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Over 20 Years in the Making: Coos Head Signed Into Trust



CTCLUSI Tribal Council members pictured left to right: Chief Doug Barrett, Ashley Russell, Iliana Montiel, Julie Siestreem, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Vice-Chair Teresa Spangler, and Debbie Bossley stand united holding the signed official document that puts Coos Head into Trust on May 30, 2025.

Coos Bay, Ore. – On Friday, May 30th the Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians held a ceremony, signing the Coos Head property into Trust.

What is Trust Land? "Trust land" is land to which the title is held in trust by the United States on behalf of an individual American Indian or Tribe. Today there are over 56 million acres of land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of Tribal communities.

Trust land is a legal status that grants certain benefits, protections, and limitations, including but not limited to:

- Many programs and services offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are available on trust land.
- Trust land is not subject to state or local taxes. However, Tribes may assess taxes on trust land for services they provide.
- Trust land cannot be alienated or encumbered (for example, sold, gifted, leased, etc.) without approval of the Secretary of the Interior.
- Placing land into trust is one of the most important functions of the BIA. Trust lands establish Tribal jurisdiction and strengthen Tribal sovereignty.



Members of Tribal Council in celebrations at the 2005 Coos Head Deed Signing.
Pictured left to right back row: Danny Krossman, Michael Swigert, Mindy Andresen, Carolyn Slyter, Chief David Brainard, and Vice-Chair Cheryl Hoile.
Front row left to right: Chairman Ron Brainard, Ronald Kortlever, Superintendant BIA, and Jon Kvistad, Regional Administrator GSA.

This land return to the Tribe has been over 25 years in the making. The Tribe held ceremony in October 2005 when the Coos Head Deed was signed over to the Tribe by the Department of the Interior. The hard work and dedication of past and current Tribal leadership, Citizens, and employees has brought us to this moment.

Shared in Volume 6, Issue 11, of the November 2005 Tribal Newsletter, Councilwoman Carolyn Slyter read the following poem that she wrote when thinking of the return of Coos Head to the Tribes at the 2005 Signing Ceremony.

"May the spirit of our people drive us towards greater achievements.

May the pathway to equal justice widen our horizon, and the relationship we form with our elders give us insight into their wisdom and patience, and in turn, we pass to our children

Knowledge of the sun, moon, stars, mountains, rivers, trees, and all living creatures and plants that help sustain life.

May our sovereignty remain intact and this land be forever ours."

The sentiment remains the same as the Tribe celebrates the signing of Coos Head to Trust Land.

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Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from May 10, 2025 - June 8, 2025

Chief Doug Barrett

05/10 Tribal Council Meeting
05/13 Mini Canoe Planning meeting
05/14 Lane Act / ODOT Meeting
05/15 Cultural Monitoring Training
05/16 Tribal Consultation Task Force Meeting
05/19 Camas Scouting at Cape Perpetua, GFORB and Tribal Council Meeting
05/21 MHA / LADPC, Special Meeting – GFORB and Council Meeting
05/22 Leaders Circle
05/24 Town Hall with Senator Merkley and Representative Hoyle
05/27 NARA Monthly Board Meeting, Mini Canoe Planning Meeting
05/28 GFORB and Tribal Council Business Meeting
05/30 Coos Head Trust Signing Ceremony
05/31 Peacegiving Gathering and Training
06/03 Three Rivers Foundation Awards and Lunch
06/04 Culture Items Task Force Meeting, Mapleton School Fair and Salmon Ceremony
06/05 Elakha Board Meeting, Leaders Circle
06/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting

Total Hours: 178

Brad Kneaper, Chairman

05/10 Regular Council Meeting Held in Eugene, OR.
05/15 Council Report Writing
05/19 Council met to Discuss Process for filling Council Position 1. Meeting Council and Gaming Facility Operation Review Board: Discuss and review Roles and responsibilities and Goals.
05/21 Council Position #1 Interviews, Leader's Circle: Meeting with Bureau of Land Management Regional Director, Tribal Liaison and staff Re: North Spit and proposed uses; Meeting with CTCLUSI Health COO on Three River's Health Center Update; Met with COO on education building project update. Special Council Meeting: Council Position #1 Appointment.
05/28 Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB) meeting, Met with CEO and staff for updates, Tribal Council Business Meeting at Three River's Casino.
05/30 Signing Event held at Coos Head. Coos Head is not in Trust. Event attended by Council, former Council Members and Chiefs, Tribal Membership, and local dignitaries.
06/03 Three River's Foundation Luncheon to celebrate funding grants to Non-Profit Organizations
06/04 Meet (By Phone) with Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians Chairman regarding updates and current items of mutual interest, Meet (By Phone) with new Chair of the Gaming Operational Review Board to discuss ways to improve communication
06/05 Leader's Circle: Met with CTCLUSI Education Director and Lane Community College President on ways to work together to improve educational opportunities for Tribal Citizens; A Tribal Member and owner of local company to discuss their wish to expand their business on the North Spit; Planning Director on an opportunity to possibly acquire a parcel of land that also includes a Fish Hatchery, and another proposal to acquire ownership or invest in a local business; COO and Forester with a Forestry Update.

Total Hours: 133

Teresa Spangler, Vice-Chair

05/10 Regular Council meeting held in Eugene
05/19 Meeting with GFORB and Council
05/21 Interviews for position 1, Meeting with GFORB, Council and Casino Executives
05/22 Leaders Circle
05/28 Business Council Meeting
05/30 Coos Head Signing Ceremony
06/03 Three Rivers Foundation Luncheon
06/04 Sforza Fair (Art Fair) The tribe cooked salmon for the community
06/05 Leaders Circle

Total Hours: 89

Ashley Russell

05/23 Set up Tribal Council Email; Went over Tribal Council duties; Reviewed General Council Meeting and Business Meeting Minutes
05/24 Attended Coos County Town Hall Meeting hosted by Senator Wyden and Representative Hoyle at North Bend Middle School
05/27 Reviewed Business Meeting Packet
05/28 Business Meeting
05/30 Coos Head Signing Ceremony and Tribal Council Photo shoot
06/04 Reviewed Leader's Circle Packet
06/05 Leader's Circle Meeting
06/07 Reviewed Tribal Council Packet
06/08 General Council Meeting
06/13 Drafted and submitted Council Business Report

