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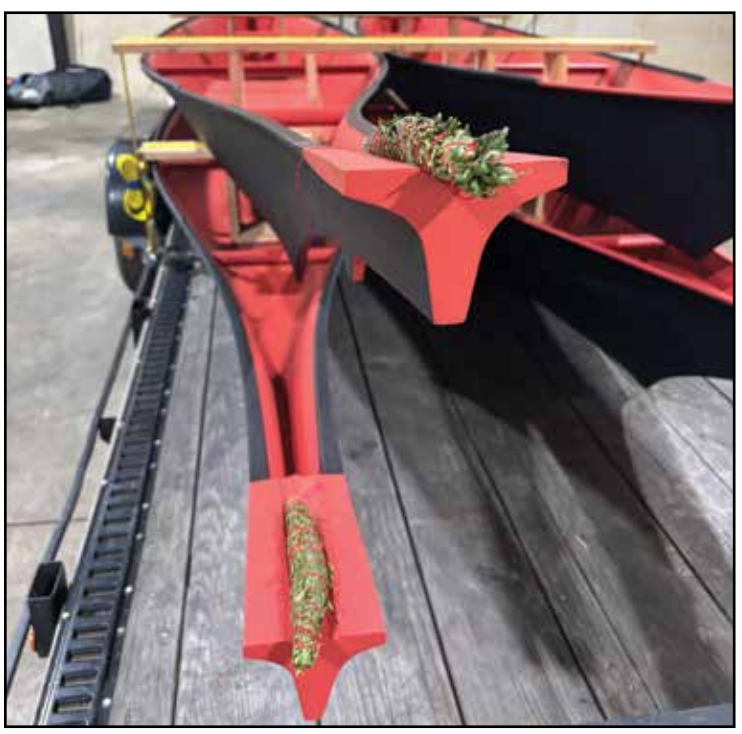
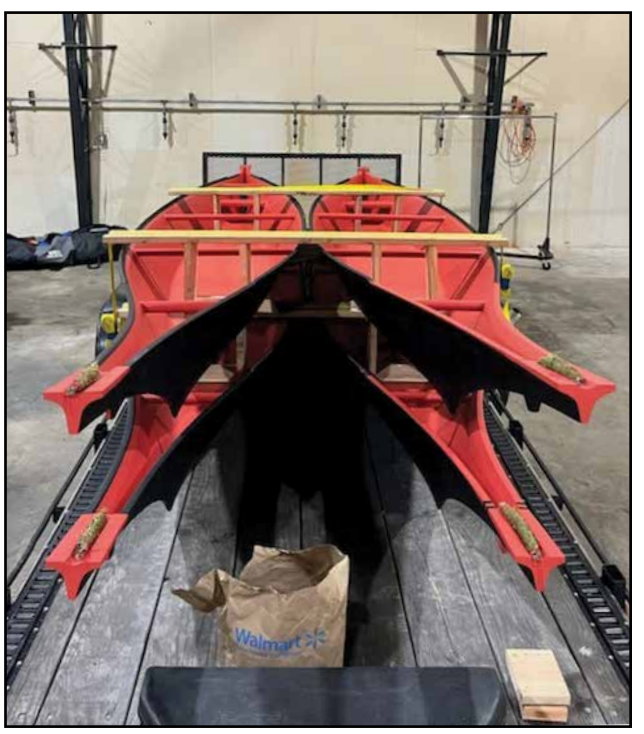
NEWS FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COOS, LOWER UMPQUA & SIUSLAW INDIANS

First Four of Twelve Commissioned Family Canoes Join the Tribal Community







Brian Krehbiel pictured center, honing his carving skills, is a Grand Ronde Tribal Citizen commissioned to create our new canoes.

Saturday, March 11, 2025, the first four of twelve family sized commissioned canoes arrived at the CTCLUSI Canoe House in Florence, Oregon. Grand Ronde Tribal artisan and canoe maker Brian Krehbiel shared his talents by making these canoes for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) canoe families. “Hayu Masi [thank you] for the opportunity to share my heartfelt skills,” Krehbiel shared with Tribal Council member Julie Siestreem upon her giving thanks for the canoes we have received.

Krehbiel is the owner of Agency Creek Expressions, which focuses on Traditional Art, Educational Services, Special Events, and Tribal Consultations. CTCLUSI Chief Doug Barrett shared that “Brian even had to extend his workshop to accommodate this project for us.” These family canoes will bring more canoe culture back to our people and community. “The most wonderful part about this size canoe is it’s perfect for ones that want to learn about the canoe and how to run on the water. I wanted this size for youth so they could have the opportunity to have few in the canoe and dial in the canoe skills and knowledge it takes to learn the water ways” shared Krehbiel.

“I envisioned them returning to them as a way of living in and around canoes. I didn’t place seats in them because our old canoes didn’t have them they only had skippers’ seat. That way you can move people to dial in the canoe to set just right in the water. These canoes are also small enough that one person can sit in the right place in the center of the canoe and be able to run it solo.

When you place seats in the canoe like we do in bigger canoes it’s not always the best because it’s like placing people on the top of a ladder and pushing the ladder over it’s very easy to do but if they were on their knees like the old days they would be more grounded to the canoe.

Well, I have lots more to share, hopefully there’s time to do so before they are taken on the water.”

That is the plan, according to CTCLUSI Culture Stewardship Manager Jesse Beers. The Culture Department and Culture Committee are working towards creating and implementing guidelines for use of the new family canoes. Those who want to use the canoes out in the community will need to have canoe culture knowledge, and safety practices. The thought is to create cultural stewards who will learn canoe protocol, show respect on the water ways, and be good representatives of the Tribe while in the larger community doing all things hiis haiyach (with a good heart).

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Check back in future editions of The Voice of CLUSI paper to learn more about the new family canoes joining our community, and to learn about any upcoming ceremonies or blessings before their first pulls on the water.

Additional photographs of the new canoes can be viewed on page 4 of this publication

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Annual Student Recognition Celebration

July 12, 2025

more details coming soon

Tribal Council Business

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

Chief Doug Barrett
02/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
02/10 Interview Kunu Bearchum, Special Meeting
02/11 Repatriation and Reinternment discussion
02/12 Title VI & State Meet and Greet, Lane ACT Monthly Meeting
02/13 Culture Committee Meeting
02/14 Spring Break Camp Planning Meeting
02/18 Ancestors Discussion
02/19 MHA / LADCP Monthly Meeting
02/20 Special Meeting, Painted Horse Recovery meeting in Roseburg
02/21 Painted Horse Recovery Grand Opening in Roseburg
02/25 NARA NW Monthly Board Meeting, NAIC Monthly Board Meeting, Special Meeting
02/26 GFORB and Tribal Council Business Meeting
02/27 Ancestors Repatriation
02/28 Indigenous Peoples Reception – Many Nations Longhouse at U of O
03/01 Grande Ronde Round Dance
02/03 U of O Students visit to our Long House
02/05 Spring Equinox Overnight Camp Meeting, Northwest Forest Plan DEIS Meeting
03/06 Elahka Alliance Board Meeting, Leaders Circle
03/08 Waking up Canoes and first Canoe Pull of the Year
03/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
Total Hours: 164

