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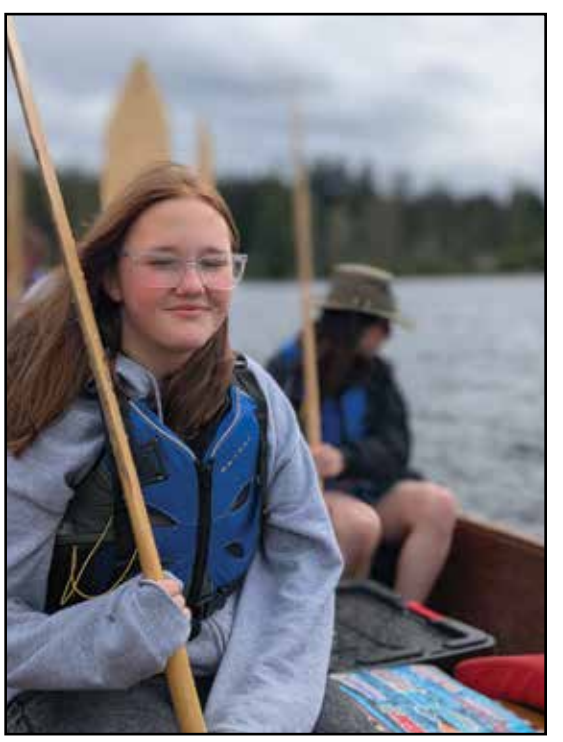
Camp *hoohoolii*: Reflections on Water – Images of our Future







Contributed by Ang Henry, Camp Director

Camp hoohoolii 2025 was an unforgettable experience, bringing together Tribal Youth, youth from Tribal Families, and members from neighboring Tribes. Youth gathered from across three states and various regions of Oregon. Held on our ancestral lands at Camp Cleawox, this year's camp offered a week of cultural exploration, shared learning, and boundless fun. The theme, hoohoolii: Reflections on Water, served as a powerful lens through which to explore the diverse and unique experiences of our Tribal Youth today.

Throughout the week, the campers engaged in meaningful activities like making medicine bags, carving clacker sticks, practicing archery, and going on a plant scavenger hunt. From early in the morning until late in the evening, they embraced each challenge with enthusiasm and determination. The daily Clan activities helped foster a strong sense of community, while the evenings brought everyone together for social events. After dinner, all-camp activities took place in the lodge, where we enjoyed Bingo Night with traditional language sounds, Karaoke Night, and the always-popular Skit Night.

The weather graced us with two magical nights to enjoy campfires under starry skies. When rain arrived later in the week, we brought the warmth of fire indoors. The youth gathered around the lodge's fireplace, curling up on camp pads as Ramil Beers shared traditional stories and Kaiə Russell led traditional songs. These quiet, intimate moments by the fire deepened the sense of connection and reflection within the camp.

A standout moment was Karaoke Night, which was filled with good songs and laughter. The duet performance of "Love is an Open Door" was a highlight, with special thanks to Cash and Carson for their incredible energy.

Another defining experience at camp was the canoeing adventure. Despite unpredictable weather, the youths' teamwork and perseverance came through as they faced the wind and rain with resilience. Their ability to collaborate in challenging conditions demonstrated the growth and strength they had cultivated during their time at camp.

"Camp was an enjoyable experience that had all of us reconnecting to our tribal relations and to our culture."

- Isa

The Counselors in Training (CITs) played a crucial role in shaping the camp experience. Leading evening campfires with songs and stories, they exhibited inspiring leadership, guiding both their peers and younger campers with enthusiasm and creativity. Whether they were carving clacker sticks, processing Cedar, or learning about Camas bulbs and traditional cooking methods, the CITs approached each task hiisch hai (with a good heart). Their leadership brought the camp's spirit to life and exemplified the strength and unity that will guide our future.

Camp hoohoolii continues on page 10

Save the Date

Eugene Outreach Office - New Location

Moving Day: May 7, 2025

Learn More About the Office Move on Page 20

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from March 9, 2025 - April 12, 2025

Chief Doug Barrett

03/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
03/10 Plank House Fire & Dinner With 9 Tribes of Oregon
03/11 Special Meeting for 3/9 Meeting
03/12 Annual Meeting on Siuslaw National Forest, Lane ACT Meeting
03/13 Culture Committee Meeting
03/14 Spring Break camp meeting, Canoe + STEAM planning meeting
03/18 CPR Training in Florence Outreach office
03/19 MHA/LADCP Monthly Meeting
03/20 Elakha alliance in Seattle for Sea Otter Symposium, Leaders Circle
03/21 Elakha alliance in Seattle for Sea Otter Symposium
03/22 Elakha alliance in Seattle for Sea Otter Symposium
03/23 Elakha alliance in Seattle for Sea Otter Symposium
03/24 Meeting with Cathy Kaufmann & Spring Break Camp
03/25 Spring Break Camp, Camp hoohoolii, Arrowhead Making, NARA NW Board Meeting
03/26 GFORB & Tribal Council Meeting
04/01 Coos History Museum Lecture Series – Bob Bailey for Elakha Alliance, Sea Otters
04/03 Leaders Circle
04/04 Tribal Member Meeting Request
04/07 Canoe Journey Discussion/Planning
04/09 Blue Earth Federal Corporation Board Meeting, Lane ACT Monthly Meeting & Ancestor pick up
04/10 Culture Committee Meeting
04/11 Ancestor Repatriation Ceremony
04/12 Skippers Meeting
04/13 Tribal Council Meeting & General Council Meeting

Total Hours: 176

Brad Kneaper, Chair

03/09 Regular Tribal Council Meeting. Due to Council Person Enna Helms removal from Council, the agenda was cleared in order to allow discussion with Membership, and allow questions.
03/11 Opening Blessing for the "Severy Project" for the improvement to the road entering the Hatch Tract, including putting in sidewalks for pedestrian travel on and off property, Special Council Meeting held to conduct business that was held over from the Sunday March 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.
03/12 Write Council Report and Newsletter Article.
03/20 Leaders Circle (ZOOM only): Blue Earth Update/Discussion; Legal report on National Academies Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) Tribal Liaison Discussion.
03/26 Virtual Meeting with the Director of Oregon Department of State Lands regarding her upcoming retirement and recruitment for her replacement. Meet with CEO and Staff prior to Business Meeting. Business Council Meeting.
04/03 Leader's Circle (ZOOM): Report by our Environmental Scientist and Portland State University.
04/04 Meeting with Tribal Member at their request at Tribal Community Center.
04/10 With Council Approval, Staff prepared disaster Relief Supplies for Burns Paiute Tribe after serious infrastructure damage from severe flooding.
04/11 – 04/12 Pick up Supplies for below delivery in Coos Bay from Tribal Emergency Services. Deliver pickup truck and utility trailer load of supplies to Burns Paiute Tribe in Burns Oregon.

Total Hours: 154

Teresa Spangler, Vice-Chair

03/09 Regular Council meeting
03/11 Opening Prayer for the Severy Project Kick off, Special Meeting: Finished up items from the March 9th meeting. We only did Good of the Tribe on the 9th.
03/20 Leaders Circle
03/26 Business Council meeting
03/27 Meeting with Governor Kotek, 9 Tribes and Staff from state agencies.
04/03 Leaders Circle
04/04 Meeting with a tribal citizen

Total Hours: 67.5

Julie Siestreem

03/09 Tribal Council/General Council Regular Monthly meeting
03/10 Plank House Fire and Dinner with Chief Doug Barrett for the 9 Tribes Quarterly Report
03/11 LCIS mtg., HV Committee mtg., 4j NATIVES IPC mtg.
03/12 DELC TAC mtg., 4j NATIVES Program Culture mtg.
03/14 DELC mtg., NIEA mtg.
03/18 DLCD Tribes Only Table Off Shore Wind Process
03/20 Tribal Council Leaders Circle mtg., Spring Equinox Tribal Hall
03/26 Tribal Council monthly GFORB mtg., Tribal Council monthly Business mtg., DELC TAC mtg.
03/31 Education Committee mtg.
04/01 Bob Bailey/Elakha Alliance Presentation Coos History Museum
04/02 US Dept. of Education
04/03 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
04/04 Tribal member /Tribal Council meeting request
04/08 4j NATIVES IPC mtg.
04/09 4j NATIVES Program Culture mtg., DELC TAC mtg.
04/11 Hanis Coos Ancestor Internment Ceremony wu'alach cemetary (Empire, Oregon)
04/12 Invasive Species Removal Tribal Hall/Shinny Field
04/13 Tribal Council/General Council Regular Monthly mtg.

