



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

## Tribal Council to Grand Marshal the 119<sup>th</sup> Rhododendron Festival

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) will play a central role in the 2026 Rhododendron Festival to serve as Grand Marshal. The Tribe was approached in September 2025 by the Florence Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bettina Hannigan. Working closely with Tribal Council and CTCLUSI Employees, Hannigan shared the collaboration is long overdue and praised Tribal leadership for their culture and creativity.

To honor and support the collaborative efforts of the Tribe and Florence Area Chamber of Commerce, the theme and logo design was given to the Tribe to decide. A call to Tribal artists was made in the monthly Tribal paper The Voice of CLUSI. Four talented artists submitted their logo designs in the theme of “**temuu hiisəch hai – A Gathering with a Good Heart**”.

Tribal artisans Ashley Vandervort, Dylan Brainard, Cody Theisen, and Morgan Gaines, submitted their works for consideration. The CTCLUSI Tribal Council selected the final logo design from the selection these artists presented. Council members shared how beautiful they thought all the logo designs were and had a difficult time deciding between them. From watercolor and ink, linocut, and digital mediums, they had much to consider, ultimately deciding on a design by Tribal citizen Dylan Brainard. Brainard shared

that his artwork reflects connection, balance, and shared community values.

Hannigan also shared that “this collaboration means a great deal to us. [The Florence Area Chamber of Commerce would like to] extend our sincere thanks to the Tribal Council and members who helped bring this vision forward. We deeply appreciate the trust, creativity, and partnership that made this possible, and we’re grateful to continue building this relationship together. This is truly exciting, and we’re proud to celebrate it alongside you.”

The 119<sup>th</sup> Rhododendron Festival is Florence, Oregon’s largest annual event and one of Oregon’s longest-running floral festivals. Held each spring in Oregon’s Coastal Playground, this four-day celebration draws thousands of visitors to enjoy parades, carnival rides, live entertainment, classic cars, arts and crafts, shopping, and family-friendly fun in Historic Old Town Florence.

Join in the festivities May 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, all over the Florence Area. Festival highlights will include the Grand Floral Parade on Sunday, May 17, 2026 and included attractions ranging from carnival, vendor fair, arts festival, classic cars, live music and family activities. Free shuttle will be provided by Three Rivers Casino during peak festival hours.



## SECRETARIAL ELECTION NOTICE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INFORMATION

In a letter mailed to Tribal Citizens dated Tuesday, February 12, 2026, Tribal Council provided information on the current efforts to amend the Tribe’s Constitution. On January 8, 2026, the Tribal Council approved two Resolutions to call for a Secretarial Election to amend the Constitution and to establish a Secretarial Election Board, as required by the BIA. Our Tribe’s Constitution, of June 23, 1987, has never been amended. This process, called a “Secretarial Election”, is a Federal Election which requires the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of

Indian Affairs (BIA) to facilitate. There will be (7) seven separate areas called “Proposed Constitutional Amendments” that you will be able to vote on.

What the BIA will Do: All CTCLUSI members will be contacted DIRECTLY by the BIA. Because a Secretarial Election is a Federal Election, Federal Law requires you to register WITH the BIA to participate in this Election process. The Tribe was required to provide the last known mailing address of all members 18 years of age or older. You will receive a special registration packet from

the BIA that you must complete to vote in the Secretarial Election. YOU MUST RETURN THIS PROMPTLY.

History of Events: The Tribe provided previously, extensive outreach to membership, held question and answer forums, and collected comments by surveys about various areas of proposed amendments. The Tribal Council has worked with legal counsel and submitted proposed language for amendments to the BIA to seek both technical review and ensure all suggested language meets...

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### Save the Dates:

*Tribal Council Election Candidate Forum: March 21, 2026*

*Tribal Council Election Day: April 12, 2026*

# Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from January 11, 2026 - February 8, 2026

## Chief Doug Barrett

01/11 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
 01/12 Sea Otter Recovery Tribal Engagement Meeting, DOC / Tribal Advisory Committee  
 01/15 Peace Hike Debrief Meeting  
 01/20 Town Hall at Florence Events Center about MAT from Lane County  
 01/21 Senator Ron Wyden Town Hall at Siuslaw Middle School  
 01/22 Leaders Circle, STEP – Spawning in Trap at Whiteker Creek  
 01/23 Peace giving Circle Meeting  
 01/24 Celebration of Life in Grants Pass  
 01/26 NAAC – OYA Monthly Meeting  
 01/27 NARA NW Board Meeting, NAIC Monthly Meeting  
 01/28 maniis tei hap'- Data Canoe Event Planning Meeting, GFORB, Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/02 Alakha Alliance presentation from Tim Tinker  
 02/03 maniis tei hap'- Data Canoe Event Planning Meeting  
 02/05 Leaders Circle, STEP – Spawning in Trap at Whiteker Creek  
 02/06 Discussion with Siletz Tribal Council to our Tribal Council, Co-Development Team Meeting – Restoring Eco-Culture  
 02/07 Baldija Naming Ceremony at the Light House, Summit for Northwest American Indian Law – Many Nations Long House  
 02/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
**Total Hours: 151**

## Brad Kneaper, Chair

01/10 Regular Tribal Council Meeting  
 01/13 Legislative Council Indian Services (LCIS) attended by ZOOM  
 01/22 Leader's Circle (ZOOM); Expansion of Healthcare discussion and presentation; Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance representation discussion  
 01/23 Meeting (ZOOM) with Staff, Legal and Lobbyists on a Trust acquisition Bill within our Ancestral Lands  
 01/28 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board (GFORB), Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/04 CTCLUSI – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife annual program meeting to discuss regulations  
 02/05 Leader's Circle: Planning Department discussion on RFP for Financial Planning; Land donations (to us); Land Acquisitions; Education Building Designs; Misery Creek Restoration Project Media story presentation  
 02/06 Government to Government Consultation with the Siletz Tribe regarding applications we have submitted on Reservation status  
**Total Hours: 148**

## Teresa Spangler, Vice Chair

01/11 Regular Council meeting  
 01/22 Leaders Circle (Zoom)  
 01/28 Business Council meeting  
 02/05 Leaders Circle  
 02/06 Government to Government with Siletz Council  
 02/07 Baldija naming Ceremony  
**Total Hours: 57**

## Julie Siestrem

01/11 Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly meeting Coos Bay  
 01/12 State of the City of Eugene Mayor Kaarin Knudson  
 01/13 Legislative Commission on Indian Services Patrick Flanagan, Oregon Public Health Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Systems, 4j NATIVES IPC meeting Josh Davies Eugene, 4j NATIVES Culture gathering Josh Davies Eugene  
 01/20 Education Committee meeting Jemiah Wassman Coos Bay  
 01/21 Pacific Offshore Wind Consortium Schatz Energy Research Center Kayla Corder, Sen. Ron Wyden Town Hall Florence  
 01/22 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Coos Bay  
 01/28 Gaming Facility Operational Review Board Three Rivers Casino Florence, Tribal Council Monthly Business meeting Three Rivers Casino Florence  
 01/29 Department of Land Conservation and Development Tribes Only Offshore Wind Draft Roadmap Review Kirsten Greene, Courtney Krossman, Rick Eichstaedt  
 02/05 Tribal Council Leaders Circle Coos Bay  
 02/06 Siletz Government to Government Fee to Trust Discussion Three Rivers Casino Florence  
 02/07 Baldija naming Ceremony Chief Doug Barrett. Cultural Stewardship Manager Jesse Beers, Alycia Cossey, Coos Bay, Summit for Northwest American Indian Law Eugene  
 02/08 Smudge Ceremony Chief Doug Barrett, Vice Chair Teresa Spangler, Three Rivers Casino Coos Bay Facility Manager Chuck Baker and, myself. Tribal Council General Council Regular Monthly meeting Coos Bay  
**Total Hours: 130**

## Debbie Bossley

01/22 Leaders Circle  
 01/28 Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/05 Leaders Circle  
 02/06 Gov to Gov with Siletz  
 02/08 Tribal council Regluar Meeting  
**Total Hours: 50**

## Iliana Montiel

01/11 Tribal Council Regular Meeting  
 01/22 Leaders Circle  
 01/28 GFORB / Tribal Council Business Meeting  
 02/05 Leaders Circle  
 02/06 Siltez Govt to Govt Fee to Trust Discussion  
**Total Hours: 40**

## Ashley Russell

01/21 Reviewed Leaders Circle Packet  
 01/22 Leaders Circle  
 01/27 Reviewed Business Meeting Packet  
 01/28 Business Meeting  
 02/04 Reviewed Leaders Circle Packet  
 02/05 Leaders Circle Meting  
 02/06 Siletz Gov to Gov and Baldija Stickers  
 02/07 Baldija Naming Ceremony; Reviewed Tribal Council meeting Packet  
 02/08 Tribal Council Meeting  
**Total Hours: 58.5**

## Tribal Council Upcoming Dates

*Regular Council Meeting*  
March 8, 2026

*Tribal Council Forum*  
March 21<sup>st</sup>

*Regular Council Meeting*  
April 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*General Council Meeting*  
April 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

*Tribal Council Election Day -*  
April 12<sup>th</sup>

*Secretarial Election Day -*  
April 26<sup>th</sup>

*Regular Council Meeting*  
May 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*Regular Council Meeting*  
June 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*Regular Council Meeting*  
July 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

*Regular Council Meeting*  
August 9, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**CTCLUSI Community Center**  
 338 Wallace Avenue,  
 Coos Bay, OR 97420

Join by Zoom link by logging in to the Citizen Portal of [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org)

Full list of Tribal Council Regular and Business Meetings avaiable in the Citizen Portal

