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


## *October 5th Marks 85th Anniversary of the Dedication of Tribal Hall*



Tribal Hall Exterior 1970s



Tribal Hall Exterior During Drum Making Event

**Contributed by Patty Whereat-Phillips, Linguist**

After the closing of the Alsea Subagency in 1876, off-reservation populations of Native people in Southwestern Oregon had largely been ignored by the US government. In the late 1870s some had been able to take up land donation claims, and later Indian allotments. But as a community they had no one gathering and meeting place.

In 1939, Louis Simpson (locally best known for the Shore Acres mansion and was the first mayor of North Bend) and his business partner William Robertson owned a timber company that logged over the lands next to the City of Empire. But the company was on the edge of bankruptcy. In spite of the economic difficulties of the Great Depression, they had a vision of revitalizing Empire by utilizing their logged over lands to build new homes, businesses and schools.

Robertson was an acquaintance of George Bundy Wasson (Upper Coquille/miluk), who was the then head of the Civilian Conservation Corps Indian labor projects in southwest Oregon. Perhaps this acquaintance gave Robertson the

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## *Tribal Citizens and Culture Bearers will be Featured in October's Oregon Origins Project IX: Voices from the Mist*



**Jesse Beers**



**Enna Helms**



**Ayuthia LaPier**



**Shirod Younker**

Oregon Origins Project presents a one-of-a-kind gathering of artists and culture bearers of Oregon's south-central coastal tribes. Join us for a celebration of Indigenous living traditions through art, language, storytelling, and ecological knowledge.

Mission: Oregon Origins Project brings together artists, scientists, and Indigenous culture bearers to create unique cultural experiences that connect people to the ancient origins of our shared home...

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**The Election Board**
**Community Meeting**
***November 7, 2026***
12:00 p.m. (noon) - 2:00 p.m.
Florence Outreach Office
3757 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

# Tribal Council Business

**Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from August 9, 2026 - September 13, 2026**

**Chief Doug Barrett**

08/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
08/10 Sea Otter Recovery Meeting, DOC/ Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting
08/11 Indian Country Elders Knowledge Holders Culture Keepers ECHO
08/12 Ceremony at Baldija, Lane Act Monthly Meeting
08/13 Dahna Black from Senator Merkley's Office and Tour
08/15 Grand Ronde Pow Wow
08/17 Canoe Paddle for Native Foster Youth with Native Wellness, NAAC-OYA Monthly Meeting, maniis tei hhap' data Canoe Planning Meeting, Jack Dempsy and State Rep Claire Lynn Meeting and Tour, Culture Committee Meeting
08/18 NAIC Monthly Board Meeting
08/19 Tribal Consultation Task Force Meeting, Meeting with Lane County Staff at Casino
08/20 Leaders Circle, TRC Coos Bay Café Construction Tour
08/22 Celebration of Life for Carl Enland former State Police Officer
08/24 Visit and Meeting with Representative Hoyle
08/25 General Fund Budget Review with Staff
08/26 GFORB and Tribal Council Business Meeting
08/27 Grand Opening for Elm Park apartments and Early Learning Center in Florence
08/28-30 1976 – 50th Reunion
08/31 maniis tei hap' Data Canoe Planning Meeting
09/01 AERI Monthly Partner Meeting
09/03 Tribal Council Workshop
09/04 Tribal Council Workshop
09/10 2026 Crime Victims Summit – Strengthening Families, Water Safety Training Planning Meeting
09/12-13 Milluck Days at the Ko-kwell Casino former Mill Casino, Tribal Council Regular Meeting

**Total Hours: 180**

**Teresa Spangler, Chair**

08/09 Regular Council meeting
08/13 Meeting and tour with Dahna from Merkley's office. Conversation about PFAS and tour
08/17 Meeting and Tour with our Lobbyist and Claire Lynn (State Rep Candidate) Toured Tribal properties in Coos Bay
08/19 Section 106 update (Virtual meeting). Section 106: of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) requires federal agencies to consider the effects on historic properties of projects
08/20 Tour of the Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay for construction updates Leaders Circle: Fire break at Tribal Hall Property conversation and tour with staff. Meetings with: Housing Committee, Culture Coalition, Election Board. Discussions on TRC Water Pump and storage building. Update on Wagon Wheel Road
08/20 Special meeting: Approval of emergency amendment to Chapter 9-3 Tribal Benefits Board
08/21 Zoom meeting to prepare for upcoming Val Hoyle visit on the 24th
08/24 In person meeting with Rep Val Hoyle regarding land bill and meeting her new staff.
08/25 Meeting with CFO to review General Fund Budget (Zoom)
08/26 GFORB Meeting, Business Council Meeting
09/01 Travel to 7 Feathers, Dinner with Cow Creek Chair
09/02-3 Tribal Council Workshop
09/04 Tribal Council Workshop, Travel home
09/10 Checked in at the Crime Victims Summit, Leaders Circle: RV Park budget review, Meeting with Benefits Board, Update on haich ikt' at' uu from project manager

**Total Hours: 133**

**Brad Kneaper, Vice Chair**

09/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
09/13 Meet with Dahna Black (Sen Merkley's Field Representative) for a tour and discussion on PFAS
09/17 Meet with State Rep Candidate and CTCLUSI's state Lobbyist.
09/20 Tour of TRC-CB Café Construction and update, Leader's Circle: Maintenance Director regarding Fire Break/Fire Prevention on Tribal Hall Property; Visits with: Housing Committee; Culture Coalition; Election Board; Discussions on TRC Pumphouse; Update on Benefits Board; Update on Wagon Road. Special Meeting: Resolution approving Emergency Amendments to Chapter 9-3 Tribal Benefits board
09/21 ZOOM meeting regarding upcoming meeting with Rep Hoyle (8/24).
09/24 In-person meeting with Representative Val Hoyle regarding Land Bills at Three Rivers Casino – Florence
09/25 2027 General Fund Budget Review with CFO (ZOOM)
09/26 Gaming Operational Review Board, Tribal Council Business Meeting
09/01 Travel to 7 Feathers Casino for Tribal Council Workshop
09/02 Tribal Council Workshop
09/03 Tribal Council Workshop
09/04 Tribal Council Workshop, Travel Home
09/10 Leader's Circle: RV Park Budget Review; Benefits Board Meet; Update on Haich Ikt' At'uu Restoration update and video

**Total Hours: 154**

**Debbie Bossley**

08/17 Lobbyist Tour
08/20 Tour for TRC Coos Bay Construction Update, Leaders Circle
08/24 Rep Val Hoyle Meeting
08/25 Tribal Council Meeting with Finance Team
08/26 Tribal Council Business Meeting
09/1-9/4 Tribal Council offsite Workshop
09/10 Leaders Circle
09/13 Tribal Council Regular Meeting

**Total Hours: 80**

**Julie Siestreem**

08/09 Tribal Council General Council regular monthly meeting Coos Bay
08/13 Dahna Black (Merkley's Office Rep.) site visit in person Coos Bay PFAS tour Coos Head
08/17 Jack Dempsey Oregon Lobbyist, Claire Lynn Oregon State Rep. site visit in person, Admin. Science Lab, Three Rivers Dental/Health/ Behavioral Health facilities
08/18 OTELA/DELC, Education Committee meeting
08/19 NCAI Section 106 Update: Navigating the Proposed Rules in Indian Country
08/20 Tribal Council Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay Cafe Construction Update/Walk through, Tribal Council Leaders Circle, Tribal Council Special Meeting Benefits Board
08/23-30 Vacation
09/2-4 Tribal Council all day workshop, Seven Feathers Casino Resort
09/08 4j NATIVES Program IPC meeting Eugene
09/09 4j NATIVES Program Culture night Eugene
09/10 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
09/12-13 KoKwell Salmon Celebration and Canoe Races
09/13 Tribal Council General Council regular monthly meeting Coos Bay

**Total Hours: 100**

**Iliana Montiel**

08/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
08/17 Jack Dempsy & State Rep Claire Lynn meeting/tour
08/20 TRC CB Café Tour/construction update / Leaders Circle / Special Meeting
08/24 Rep Hoyle Visit
09/02 Tribal Council Workshop
09/03 Tribal Council Workshop (morning)
09/10 Leaders Circle

**Total Hours for the Month: 35**

**Ashley Russell**

08/19 Reviewed Leader's Circle Packet
08/20 Leader's Circle and Special Meeting
08/25 Reviewed Business Meeting Packet
08/26 Business Meeting
09/02 Blue Economy Task Force Meeting
09/02-4 Tribal Council Workshop
09/09 Reviewed Leader's Circle Packet
09/10 Leader's Circle
09/12 Reviewed Tribal Council Meeting Packet
09/13 Tribal Council Meeting
09/14 KoKwel/CTCLUSI Council to Council Meeting