Total Hours: 130

Debbie Bossley

03/09 Tribal Council Mtg
03/11 Groundbreaking Severy property & Council Mtg
03/20 Leaders Circle
03/26 Leaders Circle
04/03 Leaders Circle
04/04 Special Mtg

Total Hours: 48

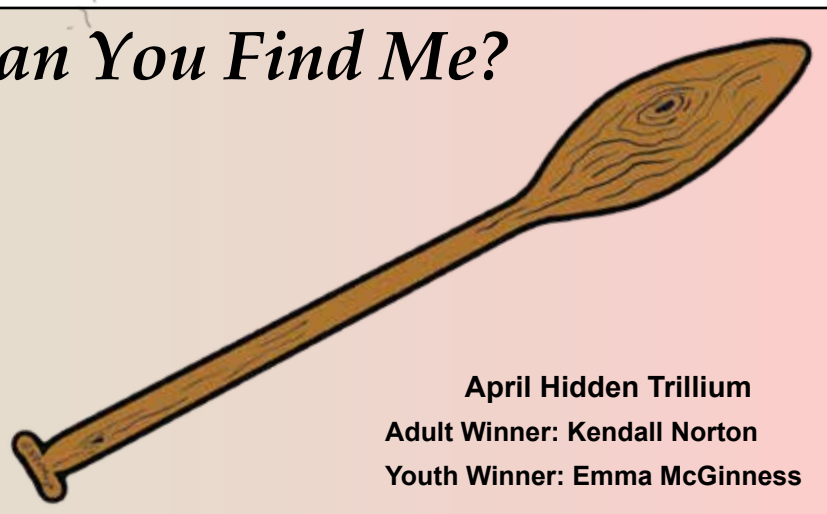
Iliana Montiel

03/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
03/19 – 3/30 Vacation
04/02 GFORB Special Meeting
04/03 Leaders Circle
04/04 Tribal Member meeting request

Total Hours: 15

Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **CANOE PADDLE 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 CANOE PADDLE hiding!
Must email by MAY 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.



April Hidden Trillium
Adult Winner: Kendall Norton
Youth Winner: Emma McGinness

The Trillium Flower was hidden on page 16, hidden in the left rock post of the Brainard Memorial arch.

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 Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 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 Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 or at email lkrossman@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: 541-435-7178 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 lkrossman@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. Sarah Marcial
7. Roseanna Perry

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

Education Committee
1. VACANT
2. Julie Siestreem
3. Nicole Romine
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
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. Vicki Faciane
5. Teresa Spangler

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3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter
5. Holiday Maine

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4. Jade Fong
5. Jamie Biesanz
6. Jesse Beers
7. Ayuthea Cisneros

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2. Mike Brainard
3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. VACANT
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 Lorin Krossman, at 541-435-7178 or enrollment@ctclusi.org

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THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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-Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist
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Upcoming Events

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

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Council Meeting

May 10, 2024
(this meeting falls on Saturday due to Mother's Day)

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Eugene, Oregon
More information coming soon

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 Seeking an Individiual to Fill Tribal Council Vacancy Position #1

Tribal Council is currently seeking interested individuals to fill the vacant Tribal Council Position #1 for the remaining term ending April 2027. Per the Tribes Constitution Article IX – Section 1. Vacancies (a) In the event of tribal council position becomes vacant, such position shall be filled by a majority vote of the tribal council from names nominated by tribal council members. Qualifications are 1. Be a duly enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw. 2. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age. 3. Never have been previously removed from office for good cause.

Those interested please submit a Cover Letter and Resume via email: executiveteam@ctclusi.org.
You may also mail your submission to:
Tribal Council, 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

DEADLINE FOR ALL SUBMISSION TO BE RECEIVED: May 15, 2025 by 5 p.m.

For more details about the duties and responsibility of a Tribal Council member please visit www.ctclusi.org for specific information found in Chapter 1-9 Tribal Council and the adopted Tribal Council Rules of Procedure and Conduct.

CTCLUSI Tribal Council Aide Burns Paiute Tribe in Time of Need

Contributed by Julie Siestreem, Tribal Council

Tribal Council voted for our Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians to make a donation to the Burns Paiute Tribes to help them in their recovery process from the devastating March 14, 2025 flooding.

Several of our staff worked collaboratively with Armando Martinez, Leslie Carroll, Meagan Davenport to help gather needed helpful items. Our Chair Brad Kneaper used his personal truck and trailer to deliver the items in person to the Burns Paiute Chair Tracy Kennedy at their receiving location on Friday, April 11, 2025.

We are checking back with them to see if they need additional support. They have no idea how long the recovery process will be. Red Cross is there. Oregon Governor Kotek has visited and is sending or, has sent support.









Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-041
Date of Passage: March 11, 2025
Subject (title): Tribal Language Teacher Certification Protocol
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this process that has been developed that outlines steps required to become a certified Language Teacher for one or more of the three languages of the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians . **Vote 4-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-042
Date of Passage: March 11, 2025
Subject (title): 2025 Restated and Amended Advantage OHP Associate Provider Agreement and Associated Documents with Advantage Dental Services and Tribal Council Approval Thereof
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for Three Rivers Dental Clinic.
Vote 4-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-043
ate of Passage: March 11, 2025
Subject (title): Amendment to Budget for Canoe Building Project
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for additional funding to complete work needed on new building to accommodate additional employees in Florence. **Vote 4-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-044
Date of Passage: March 11, 2025
Subject (title): Approval to Submit Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this grant request from Planning for the purpose to provide equipment for Tribal Police and improve Tribal Courtroom space and future expansion of the Tribal Court. **Vote 4-0-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-045
Date of Passage: March 11, 2025
Subject (title): Outstation Outreach Worker for Tribal -638 Health Centers Funding Request
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the submission of request for funding for from the Health Department to be used for staffing costs associated to provide assistance to patients with complete OHP medical coverage applications.
Vote 4-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-046
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Request for Approval of an MOU with Oregon State University and Chemeketa Community College
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this MOU to establish a collaborative framework between OSU, CCC and CTCLUSI for student Native American students. **Vote 5-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-047
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): 2024 Annual Performance Report Submission
Explanation: Tribal Council reviewed and approved the submission from the Housing Department the required submission detailing how previous spending was used and future goals and objective in the Tribes Indian Housing Plan . **Vote 5-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-048
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Baldija Memorial Phase 2 Budget
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this phase 2 funding and budget request to support the project of the Memorial Wall to be placed at Baldija.
Vote 5-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-049
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Approval and Authorization for OHA HHGP Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this grant agreement for funding to be used for activity related to both repair and rehabilitation for low income housing. **Vote 5-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-050
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Machine Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 4-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-051
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Machine Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 4-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-052
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Machine Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 4-0-1**

