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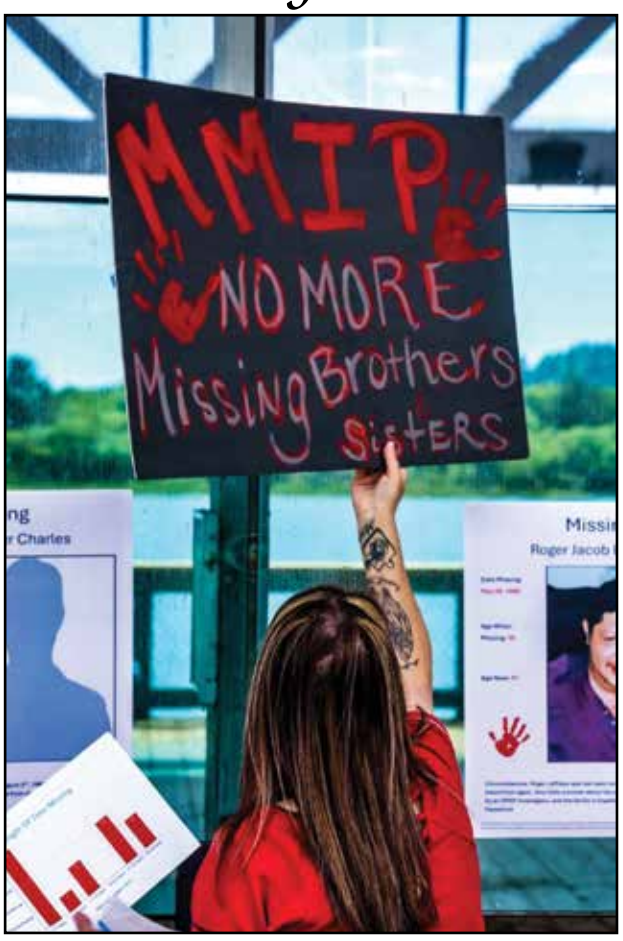
NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

Circles of Healing Program Hosts MMIP Awareness Gathering on Coos Bay Boardwalk









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Circles of Healing hosted an event to raise awareness for Murdered and Missing Indigenous people on May 10th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For decades, Indigenous communities across North America have sounded the alarm about a heartbreaking and largely overlooked crisis: the disproportionately high number of Indigenous people—particularly women, girls, and Two-Spirit individuals—who go missing or are murdered, often without resolution or media attention. This ongoing injustice is known as the **Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)** crisis.

"Our entire community has felt the impact of MMIP. This event brought awareness and renewed a sense of hope that we can stand together to make a difference."

Today, thanks to relentless grassroots activism, growing public awareness, and government collaboration, the MMIP movement has not only gained momentum—it has begun to change lives, policy, and perceptions.

Our entire community has felt the impact of MMIP. This event brought awareness and renewed a sense of hope that we can stand together to make a difference. Annual events like the **National Day of Awareness for MMIP on May 5** have drawn thousands of participants, with red handprints, marches, and digital campaigns symbolizing the silenced voices that can no longer be ignored.

Staff presented red dresses and ties, along with posters of the listed Missing Indigenous persons in Oregon. The Circles of Healing team was also able to provide burgers, hot dogs, and cupcakes to all those that attended. Members of the community were able to learn about Missing Indigenous people in Oregon, data around those that are missing, and statistics on the rates of indigenous people who are affected by this epidemic.

The Circles of Healing Team and Social Services staff would like to thank everyone that was able to attend, with special thanks to Wild At Heart Photography for taking photographs of the event for us, and the CTCLUSI Maintenance Department for providing the display and cooking equipment.

If you or a loved one are experiencing or have experienced Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking, please reach out to the Circles of Healing team.

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from April 13, 2025 - May 10, 2025

Chief Doug Barrett

04/13 Tribal Council Meeting in Eugene
04/14 Mini Canoe and STEAM program planning meeting
04/15 Offshore Wind Roundtable, Senator Merkley's Meet and Greet
04/16 Sea Otter Engagement Meeting, MHA/LADPC Monthly Meeting
04/17 Leaders Circle
04/18 Bi-Weekly Consultation Task Force Meeting
04/21 Culture Committee Special Meeting at Coos Art Museum
04/24 Meeting Request: Council and CFO, Cultural Items Task Force Meeting
04/26 Canoe Pull on the Umpqua (iktatu)
04/29 NARA NW Board Meeting, Mini Canoe Planning Meeting
04/30 BFORB – Tribal Council Business Meeting
05/01 Canoe Journey Planning Meeting
05/05 Finance Dinner at Bon Fire
05/06 Summer Solstice Planning Meeting, Local Canoe Journey Planning Meeting
05/07 STEP Meeting at the Elks Club
05/08 Leaders Circle
05/09 TRC Foundation Decision Meeting
05/10 Tribal Council Meeting
Total Hours: 153

Brad Kneaper, Chairman

04/13 Regular Tribal Council Meeting, General Council Meeting: No Quorum, A Discussion was held
04/17 Special Council Meeting; Resolution for Interconnection with Pacific Power for the Administration Solar Power Project, now completed, Leader's Circle: Radar Hill Generator Discussion; Clausen Oyster Company Discussions; 25-year anniversary of PRAISE celebration discussion; Letter Of Support Discussion - ORKA/NOAA Kelp Forest Restoration
04/19 Informal meeting with Tribal Attorneys, GFORB Member in person in Spokane. (No travel or per-diem claimed)
04/24 Meet with CFO
04/30 Tribal Council Business Meeting (ZOOM due to COVID)
05/08 Leader's Circle: Dick Clarkson South Port proposal for Lot 6, North Spit; DNRC - Intro to Oregon New Environmental Restoration Program; COO and Tribal Forester - Forest Update; Formation of LLC; Discussion on possibility of acquiring addition Forest Lands
Total Hours: 98

Teresa Spangler: Vice-Chair

04/13 Regular Council meeting
04/15 Senator Merkley's Meet and Greet with Val Hoyle, Town Hall in Coos Bay with Jeff Merkley and Val Hoyle
04/17 Special Meeting, Leaders Circle
04/24 Special Meeting
04/30 Business Council Meeting
05/06 Benefits Board Meeting
05/08 Leaders circle
05/09 Foundation Decision Meeting
Total Hours: 72.5

Julie Siestreem

04/13 Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly Meeting Coos Bay Oregon
04/15 Offshore Wind Roadmap Roundtable, NASEM Tribal Liaison Organizational Meeting, Education Committee Meeting
04/17 NASEM Tribal Liaison Organizational Meeting, Tribal Council Special Meeting Pacific Power Interconnection and Net Metering Service Agreement, Tribal Council Leaders Circle
04/24 Tribal Council Meeting Request from CFO
04/30 Tribal Council GFORB Regular Monthly Meeting Florence TRC, Tribal Council Business Regular Monthly Meeting Florence TRC
05/04 Coos Bay Casino 10 Year Anniversary Celebration
05/06 4j Natives Program IPC Emergency Meeting
05/07 Education Committee Meeting to Establish Scoring Rubric
05/08 Elders Luncheon Coos Bay Community Center, Tribal Council Leaders Circle
05/10 Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly Meeting Eugene Oregon
Total Hours: 100