**Total Hours: 72.5**

# 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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**Budget Committee**
1. Debbie Bossley
2. Christy Wurster
3. Margaret Corvi
4. Stephanie Watkins
5. Kerry Brainard
6. Sarah Marical
**7.** Roseana Perry - Chair

**Cultural Coalition Committee**
1. Enna Helms
2. Cynthia Hovind
3. Pam Stoehlser
4. Kyle Gaines
5. VACANT

**Culture Committee**
1. Earla Kirk
2. Kyle Gaines - Chair
3. Alyssa Lydick
4. Nicole Romine
5. Michael Brainard
6. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
7. Chief Doug Barrett

**Education Committee**
1. Lorin Krossman - Chair
2. Julie Siestreem
3. Nicole Romine
4. Ashley Russell
5. Michael Brainard

**Elders Committee**
1. Arleen Perkins - Chair
2. Laura Fortin
3. Warren (Tom) Brainard
4. VACANT
5. Mike Lent
6. Stan McNutt
7. Teresa Spangler

**Election Board**
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3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. Kimmy Bixby
7. Ashley Russell

**Enrollment Committee**
1. Courtney Krossman
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. Vicki Faciane - Chair
5. Teresa Spangler

**Housing Committee**
1. Andrew Brainard
2. Danny Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter - Chair
5. Sarah Marical

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

All committee members with an expired term have been notified and are encouraged to submit a letter of interest for reappointment.
If you wish to no longer participate as an active member, please send an email to enrollment@ctclusi.org

Interested in being on a committee? Submit a letter of interest (can be found on the Enrollment page on the Tribal website). 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**
**mgaines@ctclusi.org or 541-888-7536**

## 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

**October 11, 2026**
**Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.**
**General Meeting 1:00 p.m.**
**Three Rivers Event Center**
**5647 Highway 126,**
**Florence, Oregon, 97439**

**Event Room in back of cafeteria**

**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

# 42ND RESTORATION CELEBRATION

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS · LOWER UMPQUA · SIUSLAW

## Saturday, October 10, 2026

**Three Rivers Casino Resort**
5647 Highway 126, Florence, OR 97439

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.
Event Begins at 11:30 a.m.

Families and children enter from outside of event center

Enrolled Tribal members may bring a guest. All Members of any Tribal household are welcome

**RSVP for Event 1-541-435-7155**

**TRCR Reservations for Restoration Celebration**

Limited Number of Rooms Available
Call Hotel Reservations at 1-877-374-8377
Ask for Group: Restoration 2026
Online Reservations: Use Offer Code 194

**50/50 RAFFLE**

Proceeds from tickets sold at this event will be divided 50/50 between a single winner drawn, and the Tribal Scholarships Program for CTCLUSI Higher Education Students



# Save the Date

# CTCLUSI Holiday Celebration

## December 12, 2026

Three Rivers Casino Resort
Florence, Oregon
RSVP 1-541-435-7155

# *Did You Know?*

# Tribal Member Extraordinary Achievement Assistance Available

The Tribe has a program designed to provide recognition, acknowledgement and support for Tribal member accomplishments, as well as financial assistance to eligible members for expenses associated with the participation in, or recognition of a non-scholastic extraordinary achievement.

DEFINITIONS

a) Extraordinary Achievement- an accomplishment that CTCLUSI recognizes as a unique or rare feat to enrolled CTCLUSI members.

b) Non-Scholastic- Not relating to a school or education program; not academic.

c) Qualifying Event- an achievement that meets the threshold for assistance approval for an enrolled Tribal member that is not covered under other CTCLUSI program assistance.

Do you have an achievement that you think may qualify? Fill out the application online today!

Questions? Contact enrollment@ctclusi.org

**Scan the QR Code below to fill out the Extraordinary Achievement Assistance Application online today.**

# FY27 Financial Budget Schedule

**September 11 - October 8, 2026**
Tribal Members may submit written comments on the draft budget to the Budget Committee no later than 28 days after the date the draft budget is posted.
**7-10-4(c) Posting PDF FY27 to buildings and website.**

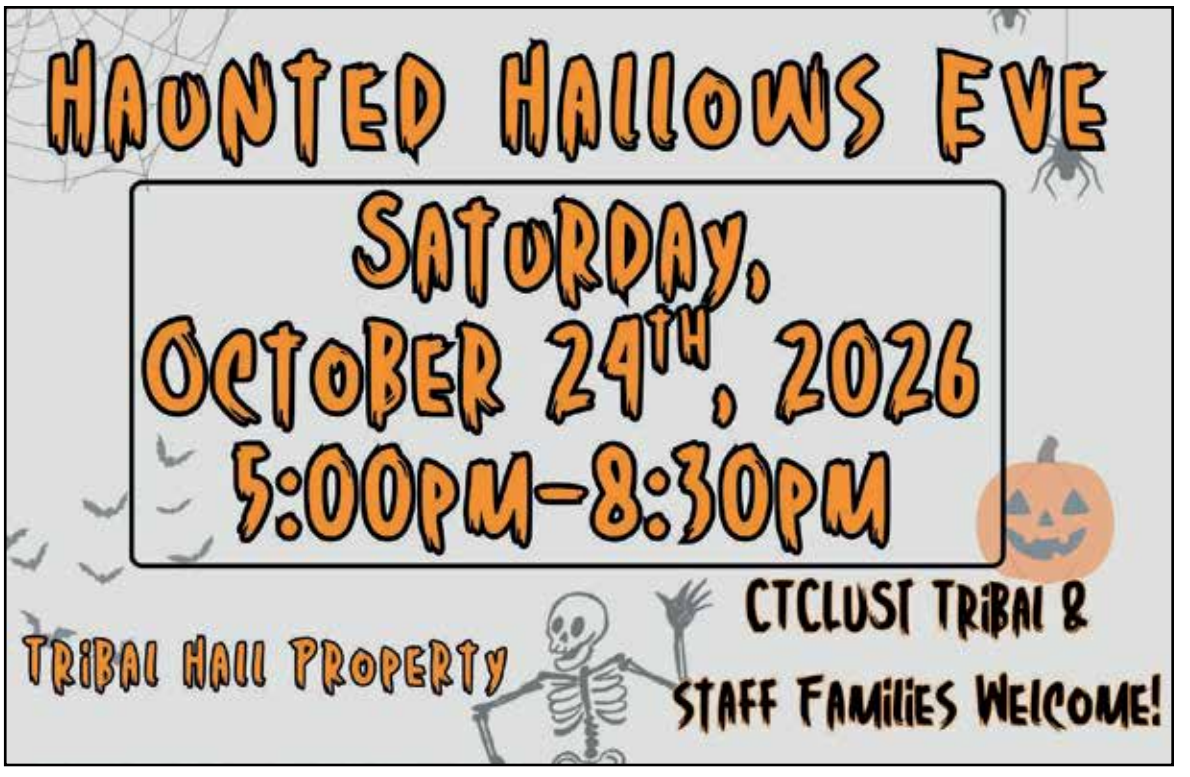
**October 8, 2026**
Tribal Member comment period closes. See 7-10-4(c)

**December 13, 2026**
Tribal Council to review and approve final budget at Regular Meeting or Business Meeting. See 7-10-4(c)

**FY27 Draft Budget is currently available for review online in the Citizen Portal.**
**Login to View and submit written comments by October 8, 2026**

**Scan QR Code to Fill Out Online Comment Form Today**




## *Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?*

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of **a PUMPKIN exactly like the one pictured here**.
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 PUMPKIN hiding!**
**Must email by October 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.
Thank you to all of the Tribal Government Departments that donate raffle prizes!
Thank you to everyone for playing, and for your patience as the raffle prizes for the winners are mailed out.
Questions? Contact mgaines@ctclusi.org



September Hummingbird Raffle Winners:
Adult - Haley Pace
Youth - Cash Boccard

The Hummingbird was hidden on page 16, in the flowers at the bottom right.

# CTCLUSI and South Slough Reserve to Co-Host Stewardship Day, Saturday, November 21st



Join Ashley Russell, Tribal Council Woman and Director of the Department of Culture and Natural Resources, alongside the South Slough Reserve for a day of collaboration to plant and share stories about culturally important native plants.

Stewardship Day will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at The South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve. Meet at the Wasson Parking Lot off Hinch, Charleston, OR 97420, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Event is Free to Attend, please register online by scanning the QR code at right.