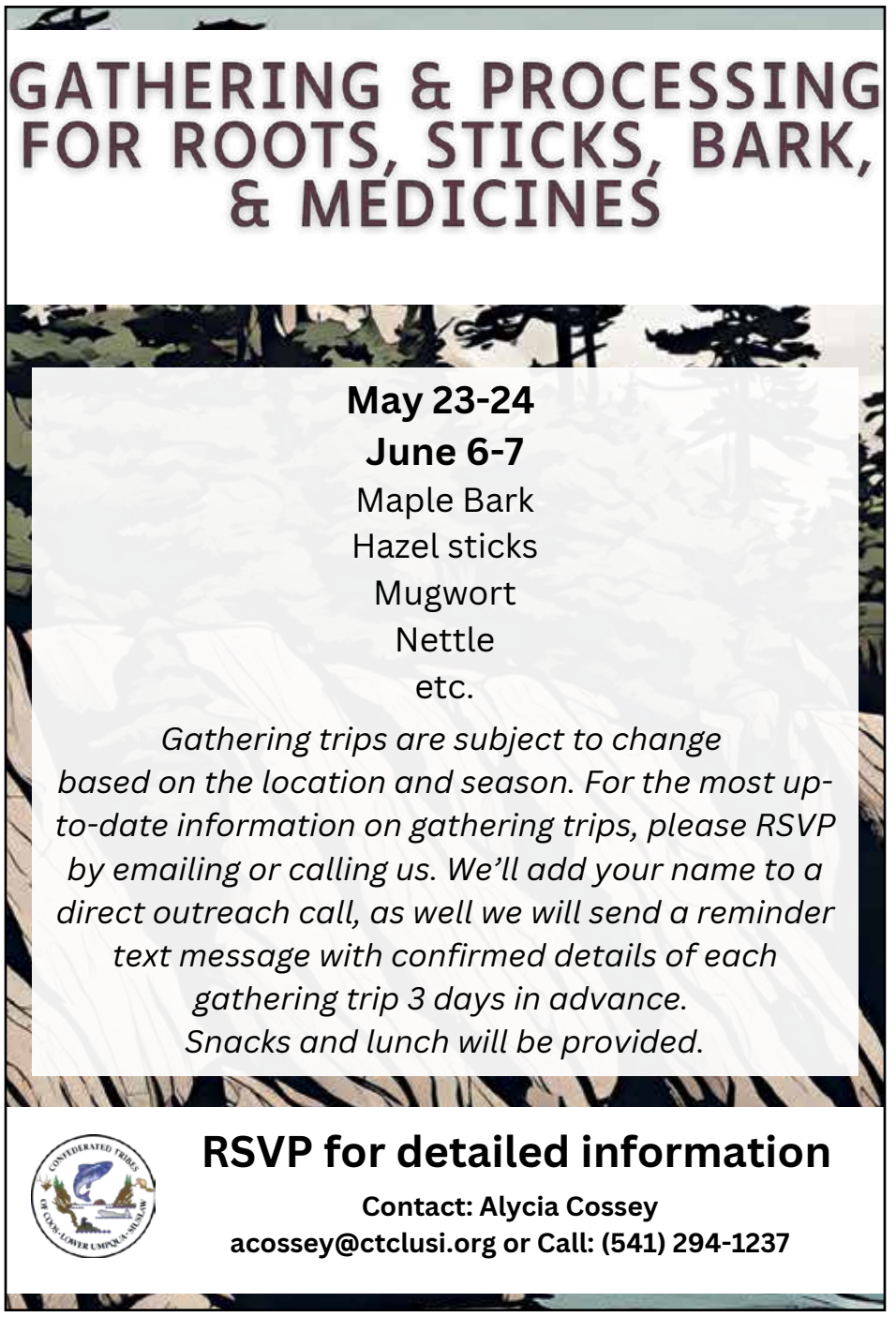
RESOLUTION NO.: 25-053
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Machine Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 4-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-054
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Machine Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 4-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-055
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Approval of the Repatriation of Human Remains at wu'alach (Pioneer Cemetery)
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action working in joint agreement with Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, The Coquille Indian Tribe and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in the reburial site for the ancestor with the Tribal Chief, Culture Committee Chair, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Stewardship Manager decision of location . **Vote 5-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-056
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Approval of the Repatriation of Human Remains at Lakeside Cemetery
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action working in joint agreement with Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw, and The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians in the reburial site for the ancestor with the Tribal Chief, Culture Committee Chair, Director of Cultural and Natural Resources Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Stewardship Manager decision of location . **Vote 5-0-0**

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





Admin Building Solar Project Nearing Completion

As we near the finish line of the Solar Project at the Admin Building, we want to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for your patience and flexibility throughout the process.

This project has come with its fair share of challenges—particularly as it directly impacted both our water system and our power supply at times. Coordinating schedules around these disruptions wasn't easy, but thanks to the cooperation and understanding of our team, we've kept things moving forward smoothly.

We are currently on track to begin system startup by the end of this month, with plans to go fully LIVE at the beginning of May. Once operational, this solar system won't just help us power our facilities more sustainably—it will also allow us to sell any unused electricity back to the power company, bringing long-term benefits to our operations and our environment.

Thank you again to everyone for your support and teamwork during this exciting step toward a greener future!







THE VOICE OF CLUSI MONTHLY TRIBAL PAPER

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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Severy Access Road Project – Moving into Phase 2!



We are excited to share that Phase 1 of the Severy Access Road Project at the Three Rivers Casino site in Florence is nearing completion! As we prepare to kick off Phase 2, we're seeing a long-held vision finally come to life—just in time for the start of our busy summer season.

The project has required significant effort and coordination, and we're proud to report that everything remains on schedule and within budget. Knife River has moved more sand than initially anticipated, but their ability to do so efficiently and swiftly has kept the momentum going strong.

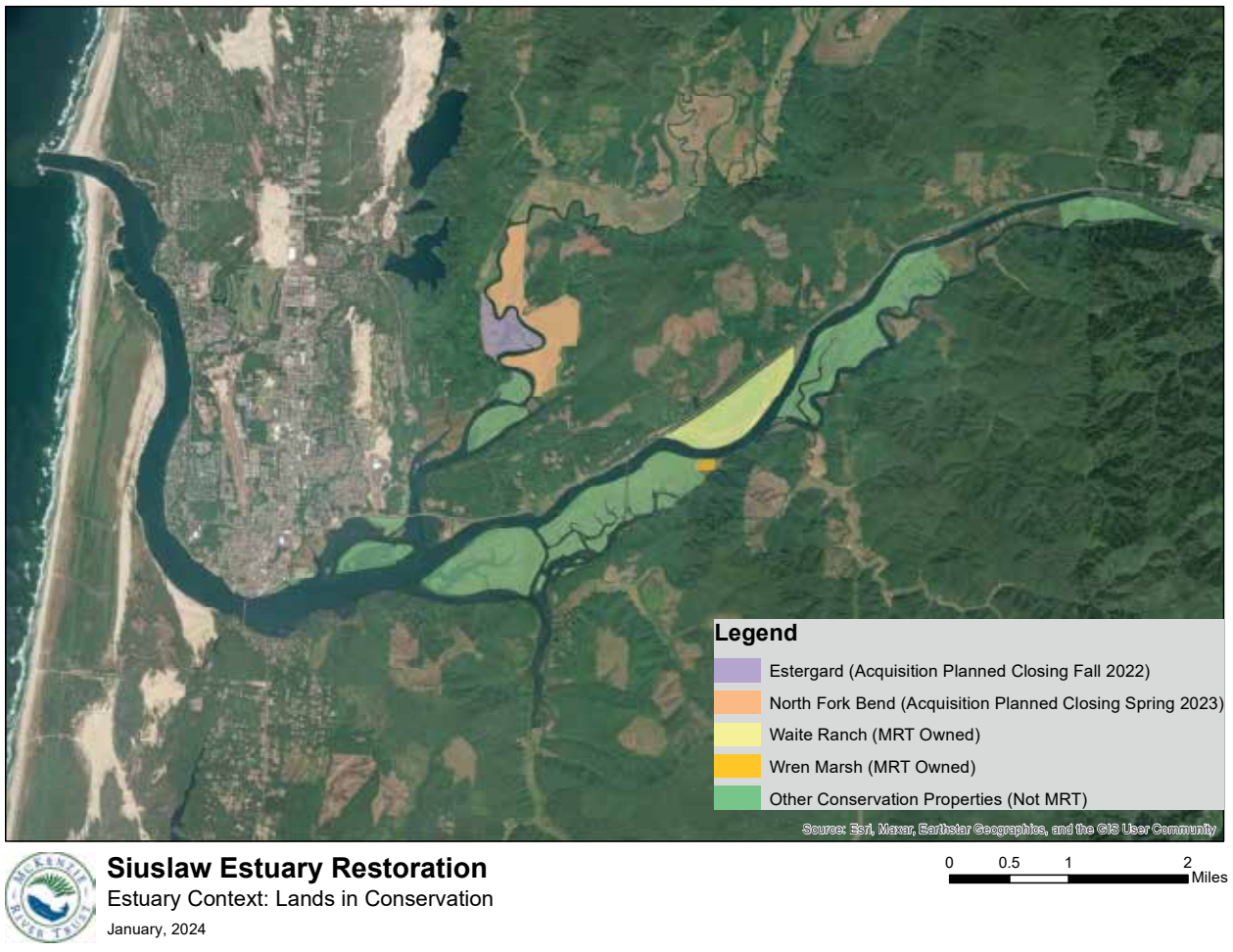
This new access road has been a priority for many years, and it's rewarding to see it nearing the finish line. We look forward to the positive impact it will have on site access, traffic flow, and the overall experience for our guests and team members.

Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see the final results!



Youth and Young Adults Ages 11-24 are Invited to Visit Restoration Sites on Siuslaw River Estuary

On Sunday, June 1, 2025, CTCLUSI and McKenzie River Trust (MRT) will be hosting a site visit to wetlands undergoing restoration on the Siuslaw River Estuary. Currently, these projects are in their design phase. CTCLUSI, MRT, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the engineer (Wolf Water Resources) are working together in partnership to develop designs that best increase tidal wetland health, primarily through channel restoration and tidal swamp and marshland habitat restoration. As these restoration sites are within the Tribes Ancestral Territory, it is an interest to consult with the Tribes regarding potential cultural components that could be included in the final design plans.



In the context of the Siuslaw River Estuary; a map locating Wren Marsh, North Fork Bend, and Site 59. Map courtesy of MRT.

Tribal youth and young adults ages 11-24 are invited to visit these restoration sites to spark ideas for these potential cultural components! The addition of a canoe launch/ramp in the haich ikt'at'uu (formerly Waite Ranch) design plan was a direct result of hearing feedback from youth who attended a field trip to haich ikt'at'uu during the New Beginnings for Tribal Students program. As we continue to do restoration work in our Ancestral Homelands, we wish to inform and include Tribal youth and young adults in critical phases of the work. Based on the successes from the New Beginnings for Tribal Students site visit, we think this would be an opportune juncture to invite youth to these additional restoration sites in the Siuslaw Estuary.

Shown is a map of Wren Marsh, North Fork Bend, and Site 59, all of which are the sites of topic. Youth and young adults who attend this trip will visit 2- 3 sites in the day. The trip will be guided by MRT staff (the landowners) and CTCLUSI staff.

While the plan for the day is still in development, **please RSVP by May 19th by emailing Dan Kirk at dkirk@ctclusi.org** with the name and age of attendee(s). Below are general details, and those who RSVP will shortly thereafter receive additional information on the plan for the day.

General details:

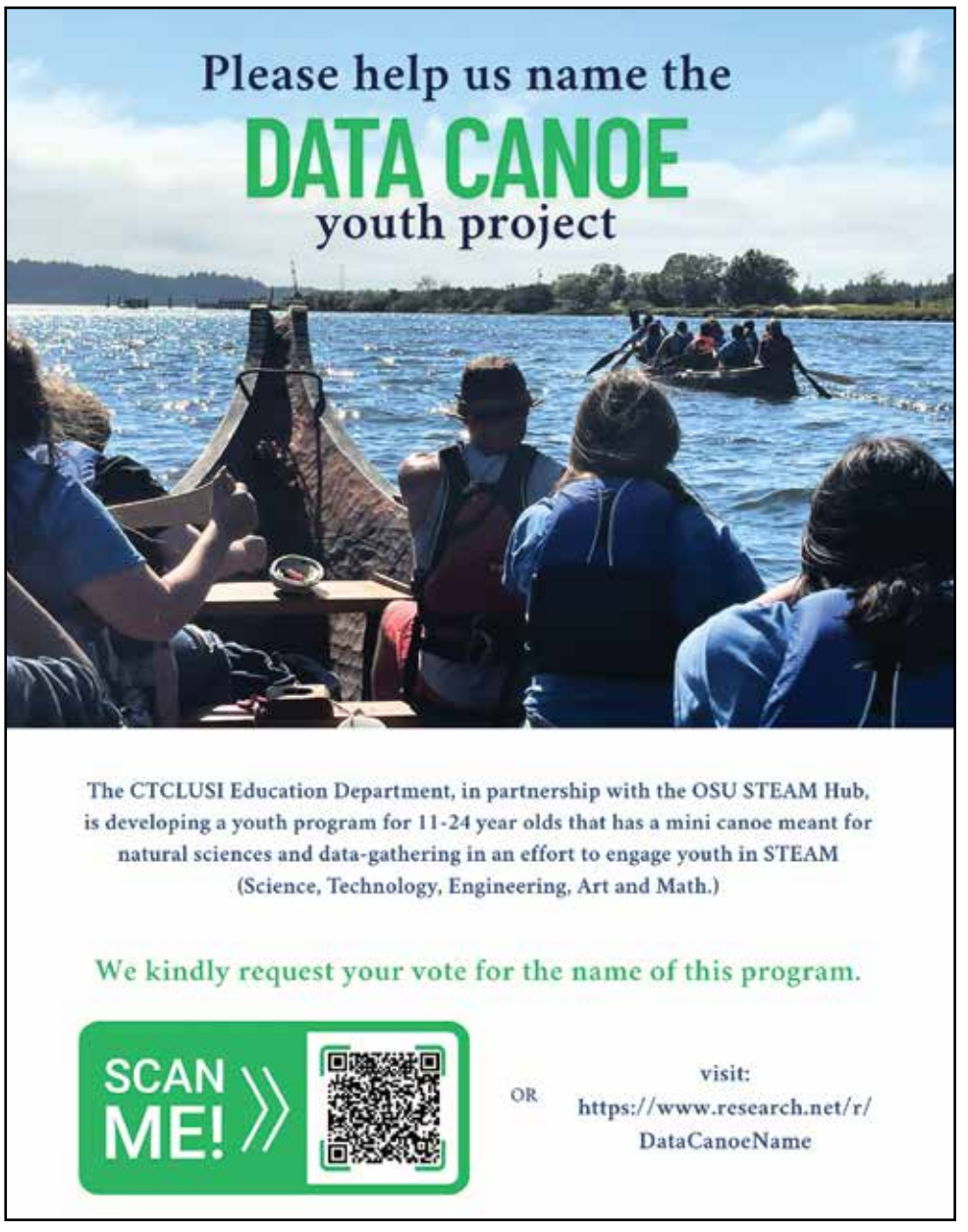
Timing: 10am-2pm

Transportation: Transportation from Eugene, Coos Bay and Florence offices will be provided.

Lunch and snacks will be provided. Additionally, attendees will receive a t-shirt designed by a Tribal member that celebrates the haich ikt'at'uu restoration project on the Siuslaw.

If you have any questions, please email dkirk@ctlusi.org.





