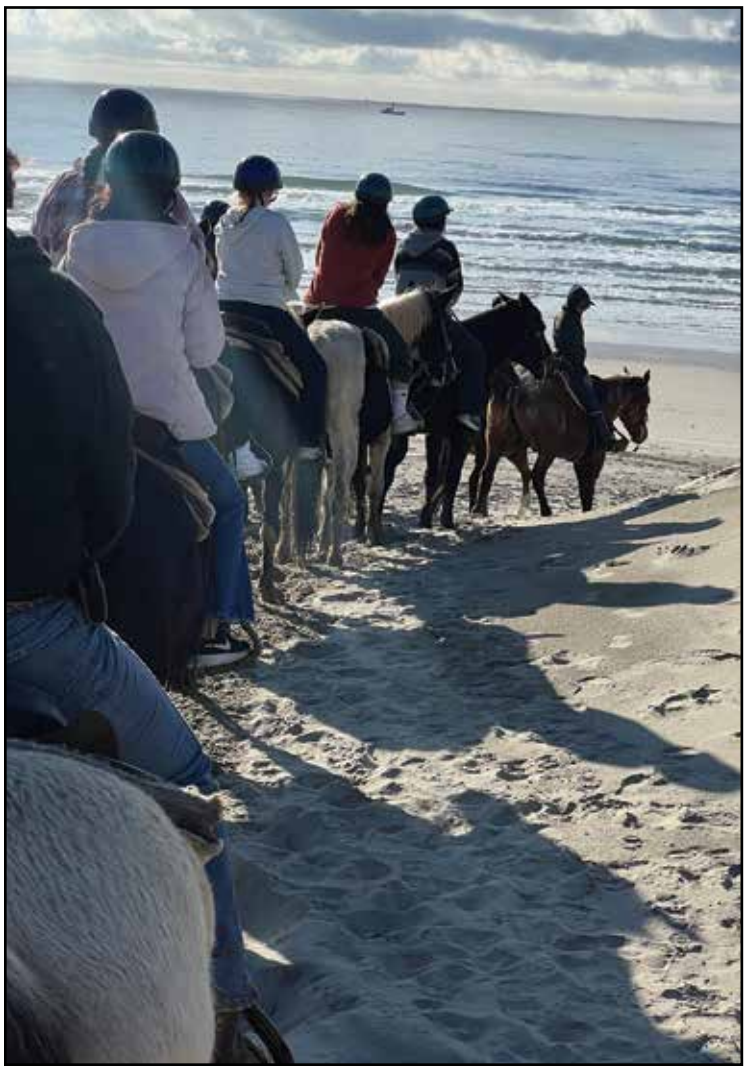
As the week was ending, one last big adventure was at hand. On March 30th the group traveled to Winston, Oregon where they spent the day exploring Wildlife Safari. The drive through wild life park was a big hit, as well as the walking thru portion where they could get up close and personal with some of the animals that call the park home.

The evenings where filled with a wide array of activities, from beading, playing traditional games, movie nights, cultural trivia, plant identification, archery, fishing, storytelling, drumming and songs, as well as good old-fashioned hanging with their new friends. The last day of camp the youth spent with doing language and story presentations with Tribal Elders, performing skits and finishing up their projects from the week.

Thank you to all the youth and families that joined us throughout the week. It was so great to be able to gather everyone together. A huge thank you and shout out to the staff and youth who helped prepare the amazing meals throughout the week, and to those that helped with the big task of cleaning up after each meal. Work like this can often go unnoticed but is so vital to having events like these run smoothly.









Tons of Fun at Spring Break Camp 2023

















2023 Governor's Conference on Tourism

Chief Doc Slyter attended and participated in the Oregon Governor's Conference on Tourism held in Portland, Oregon April 3rd and 4th. Some of the people able to attend included; Adam Davis, Executive Director of Oregon Humanities, Zachary Sticks, Executive Director of Oregon Black Pioneers, Bobbi Price, Director of Yachats Chamber of Commerce and, Honorary CTCLUSI Member Joanne Kittel Board, Member of View the Future.

The event began powerfully with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal drumming, showing pictures in the backdrop behind the stage which included one of our own CTCLUSI canoes, with our members and Tribal flag flying. Dancers both young and old danced proudly in full regalia between the visitors and made their way to the stage in a moving performance.

