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Tribal Community Gathers to Celebrate Winter Solstice







Contributed by Alycia Cossey, Cultural Stewardship Associate

Dai chil sla,

Hope that you all are having a good geluu (winter). Those of us who participated in this year's Winter Solstice Ceremony wanted to share our hearts and stories with you all from this year's Ceremony.

On December 18th – 22nd we held space at Tribal Hall and different areas on our reservation land for people to participate in our ceremony as a tribe. For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Winter Solstice, Winter Solstice is the shortest day and longest night of the year. Our ancestors inspired and immersed in the natural world around them held ceremony by dancing various səme't (winter dances) for 3 nights starting around sundown and going until midnight or later for this phenomenon, this was to celebrate the returning of the sun and the coming longer days. Today, we practice holding ceremony for 5 days and we dance for 3 nights. During this time together we create space to be immersed in our culture and traditions, taking a step away from the western world.

In our week together, we spent time doing things as a community the way we imagine things may have been in the past in working together and valuing the strengths of each tribal member. We cooked together, wove, worked on beadwork, made moccasins, ribbon skirts/shirts, practiced speaking our languages, archery, we held men's and women's sweats, and danced/sang for 3 nights. In the early, early morning of the 21st at 1:21 am, a ceremonial fire in our plankhouse was blessed by prayers and medicines and continued to be lit and cared for by fire keepers throughout the day of the 21st.

On Solstice Day, many continued working on projects and the preparations for the feast began with the help of many hands. For the feast, we prepared several dishes that included nourishing first foods like Elk stew, smoked salmon, smoked elk, roasted root vegetables, acorn bread (even chocolate acorn bread), Elderberry Lemonade, homemade blackberry cobbler, and though not being a first food, but being culturally significant we also included delicious frybread. After we finished preparing and enjoying the feast, we all gathered in the tribal hall where Traditional stories were told which then led into dancing the feather dance then the round dance. When dancing was complete, we laid tule mats on the ground and people brought an abundance of gifts that the youth helped hand out to each person there. It was a beautiful night full of good energy, smiles and laughter.

During the week of solstice, we had around 47 people there every day and around 50 on Solstice Day. Tribal members/families traveled from Washington and various parts of Oregon to gather. Here are some sentiments that they would like to share with you all.

iila (Earla) Kirk- enjoyed the 3 days of dancing and all the children, you could see the difference in the children between the first and the last and how the children made it their own. There were 10 kids who were a part of the ceremony week, and it was beautiful as well to see how kids that were raised in this atmosphere are becoming leaders. It shows the Importance of culture through the ages. It was a warm success, and the potlach gifting was a beautiful presentation.

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Save the Date:

6th Annual Winter Storytelling Event

Saturday, February 15, 2025

CTCLUSI Community Center, Coos Bay

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

see flyer on page 4 for more details and how to RSVP

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from December 8, 2024 - January 12, 2025

Chief Doug Barrett

12/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/11 Lane Act monthly meeting
12/12 Elakha Alliance Board Meeting, CTUSI / BOEM Virtual Consultation EIS
12/13 Tribal Consultation Task Force Retreat – Zoom
12/14 Tribal Consultation Task Force Retreat – Zoom
12/15 Tribal Consultation Task Force Retreat – Zoom
12/16 Handed out Holiday Cards
12/17 NARA NW Board Meeting, NAIC Board Meeting
12/18 Winter Solstice, Sovereign Finance Meeting, MHA / LADCP Monthly Meeting, Special GFORB Meeting
12/19 Winter Solstice, Offshore Wind Energy Meeting
12/20 Winter Solstice, Denice Driskill Retirement Celebration
12/21 Winter Solstice
12/22 Winter Solstice
12/30 Chat with DCNR & Current Projects, GFORB Meeting and Tribal Council Business Meeting
12/31 NARA North West Sobriety Pow Wow
01/01 15th Annual, Amanda Trail and Peace Hike
01/03 Spring Break Camp Meeting
01/04 Tribal Member Celebration of Life at Tribal Hall and baldija
01/06 NOAA Consultation on Coos Bay and Brookings Call Areas
01/09 Offshore Wind Energy Roadmaps, Leaders Circle, Culture Committee Meeting
01/10 Tribal Council Meeting
Total Hours: 169

Brad Kneaper, Chairman

12/07 Tribal Annual Holiday Party at Three Rivers Casino and Resort in Florence (Not reported on last month's report)
12/08 Regular Tribal Council Meeting held at Three Rivers Casino in Florence due to previous day's Holiday Party
12/09-12/17 Vacation – Out of Area
12/12 Monthly Reports, Newsletter Article on Emergency Preparedness
12/18 ZOOM Meeting with Sovereign Finance for Financial Updates, ZOOM meeting with GFORB to review Three Rivers Casino Budget
12/19 ZOOM Meeting with Chairman Keene from Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians, Leader's Circle (ZOOM): Meet with Deputy Secretary of State Cheryl Meyers follow up to Government To Government; 2025 Budget Discussion; Discussion on transfer of 10 Plex transfer to Social Services; other discussions
12/20 Attend Retirement Lunch for long time employee in Coos Bay
12/30 ***NOTE- Casino Debt Paid off in Full as of December 30, 2024 Gaming Operational Review Board Meeting at Three Rivers Casino, Tribal Council Business Meeting.
01/06 Consultation with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Regarding Offshore Wind Energy Projects review
01/09 Meet with CEO, updates, Leader's Circle (in person): Discussion with Planning on the upcoming funding for transportation; status of Fee to Trust applications
Total Hours: 140

Teresa Spangler, Vice Chair

12/08 Regular Council meeting
12/12 Meeting with BOEM regarding California leased for Wind Energy
12/16 Passed out Holiday cards to the Tribal Government staff
12/8 Met with Sovereign Finance for updates on financial status; GFORB Special meeting to go over Casino Budget. Listening session for council
12/19 Leaders Circle
12/20 Retirement luncheon for long time Government staff member
12/30 Business Council Meeting
01/06 Consultation with NOAA regarding wind energy
01/09 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 75

Julie Siestreem

12/08 Tribal Council Regular Council monthly meeting TRC Florence
12/10 Preschool Promise Planning meeting, 4j IPC monthly mtg.
12/11 DELC TAC mtg., 4j NATIVES Program Culture night
12/12 US DOT NDE, BOEM Draft Programmatic EIS for California Leases, Elders Christmas event TRC Florence
12/22-12/28 Winter Solstice Coos Bay Plank house, Sweat lodge, Tribal Hall, Community Center and, reservation lands
12/24 Staff Appreciation Day
12/30 GFORB monthly meeting TRC Florence, Tribal Council General Council monthly Business meeting TRC Florence
01/01 15th Annual Peace Hike A Commemoration of Resilience and Remembrance
01/04 Ken Osheroff Celebration of Life Ceremony Tribal Hall, Plank house, Sweat Lodge, Community Center Gregory Point
01/06 NOAA Coos Bay and Brookings WEA's
01/08 Northwest Forest Plan DEIS, DELC TAC mtg.
01/09 Oregon Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap Roundtable mtg. #4, Tribal Council Leaders Circle Coos Bay Community Center
01/10 PNNL Quarterly West Coast Offshore Wind Transmission Study
01/12 Tribal Council Regular Council monthly meeting Community Center Coos Bay
Total Hours: 130