Volunteer to Process Seeds Harvested from Siuslaw Estuary

Siuslaw Estuary Seed cleaning Project – Friday, May 16th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
McKenzie River Trust Eugene Office
(725 W 1st Ave., Suite B, Eugene, 97402)

Learn about and support the haich ikt'at'tuu tidal estuary restoration project in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, the Siuslaw Watershed Council, and McKenzie River Trust.

During this volunteer project, we will process and clean beautiful sees of locally adapted native coastal plants harvested from the Siuslaw estuary. These seeds will support revegetation plantings at haich ikt'at'tuu after restoration is complete.

This project will take place at the McKenzie River Trust office in Eugene. No experience is necessary, and refreshments will be provided!

McKenzie River Trust staff will send additional project information and parking instructions before the event. Thank you for helping us prepare and communicate these important details!

If you have any questions about the project, accessibility, or would like to register via email, please reach out to McKenzie River Trust volunteer manager Sarah Wheeler: swheeler@mckenzieriver.org

To help us prepare materials, please pre-register by scanning the QR code below.





Call for Cultural Knowledge Holders and Artisans to Lead Activities with Youth this Summer

Cultural Knowledge Holders and Artisans are invited to lead an evening activity with youth during the annual Seeds of Success Community Fellows field school to be held June 22 – July 3, 2025, near Deadwood. There will be about 8 teenagers participating in the program. OSU is again offering stipends and mileage reimbursement for participating and supporting the youth. Note that the terrain at the outdoor camp site is uneven and may present some mobility issues that staff should know about. Please contact Angela Henry, ahenry@ctclusi.org, for more information.

CTCLUSI

I CAN BEAD THAT!

Come participate in our potlatch culture and learn how to make a hairpipe bone necklace.
*All necklaces made will be added to a cash of gifts that our tribal government can gift.

Wed May 7th	**Tribal Hall** **10 am - 2 pm** This event is combined with the Elder's Potluck, please bring a dish to share with the meal.
Wed May 21	**Florence Outreach** **10 am - 2 pm** open to Tribal Members/households and CTCLUSI Government Staff *Lunch Provided
Wed June 11	**Eugene Outreach** **10:00 am - 2 pm** open to Tribal Members/households and CTCLUSI Government Staff *Lunch Provided
Please RSVP 5 Days ahead of each scheduled date	For more details and updates about these events, please contact **Alycia Cossey** acossey@ctclusi.org 541-294-1237



JUNE 18-22

TRIBAL HALL

2025

SUMMER SOLSTICE

GIVING THANKS TO THE SUN

- Weaving
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Weswəs Making
- Shinny
- Sweats
- Potlach/ Gifting
- Food
- Songs & Dances
- Plankhouse
- Cooking
- Community
- Talking Sticks
- Rest

Camping available around Tribal Hall & the Plankhouse

Please RSVP By **June 10th**

For more Details Contact
Alycia Cossey
acossey@ctclusi.org | 541-294-1237

Wednesday 6/18
12 pm - Arrive and set up camp
3 pm - Games
5 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Time in the plankhouse talking circle
8 pm - Songs/dance

Thursday 6/19
9 am - Brunch
10:30 am - Songs/time in the plankhouse
11 am - Basket 'sun starts ' Weaving (beginner friendly)
12 pm - lunch & Canoeing sunset/shinny/hike/ medicine garden
2 pm - s'a (he, she, they) sweat
5 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Plankhouse & reflection
8 pm - Songs/dance

Friday 6/20
9 am - Brunch
10:30 am - Songs/time in plankhouse & start sweat fire
11 am Activity talking sticks/weswəs/weaving available
12 pm - Light lunch/snacks
2 pm - Women's sweat
2 pm - Talking sticks and weswəs
5 pm - Dinner
6:30 pm - Plankhouse & reflection
7:41 pm - Solstice Fire blessing with chief
8 pm - Songs/dance

Saturday 6/21
9am - Brunch
10:30 am - Songs/time in plankhouse & start sweat fire
11:00 am - 'workshop' talking sticks & weswəs
12 pm - Light lunch/snacks
2 pm - Men's sweat
5 pm - Solstice Ceremony feast
6: 30 pm - Dancing/songs & gifting
8 pm - Songs/dance

Sunday 6/22
10 am - Brunch
10:30 am - Closing reflection time Plankhouse
11 am - 2 pm - Clean, take down camps, head out

Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

OPEN GALLERY

MAY 17TH
12 PM - 2 PM

Come Meet the Artisans
View the original Lottie's Dress alongside the newly recreated dress at the lagauwiiyat'as Gallery

Tribal Hall, 338 Wallace St, Coos Bay, OR 97420

Tea and charcuterie will be provided

PLEASE RSVP BY **MAY 9TH**

Open to Tribal Members/household and DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)



For More details and to RSVP
Please **Contact** Alycia Cossey
acossey@ctclusi.org OR **Call (541) 294-1237**

Glass Float & Prevention Event

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

11:00AM- 3:00PM

Abby's Pizza
1374 Oregon Coast Highway, U.S. 101, Florence, OR 97439

R.S.V.P.
541-435-7155





Drug, Alcohol and Commercial Tobacco Free Event

Nicole Romine 541-294-9341 nromine@ctclusi.org



07.12.2025

ANNUAL STUDENT RECOGNITION

Save the date! More details to be announced in the upcoming newsletter. Hope to see you there!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT
MORGAN CLOUD AT 541-888-1319

Camp hoohoolii...continued from cover

Camp hoohoolii was more than just a week of activities—it was a reflection of our culture, community, and future. Through every challenge, laugh, and shared story, the youth forged deeper connections with each other and their heritage. The legacy of this camp will live on in their hearts and actions.

At one point, the youth experienced a profound moment together when they sang támachi háultsax hauɬiiwá, a song that had not been sung for over 100 years, bringing our ancestors' voices back to life. They breathed new life into our culture, re-living our shared history with every sound. As their voices grew stronger, their clacker sticks echoed in the air like heartbeats. "Támachi háultsax hauɬiiwá," they sang: "Go ahead now, dance!"

These Tribal youth are the future—the cultural stewards of our communities and the living embodiment of our shared heritage. The bonds they formed during camp will last a lifetime, not only with one another but with the land, the waters, and the traditions that unite us all. The success of this camp reflects the incredible youth who are the heart and future of our Tribes.

Thank you to all the participants, leaders, and supporters who made this year's Camp hoohoolii such a resounding success.







"Keep going even if it is raining. Canoeing, enjoying the outdoors and all of the above!"

- Talice











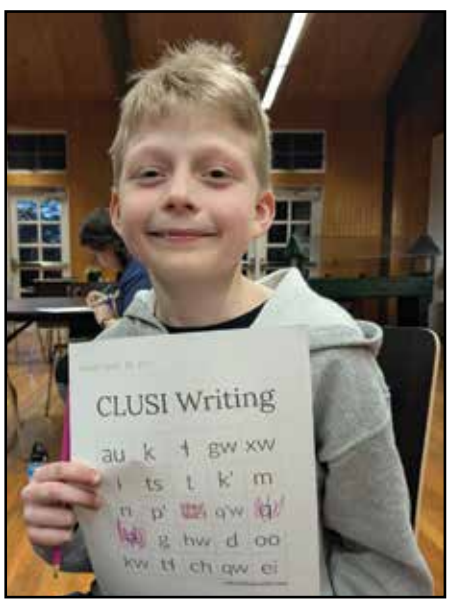








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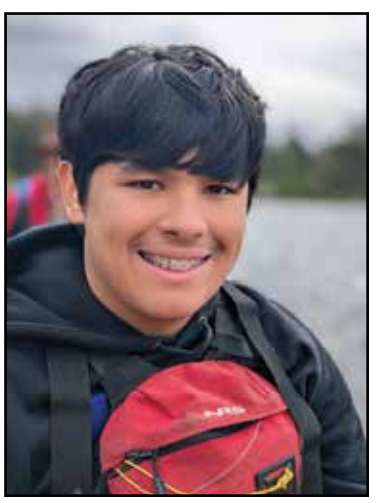

Tribal Elder Julie Belcher Riggs Walks On

Julie Anderson Belcher Riggs, walked on to her ancestors, September 17, 2024

My wife and tribal member left this earth with the love and prayers from so many friends and her large family; a daughter, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

She was born April 23, 1950 to tribal member Russel Anderson and his wife Doris Anderson in North Bend, Or. She was the middle of three sisters: Mary and Phyllis. All family members are predeceased except for Phyllis Howlet.