## Saturday Brunch

*Our Treat!*

*Meet us at Coastal Coffee/Books By the Bay*

**3rd Saturday of each month**

**Details:**

Coffee + Play-For CTCLUSI families with children ages birth-5. Come have some coffee with the Education Team and let the kids play! We're going to start doing these once a month as an informal way for families with little ones to get together, meet other families, and connect with Education staff.

**Dates:**

October 17th
November 21st
December 19th
January 16th
February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th

**Time:**

10:00AM-12:00PM

There's no formal meeting or anything like that. We just want to have a regular place where families can stop by, have some coffee, ask questions, learn about resources we have available, or just hang out for a little while. Kids and siblings are welcome.

No need to RSVP, we will be there.

Stay the whole time or pop in for a bit.

Hosted by the Education Department, Early Literacy Team

Questions: Text or call 541.999.7513

# Rock Your Mocs

## November 15, 2026



## What is Rock Your Mocs?

Established 2011, Rock Your Mocs, is best described as a worldwide Native American and Indigenous Peoples social media unity event held annually and concurrently with November National Native American Heritage Month in the U.S.A.

An expression of cultural pride, during Rock Your Mocs, people wear their moccasins and share photos on social media with the hashtag #ROCKYOURMOCS thus creating an online "photo album" for the world to see. Utilizing social media, Native American/Indigenous Peoples celebrate their inherent sense of identity.

Read the full story of how Rock Your Mocs began online at www.rockyourmocs.org



## Canoe Paddle Carving Classes

**Join us at the Canoe House to carve your own Port Orford cedar canoe paddle.**

**First Saturday of the Month:**
**November 7 • December 5 • January 2 • February 6**

Sign-up forms will be out soon via text and the website

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
**Canoe House**
**3165 Kingwood St.**
**Florence, OR**

**Ages 18+**

**Wood, tools, and lunch provided.**
**Childcare is not avaliable.**

7 spots, limited Supplies, first come first serve.
Please contact Isaac Dull for questions -
idull@ctclusi.org

# *2027 Peace Hike Featured Artist: Cody Theisen*

Tribal Citizen Cody Theisen's artwork has been selected as the featured piece for the 2027 Peace Hike.

We also want to recognize the other talented artisans whose artwork will be featured in the consecutive years ahead:

- 2028: Ashley Vandevort
- 2029: Morgan Gaines

A warm reminder that the Peace Hike will take place on January 1st in Yachats, and we would love to see more Tribal members join us as they feel comfortable. It's a meaningful way to welcome the new year together—in community and in good heart.

Stay tuned as more information about this even becomes available.




The Annual Peace Hike will take place on January 1, 2027 in Yachats, Oregon and along the Amanda Trail.









# Spotlight on Tribal Youth Ray Cloud

Ray is an enrolled CTCLUSI Tribal Citizen who participated in interviews of the Oregon Duck Football Players by youth from the Boys and Girls Club of Emerald Valley!

Ray interviewed Trent Ferguson, #56 offensive linemen. Her interview will be highlighted at the Oregon vs Portland state game this Friday, September 18th where she will also be cheering with the Oregon Ducks Cheerleaders.

*Way to Go Ray!*

**Pictured at right: Ray is pictured at center (wearing leggings) with the cheer squad and the beloved Oregon Duck mascot. Pictured below: Ray cheering at the Oregon vs. Portland State Game on September 18th and conducting her interview of UofO Offensive Linemen Trent Furguson (#56).**












FALL HARVEST CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2026

• DRUM MAKING, 9AM - 12PM

*Sign-Ups Open in October - Spaces Limited - 1 per family*

• CRAFTING STATIONS, 11AM - 2 PM

• LUNCH, NOON

RSVP - 541.435.7155 or 888.435.7155


**The Department of Culture and Natural Resources wants to hear from Tribal families. Your feedback will help us better understand the needs of Tribal youth and families and improve youth camps, cultural programs, and workforce development programs.**

**Your responses will help us plan programs that are accessible, meaningful, culturally grounded, and responsive to the needs of our Tribal community.**

**Each household that completes the survey will be entered into a raffle as a thank-you for participating.**



*Your* **Feedback Matters**

**Youth Programming Survey Closes 11/15/26**

# Pumpkin Patch & Prevention

**Saturday, October 3rd**
**12:00PM-3:00PM**

**Prevention Luncheon:**
"Picnic Pavilion"
Harrisburg Area Museum
490 Smith St,
Harrisburg, OR 97446

Oral Stories told by Brenda Brainard

Pumpkin Patch
Corn Maze
Wagon Rides
Animal Corral
Apple Blaster

CTCLUSI Tribal Families

Lunch Provided

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

Detering Orchards
30946 Wyatt Dr,
Harrisburg, OR 97446

*Drug, Alcohol, and Commercial Tobacco Free Event

*Attendance at Prevention Luncheon required for participation at pumpkin patch

*7 Minute Drive
No Transportation Provided

# Pumpkin Patch & Prevention

**Mahaffy Ranch**
**10362 HWY 241,**
**Coos Bay, OR 97420**

Where:
Forest Party Tent on Mahaffy Ranch Property! Lunch Provided

Oral Stories told by Patty Whereat Phillips

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

**Sunday, October 4th**
**11:30AM-2:30PM**

CTCLUSI Tribal Families



Pumpkin Patch
Corn Maze
Hay Wagon
Animal Corral
Corn Cannon

*Drug, Alcohol, and Commercial Tobacco Free Event

*Attendance at Stories & Lunch required for participation at pumpkin patch

# SAVE THE DATE

## WINTER SOLSTICE

December 18th - 22nd, 2026

Questions? Contact DCNR-Culture Sector - Alycia Cossey - 541-294-1237

**Free Parenting Workshops!**
**Sponsored by**
**The Confederated Tribes of**
**Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Social Services**
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**and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians**

## FATHERHOOD & MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED

(PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES)

**October 6th - November 10th 2026**
**Tuesdays Evening**
**6:00pm-8:00pm**
**via Zoom**

**PLEASE RSVP TO SHAYNE PLATZ 541-297-3450**
**OR NICHOLE BENNER 541-888-9577**

## The Election Board Community Meeting

*November 7, 2026*
12:00 p.m. (noon) - 2:00 p.m.
Florence Outreach Office
3757 Hwy 101, Florence, OR 97439

Come and learn about how the Election Board runs Tribal Elections! This in a learning opportunity and chance to ask questions.

Join in on this informative conversation about the upcoming election. Hear about the policies and procedures the Election Board is currently working on. Food will be provided.

***RSVP*** to Lorin Krossman, Enrollment Specialist/ Election Clerk at 541-435-7178 or email lkrossman@ctclusi.org

## CTCLUSI Tribal Transportation Expands Services

The CTCLUSI Tribal Transportation Department is pleased to announce the addition of a **Mobility Services Specialist**, further enhancing our capacity to provide safe, reliable, and accessible transportation services for Tribal members.

Community members in need of transportation assistance are encouraged to contact **Kathy Perkins**, who can assist with coordinating transportation and scheduling rides for medical appointments, essential services, and other approved destinations.

The CTCLUSI Tribal Transportation Department remains committed to expanding access to dependable transportation services and enhancing mobility for our Tribal members and community.

Transportation has a new email that goes to the whole department. Need to contact us?
Email transportation@ctclusi.org

## *Join a Tribal Committee*

**Chapter 7-5 GENERAL COMMITTEE CODE 7-5-1; General Policy;** Committees are established to assist the Tribal Council in carrying out its responsibilities, to provide quality services to the Tribal membership and to develop, maintain and protect the assets and interests of the Tribes.

Tribal Committee appointments are made by Tribal Council and are for a four (4) year term. Tribal Code allows for you to be on no more than two (2) committees at a time and you may only serve two (2) terms, unless special consideration is necessary. You must complete a Letter of Interest Form to be considered by the Tribal Council.

**Below is a list of Tribal Committees: Committee's with an * currently have open positions.**

**Budget Committee**
**Culture Committee**
***Cultural Coalition Committee**
**Education Committee**
***Elders Committee**
**Election Board**
**Enrollment Committee**
**Housing Committee**
***Language Committee**
**Visions Committee**

Letters of Interest forms can be found on the Tribes' website: www.ctclusi.org.
Questions? If you would like to know any further details, please contact:
Lorin Krossman by email, enrollment@ctclusi.org or call 541-435-7178

# *Tribal Hall Dedication continued from cover page*

idea of a Native Community Center. Robertson not only envisioned it as a community center, but also an administrative center and potential springboard for businesses like canneries. He wrote to Superintendent of the Grand Ronde-Siletz Agency Woolridge offering to donate 6.12 acres for an Indian Community Center. Things moved swiftly from there. January 1940 an Agency employee took a look at the land – it was just outside Empire city limits, covered in stumps and brush, would need a septic system and a road. The BIA decided to move ahead. On January 27, 1940, the Robertson Timber Company signed the property over to the US government.