Siletz Chairwoman Dolores Pigsley gave inspirational opening remarks. Over 500 people registered for this year's Tourism Conference. Those in attendance were given the choice of attending one of three sessions that were being held simultaneously. The session that Chief Slyter, Joanne Kittel, Zachary Sticks and Adam Davis presented was titled "Building Trust and Relationships in Community Through Authentic Storytelling." Well over 200 people attended their session. After the session many from the audience came up to meet the speakers and ask questions. Later, Chief Slyter wondered, "How many seeds of knowledge were germinated today, if any, and will I see their positive outcome in my lifetime."



Honorary Tribal Member Joanne Kittel, Member of View the Future pictured above left.
Pictured at right: Dancers from Siletz performed in regalia to open the event.



Centered: Joanne Kittel and Chief Doc Slyter



Planning for the Golden Years

Contributed by Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator/Community Health Aide

On April 11th and 12th, CTCLUSI hosted Planning for the Golden Years at the Three Rivers Casino Event Center. This was a very informative packed 2-day event enjoyed by all.

Tuesday afternoon began with speaker Melissa Andrion from Lane County Senior & Disability. She spoke of long-term services and the resources it can help provide when Elders need extra help in their care. This includes assessments based on needs that will help empower and understand what service options may be needed, in addition to making informed decisions.

Followed up with Lualhati Anderson, from Coos, Health & Wellness. She showed us how to do it our way and the importance of filling out the Advanced Directives. Key information given is to not let your family be wondering what your wishes are. Do not presume they know. Have a written plan in place, so there is no doubt what our Elders want for their final care.

Wednesday morning, Elders were welcomed to a nourishing hot breakfast.



Karen Costello, Associate Judge for CTCLUSI Peacegiving Court, started the morning off with Estate Planning. She touched on many points for our Elders to think about. Probate, wills, revocable trusts, banking choices, real property choices and so much more. She also shared what a possible growth future may look like to develop a legal clinic to assist Elders. Stay tuned for future updates.

Iliana Montiel shared a personal experience explaining what hurdles and barriers she had to overcome with her own mother. She shared to enlighten the Elders to be aware of how important it is to not assume that the person that will be taking care of the them or their loved one will know what their wishes are. Ask these questions now, for example: Medication lists, provider names, surgery dates.

Ending segment, but so important was Medicare 101 presented by Jodie Delsere of Lane County SHIBA. She had a wealth to share. She acknowledges it can be very confusing. Please remember that SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) is about providing comprehensive information about Medicare and other related health insurance. They want to help you analyze plans and supplements. Thank you to all in attendance!





Elders Corner

ELDERS LUNCHEON

CTCLUSI TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER
338 Wallace St, Coos Bay, OR 97420

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

11:30 am - 1:00 pm
RSVP BY MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

(541) 435-7155 or
toll free 1 (888) 365-7155

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

LIMITED TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED

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

Elders Lunch

Thursday, June 8, 2023

Florence Outreach Office

(Blue Room Conference Area)
3757 Hwy 101
Florence, OR 97439

Doors Open 11:30am

Lunch 12:00pm - 1pm

Bingo to Follow 1pm—2pm



Please RSVP By Friday May 26, 2023
(541)-435-7155 or toll free 1-(888)-280-0726

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
Health and Social Services Division

Siletz Elders Honor Day
Welcome Back

When: May 3, 2023

Activities 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

At Chinook Winds Casino.

All Tribal Elders and spouse or Care Giver have been invited to the Annual Siletz Tribal Elders Honor Day. Come join us for some fun and conversations

Contact Information

Marita "Selene" Rilatos 541-444-8233

AJ Warren 541-444-8212

Save the Date

You are invited to the

Spokane Tribe's 24th Annual Elders Luncheon

When – Thursday May 4th, 2023

Where – Wellpinit High School Gymnasium

9am – Doors open / Registration

10am – BINGO

12pm – Lunch Served

Door prizes throughout the day

Raffle drawing after lunch

VISIT EAT LAUGH ENJOY

For more information call 509-258-7129, 1-800-789-9102 or e-mail anniec@spokanetribe.com
Vendors Welcome – please call to reserve a space, must provide own table and chairs

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Contributed by Dennita Antonellis-John, Public Health Improvement Coordinator

What is mental health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make healthy choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Although the terms are often used interchangeably, poor mental health and mental illness are not the same. A person can experience poor mental health and not be diagnosed with a mental illness. Likewise, a person diagnosed with a mental illness can experience periods of physical, mental, and social well-being.