Total Hours: 33

Julie Siestreem

05/10 Tribal Council/General Council regular monthly meeting
05/13 National Academies of Science, Engineering (NASEM) and Medicine Tribal Liaison Meeting #1, Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Services Committee meeting, 4j NATIVES Program IPC meeting
05/14 Department of Early Learning and Care Tribal Advisory Committee meeting
05/15 4j NATIVES Program Culture Gathering, Indian Country Consultation Preparation on Upcoming Department of Interior Tribal Consultation Sessions
05/17 Tribal Hall Gallery -The Lottie Dresses
05/19 Department of Land Conservation and Development Oregon Offshore Wind Roadmap meeting, Tribal Council Special Meeting Discussion Position #1
05/20 DC 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas meeting, Education Committee meeting
05/21 Tribal Council Meeting Interviews Position #1, Tribal Council GFORB Exec Staff Review Hotel and RV Park updates
05/22 Tribal Council Leaders Circle
05/24 Tribal Council Town Hall Senator Wyden and Congresswoman Val Hoyle North Bend Middle School Gym
05/28 NASEM meeting, Tribal council GFORB meeting, Tribal Council / General Council Business meeting
05/30 Tribal Council/General Council Coos Head Signing Land into Trust Ceremony
06/03 Legislative Commission on Indian Services 50th Year Recognition Ceremony, Three Rivers Casino Foundation Grant Awards Ceremony
06/04 Eddie's Elders and Family Potluck Tribal Hall
06/05 Tribal Council Leaders Circle, Language Watch Party video primer ASL book
06/06 Department of the Interior BIA Tribal Consultation President Trump EO14210
06/08 Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly meeting

Total Hours: 130

Iliana Montiel

05/10 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
05/19 Special TC Meeting \ Special GFORB/TC Meeting
05/21 Special TC Meeting – Interviews \ Special GFORB Mtg \ Special GFORB/TC Meeting
05/22 Leaders Circle \ Special Meeting
05/28 GFORB \TRC Audit Presentation \ Tribal Council Business Meeting
05/30 Coos Head signing ceremony
06/03 TRC Foundation Grant Awards Luncheon
06/05 Leaders Circle

Total Hours: 50

Debbie Bossley

05/08 Leaders Circle
05/09 TRC Foundation Meeting
05/10 Regular council Meeting
05/17 Open Gallery Lottie Dress
05/19 Tribal Council/GFORB Meeting
05/21 Position 1 Interviews, Tribal Council/ GFORB/TRC Exec staff meeting
05/22 Leaders Circle and Special Meeting
05/28 GFORB/Tribal Council Business Meeting
05/30 Coos Head Signing Ceremony
06/03 Foundation Lunch
06/05 Leaders Circle
06/08 Tribal Council regular meeting

Total Hours: 80

Information

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

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST
If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 or enrollment@ctclusi.org
We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES
Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 or at email lkrossman@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

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

CHANGES?
Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at www.ctclusi.org/enrollment or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-435-7178 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

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

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

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

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

Elders Committee
1. Arleen Perkins
2. Stephanie Watkins
3. Warren T. Brainard
4. Eddie Helms
5. Laura Fortin
6. Stan McNutt
7. Teresa Spangler

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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

July 13, 2025
Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

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

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

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

Coos Head *continued from cover page...*

Chairman Brad Kneaper shared the following words before signing the document.

"Good afternoon, respected Current and past Tribal Council members, honored elders, federal, state, and city partners, distinguished guests, and members of our Tribal community.

Today marks a sacred and historic moment in the life of our people, a moment of return, of healing, and of honor. We gather here at Coos head, a place deeply rooted in the ancestral domain of the Miluk Coos people. This land, these waters, this view, it has witnessed the stories of our ancestors for countless generations. It holds our songs, our ceremonies, our memories and our hopes.

The journey to this moment has been long. For 38 years, beginning as far back as September 13, 1987, with the passing of Resolution 05–87, our Tribe has asserted it's right and desire to reclaim this land when it became surplus from the federal government.

On October 5, 2005 nearly 20 years ago, the General Services Administration (GSA) officially transferred Coos Head to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the benefit of our Tribes. The United States also committed to responding to the contamination on this site, recognizing the obligation to protect the land and water for generations to come. Since that day our focus has been on healing the land.

The U.S. Army, the U.S. Navy and the Oregon Air National Guard once managed this property. Through countless studies, environmental reviews and technical consultations, we have worked to remediate every part of this landscape. Our people have insured the protection of this land's health, as we would our own, cleaning its soil, testing its waters and planning for the removal and repurposing of structures in a way that aligns with our values and vision.

Today's signing - the formal placement of Coos Head into trust - is a tribute to the unshakable commitment of our leadership, past and present. Thank you to our federal and state partners, our CEO, Dan, and Rick - Tribal attorneys, our Department of Culture and Natural Resources and Planning staff, your work often behind the scenes, has brought us to this very moment.

May Coos Head become a place of cultural renewal, education, ceremony, and self-determination. May we build with respect for the past and vision for the future and may we always remember what it took to bring this land home."



Gifts were given out to honor those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, to honor past Council members for their commitment and leadership, and to honored guests in attendance. A light meal and refreshments were served and attendees of the ceremonial signing enjoyed a stroll along the grounds, taking advantage of the sunny coastal afternoon.