Debbie Bossley

12/18 Sovereign Finance/GFORB Special Meeting
12/19 Leaders Circle
12/30 GFORB/Business Meeting
01/09 Leaders Circle
01/12 Regular Council Meeting
Total Hours: 50

Iliana Montiel

12/08 Tribal Council Regular Council
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12/18 Sovereign Finance Meeting / GFORB Special Meeting
12/19 Leaders Circle
12/20 Retirement Celebration for Finance staff
12/30 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/08 SB 770 (via zoom)
01/09 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 30

Enna Helms

12/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
12/11 DOI Consultation on Indigenous Knowledge
12/12 CLUSI/BOEM Virtual Consultation on Draft Programmatic EIS for CA Leases
12/18 Sovereign Finance Meeting
12/19 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
12/19-21 Winter Solstice Dances and Ceremony
12/30 Tribal Council Business Meeting
01/04 Ken Osheroff Celebration of Life
01/09 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 50

Upcoming Tribal Council Meeting Dates:

February 9, 2025 - Coos Bay

March 9, 2025 - Coos Bay

April 13, 2025 - Coos Bay

May 10, 2025 - Eugene(TBD)

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. pst

Zoom link provided on the Citizen Portal of www.ctclusi.org

Information

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

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

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES
Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Jeannie Miller at 541-888-7506 or at email jmiller@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

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

CHANGES?
Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at www.ctclusi.org/enrollment or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-888-7506 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

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

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1. Martin Harris
2. VACANT
3. Margaret Corvi
4. Stephanie Watkins
5. Kerry Brainard
6. VACANT
7. Roseanna Perry

Culture Committee
1. Earla Kirk
2. Chief Doug Barrett
3. Alyssa Lydick
4. Nicole Romine
5. Mike Brainard
6. Patricia Whereat-Phillips

Education Committee
1. Michelle Brix
2. Julie Siestreem
3. VACANT
4. Ashley Russell
5. Mike Brainard

Elders Committee
1. Arleen Perkins
2. Stephanie Watkins
3. Warren T. Brainard
4. Eddie Helms
5. Laura Fortin
6. VACANT
7. Brad Kneaper

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1. Warren T. Brainard
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3. Skip Brainard
4. Vicki Faciane
5. Teresa Spangler

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2. Danny Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter
5. Holiday Maine

Language Committee
1. Nicole Mendoza
2. Tammy Evarts
3. Ashley Vandevort
4. Jade Fong
5. **VACANT**
6. Jesse Beers
7. Ayuthea Cisneros

Election Board
1. VACANT
2. Mike Brainard
3. Teresa Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. Pauline Benson
7. Ashley Russell

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

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

For questions, please contact Jeannie Miller, 541-888-7506 or enrollment@ctclusi.org

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THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

Turn to page 19 of this publication for a monthly calendar of upcoming events or visit the Events Calendar on the tribal website at https://ctclusi.org/events/

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Council Meeting

February 9, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.
Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

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

Greetings Everyone, I hope all are doing well. There are several points I would like to make with this article. Here I will put a quick reminder that if you received tribal hunting tags, you will need to fill out a quick report whether or not you hunted or were successful. Once you complete the report, you will be able to receive 2025 tags which are now available. You can find the form on the Tribal Website CTCLUSI.org, or if you need help you can call for assistance.

First, I would like to offer a thought and a prayer for those that we have lost this last year. Each and everyone is a loss to us all, and will be missed. Please remember the families of those that have passed and keep them in your thoughts and prayers as well.

Next, I would like to tell you all about some great news on the financial side. As of December 30, 2024, our Three Rivers Casino Debt is paid in full! This is a result of the efficient and profitable administration of Three Rivers Casino, of the vision and planning of previous and current Councils, and an aggressive and dedicated attention to debt payoff. This is great news for all of us. This does not mean however, that we will indulge in reckless spending. We will be very thoughtful, and purposeful in how we will be able to best benefit the Tribe in the future.

As of December 30, 2024, our Three Rivers Casino Debt is paid in full!

Next some sad news. We have frequently worked with our close neighbors, the Coquille Tribe, in planning events, such as the upcoming Elder's Honor Day. We have co-hosted this event for 25 years alternating locations between the Mill Casino and Three Rivers Casino Resort. This year it is to be held at the Mill Casino on March 21-22, 2025. Within the last couple of days, a Council member was called and told that we would not be co-hosting this event, that the Coquille Tribe would be hosting this event without CTCLUSI. I have not been given the specific reasons by the Coquille Chair at this time. I am waiting to hear more and have left a voice mail for Chair Meade. Tribal Elders are still invited to attend their Elders Honor Day if they choose. We are hearing that this is a result of not supporting their efforts to open a casino in Medford. We have chosen to remain neutral on this topic, and have not opposed it up to this time.

What we did was ask the Department of Interior for an extension of the Comment Period and consultation so that we might better understand what future impacts might be to our future tribal gaming and tribal gaming in the state as a whole. The Department of Interior declined our request for extension. We had a consultation scheduled, but the recent Tsunami warning forced us to try to reschedule, which we were not able to do.



Chairman Brad Kneaper

There are many articles on the topic of the Medford Casino, and I hope that you are able to read them. If you do an online search of the Coquille Medford Casino, you will see many responses.

Have a great and safe new year everyone!

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I look forward to hearing from you!

Visit www.ctclusi.org/events to view the online event calendar

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Coos Bay at Community Center
Saturday, February 15th
5:00pm Doors open
5:30pm Dinner
6:00pm Storytelling



6th annual

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(WINTER STORYTELLING!)

Join us for a traditional meal and winter storytelling!



Coos Bay RSVP line: (541) 435-7155

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Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.:24-173
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Pest Control Services Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-174
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Indian Housing Plan for 2025 and Tribal Council Approval
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the Housing Director to submit the Housing plan to HUD. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-175
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Approval of FY2024-2025 Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service – Well & Septic Program
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the MOA with Indian Health Services to participate in this program. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-176
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Tribal Property Land Use Regulations
Explanation: Tribal Council approves land use regulations for the public. **Vote 6-0-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-177
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Approval to Purchase Property
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this purchase of property in Florence Oregon for the purpose of storage and auxiliary offices purchased with ARPA Funding.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:24-178
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Enrollment New Member
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this enrollment action. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-179
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Enrollment New Members
Explanation: Tribal Council approves enrollment of the following: Sherill Lynn Powell, Belladonna Diana Zink and Amanda Jones as members of the Tribe.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:24-180
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Enrollment Name Changes and Corrections to the Roll
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-181
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Enrollment – Active to Historic
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action to move three (3) members from active to historic. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-182
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): Enrollment of Minor Child (ICWA)
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this matter of Enrollment. Vote **6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-183
Date of Passage: October 13, 2024
Subject (title): 2024 Hunting and Fishing Regulations Amendment
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the amendment to the program to allow for a proxy to assist in participation.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:24-184
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): Amended Tribal Nations Birth to Five Early Literacy Plan
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the request to apply for funding for the Education Department to develop programs and activities. **Vote 5-1-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-185
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): Southern Oregon Education Service District Trible Funding Tribal Affirmations and Waivers
Explanation: Tribal Council approves waive the right for consultation with School districts that our outside our five county service areas. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-186
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): Vehicle Purchase
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the purchase of a vehicle for Health Department. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-187
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): Internal Tribal Timber Committee – Delegate and Alternate
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment of Chief Doug Barrett and Tyler Slyter. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-188
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): Approval of Maintenance Building for Wastewater Treatment Plant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the project funding in Florence. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:24-189
Date of Passage: October 30, 2024
Subject (title): DNRC and Lab Building Expansion
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the project funding in Coos Bay. **Vote 7-0-0**

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

Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **Dragonfly 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 Dragonfly hiding!
Must email by February 15th to be included in the raffle drawing.
Winners will be notified by phone or email and their name will appear in an upcoming edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper. Prizes will vary and are provided by different CTCLUSI Government departments.