Why is mental health important for overall health?

Mental and physical health are equally important components of overall health. For example, depression increases the risk for many types of physical health problems, particularly long-lasting conditions like diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. Similarly, the presence of chronic conditions can increase the risk for mental illness.

Can your mental health change over time?

Yes, it's important to remember that a person's mental health can change over time, depending on many factors. When the demands placed on a person exceed their resources and coping abilities, their mental health could be impacted. For example, if someone is working long hours, caring for a relative, or experiencing economic hardship, they may experience poor mental health.

How common are mental illnesses?

Mental illnesses are among the most common health conditions in the United States.

- More than 50% will be diagnosed with a mental illness or disorder at some point in their lifetime.
- 1 in 5 Americans will experience a mental illness in a given year.
- 1 in 5 children, either currently or at some point during their life, have had a seriously debilitating mental illness.
- 1 in 25 Americans lives with a serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or major depression.

What causes mental illness?

There is no single cause for mental illness. A number of factors can contribute to risk for mental illness, such as

- Early adverse life experiences, such as trauma or a history of abuse (for example, child abuse, sexual assault, witnessing violence, etc.)
- Experiences related to other ongoing (chronic) medical conditions, such as cancer or diabetes
- Biological factors or chemical imbalances in the brain
- Use of alcohol or drugs
- Having feelings of loneliness or isolation

One place to turn for help is the **T**ribal **H**ealth **R**eaching out **I**n**V**olves **E**veryone (THRIVE) project at Northwest Portland Area Indian Health (NPAIHB). THRIVE is a suicide prevention project at the NPAIHB. THRIVE works to reduce suicide rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives living in the Pacific Northwest by increasing tribal capacity to prevent suicide and improving regional collaborations.

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Tribe Hosts State Meeting between Oregon Department of Human Services and Community Partners

The Tribe hosted the Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and SB770 Meetings at Three Rivers Resort in Florence, Oregon April 4th and 5th. Fariborz Pakseresht, ODHS Director, and his team took CTCLUSI Tribal Council members to dinner that evening in thanks for hosting and to continue building relations between the state and Tribal leadership. In thanks for hosting the meetings, ODHS gifted the Tribe with a beautiful piece of artwork done by a member of the Umatilla Tribe.





Florence Oregon Area Kayakers Display Photos, Tribal Canoe Artifacts

Posted Apr 7, 2023 - thesiuslawnews.com

April 7, 2023 — The Florence Oregon Area Kayakers, a group of kayaking and paddle-boarding enthusiasts from around the Central Oregon Coast and Lane County, will display photos of their kayaking adventures in the Siuslaw Public Library entrance hall,1460 9th St, Florence, throughout the month of April.

In addition to the display of photos by members, the group has worked with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to put together a display of information and artifacts about the Tribal use of local waterways, around which the Tribes centered their lives.

For at least 8,000 years, and probably more, before kayakers started plying the lakes, rivers and estuaries of the South-Central Coast as the indigenous people were actively engaged in what the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians call “canoe culture.”

The Tribal display will include replicas of canoes the Tribes have used for centuries to traverse the rivers and lakes, paddles in various stages of completion and other items used in the culture, much of which are crafted from Western Red Cedar. The canoes played a significant role within the Tribes, including providing transportation, facilitating hunting waterfowl, fishing, collecting shellfish and kelp for food, and for entertainment in the form of canoe races. They continue to play an important ongoing role, including life skills training for Tribal youth like the Intertribal Canoe Journey and Canoe Families.



CTCLUSI Vice Chairman Doug Barrett pictured center with Mary Nutly and Maureen Hovenkotter

The photography and all items will be on display from April 1-30 at the Library.

For information on a “Let’s Kayak Workshop” on April 29 in the Bromley Room at the Library and a Kayaking Demo Day at Darlings Marina & RV Resort on May 12 check out the group’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/1448357402139888/.