Pictured at left: Chairman Brad Kneaper addresses the crowd during the Coos Head Signing Ceremony

Resolution Summaries

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-072
Date of Passage: April 17, 2025
Subject (title): Approval of Pacific Power Interconnection and Net Metering Services Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this agreement for the solar project with the Tribe.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-073
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Elders Committee Appointment
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the appointments and/or reaffirmation of the following members of the Elders Committee: Arleen Perkins, Stephanie Watkins, Warren (Tom) Brainard, Eddie Helms, Laura Fortin, Stan McNutt and Teresa Spangler. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-074
ate of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Eugene 4J School District, Title VI, NATIVES Program Support
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the further support for the FY 2025-2026 school year for the NATIVES PROGRAM for the Title VI Indian Education Grants. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-075
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Vehicle Purchase for Tribal Police Department
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the use of the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal Tribal Strategic Investment Grant Funds for a vehicle purchase.
Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-076
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Application for Oregon Housing and Community Services Capacity Building
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the request from Housing Department to request this funding for future capacity building efforts. **Vote 5-1-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-077
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Professional Service Agreement – George Smith
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this PSA for assistance with the Forestry Program. **Vote 6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-078
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Housing Director Authority
Explanation: Tribal Council reviewed and determined that under Tribal Code 8-3, The Housing Director may bring eviction proceedings, following the processes outlined, in the Tribal Court on behalf of the Tribe. **6-0-0**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-079
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Gaming Master Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the Master Agreement for Three Rivers Casino and Resort.
Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-080
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Gaming Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the gaming order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-081
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Gaming Sales Order
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the gaming sales order for Three Rivers Casino. **Vote 5-0-1**

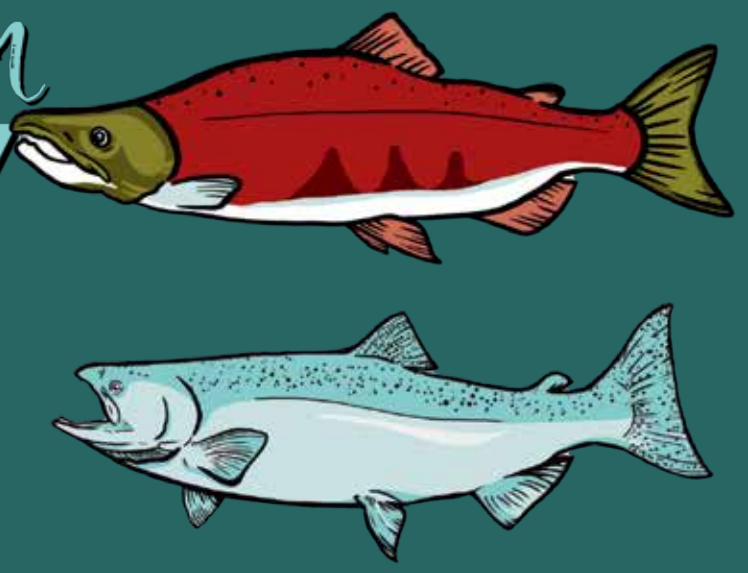
RESOLUTION NO.: 25-082
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Gaming Master Agreement
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the gaming master agreement for Three Rivers Casino.
Vote 5-0-1

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-083
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Oregon Cultural Trust Grant
Explanation: Tribal Council approves the request for funding for regalia creation and storage.
Vote 6-0-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-084
Date of Passage: April 30, 2025
Subject (title): Approval of Purchase
Explanation: Tribal Council approves this request to purchase property in North Bend, Oregon that has been determined culturally significant with funds from the Department of Culture and Natural Resources in the amount of $50,000. **Vote 6-0-0**

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

Sacred Salmon CEREMONY 2025



Saturday, August 2, 2025

Tribal Council Community Brunch

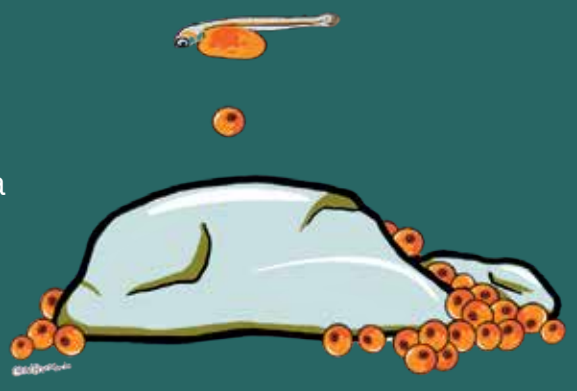
9:00 a.m. Flavored Coffees and Hot Chocolate Bar
10:00 a.m. Brunch Buffet Served
CTCLUSI Community Center, 338 Wallace Ave., Coos Bay, OR. 97420

Sunday, August 3, 2025

Sacred Salmon Ceremony

11:00 a.m. Please take shuttles from Coos Head Parking Area
1:00 p.m. Lunch Served, Followed by Ceremony
baldija (Gregory Point) (please park at Coos Head)

RSVP 1-541-435-7155



Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **FLICKER FEATHER exactly like the one pictured at below**.
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 FLICKER FEATHER hiding!
Must email by JULY 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.

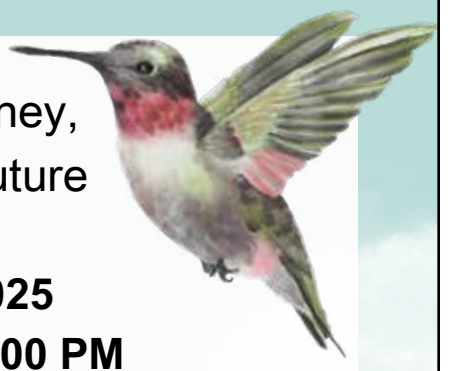


June Hidden Camas Flower

Adult Winner: Shawna Wright
Congratulations Shawna! You were to only one to find the hidden camas in the June 2025 edition. It was hidden on page 9 amongst the flowers in the vase in the bottom left hand side photograph.

2025 STUDENT RECOGNITION EVENT





Honoring the Journey,
Celebrating the Future

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

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

Food & Refreshments: Catered by Wildflour Café

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

INFO

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RSVP

NAMING CEREMONY

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(formerly named Waite Ranch)

Saturday – July 26, 2025

Sacred Ceremony with Tribal Citizens
10am-11am

Ceremony continues with project and community partners
11am-12pm

6920 HWY 126, Florence, Oregon

Please RSVP 541-435-7155

Need A Ride?

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

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

Show your Tribal ID to the driver

Having Trouble Accessing the Citizen Portal on the Tribal Website?

I am here to help. Please call or email me and I can reset your account or walk you thru setting one up.
Always happy to help, simply reach out!

Morgan Gaines,
Communications Specialist
(541) 808-7918 mgaines@ctclusi.org

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HEALING OUR WATERS PROGRAM



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

CANOE FLOAT TEST: JUNE 18TH AT 3PM
LOCATION: JOHN TOPPITS PARK
CARVING OF THE CANOE: JULY 17TH FROM 9AM-11AM
LOCATION: TRIBAL HALL - 338 WALLACE COOS BAY, OR 93720

The CTCLUSI Education Department, in partnership with the Oregon Coast STEM Hub, announces **NEW youth programming** during Fresh Air Camp for tribal youth 5-17 years of age!