Debbie Bossley

04/13 Council & General Council Mtg
04/17 Special Mtg & Leaders Circle
04/30 GRORB and Business Mtg
05/04 Three Rivers Casino Resort Coos Bay 10th Anniversary
Total Hours: 48

Iliana Montiel

04/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
04/17 Special TC Meeting / Leaders Circle
04/24 Special TC Meeting
04/30 GFORB Special Meeting
05/04 Coos Bay TRC 10th Anniversary
05/08 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 25

Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **CAMAS FLOWER 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 CAMAS FLOWER hiding!
Must email by JUNE 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 Canoe Paddle
Adult Winner: Sadie Boccard
Youth Winner: Olivia Wisdom

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. Stan McNutt
7. Teresa Spangler

Enrollment Committee
1. Warren T. Brainard
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. Vicki Faciane
5. Teresa Spangler

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1. Kerry Brainard
2. Dan Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter
5. Melinda Sprague

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

Election Board
1. Jade Fong
2. Mike Brainard
3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. Kimmy Bixby
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

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

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

June 8, 2025

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

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

Posted June 1, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

Below is a list of proposed Enrollment. Besides publication in the Tribal Newsletter, according to CLUSITC 7-1-36(i), this information will be posted in the Administrative Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and at Three Rivers Casino for twenty-eight (28) days from the date listed above.

Mexeye Malcolm Vandevort	**Rowan Maddox Miller**
Parent: Ashley Vandevort	Parent: Tiffany Miller
Lineal Descendant: Roy Robert Brainard	Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
Silas Jacob Woehlert	**Joseph Brian Chandler**
Parent: Colt Gilbert	Parent: Carina Chandler
Lineal Descendant: Mary Ellen Tronson	Lineal Descendant: Frances Lowery Billings
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Coos
Bodhi Banks Keller	**Grayson Jordan Isenhart**
Parent: Dylan Keller	Parent: Shyanne Gilbert
Lineal Descendant: Tennapah Jane Talbot	Lineal Descendant: Mary Ellen Tronson
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Lower Umpqua
Klayven Steel Campbell	**Jack Carter Parrett**
Parent: Alexandra Campbell	Parent: Joshua Parrett
Lineal Descendant: Louise Jordan Kerns	Lineal Descendant: Jane J Jordan
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
Oliver Allen Prescott Sheffrey	**Solomon Luke Alexander Sheffrey**
Parent: Elizabeth Sheffrey	Parent: Elizabeth Sheffrey
Lineal Descendant: Emil Maxamillion Brainard	Lineal Descendant: Emil Maxamillion Brainard
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos
Natalie Elise Minden	**Daria Iris Faye Smith**
Parent: Jessica Minden	Parent: Dylan Smith
Lineal Descendant: Bernice Gardner	Lineal Descendant: Etta Carlson
Tribe: Lower Umpqua	Tribe: Coos
Douglas Mark Fung	**Zalilah Azaria Garcia**
Parent: Henry Fung JR	Parent: Trinity Garcia
Lineal Descendant: Mabel Bennet Barney	Lineal Descendant: Florence Garcia
Tribe: Coos	Tribe: Coos

In accordance with CLUSITC 7-1-37(a), Tribal Members shall have the right to protest the recommendation of the Committee approving an application and must file a written, signed protest with the Committee stating their reasons for believing that an Applicant(s) is not entitled to enrollment. The protest must be filed with the Committee within twenty-eight (28) days after notice of the proposed enrollment is posted as described in CLUSITC 7-1-36(i).

Three Rivers Casino in Coos Bay Celebrates 10th Anniversary

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COOS BAY, Ore. – Three Rivers Casino in Coos Bay is proud to celebrate a major milestone, 10 years of providing top-notch gaming, exceptional dining, and a welcoming atmosphere on the Oregon Coast.

Since opening its doors in 2015, Three Rivers Coos Bay has grown into a local destination, offering more than 250 games, exciting promotions, and a friendly, vibrant gaming environment. With a focus on guest experience and continuous innovation, the casino remains committed to delivering fun and value with every visit.

"Our Three Rivers Coos Bay location has always been about more than just games," said Chuck Baker, General Manager of Three Rivers Casino. "It's about community. It's about creating a space where people feel welcomed, supported, and entertained. Over the past decade, we've weathered challenges and celebrated successes together, and we're just getting started."

A community favorite is Café 1297, consistently ranked among the top ten local dining spots. Guests can enjoy delicious, comforting meals while taking in the excitement of the gaming floor just steps away.

"On the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay, I reflect on how far we have come," said Brad Kneaper, Tribal Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqu and Siuslaw Indians. "Three Rivers Coos Bay has performed very well for the Tribe and has become a place that many people enjoy for meals and for recreational gaming. The Casino helps the Tribal Government provide essential services to the Tribal Membership and helps us steward our Trust and Traditional Homelands to protect the Cultural and Natural Resources found on the lands and Hearts of the Tribe."

Behind the scenes, the casino's success is driven by a passionate team that prides itself on delivering exceptional service. "The past decade has tested our collective strength, especially during times like the pandemic and economic shifts," added Baker. "But thanks to the creativity, dedication, and resilience of our team members and the ongoing support of our guests, we've come out stronger than ever."