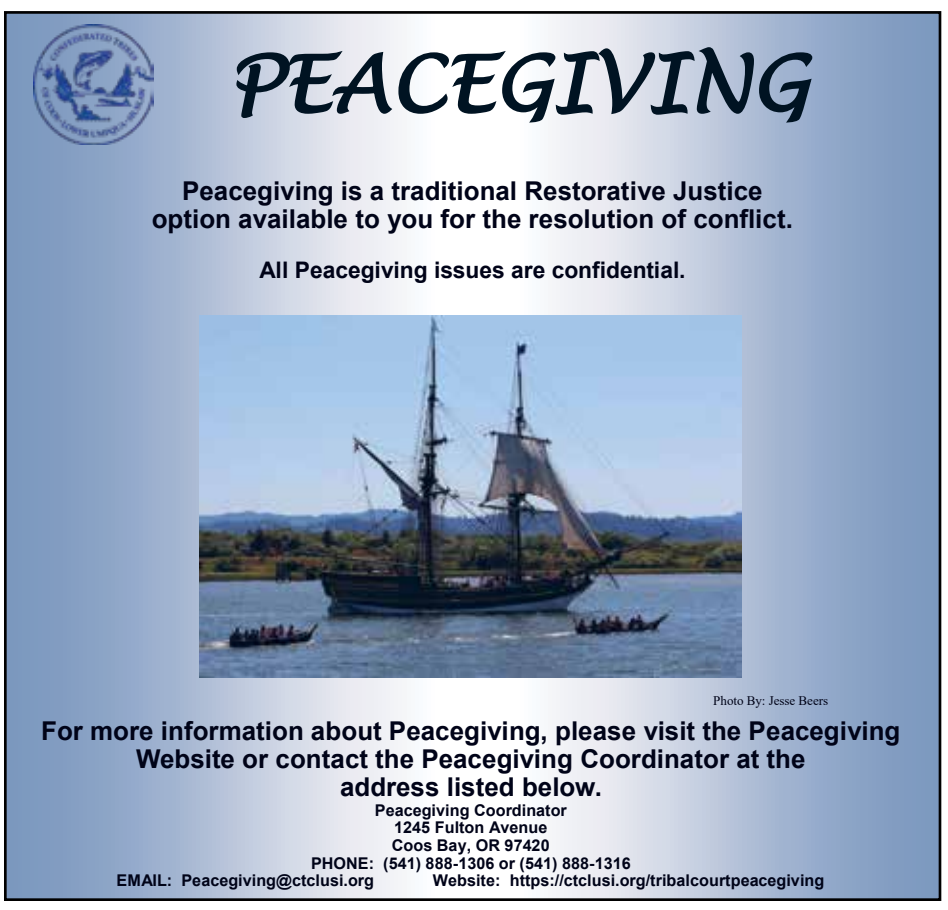
Tribal Judge Attends Oregon Municipal Judges’ Association (OMJA) Conference