We are building a mini canoe that gathers info and students learn to take, read, and interpret water quality data while participating in important cultural activities that teach core skills like carving and canoe-making.

This STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math opportunity is part of an exciting 2 weeks. Please register your young relative for Fresh Air Camp to participate!: **https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Fresh-Air-Summer-School-Application**

kids FRESH AIR CAMP

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

JULY 14-25

COOS BAY, OR

REGISTER NOW

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

Final Call for Language Revitalization Camp Sign-Ups!

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

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

Registration Deadline: July 7, 2025

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

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to open the application and fill it out today! Application also available online at www.ctclusi.org



When we speak our Language, we speak our Strength.



COH Celebrates National Love Is Kind Day, July 27th

This month, Circles of Healing would like to raise awareness for National Love Is Kind Day, which is on July 27th.

This is a day for all survivors of abuse to celebrate their freedom and independence from the person(s) who hurt them. National Love Is Kind Day encourages you to consider how you treat people and how people treat you. No one wants or deserves to be hurt by the people they love. On July 27th, we ask everyone to consider how they are treating the people around them, and how they are being treated. Please remember that love is kind.

If you or a loved one are experiencing or have experienced 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.

Three Rivers Foundation Awards $720,000 in Grants to Empower Oregon Nonprofits and Strengthen Communities

Florence, Ore. — The Three Rivers Foundation, the charitable arm of Three Rivers Casino Resort, awarded $720,000 in grants in 2025 to 60 organizations across Oregon. From rural fire departments to food pantries, youth advocacy programs to mental health services, the Foundation's annual grants continue to create a lasting impact.

The Foundation was established by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians to give back to communities across Oregon. Each year, funds generated through casino revenue are reinvested in the region through grants to nonprofits.

"Giving is at the heart of who we are as the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians," said Tribal Chief Doug Barrett. "This year, we're proud to give nearly three-quarters of a million dollars to nonprofits that support families, equip first responders, and care for our children. The need is great not just in our community, but across the region and we're honored to share our resources in the spirit of giving that defines our people."



Members of CTCLUSI Tribal Council and Government staff pictured together at the Three Rivers Foundation Luncheon Awards Ceremony. Back row, pictured left to rigth: Julie Siestreem, Jeremy Doze - Planner, Chief Doug Barrett, Chairman Brad Kneaper, Iliana Montiel. Front row, left to right: Debbie Bossley, Vice-Chair Teresa Spangler, LeeAnn Wander-CEO

A wide range of community organizations across southwestern Oregon received grant support to strengthen emergency services, youth programs, and essential needs. Fire departments from North Bend to Winchester Bay are acquiring new equipment, receiving training, and gaining volunteer support, while youth-focused groups such as CASA of Lane County, Creswell Clubhouse, and Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students are expanding their services to support children and families in need.

At a luncheon held on June 3 at the Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence, representatives from all the nonprofits gathered to receive their checks.

"Thanks to support from the Three Rivers Foundation, we can provide essentials like bunk beds and car seat items that often go unmet, to over 60 children in foster care. This funding helps ensure kids have a safe place to sleep and makes it possible to keep siblings together in loving homes," said Jennifer Brown, Director of Generosity and Investment, Every Child Lane County.

"We're incredibly grateful to the Three Rivers Foundation for their $15,000 grant, which will help us provide meals to more than 230 homebound seniors in Roseburg and Winchester," said Victory Webber, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels Roseburg. "As demand continues to grow and funding becomes harder to secure, support like this is so great. For many of our clients, their Meals on Wheels driver may be the only person they see all day. Being able to support all those nonprofits is just a huge blessing for everybody."

Additional funding is helping to combat food insecurity through programs like Florence Food Share, while groups such as NAMI Lane County and Our Community Birth Center are improving access to mental and maternal health care, while support for SquareOne Villages addresses housing needs.

"The Three Rivers Foundation awarded us $33,250 for five Flock cameras and two years of service," said Florence Police Chief John Pitcher. "This technology is a major benefit to public safety and the safety of our community. It helps us track stolen vehicles, locate missing persons, and support investigations. Even the one camera we tested has already made a real impact."

"The Three Rivers Foundation has been so generous, and because of the funding, we will be bringing the Siuslaw Area Resource Center, a multi-agency resource and community center to Florence," said Bob Teter, executive director of Siuslaw Outreach Services. "Their $76,000 grant is a huge boost, helping make our fiveyear dream a reality by supporting cultural education and self-sufficiency programs like financial literacy, tenant rights, and safety planning.

We're also honoring the Siuslaw Tribe by incorporating their language and history into the center's signage and digital materials."



Every Child Lane County was awarded $7,860



View the Future was awarded $10,000



Coos County Friends of Public Health awarded $6,000

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Awards by County

Coos County
- CASA of Coos County – $5,000
- Charleston Fishing Families – $20,000
- Charleston Rural Fire Protection District – $9,600
- City of Coos Bay – $13,500
- College Park Community Church – $10,000
- Coos Bay Area Service Foundation – $1,500
- Coos County Friends of Public Health – $6,000
- Coos-Curry Electric Charitable Foundation – $10,000
- Lillies of the Field Equine Rescue – $1,000
- Lakeside Rural Fire Protection District – $12,990
- Lakeside Senior Center dba Feed the Need – $10,000
- North Bend Fire Department – $10,000
- Siuslaw Outreach Services, Inc. – $76,000
- Agape Respite Center – $5,000
- First Presbyterian Church of North Bend – $5,500
- Riverview Christian School – $12,000
- Dora-Sitkum Rural Fire Department – $7,500
- Confederated Tribes of the Lower Rogue – $10,000

Douglas County
- CASA of Douglas County, Inc. – $5,000
- The Friendly Kitchen / Meals on Wheels Roseburg – $15,000
- Gardiner Fire Department – $9,765.42
- Sutherlin-Oakland Emergency Food Pantry – $5,000
- Camp Millennium – $20,000
- Kellogg Rural Fire District – $8,000
- Winchester Bay Rural Fire Protection District – $5,000
- Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department – $5,250
- Source One Serenity – $7,250
- St. Francis Xavier Conference of St. Vincent de Paul – $10,000