Adult Winner: Lynette Gaines

Youth Winner:
No youth entered into the January Myrtle Nut hidden image raffle

The Myrtle Nut was hidden on page 10 desgiused as a pendant on Chief Brainards necklace.



Upcoming Culture Activities

- Save the Dates -

March 8, 2025

First Canoe Pull and medicines gathering/planting 2025
Munsel Lake, Florence Oregon

Equinox Overnight Camp

March 20, 2025

Women's Sweat and language games

March 21, 2025

Men's sweat

Spring Break Camp

March 24-28, 2025

Youth ages 8-18, Florence, Oregon





Camp hoohoolii – reflections on water!

March 24-28, 2025 | Camp Cleawox, Florence, Oregon
Overnight Camp for Tribal Youth and Youth of Tribal Families Ages 8-18

shin dai sla! My name is Angela Henry, and as a proud hanis person, I'm honored to serve as the Camp Director for this year's Tribal Youth Spring Break Camp. This year's camp promises to be a unique and exciting experience, combining cultural learning, outdoor adventure, and fun in a beautiful setting at Camp Cleawox located just south of Florence, Oregon. I'm thrilled to work with the Department of Natural Resources & Culture and the Education Department to create a memorable, enriching opportunity for our youth ages 8 – 18 years old.

A Week of Fun and Cultural Connection

This year, we'll be on our historical Native lands, where we will be participating in a wide range of activities that blend fun with cultural learning. Highlights will include traditional arts such as beading, physical activities such as archery, and a variety of team-building games. One of the key attractions is the low-ropes course at Camp Cleawox, where campers can build friendships, challenge themselves, and develop skills in a supportive, fun environment.

hoohoolii: The Theme of Growth and Connection

The theme for this year's Spring Break Camp is "Kaleidoscope," a concept that embodies the ever-changing possibilities of our life experience. While we found no direct translation of this theme in any of the Tribes' native languages, Patty Phillips, our tribal linguist, found a fitting word in the Siuslaw language: "hoohoolii," which directly translates to "reflections on water". The hoohoolii theme captures the dynamic nature of growth, identity, and connection. Camp staff will guide the youth in exploring their personal hoohoolii —filling them with elements of language, culture, relationships, and nature. By doing so, we'll help our youth navigate their path with strength and resilience, while deepening their understanding of their heritage.

Just as the water reflects the world around us, we, too, reflect the experiences, knowledge, and teachings that shape us. By looking deeply into reflections on the "water" of our heritage and identity, we can see ourselves more clearly and understand our place in the broader flow of life.

Get Involved: Counselors, Counselors-in-Training, and Cultural Knowledge Holders

We're excited to welcome youth and tribal members who are interested in serving as Counselors-in-Training (CITs), Counselors, Cooks, Cook Assistants, and Tribal Elders.

We're also calling on Cultural Knowledge Holders and Artisans! If you're passionate about sharing your skills and traditions, we invite you to get involved by leading, facilitating, or teaching an activity for a day.

To get involved, please fill out a Special Events Job Application. HR will guide you through the necessary steps, including background checks, fingerprinting, and pre-employment drug screenings, ensuring the safety and well-being of everyone at camp.

Important Links

Apply to work at Camp https://ctclusi.atsondemand.com/ fill out the Special Events Employee application form

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Spring-Break-Camp-2025

A link to registration can also be found https://ctclusi.org/camps/

A Spring Break to Remember

This Spring Break let's come together for a week of learning, laughter, and connection at Camp Cleawox. We can't wait to see you there!

Angela Henry, Camp Director





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If you or anyone in your family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Visit www.ctclusi.org/events to view the online event calendar

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February 21, 2025
12:00 PM-01:30 PM
Tribal Hall

Tribal Court Community Education Series

Session III:

CTCLUSI'S Restorative Justice Programs and Principles in Tribal Court

Lunch is Provided. Please RSVP to Make Sure There is Enough for Everyone!

Telephone for RSVP is 541-435-7155

March 21, 2005
12:00 PM-01:30 PM
Tribal Hall

Tribal Court Community Education Series

Session IV:

Tribal Court - Visions for the Future

Lunch is Provided. Please RSVP to Make Sure There is Enough for Everyone!

Telephone for RSVP is 541-435-7155

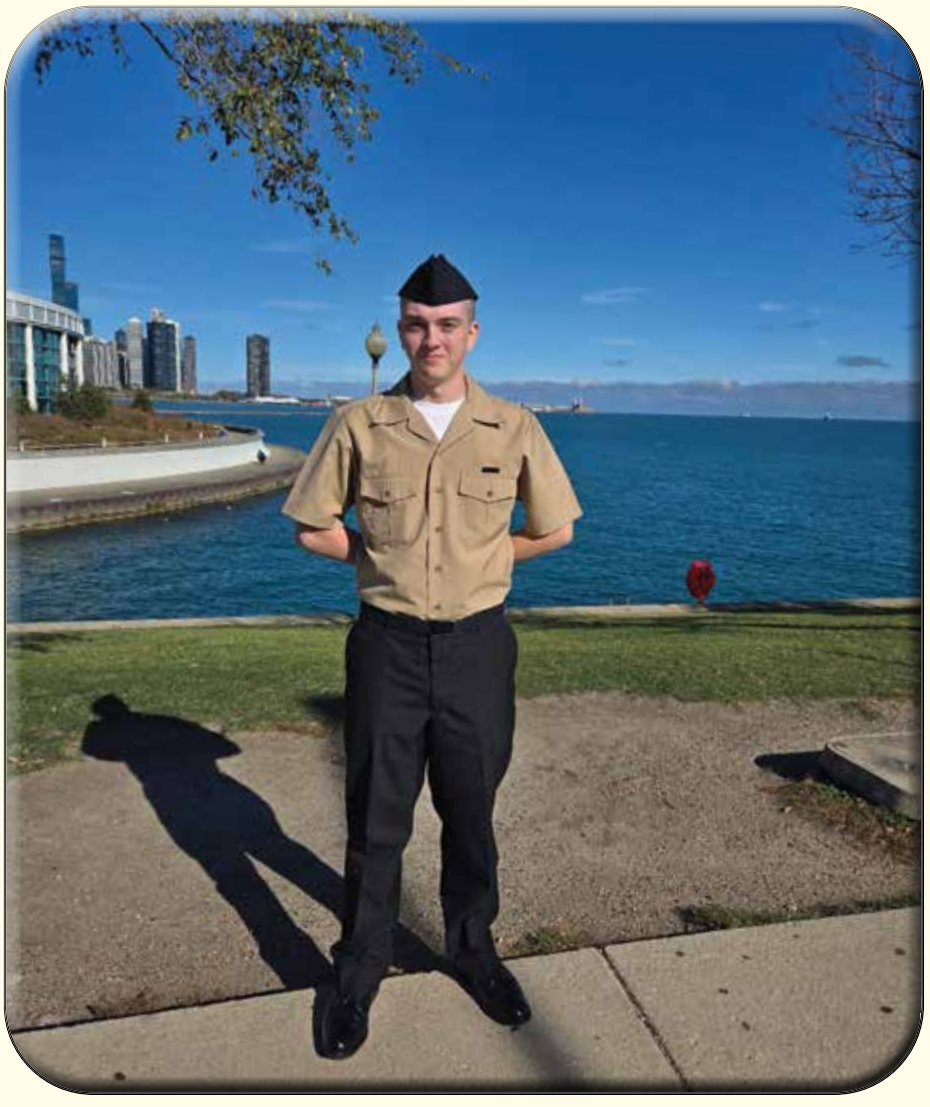
Tribal Member Elijah Tobel Graduates Navy Bootcamp