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-057
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Pharmacy Consultant Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for the Three Rivers Pharmacy.
Vote 5-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-058
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Memorandum of Understanding Between the Tribe and Coos County Community Corrections
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement with Tribal Court and Coos County Community Corrections to address access the needs of the Tribal members through the Tribal Courts Restorative Justice Programs.
Vote 5-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-059
ate of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Genealogy Research Service Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract to provide support to the Enrollment Department for genealogy research. Vote 5-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-060
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Culture Committee Appointment
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment of Patty Phillips and Earla Kirk.
Vote 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-061
Date of Passage: March 26, 2025
Subject (title): Housing Committee Appointment
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment of Melinda Sprague. Vote 5-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-062
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Amendment to Resolution 25-031 Additional Funding from Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this additional funding identified for Behavioral Health programing. Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-063
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Establish of CLUSITC Chapter 4-9 Guardianship – Minors for Second Reading and Final Approval
Explanation: Tribal Council reviewed and approved this new Code for final approval. 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-064
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Enrollment of New Members
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the enrollment Max C. Snead, Marley J. Snead, Madelyn K. Karnes and Lainey R. Walton as members of the Tribe after no protest received from the membership. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-065
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Enrollment Name Change and Corrections to the Roll
Explanation: Tribal Council approves official names changes of tribal membership. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-066
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Active to Historic
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the action to remove the following names for the active roll and place them on the historic roll of Tribal members in the Tribal Hall: Harold E. Wondsel, George L Gardner, Kenneth J Osheroff and Aubrey Skinner. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-067
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): First Amendment to Contract for Tribal Defense Advocate Services
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this First Amendment requested by Tribal Court.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-068
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Professional Service Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for services related to the Health Department for Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country Project. Vote 4-1-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-069
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Enrollment Gender Change
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request of a Tribal Member per CLUSITC 7-1-143 for final action. Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-070
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Election Board Member
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment and reaffirmation of the follow members to the Election Board: Jade Fong, Michael Brainard, Tes Gagner, Mark Petrie, Kathy Perkins, Ashely Russell and Kimmy Bixby.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-071
Date of Passage: April 13, 2025
Subject (title): Appointments and Reaffirmation of Three Rivers Foundation Board of Trustees
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointment and reaffirmation of the following members to the Three Rivers Foundation Board: Doug Barrett, Teresa Spangler, Debbie Bossley, Cindy Castro, Ryan Ceniga, Pat Farr, Sammie Arzie and Lori Gates . Vote 5-0-1

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

Hanis Coos Tribal Citizen Sara Siestreem Awarded Hallie Ford Fellowship in the Visual Arts

The Ford Family Foundation supports Oregon visual artists who have demonstrated sophisticated practice and significant potential with annual fellowships. The Hallie Ford Fellowships are the flagship of the Visual Arts Program. They recognize that the work of the Fellows furthers the conversation of contemporary art in the 21st century.

Siestreem is a multidisciplinary artist from the Umpqua River Valley on the South Coast of Oregon, working in painting, photography, printmaking, weaving, and large-scale installation. She combines the ceremonial traditions of her ancestors with contemporary modes and materials at the intersection of social and ecological justice, education, and Indigenous feminism. Siestreem was recently awarded the University of Oregon's CFAR Fellowship, and a Forge Project Fellowship. Her work is in collections including the Forge Project, Mahicannituck (Hudson River) Valley, NY; Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA; Missoula Art Museum, Missoula MT; Museum of Fine Art, Boston, MA, and the Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR. Her artwork was recently included in the landmark 2023 book An Indigenous Present, conceived and edited by Jeffrey Gibson (Mississippi Choctaw/Cherokee). She has an upcoming exhibition at Elizabeth Leach Gallery in September 2025.

"I believe art saves lives and the canon is authored by the oppressed,"
- Sara Siestreem, Hanis Coos

Siestreem comes from a family of professional artists and educators; her training began in the home. Her lifelong mentor is Lillian Pitt (Wasco, Warm Springs, Yakama) and her weaving teachers are Greg Archuleta (Grand Ronde) and Greg A. Robinson (Chinook Nation).

Siestreem graduated Phi Kappa Phi with a BS from Portland State University. She earned an MFA with distinction from Pratt Art Institute. She created a self-sustaining weaving program for the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.



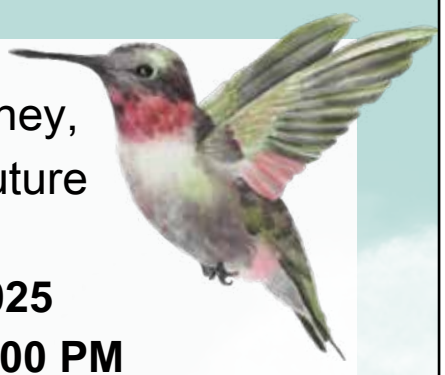
Sara Siestreem.
Photo by Sam Gehrke.

"She is exceptionally professional, and has successfully navigated the complex gallery and museum landscape for twenty years," said Reuben Roqueñi, Executive Director of Portland Institute for Contemporary Art (PICA), "In her own right, she is an activist, carving out space for Native artists in a field that has historically not offered proper recognition."

Read more about the Ford Family Foundation and Hallie Ford Fellows online at https://www.tfff.org/visual-arts/

2025
STUDENT RECOGNITION EVENT





Honoring the Journey,
Celebrating the Future

Date: July 12, 2025
Time: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Location: CTCLUSI Community Center

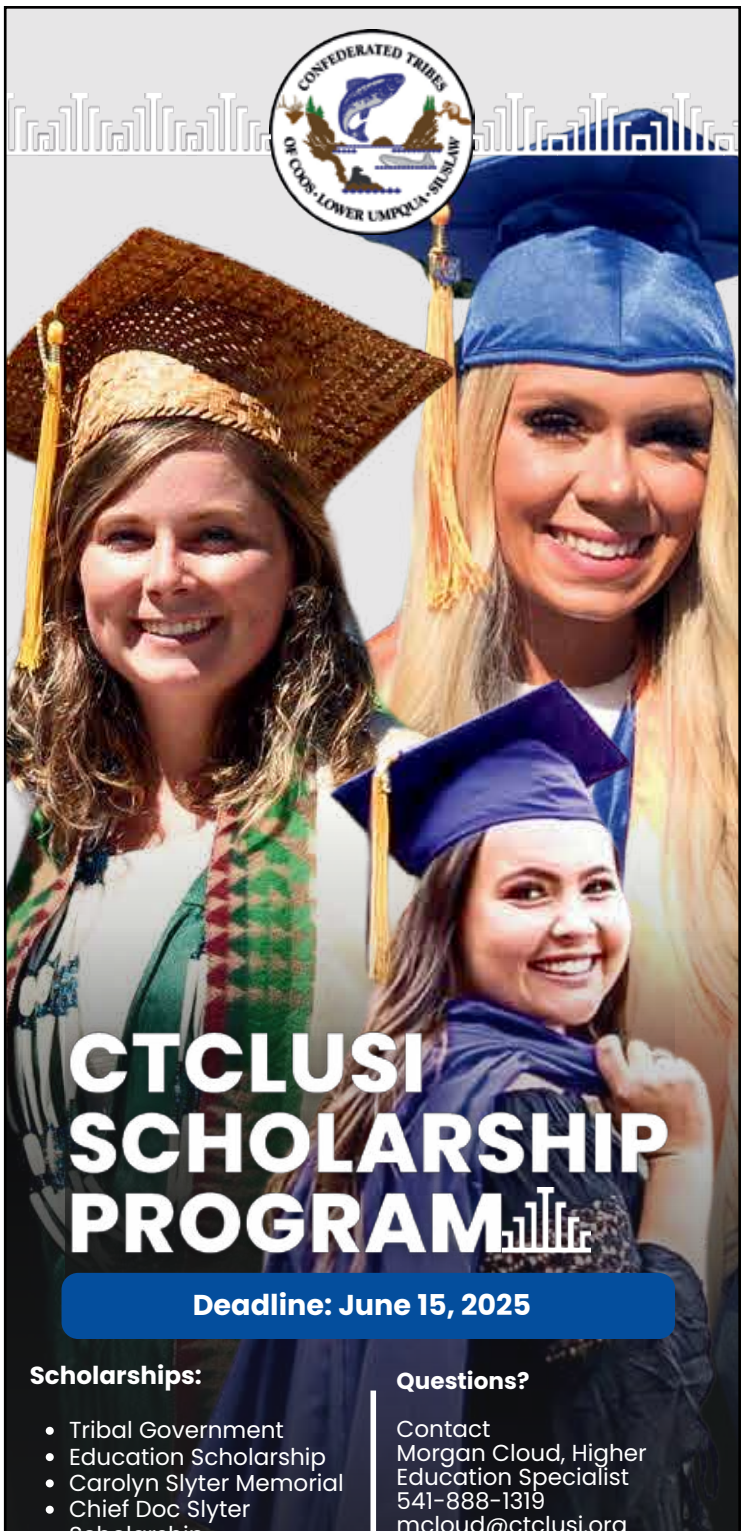
Please join us as we celebrate our Tribal graduates. This annual event honors the academic achievements, cultural growth, and leadership of CTCLUSI youth and students.