## 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.

## CTCLUSI Departments, Services & Offices

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## Tribal Committee Members

### Budget Committee

1. Martin Harris
2. Allen "Butch" Swigert
3. Margaret Corvi
4. Stephanie Watkins
5. Kerry Brainard
6. Sarah Marical
7. Roseana Perry - Chair

### Cultural Coalition Committee

1. Enna Helms
2. Cynthia Hovind
3. Pam Stoehlsler
4. VACANT
5. VACANT

### Culture Committee

1. Earla Kirk
2. VACANT
3. Alyssa Lydick
4. Nicole Romine
5. Michael Brainard
6. Patricia Whereat-Phillips - Chair
7. VACANT

### Education Committee

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

### Elders Committee

1. Arleen Perkins - Chair
2. Laura Fortin
3. Warren T. Brainard
4. VACANT
5. Mike Lent
6. Stan McNutt
7. Teresa Spangler

### Enrollment Committee

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

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2. Dan Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter - Chair
5. Melinda Sprague

### Language Committee

1. Nicole Mendoza
2. Tammy Evarts
3. Ashley Vandevort
4. Jade Fong - Chair
5. VACANT
6. Jesse Beers
7. Ayuthea Cisneros

### Election Board

1. Jade Fong
2. Michael Brainard - Chair
3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. Kimmy Bixby
7. Ashley Russell

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

Interested in being on a committee? Submit a letter of interest (can be found on the Enrollment page on the Tribal website). Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.



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## Council Meeting

March 8, 2026

**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



### THE VOICE OF CLUSI

If you or anyone in your Tribal family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you!  
-Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist  
mgaines@ctclusi.org or 541-888-7536

### Upcoming Events

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

## Council Corner

Greetings,

I hope all are doing well.

I want to talk a little bit about the upcoming election for the proposed amendments to our constitution. Now that BIA has reviewed the proposed changes and found it to be legally sufficient, it is now in their hands to conduct the vote.

This has been an ongoing process for some time over the course of a couple of years. We have sent out material and information to solicit comments and feedback from the membership as well as two online forums through ZOOM to answer questions and gather feedback. We reviewed all the information and incorporated the pertinent information into the draft proposed amendments.

You should be receiving a side-by-side comparison with the original and proposed changes to the constitution, along with an information cover letter. You may have received that information by the time you see this newsletter. Please keep this information to assist you with voting.

BIA will be sending a registration form to every enrolled member eligible to vote whether or not you are registered to vote in other tribal elections. This registration is to allow you to vote on this constitutional amendment election by the BIA. Please complete this registration and return it to the BIA. You will then be sent a ballot. You will be able to vote on each individual proposed amendment.

I encourage everyone to register with the BIA and vote. Likewise it's important to vote in all tribal elections and be heard.

Next, I want to mention Hunting and Fishing and the Co-Management agreement with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). I attended the annual meeting with our Hunting and Fishing Coordinator, Tribal Police, Oregon State

Police and ODFW. This was to update any changes to the regulations that might be necessary. There were very few changes, and the meeting went very well. There should be an updated regulation manual coming out this year.

On the topic of Hunting and Fishing, if you have a license, you will need to report on the CTCLUSI website to receive new tags for the upcoming seasons. It is relatively simple and can be done on-line in just a few minutes. Look at the tribe's website, at CTCLUSI.ORG, look under the "Government" tab, you should be able to locate it on the "Harvest Program: Hunting, Fishing Trapping and Gathering". If you are unable to do it on-line, you can call the Hunting and Fishing Coordinator at 541-435-7187.



Chairman Brad Kneaper

**Please vote!**

**Be safe everyone!**

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...legal sufficiency, as required. The BIA, through the Solicitor, has made suggestions and recommendations throughout this process. The Tribe has better defined areas as requested. On February 4, 2026, the BIA made a final legal sufficiency determination. Please see the following document types, included in the mailing sent out. These documents will also be available on the Tribe's website for reference.

(EXHIBIT A) Side by Side Draft: This document format was required and approved by the BIA. On the left side is our original Constitution language and on the right side identifies the proposed constitutional amendment language changes, with blue underlined text as "new" language and red stricken text as what will be removed.

(EXHIBIT B) Proposed Amendment Guide: This document contains additional information about the (7) seven areas of proposed Constitutional amendments with an explanation of each proposed change. PLEASE KEEP THIS GUIDE AS REFERENCE WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR BALLOT PACKETS FROM THE BIA.

Determination of the Vote: This number is determined by "Registered Voters" with the BIA. There must be a minimum of thirty percent (30%) participation of those who registered. Then, at least two thirds (2/3) must vote in favor, for any amendment to pass and be adopted.

Example: 200 register, 80 ballots are received (40%); at least 54 of the 80 must be in favor.

Next Steps: We will be mailing this information to each enrolled member 18 years or older. Please review this, and all future communications as we move through this historic process together. We will continue to provide information as the Secretarial Election Board establishes Election procedures.

If you have any questions or need assistance in understanding this process, please contact Lorin Krossman, Election Clerk, for more information at [enrollment@ctclusi.org](mailto:enrollment@ctclusi.org) or 541-888-9577.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this historic event of the Tribe.

### NOTICE

#### Secretarial Election

#### For Constitutional Amendments

#### April 26, 2026 – Secretarial Election Day

**A Secretarial Election facilitated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Secretarial Election Board to amend the Constitution of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.**

**Public Meeting Date for questions during "Good of the Tribe" on:**

**March 8, 2026, Regular Council Meeting  
Community Center -338 Wallace Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon**

**Zoom option will be provided.**

Please reach out to  
Lorin Krossman [lkrossman@ctclusi.org](mailto:lkrossman@ctclusi.org)  
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Meagan Davenport [mdavenport@ctclusi.org](mailto:mdavenport@ctclusi.org)  
for more information.

## NOTICE

### Tribal Council Candidate Forums

Meet the Tribal Council candidates, for a question-and-answer session.  
Candidates are not required to participate.

**Saturday, March 21, 2026**

**Doors open 12:00p.m. (Light Lunch)**

**Event begins at 12:30 p.m.**

**Community Center -338 Wallace Ave, Coos Bay, Oregon**

**Zoom option will be provided.**

Please reach out to Lorin Krossman [lkrossman@ctclusi.org](mailto:lkrossman@ctclusi.org)

Jeannie Miller [jmiller@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmiller@ctclusi.org) or

Meagan Davenport [mdavenport@ctclusi.org](mailto:mdavenport@ctclusi.org) for more information.

**Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians**

### Election Candidate Forum Agenda

**Saturday, March 21, 2026, via Zoom and in Person**

**Community Center 338 Wallace Ave Coos Bay, OR**

**Doors Open at 12:00p.m. (Lunch provided)**

**Event 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Introduction (Election Board, Moderator & Staff)

#### OPEN GUIDELINES

- Candidates are not required to participate in this event.
- **Each candidate will be allowed up to three (3) minutes for an "Opening Statement".**
  - Time keeping will be announced by an Election Board Member with the time on the zoom link. You may be interrupted if your time runs out.
- After the opening statements from all the candidates, then questions may be asked in a rotation of order of those in person, via zoom and any questions submitted previously.
- **Every Candidate shall have an opportunity to provide a response to every question.**

#### QUESTION GUIDELINES

*"This forum is held in the spirit of responsibility to our people, our governance, and future generations. We ask everyone present to come with a good heart, to speak truthfully and respectfully, and to remember that how we speak to one another matters. This is a space for accountability, not hostility; for dialogue, not division."*

- These forums are for Tribal Members only to ask questions of the Candidates participating. **This is not a debate forum.**
- Any candidate can 'PASS' and choose not to answer any question.
- **Candidates are not allowed to direct any questions or make statements to or about another candidate.**
- Candidates will respond to questions in a rotation to offer fairness. Numbers will be drawn prior to event to establish the first order. You will be called on by the Moderator.
- Membership in person and via zoom will be asked to raise their hand so they may be added to list to be called on in order they are seen.
- **Each candidate will be given two (2) minutes to speak to each question.**
  - Time keeping will be announced by an Election Board Member with the time on the zoom link. You may be interrupted if your time runs out.
- All questions will be in the form of a "question". There will be no general "statements" aloud from participants. **If needed, you may provide a brief context prior to any question.**
- All questions must be appropriate and respectful.
- Any participant may be asked to be excused if these guidelines are not followed.
- **Please prioritize your questions, if time allows you will be able to ask more than one.**

#### CLOSING GUIDLINES

- **Each candidate will be allowed up to three (3) minutes for closing statements.**
  - Time keeping will be announced by an Election Board Member with the time on the zoom link. You may be interrupted if your time runs out.
- Paper and pencils will be provided upon request.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

The following proposed Code establishment draft was passed for First Reading by Tribal Council on January 11, 2026

#### **TITLE: 2 RULES OF PROCEEDURES**

#### **Chapter 2-14 Peacegiving Court**

The Tribal Council has approved recommendations submitted by the Court, who worked through Peacegivers who have approved suggested amendments to several sections of the Code These include; to better define areas of definition, roles and responsibilities and access to the Court process; to include 'restoration in values as well as formatting and clerical changes.

Tribal Council hereby approved the amendments to this Code for First Reading and posting for a twenty-eight (28) day period.

#### **DATE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE PROPOSED CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

April 12, 2026

Please visit [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) for complete draft to all Codes above.