Brad Kneaper, Chairman
02/19 Regular Tribal Council Meeting
02/10 Special Council Meeting to approve Resolution – regarding Behavioral Health Funding
02/12 Monthly Council Report
02/14 ZOOM Meeting with Paradigm Shift regarding Training Options
02/20 Leader's Circle: Updates
02/25 Special Council Meeting Re: Council Issue
02/26 Tribal Council Business Meeting
03/06 Leader's Circle (In person): Oregon Parks and Recreation Dept. Land Restoration; Tenmile Algae Mitigation; Right of Way Vacate Applications for Wallace and 7th; Chief Dubray and Dept of Justice Laurie Stewart; Mapetsi Executive Order Updates
Total Hours: 122

Teresa Spangler, Vice-Chair
02/19 Regular Council meeting
02/10 Special Meeting - Approval of resolution for behavioral health
02/14 Meeting with Paradigm Shift to talk about council training
02/20 Leaders Circle
02/25 Special meeting
02/26 Business Council Meeting
03/06 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 60.5

Julie Siestreem
02/09 Tribal Council General Council regular monthly meeting
02/10 Tribal Council Special meeting
02/11 4j IPC meeting
02/12 Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care-Dana Castano, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care-Alyssa Chatterjee, 4j Natives Program Culture Night
02/13 Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care-Bickel Taylor
02/18 Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care Legislative Testimony HB 2815 Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund, Education Committee meeting
02/20 Tribal Council discussion session
02/25 West Coast Perspective on Ocean Renewable Energy, Tribal Council Special meeting
02/26 GFORB Tribal Council regular monthly meeting, Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly Business meeting
03/06 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
03/09 Tribal Council General Council regular monthly meeting
Total Hours: 130

Debbie Bossley
02/06 Leaders Circle
02/09 Regular Council Meeting
02/10 Special Meeting
02/20 Leaders Circle
02/25 Special Meeting
02/26 Business Meeting
Total Hours: 50

Iliana Montiel
02/09 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
02/10 Special Meeting
02/11 GFORB Special Meeting
02/25 Special Meeting
02/26 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting
03/06 Leaders Circle
Total Hours: 30

Notice of Removal

On February 25, 2025 Tribal Council Member Enna Helms , Position 1 was removed from office per Article X Section 1 of the Tribes Constitution. As a result, Council Position #1 is vacant and shall be filled consistent with the requirements of Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution.

Upcoming Tribal Council and General Council Meeting Dates:

Regular Tribal Council Meetings:

April 13, 2025 - Coos Bay

General Council Meeting
April 13, 2025 1:00 p.m.

May 10, 2025 - Eugene (TBD)

June 8, 2025 - Coos Bay

July 13, 2025 - Coos Bay

August 10, 2025 - Coos Bay

September 14, 2025 - Coos Bay

October 12, 2025 - Florence

General Council Meeting
October 12, 2025 1:00 p.m.

November 9, 2025 - Coos Bay

December 14, 2025 - Coos Bay

Regular Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. pst

General Council Meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. pst

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

Business Council Meetings occur on the last Wednesday of each month.
These meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. pst



Members of CTCLUSI Tribal Council and Government staff gathering after giving a blessing on the Severy project on March 11, 2025.

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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Tribal Committee Members

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

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

Education Committee
1. VACANT
2. Julie Siestreem
3. Nicole Romine
4. Ashley Russell
5. Mike Brainard

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

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

Housing Committee
1. VACANT
2. Dan Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter
5. Holiday Maine

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

Election Board
1. Nicole Romine
2. Mike Brainard
3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. VACANT
7. Ashley Russell

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

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

For questions, please contact Lorin Krossman, at 541-435-7178 or enrollment@ctclusi.org

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THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

April 13, 2024

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.

General Council Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.

Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Agenda:
1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes as needed
4. Tribal Council Reports
5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
6. Chief Financial Officer Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Other
10. Good of the Tribes
11. Executive Session as needed

Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org

Council Corner

Greetings everyone.

I hope this message finds everyone happy and healthy. I would like to provide a few updates since my last article.

Since implementation of the hunting, fishing and gathering program, we have had a great start and this program is going very well. I have asked for and received the following information of participation in the program.

2024 Participants with:

Harvested Game

- H&F License ID: 193
- Issued Tags: 178
- Deer Tag: 152 27
- Elk Tag: 155 21
- Bear Tag: 113 0
- Cougar Tag: 107 0

In 2024, 27 deer were harvested, 21 elk

2025 Participants with:

- H&F License ID: 212
- Issued Tags: 104
- Deer Tag: 86
- Elk Tag: 87
- Bear Tag: 72
- Cougar Tag: 69

Next, an update on CTCLUSI Elder's Honor Day. It is tentatively scheduled for September 12 and 13, 2025 at Three Rivers Casino and Resort in Florence. The details have yet to be worked out, so watch for further information as it becomes available.

Some may have heard about the concerns for a Government Shut down and what may occur if that happens. The good news is that a Continuing Resolution (CR) was passed to continue operation of the Federal Government at 2024 budget levels until September 30, 2025. The bad news is that there will be no increases above 2024 levels in funding, but no reductions either. In any case, the Tribe is in a place that we can continue to provide services at our current levels in the event of a government shutdown for some time.

And….

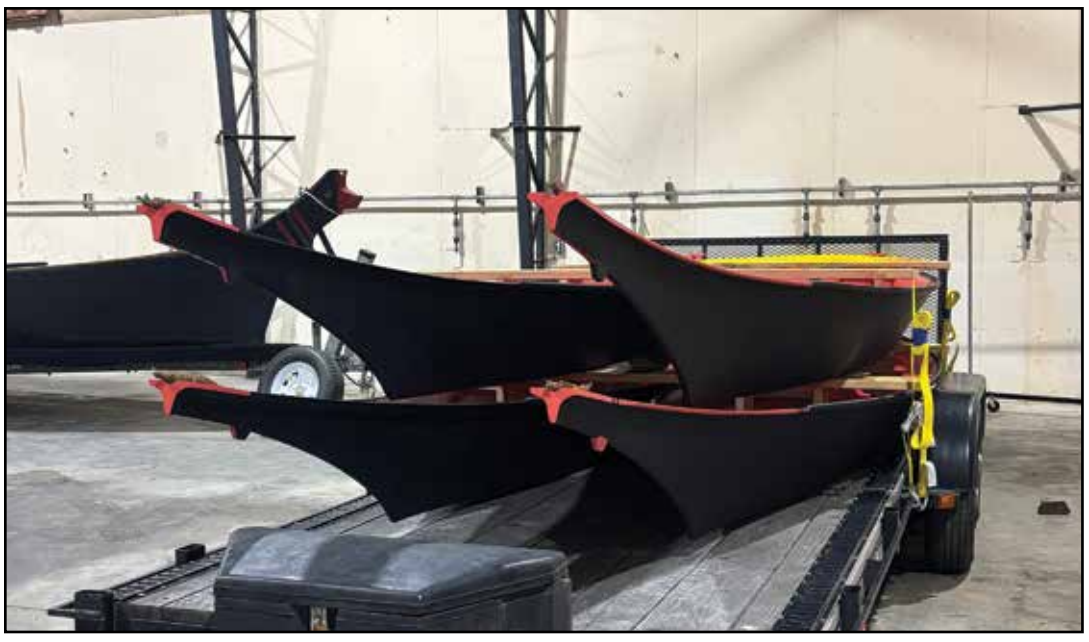
Some may recall the Jordan Cove Energy Project that was eventually abandoned in the Coos County area. This was an approximately 230-mile Natural Gas pipeline to a proposed natural gas export facility to be developed in Coos Bay. Without getting too deep into this, the project was eventually abandoned. There were a number of issues with the proposal that caused the Tribe and others to oppose it.