Food & Refreshments: Catered by Wildflour Café

If you have questions please contact Morgan Cloud at mcloud@ctclusi.org or scan the QR codes:

INFO

RSVP



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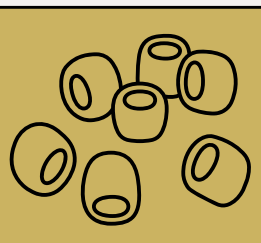
I CAN BEAD THAT!

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



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

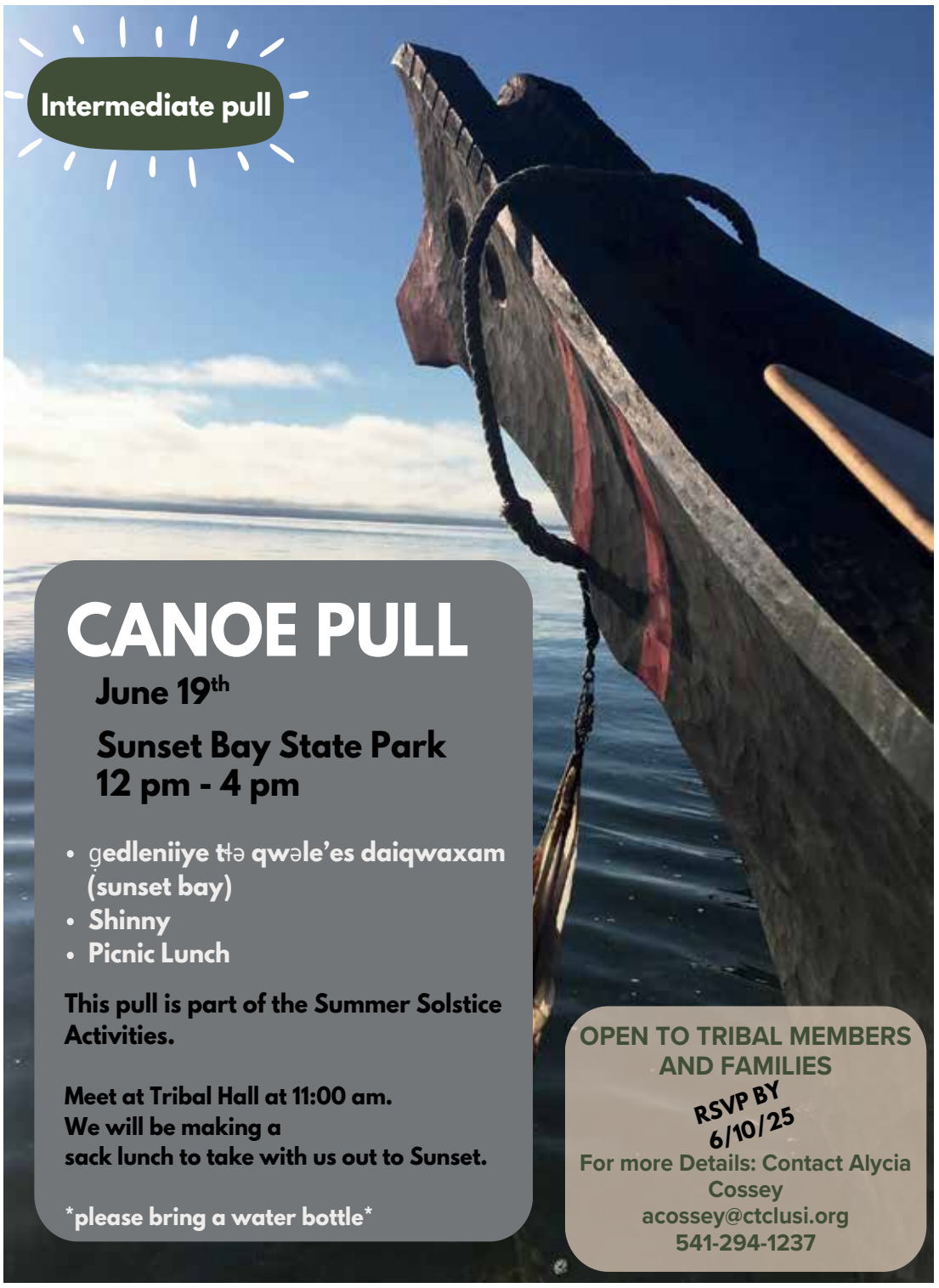


Child Care Development Fund – Public Input Invited

CTCLUSI Education Department is inviting public input on our Child Care Development Fund, CCDF, which outlines our childcare services for eligible members within our 5-county service area.
This plan focuses on ensuring childcare remains responsive to the needs of tribal families. We want to hear from you—whether you're a parent, guardian, caregiver, or provider—your feedback helps us strengthen the support we offer.
How to Participate:
• View the Draft Plan: CTCLUSI Website, Citizen Portal
• Submit Comments By: June 20, 2025
• Provide Feedback: education@ctclusi.org

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of childcare services for our member community.

Join us for an online information Session Hearing on **June 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** pst
https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87137246624
Meeting ID: 871 3724 6624



Intermediate pull

CANOE PULL

June 19th

Sunset Bay State Park
12 pm - 4 pm

- gedleniiye tɬə qwəle'es daiqwaxam (sunset bay)
- Shinny
- Picnic Lunch

This pull is part of the Summer Solstice Activities.