*The notice of the proposed amendment/creation of Code/Ordinance shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and the text will be posted for public comment for twenty-eight (28) days in the Administration Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and at Three Rivers Casino (Office of the Gaming Commission). Written comments should be sent to the Tribal Council in care of Jeannie Miller, CTCLUSI, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420 or email: [jmiller@ctclusi.org](mailto:jmiller@ctclusi.org).*

## hanisiich Naming Ceremony and First Canoe Pull of 2026

Contributed by Isaac Dull, Tribal Youth Engagement Coordinator

hanisiich – the Hollering Place – hanisiich, hanisiich, hanisiich

### hanisiich Naming Ceremony March 7th at 11:00am

Come join us in returning our Empire property back to its hanis name through Ceremony.

Every one of our coastal nations seems to have a main village site that is really known around the area as the place to go to trade goods. The trade hub for that nation. Hanisiich was this for the hanis coos people. While today many people know this place as the hollering place, this was actually on the other side of the bay. This was the narrowest part of the bay where people would come in order to holler to the people of hanisiich to come pick them up. They would then trade their goods with the wealthy people of hanisiich. Now that our Tribe owns land in this area the Language Committee put forth bringing the name of hanisiich back to this place. This was approved by Tribal Council and our Chief, Doug Barrett will be leading the Naming Ceremony. Finally on March 7th 2026 we will return the hanis name of hanisiich to this place.

**RSVP to Jesse Beers at 541 297-0748 as transportation will be available from Tribal Hall.**

## Beginner Friendly!



## hanisiich

### First canoe pull of the year!

March 7th

@ Hanisiich, Empire, OR

9:30 am meet at Tribal Hall

10 am canoeing at Hanisiich

11 am Hanisiich Naming Ceremony (see article)

continue canoeing after

RSVP BY 3/2/26

We will be meeting at Tribal Hall (338 Wallace St, Coos Bay, OR 97420) where we will be making a sack lunch to take with us.

\*Please bring a water bottle!\*

OPEN TO TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Contact Jesse Beers @ 541-297-0748

## 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 here.

It could be any size and on any page, but will look exactly like the one shown here.

If you find it, email [mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto: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 February 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

February Dragonfly Raffle Winners:

Adult -  
Kimberly Romine

Youth - Zoya Wilson

The dragonfly was hidden on page 11, in the bottom left Spring Equinox flyer



## 2026 Cedar Cape Workshop Series \*dates updated\*

Hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians  
Join us in community to learn the traditional art of creating cedar bark capes – from identifying and gathering cedar to making cordage and constructing finished capes for all genders.

**17 Workshop Series Dates Time & Focus: 10 am - 4 pm**

January 17th 2026 – LCC Longhouse  
Focus: Cultural teachings, Cape assembling

May – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Focus: cultural teachings, gathering cedar  
(location TBD, date subject to change depending on cedar readiness)

June 20th, 2026 – Coos Bay, Tribal Hall Cedar Bark Cape Workshop  
(During Summer Solstice)  
Focus: Cultural teachings, Gathering Cedar & processing, making capes

Registration & Contact:

Please RSVP by scanning the code and filling out the attached form



Locations:  
Florence Canoe House  
Coos Bay Tribal Hall  
Eugene Outreach



Questions?

Contact: Alycia Cossey  
[acossey@ctclusi.org](mailto:acossey@ctclusi.org) or 541-294-1237  
for any questions or assistance with filling out the form

# NEW COMMITTEE – REQUIRED POSTING

## Chapter 7-13 Visions Committee

Tribal Council has determined that advertising was not done adequately for this new Committee as required and requested.

This Committee has been discussed at several open meetings and passed by Resolution to be adopted; no official members have been appointed at this time.

Where there has been interest from several members to be fair and consistent to all membership; once the required posting period is closed (30 days); all who have submitted letters of interest will be considered. Council will also conduct brief interviews for these individuals as this new Committee will be vital to the Council and the Tribe.

Below are both the “Purpose” and the “Membership” as defined in the Code. **Chapter 7-13 Visions Committee**

7-13-1 This Chapter establishes the Visions Committee (“Committee”) of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (“Tribe”) as a standing committee under the Planning Department. The Committee serves in a strictly advisory capacity to the Tribal Council, gathering and prioritizing the needs and desires of the General Council both within and outside the Service Area to inform future strategic planning.

### 7-13-5 Membership

- (a) The Committee shall consist of five (5) enrolled Tribal citizens as voting members.
- (b) A non-voting staff member, assigned by the Planning Director, shall provide clerical and logistical support.
- (c) Appointments should, where feasible, reflect diverse representation, including:
  - a. One Youth Council representative over the age of eighteen, if the Youth Council is established and a representative is available.
  - b. One Elder representative.
  - c. At least two members residing outside the Tribe’s Five-County Service Area;
  - d. More than one member with Indigenous Knowledge or cultural knowledge (e.g., Indigenous stewardship; traditional forestry, fishing, or hunting; ceremony; traditional technologies; language/history; basketry; traditional gaming; storytelling); and
  - e. More than one member with relevant education, knowledge, and/or skills in finance, business administration, and/or planning.

Please submit Letters of Interest Form located on the Tribes website or contact Lorin Krossman [lkrossman@ctclusi.org](mailto:lkrossman@ctclusi.org) or 541-888-9577

**Glass Float Hunt & Narcan Training**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**  
**11:30AM- 3:30PM**  
**Florence, OR**

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

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

**Lunch Provided**  
**Narcan Training**  
**Glass Float Hunt**  
**Beach Clean Up**

**Drug, Alcohol, & Commercial Tobacco Free Event**

*Cultural Event Interest Questionnaire - For CTCLUSI Tribal Members & Families*

The Department of Culture and Natural Resources (DCNR) Culture Sector would like to hear about current community interests to make sure our programs and offerings are aligned with what our tribal community is wanting and needing at this time.

Please take a minute to fill out this form individually or as a family.

k’ele naluwehe, luuwii niluwechise, hiisəch hai (with a good heart)

Scan the QR Code below or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QDZPKPS> to fill out the survey today!

# Education Department

Seeking

## Multiple Artisans to Honor Our Graduates



Non-specific example of a decorated graduation cap



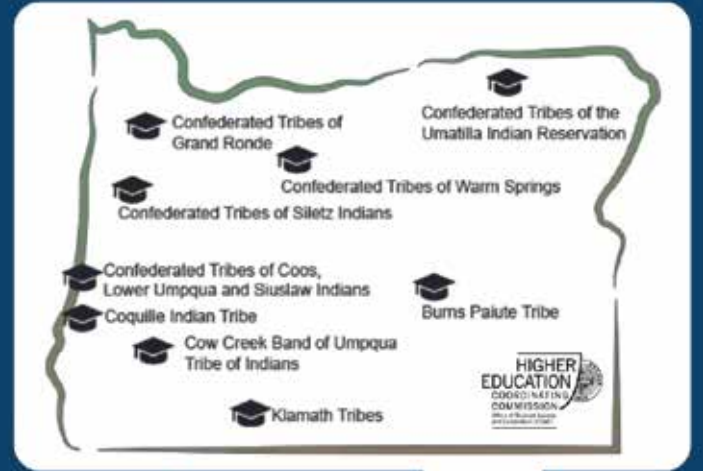
Example of cedar graduation cap

The Education Department is seeking Tribal artisans to customize graduation caps and to create a limited number of cedar graduation caps.

**Interested? Questions?**  
**Call Daylen Cossey @ 541-294-7732**  
 or  
**Email: [dcossey@ctclusi.org](mailto:dcossey@ctclusi.org)**

# Oregon Tribal Student Grant

Making college affordable for Oregon Tribal Students  
 Apply today



Learn more and apply at:



**2026-2027**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Applications OPEN:**  
 Tuesday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 12:01 AM PST

**Applications CLOSE:**  
 Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 @ 11:59PM PST

OSU Extension Service | New Beginnings for Tribal Students

### New Beginnings for Tribal Students (NBTS) Collaborative Gatherings

CTCLUSI members, families, and community partners are warmly invited to join us for an evening of connection, conversation, and shared learning.

NBTS program leaders will share updates about the program, listen to community experiences with education, and gather input to help guide our work supporting Tribal and Indigenous youth and students.

All ages are welcome

**What to expect:**

- Dinner and refreshments
- Games and prizes
- Community conversation and storytelling
- Space for our youth, families, and Elders
- Have fun, reflect, and build community

**Dates & Location:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Coos Bay, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Tribal Hall 338 Wallace St., Coos Bay, 97420
- April 10<sup>th</sup> in Eugene, 6-8 pm at the Lane Community College Longhouse Longhouse BLD 31 4000 East 30th Avenue Eugene, 97405

**Childcare available upon request**

**Connect with US:**

Erika Carrillo-Program Coordinator  
[erika.carrillo@oregonstate.edu](mailto:erika.carrillo@oregonstate.edu)

Jesse Beers-CTCLUSI Cultural Stewardship Manager  
[jbeers@ctclusi.org](mailto:jbeers@ctclusi.org)

Jemiah Wassman- CTCLUSI Director of Education  
[jwassman@ctclusi.org](mailto:jwassman@ctclusi.org)

**RSVP here: scan the QR Code, or visit [beav.es/qXs](http://beav.es/qXs)**



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Apply for CTCLUSI Tribal Scholarships Today by scanning the QR Code at right or going online to [www.ctclusi.org/education/](http://www.ctclusi.org/education/)



**Teacher Leaders for Native Futures NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP**

**Lead with Culture. Teach with Purpose.**

12-Month National Fellowship for Native-Serving K-12 Educators

A year-long professional learning experience that supports educators in deepening leadership, building community, and designing meaningful impact projects for Native students.