Long story short: A company filed a motion to reopen the project. A tribal member brought it to our attention. Our attorney reviewed it and determined that the filing of the document was improper and prepared a Motion in Opposition to Reopen Docket and Request for Fee Waiver that had been filed by OA Partners LLC. The Council Approved filing the Motion in Opposition and it was done. This was filed on March 10, 2025. We have not heard anything yet on the status of our motion.



Chairman Brad Kneaper





Photographs of the four new family canoes were provided by Julie Siestreem, Council and Jesse Beers, Cultural Stewardship Manager

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I look forward to hearing from you!

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Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.:25-024
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Eugene School District 4-J MOU
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this MOU to support the cultural relevant education programing offered by the Eugene School District. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-025
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Waite Ranch (haich ikt' at' uu) Tidal Wetland Restoration Project Grant Application
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the submission of grant funding and supports this project. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-026
ate of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Ageing and People with Disabilities Funding
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for grant funding to develop and expand Elders abuse awareness, prevention, detection, reporting and response efforts within Tribal Communities. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-027
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Establishment of CLUSIT Chapter 4-9 Guardianship Minors for First Reading
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this draft new Code for first reading and 28-day comment period to come back to Council for final approval on April 13. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-028
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Coos Head CERCLA Response Action Coordination Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council has review and approves this agreement working with Air National Guard, BIA, EPA and DEQ to facilitate the Trust application process for Coos Head. **Vote 7-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-029
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Repealing Resolution 25-021 Approval of Contract Interiors
Explanation: Tribal Council approves to repeal this Resolution and to strengthen the Contract version submitted and also a process going forward. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-030
Date of Passage: February 9, 2025
Subject (title): Budget Committee Appointment
Explanation: Tribal Council approves and confirms the following members as appointed to the Budget Committee, Martin Harris, Margaret Corvi, Stephanie Watkins, Kerry Brainard, Sarah Marical and Rosanna Perry. **6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-031
Date of Passage: February 10, 2025
Subject (title): Oregon Behavioral Health Deflection Program Funding
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request for funding for accessing treatment and recovery services in the areas of behavioral health. **Vote 6-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-032
Date of Passage: February 25, 2025
Subject (title): Removal of Enna Helms from Tribal Council
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this action as within the authority of the Constitution Article X Section 1. **Vote 5-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-033
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Waite Ranch Professional Service Contract for Tide Gate System and Hardware Development and Installation
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this contract and supports this project.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:25-034
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): McKenzie River Trust Provides Sub Recipient Funds Through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant for Support on Siuslaw Estuary Restoration Project
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the efforts to support partnerships with McKenzie River Trust in restoration projects within tribal ancestral boundaries.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:25-035
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Execute Hourly IT Services Contract
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the expenses for this contract to further support out network securing in the Department IT. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-036
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Profession Service Agreement for Enna Helms
Explanation: Tribal Council approves and supports the vital role of the Language Program and engages services with Enna Helms to continue her efforts in teaching of the Tribal Language to its members.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.:25-037
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Master Equipment Lease
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this lease for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.:25-038
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Master Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this machine order for Three Rivers Casino.
Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.:25-039
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Master Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this machine order for Three Rivers Casino.
Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.:25-040
Date of Passage: February 26, 2025
Subject (title): Amendment to Tribal Health Services Provider Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this for Three Rivers Health Center.
Vote 5-0-1

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

Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **TRILLIUM 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 Trillium Flower hiding!
Must email by APRIL15th 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.



March Hidden Salal

Adult Winner: Janet Thorn

Sadly, no youth entered the raffle for March

The Salal was hidden on page 18, amongst the traditional tobacco plant leaves on the Tobacco Flyer

Language Classes

LITTLES PROGRAM



Starting April 5th 2025

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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