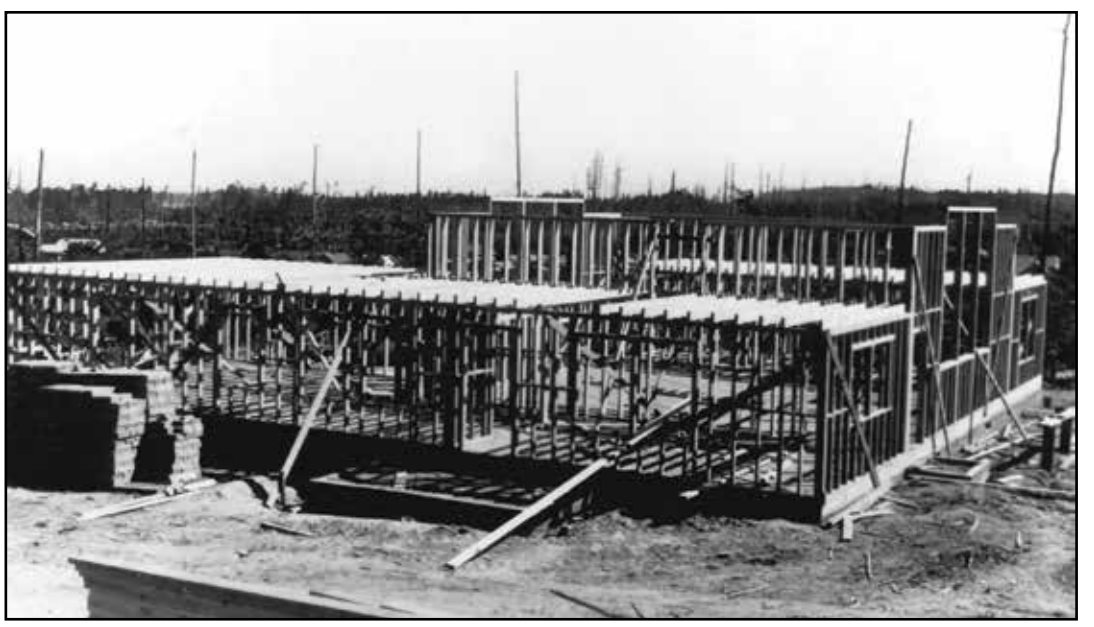
**Stumps in the land just logged where Tribal Hall now sits**

February 15, 1940, the Confederated Tribes held a meeting accepting the property to be held in trust, and also had to promise to maintain the community building. Plans were drawn up and construction began later that year. The building was finished in September 1941. On October 5, 1941, the Tribe held a dedication ceremony. Then chairman James Siestreem (spelled Siestrom in the article) presided over the gathering. Tribal Hall Dedication, October 5, 1941. Also attending were other council members, Fred Sandberg and Ed Sprague. George Wasson Sr. also spoke at the event.



**Framing Start of Tribal Hall**

A lot has happened in the intervening years – 1954 western Oregon tribes were terminated. The City of Empire took over the property which, for a time, managed it with the local Native community in mind but within 10 years Empire ceased to exist and became part of the City of Coos Bay. The Hall was leased to the Navy, but the building was not properly maintained and fell into disrepair. In the 1970s the Tribes took back the deed. There was little money, but the Tribe worked on what repairs they could afford and repainted the exterior. After Restoration in 1984 the Tribes worked to restore the building. Generations of tribal members have grown up coming to gatherings at the Hall and have many fond memories. If you have any memories you would like to share about Tribal Hall, please email me at pphillips@ctclusi.org



**Framing Progression of Tribal Hall**

**Pictured right: Almost finished exterior**

**Photographs provided by Patty Phillips-Whereat**





**Tribal Hall construction exterior almost finished**



**Framing and Cement Mixer**



**Pictured left: Kitchen in Tribal Hall**



**Tribal Hall in the 1970's with painting and exterior damage**

# *Voices from the Mist* *continued from cover page*

**Jesse Beers**, Cultural Stewardship Manager, quuiich (Lower Umpqua), sha'yuushtɬ'a (Siuslaw)

Jesse is a sha'yuushtɬ'a uhl quuiich hiich (Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua person) and is an Enrolled Citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. After coming back from college Jesse worked within his Tribe as an Indian Child Welfare Caseworker until a position opened in the Culture Department, where he saw an opportunity to lower recidivism; knowing culture is prevention. Since that time he has worked to assist and support his Tribe in the continuation of their culture. In his current position as, Cultural Stewardship Manager with his Tribes' Culture and Natural Resources Department he's been able to work in an even broader capacity. He credits his kamtlma (Great Grandmother) and other Elders for his path and looks forward to sharing what knowledge he was given to assist in a good way.

**Enna Helms**, language teacher, regalia and basket maker, miluk (Coos)

Enna Helms, miluk (Coos), is a tribal citizen of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians. Since 2007, Enna has worked for her Tribe in support of cultural preservation and language revitalization initiatives. In 2017, she served as Co-Principal Investigator for a National Science Foundation-funded *Documenting Endangered Languages* project, which played a pivotal role in strengthening language revitalization efforts within her community. Enna's work weaves together language, song, art, design, and cultural practice as living expressions of culture. For her, language and song carry stories, relationships, and responsibilities, serving as living knowledge that informs artistic practice. Through teaching, storytelling, song, tattooing, basketry, regalia, education, and creative expression, she contributes to the continuity of these living traditions while supporting young people as they grow through life's stages, developing a strong sense of cultural identity, belonging, and responsibility. Since Fall 2020, Enna has co-taught her Tribe's three ancestral languages—*miluk*, *hanis*, and *sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich* and is currently in her seventh year of language instruction for her Tribe. Her teaching provides a critical foundation for high school students while also supporting pathways toward the certification of future language teachers within both Tribal and public school systems.

**Ayuthea LaPier**, beadworker, basketmaker, cultural burning practitioner hanis (Coos), Blackfeet, Tlingit, Métis

Maternal: hanis (Coos) of the Jordan and Siestreem family

Paternal: Tlingit (Chookeneidi Clan), Amskapi Pikuni (Blackfeet), and Métis

Ayuthea is an artist, medicine person, and fire practitioner from Coos Bay, OR. They are an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians — and a Hanis Coos descendant of Jane Jordan. Ayuthea's paternal lineage includes the Amskapi Pikuni (Blackfeet), Tlingit (Chookeneidi clan), and Métis nations. Ayuthea is the Communications and Media Manager for FireGeneration Collaborative, working with young and diverse fire practitioners to advance Indigenous leadership and solutions. Their artistic practice encompasses beadwork, basketry, and illustration, with a deep commitment to cultural continuity. They have taught beadwork and weaving workshops across Oregon, helping expand traditional knowledge and affirm cultural identity as an inherent right and political act of Indigenous peoples. In 2023, they were awarded a LIFT Award from the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation to support *Land Back : Fire Back,* a project that visually interprets Pacific Northwest Indigenous fire practitioners' knowledge through beaded prescribed fire tools and narrative work, opening conversations about land and rematriation. Ayuthea is an Ecological Artist in Residence with Fern Land Studios, and recipient of the Na'ah Illahee Fund award: Power of Ceremony & Healing.

**Shirod Younker**, sculptor, carver, educator, Coquille, miluk (Coos), Umpqua

Shirod is a citizen of the Coquille Indian Tribe and is of miluk (Coos), Umpqua, and Filipino descent. He is an artist and educator who has committed to perpetuating the artwork of his people and supporting others to do the same. Shirod grew up canoeing, crabbing, clamming, and fishing the waters of the South Slough in Coos Bay, where his tribe's old village used to be. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Oregon State University. Shirod works to facilitate the perpetuation of Indigenous aesthetic sensibilities in a contemporary context, and much of his art is done in the spirit of collaboration. His pieces are on view at various locations such as the City of Portland Building, Oregon Historical Society Museum, Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, and the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center. He is also an artist with the Inspired Natives Program at Eighth Generation Wool Blankets. For Shirod, his work with art is also deeply intertwined with community engagement and education. For the past 18 years, he has managed Journeys in Creativity: Explorations in Native American Art, an Indigenous teen program that promotes arts in Native communities and is a college pathway program for Native youth. He is also the co-director of Changing Currents: Youth Tribal Water Summit, a leadership development and education program for Native American student leaders to foster deeper collective dialogue about water protection and its importance to tribal communities. Shirod resides in Portland and Warm Springs with his wife and two dogs.