My grandson Elijah Tobel graduated from Battleground Highschool in June of 2024 he then joined the Navy he graduated from boot camp in October he is now in school for 1 year to learn how to work on a naval submarine.

I am so proud of him I'm sure his great grandpa Raymond Willard is looking down on him so proud.

Proud Grandma, Teresa Winders





Three Rivers Casino Resort's 20th Annual Toy & Food Drive Brings Joy to Hundreds of Families

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Rich Colton, Director of Marketing
rcolton@threeriverscasino.com

FLORENCE, Ore. – Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence and Three Rivers Coos Bay is demonstrating its unwavering commitment to the community through its 20th Annual Toy and Food Drive. This year's drive collected 1,993 pounds of food for Florence Food Share while filling three pallets with toys. They also donated 30 bicycles to families in need. The team collected 1,609 pounds of food in Coos Bay and several dozen toys.

The annual drive started in November and ran through December 15. Guests generously donated toys and food and were even offered $5 in free slot play for each new, unwrapped toy or three cans of food donated.

"Guests come to the casino with an arm full of toys. Every time I look in our toy drop-off box, my heart makes a big smile," said Marguerite Morgan, Promotions Supervisor at Three Rivers Casino. "The best part is when I call up our police station and say we're on our way and have three crates full of toys and 30 bikes. The officers are coming out to greet us and take the toys to Santa's station. I'm so grateful to the community for making a child's Christmas merry."

There's no greater joy than knowing these toys will bring smiles to local families in need of a gift. That truly gives back," said Lieutenant Larson, Florence Police Department.

"In recent years, we've seen a significant rise in new clients, including many seniors on fixed incomes. The food collected during this drive helps fill our shelves with essentials and ensures no one has to choose between rent and a meal during the holidays. Three Rivers Casino Resort's support is invaluable, and we appreciate their generosity," said Colin Morgan, executive director of Florence Food Share This year's drive aided families and strengthened the bonds between local organizations, volunteers, and the community. Officers from the Florence Police Department joined the effort to deliver toys to children and their families.

For more information, visit
www.threeriverscasino.com













Winter Solstice continued from cover page...

Cherie McClean – “The kids said they had a wonderful time and felt really part of the tribe. They loved learning to dance and singing songs. They have been practicing for the next camp in March.” “Doing the sweat ceremony was very meaningful. I felt more bonded to everyone and the kids like that they got to see how the fire was made with the rocks.” “It was a wonderful time and so grateful to the tribe to help teach me so I can pass it on and teach our kids”

Kyle Gaines – “we were showing our strengths as a community together and that was my first sweat with the tribe and was a positive experience. Enna and Naomi brought in language with language games with the kids which was awesome. It was amazing how everyone came in together to help with the feast, like Tyler coming in to help prepare frybread. Seeing everyone working together was cool. I also loved that we got to spend so much time in the plank house, because that’s how things would have been, and it was neat that we could honor that space like that.”

Hands up to Enna Helms, Isaac Dull, Kyle Gaines, Mark Petrie, Kieleigh Dull, Jesse Beers, Naomi Biesanz, Alhana McNutt, Ava Barton, Kira Flores, Kaie Russell who helped hold space for tribal members to be able to engage in ceremony.

Hands up to the elders; Chief Barrett, Tom and Janet Brainard, Brenda Brainard, Earla Kirk, Howard Roy, Eddie Helms, James Bowman who exchanged positive interactions with the youth and passed on knowledge and wisdom throughout the week.

k’ele ‘neluwehe (With a good heart),
Alycia Cossey (miluk k’a’uu, miluk person)
































WATER IS LIFE







Elders Corner

Elders Holiday Overnight in Florence; Fun for All

Contributed by Elders Program Staff

On December 12th, 2024 CTCLUSI Tribal Elders and their guests arrived at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence for a lovely Holiday dinner and overnight event. Elders were greeted by festive staff members sporting their best ugly Christmas attire.

The night began with a blessing from Chief Barrett. Dinner followed promptly with a delicious pot roast meal served with all the fixings.

After dinner we had a quick gift exchange for those who chose to participate. Next, several fun and competitive rounds of Bingo took place, with a little bonus of popcorn and hot cocoa from our amazing cocoa station. Great prizes were won by many, and laughter and fun was had by all.

After our evening wrapped up, we said goodnight and parted ways. The next morning, we gathered for a healthy breakfast including warm oatmeal, fruit, yogurt, and biscuits with gravy. We said our goodbyes and headed home safely to enjoy the rest of our Holiday season.















Supplemental Security Income Program for Elders 65+

Enrolled CTCLUSI citizens who turn 65 years of age, can begin to receive an Elders Pension through the Supplemental Security Income Program.

An application form is required. The form can be found on the Tribal Government website or using this web address.

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Elder-Supplemental-Security-Income

Need assistance filling out your application or have questions about the program? Contact the Enrollment Department today at 541-888-7506.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELDERS

Are you a CTCLUSI Tribal Elder interested in learning something new?

The CTCLUSI Education department can help cover the costs and help arrange classes for you—whether at a local college, community center, or online.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR WISDOM?

We're also seeking Elders to tutor and inspire younger students!

Please Contact Morgan Cloud at mcloud@ctclusi.org today to learn more!

Elders Corner

Florence Elders Luncheon

Thursday, February 13, 2025
11:30am to 1:00pm
Florence Outreach Office
3757 Hwy 101
Florence, OR 97439

Hosted by Doug Morrison, CHR

Join us for good food and company!
The Elders committee meeting will be held after the luncheon.

Please RSVP by
Friday, February 7, 2025
(541) 435-7155
Or toll free
1(888) 365-7155

Transportation is available from the Eugene and Coos Bay offices.

Elders Potluck Luncheon

Hosted by Tribal Elder
Eddie Helms

First Wednesday of the month at

Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Ave., Coos Bay, OR

Bring a dish to share

12 (noon) - 2 p.m.

Elders Honor Day 2025

March 21 & 22, 2025

Hosted by
the Coquille Indian Tribe

(See Tribal Council Corner on page 4 of this publication for additional information.)