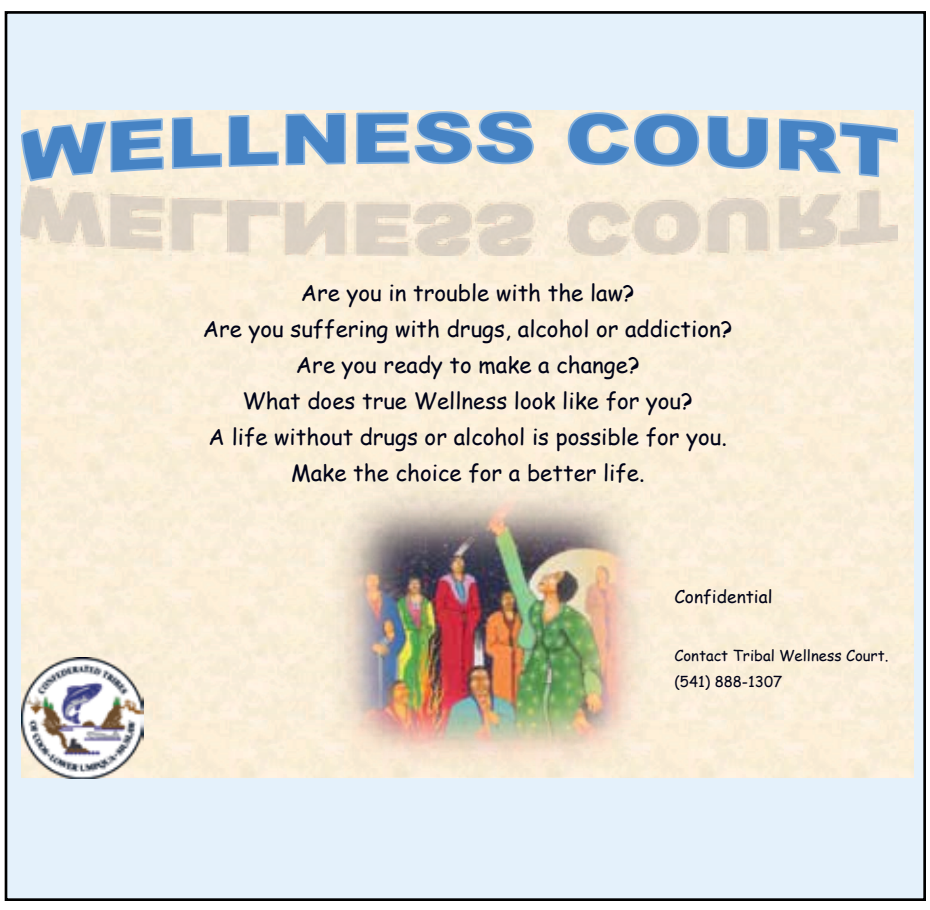
Contributed by Diane Whitson, Tribal Court Administrator - Peacegiving Court Outreach Coordinator

Associate Judge, Karen Costello, represented the CTCLUSI Tribal Court at the Oregon Municipal Judges’ Association (OMJA) Conference held in Newport, Oregon March 22-24. The conference was attended by more than one hundred Oregon Municipal Judges and Justices of the Peace. Judge Costello was one of only two Tribal Court Judges in attendance. She is the first Tribal Court Judge to be offered membership in OMJA, due, in part, to her efforts to develop cooperative and collaborative relationships with municipal and state court judges, and to promote inclusion of Tribal Courts in the administration of justice in all forums where tribal members or the interests of tribes may be present. Judge Costello enjoyed the opportunity to share information about CTCLUSI’s Restorative Justice initiatives, such as Peacegiving, and Wellness Court, as well as the Tribal Court’s general jurisdiction in its five-county service area. Judge Costello was named to the OMJA board during the conference and looks forward to serving in this capacity on behalf of the CTCLUSI Tribal Court.

Pictured right: Judge Karen Costello







April 9th Easter Day Activity

Contributed by Nicole Romine, Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Assistant

April 9th this year fell on Easter Sunday. This was a busy day while other events were happening like the Regular Tribal Council Meeting, the General Council Meeting and Election Day. Prevention was able to host an Easter Egg Hunt and invited Tribal Families with the participation for youth ages 0-18 in the hunting expedition.

While the weather was a bit chilly and offered some Oregon light rain, the 25 youth didn't seem to mind. Friends and family watched as they gathered anxiously waiting and then dashed to find and collect eggs as they cleared the field, of almost three hundred eggs, in about 4 minutes! Hidden well, there were 6 large golden eggs with a prize inside offering to win a special large Easter basket and while looking for the golden one's youth picked up eggs that were stuffed with candy, trinkets, slime, Legos, toys and more!

Following the hunt, an Easter lunch was provided complete with ham, turkey, gravy, stuffing and of course smoked salmon!

After lunch we closed with an additional activity, as some parents where voting at the Tribal Hall Polling booths. We hung a stuffed pinata filled full that the youth enjoyed, taking turns, finally busted it open and it was shared by all.

Hopefully next year we will hide more eggs and spread out the activities to the outreach offices! Thank you to our kitchen staff and all staff participating in this year's event. We look forward to your participation next year.











New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) present

OSU Indigenous Youth Summer Camp

August 20-25, 2023

Hands-on FUN outdoor field trips to learn about ***ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CAREERS***.

Designed for self-identifying Indigenous youth entering 9th – 12th grades in Oregon.

- Field trip activities to include freshwater snorkeling with wetsuits provided, team-building challenge course, Hatfield Marine Science Center, ethnobotany, traditional canoeing and much more.
- Learn about going to college and OSU'S variety of environmental science programs and majors.
- Visit the OSU student longhouse, Kaku-Ixt Mana Ina Haws.
- How to get help with financial aid and scholarships.
- One night camping at Cascadia County Park.