Of the qualities of my dearest wife I can truly say she possessed a pure, kind and radiant heart. Julie loved her family and tribe fiercely.

I was honored to be her husband of four years, and best friend of 30 earlier years. Early in our relationship she honored me by joining her at many tribal gatherings including the sacred salmon ceremonies. I fell in love with the tribe.

The kindness of the tribe touched us deeply in the final few years of tribulations for Julie. I was blessed to be with her in the last hours. Our dear friend and native flute player Mary-Beth Nichol played for her the night before her passing to carry her over into paradise. This final gift to her brought peace and love.







"We all come from God and unto Him we all return".



Elders & the Littles

LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ELDERS



Support our littles' language learning. **All levels** welcome.
Join the weekly Elders **online language support** gatherings.

Language Nest Program 0-5 y/o +
Saturdays 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM







CONTACT: Enna Helms at **(541) 297-7538** or **language@ctclusi.org**

Elders Corner

Top 5 2025 Elder Trip Survey Results

1. Oregon Coast Scenic Railroad — Garibaldi, OR
2. Leavenworth, WA
3. Hellgate Jet Boats — Grants Pass, OR
4. Oregon Shakespeare — The Importance of Being Ernest — Ashland, OR
5. Overnight to Seven Feathers — Canyonville, OR

The results are listed according to the most number of votes received from Tribal Elders. Please note that depending on the expense of each activity listed above and the funding available, all trips may not be available.

ELDERS LUNCHEON

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

THURSDAY, MAY 08, 2024
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2024
(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 Services Division/ Community Health Department
Elders Activity Program

Elders Potluck Luncheon

Hosted by Tribal Elder Eddie Helms
First Wednesday of the month at Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Ave., Coos Bay,
Bring a dish to share - 12 (noon) - 2 p.m.

Welcome New Tribal Elders

Henry Brainard

Lawrence McNutt

Tribal Elder Lynn Cornelssen-Schouweiler, Celebrates 85th Birthday



Tribal Elder Lynn Cornelssen-Schouweiler, celebrated her 85th birthday with a party held on March 8, 2025, in Santa Rosa, CA.

Pictured left to right: Tribal Elders Eric Ellefsen (nephew), Cathy Estes (daughter), Lynn Cornelssen-Schouweiler, Wendy Glazier (niece), Chris Cornelssen (son).

Happy Birthday Lynn!!!

Elders Corner

26th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day Gathering

Contributed by Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator/Community Health Aid

On Friday, March 21st, Elders gathered once again to greet each other at the Mill Casino for the 26th annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day hosted by the Coquille Indian Tribe. The morning began with a welcome from Chairperson Brenda Meade, followed by the presentation of the Flags.





At the announcement for the selected King and Queen, our own Eddie Helms held the title as King. Pairing with the Queen, Sharon Edenfield from the Siletz Tribe. They were given a beautiful Pendleton blanket along with a carved box holding a bundle of Sage, a feather, and a smudge stick for a purifying ritual.

Invocation was given by Chief Jason Younker to give blessings for our luncheon. A buffet lunch consisted of chicken or turkey sandwiches, Philly steak wraps, and pasta. Elders were able to share laughs and tell stories while enjoying the social atmosphere. Bingo followed the luncheon with some of our Elders ready for the wins. Mrs. Bea McNutt and Mrs. Annette Brainard both scored on their winning Bingo cards. Each received a beautifully handmade necklace.





After Bingo, our Elders were able to take a break between sessions. Upstairs, you can find many vendors selling beautiful, handcrafted items, such as shirts and warm jackets, for purchase. It was hard to leave without finding a treasure to take home.





It was soon time to rejoin others for the dinnertime meal. It consisted of a choice of salmon or prime rib, pasta, mashed potato and gravy, along with a side of vegetables. The Mill always shines with their selection of deserts from chocolate mousse, NY cheesecake, peanut butter pie, and a fried apple hand pies a la mode.

Closure came to soon for the retirement of the flags. The evening was enjoyed by all. We look forward to seeing our own Elders Honor Day hosted by CTCLUSI coming up soon.







Another Great Elders Luncheon!

Contributed by Kimmy Bixby, Community Health Representative





On Thursday, April 10th Tribal Elders gathered together at the Eugene Outreach Office for a delicious meal catered by Mucho Gusto. Chief Warren Brainard lead us in a respectable blessing before we lined up buffet-style and filled our plates. During the meal we had two wonderful guest speakers, both CTCLUSI employees, stand up to introduce themselves and talk a bit about what they do and what's happening in their departments. Jennifer Emerson of Housing presented, followed by Morgan Cloud of Education. They both gave wonderful presentations that peaked the Elders' interests and opened up a little discussion. Thank you, Jennifer and Morgan, for helping get our wonderful Elders involved in your department activities.

After lunch we enjoyed some chocolate chip and sugar cookies and visited a bit more before everyone parted ways. A special thanks goes out to Tes Gagner for helping set things up, and Doug Morrison for transporting the Coos Bay Elders. Thank you!

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!

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 541-435-7178.

Circles of Healing to Host MMIP Awareness Event May 10th

May 10th

11:00-2:00 PM

Where:

Coos Bay Boardwalk

What:

We will have speakers, food, and raffle prizes! There will also be a time and space for people to hold signs along the boardwalk to raise awareness for MMIP.

Please join the
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians to
Raise Awareness for Missing and Murdered

Indigenous

Persons

This event is being held in honor of May 5th, which is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day. This is to raise awareness to the epidemic of violence affecting our Native communities. Native people experience violence at a significantly higher rate, leading to many of our women, girls, boys, and men going missing and being murdered.





CTCLUSI Circles of Healing Program works to bring awareness and to support victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Human Trafficking. The month of May includes Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples Day on May 5th. This day is to recognize high rates of missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, boys, and men. Cases of missing and murdered indigenous people are often underreported and untracked. 1 in 3 Native American women may experience violence in their lifetime, while 1 in 4 Native American men may experience violence in theirs. Indigenous Men and Women both had the second highest rate of murder in the United States in 2020. In 2016, there were 5,712 reported missing indigenous people in the United States.

We will be holding an event on the Coos Bay Boardwalk on May 10th to raise awareness of this topic, and we would love to see tribal members there. It will be open to the community, and we will be holding a space for those of you who would like to hold signs along 101 to have the opportunity to do so. Please see the attached flyer for more details about the event.

If you or a loved one are experiencing or have experienced Sexual Assault, 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.

What's Spit Got to Do With It?!

Contributed by Mary Willard, DDS - CTCLUSI Chief Dental Officer

The CTCLUSI dental team wants you to know we love spit! This may sound weird or even gross to some of you, but saliva plays a vital role in your overall health, and we want you to know all about it. Perhaps, just like us, you will find a new love of spit and, along the way, learn some cool new vocabulary words.

The medical term for dry mouth is "**xerostomia**" (zir-uh-STOH-mee-uh). The word comes from the Greek terms "xeros," meaning dry, and "stoma," meaning mouth. If you have ever experienced a dry mouth, you're probably familiar with the uncomfortable feeling of your tongue sticking to the roof of your mouth or your lips getting stuck to your front teeth. If you have chronic dry mouth, you may experience oral changes visible to a dental provider. If they notice these changes, they will ask you more about how your mouth has been feeling.