Lane County
- 1st Way Pregnancy Crisis Center – $10,000
- Bethel Education Foundation – $12,000
- CASA of Lane County – $5,000
- Creswell Clubhouse – $3,000
- Every Child Lane County – $7,860
- Florence Food Share – $10,000
- Florence Police Department – $33,250
- Florence United Methodist Free Lunch Program – $6,500
- Lane DUII Victim Impact Panel – $5,000
- Looking Glass Community Services – $2,000
- Mapleton Food Share – $10,000
- Mapleton School District – $15,500
- Mohawk Rural – $15,000
- NAMI Lane County – $10,000
- One Hope – $8,000
- Oregon Coast Emergency Repeater Inc. – $2,399.95
- Our Community Birth Center – $7,000
- Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students – $15,000
- SquareOne Villages – $5,000
- Western Lane Ambulance Child Safety Seat Program – $5,000
- Center for Community Counseling – $5,600
- Willagillespie PTO – $3,200
- Veterans Legacy – $7,500
- Christians as Family Advocates – $17,000
- Siuslaw Baseball Softball Association – $10,000
- Junction School District – $15,000
- Triangle Food Box – $8,000

Curry County
- Gold Beach Community Center – $10,000

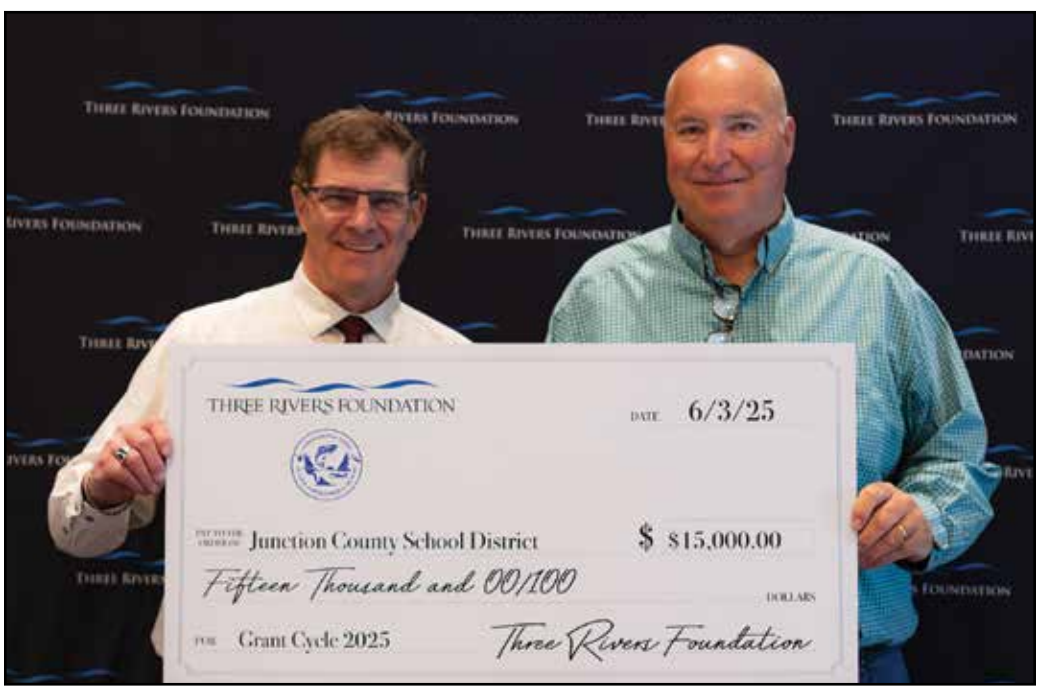
Other Counties / Statewide
- Columbia Basin Basketry Guild – $3,500
- View the Future – $10,000
- Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue – $5,200.00



Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department awarded $5,250



Siuslaw outreach Services, Inc. awarded $76,000



Junction City School District awarded $15,000



Safe Shelter for Siuslaw Students awarded $15,000

May Gathering quiich tɬ'ai 2025

Contributed by Alycia Cossey, Cultural Stewardship Associate

On May 23rd and 24th, a group of tribal members traveled to Smith Tract on quiich tɬ'ai (Lower Umpqua land).

On the ridge of smith tract, we saw Thimbleberry flowers blooming, Mugwort (aka Mountain Sage), Yarrow, Columbine flowers, and Iris and many more plant relatives. In our gathering group we had Elder Eddie Helms, Elder iila (Earla) Kirk, Isaac Dull, Ashley Vandevort, Daniel Vandevort, youth Mexeye Vandevort, Ayuthea LaPier, Jesse Beers, and Alycia Cossey. All of us were happy to be out on the land, getting familiar with it, noticing all the other plant relatives around us, and learning their gathering seasons. We ate lunch and gifted a song of thanks to the land and plant relatives under our feet and around us.

It was a beautiful weekend, sunny, warm, good hearts welcoming the gifts of whatever the land wanted to offer us.

If you are interested in participating in future gathering events keep on the lookout for them being posted in the newsletter, Facebook social media on the General Council Page, or CTCLUSI text messages (be sure to sign up to receive text messages if you have not already.)



Wild Iris starting to turn white



Salmonberries harvested in a sedge basket



Alycia Cossey, Ashley V., mexeye held by iila



Alder Bark held in a Maple Leaf



Maiden hair fern growing on the side of an embankment

Three Rivers Health Center Celebrates 1Year Milestone!

The Three Rivers Health Center celebrated its Grand Opening last year on Saturday, June 1, 2024. The occasion marked a significant milestone for the community, highlighting that significance, CEO Lee Ann Wander provided remarks during the opening celebration, stating, “This is a lot more than just a health clinic; this was a promise we made to the Tribal membership when I came in. To lead with a good heart; to listen to the tribal membership and what their needs were. Healthcare was at the top of the list and this is a promise fulfilled.”

Three Rivers Health Center provides Multidimensional Care that addresses the diverse needs of the body, mind and spirit for CTCLUSI Tribal members, members of all federally recognized tribes, as well as all non-tribal community members in SW Oregon. Services include Medical Primary Care, Behavioral Health, Pharmacy and Dental Care.