MORE INFORMATION and REGISTRATION: https://ctclusi.org/new-beginnings-for-tribal-students-nbts-osu-indigenous-youth-summer-camp/

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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Jemiah Wassman or
Jesse Beers
(541) 888-9577

Bessie Joyce
NBTS Program Manager
bessiejoyce4@gmail.com
(541) 743-6106

Oregon State University

SOUTHWESTERN

Sea Grant Oregon

This camp is a partnership of CTCLUSI, OSU and SWOCC with support from a USDA New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS). Co-sponsored by the OSU Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Conservation Sciences, Oregon Sea Grant and the Calapooia Watershed Council.

LETS CELEBRATE

THE 2023 GRADUATES!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

STUDENT RECONGNITION CELEBRATION EVENT

SAVE THE DATE!
JUNE 17, 2023

PLEASE RSVP!

TO JEMIAH WASSMAN
CALL 541-888-1314 OR EMAIL
JWASSMAN@CTCLUSI.ORG

Blue Earth Federal Corporation

2023 - A New Beginning

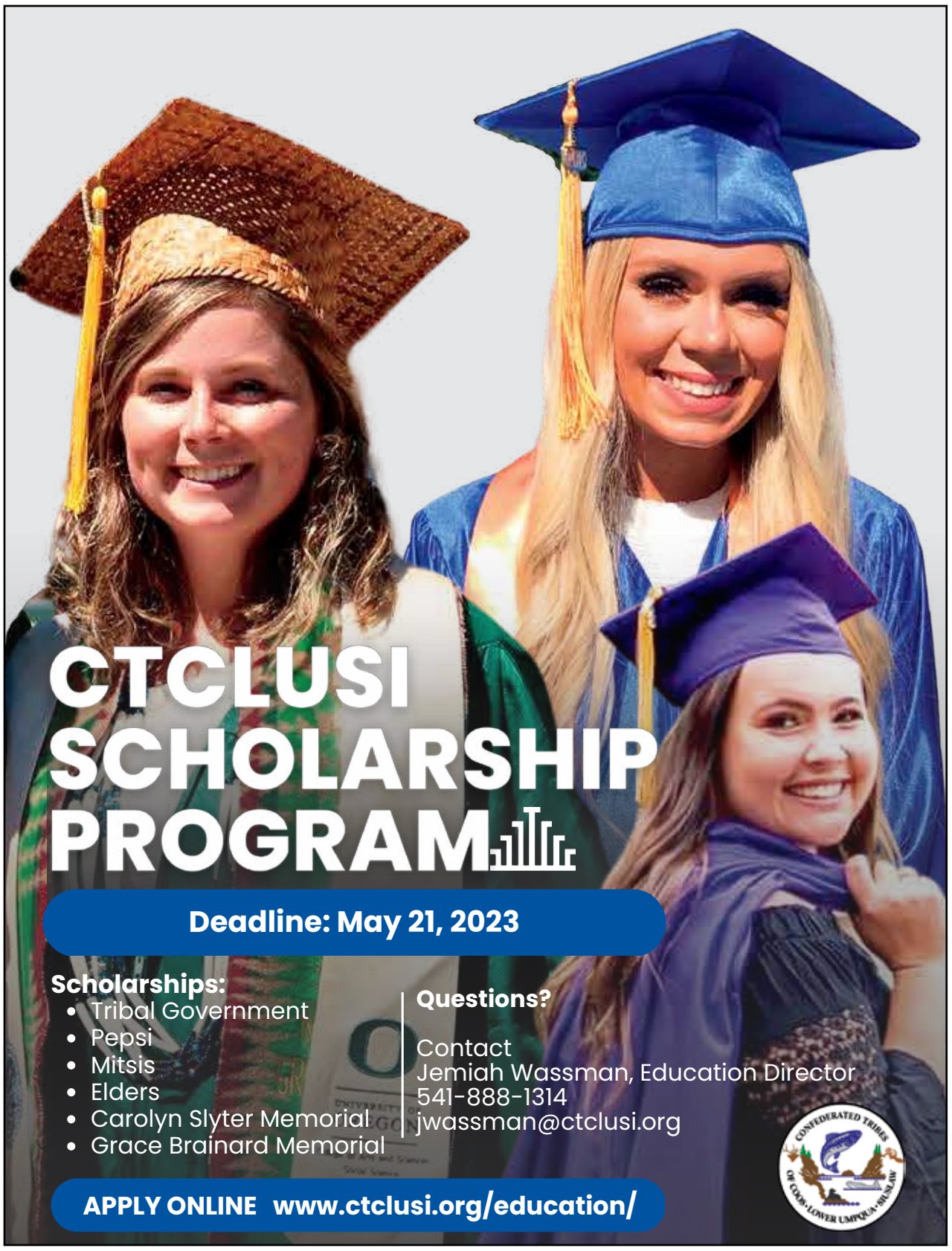
Who we are: Blue Earth Federal Corporation "BEFC" is the economic development board the Tribal government of Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.
Over the last year, the Blue Earth Federal Corporation board (BEFC) has divested itself of the two businesses that were under its care during COVID. **The Blue Earth Services and Technology (BEST**) business is in the process of closure and the assets sold to Tribal Member, Justin Krossman as it was deemed to have limited benefit for the Tribe, and more benefit for this Tribal Member to create his own business. **The EZ Mini Storage** business managed by **BEST** with the assistance of Kendell Smith was successfully transferred to the Tribe under the care of the Planning/Realty Department as it had matured into a profitable business with a strategic location for the Tribe. **BEST transferred $250,000.00 with this transition back to the Tribe for any remaining expenses necessary for this property and once finalized; all remaining funds will be transferred back to the Economic Development Fund for future use.** Kendell has transitioned as a Tribal Government employee to continue in her previous capacity and we want to wish Justin well in his new ventures!