In dentistry, xerostomia (or dry mouth) is a signal that you are at an increased risk of cavities and other problems. **Saliva** is an essential part of food digestion. The enzymes in saliva start the process of breaking down starches. Moisture from saliva helps lubricate food so you can more easily swallow it. This lubrication of food helps you clear food from the mouth, an important function that helps prevent cavities. When you don't have enough saliva to help wash the food out of your mouth and down your throat, the food sits on your teeth for a long time, which gives the harmful bacteria in your mouth more time to turn that food into acid. All mouths, including healthy ones, have bacteria. Your mouth has **pathogenic** (disease causing) bacteria and "good" (non-pathogenic) bacteria. The bacteria in your mouth make up what we call the **oral biome**. When left unchecked, pathogenic bacteria can cause bad breath, cavities, and gum disease. Certain pathogenic bacteria in your mouth turn food into acid, which they then excrete onto the teeth. When enough acid contacts the teeth for a long enough time, it will cause a cavity.

Saliva helps protect your teeth from cavities by rinsing off the food, rinsing away the bacteria, and buffering the acid produced by the **bacterial metabolism** of starches and sugars.

One might experience dry mouth for many reasons including dehydration, mouth breathing, certain medications, and illness or disease. When you don't drink enough water during the day, your body may be unable to produce appropriate amounts of saliva. Mouth breathing is also known to cause increased mouth dryness. Many medications can cause dry mouth as a side effect, something your pharmacist would be happy to discuss with you. You can also talk with your medical provider about whether there may be alternative medications that don't have this side effect. You may also have dry mouth due to an illness or disease. Be sure to let your medical and dental providers know about this symptom, as it may be helpful in diagnosing a problem in other parts of your body. It is also normal to produce less saliva when you are sleeping. For this reason, we urge people to brush before bed to lessen the likelihood of having food in their mouth overnight, which can lead to cavities. Dry mouth may also cause other symptoms, including burning mouth syndrome, increased susceptibility to yeast infections in your mouth, digestive problems, and rapid wearing down of teeth.

If you experience dry mouth, talk to your dental provider so you can work together to figure out a way to manage it and help prevent cavities and other problems.

Hopefully, by reading this, you have learned to embrace your drool (saliva) as the helpful oral fluid it is!

Let us partner with you for the healthiest smiles around. Come see us at the Three Rivers Health Center Dental Clinic in the CTCLUSI administration building!

OSU Extension Service | New Beginnings for Tribal Students

Environmental Leadership for Youth
INDIGENOUS YOUTH CAMP

AUGUST 10 - 15, 2025

at Oregon State University
in partnership with Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI)

Inviting Native American youth entering 9th - 12th grade in Oregon.

- Natural sciences
- Steps to college access and financial aid
- Stay in the dorms
- Environmental careers
- Field trips:
  - Canoe paddle
  - Challenge course
  - Hatfield Marine Science Center
  - And more
- $500 completion award



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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

Language Nest Program

Contributed by the Language Program

We are thrilled to announce the official launch of the Little's Nest Program. This is an exciting new step in our shared journey to revitalize and nurture our three languages (miluk, hanis, sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich) from the early stages of life.

This program is specially designed for Tribal households primarily with 0–5-year-olds and also welcomes families with older youth who benefit from cultural immersion and connection to language and culture.

Welcome Language Nest Facilitators!



Ashley Vandevort, miluk language nest facilitator for sha'la'la (baby seagulls)

dai chil sla, k'ele g̱ahais! ashley vandevort tɬə'nə san. miluk k'a'uu. tɬə'nə uumashii, madeline knowlton de san. (Hello cousins/friends, good day! My name is Ashley Vandevort. I am a miluk (Coos) person. My grandmother is Madeline Knowlton). I live on Kalapuyan land, in what is today called Corvallis, OR with my husband (a master's student at OSU) and our four-month-old k'ilga (baby). I am excited to be facilitating the sha'la'la Language Nest with our hiime (children).



Naomi Biesanz, hanis language nest facilitator for pu'uuk' (fawns)

shin dai sla (hello everyone)! I'll be the Language Nest Facilitator for pu'uuk' (fawns), the hanis language nest! I'm a citizen of CTCLUSI descended from hanis people, and I live on Wiyot land with my wife, Katy, and our black lab, Willow.



Kris Wing, sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich language nest facilitator for nikanishk'in (baby turtles)

niishachii, I'm Kris Wing and I am excited to be able to be a part of our language program. Language learning is a passion of mine and I am looking forward to passing on my knowledge of sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich to our tribal littles

Spring Littles Class Details

Online Class Dates:
April 5th to June 14th

Language Class Time:
Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM

The Language Nest Program not only creates space for our youngest learners but also strengthen each of the languages. Through collaborative efforts with dedicated Elders, speakers, students, and families with young children, we are working to build a stronger foundation for language revitalization. We are very grateful for the positive energy everyone has brought to make this happen!







Language Nest Summary
Our Language Nest Program is shaped with thoughtful intentions creating culturally relevant and rooted content that reflects our household and community needs. Weekly activities are framed around supporting language learning with seasonal, cultural and multilingual activities. This includes prayers, songs, games, worksheets, and stories such as the inclusion of our ASL book that celebrates all 3 languages.
Thank you to everyone who has joined us in bringing this to life and we look forward to engaging and growing with more participation in the coming weeks!

For more information or involvement please reach out to Enna Helms, Language Teacher at (541) 297-7538 or language@ctclusi.org
k'ele nəluwehe | luuwii niluwechəse | hiisəch hai (with a good heart)



Virtual Language Classes

10 Week sessions Spring 2025

April 1st through June 6th

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

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

Fridays, 4:00pm-6:00pm:
sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich

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

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Contributed by CarolAnn Young, Care Concierge, Three Rivers Health Center

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and Three Rivers Health Center would like to recognize this important topic. Mental health impacts how people feel, think, and act and can occur at any age. Three Rivers Health Center hopes to spread awareness about the role that mental health plays in our individual, family, and community's wellbeing and promote acceptance and support for anyone living with a mental illness.

Here are some Key Messages about Mental Health Awareness across the lifespan according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and Indian Health Service.

As we age, we may experience life changes that impact our mental health.

- It's never too late to get help.
- It is important to remember that older adults may have different mental health symptoms. For example, a lack of interest in some activities.
- Talking about mental health can help older adults feel more comfortable asking for support.
- Mental health treatment can be part of a wellness program to help older adults live happy and fulfilling lives.
- Mental health professionals can help older adults cope with life changes.
- Friends and family can experience meaningful mutual connection by spending time visiting with older adults.
- Mental health is important at every age. Spending time with friends and family can boost older adults' mental and physical health.

Supportive families, communities, and resources can help youth build strong foundations for lifelong well-being.

- By teaching children and teens coping skills, we can empower them to take charge of their mental health.
- Know the signs of mental health issues in children and teens. Early diagnosis and treatment can save lives.
- Start the conversation early: talking about mental health can help children and teens build coping skills and feel comfortable with their emotions.
- Nurturing relationships and environments are important for helping children and teens develop good mental health and manage life stressors in healthy ways.
- Good mental health increases the ability of children and teens to practice self-care and face challenges with resilience.

Pregnancy and giving birth can be joyful and can also present a variety of strong emotions for pregnant and postpartum people.

- Strong emotions may include feeling overwhelmed, scared, tired, worried, and inadequate. Depression, anxiety, and other symptoms during and after pregnancy are common and treatable. They affect new parents of every culture, age, gender, race, and income level.
- For many people, these feelings go away on their own, in time. But for some, these emotions are more serious and require assistance. Help is available. You are not alone. Asking for help can help keep you and your baby as healthy as possible.
- Unaddressed maternal health issues can lead to pregnancy-related death and unintentional harm to you or your baby.
- Proper self-care and seeking help when you need it can help you maintain good mental health.