Tickets can be purchased online at https://www.tickettailor.com/events/oregonoriginsproject/2375668

***October 24, 2026***
***6:00 p.m.***
***Reed College***
***Performing Arts Building***
*3203 Southeast Woodstock Boulevard*
*Portland, OR, 97202*

**Oregon Origins Project IX: Voices from the Mist** is supported by the Ronni S. Lacroute Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, Roundhouse Foundation, Reed College Master of Arts in Liberal Studies Program, Reed College Office of the President, and Native American Youth and Family Center.






# *Tribal Elder Amy Bolling Walks On*

*In loving memory of*

## Amy Ona Belle Bolling

JUNE 13, 1938 - AUGUST 15, 2026



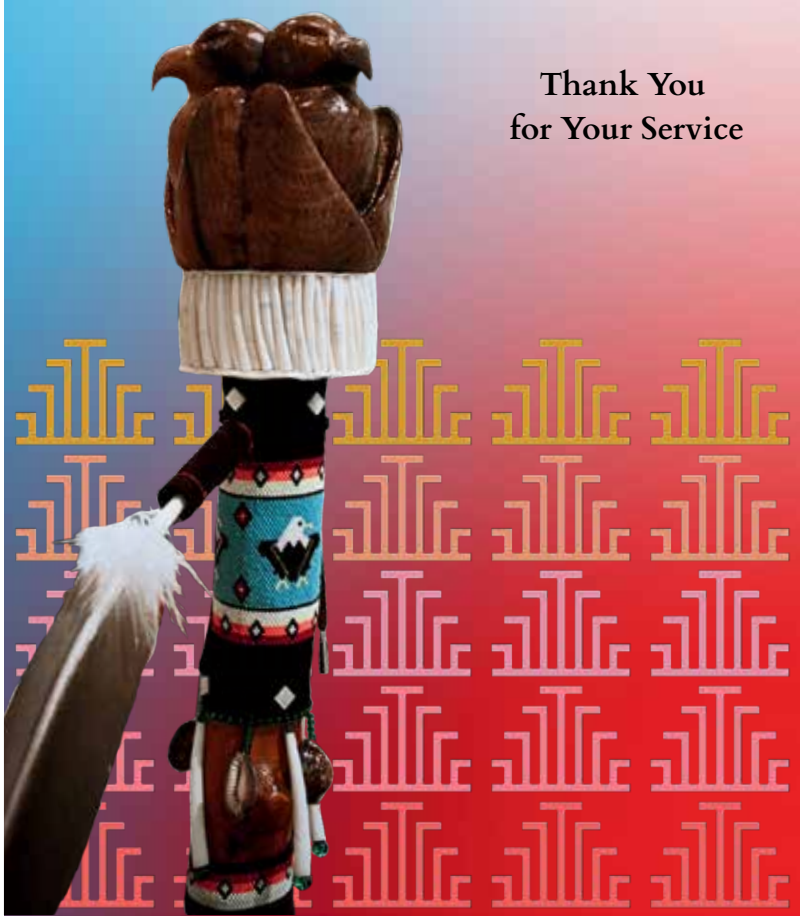
Tribal elder Amy OnaBelle Bolling walked on late in the evening on August 15, 2026. Amy was known for her kind heart and outgoing personality. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was a very talented artist and poet. She loved with her whole heart and loved unconditionally. She is now reunited with the love of her life and at peace.

***All who knew and loved Amy are invited to a Celebration of Life at Tribal Hall on October 17, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.***

# Attention Tribal Veterans

**Help us honor you this coming Veterans Day, November 11th. Send in your information about your former or active duty military service, a photograph, and any additional information you would like to share for possible feature in an upcoming edition of The Voice of CLUSI newspaper.**

**Please send information to Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org**







## *Supplemental Security Income Program for Elders*

Tribal Elders aged 65 and up are eligible for a $1,000 monthly supplemental security Income.

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.

# Elders Corner

## Eugene Elders Luncheon

**Mark your calendars for**

**Thursday, October 8, 2026**

Chapala Mexican Restaurant

136 Oakway Center

Eugene, OR 97401




***The October Elders Luncheon has been cancelled in lieu of the Elders Prom Night!***
***See Flyer and Agenda below and RSVP today.***



## Wellness Walk

A perfect way to boost your mood, move your body, and connect with the community!

**BEGINS ON**
**SEPT 29, 2026**

MEET AT:OWEN ROSE GARDEN
300 N JEFFERSON ST. EUGENE, 97402
10:00AM

IF RAINING WE WILL MEET AT:
VALLEY RIVER CENTER
293 VALLEY RIVER CENTER EUGENE, 97401

MAIN FRONT ENTRANCE

## Walking Warriors Club for Tribal Elders

Come walk your way to better health. Let's take steps together toward a healthier, happier you!

To RSVP, please call or text Kimmy at 541-808-8684 or Elizabeth at 541-435-7191

Go at your own pace and have fun!

***Walking Warriors Club Meet Up Dates:***

Sept 29th - Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
Oct 5th - Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Oct 13th - Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
Oct 19th - Monday at 10:00 a.m.
Nov 10th - Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. (final gathering)

## Elders Prom Night

DROP ANCHOR AND DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH

**TIMBERWOLF**

Games

Dates: **October 8 & 9, 2026**

Location: **Three Rivers Casino Events Center**
5647 Highway 126, Florence, Oregon, 97439

Prizes

**Formal Dress optional; but encouraged!!!**
**Prize to the best dressed!**



Live Music & Dancing

Photo Booth

Dinner

**RSVP by October 2, 2026**
**Barbara Black: 541-888-7520**

**Limited transportation available**

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

## AGENDA

**Thursday, October 8**

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| 2:30 PM | Transportation Leaves Eugene |
| 3:00 PM | Transportation Leaves Coos Bay |
| 4:00 PM | Arrive at Hotel/Check-in |
| 5:30 PM | Doors Open to Events Center |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner |
| 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM | Live Music & Games |

**Friday, October 9**

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| 8:00am - 10:00am | Breakfast in Events Center |
| 10:30am | Checkout and depart for home |

# *Measles Recommendations and Prevention 2026*

**Contributed by Sydney Trusty, RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse**
**Information Sources: Lane County Public Health Communicable Disease Department, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA)**

**Measles is a Serious Disease**

• Measles is a serious disease that causes a rash and fever. Other typical symptoms include red watery eyes, a runny nose, and a cough. The rash usually breaks out 3-5 days after other symptoms begin.

• Measles cases are on the rise in Oregon and nationwide compared to other years. There have been 58 cases of measles in Oregon as of September 16, 2026, compared to 1 case in all of 2025.

• Measles is very contagious. It spreads when a person with measles breathes out, coughs or sneezes.

• Anyone who is not vaccinated is much more likely to get measles.

• Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children. In rare cases, it can be deadly.

**Measles Symptoms:**

• Measles often begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose, and red, watery eyes. After 3-5 days, a rash usually begins on the face and spreads to other parts of the body.

• You can get measles just by being in a room where a person with measles has been. The measles virus stays in the air for up to two hours after that person has left the room.

• Anyone who may have been in contact with a case or have measles symptoms should contact their health care provider or urgent care **by telephone to make arrangements to avoid exposing anyone else to the virus.**

**Measles Vaccination:**

**The best way to protect against measles is with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. MMR is safe and effective.** Two doses of MMR vaccine are nearly 100% effective at preventing measles; it is our most protective vaccine. Prevent measles and talk to your healthcare provider about the MMR vaccine, especially if planning to travel. If you do not have immunity against measles and are exposed to someone with one of these diseases, talk with your doctor about getting MMR vaccine. It is not harmful to get MMR vaccine after being exposed to measles, mumps, or rubella, and doing so may possibly prevent later disease.

**School Exclusion**

• Keeping children in school/child care is a priority, but measles is a serious disease. An unvaccinated child who is exposed to measles will not be allowed to go to school or child care during the time period when they could become sick, usually for 21 days after exposure. This may be extended if there are more measles cases.

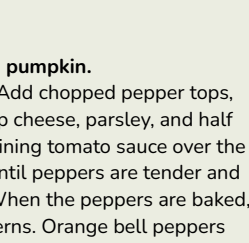
• People excluded from school or child care after a measles exposure are asked to stay home to avoid exposing others in the community.