Meet at Tribal Hall at 11:00 am.
We will be making a sack lunch to take with us out to Sunset.

please bring a water bottle

OPEN TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

RSVP BY 6/10/25

For more Details: 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

kids
FRESH AIR CAMP

- Day Camp Theme: Water is Life
- Tribal and staff youth ages 5–17
- 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM, M–F
- Culture + Water = Fun Memories

JULY 14-25
COOS BAY, OR

REGISTER NOW

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT :
ANGELA HENRY - CAMP DIRECTOR
AHENRY@CTCLUSI.ORG

Need A Ride?

If you are in the five county service area and need public transportation assistance, please call Kathy Perkins at 541-888-9577 ext. 7550 or email kperkins@ctclusi.org

If you are in Coos County, CCAT services are FREE for all CTCLUSI Tribal Members. This includes all of the public services, other than their demand response/ Dial-a-Ride.

Show your Tribal ID to the driver





A New Chapter Begins: Our Free Little Library is Here!

Contributed by Brandy Lauby, Education Specialist II

We're excited to announce the arrival of our very own ***Free Little Library***, a small but mighty addition to our community that's all about sharing the joy of reading.

Located at Qaxas near the mail boxes, the Free Little Library is a take-a-book, leave-a-book spot where neighbors can connect through stories. Whether you're in the mood for a gripping mystery, a classic novel, or a colorful children's book, there's something for everyone—and it's all free!

This project was made possible by a grant from Free Little Library, and we hope it becomes a place where curiosity is sparked, imaginations are nurtured, and community bonds grow stronger.

How it works:

• Take a book: Find something you'd like to read and take it home.
• Leave a book: Have a book you loved? Leave it for someone else to enjoy.
• Keep it going: Feel free to return the book or pass it along to a friend!

Let's turn the page together and keep this little library full of big adventures. Stop by, explore, and help us spread the love of reading—one book at a time.

Happy reading!





Daughters of the American Revolution Visit Ḷagauwiiyat'as Gallery to View Coos Dress Exhibit

Contributed by Alycia Cossey, Cultural Stewardship Associate

In a moment of meaningful cultural exchange, members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) visited the Ḷagauwiiyat'as gallery, housed within the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI), to witness an exhibit centered around a piece of living history: the traditional Coos dress commonly known as "Lottie's dress." This dress was returned to the Tribe by DAR in 2021 and is currently standing beside a lovingly created representation of the dress—a reflection of both remembrance and revitalization.

"... each stitch and adornment holding stories passed through generations."

This visit opened a space for shared learning rooted in respect. CTCLUSI staff and one of the six artisans who worked on the dress, Enna Helms welcomed the DAR members and spoke to the deep cultural and ancestral significance of the Coos dress. The exhibit, with the original regalia placed beside its contemporary counterpart, speaks to the strength, adaptability, and unbroken presence of the Coos and greater CTCLUSI peoples.

CTCLUSI staff and cultural leaders guided visitors through the exhibit, sharing teachings about the regalia's known history, the making, the traditional materials once used, and the hands and hearts that brought the new representation dress to life. Tribal artisans Brenda Brainard, Roseana Perry, Crystal Bishop, Jessica Olson, Enna Helms, and Ayuthea LaPier contributed their skill, knowledge, and connection to ancestry in creating the piece—each stitch and adornment holding stories passed through generations.

For many, seeing the historic and modern dresses side by side sparked reflection, conversation, and deep emotion. It reminded us that tradition is not a thing of the past, but something we carry, renew, and pass on. The gathering offered a time of warmth and connection—two groups coming together, listening, learning, and honoring the journey of a dress that holds more than fabric; it holds identity, sovereignty, and survival.

In this space, where old and new meet, we were reminded that honoring our ancestors through stories, regalia, and shared experience keeps our cultures alive. It strengthens our roots and invites others to walk with care, humility, and respect beside us on the long road of remembrance and understanding.

This dress will be house in the Ḷagauwiiyat'as gallery and open to tribal member viewing upon request. There will also be an open gallery day to view the dresses during Salmon Ceremony weekend in August before the dress representation is transferred to the Newell House in the care of DAR.



Members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) pictured above with Enna Helms, youth and Alycia Cossey of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians.



Pictured right: Lottie's historic dress layed down in the center case of the gallery with replica on display in the rotating corner case.



Enna Helms pictured above, shown working on the dress fringe.



Ayuthea LaPier working on the Lottie replica dress



Jessica Olson working on recreating the beaded eagle.

Invasive Species Removal from Tribal Hall Property

Contributed by Nicole Romine, Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program Specialist II

On Saturday, April 12th, 2025 Tribal families and CTCLUSI Employees worked to clear invasive species like scotch broom, English Ivy, Himalayan blackberry, cotoneaster, and more from the Tribal Hall Property. The attendees included Tribal Members, Tribal Spouses, and staff from the Forestry, Culture and Natural Resources, and Maintenance Departments! A special thank you to Maintenance Lead staff, Ty Walton and family, for assisting with the heavy duty work truck and wench to pull out several huge scotch broom stumps!

The Tobacco Prevention Program also cleared space in the belex tlxanii, Butterfly Garden, for our Traditional Tobacco, dahai (miluk), daha (hanis), and chiyuusan (s.q), also known as Columbian Tobacco or Nicotiana quadrivalvis var. multivalvis, where toward the end of the day Traditional Tobacco was planted in a garden box! A Tribal Youth participant was excited to help and asked many wonderful questions about the tobacco and pointed out a rainbow as we watered the garden. I would like to thank all staff who hosted the event and provided lunch, and thank you to everyone who participated in helping remove the invasive species to make space for our cultural significant native plants to thrive. We are looking forward to the next property clean-up day and please look out for upcoming activities and events on our social media accounts, the Voice of CLUSI, the CTCLUSI tribal website, and please watch for auto dialer or texts in the future!









Housing Self Sufficiency Program

The CTCLUSI Housing Department is pleased to announce the new Self Sufficiency Program is up and running. This new service is available to Tribal Members who are actively participating in at least one of our current Housing programs.

Through this program, our Housing Self Sufficiency Coordinator, Jennifer Emerson, will collaborate with Tribal Households to develop a plan to identify opportunities which may promote financial stability. To assist in identifying potential barriers or challenges that may be preventing Tribal Members from achieving their goals, an assessment will be conducted.

Once an assessment is completed, services offered could include; budgeting, resume review/creation, interview skills and more. Additionally, referrals to other services such as; childcare, mental health, or recovery will be made based on the needs of the individual and/or family. In the coming months, we will also be offering workshops to our Tribal Members on a variety of topics related to achieving financial independence.

If you have any questions about the Self Sufficiency Program or would like to discuss completing an assessment, please contact:

Jennifer Emerson
Housing Self Sufficiency Coordinator
Jennifer.emerson@ctclusi.org
541-294-8548



Second Annual Language Revitalization Camp: "Language Strong"

Contributed by Angela Henry, Camp Director

After the success of last year's Language Camp, we are excited to invite Tribal Members back for our Second Annual Language Revitalization Camp, taking place July 21–25, 2025.

