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## TAMÁSTSLÍKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE



Solar carports

## Solar Carport Dedication at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute April 22 11am

For immediate release - Pendleton, OR

A dedication ceremony inaugurating the new solar panel carports at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute will take place on Friday, April 22 at 11am. Speakers from the various funders as well as the [Umatilla Confederated Tribes](#) and the Tamástslíkt Trust Board will be present and a blessing will take place. The public is invited to attend.

Tamástslíkt's solar energy project is called "Hísemtuks" in Nez Perce, meaning the sun (as well as moon or luminary). "Last year's construction of a wind turbine and the current addition of the solar panels recognize the how the sun and wind

helped our ancestors preserve traditional foods for storage. Now these same two resources are helping us care for the planet and reduce our electric bill," says Bobbie Conner, Director of Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute.

With a funding award of \$350,000 from customers of [Pacific Power's Blue Sky](#) renewable energy program and a \$78,138 cash incentive [Energy Trust](#), Tamástslíkt constructed two solar carports with a combined capacity of 123kW as part of their ongoing quest to reduce the expense of energy consumption at the non-profit.

The 432 285-watt solar panels were manufactured by Solar World in Hillsboro, Oregon and will produce about 159,313kW hours of electricity per year - enough to power thirteen average Northwest homes.

[Hire Electric](#), who installed the 50kW wind turbine at Tamástslíkt in early 2014, built the carports. Hire Electric has been installing solar and small wind systems in eastern Oregon and Washington since 2003.

For more information, go to [www.tamastslíkt.org](http://www.tamastslíkt.org).

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### About Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the [Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation](#). A Blue Star museum, Tamástslíkt is one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslíkt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástslíkt is open six days a week, 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open.

Tamástslíkt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslíkt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

For more information, contact Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute at 541.429.7700 or visit [www.tamastslíkt.org](http://www.tamastslíkt.org).

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