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

Virtual Language Classes

10 Week sessions Spring 2025

April 1st through June 6th

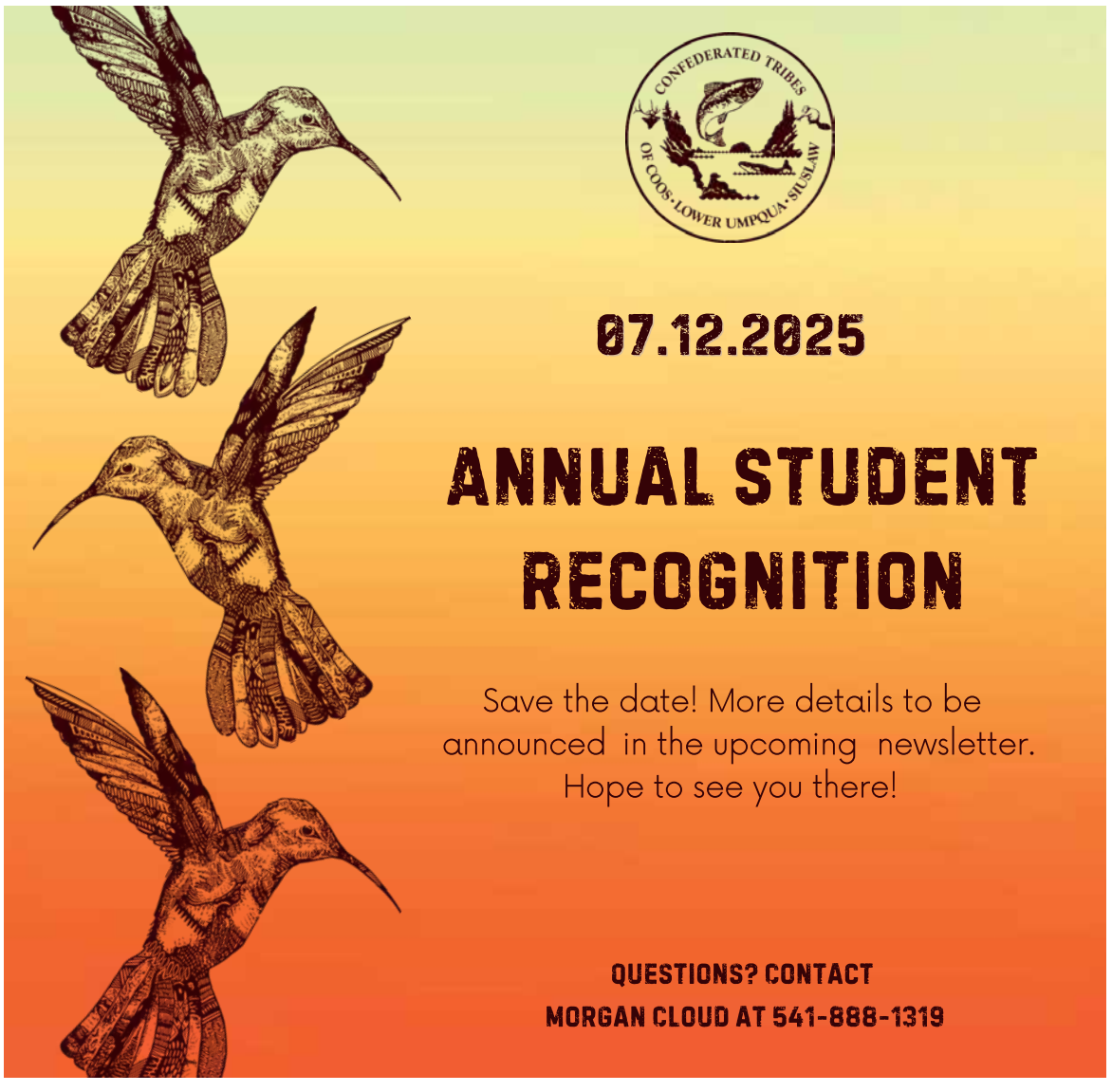
Tuesdays, 4:00pm-6:00pm: **miluk**

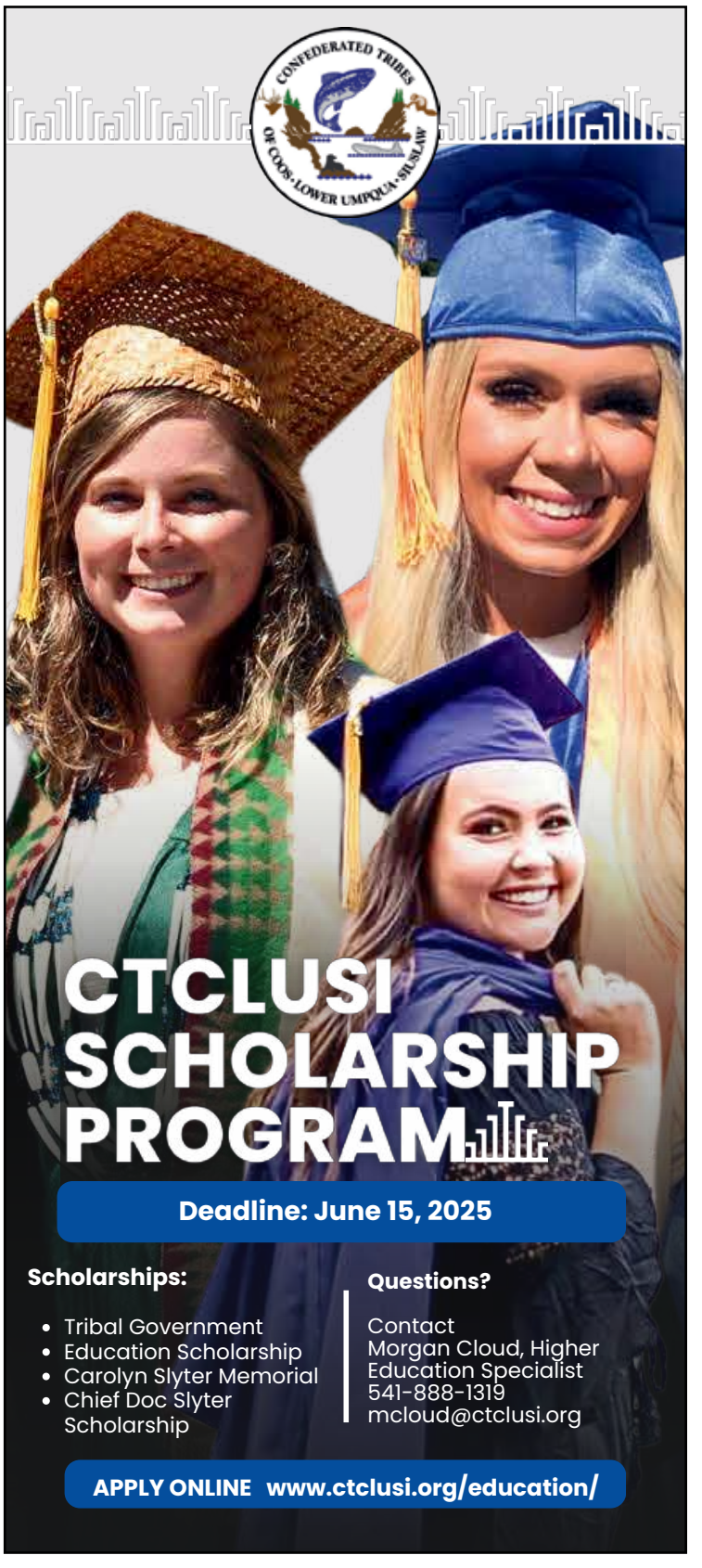
Wednesdays, 4:00pm-6:00pm: **hanis**

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







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





I Can Bead That!

TIME: 10 AM - 2 PM

Come participate in our potlatch culture and learn how to make a hairpipe bone necklace.

***All necklaces made will be added to a cash of gifts that our tribal government can gift.**

DATE / LOCATIONS

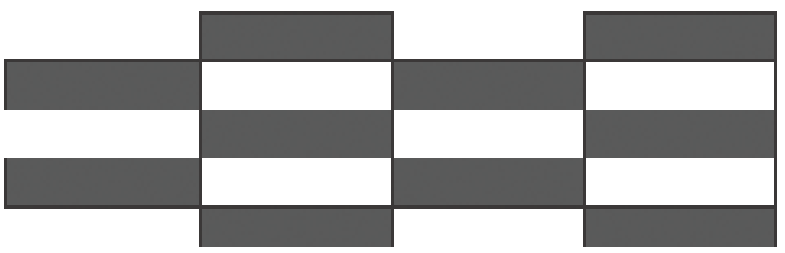
MARCH 5TH — Event has Passed
Tribal Hall: ***open to Tribal Member/Households***
This event is combined with the Elder's Potluck, please bring a dish to share with the meal.