To learn more and enroll as a new patient, visit: http://threerivers.health/patients/.

THREE RIVERS
HEALTH CENTER



The False Solution in Coos Bay

Article written by
Annie Merrill, Marine Conservation Manager, Oregon Shores
and
Ashley Audycki, South Coast Regional Coordinator Rogue Climate

This article explores how the South Coast of Oregon is proposed to be the home of a new industrial container shipping port facility and rail line, and this could mean big changes for the rural coast—with impacts starting in Coos Bay, reaching Eugene and beyond.

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to read the full article or visit https://www.ridgelinemagazine.com/coast/the-false-solution-in-coos-bay



Tribal Elder Gerald "Gerry" Garcia Walks-On



Gerald Allen Garcia was the son of Simplicio Garcia and Florence Brainard. He was a father, brother, husband, and son. In his youth he was an outgoing man with a dream of being a radio DJ, which he succeeded at. His voice was beloved by many and was often heard reciting scriptures. Gerald would often say the adversary knows the scriptures forwards, backwards, and sideways and you never know when the adversary will attack, so you should know them too. Gerald was a kind hearted man that had his own weaknesses. However, he was able to overcome them and use the knowledge he obtained to guide others.

Gerald loved to read and placed a heavy emphasis on the value of knowledge. He believed knowledge is the key to success and strive to instill those values in his children. He was a keen and perceptive man who was good at playing chess. He made it a point to reach out to the people he loved and cared about often and made sure that they knew they were loved too. Gerald is survived by his mother, brothers, and his three daughters Dana, Megan, Vannesa and his stepdaughter Josephine. He loved all of his grandchildren Angel, Christine, and Paige. He was beloved by all of his family and friends and will be missed dearly. May God keep him safe.

His memorial service is a potlatch that will be held at North Bend Chapel on August 2nd, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

To those that wish to attend we welcome you. Bring a dish and the best memories you have to share, God bless.







2025 Hands of Harvest Voucher Program

Coos Bay Farmer's Market
Wednesdays
9:00am- 2:00pm

Laserfiche Form Link:

https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Hands-of-Harvest

Eligibility
Enrollment #:
Address:
(1) Per Household
Household Size: 1+
**Completed Laserfiche Form per each distribution date



*NO LOCATION LIMITATIONS
*NO INCOME REQUIRMENTS

1st Distribution- Laserfiche Form
Open/Deadline Date:
May 27th- June 16th
Pick Up Date On or After:
June 10th

2nd Distribution- Laserfiche Form
Open/Deadline Date:
June 27th- July 11th
Pick Up Date On or After:
July 25th

3rd Distribution- Laserfiche Form
Open/Deadline Date:
August 15th – August 29th
Pick Up Date On or After:
September 12th

Funding is limited to availability



Prevention Specialist Nicole Romine brought some amazing local fresh produce from the Coos Bay Farmers Market to the Elders Potluck and helped with sign-ups for the Hands of Harvest Voucher Program (details to sign up on flyer at left). Scan the QR code with your smart phone and sign up today! Application also available at www.ctclusi.org





Elders Corner

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

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

Welcome New Tribal Elder

Julie Tabernig

Elders Potluck Luncheon

Hosted by Tribal Elder Eddie Helms
When: First Wednesday of the month
Where: Tribal Hall
338 Wallace Ave., Coos Bay, OR.
When: 12 (noon) - 2 p.m.
Please bring a dish to share

Save The Date

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

Wish to invite you to the

26th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day

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

(Registration forms and Agenda will be coming soon)

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

Supplemental Security Income Program for Elders 65+

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

An application form is required. The form can be found on the Tribal Government website or using this web address ***https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Elder-Supplemental-Security-Income***

Need assistance filling out your application or have questions about the program? Contact the Enrollment Department today at 541-435-7178.



Save the Date

Elders Activities

Tuesday, 08/12/2025 - Thursday 08/14/2025

90 Minute Train Ride/ Tillamook Air Museum

Please RSVP by Friday, August 1, 2025

Call Barbara Black @ 541-294-5472
More details/agenda to come after RSVP is received.

Rental Insurance: What does it cover and do I really need it?

Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant

Many of us who rent have probably heard from our property managers that getting renter's insurance is a good idea, some even say it's required. But it can be hard for people that are on a tight budget to justify spending more money every month for something no one hopes to use. The fact of the matter is none of us want to use our insurance, and we don't like paying for it, but boy howdy do we really appreciate it when we need it AND have it.

It's important to note, while the homeowners may have insurance on the unit you are renting, homeowner's insurance does not cover tenant's personal belongings or liability. Homeowner's insurance primarily protects the building's physical structure and the homeowner's belongings and does not include tenant's losses.

Often times renter's insurance is very reasonable and can be combined with other insurance you have like auto - to give you even more of a discounted rate. It also brings ease and peace of mind to those that have it, in case something does happen.

Renter's insurance covers three major components: 1) personal property, 2) personal liability, and 3) additional living expenses. Every insurance is different, so be sure to look at how much coverage your insurance can provide for each of these components, along with your deductible.

Personal property includes the cost to repair and/or replace your belongings, this can include clothing, furniture, electronics, ect… Take a minute to look around your home at everything – now imagine if ALL of that was gone and you had to start completely over…… that's a lot of $$$$.

Personal Liability protects you if someone is injured in your home, or they break something of theirs in your home. For instance, your cousin comes to town and stays with you, but trips and breaks their leg. In this instance your personal liability coverage on your renter's policy may pay for your cousins' injury as well as legal costs, if the situation goes south.

Additional living expenses is if you are put out of your home from a fire, smoke damage, or if your home is uninhabitable. This can pay for a hotel room, storage units, food, laundry, moving costs, ect… Pay heed though, additional living expenses covers the excess amount of what you would normally spend. For example, it you spend $300 a week for food, but you've been getting take out and you spent $600, additional living expenses will only pay out the difference.

Also keep in mind that renter's insurance **DOES NOT** cover floods or other 'acts of god', please visit https://www.floodsmart.gov/ for more information about flood insurance, and how to get it.