Words carry strength. This year's theme, "Language Strong," honors the strength and healing within reclaiming our ancestral languages. They connect us to our ancestors, our lands, our waters, and one another. By speaking our languages, we speak our strength.

We've seen real growth in our language program over the past year, including the expansion of our classes and hiring Language Nest Facilitators. These dedicated facilitators now lead weekly programming each Saturday for our youngest tribal members—ages 0 to 5—planting seeds of language early. Language revitalization can begin at any age.

This family-friendly day camp is open to Tribal families, CTCLUSI staff, language students, and their households. No matter where you are on your language journey, this camp is for ***Everyone***. Please join us for a great week with friends and family—our ancestors are watching us learn alongside one another.

Held in Coos Bay at Tribal Hall and the Community Center, we will be providing overnight accommodations available at nearby Sunset Bay Campground. This camp features engaging activities, storytelling, songs, tasty meals, and much more! We'll learn and grow stronger—together.



Registration Deadline: July 7, 2025

Early registration by June 15 is strongly encouraged to secure a camping spot.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate your identity through language.

All photo's below are from Language Revitalization Camp 2024









When we speak our Language,
we speak our Strength.

quuiich Youth Thorin Gaines Granted Extraordinary Achievement Recognition Fund

From Marching on Main Street, Mickey Mouse, Lightsabers, and Rollercoasters, Thorin Gaines had the opportunity to play and perform with his Grants Pass High School Band at Disneyland!

The band earned this opportunity through competition during the fall season, and they placed 1st overall at Northwest Association of Performing Arts (NWAPA) championships at Autzen Stadium in Eugene against other high school bands from the region.

Through many, many hours of practice after school, on the weekends, and multiple performances and competitions, Thorin showed dedication to the Band earning him this trip to perform with the Band at Disneyland.

Thorin got to utilize funding from the Tribe to help accomplish the travel portion of this trip through the Extraordinary Achievement Recognition Fund.

The Band performed "A Friend Like Me" from the movie Aladdin, and got to experience workshops with Disneyland music showcase and performers.

The performance at Disneyland, and at the NWAPA competition, can be found on YouTube for your viewing pleasure. The band also got two days to roam the park freely, a privilege earned through all the work they put in throughout the year.

It is amazing, he plays his Aunt Morgan's old trombone and it still sounds great! We can't wait to see him continue to compete and march with his band in the future!



Grants Pass High School Marching Band Perform "A Friend Like Me" in Downtown Disney



Scan QR Code to watch GPHS Championship Performance at Autzen Stadium



Grants Pass High School Marching Band Students Have Fun Day in Disneyland

Scan QR Code to watch GPHS Disneyland Performance



Elders Corner

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.

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.

Save The Date

The Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Wish to invite you to the

26th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day

To be held September 12 & 13, 2025 at the Three Rivers Casino & Resort (Florence, Oregon)

(Registration forms and Agenda will be coming soon)

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

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.

Elders Receive Emergency Preparedness Items

Tribal Council member Julie Siestreem shared the photographs at right, taken at the May 7th Elders Potluck at Tribal Hall.

Tribal Elders gather the first Wednesday of every month and bring homemade dishes to share. They celebrate one another and enjoy the company and camaraderie.

In May, the Elders Program and staff, Barbara Black and Doug Morrison joined them to hand out Emergency Preparedness buckets for each Elder in attendance. Elders jackets were also given out to those who had requested them.

Julie shared that the food buckets (2 each per Elder) are an amazing source of support should they every be needed. She also shared that the Elders jackets have multiple pockets and hoods, which are especially great for walking in our sometimes windy and rainy coastal weather.









SCAN ME!

book basket

axuu(m) axuu(h) q'auq'aunii(sq) early literacy initiative

Please sign up now with the QR code!

to recieve free developmentally appropriate learning boxes delivered to families with children from birth to five years old who are a CTCLUSI enrolled tribal member (or part of a tribal household.)

This program also includes screening services (ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2) and supports families through in-home (including vitrual) and library-based sessions.

Contact: Jen Barrett-Neet at jbarrett-neet@ctclusi.org





The CTCLUSI Education Department, in partnership with the OSU STEAM Hub, is developing a youth program for 11-24 year olds that has a mini canoe meant for natural sciences and data-gathering in an effort to engage youth in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.)

We kindly request your vote for the name of this program.

SCAN ME! OR visit: https://www.research.net/r/DataCanoeName

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

Language Classes

LITTLES PROGRAM



Starting April 5th 2025

0-5 YR. OLDS

dai chil sla, shin dai sla, niishachii chmanii.

Zoom Class Link

Language Resources can be found on the Google classroom

If you are interested in joining class and would like more details please contact Enna Helms at language@ctclusi.org or at (541) 297-7538

miluk class

hanis class

sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich class

Saturdays from 9:00am-10:00am on Zoom

Contact: Enna Helms at language@ctclusi.org

Don't Miss Out

Update Your Contact Information

Is your contact information up-to-date?

Please contact the Enrollment Department today with your current contact information.

It is important that your information is current and accurate so that you do not miss out on updates regarding Tribal benefits, programs, invitations to events, and Tribal Election Ballots.

Forms are also available online to update your contact information, request new Tribal ID cards, change of name requests and more.

Visit ***https://ctclusi.org/enrollment/*** to fill out these forms online. Contact Enrollment by calling 541-435-7178 or email enrollment@ctclusi.org

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Stay Connected

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EVENTS FLOW YOUR WAY

SCAN HERE

Get updates on camps and kits before they surface!

Citizen Portal Login - www.ctclusi.org

Do you need assistance with registering or re-gaining access to the Citizen Portal of the Tribal Government website?
I'm here to help! Contact me directly with any Tribal website access issues that you have.
The Citizen Portal contains the links to the monthly Tribal Council meeting Zoom links, culturally significant information and more!
Also be sure to check out the online Events Calendar for upcoming activities!
Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist:
Cell: (541) 808-7918
Email: mgaines@ctclusi.org

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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CTCLUSI Education Director Jemiah Wassman
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More Info and registation at:

https://beav.es/NUc

Oregon State University Sea Grant OREGON

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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

The CTCLUSI Forestry Department Continues Forward in Forest Management Program Planning and Implementation

Contributed by Tyler Slyter,Proud CTCLUSI Tribal Member, Chief Operating Officer of Indirect Services

The last 8 months has been an exciting time for the CTCLUSI Forestry Department. After 7 years of hard work and planning, the Stewardship of the lands is beginning. These lands were returned to our Tribe through the Western Oregon Tribal Fairness Act (WOTFA) in 2018. CTCLUSI received nearly 15,000 acres in total. Most of that land is in 3 large sections; identified as Lake Tract, Smith Tract and Tioga Tract.