MARCH 19TH — Event has Passed
Florence outreach: ***Open to Tribal members/households & CTCLUSI Staff***
Lunch is provided

APRIL 9TH
Tribal Hall: ***open to Tribal Member/Households***
This event is combined with the Elder's Potluck, please bring a dish to share with the meal.

APRIL 23RD
Eugene Outreach: ***Open to Tribal Members/Households & CTCLUSI Staff***
Lunch is povided

RSVP
Please Call or email Alycia Cossey to RSVP
acossey@ctclusi.org
541-294-1237



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

LOOKING FOR TRIBAL ARTISANS



ROOTS AND VISIONS EXHIBIT–
COOS ART'S MUSEUM

EXHIBIT DATE OPENING
10/24/25

We are looking for tribal artisans who wish to participate in having their art displayed at this upcoming exhibit.

If you are interested, please scan the QR Code for more details and to fill out the Tribal Artist Submission Application.

The Culture Committee will be reviewing all submissions on April 21st.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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 April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. Native American populations experience these at higher rates, with more than half of the Native population having experienced it at least once in their life. 1 in 3 Native American women may experience Sexual Assault in their lifetime, while 1 in 4 Native American men may experience it in theirs. Yes, men are victims also.

Sexual Assault refers to any form of sexual contact or acts without your consent. If you are under 18, you are not legally old enough to give consent. Consent must be freely given while you are of sound mind, meaning that you need to be sober and have a clear mind to be able to give consent. Your consent can be taken away at any time by you and should be acknowledged immediately at the time you do so.



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.

Credit to:
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Statistics provided by National Institute of Justice https://www.ojp.gov/

Native Enterprise Spring - Registration Open!

Hello!

- Are you interested in starting your own business but want a roadmap?
- Have you started your business and need some assistance?
- Do you feel that you started your business but missed a few steps?

The Northwest Native Chamber will be hosting two virtual Native Enterprise Cohorts and registration is now open! This unique 9-week business development course led by Native entrepreneurs is designed to offer invaluable insights into the intricacies of launching and/or sustaining a business as a Native entrepreneur. Our program is composed of eight dynamic modules, each rooted in personal narratives and captivating stories told by successful Native business owners. The 9th week is for graduation, where you will provide a short presentation of your business!

The Northwest Native Chamber is hosting our 9-week Native Enterprise course. We will be running two cohorts this Spring, one of which will be in partnership with NAYA (Native American Youth and Family Center)

- NWNC Course: Tuesdays 4/15 - 6/10, 6-9pm
- NAYA / NWNC Course: Wednesdays 4/16 - 6/11, 6-9pm

At the completion of this course, you will have an Executive Summary, a sample budget, and your business pitch. Graduates of this Program will be equipped to develop their business plan and launch their business.

REGISTER TODAY!

For more information on the Native Enterprise Program enrollment or other NWNC offerings, contact Kyman Benton at kbenton@nwnc.org or Santiago Vazquez VazquezS@nayapdx.org





THE VOICE OF CLUSI MONTHLY TRIBAL PAPER

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

I look forward to hearing from you!

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

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Amanda Statue Area Rehabilitation Project

Contributed by Joanne Kittel, Co-Chair - View the Future

Many of you do not know that the Amanda Statue is owned by View the Future 501©(3), an environmental and cultural preservation nonprofit. Board members and volunteers maintain the statue and its immediate area.

A potentially serious problem developed. Three Douglas fir trees that surround Amanda are showing acute signs of stress. Cause? The large number of walkers / hikers (averaging 500 a month) who visit the Amanda statue are compressing, exposing, cutting and unintentionally harming the roots. With the help of the Urban Forestry class under the auspices of Angell Job Corps, View the Future Board members and volunteers built a stone structure with a circumference of 16 feet around the statue, filled it with 6 inches of soil and four inches of gravel. Additionally, students climbed the trees and removed all the dead branches. With this "fix" the roots will be better protected, and the trees will thrive again. One path was also widened, inserted with flat stones saved from the first Amanda statue area and with additional gravel created a handicap accessible ramp to the Gathering Area. Job Corps students performed beautifully and with heart as they learned about the Amanda Story and all it symbolizes.

Special thanks to: Supervisors Bryce Crunkilton and Kevin Kawasaki; and students Bryce Dognon, Isaian Gales, Nia Chalkiopoulos, Eric Sharpback, Aschley Vanessa Gonzalez Trujillo, Troy Howard, Justin Bordelar, Roderick Gonzales, Sandoval, Emilee Blown, Ethan Glidewell, Bryan Carrigg, Jake Torres, Dell Owen, Julien Vega, David Bowers, Trenton, Andrew Gardner; and volunteer Ray Pedrick.

Blue Earth Federal Corporation is the Newest Member of the South Coast Development Council!

Blue Earth Federal Corporation - News release – Voice of CTCLUSI

Exciting News!

Blue Earth Federal Corporation is the newest member of the South Coast Development Council!

As an economic development arm of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, we are dedicated to fostering Tribal business growth and Tribal economic opportunities in the region.

SCDC membership includes an office in the SCDC business incubator, further strengthening collaboration and entrepreneurial support on the South Coast. We are excited for the impact this partnership will bring to our Tribal members!



Kerry Brainard, President - Blue Earth Federal Corporation pictured above at the SCDC Office





Molly Wheeler & Carter Hovind

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



The couples registry can be found at TheKnot.com/cartermarriesmolly
or the couple asks for donation made to the ALS Foundation at www.als.org

On October 24th, 2024 while on vacation in France Carter got down on one knee on the beach in Blainville-Sur-Mer and asked Molly to be his wife. Molly Wheeler, daughter of Susan Wheeler, met Carter Hovind, son of Mary Hovind and Mike Hovind, while out dancing with friends in Seattle, Washington in September of 2019. The two hit it off immediately. After countless trips and adventures, both are excited for this next grand adventure together.

While the wedding date has not been set, the couple is excited to relish and enjoy engaged life during the planning process.

Tribal Member Lorin Krossman Hired as Enrollment Specialist/Election Clerk

Hi, I am Lorin Krossman; I recently joined the Administration team as the Enrollment Specialist. I am an enrolled citizen of CTCLUSI and am Miluk Coos. I was born and raised in Coos Bay and a graduate of North Bend High School. In my spare time, I enjoy camping, hunting and fishing with my partner, our two children and 4 dogs. When we're not in the woods, I love to read. My partner and I run a commercial fishing business that keeps things busy and allows us to enjoy fresh local seafood all year. I'm looking forward to working with all of you, especially my sisters, Madi at Three Rivers Health Center and Courtney in the Department of Culture and Natural Recourses and serving my tribe in this new position.







9 Tribes Quarterly Prevention Staff Gather and Plant Traditional Tobacco



On Monday, March 10th, 2025 CTCLUSI Prevention Staff hosted a 9-Tribes Quarterly Prevention dinner and meeting.