**Application Deadline April 6, 2026**

**More Information [niea.org/TLNF-Fellowship](http://niea.org/TLNF-Fellowship)**

# Tribal Youth Elayna McGuire Catches First Steelhead!



The fishing trip [we took in February] was excellent. Don Myers is awesome, kind, and he treated all the wild fish we released with respect.

Elayna caught her first steelhead ever and her second. She was stoked. Elayna and I would like to thank everyone involved in giving her this opportunity to go fishing.

Thanks again, Christopher McGuire



## Brook Kristovich Memorial Scholarship Now Accepting Applications:

**All Applications Due March 31, 2026**

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted via email to [info@nwiha.org](mailto:info@nwiha.org) by **5:00 PM PST, March 31, 2026**. Applicants should follow all instructions carefully and avoid waiting until the last minute to apply.

All applicants will be notified of the Executive Committee's decisions. Recipients will be honored at the NWIHA Spring Conference Banquet on **Tuesday evening, April 7, 2026**.

All details on application requirements are contained in the application form. For questions, contact [info@nwiha.org](mailto:info@nwiha.org) or call **(360) 2807707** before the submission deadline."

For more information and to fill out the application online visit:

<https://nwiha.org/brook-kristovich-memorial-scholarship/>



## Spring Forward into Spring Cleaning

Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant

Daylight saving time is just around the corner (March 08, 2026 to be exact) and the days are slowly getting longer. While we spring forward our time, why don't we spring forward with spring cleaning?

With longer days and more sun, it is a good time to start airing out the home from the winter months. And when we say airing out, we literally mean opening those windows and doors and letting your home air out. This allows air to circulate, helping to remove stale air, pollutants, allergens, odors, and excess moisture while simultaneously boosting oxygen levels that help improve mood and focus.

Take time to look around the home and gather the items you don't use anymore, deciding what can be tossed and what can be donated. Donating to local charitable organizations or non-profits is an awesome way to give those gently used items a second life while also benefiting non-profit agencies and reducing landfill waste.

What about those overlooked places in your home such as windows and their tracks, tops of cabinets, your mattress, underneath furniture, walls, appliances and behind them? These are places that are easily overlooked; however, they are great at collecting the 3Ds (dust, dirt, and debris).

Cleaning your mattress is as easy as sprinkling on a generous layer of baking soda on your stripped bed, letting it sit for 30 minutes-1 hour and then vacuuming it up. This method is helpful in absorbing moisture and odors and should be done every 3-6 months.

The walls? Who cleans their walls? Walls surprisingly collect a lot of dust, allergens, pet dander, and sometimes cooking grease. Cleaning the walls not only improves indoor air quality, but also helps in preventing mold/mildew growth and aids in extending the life of the paint. Dusting the walls with microfiber or lint-free cloths should be done before cleaning the walls with a damp cloth. Walls should be wiped down with plain water, but if that is not doing the trick, you can use a mixture of mild dish soap and water.

While you're airing out your home, don't forget about the windows and their tracks. These are easily forgotten and really good at accumulating dust and dirt. Start by using an old brush to loosen up the 3Ds in the window tracks, then use your vacuum attachment to suck it all up. You can make a DIY cleaning solution of equal parts water and vinegar with a drop of dish soap in spray bottle. Spray, scrub, wipe clean, rinse, and dry.

Some of us may use a stove to cook on everyday, but when was the last time you cleaned the sides of the stove, the interior, the warming drawer, or better yet under the face plate? There are name brand cleaners that are great for heavy duty grease, but you can also use baking soda and vinegar in a two-step process. First sprinkle baking soda to help break down the stain, then use vinegar to fizzle it out. This helps lift the residue making it easy to wipe away.

It can seem overwhelming if you were to write a list out, but if you break it down by task and do one task a day or every couple days over the period of a few weeks, you would be amazed at the sense of accomplishment you'd feel, and how clean it feels in your home.

For more information or helpful hints/tricks/tips a great place to start is [goodhousekeeping.com](http://goodhousekeeping.com)



## CTCLUSI HOME REPAIR

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

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

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



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WHAT ABOUT A  
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CTCLUSI HOUSING  
DEPT.

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

Monday-Friday

8am-5pm

# Tribal Citizen Achievement: Liesl Schmidt for Miss Congeniality!

Liesl Schmidt ran for Miss Gray's Harbor Teen January 24 with the platform of empowering growth and leadership and girl's confidence through Girl Scouts. Because of her positivity, support and encouragement, she was voted Miss Congeniality by all her fellow contestants. She also received the highest academic award for holding the highest GPA for all the participants with all her honors classes including college classes as a 15-year-old sophomore.



## Spring Language Classes 2026

CTCLUSI Tribal Families and Households are invited to join us for Spring Language Classes. March 31st through June 2nd  
Last class for all languages Tuesday, June 2nd



QRC for Language Class Sign Up

Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **miluk**  
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **hanis**  
Fridays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **wa'as**

- ✓ High Schoolers: Earn your Seal of Biliteracy
- ✓ College Students: Complete your Language Requirement
- ✓ Classes are fun, engaging, and open to Tribal member household!

Contact: [language@ctclusi.org](mailto:language@ctclusi.org) (541) 888-1303 -the Language Team

## Join a Tribal Committee

### Chapter 7-5 GENERAL COMMITTEE

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

Tribal Committee appointments are made by Tribal Council and are for a four (4) year term. Tribal Code allows for you to be on no more than three (3) committees at a time and you may only server two (2) terms, unless special consideration is necessary. You must complete a Letter of Interest Form to be considered by the Tribal Council.

Below is a list of Tribal Committees:

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

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

LANGUAGE CLASSES

# SPRING LITTLE'S PROGRAM

dai chil sla, shin dai sla, niishachii chmanii.

**WHERE: VIRTUAL ON ZOOM**  
**ALL 3 LANGUAGES:**  
miluk, hanis,  
sha'yuusht'a ut quuiich

**WHEN: SATURDAY 9:00 - 10:00AM**

**FOR AGES:**  
**0-5**

CTCLUSI Tribal Families and Households are invited to join us as we continue our Littles Language Program this spring.

This program will be geared towards 0-5 year olds with parental support on zoom.

If you are interested in **joining class** or would like **more details** please see the contact information below.

If you are unable to make class times we have **material** and **support** available and would love to connect.

**REGISTER:**

**SCAN THE QRC TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES OR GO TO:**

[HTTPS://LASERFICHE.CTCLUSI.ORG/FORMS/LANGUAGE-CLASS-SIGN-UP](https://LASERFICHE.CTCLUSI.ORG/FORMS/LANGUAGE-CLASS-SIGN-UP)

**DATES:**

April 4  
April 11  
April 18  
April 25  
May 2  
May 9  
May 16  
May 23  
May 30

**CONTACT: [language@ctclusi.org](mailto:language@ctclusi.org) (541) 888-1303 - the Language Team**

# Reminder: Register Your Kids for Camp hoooolii!

Registration closes March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Camp hoooolii is back for Spring Break!  
March 23–27, 2026 at Camp Cleawox.

Open to Tribal youth, youth in Tribal households, and children of CTCLUSI staff ages 8–18, Camp hoooolii is a fun and meaningful week of learning, connection, culture, and outdoor adventure.

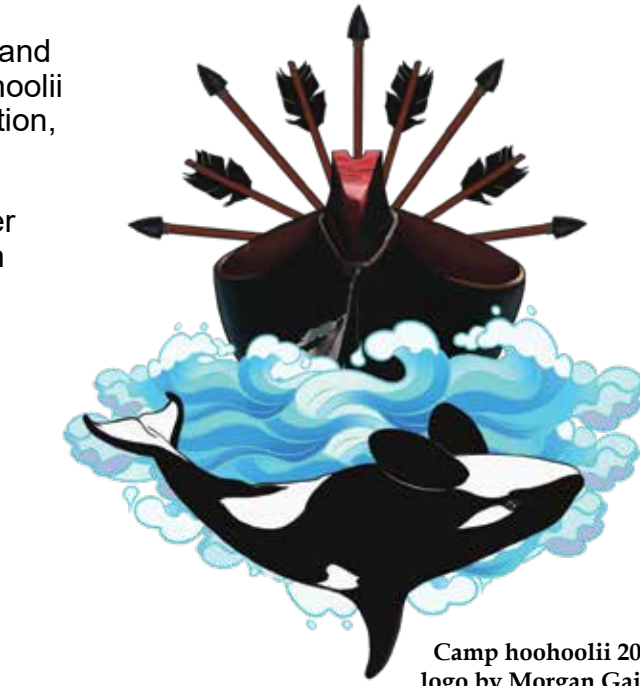
hoooolii means reflections on water—a reminder of how our youth continue to grow and strengthen our Tribal community. Each spring, camp gives them space to learn, build friendships, and celebrate our culture.

Don't miss out—register before March 13th to reserve your child's spot!

Scan the QR Code to Register today or visit:  
<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Spring-Break-Camp-2026>



Questions? About camp programming:  
Email Angela Henry at [ahenry@ctclusi.org](mailto:ahenry@ctclusi.org)



Camp hoooolii 2026 logo by Morgan Gaines



Photos of campers doing fun and cultural activities during Camp hoooolii 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

CULTURAL-DCNR  
Winter 2025 - Summer 2026

**March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
hanisiich renaming ceremony  
First canoe pull of 2026

**April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>**  
invasives removal + planting dahai, daha, chiiyuusan

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
medicines, basketry, and Cedar gathering (location TBD)

**June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Maple Bark Gathering/processing

**June 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**  
During Summer Solstice, Cedar Bark Cape Workshop

**July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
tkimiya naming ceremony

**More to Come...**  
Look for more events and event information in the coming months newsletter.

**OR**  
email [Alycia Cossey-  
acossey@ctclusi.org](mailto:Alycia.Cossey@ctclusi.org)  
if you would like to sign up to have direct communication about upcoming cultural events.