Lodging will be paid for by the CTCLUSI Elders Program for the night of Friday, March 21, 2025 only.

No Transportation will be provided.

All guests must be over 55 years old with exception of legal spouses and caregivers.

Please contact Barbara Black at 541-888-7520 for lodging reservations.

SAVE THE DATE
THE COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE
OREGON TRIBAL ELDERS HONOR DAY

WILL BE HELD MARCH 21 & 22, 2025
AT THE MILL CASINO & HOTEL
(Registration forms and agenda will be coming soon)

There will be no charges for Tribal Elders for any of the activities, All other guests with the exception of legal spouses and caregivers will be charged for meals.

Rooms are blocked under Elders Honor Day at
The Mill Casino.
Rooms are $150 + Tax.
To reserve please call 541-756-8800 X 3

ALL GUESTS MUST BE OVER 55 YEARS OLD WITH EXCEPTION OF LEGAL SPOUSES, CAREGIVERS AND STAFF.

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Encourages Us to Look at Relationship Health: Identify Abuse

Contributed by CTCLUSI Circles of Healing Program

It is important to know what a healthy relationship looks like, and what an unhealthy relationship looks like. A healthy relationship includes communication, respect, trust, honesty, and other qualities along this line. An unhealthy relationship can look like dishonesty, not trusting each other, trying to take control, spending time with only each other, and other qualities that could lead to a repressed or controlled feeling. An unhealthy relationship can very easily venture into an abusive relationship, which is why we want you to know the signs of an unhealthy relationship. A relationship can become abusive when things like mistreatment, isolation, belittling, threatening or causing physical violence, damaging your property, and other qualities that could make you fear them enter the relationship.

This month is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. We highly encourage teaching youth what a healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationship can look like. If you or a loved one are experiencing domestic violence, please reach out to the Circles of Healing team. We are here to help. To reach a confidential Advocate, call 541-294-8624 or 541-808-8152.

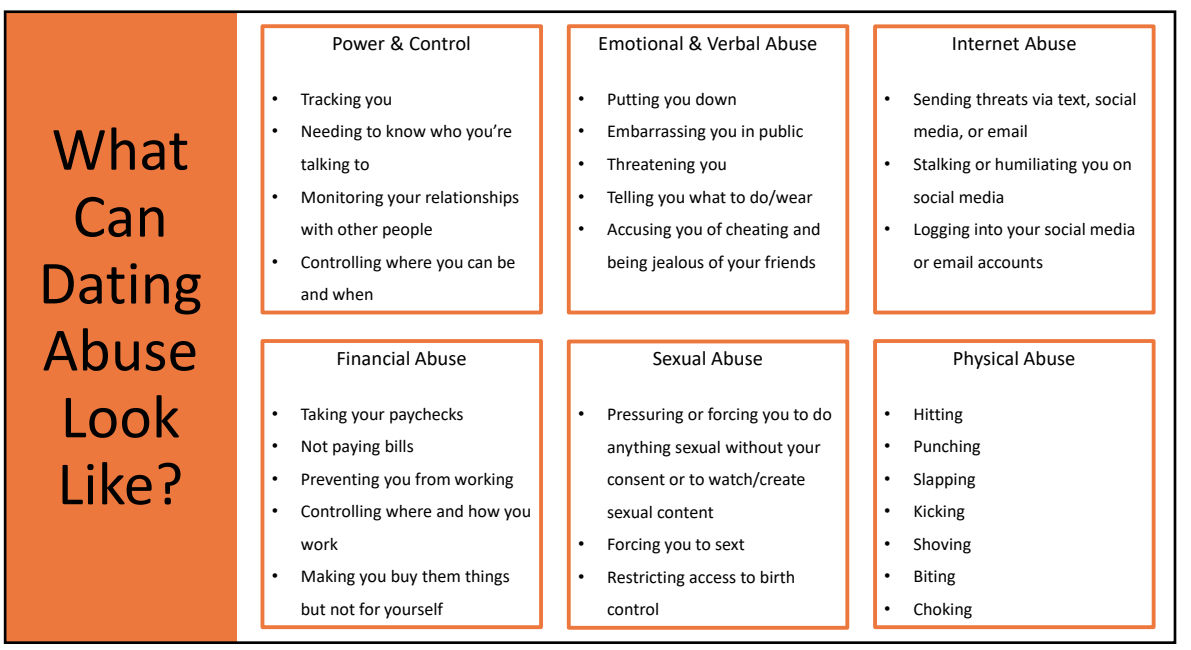
CTCLUSI
Circles of Healing

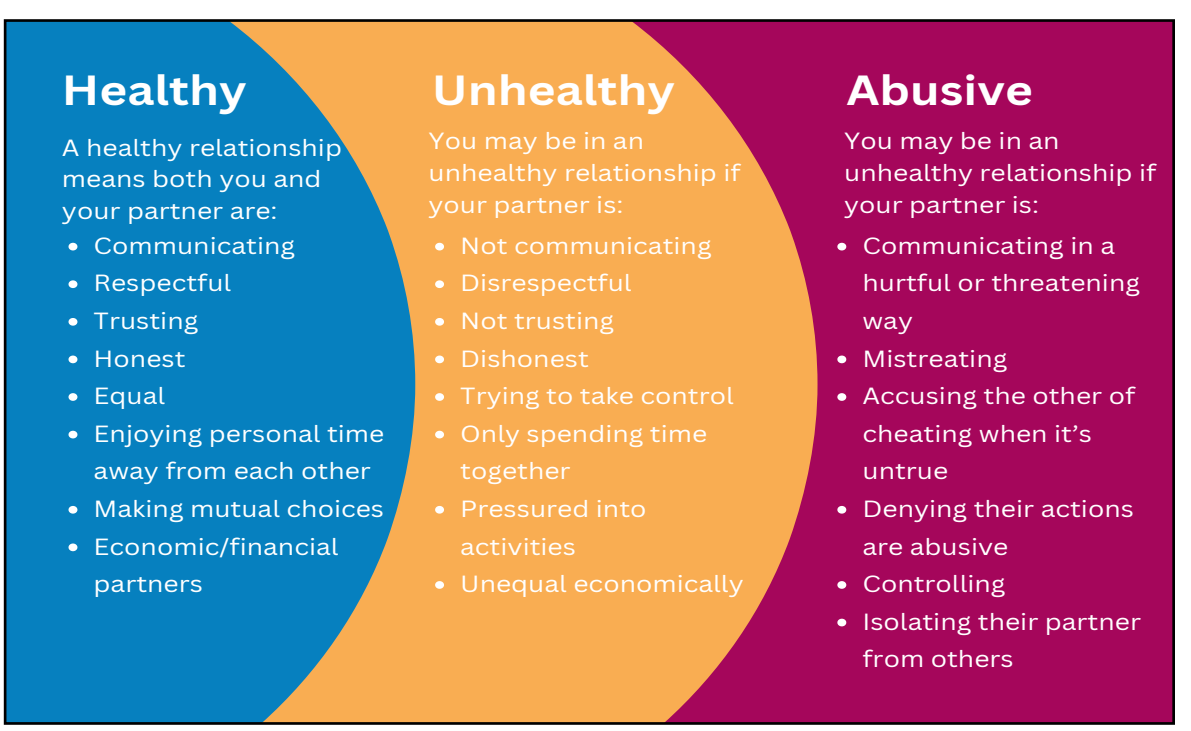
We offer confidential advocacy, safety planning, support groups, and other support services.