The agenda items for the evening include dinner in the Community Center catered by Bon Appetit, Fire in the Plank House tended by Chief Barrett and tribal member, Mark Petrie, Oral Stories by Tribal Linguist and Historian Patty Phillips, Tribal Hall Museum Galley Exhibit, and Ceremonial Tobacco Planting as the 9 Tribes Prevention Programs.

Pictured above: CTCLUSI Tribal Council member Julie Siestreem and Julie Johnson, Paiute-Shoshone, Tribal Affairs Director-Oregon Health Authority.



Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund Preparation Planning Meeting



On February 18, 2025 a legislative testimony preparation and planning meeting regarding HB 2815 was held. According to House Bill 2815 The Department of Early Learning and Care shall study options for supporting tribal early learning and care in this state. The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to early learning and care no later than September 15, 2026.

Pictured above: CTCLUSI Tribal Council member Julie Siestreem and Dana Sastano, Department of Early Learning Alliance (PTELA) Liason

Feeling Stressed, April is Stress Awareness Month

Contributed by CTCLUSI Community Health Department

Stress Awareness Month has been recognized every April since 1992. Health Department all over the country focuses on raising awareness of the negative impact of stress. Learning to cope with stress and finding healthy ways to deal with stressful situations can go a long way in living a healthy and positive life.

What does stress mean to you?

We all experience stress – yet we may experience it in very different ways. Because of this, there is no single definition for stress, but the most common explanation is a physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension. Stress is a reaction to a situation where a person feels anxious or threatened. Learning healthy ways to cope and getting the proper care and support can help reduce stressful feelings and symptoms.

Common reactions to a stressful event can include:

- Disbelief, shock, and numbness
- Feeling sad, frustrated, and helpless
- Difficulty concentrating and making decisions
- Headaches, back pains, and stomach problems
- Smoking or the use of alcohol or drugs
- Affecting more than just your mind

Long-term stress can prove to be more than just a mental issue. From headaches to stomach disorders to depression – even very serious issues like stroke and heart disease can come as a result of stress.

When you are placed in a stressful situation, specific stress hormones rush into your bloodstream leading to an increase in heart rate, blood pressure and glucose levels. This is helpful in emergency situations, but having this "rush" for extended periods of time can be dangerous and make you susceptible to the issues mentioned previously.

Learn to overcome issues you cannot change

Sometimes the stress in our lives is not something we have the power to change. Try to:

- Recognize when you don't have control, and let it go.
- Avoid getting anxious about situations that you cannot change.
- Take control of your reactions and focus your mind on something that makes you feel calm and in control.
- Develop a vision for healthy living, wellness, and personal growth, and set realistic goals to help you realize your vision.

Healthy ways for coping with your stress

Here are some basic ideas to help you cope with stress:

- Take care of yourself – eat healthy, exercise regularly, get plenty of sleep, give yourself a break if you feel stressed.
- Share your problems and how you are feeling and coping with a family member, friend, doctor, pastor or counselor.
- Avoid drugs and alcohol. These can create additional problems and increase the stress you are already feeling.
- Recognize when you need more help – know when to talk to a psychologist, social worker or counselor if things continue.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do activities you enjoy.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to new stories, including those on social media. It's good to be informed but hearing about adverse events constantly can be upsetting. Consider limiting news to just a couple times a day and disconnecting from phone, tv, and computer screens for a while.

Potentially the most valuable takeaway here is knowing how to talk to others about your stress. This goes both ways, as you need to know how to discuss your problems with others as well as talk to anyone that comes to you with their issues.

Source:
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Child Care Development Fund (CCDF Program)

Childcare services birth to 5 years old can receive full-time childcare services.
Students Kindergarten up to 12 years old can receive before and/or after school care.
Services during school hours are not qualified for students Kindergarten up to 12 years old.

Eligibility:

- Must be a CTCLUSI enrolled tribal member.
- There is no income requirement to participate, and no co-pays.
- Participants need to reside within the 5-County Service Area
- Parent/guardian must show proof of employment, and/or enrollment in college or other programs.
- Participants must fill out a Parent and Provider applications which can be found on the Tribe's website.
- Provider can be a licensed Childcare Center, Licensed In-Home Childcare, or a Family Provider (grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, sibling living in separate housing) with a cleared background check and current Pediatric CPR/1st Aid certification.

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

Suicide Prevention: How to Help

Know the facts. Complex, interrelated factors contribute to suicide among Native American, Indian, Indigenous, and Alaska Natives. Members of these communities have experienced trauma from wars, loss of land, genocide, and forced removal from ancestral lands.

Ask and listen. Be an active part of your loved ones' support systems and check in with them often. If they show any warning signs for suicide, be direct. Tell them it's OK to talk about suicidal feelings. Practice active listening techniques and let them talk without judgment.

Get them help and take care of yourself. Research local resources. Don't be afraid to get your loved one the help they might need. Support them in identifying others to talk to that may understand how they feel – family members, friends, co-workers, and community or spiritual leaders.

The 988 Lifeline is always here to talk or chat, both for support in a time of crisis and to support friends and loved ones.

https://988lifeline.org/

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 Corner

Elders Luncheon

Come join us for some good food and great company at the Eugene Outreach Office!

135 Silver Lane, Suite 200
Eugene, OR 97404

Thursday, April 10, 2025
11:30am – 1:30pm

GUEST SPEAKER: TBD

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 8, 2025
541-435-7155

Limited transportation available from the Florence and Coos Bay offices.

Sponsored by the CTCLUSI Community Health Department / Title VI Congregate Meals Program





Tribal Police Department to Participate in DEA National Prescription Take Back

The Tribal Police Department will once again be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day (NDTBD) held on Saturday April 26th from 10am – 2pm at the Governmental office at 1245 Fulton Avenue in Coos Bay. This event is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and it provides the supplies to be able to collect unused or expired prescription medications to ensure that they are safely disposed of without falling into the wrong hands or unnecessarily polluting.

TPD personnel will be outside (parking lot) so that participants can just pull up and drop off their items.

After the event (on Saturday), from 2pm – 3pm, Tribal Police Officers will be available to travel within 20 miles of the governmental office to pick up any unused or expired medications from Tribal families or Tribal Elders. If you know of someone who would like to participate, but is unable to make it to any of the events, please have them contact us for scheduling at our office: 541-997-6011.

There will be no identifying information collected, and the program is anonymous. We encourage participants to remove any identifying labels from bottles prior to submission. We will be able to accept vape pens without internal batteries, controlled, non-controlled and over the counter medications with a few exceptions; Intra-venous solutions, injectables, syringes, chemotherapy medications, or medical waste WILL NOT be accepted.

If you have any questions about the program, please let us know. Our goal is to keep medications from being lost, stolen, or misused. If you would like to view information about the program from the DEA, please visit: https://takebackday.dea.gov/ . If you know someone who lives outside of the area, they can also search by zip code to find an event nearby.