Please Note: **Dates** and **locations** are subject to **change** as we work with community schedules, weather, and the natural seasons. These gatherings are **guided** by **availability** of materials, teachers, and the **flow of community life** — thank you for your **understanding** and willingness to **adapt** as we move together in a good way.

### 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](http://www.ctclusi.org/events) to view the online event calendar

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## Saying Goodbye to Dr. Vitt - You Will be Missed

Dr. Paul Vitt's last day at Three Rivers Health Center (TRHC) was Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Dr. Vitt had been with the TRHC since it's opening in June 2024. We would like to say hiisa (thank you) for your dedication and service! Good luck in your next adventure!



## Three Rivers Health Center Dental Department: Having Fun!

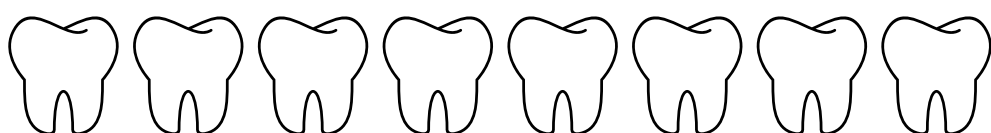


The Dental Clinic is having a little fun. Today is "Space Buns Day?" The Dental Clinic, led by Dr. Mary Williard, DDS, encourages the team to have fun while working. Periodically, throughout the month, the team will choose a theme for an extra fun day. Please come visit our Clinic and don't be surprised if we are dressed up for fun.

**Make an Appointment by calling (541) 888-6433**

**1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420**

**Open Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



## Know the Signs: Diabetes Alert Day!

March  
24th

**Contributed by Elizabeth Escobedo, MS, CHES, Diabetes Educator**  
Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Indian Health Service (IHS), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK), American Diabetes Association (ADA)

Every fourth Tuesday in March is Diabetes Alert Day, this year it is March 24th! This is a day to remind us all to pay attention to our health and recognize the warning signs of diabetes.

**Right now, 38 million people have diabetes. That's 1 in every 10 people. And 1 in 5 people don't know they have it. According to IHS, American Indian and Alaska Native adults are 2.3 times more likely to have diabetes than non-Hispanic whites.**

### Could You Have Diabetes?

Many people have diabetes without knowing it. Watch for these warning signs:

- Needing to urinate (pee) often, even at night
- Feeling very thirsty or hungry, even after eating
- Feeling very tired
- Blurry vision
- Cuts or bruises that take a long time to heal
- Losing weight without trying, even though you are eating more (common in Type 1)
- Tingling, pain, or numbness in the hands/feet (common in Type 2)

If you notice any of these signs, talk to your healthcare provider about getting tested. Finding out early makes it easier to stay healthy and feel good.

### When You're Sick: Tips for Those Already Living with Diabetes

Getting sick with a cold or flu can make blood sugar harder to manage. Here are tips on what to do:

- **Keep Taking Your Medicine**  
Don't stop your diabetes medicine, even if you're not eating much. Your body needs it when you're sick.
- **Check Your Blood Sugar More Often**  
Being sick can make your blood sugar go up or down. Check it more than usual.
- **Drinks Lots of Water**  
Try to drink 4-6 ounces of water, unsweetened tea, or broth every half hour. This makes sure your body has enough fluids.
- **Call Your Healthcare Provider if:**
  - Your temperature is 101°F or higher for a whole day.
  - You can't keep food or drinks down.
  - You're throwing up or having diarrhea for more than 6 hours.
  - You're not sure what to do.
- **Be Prepared**

Before you get sick, talk to your healthcare team about your sick day plan. Ask them which medicines are okay to take for colds and if you need to change your diabetes medicine.

### Take Action

This Diabetes Alert Day, take a moment to check in with your health and if you have concerns or questions, reach out to your healthcare team. They're here to support you!

# Elders Corner



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

wish to invite you to the

## 27th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day

To be held March 13 & 14, 2026 at the Three Rivers Casino & Resort - Florence, Oregon

*\$5 Free play*      *CULTURAL Entertainment*      *BINGO Raffles*

For Registration, please contact Doug Morrison @ 541-997-6685.

Please RSVP by February 20, 2026

Lodging Provided at Quality Inn  
2475 Highway 101, Florence, Oregon 97439

Please let us know if you need special accommodations.

For those traveling more than 120 miles one way, you may request a room for Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>, Please inquire when registering.

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

\*\*\*This is a Drug and Alcohol FREE event\*\*\*

# Eugene Elders Luncheon

Thursday, April 9, 2026

11:30am—1:30pm

1010 Postal Way, Springfield, OR 97477



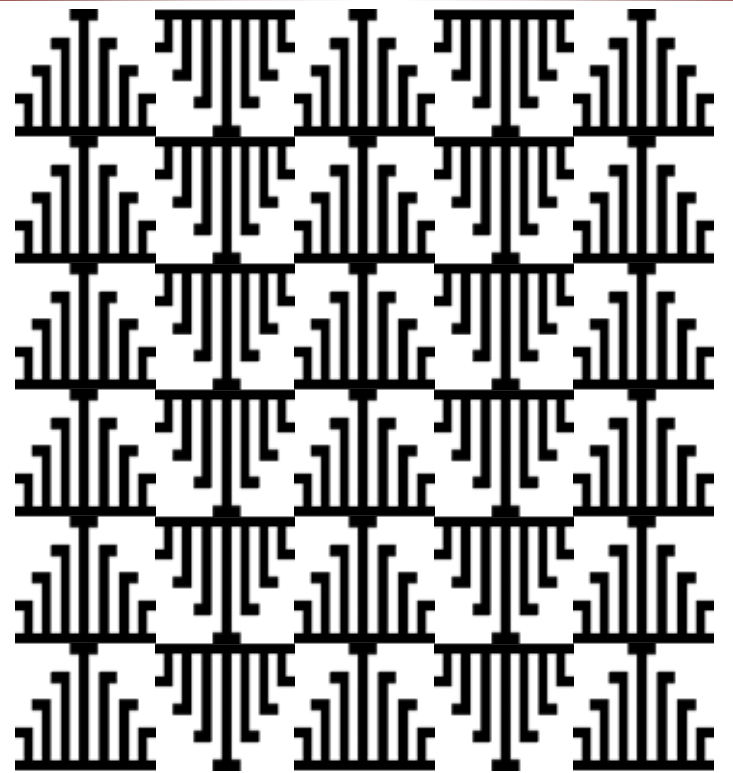
Come join us for delicious food, socializing and a raffle!

Special guest will be our Diabetes Coordinator, Elizabeth Escobedo.



Please RSVP to Kimmy by Tuesday, April 7, 2026 (541) 808-8684

Limited transportation will be provided from the Florence and Coos Bay offices.



## 27th Annual Oregon Tribal Elders Honor Day AGENDA

### Friday, March 13, 2026

- Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
- Lunch starts at 12:00 p.m.
- BINGO
- Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

### Saturday, March 14, 2026

- Breakfast starting at 7:00 a.m.

(Full Agenda To Be Given At Event)

## Supplemental Security Income Program for Elders

On December 18, 2026 Tribal Council approved Resolution 25-217 to Increase the Tribal Elders Pension and Supplemental Security Income beginning on January 1, 2026. Tribal Elders aged 65 and up are eligible for this \$1,000 monthly supplemental security Income.

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

Need assistance filling out your application or have questions about the program?

Contact the Enrollment Department today at 541-435-7178.



# Resolution Summaries

**2026 Resolutions updated 2/2/2026**

(Newsletter/Public)

| Number | Date       | Subject/Title  | Vote  |
|--------|------------|--|-------|
| 26-017 | 01/28/2026 | Dissolution of CTCLUSI Forest Management Planning Advisory Committee | 5-0-2 |
| 26-018 | 01/28/2026 | TRC Landscapes Services Agreement                                    | 5-1-1 |
| 26-019 | 01/28/2026 | TRC Gaming   | 5-1-1 |
| 26-020 | 01/28/2026 | TRC Gaming   | 5-1-1 |
| 26-021 | 01/28/2026 | TRC Gaming   | 5-1-1 |
| 26-022 | 01/28/2026 | VOCA Grant Award   | 6-1-0 |
| 26-023 | 01/28/2026 | JOINT Grant Award  | 7-0-0 |
| 26-024 | 01/28/2026 | Cultural Coalition Committee Appointment                             | 5-1-1 |
| 26-025 | 01/28/2026 | Housing Committee Appointment  | 6-1-0 |
| 26-026 | 01/28/2026 | Education Committee Appointment                                      | 5-0-2 |
| 26-027 | 01/28/2026 | Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance Delegate                               | 5-0-2 |
| 26-028 | 2/08/2026  | Indigenous Language Digital Archive User Agreement                   | 6-0-1 |
| 26-029 | 2/08/2026  | TRHC Agreement   | 6-0-1 |
| 26-030 | 2/08/2026  | Gaming Commission Appointment  | 7-0-0 |
| 26-031 | 2/08/2026  | Enrollment Committee Appointment                                     | 6-0-1 |
| 26-032 | 2/08/2026  | Elders Committee Appointment   | 6-0-1 |
| 26-033 | 2/08/2026  | Employment Agreement   | 7-0-0 |

## STAY UP-TO-DATE ON CURRENT TRIBAL EVENTS:

## UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH ENROLLMENT

General Membership;

In our continued efforts to provide all the General Membership with important news we need to ensure that we have your correct contact information. The Enrollment Department is the central location that all Departments within the Tribal Government obtain contact information to send you important updates and news.