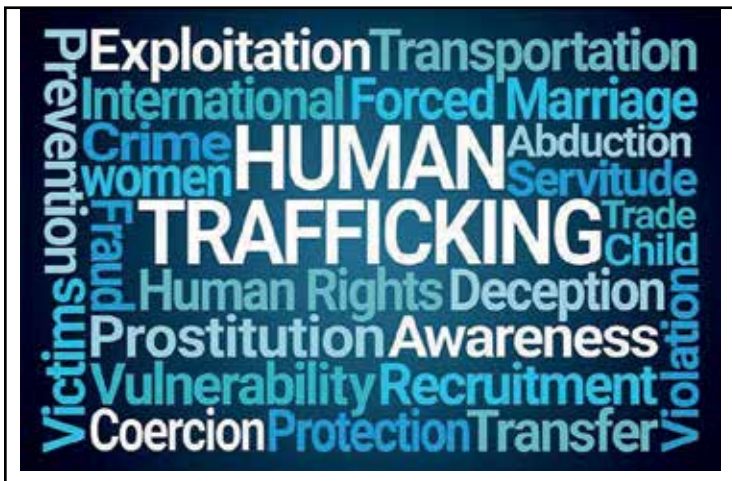
For more infomation, please call an advocate

Coos Bay Advocate:
541-294-8624

Eugene Advocate:
541-808-8152







February 18th, 2025

CTCLUSI Circles of Healing and Kids First Presents:

UNDERSTANDING AND IDENTIFYING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

We will be covering the risks, vulnerabilities and impacts of sex trafficking as well as covering key indicators for high risk populations. Additionally, training will cover Roadmaps, an interactive look at experiences of trafficking victims.

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA, SIUSLAW

KIDS FIRST
a children's advocacy center

Doors open @9AM

Session runs:
9:15AM-12:00PM

LOCATION:
THREE RIVERS RESORT AND CASINO
5647 Highway 126
Florence OR 97439

Please RSVP no later than 2/11/25

QUESTIONS?

Jennifer Emerson
541-808-8152
or
Abbigail Thomas
541-294-8624

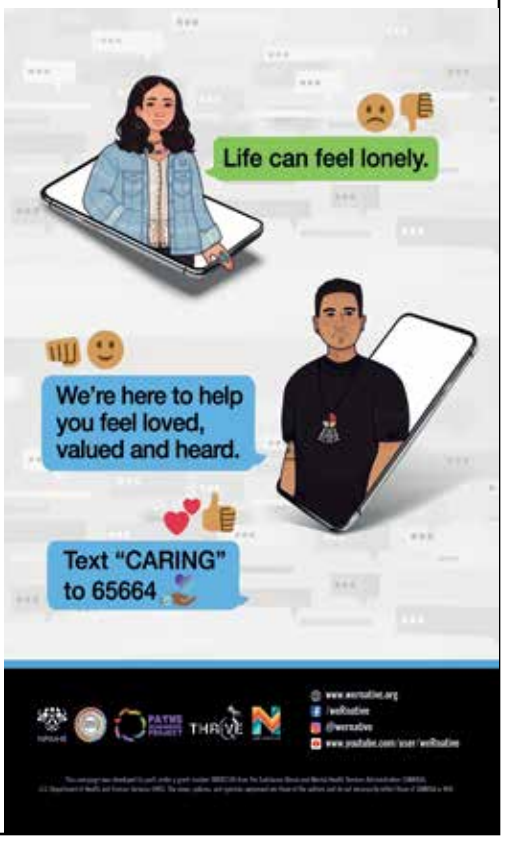
Caring Messages

Sometimes all it takes is a thoughtful text to brighten your day and shift your perspective. We all need a little more joy in our lives, and We R Native wants to help spread the love.

Simply text "CARING" to 65664 to receive two texts per week with funny videos, songs, and messages designed to improve your mood and remind you of just how awesome you are!

The best part about being Native, is that we have each other's backs. Consider signing up to get an extra boost from relatives and relations who care.

Caring Messages is a text intervention developed and administered by THRIVE, the suicide prevention project at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.



February is American Heart Month

Reduce Stress for a Healthier Heart

Contributed by CTCLUSI Community Health

Whether it's from everyday deadlines, financial struggles, or the COVID-19 pandemic, stress shows up often in life. And your body reacts to it: your heart rate increases, your blood vessels narrow—and over time, these little blows can add up and do damage to your health, particularly your heart. With chronic stress, you're more likely to have high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and poor sleep. Even other parts of your body – from your lungs to your gut – can take a hit.

But while you can't always limit the amount of stress in your life, you can work on changing how you respond to it. Just like the automatic "fight or flight" response that kicks in when you're scared – your muscles tense, heart rate increases and the brain becomes more alert – your body also has a built-in, healthy relaxation response. When that's triggered, the opposite happens: your breathing and heart rate slow down, and your blood pressure decreases.

Luckily, with practice, you can learn to trigger that response. Try these techniques on your own or find a teacher or class to help you get started. Don't get discouraged if you don't get the hang of it quickly. And if one approach doesn't work for you, try something new. You can learn to de-stress in lots of other ways.

- ***Meditation.*** One of the most studied approaches for managing stress involves developing your ability to stay focused on the present, instead of worrying about the past or future. Find a quiet location with as few distractions as possible. Get comfortable by either sitting, lying, or walking. Focus your attention on a specific word or set of words, an object, or your breathing. And let distractions, including thoughts, come and go without judgment.
- ***Progressive muscle relaxation*.** To feel the effect, first tense your muscles for a few seconds, then relax them. Start by tensing and relaxing your toes, then your calves, and on up to your face. Do one muscle group at a time.
- ***Deep breathing***. Take in a slow, deep breath, let your stomach or chest expand, and then exhale slowly. Repeat a few times. Many people don't breathe deeply, but it is relaxing and something you can do anytime, anywhere.
- ***Guided imagery***. This involves a series of steps that include relaxing and visualizing the details of a calm, peaceful setting, such as a garden.

Getting your mind and body to a place of calm doesn't always mean being still, however. Other healthy ways to manage stress include taking a yoga or tai chi class, talking to a professional counselor, joining a stress management program or an art class, or meeting up with friends for a brisk walk. Being in nature can be very soothing for some people.

Combining de-stressors like these with other healthy habits can go a long way toward strengthening your heart. Eat more veggies, fruits, and whole grains, and less sodium, sugar, and saturated fats, for example. Move your body more – like through dancing and walking meetings. Find exercises you actually love and do them regularly. Get enough good, quality sleep. And develop a strong social support system. Then rethink some of the familiar ways you may be coping with stress, such as drinking alcohol frequently, using drugs and other substances, smoking, or overeating. They can actually worsen your stress – and your health.

Taking care of your heart health is a lifelong journey, but at a time when the risk of severe illness from COVID-19 remains higher in people with poor cardiovascular health, learning new ways to make your heart strong has become even more important.