In September of 2024, the CTCLUSI Forest Management Plan (FMP) was approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This was a major accomplishment, and one that a lot of people contributed to for many years. The FMP is a complete guideline to CTCLUSI's plan for stewarding the lands in perpetuity. The document allows us to set polices and rules that support the Cultural goals of our Tribe. In addition, the document holds us accountable, with extensive checks and balances.

The Team took 5 minutes to celebrate, and moved onto the next critical task.

The Indian Asset Trust Management Plan (ITAMP) is new program from the Department of Interior that allows Tribes to self-govern all forest operations. It supports our status as Sovereign. It removes the requirements to seek permission from federal agencies like BIA, Forest Service, and Oregon Fish and Wildlife. Additionally, it allows the Tribe to document our own Environment Impact evaluations, which would typically fall under the Federal NEPA program.

In addition to reinforcing our Sovereign rights, the ITAMP also removes the lengthy approval time that we experience when working with the Government. Tasks that would typically take 6-7 months can be accomplished in a portion of that time. I am extremely proud to say that the ITAMP was signed by the Department of Interior in January!! There are only 3 Tribes in the United States with ITAMP status. The other two are Cow Creek and Coquille. Both have very organized and efficient Forest Management Programs.

Stewardship of the lands started with Pre-commercial Thinning (PCT). This activity clears the space between younger trees, so that they can fully grow, without being restricted by other vegetation. 500 acres of the Lake Tract have been completed. With the PCT, the road ways are cleared to help access our lands, and the thinning allows more opportunity to walk into the forests.

Work is almost complete for our first two Timber Harvests. The locations have been identified, and boundaries are already flagged/marked. One is on Lake Tract, and one is on Tioga. Both will be approximately 30-40 acres in size. The Forestry and DNRC team are in the process of ensuring protection of streams, animals and cultural plants. Additionally, we have minimum retention rates as outlined in our FMP, so some trees are left for Habitat management.

Additional efforts are being focused on Salvaging storm damaged areas, and also improving access to our ponds for fire fighting Helicopters.

As we all have seen on the news, there is continually mass destruction of Forest Lands through wildfires. Stewardship through Timber Harvest is critical to preventing wildfires on our lands, so they will be there for all future generations to enjoy.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us get to this point. A special shout out to our current Forestry Team of Ryan Bronson, Amy Kronsberg and Kyle Terry. Also, Colin Beck was instrumental in this process and spent many years preparing the necessary documents. Additionally, the Forestry Program would not be possible without the help of George Smith. George is a consultant who has been working with CTCLUSI for many years, and has provided priceless assistance and guidance.



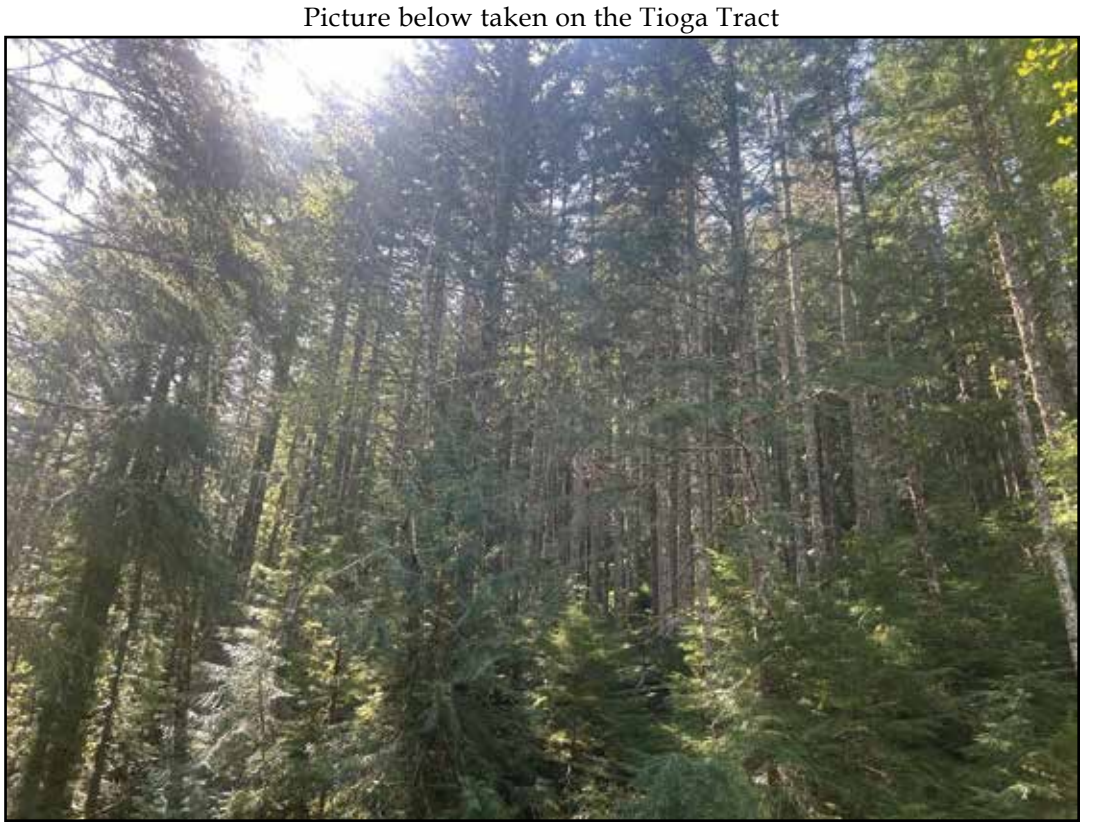
One of the Ponds considered for Helicopter access, to assist with fighting Forest Fires



Pictured above and below:
Lake Tract areas after Pre Commercial Thinning activity



Picture below taken on the Tioga Tract



CTCLUSI Community Health Welcomes Community Health Nurse to the Team

Contributed by Diann Weaver, Director of Community Health

I am pleased to announce that we have hired Kerry Joyce as our Community Health Nurse. Kerry will be working out of the Coos Bay Government Offices. As you can see from the bio Kerry provided, she brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in community and public health. We look forward to working with her. Welcome to the team, Kerry!

"I am very excited to join the Health Services Division of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians. My philosophy of health and wellness is a holistic model which I believe, along with physical health, includes: community, place, spirituality and joy. I moved to the area about ten years ago from Seattle WA, via San Juan Islands, Scandinavia and Eastern WA. In my spare time I enjoy knitting, sewing and cooking yummy food with my husband and teenager. I also love to adventure to the local beaches or woods with my two Australian Shephard fur kids.