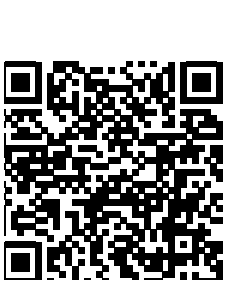
• Refer to your communicable disease response plan for schools in the ODE and OHA guidelines.

**For additional vaccine information for Native people by Native people, visit VacciNative's website at:**

**www.IndianCountryECHO.org/VacciNative**

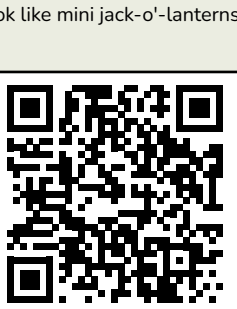
**Scan QR Code for more information from the VacciNative website**














**Contributed by Elizabeth Escobedo, MS, CHES, CNC Diabetes Educator**
**Sources: American Diabetes Association (ADA), Beyond Type 1, Eatingwell**

October is a month filled with fall favorites, Halloween-themed treats, family gatherings, and celebrations. If you live with diabetes, you may wonder how those treats fit into your diabetes care.

The American Diabetes Association reminds us that having diabetes does not mean holiday foods are off limits. All foods can still be enjoyed. Planning can help make room for the foods you enjoy while continuing to care for your diabetes.

And perhaps that is a good reminder for all of us: October is about more than candy and sweets. It is about getting together with the people we care about, enjoying traditions, dressing up, laughing, and making memories.

So, enjoy the leaves changing color, the smell of cinnamon, pumpkin-flavored everything, and whatever makes fall feel special to you. Make room for the celebration, too!

🎃Three Halloween Tips for children and adults living with diabetes:

**Plan ahead:** Still your usual diabetes care plan before heading out.

**Make memories:** Enjoy the costume planning, decorating, carving pumpkins, games, trick-or-treating, time with friends and family.

**Got a big bag of candy?** That's okay! Candy should be enjoyed every now and then. Especially on Halloween! Take the candy as an opportunity to help treat future cases of low blood glucose.

Need more tips for celebrating? Scan the QR codes below:



Image and recipe from Eating Well: https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/259497/healthy-apple-crisp/

**Apple Crisp**

🍽️Servings 4 🕛20 min Prep/ 50 mins Total

**Ingredients**

**Filling**

- 2½ cups apples
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- ½ tbsp flour (1½ tsp)
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- ¼ tsp apple pie spice
- Pinch of salt

**Topping**

- ¼ cup oats
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1½ tbsp flour (4½ tsp)
- ⅛ tsp apple pie spice
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tbsp butter

- Tips: Add any other spices you might like, berries, or nuts. Make it your own

**Instructions:**

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Mix all filling ingredients in a bowl and pour into a small baking dish.
3. Mix topping ingredients and cut in butter until crumbly.
4. Sprinkle topping over apples.
5. Bake for 30–35 minutes, until apples are soft and topping is golden brown.
6. Serve warm.

Tip: Start checking around 25 minutes some ovens will vary



Image and recipe from Eatingwell: https://www.eatingwell.com/recipe/8028857/stuffed-peppers/

**Halloween Stuffed Peppers**

🍽️Servings 6 🕛25 min cooking time

6 medium multicolored or orange bell peppers
2 tblsp salt-free garlic-and-herb seasoning
½ tsp salt · ½ tsp smoked paprika ·2 tblsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 pound 90%-lean ground beef ·1 cup finely chopped white onion
½ cup finely chopped carrot ·½ cup finely chopped celery
1 (8 ounce) can no-salt-added tomato sauce
2 tblsp hot sauce ·1 (8.8 ounce) pouch package microwaveable brown rice
1 (15 ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed ·2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided ·½ cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, divided (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Cut tops off peppers and remove seeds.
3. **Optional: Carefully carve little faces into the peppers like you would on a pumpkin.**
4. Bake peppers for 15 minutes to soften. 5. Brown the beef with seasonings. Add chopped pepper tops, onion, carrot, and celery; cook until tender. 6. Stir in cooked rice, beans, 1 cup cheese, parsley, and half of the tomato sauce. 7. Fill the peppers with the mixture. 8. Spoon the remaining tomato sauce over the peppers and top with the remaining 1 cup cheese. 9. Bake for 20 minutes, until peppers are tender and cheese is melted. 10. Sprinkle with parsley and serve. **Halloween Tip** 🎃 When the peppers are baked, the carved faces will show through, making them look like mini jack-o'-lanterns. Orange bell peppers work especially well for the Halloween effect! 🕊️🍂

**Ranking Halloween Candy as a Person with Diabetes**

**Halloween and Diabetes American Diabetes Association**

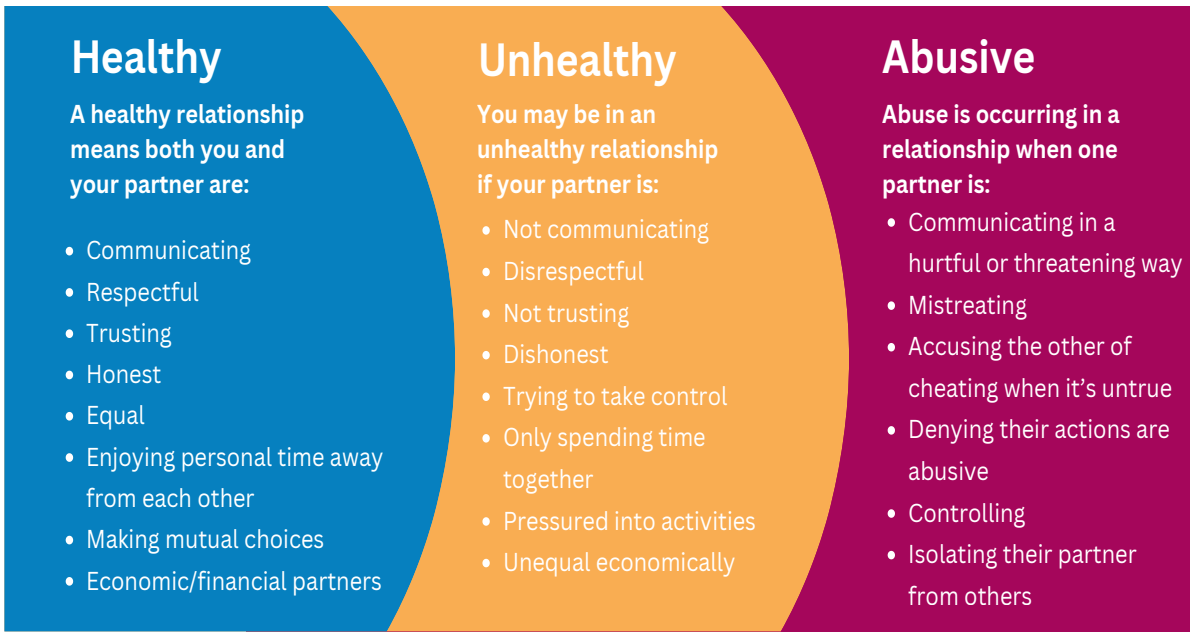
**Scan to View Apple Crisp Recipe Online**

**Scan to View Stuffed Peppers Recipe Online**

# Circles of Healing (COH) Brings Awareness to Domestic Violence Awareness Month this October

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 October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. Native American individuals experience domestic violence at a higher rate than other ethnic groups, averaging roughly 4 in 5 native women and men experiencing domestic violence.

We highly encourage reaching out to your loved ones just to check in. Someone you love could be struggling at this very moment, and just a simple call to check on them could mean the world to them. If you or a loved one are experiencing Domestic Violence, please reach out to the Circles of Healing team. We are here to help. To reach a confidential Advocate, call 541-294-8624.




**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.**

# Three Rivers Health Center

**The TRHC as been receiving great reviews online! Visit www.threerivers.health to see some patient testomonials.**

**Are you a patient at Three Rivers? Leave us a Google review sharing your experience!**







THREE RIVERS
HEALTH CENTER

# Stay Healthy This Flu Season!

## Flu shots and Covid 19 Vaccines are available at Three Rivers Pharmacy!

- No appointment is necessary but please allow at least 30 minutes for the pharmacy to process.
- We have a high-dose version for age 65 and older and a regular dose for ages 7- 64.

## Pharmacy Hours for Vaccines:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Contact Us:

150 S Wall Street, Coos Bay, OR.
www.threerivers.health
(541) 435-7239

# Pesky Pests: How to Prevent and Maintain Pest Encroachment

**Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant**

We've all had them - they come into our home, uninvited, going wherever they want with no regard for our personal possessions, and eat our food. You know the kind of freeloaders I'm talking about, the ones that think they can do whatever they want, yup I'm talking about pests-bugs-insects-even small rodents.