You can learn more about heart health from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute by visiting www.nhlbi.nih.gov. If you need help finding additional resources to help you cope with stress, talk to your healthcare provider. Seek urgent care if you can't cope at all or have suicidal thoughts. Resources are also available at nimh.nih.gov/health/find-help.

Source: https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov

Child Care Development Fund (CCDF Program)

Childcare services birth to 5 years old can receive full-time childcare services.

Students Kindergarten up to 12 years old can receive before and/or after school care.

Services during school hours are not qualified for students Kindergarten up to 12 years old.

Eligibility:

- Must be a CTCLUSI enrolled tribal member.
- There is no income requirement to participate, and no co-pays.
- Parent/guardian must show proof of employment, and/or enrollment in college or other programs.
- Participants must fill out a Parent and Provider applications which can be found on the Tribe's website.
- Provider can be a licensed Childcare Center, Licensed In-Home Childcare, or a Family Provider (grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling living in separate housing) with a cleared background check and current Pediatric CPR/1st Aid certification.

Contact:
Brandy Lauby
email: blauby@ctclusi.org or call: 541-888-1314





FEMA Advisory

FEMA Seeks Leaders for National Youth Preparedness Council

FEMA is accepting applications for the Youth Preparedness Council (YPC) until March 3. YPC is a program that brings teens together from across the nation who are interested and engaged in community preparedness.

Council members are selected based on their dedication to public service, their efforts in making a difference in their communities and their potential to expand their impact as national leaders for emergency preparedness. Students in grades eight through 11 are eligible to apply.

During their one-year term, council members collaborate virtually with each other to develop projects that promote preparedness on a local and national scale. Members also engage with leaders within FEMA, the federal government, and national non-profit organizations.

Jiaming Zhang, 2024-2025 YPC member and Team Lead of his project group, appreciates the impact of his time on the YPC.

“Being a part of YPC has been an enriching experience, but what I've enjoyed most is the opportunity to collaborate with [others] who share a commitment to community service and disaster preparedness. Engaging with FEMA officials allowed me to gain valuable insights into their expectations, priorities, and suggestions for project planning,” said Zhang. “Having the chance to ask questions and receive guidance directly from seasoned experts was incredibly beneficial and has undoubtedly enhanced my understanding of effective project management in the realm of emergency preparedness.”

Youth interested in applying to the council must submit a completed application form and provide two letters of recommendation. All applications and supporting materials must be submitted no later than March 3, 2025. New council members will be announced by June 2025.

Youth living in FEMA Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) may be invited to join the FEMA Region 10 YPC, a similar council that focuses specifically on creating projects within these four states.

To access the application materials, read about the current council members, and for more information about the Youth Preparedness Council visit the Youth Preparedness Council page on FEMA.gov.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please contact FEMA Region 10 Office of External Affairs:

- News Desk at (425) 487-4610 or FEMA-R10-NewsDesk@fema.dhs.gov
- Congressional Affairs at FEMA-R10-CongO@fema.dhs.gov
- Tribal Affairs at FEMA-R10-Tribal@fema.dhs.gov

FEMA

January 2025

Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA) Pilot Program

Contributed by Kelli Bosak, LCSW, Behavioral Health Director, Three Rivers Health Center

Are you interested in a career in the behavioral health field or want to make a difference in the lives of individuals impacted by mental health and substance use issues? If you have been curious about career opportunities or experienced the ongoing critical shortage of behavioral health care providers in Oregon, you may be intrigued by the recent announcement of the new Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA) pilot program by the Oregon Health Authority. This new pilot program creates new pathways to registration as a Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA-R) through accredited Oregon community college programs in the human services or behavioral health and specialized apprenticeships. By becoming a certified QMHA-R, you can be eligible for positions in state-approved behavioral health programs and help meet the growing demand for services, particularly in tribal communities and rural areas.

The Human Services program at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SOCC) is one example of an accredited program which awards an Associates Degree of Applied Sciences upon completion. Successful completion of this degree program will give Graduates eligibility for QMHA-R status.

For more information about the program at SOCC, check out SOCC’s website: https://ecatalog.socc.edu/programsaz/human-services/

For more information about the QMHA-R and QMHA credentials, check out this site: https://www.mhacbo.org/en/mentalhealth/qmha-r/

Mold and Mildew – Oh my!
What causes it, and how to get rid of it

Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant

Mold and Mildew are part of the fungi family, but they are definitely not the type of "fun-guys" you want in your home. Warm, moist, dark environments, with poor ventilation are their preferred growth habitats. This includes basements, crawl spaces, closets, and bathrooms. They can even grow on clothes, rugs, draperies, and shower curtains. Organic surfaces such as food, paper, wood, leather, wool, cotton, silk, and linen are hot beds for spores to grow and spread.

Preventing mold and mildew before it happens makes life easier down the road. You can start by ensuring the environment has good air flow. Because mold and mildew thrive in places with poor air flow-opening up windows, turning on bathroom fans, creating air circulation or having a dehumidifier will decrease the likelihood of spore growth.

Checking the home, and stopping any unnecessary moisture will also aid in your fight. Is there a leak somewhere you don't know about, like under the sink or behind the toilet? Are the surfaces in the bathroom damp after showers for long periods of time? Is moisture somehow getting into your home through a roof or window seal? Finding, properly cleaning, and fixing moisture leaks will also decrease the likelihood of spore growth.

What are some ways to clean mold and mildew? If you are sensitive to cleaning products such as bleach, use a detergent or vinegar/water-based solution to clean.

When cleaning visible mold on slick surfaces, first use a spray bottle filled with water to prevent mold spores from releasing when cleaning. Mist the area with soapy water or other preferred cleaning solution, scrub, clean, and dry thoroughly.

For mold on porous surfaces such as fabric, furniture, carpets, drywall, wood ect..inspect them first to see how bad the damage is. It may need to be thrown away completely, if not move it outside (if possible) to prevent mold spores from spreading in your home.

Fabric should be cleaned in chlorine bleach and hot water-if that is not a safe option for the material, soak it in oxygen bleach and hot water for 30 minutes, then wash as directed. Once washed ensure the fabric dries thoroughly, preferably outside in the sun if possible.

Did you know that sunlight kills mold by damaging the mold's DNA with ultraviolet rays? Putting items out to dry is not only energy efficient, but it helps kills mold spores and helps eliminate odors!

For more tips and tricks to get rid of mold/mildew and to clean surfaces a effected by it you can check out: https://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-cleanup-your-home or https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/home/cleaning/a34763321/how-to-get-rid-of-mold/



CTCLUSI
RENTAL ASST.

This program assists low income Tribal Families maintain a rental home such as an apartment, house, duplex, or other approved rental unit by paying a portion of the rent directly to a private landlord and/or property management company. This program is only available in the State of Oregon.

Student rental assistance is also available to full time college students who are enrolled with CTCLUSI's Education Department and who meet the program criteria. Student Rental Assistance is available throughout the United States.

Waitlists are utilized if funding is unavailable at time of application.

FULL-TIME COLLEGE STUDENTS *INQUIRE NOW!*

FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE

STATEWIDE TENANT BASED ASSISTANCE

CTCLUSI HOUSING DEPT.

1320 Neese St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420
(541)-888-1310

Monday-Friday

8am-5pm

JOIN A TRIBAL COMMITTEE !