One consideration is to shop around for insurance and find one that meets your needs and your budget. Another consideration to keep when shopping for insurance, is your belonging's value when determining your coverage limits. You may also want to look into 'floater insurance' if you have more high value items in your home such as electronics, jewelry, or fine art.

Doing your homework and research on which renter's insurance is going to be the best fit for you and your family is going to be the best tool in your belt for determining what is right for you.



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DOWN PAYMENT LOAN ASSIST. PROGRAM

This program is to assist low to moderate income Tribal Members who reside in the State of Oregon and are purchasing their first home.

The awarded "loan" amount is recorded as a silent secondary mortgage and is forgivable after seven (7) years as long as the participant is still living in the home. 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

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

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS!

UP TO $15,000

LOW-MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES

ANYWHERE IN OREGON

CTCLUSI HOUSING DEPT.
1320 Neese St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420
Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

JURY DUTY SCAM INFORMATION

Contributed by Brian Dubray, Chief of Tribal Police

We have seen an increase in scam and phishing attempts. Here is what to do if you receive a jury-related phone call, email, or text that demands information or money:

- **DO NOT** provide the requested information or payment.
- **DO NOT** reply directly to the text or email, click on any links, or open any attachments, even if it appears that the message is coming from the court or a local police agency. Scammers often create messages that look like they are coming from a legitimate source
- If possible, get the caller's name and number and hang up.
- Contact your local circuit court jury coordinator directly to verify or report the contact. Contact information for the state circuit courts is available at courts.oregon.gov/courts. For Oregon's federal courts, information about jury service and possible scams is available at ord.uscourts.gov/jurors.

If you have received one of these calls, emails, or texts and have given out personal information, monitor your account statements and credit reports carefully. If any unauthorized charges are made, report the theft to local law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission at 877-438-4338 or www.consumer.gov/idtheft. Also, contact a credit bureau to request that it place a fraud alert on your credit history.

Here are direct numbers to several local courts if you wish to speak to them directly:

Lane County Circuit Court: (541) 682-4020

Coos County Circuit Court: (541) 396-8372

Douglas County Circuit Court (541) (541) 957-2471

Lincoln County Circuit Court (541) 265-4236

Curry County Circuit Court (541 373-6894

Tribal Citizen Shasta Wing Awarded Sponsorship by National Organization: Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE)





"I'm still wrapping my head around it, but I'm incredibly honored to share that I've been officially sponsored by Women in Federal Law Enforcement (WIFLE), a national organization led by women from the FBI, Secret Service, ATF, and other top federal agencies who have broken barriers in some of the most male-dominated spaces in America.

Aside from financial endorsement, this means mentorship, leadership development, and that my voice and my mission matter in spaces where Native women and formerly incarcerated youth are rarely seen, let alone celebrated.

This means that my mission -system reform- was seen and valued by some of the most influential women in federal law. And now I get to learn from them, stand beside them, and be supported by them as I rise.

To now be recognized by a federal organization, one rooted in reform, is a huge milestone in my journey. Thank you, WIFLE Foundation, for investing in my voice and mission."



Shasta finished her AAOT (criminal justice) at SWOCC last summer, and is now at PSU completing her pre-law BA in criminology, with a certificate in criminal law. Shasta plans to use these degrees to round out her resume for when she applies for the University of Oregon's JD Law program.

Incredible accomplishments Shasta!

We can't wait to see what you do next!

Isaac Wright Graduated from Grants Pass High School

Isaac Wright graduated from Grants Pass High School!

Some of his accomplishments during his High School career include finishing school with a 3.75 gpa, he was a founding member and team captain of GPHS E-sports, and sang in the choir his senior year.

Isaac also graduated from seminary, which is four years of early morning religious class at church.

Isaac will start his college career at Brigham Young University-Idaho in September.

Isaac will major in Accounting.





Great job Isaac!

You make your family and Tribe proud!

Language Nest Spring Update

Contributed by the Language Program

Our Spring Littles Language classes wrapped up, and we are so inspired by all of the progress our young learners have made across miluk, hanis and sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich! We are watching the littles build confidence in speaking their language, listening to stories about how they are singing songs and carrying words forward into their homes, and connecting with their culture through fun, relevant, and play-based learning.

The Language Nest Program is thriving because of the capacity of our Language Nest Facilitators coming on board helping to build language materials, seeing our Elders Madeline Knowlton (miluk), Tammy Evarts (miluk), iila Kirk (hanis), and Cynthia Hovind (siuslaw) present and speaking language and bringing their wisdom and heart into the learning space, while youth facilitators present and model language with enthusiasm and connection. The Language Nest program is structured to bridge generations and help littles ones see themselves as part of a living language community. - **Enna Helms, miluk, hanis, wa'as Language Teacher**

We welcome more Elders and young people to get involved!

miluk sha'la'la (Baby Seagulls) update: sha'la'la miluk Little's Language class went well this spring term. We covered colors, numbers, family, bugs, and more. Isa Helms, miluk language nest youth facilitator, and Madeline Knowlton, elder, joined our classroom space and brought sport and engagement for our littles. It was so positive to see our littles speaking the language in their homes. - **Ashley Vandevort, miluk Language Nest Facilitator**

hanis pu'uuk' (Fawns) update: Language Nest finished Spring 2025 classes on June 14th! hanis had a pretty successful term. We played games, sang songs, colored, and learned basic vocabulary around themes like colors, numbers, and bugs! We had a small class size of 1-3 students each week, and I'd love to have more in the Fall! - **Naomi Biesanz, hanis Language Nest Facilitator**

wa'as nikanishk'an (Baby Turtles) update: This June we finished up our last class for the Spring Little's Language Classes and I believe that our nikanishk'an classes this Spring went very smoothly. The kids were picking up and remembering things from the previous weeks, which was amazing and exactly what we were hoping to see! I am excited to watch the kids grow further in their language development in not only sha'yuushtɬ'a uɬ quuiich, but in all three of our languages.