Although every animal in the kingdom has a job that contributes in some way to the local ecology, we don't always want them in our home. Here are some simple tips and tricks to aid in the prevention and maintenance of pest encroachment.

The first step in prevention or treatment is finding out what kind of critters are around your home. Are there sugar ants, termites, wasps, spiders, mice? Determining what it is dictates how to proceed. If you are having trouble identifying what species it is for prevention and treatment, contact your local extension office. Follow the National Pesticide Information Center link listed at the bottom of this article to find yours.

The next step is removing those necessities that not only humans need, but all other animals as well – this includes water, food, and shelter.

***Water:***

Fix leaky plumbing and avoid letting water accumulate. This includes checking trays under your house plants or refrigerator, even your pet food. Ensure your down spouts have the water running away from your house and keep your gutters free of leaves to prevent water build up and from spilling over the side next to your home's foundation. Reducing access to water reduces their urge to come in and around your home.

***Food:***

Remove their food supply by storing food, including pet food, in tightly sealed containers. Avoid leaving dirty dishes on the counters or sinks, if you have a garbage disposal use it frequently to eliminate food in the drain. Using a trash can with a lid, cleaning surfaces that frequently come into contact with food, cleaning up food spills immediately, wiping out cabinets on a regular basis, and rinsing out recyclable items can all help in the prevention of pest encroachment.

***Shelter:***

Reduce their access to shelter by cleaning, drying, and sealing cracks/ crevices around the foundation and within your home such as in the kitchen, bathrooms, basements, and in cabinets. Install a fine mesh screen cover on uncovered drains, and trim branches of trees or shrubbery so they're not touching the physical structure of your home. Do not store organic materials such as cardboard boxes, newspapers, cotton ect… directly against the home's foundation, underneath porches/decks, or underneath suspended floors.

There are many different treatment options depending on what type of pest is in your home.

For ants the goal is to get rid of the queen and eliminate new ants. Placing bait traps near ant paths so they will be carried back to the colony is the ideal solution. You can also use soapy water to remove their chemical trails, making it harder for them to find their way back into your home.

Moths feed on natural fibers leading to holes in your favorite shirt. To treat them clean the inside of your closet by wiping everything down, then use sticky traps with pyrethrins or pheromones to attract them.

Do you have wasps, yellow jackets, or hornets? Treating them in the early morning or evening is the best time as this is when they are in their nest. Use a wasp spray that shoots 12-15 feet, once you have given them some time and they are all dead, get rid of the nest and throw it away. Make sure to clean the area with either ammonia or a vinegar-based cleaning solution to help dissolve the smell wasps use to track each other.

When choosing chemical/ pesticide-based solutions, ensure it is approved for use within homes. As with any chemicals or pesticides, read and follow the label's instructions and safety warnings. If possible, use ready-to-use products – this cuts out the need for mixing and reduces the chances of possible increased toxicity of the solution, chemical burns, poisoning, and toxic gas generation.

If you decide to go the route of hiring pest control services, due your due diligence and research local and professional services in your area. Verify that they are licensed, certified, and insured. Inquire about their practices and their products, especially if you are an avid gardener or have pets outside. Don't hesitate to ask for references, check records with the Better Business Bureau, or state agencies.

**Sources:**

**https://npic.orst.edu/pest/countyext.html**
**https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/checklists-to-prevent-insects-in-your-home/**
**https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/dos-and-donts-pest-control**
**https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/citizens-guide-pest-control-and-pesticide-safety**




CTCLUSI
HOME REPAIR

This program assists low to moderate income Tribal Members and is intended to repair the owner-occupied home, and is not intended for cosmetic or unnecessary repairs. This may include roof repair or replacement, heating systems, electric or plumbing repairs.

The home repair program strives to assist homeowners make their home a decent, safe, and healthy place to live. The Tribal Member must be listed on the deed. Income is calculated on the family's gross household income of all adults 18 years of age and older.

If funding is unavailable at time of application, waitlists are utilized.

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

Monday-Friday

8am-5pm



# Enforcement of PRC Policy – Effective January 1, 2027

The CTCLUSI Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Program will begin implementing an important federal requirement effective **January 1, 2027**.

Under federal regulation, PRC is the **payor of last resort**, which means all available health insurance benefits must be used before PRC can pay for approved medical services. Beginning **January 1, 2027**, Tribal Members with health insurance must receive care from providers who are able to bill their primary insurance before submitting claims to PRC.

If you are currently seeing a provider who does **not** bill your primary insurance, you may need to choose a new provider before **January 1, 2027**, in order for PRC to consider payment for your services.

This policy helps ensure PRC remains compliant with federal regulations while allowing limited PRC funds to serve as many eligible Tribal Members as possible in a fair and consistent manner.

Our Health Program Benefits Specialists are available to answer your questions, help you understand your insurance benefits, and assist you through this transition.

For questions, please contact the PRC Health Program Benefit Specialists, Nancy at 541-435-7170 or Kelli at 541-888-7518.

## CTCLUSI Tribal Member FAQ:

**1. What is changing on January 1, 2027?**

Beginning January 1, 2027, the CTCLUSI Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Program will begin enforcing a federal requirement that PRC is the *payor of last resort*. This means Tribal Members with health insurance must receive care from providers who can bill their primary insurance before PRC can consider payment.

**2. Why is PRC making this change?**

This change is required under federal regulation (42 CFR § 136.61). Enforcing this rule ensures:

- PRC remains compliant with federal law
- PRC funds are used responsibly
- All Tribal Members are treated fairly and consistently

**3. What does "payor of last resort" mean?**

It means PRC can only pay after all other available health insurance benefits have been used. **Example:**

- If your provider bills your insurance → PRC may cover remaining eligible costs.
- If your provider does *not* bill your insurance → PRC cannot consider payment.

**4. What if my current provider does not bill my insurance?**

You may need to switch to a provider who can bill your insurance before January 1, 2027. PRC cannot pay for services from providers who refuse to bill your primary insurance.

**5. How do I know if my provider bills my insurance?**

You can:

- Ask your provider directly
- Check your insurance plan's provider directory
- Contact PRC Health Program Benefits Specialists for help

**6. Will PRC help me find a new provider?**

Yes. PRC staff can:

- Review your insurance benefits
- Help identify providers who bill your insurance
- Assist you with transitioning care before the policy takes effect

**7. Are there any exceptions?**

Some situations may still be eligible for PRC consideration, such as:

- Emergency services
- Services not covered by your insurance but eligible under PRC
- Insurance denials with proper documentation

PRC staff can help determine if an exception applies.

**8. How will this change be communicated?**

CTCLUSI will share updates through:

- Tribal newsletter
- CTCLUSI website
- Clinic postings
- Direct mail and email
- Community meetings or informational sessions

**9. What should I do before January 1, 2027?**

- Confirm your provider bills your insurance
- Contact PRC if you need help transitioning
- Review your insurance benefits
- Ask questions early to avoid delays in care

**10. Who can I contact for help?**

Our PRC Health Program Benefits Specialists are available to support you through this transition:

**Nancy:** 541-435-7170

**Kelli:** 541-888-7518

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# CTCLUSI Staff Attend National Tribal Health Conference

**Contributed by Sydney Trusty, Public Health Nurse**

Members of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) staff were honored to be able to attend the National Tribal Health Conference (NTHC) outside of Phoenix, Arizona last August.

The conference, held by the National Indian Health Board, was a great opportunity to learn about strategies, best practices, and innovative solutions for improving American Indian/Alaskan Native health outcomes.

Staff member representatives from the Three Rivers Health Center and Tribal Government Health Department were in attendance (see picture at right).

Picture provided by Sydney Trusty.