In addition to the National Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, Tribal Police Officers will be at the Eugene outreach office on Thursday, April 24th from 11am - 2pm to accept any medications and also at the Florence outreach office on Friday, April 25th from 11am - 2pm.

Since we began partnering with the DEA in the NDTBD program in 2018, the Tribal Police Department has helped to keep over 319 pounds of medications from being misused or otherwise polluting our landfills and waterways. Anyone is welcome to participate, so feel free to share the information with your friends and family.

Coos Bay Tribal Government Office
1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR.
Saturday, April 26th - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
From 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 P.M., Tribal Police will be available to travel within 20 miles of The Main Government Office to pick up any unused or expired Medications from Tribal families and Elders. Please schedule pick up by calling 541-997-6011

Eugene Outreach Office
135 Silver Lane, Suite 200, Eugene, OR.
Thursday, April 24th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Florence Outreach Office
3757 Hwy 101, Florence, OR.
Friday, April 25th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



What is Amateur Radio?

Contributed by Armando Martinez II (KJ7NUZ), Emergency Management Coordinator

Amateur Radio, also known as Ham Radio, is an FCC regulated radio service which aims to provide public service, technical training and experimentation, and is often used for communication between private persons. This is a non-commercial communications service.

Amateur Radio Operators (ARO), commonly called “hams”, like to communicate with each other for fun. They can also provide communications for public events. In times of emergency they are quite often the first responders to disasters such as hurricanes, etc., providing essential communications.

You don’t need a license to listen to ham bands, but you are required by law to have one to transmit within a specified frequency spectrum based on your license level. Hams are licensed to operate radio transmitters by the FCC (Federal Communications Commission), and are assigned a call sign, such as my call sign KJ7NUZ, which is registered in the FCC’s universal licensing database.

We would like to encourage CTCLUSI Tribal members in Oregon to get licensed, and Volunteer with your local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) or club. If you receive your Technician license and participate with a local organization in your area, or with us to keep proficient, we will supply you with a Hand-Held radio. (Similar to the picture on the right)

If you want to know how to get a license please feel free to contact me with any questions at 541-435-7228.



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

Homelessness & Major Life Events

Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant

Often times, people look like they have their life together. Maybe they have decent clothes, a vehicle, and a job. But sometimes, the people that look like they're doing fine on the outside, could very well be struggling on the inside.

Maybe they're not good at budgeting, or they have a gambling problem. Maybe they live paycheck to paycheck and are barely scraping by. Perhaps their weekend of partying went a little to hard, and they never stopped. Still some suffer from debilitating diseases or mental disorders that none of us have any clue exist.

All of these, and more may lead to homelessness, and shockingly most of us are one-major life event away from it happening to us.

The Housing Department at CTCLUSI has a state grant from OHCS (Oregon Housing & Community Services) that funds a position to distribute services for those qualifying enrolled tribal members during difficult life events that are negatively impacting their housing needs.

Our Tribal Housing Navigator focuses on the housing needs of the individual applying, and uses grant funding to fill in the gaps. By working towards this "Housing First" approach, it gives the client a stable environment to build their life back and take steps forward in the direction of self-sufficiency.

In conjunction with possible financial resources, our Tribal Housing Navigator coordinates and connects individuals to other community services and resources that our department may not provide. Often times a lack of housing is the result of a deeper problem, and referrals may need to be made. By providing these soft hand-offs to other community agencies and partners, it creates a network of support.

The CTCLUSI Housing Department is always looking for opportunities to engage and assist our community in achieving its full potential, and we are grateful and appreciative to have the OHCS grant bestowed upon us.

If you are in a situation where your housing is at risk, or you are homeless, please contact the Housing Department at (541)-888-1310, or go to ctclusi.org and complete an Emergency Assistance application.



CTCLUSI EMERGENCY ASSIST.

The Housing Department offers two Emergency Assistance Programs. Both programs are designed to assist with emergencies, regarding homelessness and homeless prevention, however the eligibility requirements, awards, and funding sources are different.

Benefits may vary depending on need and funding availability. Contact CTLUSI's Housing Dept. to determine if you may qualify for emergency assistance.

DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE

SHORT TERM RENTAL ASSIST.

UTILITIES AND MOVING COSTS

AVAILBLE THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

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

Monday-Friday

8am-5pm

Seeds of Success Community Fellows Field School Internship

June 22 – July 3, 2025

Community Fellows interns will learn how to apply a two-eyed seeing approach (Indigenous Knowledge braided with the Western Science) to restore climate resiliency to CTCLUSI forest lands. Interns will work in the forest, reconnecting with the lands of their ancestors and reestablishing a reciprocal relationship with those lands. Interns will learn culturally significant plants, how to identify them and their uses, wildlife species, soil science, pollinator ecology, forestry, and ecocultural restoration while gaining employment skills in the outdoors.

Intern participants will work alongside CTCLUSI Culture and Natural Resources and Forestry staff as well as OSU College of Forestry faculty researchers, graduate students, and interns, performing research related to the ecocultural restoration of the Tribe's Lake Tract located in Horton, OR. Meals, transportation, and all work supplies will be provided. This will be an immersive experience, with participants camping at the Tribe's Deadwood Property in Deadwood, OR. A stipend will also be paid to participants after program completion.

During the 8-hour daytime work sessions, interns will be trained to collect data using the best available and culturally sensitive science protocols and tools and learn about forest ecology and stewardship. In the evenings, there will be group activities, such as traditional crafting using indigenous materials, storytelling, and games. Interns will camp during the work week, with the weekend off to go home. All meals will be First Foods inspired, nutritious, and delicious, and private shower and bathroom facilities will be at the campsite.

Community Fellows intern requirements and expectations:

- Ages 14 – 24
- Member of a Tribal family or has a relationship with CTCLUSI
- Must remain on site with the group 24 hours per day during the week. (Exceptions for ceremonies (e.g. Potlatch, Pow-wows, etc..) can be made on a case-by-case basis.)
- Cooperate as a respectful team member and ask for help as needed.
- Must have the ability to walk and hike long distances on brushy, uneven terrain and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Interns will be required to register an account with Oregon State University (free) in order to be compensated. An email address will be required. This is all done on-line and instructions will be provided.

For more information contact:

Ashley Russell, Director
Department of Culture and Natural Resources
(541) 888-7511 (office)
arussell@ctclusi.org

Tonya Davis, Administrative Coordinator
Department of Culture and Natural Resources
(541) 435 - 7151
tdavis@ctclusi.org

Amy Kronsberg, Field Forester Department of Forest Management
(541) 435 - 7184
akronsberg@ctclusi.org

INSTRUCTIONS for FELLOWSHIP POSITION

Deadline for application submission is May 1, 2025.
Or until filled.

To be considered for a Community Fellows internship position, please either write an essay or record a video of you that includes your name, age and Tribal/Indigenous connection. Also, be sure to answer the following questions:

1. Describe why you would like to participate in this program?
2. Describe your strengths. What are you good at that might be useful in a team setting?
3. What do you hope to bring back or learn from this internship?
4. Anything else you think we should know about you?