Everyone deserves access to respectful and culturally appropriate care.

- Members of racial and ethnic minority groups experience challenges that may require unique mental health support.
- Cultural differences should be respected and celebrated when providing mental health support.
- Culture is prevention and a powerful resource for many tribes. The resiliency of Native people reflects growth and the use of culture, community, and connection to combat the effects of mental illness.
- Mental health care providers are encouraged to consider the cultural nuances and needs of the diverse communities they serve.

Inclusive families, schools, and societies can support mental health in the LGBTQIA+ community.

- Family support is important for the well-being of LGBTQIA+ youth: it can reduce their risk for depression, substance use, suicide, and other mental health challenges.
- Schools and workplaces can protect LGBTQIA+ people by building more supportive and inclusive environments.
- Social support, including from friends, families, and communities can help LGBTQIA+ people feel loved and accepted.
- Peer support can be a lifeline for LGBTQIA+ people facing mental health issues.
- Acknowledging and celebrating the identities of LGBTQIA+ people helps build their self-confidence and emotional well-being.

Here are some additional resources for anyone that may be struggling with Mental Health:

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:**
  - **Call or text:** 988
  - **Chat online:** 988lifeline.org
  - **Provides:** 24-hour, confidential support for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.
  - **Oregon Specific:** In Oregon, 988 resolves or de-escalates nearly 97 percent of calls over the phone and can connect with mobile crisis intervention teams if needed.
- **NAMI HelpLine:**
  - **Phone:** 1-800-950-NAMI (6264)
  - **Text:** «HelpLine" to 62640
  - **Email:** helpline@nami.org
  - **Provides:** Information, resources, and support to people living with a mental health condition.
- **SAMHSA National Helpline:**
  - **Phone:** 1-800-662-HELP (4357)
  - **Provides:** Support for mental health, substance abuse, and related issues.
- **Crisis Text Line:**
  - **Text:** MHA to 741741
  - **Provides:** Support through text messages.
- **Oregon Youth Line:**
  - **Phone:** 1-877-968-8491
  - **Text:** teen2teen to 839863
  - **Provides:** Support for youth in Oregon.
- **Veterans Crisis Line:**
  - **Call:** 988, then press 1
  - **Text:** 838255
  - **Chat:** Online
  - **Provides:** Support for veterans in crisis.
- **Disaster Distress Helpline:**
  - **Phone:** 1-800-985-5990
  - **Text:** TalkWithUs to 66746
  - **Provides:** Support for those impacted by disasters.

Sources: https://www.samhsa.gov/about/digital-toolkits/mental-health-awareness-month/toolkit and https://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/factsheets/behavioralhealth/

New Position in the Housing Department to Serve Our Tribal Members

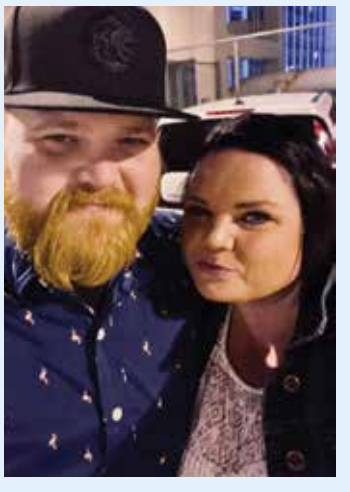
Hi,

My name is Jennifer Emerson and I transitioned into the new Housing Self Sufficiency Coordinator role for the Housing Department! I joined CTCLUSI April 29th 2024 as an Outreach Advocate for the Circles of Healing Program in our Social Services Department.

I am super excited to be taking on my new role as the Housing Self Sufficiency Coordinator and looking forward to helping Tribal Members in this new capacity. I am currently located out of the Coos Bay office. I went to Highschool in Bandon and lived in the Coos Bay area until 2006.

In my off time; I enjoy traveling, camping, and spending time in general with my husband Joel and our two kiddos. Both of my children are grown, so I cherish time I get to spend with them.

We are currently working on the Self Sufficiency Program as it is a new addition to the services the Housing Department has offered in the past. So, stay tuned for updates and exciting things to come.



If you have any questions about the new program, or any of the other programs we offer in Housing, please reach out or stop by the office!

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Upcoming Events

RSVP for events by calling

1-541-435-7155

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	30 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	1	2 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	3 Little Program Language Nest 9am Glass Float Hunt Prevention Activity Florence 11:00 am
4	5 MMIP Day of Awareness	6 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	7 I Can Bead That Tribal Hall 10am Elders Potluck@noon hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	8 Elders Luncheon Community Center 11:30 am -2:00 pm	9 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	10 Regular Council Meeting 10:00am MMIP Awareness Event 11am CB Boardwalk
11 Mother's Day	12	13 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	14 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	15 Deadline Council Letter of Interest	16 Seed Cleaning Eugene 1pm-3pm see flyer page 8 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	17 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am
18	19	20 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	21 I Can Bead That Florence 10am hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	22	23 Maple Bark Gathering/Processing quuiich tla'ai (quuiich land-smith tract) sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	24 Little Program Language Nest 9am
25	26 Memorial Day Tribal Offices Closed	27 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	28 hanis class 4 pm - 6 pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	31 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Siuslaw River Estuary Restoration Sites Visit 10am-2pm Florence	2	3 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	4 Elders Potluck Tribal Hall @ noon hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	5	6 Maple Bark Gathering/Processing quuiich tla'ai (quuiich land-smith tract) sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	7 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am
8 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am	9	10	11 I Can Bead That Eugene 10am	12	13	14 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am
15 Tribal Scholarships Deadline	16	17	18	19 Canoe Pull Sunset Bay	20 Summer Solstice Activities See Flyer for Activities Page 9	21 Little Program Language Nest 9am Summer Solstice Day
22	23	24	25 Seeds of Success Field School, Deadwood, OR	26	27	28 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am
29	30		Seeds of Success Field School, Deadwood, OR			Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

EUGENE OUTREACH OFFICE – NEW LOCATION
MOVING DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025



Effective Wednesday, May 7, 2025,
the new location of the Tribes' Eugene Outreach Office will be:

149 W. 12th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

The phone number will remain the same: 541-744-1334.

The Tribes' Planning Department, with the direction from Tribal Council, has been searching to locate an office sufficient for the Tribes to purchase in order to alleviate the long-time expenses of leasing and provide more space for programs and services in the Eugene Area. There is ample parking located in the back of the building with ADA access.

This new two-story building will be able to continue to serve the Tribal membership without interruption from dedicated staff for Administrative Support, Elders Program and Services, Health Services, Education, and Social Services. This location will also allow for future expansion of outreach support from the Department of Culture and Natural Resources, Planning Department, Housing Department, and the Health Department.

Beginning on May 7th, the Eugene staff will be working through the transition; please be patient with staff has they settle into their new work environment.

We hope to see you soon and look forward to serving you at this new location.

Confederated Tribes of
Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 04/15/25

- *Assistant Controller – Coos Bay*
- *Behavioral Health Assistant – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Charge Capture Specialist – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Circles of Healing Transitional Services Specialist – Coos Bay*
- *Clinic Scheduler – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Community Health Nurse – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Therapist – Coos Bay*
- *Diabetes Educator – Eugene*
- *Education Administrative Assistant – Coos Bay*
- *Front Office Assistant – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *GHWIC Project Coordinator – Coos Bay*
- *Laboratory Technician I. – Coos Bay*
- *Licensed Practical Nurse – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Director – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Ocean Fishing Deckhand: On-Call – Coos Bay*
- *Pharmacy Delivery Driver – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Public Health Nurse - Eugene*
- *Special Events – On Call – Varies on Assignment*
- *Surveillance Agent I. – Florence*
- *Surveillance Agent II. – 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***
Please email questions to ***recruitment@ctclusihr.org***