We work closely with our Communications Department to provide this vital information by:

- ▶ Valid Address (both mailing and physical)
- ▶ Phone (both cell phone and land line)
- ▶ Email

The Tribe sends important information about current news, services, benefits, elections or events and activities by USPS in the form of letters, flyers, or postcards to you. It is very important that we also have your current physical address, if different than mailing or if you have a P.O. Box, so packages may be shipped and received.

Another form of communication we provide is by phone. This is either by cell phone and/or land line if you have them. We send important messages via text message and voice calls to announce important events or activities or general information for opportunities for the membership to access various services or benefits.

So you don't miss any upcoming or future important information please reach out to ensure all these areas of communication are current with the Enrollment Department.

Please update your information through the Tribal website at [www.ctclusi.org](http://www.ctclusi.org) under the Government tab, then Tribal Enrollment tab and complete the "Tribal Member Change of Contact Information" form. You may contact the Enrollment Department at [enrollment@ctclusi.org](mailto:enrollment@ctclusi.org) or call Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178.

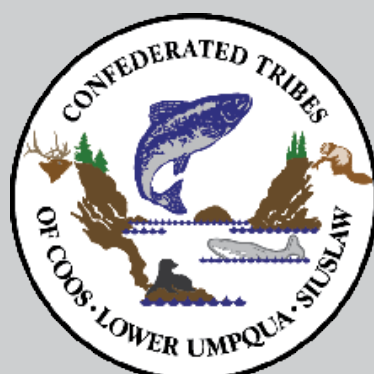
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### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

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

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b><u>Aydon Noah Reeves</u></b>                     | <b><u>Jacqueline Michelle Mullins</u></b> |
| Parent: Ashton Reeves                               | Parent: Jacqueline Fung                   |
| Lineal Descendant: Jane J Jordan                    | Lineal Descendant: Mabel Bennett-Barney   |
| Tribe: Coos   | Tribe: Coos                               |
| <b><u>Maeva Joan De Labio</u></b>                   | <b><u>Kaliyah Louise Markel</u></b>       |
| Parent: Hannah Marie De Labio                       | Parent: Madilynn Rose Krossman            |
| Lineal Descendant: Mary Ellen Tronson Nelson Morris | Lineal Descendant: Tennenpah Jane Talbot  |
| Tribe: Lower Umpqua                                 | Tribe: Coos                               |
| <b><u>Benjamin Leori Bellini</u></b>                | <b><u>Beau Dillon Hunt</u></b>            |
| Parent: Cameron Bellini                             | Parent: Jordan Hunt                       |
| Lineal Descendant: Emil Maxamillian Brainard        | Lineal Descendant: Sarah Thomas Lewis     |
| Tribe: Coos   | Tribe: Coos                               |
| <b><u>Charles William Pankey</u></b>                | <b><u>Silas Hayes McClendon</u></b>       |
| Parent: Alexis Michelle Lawry                       | Parent: Marlee McClendon                  |
| Lineal Descendant: Sarah Thomas Lewis               | Lineal Descendant: Sarah Thomas Lewis     |
| Tribe: Coos   | Tribe: Coos                               |

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



## THE VOICE OF CLUSI

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

I look forward to hearing from you!

**Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist**  
[mgaines@ctclusi.org](mailto:mgaines@ctclusi.org) or 541-888-7536

# Update on Tribal Forestry Program

Contributed by Tyler Slyter, Director of Forest Management

Back in the September newsletter, it was announced that the Tribe had approved its first ever Timber Sales. Those projects were:

- Taqnis Timber Sale: 22 acres of Timber on Lake Tract (including the January 2024 Ice Storm damaged area)
- Heluu Timber Sale: 35 acres of Timber on Tioga Tract
- Hawatsit Timber Sale: 36 acres of Timber on Lake Tract

Current status of the Projects is as follows-

Taqnis: All Timber Harvest work was completed in December 2025. This included removal of the storm damaged trees along with standing timber. The species removed were primarily Douglas-fir and Western Hemlock. The area was replanted in January of this year. Over 7,000 seedlings were planted, comprising of Douglas-fir and Western Redcedar. The success rate and growth of the seedlings will be closely monitored by the Forestry Department. There are a number of slash piles that remain at the site, and they will be burned in Fall of 2026.

Heluu: Roadwork was completed in 2025, which was a combination of restoring previous roads and creating new sections. Timber Harvest started at the beginning of February and will continue through late March or early April. The timber removed will be approx. 85% Douglas-fir and 15% Western Hemlock. Slash Piles will be burned in the Fall and the area will be replanted in late 2026 or early 2027. The Replanting mix will be Douglas-fir and Western Redcedar. There will also be a small plot dedicated to experimenting with Douglas-fir seedlings sourced from different geographical areas and elevations. After the harvest and replanting is complete, this area should provide tremendous deer and elk hunting opportunities for years to come.

Hawatsit: Road work is scheduled to start in April of this year, with Timber harvest occurring shortly thereafter. The Harvesting is expected to be completed by July. The mix of trees being removed is estimated at 70% Douglas-fir and 30% Western Hemlock. Slash burning will occur in the Fall and replanting will take place in late 2026 or early 2027. The Replanting mix will also be Douglas-fir and Western Redcedar.

To date, these 3 projects are the only approved Timber Sales. Work is underway on the final Planning phase of the next round of sales, which will include an emphasis on Commercial Thinning, to address the priority areas of Forest Land that are dense and overpopulated. The next Sales will include areas on Lake Tract and Smith River Tract. Once the Sales are approved, operations are expected to begin in late 2026 and carry over into 2027.

Starting this April, the Forestry Department is planning to facilitate meetings that will be open to the Tribal Community to review topics such as the Forest Management Plan, sustainable forestry practices, and future plans around burning. The sessions will be open to in-person participation or attending via Zoom. More information will be provided in the near future.

Lastly, all Tribal households will be receiving a packet in the mail in February, containing copies of the Tribal Forest Access Policy and the Forest Products Use Policy. If there are any questions on Timber Sales or the Policies, please reach out to the Forestry Team at forestry@ctclusi.org. You may also contact me directly.

Tyler Slyter, tslyter@ctclusi.org or call 541-888-1311



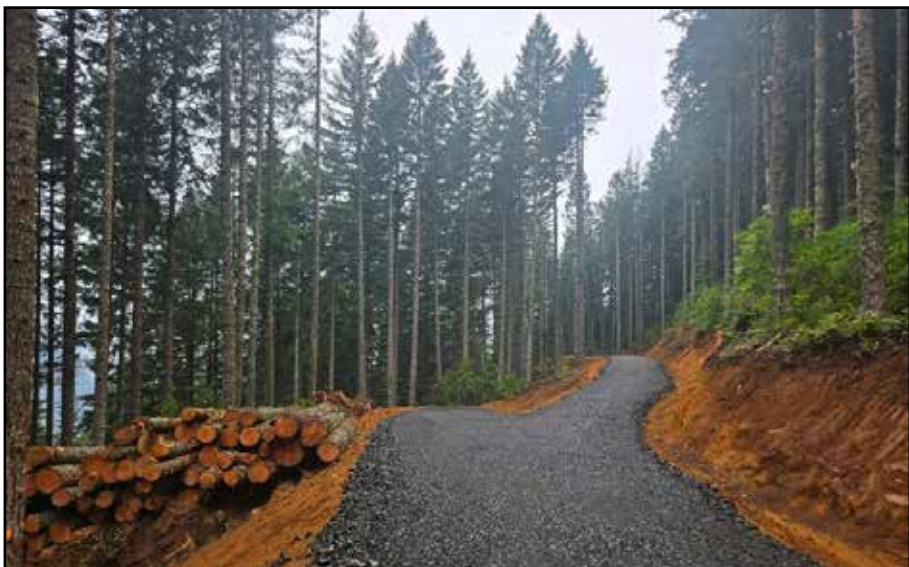
Pictured above two photos: The Taqnis Storm damaged area before and after operations



Pictured at left: Freshly Planted Western Redcedar



Pictured above: Slash piles to be burned in Fall 2026, Upper Taqnis area



Pictured at left: New Road on Tioga Tract for Heluu Project



Pictured above: Location of potential Commercial Thinning Project on Smith River Tract

# Trust and Will Workshop Series

Contributed by Kevin Gillooly, Transitional Housing Specialist

Have you given any thought to how you'd like to prepare a "Will or Trust" for your loved ones or family in the event of your passing? This Spring, in partnership with The Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS) and Cow Creek Band Of Umpqua Tribe Of Indians, CTCLUSI will be offering a free Workshop Series on Trusts and Wills. The workshop will be led by an expert and an attorney. Taking these steps can greatly reduce the stress on your surviving family. This series is for all ages, including those with young families and children. Completing a 'trust or will' can promote peace of mind, carry out the wishes of the deceased, assist in preventing fighting over belongings and help prevent financial burden and stress for your loved ones. Some questions that people consider when creating a trust or will are: Who will have guardianship of your younger children? What happens if you become incapacitated? What happens to your financial savings and real estate? How would you like your body to be cared for? What is probate and do you need an executor? You will have an opportunity to ask questions during the Trust and Will Workshop Series this coming Spring. This event will be a hybrid series offered both by zoom and in-person. To RSVP email [kgillooly@ctclusi.org](mailto:kgillooly@ctclusi.org) or call 541-435-7190. NAPOLS will be attending the 2nd workshop in person, which will be the Wills focused presentation, that they will be leading on March 19, 2026 from 6-7:30pm. NAPOLS also plan to host an in-person legal clinic the following day, March 20, from 9am-Noon at the CTCLUSI Courthouse, focused on legal services that complement the workshop series.