We are accepting Letters of Interest for Tribal Committees. We have had some recent vacancies. Tribal Committees cover several areas of the Tribe and work with various departments. Below is a list of Committees you may be interested in becoming a member of:

- Culture Committee

- Budget Committee

- Education Committee

- Elders Committee

- Enrollment Committee

- Language Committee

- Housing Committee

- Election Board

If interested, please fill out a "Letter of Interest Form" located on Tribes Website.

These Letters of Interest remain on file for (1) one year.

Please visit the Citizen Portal of the Tribal Government website at

www.ctclusi.org/tribal-committees/ for more information.

For more information or if you have any questions contact:

Jeannie Miller, Administrative Support Manager

1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
Phone: 541-888-7506
Email: jmiller@ctclusi.org

Confederated Tribes of
Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 12/05/24

Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities

- *Circles of Healing Transitional Services Specialist – Coos Bay*
- *Clinic Scheduler – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Clinic Security Guard – Coos Bay*
- *Cultural Resources Protection Technician II – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Assistant I. – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Billing Specialist – Part-Time – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Therapist – Coos Bay*
- *Events Coordinator – Coos Bay*
- *Gaming Inspector - Florence*
- *Laboratory Technician I. – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Assistant – Primary Care – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Director – Three Rivers Health Center*
- *Ocean Fishing Deckhand: On-Call*
- *Patient Benefits Coordinator – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Procurement Specialist – Coos Bay*
- *Special Events – On Call – Varies on Assignment*
- *Surveillance Agent I. – Various Shifts*
- *Tribal Youth Engagement Coordinator – Florence*
- *Tribal Youth Engagement Specialist – 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

Tribal Members please log in to the Citizen Porrtal to access any CTCLUSI Tribal Member Job Opportunities

Please email questions to ***recruitment@ctclusihr.org***

PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.



Photo by Morgan Gaines

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

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

WELLNESS COURT

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



Confidential

Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307

Free 4-Week (On-Line) Fitness Workshops
Low Impact Workouts Led by Certified Instructors

March 2025
Tuesdays & Thursdays
6-7pm

On-Line Zoom Event
All Ages!

BE FIT BE STRONGER

ESTD 2025

No equipment Necessary

FITNESS Club

In the Spirit of Prevention and Healthy Life Style
RSVP 541-744-1334 to Obtain Link to Attend
Sponsored by the CLUSI Social Services Department

Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program



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

Seeds and dried Tobacco available



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

Upcoming Events

RSVP for events by calling

1-541-435-7155

February 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 I Can Bead That! Tribal Hall 10 am - 2 pm Elders Potluck Tribal Hall	6	7	8
9 Regular Council Meeting 10:00am	10	11	12	13 Elders Committee 1:00pm Elders Luncheon Florence Outreach 11:30am	14 Valentine's Day	15 6th Annual Winter Storytelling Event Coos Bay 5:00pm
16	17 President's Day All Tribal Offices Closed	18 Understanding and Identifying Human Trafficking Event TRCR	19 I Can Bead That! Tribal Hall 10 am - 2 pm	20	21 Tribal Court Edu Series: Session III Tribal Hall at Noon	22 Regalia Making Tribal hall10am-4pm
23 Regalia Making Tribal hall10am-4pm	24	25	26 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	27	28	1

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23	24	25 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	26	27 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	28	1
2	3	4 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	5 Elders Potluck Tribal Hall	6 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	7	8 First Canoe Pull Medicine Gathering Munsel Lake
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16	17	18 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	19	20 Online Fitness Workshop 6pm Equinox Overnight Women's Sweat Language Games	21 Tribal Court Edu Series: Session IV. Tribal Hall, Noon Equinox Overnight Men's Sweat Coquille Elders Honor Day Mill Casino, Coos Bay	22 Coquille Elders Honor Day Mill Casino, Coos Bay
23 30	24 31	25 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	26 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Spring Break Camp	27 Online Fitness Workshop 6:00 pm	28	29

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

ATTENTION TRIBAL ARTISANS

WAXUUWII (GIFTS) IS OPEN!

Three Rivers Casino and Resort in Florence Oregon has re-opened its Gift Shop doors! CTCLUSI Tribal Artisans are encouraged to contact us for an opportunity to sell their work at waxuuwii (gifts) at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence, Oregon

Contact Us

541-999-7938

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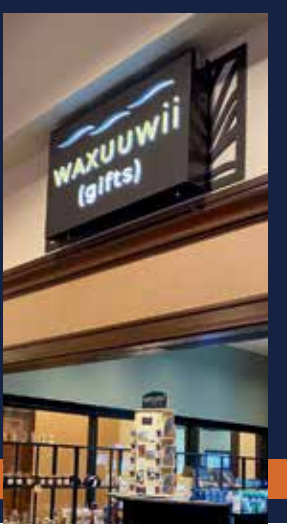

Good Neighbor

MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

$50 Cash Hot Seats every 20 minutes

Style & Stash

TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Drawings every 30 minutes to win a Designer Bag. PLUS, win a cash prize up to $500! One entry for every 100 same-day points earned on Tuesdays.

Phoenix Link Fortune Wheel

WEDNESDAYS 6PM-9PM

Spin the wheel and win up to $1,500! Drawings every 30 minutes. One enry for every 100 same-day points earned.

ARISTOCRAT GAMING

Red Hot Seats

SATURDAYS 6PM-9PM

$500 Cash Hot Seats every 20 minutes.

Café 1297

Monday - Thursday
served from 11am-10pm

Friday - Sunday
served from 4pm-10pm

February Weekly Specials

MONDAY - MEDLEY STEW $20

Bacon, beef, chicken and sausage in a rich demi-glace sauce with bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, carrots and red-skinned potatoes. Accompanied by hasselback, three-cheese garlic butter baguettes.

TUESDAY - CAJUN SHRIMP FLORENTINE $20

Sauteed shrimp and sea scallops in a rich alfredo sauce with tri-colored bell peppers, diced tomatoes and fresh spinach. Served over bucatini pasta with garlic bread.

WEDNESDAY - CHICKEN PARMESAN $20

Herb-crusted chicken breast and zesty, house-made marinara sauce topped with mozzarella and provolone cheeses. Served over herb-buttered pasta with a green salad.

THURSDAY - TACO PIZZA $20

Refried beans, season ground beef, black olives, diced tomatoes, crisp romaine, fresh cilantro and red onions. Finished with hatch sauce.

FRIDAY - SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB $35

Slow-roasted, choice prime rib served with a choice of baked potato or mashed potatoes with brown gravy. Served with the vegetable du jour, au jus and a dinner roll.

SATURDAY - SHEPHERD'S PIE $20

Seasoned ground beef, peas and carrots topped with mashed potatoes and served with a green salad.

SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

See server for details

Café 1297

Valentine's Day Special

Sweetheart Land and Sea

$60

10-ounce, prime New York strip, charbroiled and topped with port-thyme compound butter. Accompanied with garlic lime shrimp skewers and served with Yukon Gold, roasted garlic mashed potatoes with brown gravy, grilled asparagus spears and a dinner roll. For dessert, a house-made brownie topped with vanilla bean ice cream, chocolate syrup, chopped walnuts, whipped cream and rainbow sprinkles.

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