Language is a huge part of our culture, and I am so glad to be a part of making sure it continues to be passed on. That being said, I encourage all parents to look into classes for your little's this fall to come and learn your respective language, while also growing with your community. I hope to see you there! - **Kris Wing, wa'as Language Nest Facilitator**

We look forward to building on this momentum in the Fall. If you are a parent, Elder, youth interested in helping with the Littles Program, please reach out to Enna Helms at (541) 297-7538 or language@ctclusi.org

Tribal Citizen Elizabeth Wymer Among Historic Health Aide Certification Recipients

Elizabeth Wymer, Three Rivers Health Center Dental Assistant, earned the certification of Primary Dental Health Aide I from the newly formed Portland Area Community Health Aide Program Certification Board (PACCB). Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Eddie Helms, daughter of Sara Helms, Miluk persons from South Slough and daughter of Jonathan Wymer of Great Lakes Mohawk Tribe. Dental team members MeAnnDa Wallage, Lead Dental Assistant and Rachel Crawford, Dental Assistant II, also received this certification. This honor marks the first time certifications have been awarded by PACCB in partnership with the Indian Health Service.

The Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) was Authorized by the Federal government many years ago to provide culturally competent primary medical, behavioral and dental care in Alaska Native communities. The success of CHAP has been well documented, including helping to decrease maternal mortality rates, increase vaccination rates, increasing access to dental care and providing much needed primary care in far reaching corners of the state. The educational programs associated with CHAP are run by Tribal entities to ensure that providers get training which aligns with Tribal values, culture and needs. Most Health Aides are members of Federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. Tribal communities outside of Alaska have been prevented from utilizing Health Aides until recently when authorization of the affordable care act allowed CHAP to be utilized by tribes outside of Alaska. The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board has been at the forefront of creating the structure needed to have Health Aides educated, trained and practicing in Tribal programs in Oregon, Idaho and Washington. With the first certifications, Tribes in these 3 states will have the opportunity to provide additional culturally appropriate care to their members.

Primary Dental Health Aides are the prevention experts of a dental team. Their skills include oral health education, nutrition counseling, prevention services and patient navigation. An important part of the education is learning how to have conversations with patients that focus on the individual and respect the patient's values. Dental Health Aides are taught to work toward creating trusting relationships with patients, so patients feel safe, heard and respected. These trusting relationships have been shown to result in better health outcomes for patients.

Come by the Three Rivers Health Center Dental Clinic to meet our certified Dental Health aides and start building a trusting relationship on your journey to better oral health. We are sure you will leave smiling!



Pictured left to right: Rachel Crawford, MeAnnDa Wallage, Mary Williard, and Elizabeth Wymer.

You're invited to attend our upcoming

VIRTUAL LEAD AWARENESS TRAINING: HIRING LEAD PROFESSIONALS

Keep yourself and your family safe from lead exposure!
Monday, July 21st @ 6:00 PM



Meeting ID: 816 0361 5851
Passcode: 140735

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

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.



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Contact Tribal Wellness Court.
(541) 888-1307

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

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
541-888-1318 jwassman@ctlusi.org

More Info and registation at:

https://beav.es/NUc

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Confederated Tribes of
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Department of Human Resources

Current Openings as of 06/13/25

- *Charge Capture Specialist – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Circles of Healing Transitional Services Specialist – Coos Bay or Eugene*
- *Diabetes Educator – Eugene*
- *Laboratory Technician I. – Coos Bay*
- *Licensed Practical Nurse – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Assistant: Primary Care – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Director – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Medical Records Clerk – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Nurse Practitioner – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Pharmacy Delivery Driver – Three Rivers Health Center – Coos Bay*
- *Public Health Nurse - Eugene*
- *Special Events – On Call – Varies on Assignment*
- *Surveillance Agent I. – Coos Bay*
- *Surveillance Agent I. – Florence*

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

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

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

Tribal Website Citizen Portal Login - www.ctclusi.org



It has recently come to the attention of the Communication Team that some Tribal Citizens are experiencing difficulties when trying to reset their password on the Tribal Website.

If you do reset your password, please give the system at least five minutes to update. If you reset multiple times in a row the system might not catch up in time before you attempt another reset.

If you are experiencing any issues with your access, please don't hesitate to reach out. I can reset your password for you and am always happy to help!

Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist:
Cell: (541) 808-7918
Email: mgaines@ctclusi.org

Upcoming Events

RSVP for events by calling

1-541-435-7155

July 2025

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

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 Coffee/Brunch with Tribal Council 9 am Community Center
3 **Salmon Ceremony** **11 am baldija** **Lunch served @ noon**	4	5 Local Canoe Journey	6 Elders Potluck@noon	7	8	9
10 Regular Council Meeting 10:00am	11	12 Elders Overnight Trip Train Ride/ Tillamook Air Museum	13 Environmental Leadership Youth Camp Oregon State University	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Family Fun Day Carnival 10 am - 2 pm Community Center
24 31	25	26	27 Business Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30

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ATTENTION TRIBAL ARTISANS

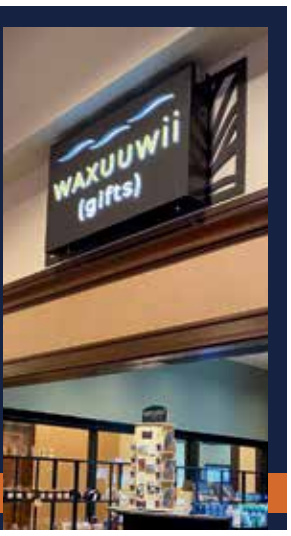
WAXUUWII (GIFTS) IS OPEN!

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

tspangler@threeriverscasino.com





MONDAYS 6PM-9PM

$50 Free Play Hot Seats every 20 minutes. $500 Cash Grand Prize Drawing at 9PM.



TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM

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



WEDNESDAYS 7PM-9PM

Spin the wheel and win up to $1,000! Drawings every 30 minutes. One entry for every 100 same-day points earned.



FRIDAYS 7PM-9PM

$1,000 Cash Hot Seats every 30 minutes.

Café 1297

Monday - Thursday
served from 11am-10pm

Friday - Sunday
served from 4pm-10pm

July Features

MONDAY - BIG ISLAND BURGER $20

TUESDAY - GOUDA CHICKEN $20

WEDNESDAY - SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS $20

THURSDAY - COD PARMESAN $20

FRIDAY - SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB $40

SATURDAY - BBQ PLATTER $25

SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE



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Prime Rib & Shrimp

Served with mashed potatoes, gravy, Chef's vegetables and a dinner roll.

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