Written Option: in 250-500 words, send your written response in an email to fieldschool@ctclusi.org OR mail or deliver a printed copy with your name and contact info to CTCLUSI Administration office at 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, OR 97420.

Video Option: make a simple video of yourself, at least 1 – 3 minutes long, responding to the questions above and email to fieldschool@ctclusi.org.

Important dates:
• There will be a gear purchase outing with Ashley on May 17th.
• There will be a **mandatory** training on June 13th or 14th

Call to Knowledge Holders

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, Oregon.

There will be about 8 teenagers participating in the program. OSU is again offering stipends 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 Ashley Russell, arussell@ctclusi.org, for more information.



Group Photo of Seeds of Success 2024

Caring Messages

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

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

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

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



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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CANOE PULL

April 26th

@ quuiich ikt’at’uu

10 am - 2 pm

- Canoeing Winchester Bay
- Sing to Ancestors at Tkimya

RSVP BY 4/23/25

We will be meeting at the Winchester Bay boat ramp for this canoe pull.

This pull is tide dependent, please RSVP so that we can communicate any changes that may occur

Lunch provided at Bedrocks on the Bay

please bring a water bottle

OPEN TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Contact Alycia Cossey
541-294-1237

The OSU Indigenous Youth Camp, August 10-15, 2025, is open for registration. This camp serves Native American youth entering 9th – 12th grades in Oregon. Campers will learn about environmental sciences and Indigenous Knowledge, college access and financial aid while spending time on the Corvallis campus. There are fun field trips to Hatfield Marine Science Center, a challenge course, a canoe paddle, a dinner at the OSU Longhouse and more. CTCLUSI helps plan and deliver the camp with OSU as part of the New Beginnings for Tribal Students program. More information and a link to registration is here: https://beav.es/NUc

ATTENTION
CTCLUSI & COMMUNITY YOUTH
CANOE + S.T.E.A.M. PROGRAM
(Science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathmatics.)

COMING SOON!

If you are a tribal member or within a tribal household and between 11-24 years old, you are invited to join in to learn about culture, water, and science! All while having FUN!



Parents/Guardians please contact Mark Petrie at mpetrie@ctclusi.org for more information!

Confederated Tribes of
Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians

Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 03/12/25

Tribal Government Offices Job Opportunities

- *Assistant Controller – Coos Bay*
- *Behavioral Health Assistant – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Circles of Healing Transitional Services Specialist – Coos Bay*
- *Clinic Scheduler – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Community Health Nurse – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Assistant I. – Coos Bay*
- *Dental Therapist – Coos Bay*
- *Diabetes Educator – Eugene*
- *Fish & Wildlife Biologist – Coos Bay*
- *GIS Administrator – Coos Bay*
- *Graveyard Surveillance Agent I. – Coos Bay*
- *Housing Self Sufficiency Coordinator – Coos Bay*
- *Janitor – Coos Bay*
- *Laboratory Technician I. – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Director – Three Rivers Health Center*
- *Ocean Fishing Deckhand: On-Call*
- *Public Health Nurse - Eugene*
- *Special Events – On Call – Varies on Assignment*
- *Surveillance Agent I. – Various Shifts - Florence*
- *Surveillance Agent II. – Florence*
- *Tribal Court Administrator and Outreach Coordinator – Coos Bay*
- *Tribal Youth Engagement Specialist - Florence*

Please visit Job Opportunities on the Tribes website for full job descriptions and benefits available. You may also apply for any position online. ***http://ctclusi.org/jobs***

Updated Frequently

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

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

Citizen Portal
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

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

Tribal Tobacco Prevention Program



This year we have grown our
Nicotiana quadrivalvis var. multivalvis
(Columbian Tobacco)
Seeds and dried Tobacco available



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

Upcoming Events

RSVP for events by calling

1-541-435-7155

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	2 Elders Potluck Tribal Hall @ noon hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	3	4 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	5 Language Classes Littles Program 9am
6	7	8 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	9 I Can Bead That Tribal Hall 10am hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	10 Elders Luncheon Eugene Outreach 11:30 am - 1:30 pm	11 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	12 Invasive Species Removal/ Tobacco Planting- Tribal Hall 10am
13 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am General Council Meeting 1:00 pm	14	15 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	16 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	17	18 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	19 Earth Day John Topits Park 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
20	21 Deadline Roots & Vision Exhibit Application Due	22 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	23 I Can Bead That Eugene 10am hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	24 Rx Drug Take Back Eugene 11 am	25 Rx Drug Take Back Florence, 1 am sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	26 Rx Drug Take Back Coos Bay, 10 am Canoe Pull 10am-2pm quuiich ikt'at'uu Winchester Bay
27	28 Virtual Training: Lead Awareness 6 pm	29 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	30 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	1	2 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	3

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4	5 MMIP Day of Awareness	6 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	7 Elders Potluck Tribal Hall @ noon hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	8 Elders Luncheon Coos Bay, TBD 11:30 am -2:00 pm	9 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	10 Regular Council Meeting 10:00am Canoe Pull Hollering Place, CB
11 Mother's Day	12	13 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	14 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	15	16 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	17
18	19	20 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	21 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	22	23 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	24 Maple Bark Gathering/Processing quuiich tla'ai (quuiich land-smith tract)
25	26 Memorial Day Tribal Offices Closed	27 miluk language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	28 hanis language class 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	29	30 sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	31

Hiis Haiyach – with a good heart

ATTENTION TRIBAL ARTISANS

WAXUUWII (GIFTS) IS OPEN!

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

Contact Us

541-999-7938

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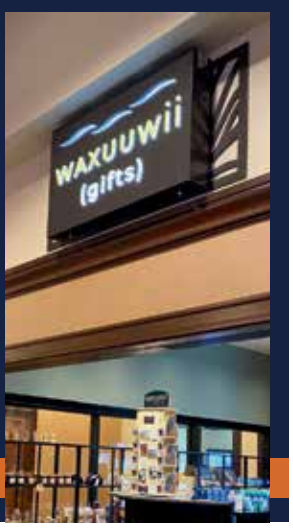



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served from 11am-10pm

Friday - Sunday
served from 4pm-10pm

April Weekly Features

MONDAY - FRIED COD SANDWICH $20
TUESDAY - BEEF STROGANOFF $20
WEDNESDAY - PORK SHOULDER STEAK $20
THURSDAY - CHICKEN ENCHILADAS $20
FRIDAY - SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB $35
SATURDAY - CHICKEN POT PIE $20
SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

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EASTER *Special*

SUNDAY, APRIL 20

SERVED 11AM-9PM

Applewood Smoked Carved Ham

Served with mashed potatoes, gravy, green bean almondine & a dinner roll

$25

SATURDAYS



7PM-9PM

PLAY THE KIOSK GAME & WIN UP TO

$10,000!

One entry for every 150 same-day points earned on Saturdays.

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