A New BEFC for 2023: Vision – Mission – Strategic Goals

Economic Project Development:
Blue Earth is a designated board of Tribal and non-tribal members who will collaborate with the Council, tribal members, staff, consultants, designers, engineers, and other stakeholders to shape and detail the needs required to make the Council's economic vision a reality.
Property Development:
Explore developing and bringing to fruition commercial and residential properties for the Tribe.
Future Goal: BEFC will be meeting with Tribal Council in May with the hope to begin Development of a Tribal Business Incubation & Mentorship Program:
Incubator mission statement: "To increase the successful development of new and existing businesses, job creation, and employment opportunities for Tribal members and their families.
1. Stimulating entrepreneurial spirit & innovation
2. Job creation for Tribal members
3. Business capital funding through loans
4. Mentorship and business guidance

SEEKING INTERESTED APPLICANTS TO SERVE ON THE BLUE EARTH FEDERAL CORPORATION BOARD

At this time Blue Earth Federal Corporation is looking for a committed board member to serve on our organization's governing body! If interested please submit a cover letter and resume to Jeannie McNeil at jmcneil@ctclusi.org for consideration to become a member.
Please contact Blue Earth Federal Corporation Board Chairman, Kerry Brainard kerry.brainard@outlook.com if you have any additional questions.



GAMING COMMISSION
******NOTICE OF VACANCY******
CTCLUSI 04/14/23

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians' Gaming Commission is established pursuant to CLUSITC 5-2-7. The purpose of the Gaming Commission is to regulate Class II and Class III gaming on the Confederated Tribes' Indian Land. The Commission consists of five (5) members appointed by a majority vote of the Tribal Council.
The Gaming Commission currently has a multiple vacancy's. The term of this position is three years. Interested parties shall file a statement with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member.

Qualifications for the Posted Vacancy:

Commissioners must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements (CLUSITC 5-2-7(d):
(1) Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
(2) Must successfully complete a background investigation, as set forth in CLUSITC 5-2-15;
(3) No member of Tribal Council may serve as a Commissioner; and
(4) No employee of a Gaming Operation may serve as a Commissioner.

Each applicant for Commission membership shall be subject to a background investigation (CLUSITC 5-2-13) and drug testing (CLUSITC 5-2-21).
Interested parties may file a statement of interest with the Commission reflecting their interest in serving as a Commission member to Rusty Bossley, Executive Director of the Gaming Commission, at the following address:

5647 Hwy 126 Suite 100
Florence, OR 97439

You may also fax your statement to 541-997-7293, or email at rbossley@ctclusi.org.
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This notice of vacancy shall be posted at all Tribal offices.