**Pictured from left to right: Amanda B. Galer, LCSW; Sydney Trusty, Public Health Nurse; CarolAnn Young, BH Deflections Case Manager; Barbara Black, Tribal Navigator/Community Health Aide.**

**CTCLUSI Human Resources**
recruitment@ctclusihr.org

## COOS BAY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Department | Job Title | Status | Age | Starting Wage |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Special Events | Depends on Assignment ⁂ | OC | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Health Services | Community Health Nurse* | FT | 25+ | $83,430/yr - DOE |
| Forestry | Director of Forest Management* | FT | 25+ | Depends on Experience |
| Health Services | 340B Pharmacy Manager⁂* | FT | 21+ | $110,000/yr - DOE |
| Health Services | Charge Capture Specialist | FT | 19+ | $60,640.32/yr - DOE |
| Health Services | Certified Pharmacy Technician | FT | 18+ | $27.00/hr - DOE |
| Housing | Director of Housing* | FT | 25+ | Depends on Experience |
| Health Services | Pharmacy Biller | FT | 18+ | $24.65/hr - DOE |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Language Program Manager⁂* | FT | 25+ | $74,159.64/yr - DOE |
| Tribal Police | Hunting & Fishing Program Coordinator* | FT | 25+ | $26.59/hr - DOE |
| Education | Youth Workforce Participant | Temp. | 14+ | $18.75/hr |

## FLORENCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Department | Job Title | Status | Age | Starting Wage |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Special Events | Depends on Assignment ⁂ | OC | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Licensing | Licensing Agent 1 | FT | 21+ | $26.59/hr - DOE |
| Health Services | 340B Pharmacy Manager⁂* | FT | 21+ | $110,000/yr - DOE |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Language Program Manager⁂* | FT | 25+ | $74,159.64/yr - DOE |

## EUGENE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Department | Job Title | Status | Age | Starting Wage |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Special Events | Depends on Assignment ⁂ | OC | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Health Services | 340B Pharmacy Manager⁂* | FT | 21+ | $110,000/yr - DOE |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Language Program Manager⁂* | FT | 25+ | $74,159.64/yr - DOE |

*Position requires a valid driver's license and ability to be insurable by CTCLUSI's insurance agency.
⁂ This position is posted for various locations. Please see the job posting for more details.

Please visit Job Opportunities on the Tribes website for full job descriptions and benefits available.
You may also apply for any position online. https://ctclusi.org/human-resources-job-opportunities/
*Tribal Members please log in to your Citizen Portal to access additional CTCLUSI Tribal Member Job Opportunities as they become available.*
Updated: 9/22/2026

# *CTCLUSI Tribal Offices Holiday Closures*

*All CTCLUSI Tribal Government Offices will be CLOSED in Observance of these holidays*

**Indigenous People's Day - Monday, October 12**

**CTCLUSI Restoration Day - Saturday, October 17, observed Friday, October 16**

**Veteran's Day - Wednesday, November 11**

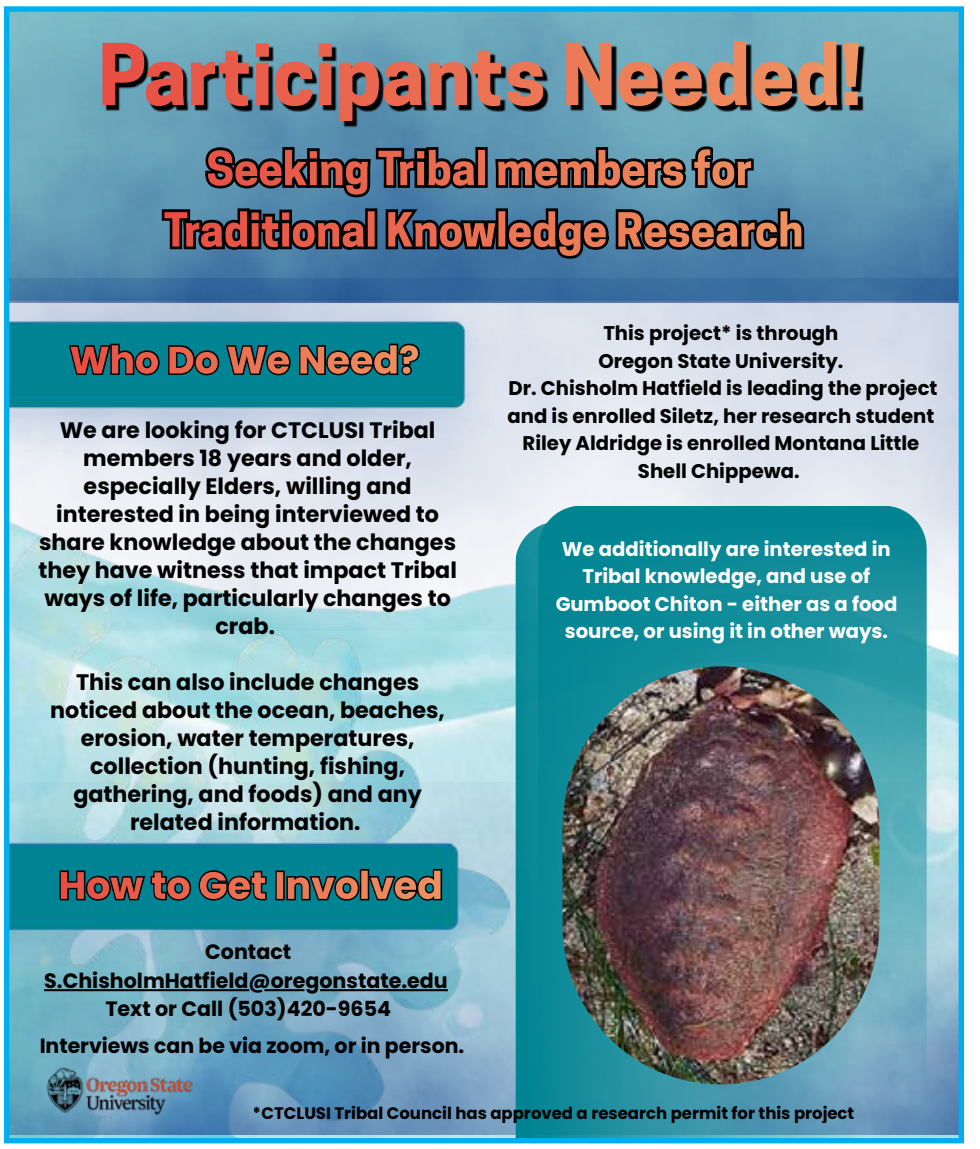
**Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26**

**Native American Heritage Day - Friday, November 27**

**Staff Appreciation Day (Christmas Eve) - Thursday, December 24**

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25**



# Upcoming Events

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

## October 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | 28 | 29<br>Parenting Workshop 6pm<br>miluk class 4pm | 30<br>hanis class 4pm | 1<br>wa'as class 4pm | 2 | 3 Pumpkin Patch Harrisburg, OR 12pm-3pm<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am |
| 4<br>Pumpkin Patch Mahaffy Ranch 11:30am-2:30pm | 5<br>Wellness Warrior Walking Club 10am | 6<br>Parenting Workshop 6pm<br>miluk class 4pm | 7<br>hanis class 4pm | 8 Elders Prom Night Three Rivers Casino Florence<br>wa'as class 4pm | 9 Elders Prom Night Three Rivers Casino Florence | 10 Restoration Celebration TRCR Florence<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am |
| 11 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am<br>General Council Meeting 1:00 pm | 12 All Offices Closed in observance of Indigenous People's Day | 13 Wellness Warrior Walking Club 10am<br>Parenting Workshop 6pm<br>miluk class 4pm | 14<br>hanis class 4pm | 15<br>wa'as class 4pm | 16 All Offices Closed in observance of Restoration Day | 17 CTCLUSI Restoration Day<br>Early Litereacy Program Coastal Coffee/Books by the Bay 10 am - 12 (noon) |
| 18 | 19<br>Wellness Warrior Walking Club 10am | 20<br>Parenting Workshop 6pm<br>miluk class 4pm | 21<br>hanis class 4pm | 22<br>wa'as class 4pm | 23 | 24 Haunted Hallows Eve, Tribal Hall 5pm<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am |
| 25 | 26 | 27<br>Parenting Workshop 6pm<br>miluk class 4pm | 28 Business Council Meeting 6:00 pm<br>hanis class 4pm | 29<br>wa'as class 4pm | 30 | 31<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am |

## November 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 Canoe Paddle Carving 10 am - 3 pm<br>**Election Board Community Meeting**<br>12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.<br>Florence Outreach |
| 8<br>Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am | 9 | 10<br>Wellness Warrior Walking Club 11am | 11<br>All Offices Closed in observance of Veteran's Day | 12 | 13 | 14<br>Fall Harvest 11am-2pm<br>Drum Making 9am-noon<br>Tribal Hall/CC |
| 15<br>#Rock Your Mocs Post to Social Media | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Early Litereacy Program Coastal Coffee 10 am - 12 (noon)<br>Stewardship Day with South Slough Reserve<br>10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26<br>All Offices Closed in observance of Thanksgiving Day | 27 All Offices Closed in observance of Native American Heritage Day | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |






# PEACEGIVING

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

**All Peacegiving issues are confidential.**



Photo by Jesse Beers

**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: http://ctclusi.org/peacegiving**

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