I have been a nurse for over 20 years with a focus on population health. Before attending nursing school, I was a pediatric medical assistant for several years. In 2006 I completed my Masters of Science in Nursing Degree in Community and Public Health Nursing at Pacific Lutheran University. I have worked in Public Health, Maternity Support Services, Community Health Clinics and Tribal Health Settings. More recently I was the Director of the Bay Area Hospital Home Health Agency until its closure in 2023. I am also an educator and have taught nursing and allied health at several community colleges in Washington and Oregon. I look forward to meeting everyone and working together to serve our community."

- Kerry Joyce, RN, MSN



Kerry Joyce, RN, MSN

June is Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month

Contributed by the CTCLUSI Community Health Department

Is It PTSD?

When you have PTSD, it's hard to feel safe. The traumatic event – natural disaster, combat, sexual assault, accident - can take hold, and you find you can't stop thinking about it. Maybe you have nightmares and trouble sleeping. Maybe you feel on edge and unsettled or don't find pleasure in things you used to enjoy. Maybe you feel it's just easier to be alone. Feelings like these are common after going through a trauma. For most people, they pass in a few weeks or months, but for others, they are long-lasting.

Posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a mental health problem. PTSD can only develop after you go through or see a life-threatening event. PTSD symptoms fall into four categories: reliving or re-experiencing the event, avoiding things or places that remind you of the event, negative changes in beliefs and feelings, and hyperarousal or being on guard. For someone to be diagnosed with PTSD, they need to have symptoms in all four categories.

PTSD symptoms can happen at any age, and they come and go. Only a mental health care provider can diagnose you with PTSD. And, knowing if you have PTSD is the first step to getting effective treatment. So, it is important to talk with a doctor if you think you have symptoms. There are effective treatments even if you have been living with symptoms for years.

Keep in mind that you're not alone. And, some treatments will help you feel better and take back control of your life. Be the advocate – take that first step for yourself. Learn more about PTSD symptoms at the National Center for PTSD.

Scan the QR Code to open the National Center for PTSD websie to learn more.

Source: https://www.va.gov/jackson-health-care/stories/ptsd-awareness-month/ and https://www.ptsd.va.gov/

Tribal Court Welcomes Tribal Court Administrator and Outreach Coordinator

Contributed by CTCLUSI Tribal Court and Peacegiving Court

Tiffany Rose is joining the Tribal Court as Tribal Court Administrator and Outreach Coordinator. She has a B.A. in Sociology from University of California, Davis, and has a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. She comes to the Tribe from the City of Coos Bay where she worked as a Codes/Planning Specialist for a little over two years. Prior to working for the City, she was in Texas for ten years. She has worked for the El Dorado County Superior Court in South Lake Tahoe and the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Nevada Supreme Court. She has two shiht-zus, Giles and Anya. In her free time, she enjoys reading and going to the beach.



Tiffany Rose, CTCLUSI Tribal Court Administrator & Outreach Coordinator

It's Official, We're Married!

On Sunday, May 4, 2025,
Morgan Gaines married Robert Gaines (Peninger)
in a private ceremony at the
Owen Rose Garden in Eugene, Oregon.

They will host a reception gathering for a group of friends and family in early June.



Why RSVP for Tribal Events?

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



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

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

Invitation for Vendors or Artisans to Submit Products or Services

Dear Vendor or Artisan,
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) is seeking qualified vendors to provide products or services in support of our CTCLUSI projects or programs. The purpose of this invitation is to create a preferred vendor list. We invite you to submit proposals detailing how your products or services meet our various program requirements.

Scope of Work:
Please provide a detailed description of the products or services you provide, include any specific features, requirements, or technical specifications.

Submission Requirements:
Interested vendors must submit the following:
1. A detailed proposal of products or services including pricing, timelines, and deliverables.
2. A company or individual profile with relevant experience and references.
3. Any credentials, warranties, or compliance documentation, if applicable.
4. Terms and conditions for the proposed product or service.

Deadline for Submission:
Proposals are accepted throughout the year for qualified vendor's products or services. Vendor or Artisan must have submitted proposals prior to the selection of the product or service posted, to be considered. The proposal will be considered for all requests after it's submission.

Evaluation Criteria:
Proposals will be evaluated based on:
- Quality and compliance with our requirements.
- Cost-effectiveness.
- Vendor qualifications and experience.
- Delivery timelines.

Submission Instructions:
Please submit your proposals via mail or email to:
Norbert A. Johnson, MBA, MHEd, RRT
Procurement Manager
1245 Fulton Ave
Coos Bay, Or 97420
njohnson@ctclusi.org

Upcoming Events

RSVP for events by calling

1-541-435-7155

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Siuslaw River Estuary Restoration Sites Visit 10am-2pm Florence	2 Back to School Clothing Program Application Opens	3 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	4 Elders Potluck@noon hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	5	6 Maple Bark Gathering/Processing sha'yuustl'a tl'ai (Siuslaw Lands) sha'yuushtl'a u+ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	7 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am
8 Regular Council Meeting 10:00am	9 CCDF Public Info Session Hearing Zoom 2 p.m. pst (see info page 6)	10	11 I Can Bead That Eugene 10am	12	13	14 Back to School Clothing Deadline Little Program Language Nest 9am-10am
15 Tribal Scholarships Deadline	16	17	18	19 Canoe Pull Sunset Bay	20 Summer Solstice Activities See Flyer for Activities Page 7	21 Little Program Language Nest 9am Summer Solstice Day
22	23	24 Seeds of Success Field School, Deadwood, OR	25 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am
29	30	1	2 Seeds of Success Field School, Deadwood, OR	3	4	5 Little Program Language Nest Zoom - 9am-10am

July 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2 Elders Potluck@noon	3	4 Independance Day Tribal Offices Closed	5
6	7 Language Camp Registration Deadline	8	9	10	11	12 Student Recognition 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Community Center
13 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am	14	15	16 Fresh Air Camp	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Fresh Air Camp Language Revitalization Camp	24	25	26 Naming Ceremony haich ikt'at'uu (Waite Ranch) 10 a.m.
27	28	29	30 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	31	1	2



EUGENE OUTREACH OFFICE OPENS DOORS IN NEW LOCATION IN DOWNTOWN EUGENE



The New location of the Tribes' Eugene Outreach Office is:

149 W. 12th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401

The new location is conveniently located within walking distance of the Eugene Public Library and Public Transit Bus Terminal.

Our phone number remains the same: 541-744-1334.

The Tribes' Planning Department, with the direction from Tribal Council, found 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.

Eugene staff continue to work through the transistion; 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.

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Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 05/12/25

- *Behavioral Health Assistant – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Charge Capture Specialist – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Therapist – Coos Bay*
- *Diabetes Educator – Eugene*
- *Laboratory Technician I. – Coos Bay*
- *Licensed Practical Nurse – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Assistant: Primary Care – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Director – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Nurse Practitioner – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Ocean Fishing Deckhand: On-Call – 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***