To RSVP email [kgillooly@ctclusi.org](mailto:kgillooly@ctclusi.org)  
or call 541-435-7190

**Free! 'Trust & Will' Workshop Informational Series**

CTCLUSI in partnership with Cow Creek Band Of Umpqua Tribe Of Indians and the Native American Program of Legal Aid Services of Oregon (NAPOLS), present an informational free 'Workshop Series on Creating Trusts & Wills'. The series is for all adult (ages) and will include an expert and an attorney as presenters. A free binder for storing documents will be given to all participants and this event is intended to promote general information.

**3 WEEK WORKSHOP :**

- For All (Adult) Ages in the Tribal Community
- Collaborative Event
- Trust & Will Attorney and Expert as Presenters
- Hybrid (Zoom) and In Person
- Connect with Attorneys and learn more

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION :**

- RSVP: 541-435-7190 (leave message) or email: [kgillooly@ctclusi.org](mailto:kgillooly@ctclusi.org)
- March 12, 19, & 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6p - 7:30p
- Eugene Outreach Office | Coos Bay Tribal Community Center | Online Event

**Wills & Trusts**

WILL TRUST

**HEY!**

**ATTENTION!**

We Want to Hear From You!

We are looking at overhauling our website ([ctclusi.org](http://ctclusi.org)) and would love your feedback on how we can improve the website user experience. What changes or features would you like to see?

Any recommendations or requests that you would like to share, please email [news@ctclusi.org](mailto:news@ctclusi.org) or call 541-435-7175

## NAPOLS Estate Planning Legal Clinic

Friday March, 20, 2026  
9 a.m. to Noon

CTCLUSI Tribal Court

1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR

If you qualify for services, we can help with:

- Will drafting
- Power of Attorney
- Advanced Medical Directive
- Education on Trusts

Individual 20 minute time slots are available. To make an appointment call 503-223-9483 or email [rayven.settler@lasoregon.org](mailto:rayven.settler@lasoregon.org)

Walk-ins are also welcome but there may be a wait.

Legal Aid Services of Oregon

Legal assistance provided by:



Legal Aid Services of Oregon is a non-profit law firm that offers **free** civil legal services to low-income people.

# UPCOMING SOCIAL SERVICES EVENTS

## 2026

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>MARCH 12</b> | <b>Will &amp; Trust Workshop</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM<br>Eugene Outreach Office   Coos Bay Tribal Community Center   Online |
| <b>MARCH 19</b> | <b>Will &amp; Trust Workshop</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM<br>Eugene Outreach Office   Coos Bay Tribal Community Center   Online |
| <b>MARCH 26</b> | <b>Will &amp; Trust Workshop</b><br>6:00 PM - 7:30 PM<br>Eugene Outreach Office   Coos Bay Tribal Community Center   Online |
| <b>MAY 9</b>    | <b>MMIP Awareness Event</b><br>Save The Date<br>Coos Bay Boardwalk  |

For more details and updates about these events, please visit the tribes website or contact Social Services. **For Trust & Will Series, please RSVP with a call to 541-435-7190 or email [kgillooly@ctclusi.org](mailto:kgillooly@ctclusi.org).**

## If You Need to Talk, the 988 Lifeline is Here



At the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we understand that life's challenges can sometimes be difficult. Whether you're facing mental health struggles, emotional distress, alcohol or drug use concerns, or just need someone to talk to, our caring counselors are here for you.

***You are not alone.***

The 988 Lifeline is for everyone. Through the 988 Lifeline, you have access to free, quality, one-on-one assistance. Skilled, judgment-free counselors provide compassionate support. You deserve to feel heard and cared about anytime, anywhere, 24/7/365.

Learn more online at <https://988lifeline.org/>

Dial or Text 988



## Social Services Tips for Celebrating Safely

Contributed by CTCLUSI Social Services Department

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we want to talk about being safe when going out to celebrate. Many people go out with friends to go drinking, and we want to give you tips on how to stay safe while having fun. Many of us have heard warnings about being careful with our drinks in case someone tries to put drugs in them, and while it may not be common, it does happen. Roofies, drugs that are commonly slipped into drinks, are virtually undetectable to the naked eye, and often have no taste.

In order to stay safe and avoid finding yourself in this situation, please consider the following tips.

- Always keep your drink close. Don't let your drink out of your sight. If you ever turn to talk to someone, keep the drink in your hand or cover the drink as you turn so that no one has the opportunity to put drugs in it while you aren't looking.
- Never except a drink that isn't sealed from someone else. You can accept a bottle of water that hasn't been opened, but we don't recommend accepting an open glass from anyone, even a friend. It's always better to be safe than sorry.
- Always plan how you will get to and from wherever you are out drinking. Don't accept a ride from a stranger. If you have a sober person that you can tell where you're going and how you'll get there, please consider sharing your location or letting them know what is happening throughout the night.
- Know your limits. Be aware of how much alcohol you can handle and try not to drink more than that. Staying aware of your surroundings is crucial to staying safe. Eating while you are drinking can help to manage the affects of alcohol to an extent, but being conscious of how much your drinking is the only clear way to stay aware of your surroundings.
- If at any point you feel dizzy, nauseous, or feel like you are about to pass out, please notify a staff member or a trusted person, and consider calling a trusted person. These are all signs of possibly being roofied. If you find that you have memory loss after experiencing these symptoms, this is a common symptom after being drugged.

If you would like to look at possibly purchasing items to help ensure your safety, there are many tools out there that could help. Items such as drink cover scrunchies, sipping lids to go on cups, and drink spiking test strips can be used to help keep yourself safe while still having fun. Please check reviews of test strips if you purchase them to ensure that they do work as some strips do not work to detect these drugs.

If you or a loved one experience this and need to speak with an advocate, please reach out to the Circles of Healing team. We are here to help.

*To reach a confidential Advocate, call 541-294-8624*

## Be Prepared for Power Outages

As the weather continues to change, it's important to know what to do when losing power. If you rely on power to run medical equipment, it is especially important to know this information. For everyone in the Coos County area, K-LIGHT radio, channel 98.7 FM, is the primary emergency broadcast station and would be a good source of information during this time. For Elders, there is a special line for you to call called the Coos Elderly Care line. To reach this line, please dial 541-751-7470.

Please ensure that you contact your specific power company in the event of losing power. The graphic below has each contact number listed out for you.

### IF YOUR POWER GOES OUT ...

CALL 911 ONLY IN EVENT OF BODILY HARM OR PROPERTY DAMAGE

**COOS ELDERLY CARE: 751-7670**

**PACIFIC POWER: 1-877-548-3768**

**COOS CURRY ELECTRIC: 396-3118**

**CENTRAL LINCOLN PUD: 756-2869 or 541-271-2181**

**CITY OF BANDON POWER: 347-2437**

**LISTEN TO K-LIGHT RADIO 98.7 FM, THE PRIMARY COOS COUNTY EMERGENCY BROADCAST STATION**



**CTCLUSI Human Resources**  
[recruitment@ctclusihr.org](mailto:recruitment@ctclusihr.org)



## COOS BAY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Department                  | Job Title                          | Status | Age | Starting Wage         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| Natural Resources & Culture | Environmental Programs Specialist* | FT     | 25+ | \$35.65/hr - DOE      |
| Health Services             | Family Medicine Physician          | FT     | 21+ | \$270,000/yr - DOE    |
| Health Services             | Clinical Pharmacist                | FT     | 18+ | \$127,874/yr - DOE    |
| Health Services             | Nurse Practitioner*                | FT     | 26+ | \$124,656/yr - DOE    |
| Health Services             | Medical Records Clerk              | FT     | 18+ | \$21.00/hr - DOE      |
| Finance                     | Accounting Specialist I. *         | FT     | 25+ | \$24.32/hr - DOE      |
| Finance                     | Procurement Specialist II.*        | FT     | 25+ | \$26.59/hr - DOE      |
| Special Events              | Depends on Assignment              | OC     | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Tribal Archaeologist**             | FT**   | 25+ | \$68,000/yr - DOE     |

## FLORENCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

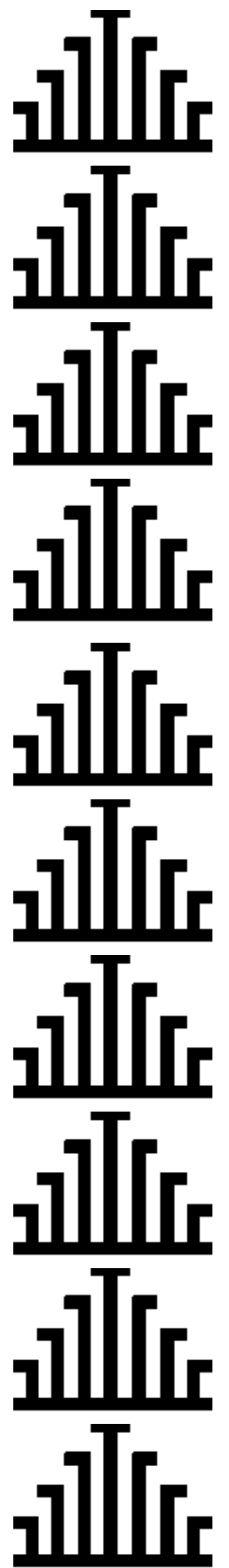
| Department                  | Job Title              | Status | Age | Starting Wage         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| Gaming Commission           | Gaming Inspector*      | FT     | 25+ | \$20.52/hr. - DOE     |
| Surveillance                | Surveillance Agent I.  | FT     | 21+ | \$20.50/hr - DOE      |
| Special Events              | Depends on Assignment  | OC     | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Tribal Archaeologist** | FT**   | 25+ | \$68,000/yr - DOE     |

## EUGENE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Department                  | Job Title              | Status | Age | Starting Wage         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| Health Services             | Public Health Nurse*   | FT     | 25+ | \$83,200/yr - DOE     |
| Special Events              | Depends on Assignment  | OC     | 14+ | Depends on Assignment |
| Natural Resources & Culture | Tribal Archaeologist** | FT**   | 25+ | \$68,000/yr - DOE     |

\*Position requires a valid driver's license and ability to be insurable by CTCLUSI's insurance agency.  
 \*\* This posting represents one full-time position offered across multiple locations; applicants may select their desired location.