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 4/19/2023

Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities

- Chief Dental Officer – Coos Bay
- Community Information Manager – Coos Bay
- Cultural Resource Protection Specialist – Coos Bay
- Dental Hygienist – Part-Time – Coos Bay
- Director of Natural Resources – Coos Bay
- Education Specialist II – Children's Programs – Coos Bay
- Forester – Coos Bay
- Gaming Inspector – Florence
- GIS Administrator – Coos Bay
- Housing Assistant – Coos Bay
- Internal Audit Supervisor – Coos Bay
- Licensing Agent I – Florence

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**





Why RSVP For Tribal Events?

Tribal Department staff who plan events and activities for the benefit of Tribal Member need membership to "please reply" when asked to RSVP when wanting to attend Tribal events. This ensures the right amount of supplies and food and beverages to meet the needs of those in attendance. Thank you in advance for making future events as successful as possible by always calling to RSVP when asked.

RSVP for events by calling 1-541-435-7155



Upcoming Events

May 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	3 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	4 sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	5 MMIP Day of Awareness 	6 Gift Making 10:30 am - 2 pm Coos Bay
7	8	9 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	10 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	11 Elders Luncheon Community Center 11:30 a.m. sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	12	13 Women's Self Defence 11:00 a.m. Coos Bay
14 Mother's Day Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m.	15	16 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	17 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	18 sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	19	20 moccasins class Cedar Caps10-4pm Eugene Outreach
21 Scholarships Deadline moccasins class Cedar Caps10-4pm Eugene Outreach	22	23 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	24 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	25 sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	26 Deadlien to Register for Unity Conference	27
28	29 Memorial Day All Government Offices Closed	30 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	31 hanis language class 4pm-6pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	1 sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	2	3
4	5	6 miluk language class 4pm-6pm	7 hanis language class 4pm-6pm	8 sha'yuushtła uł quuiich language class 12pm-2pm	9	10

June 2023

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11 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 a.m. General Council 1:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16	17 Student Recognition Celebration Event Community Center
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer Solstice	22	23	24
25	26	27 Peacegiver Training Community Center	28 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30	1
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Seeds for Success Programm

Youth Unity Conference, Washington D.C.

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Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

IHS Site Visit...continued from cover page

on site. Chairman Brad Kneaper, and Council members Iliana Montiel, Teresa Spangler, and Julie Siestreem spoke with her and her team as well as offered them a tour of our Historic Tribal Hall, the Lagauwiiyat'as True History Gallery, Community Center, and Plankhouse on the Tribal Reservation in Coos Bay, Oregon.







Council takes visitors on tour of Tribal Hall and museum. Director Tso pictured at far right with Council member Julie Siestreem

Good NEIGHBOR

MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

$50 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes PLUS $10 Free Play Good Neighbor Prize for the whole bank.

keep Fishin' or Cut bait

TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every hour to play Keep Fishin' or Cut Bait and win up to $2,500! Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.

RISK & REWARD

WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 minutes to win up to $1,000 or walk the plank. Receive one entry for every 50 same-day points earned.

SHINE LIKE A DIAMOND

FRIDAYS 7PM-9PM

Hot Seats every 30 minutes to win your share of $5,000.

$200,000 SWIPE NIGHT

WIN UP TO $100,000!

Saturdays in May

We've hidden $50,000 in someone's Players Club account! Is it yours? Swipe at the kiosk from Noon-10pm to find out! Plus, you'll be entered into the Second Chance Drawing for $5,000 at 10:30pm.

Café 1297

MAY WEEKLY SPECIALS

Now Open for Breakfast at 8am

MONDAY - THURSDAY
served from 11am-10pm

MONDAY - CROQUE MONSIEUR $15

TUESDAY - TACO TUESDAY $12

WEDNESDAY - CRAB STUFFED RAVIOLI $20

THURSDAY - SPRING SALAD $15

FRIDAY - SUNDAY
served from 4pm-10pm

FRIDAY - PRIME RIB $21

SATURDAY - SMOKED TRI-TIP SANDWICH $16

SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIALS - SUNDAY, MAY 14

BRUNCH - $16 *served from 11am-4pm*

PAN SEARED COD - $16 *served from 4pm-10pm*

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