Please visit Job Opportunities on the Tribes website for full job descriptions and benefits available.  
 You may also apply for any position online. <https://ctclusi.org/human-resources-job-opportunities/>  
*Tribal Members please log in to your Citizen Portal to access additional CTCLUSI Tribal Member Job Opportunities as they become available.*  
 Updated: 02/12/2026



# PEACEGIVING

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

All Peacegiving issues are confidential.



Photo by Jesse Beers

For more information about Peacegiving, please visit the Peacegiving Website or contact the Peacegiving Coordinator at the address listed below.

Peacegiving Coordinator  
 1245 Fulton Avenue  
 Coos Bay, OR 97420  
 PHONE: (541) 888-1306 or (541) 888-1316  
 EMAIL: [Peacegiving@ctclusi.org](mailto:Peacegiving@ctclusi.org) Website: <http://ctclusi.org/peacegiving>

# 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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

## MARCH 2026

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                               | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|--------|-----------------------|--|--|---|---|
| 1  | 2      | 3<br>miluk class 4pm  | 4<br>hanis class 4pm                   | 5                                      | 6<br>wa'as class 4pm  | 7<br>hanisiich Naming Ceremony and 1st Canoe Pull of 2026 |
| 8<br>Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am  | 9      | 10                    | 11                                     | 12<br>Trust & Will Workshop 6 - 7:30pm | 13<br>Deadline to File Statement of Candidacy Elders Honor Day Florence, OR | 14<br>Elders Honor Day Florence, OR                       |
| 15<br>Deadline for Tribal Council candidate to run Position Statement in March paper | 16     | 17                    | 18                                     | 19<br>Trust & Will Workshop 6 - 7:30pm | 20<br>NAPOLS Estate Planning Legal Clinic 9am - Noon Coos Bay Tribal Court  | 21<br>Candidate Forum 1pm-3pm Coos Bay/Online             |
| 22   | 23     | 24                    | 25<br>Business Council Meeting 6:00 pm | 26<br>Trust & Will Workshop 6 - 7:30pm | 27  | 28  |
| Camp hoooolii (Spring Break Camp)  |        |                       |  |  |   |   |
| 29   | 30     | 31<br>miluk class 4pm | 1                                      | 2                                      | 3   | 4   |

## APRIL 2026

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY | TUESDAY               | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                                     | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|--------|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 29  | 30     | 31<br>miluk class 4pm | 1<br>hanis class 4pm                                      | 2  | 3<br>wa'as class 4pm<br>NBTS Gathering Tribal Hall, Coos Bay 5:30pm-7:30pm | 4<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am   |
| 5   | 6      | 7<br>miluk class 4pm  | 8<br>hanis class 4pm                                      | 9<br>Elders Luncheon Springfield, 11:30 a.m. | 10<br>wa'as class 4pm<br>NBTS Gathering LCC Longhouse, Eugene 6pm-8pm      | 11<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am  |
| 12<br>Tribal Council Election Day<br>Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am | 13     | 14<br>miluk class 4pm | 15<br>hanis class 4pm                                     | 16   | 17<br>wa'as class 4pm  | 18<br>Invasives Removal<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am                                       |
| 19<br>Invasives Removal   | 20     | 21<br>miluk class 4pm | 22<br>hanis class 4pm                                     | 23   | 24<br>wa'as class 4pm  | 25<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am  |
| 26<br>Secretarial Election Day  | 27     | 28<br>miluk class 4pm | 29<br>hanis class 4pm<br>Business Council Meeting 6:00 pm | 30   | 1<br>wa'as class 4pm   | 2<br>Glass Float Hunt and Narcan Training Florence 11:30 a.m.<br>Littles Program Language Class 9am |

*hiisach hai - with a good heart*

# Three Rivers Casino Resort Launches Guest Giving Program Supporting Local Nonprofits

FLORENCE, Ore. Three Rivers Casino Resort is making it easier than ever for guests to turn spare change into meaningful community impact through a new charitable giving feature now available on its gaming floor. The resort launched the Everi Cares Giving Module, an award-winning program that allows casino guests to donate the remaining cents from their redeemed gaming vouchers to local charities directly at full-service kiosks. Guests redeem their voucher, select a nonprofit, and the donation is processed instantly. One hundred percent of every dollar donated goes directly to the selected organization.

“This is truly a win-win situation for everyone,” said Rick Ray, director of gaming operations at Three Rivers Casino Resort. “When guests are gaming, they come for entertainment. That small amount of change at the end of a visit might not feel like much on its own, but when our guests come together, it can make a huge difference.”

Initial nonprofit partners for the Florence property include Florence Food Share and the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, two long-standing organizations that provide critical services to local families and youth.

As casinos across the country move to cashless gaming environments, the Everi Cares Giving Module offers a user-friendly option for guests who might otherwise leave small voucher balances unredeemed. In addition to supporting community nonprofits, the program helps reduce abandoned vouchers, improves efficiency on the gaming floor, and lowers coin handling costs.

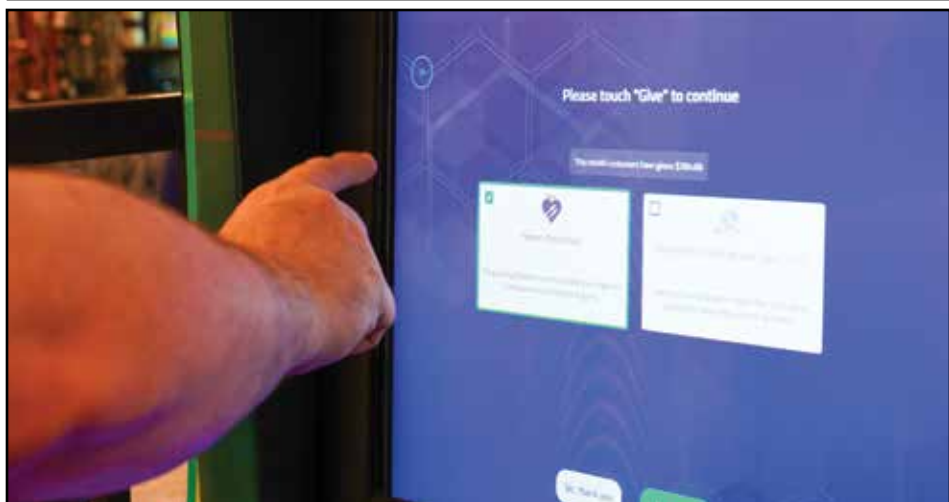
“For years, Three Rivers has supported local charities through our foundation and community partnerships,” said Ray. “This program is just one more way we can give back, and it feels good knowing that something so simple can have such a positive impact.”

“With this support, Florence Food Share will purchase essential food to serve families for six months, stretching every dollar with volunteer power and community match,” said Colin Morgan, executive director of Florence Food Share. “When food donations vary, this funding fills the gap, ensuring local families have consistent access to healthy, culturally appropriate food.”

Food Share provides food assistance to individuals and families facing food insecurity throughout Western Lane County, while the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County offers after-school and youth development programs that support academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development.

This program is now active at ticket redemption kiosks at Three Rivers Casino Resort in Florence.

Visit [www.threeriverscasino.com](http://www.threeriverscasino.com)



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|  <p><b>MONDAYS 6PM-9PM</b><br/>Hot Seats every 20 minutes.<br/>Win up to \$100 Cash!</p> |  <p><b>TUESDAYS 7PM-9PM</b><br/>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.</p> |  <p><b>WEDNESDAYS 6PM-9PM</b><br/>Win up to \$5,000!<br/>One entry for every 100 same-day points earned.</p> |  <p><b>FRIDAYS 5PM-9PM</b><br/>Win up to \$1,200.<br/>Drawings every 30 minutes</p> |
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**Café 1297** **ST. PATRICK'S DAY Special** **Corned Beef and Cabbage**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 17** Tender sliced corned beef, cabbage, rosemary red potatoes, carrots and a biscuit.  
**SERVED 4PM-9PM** **\$30**

**Café 1297** Monday - Thursday served from 11am-10pm  
 Friday - Sunday served from 4pm-10pm

**March FEATURES**

- MONDAY - DOUBLE BACON CHEESEBURGER \$18
- TUESDAY - LEMON SHRIMP PASTA \$20
- WEDNESDAY - SMOKED BRISKET MAC & CHEESE \$18
- THURSDAY - TERAS MAJOR PLATE \$20
- FRIDAY - SLOW-ROASTED PRIME RIB \$35
- SATURDAY - CORNISH GAME HEN \$18
- SUNDAY - CHEF'S CHOICE

**MARCH MONEY MADNESS**  
**CASH PRIZES EVERY SATURDAY | 6PM-9PM**

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| 6PM | \$500   |
| 7PM | \$1,000 |
| 8PM | \$2,500 |
| 9PM | \$5,000 |

ONE ENTRY FOR EVERY 150 POINTS EARNED IN MARCH PLUS, PURCHASE ENTRIES DAILY AT THE KIOSK