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Negotiating Team's Goal Remains "Bring the Salmon Home"

Restore Treaty Resources ~ KBRA ~ KHSA ~ Senate Bill 1851

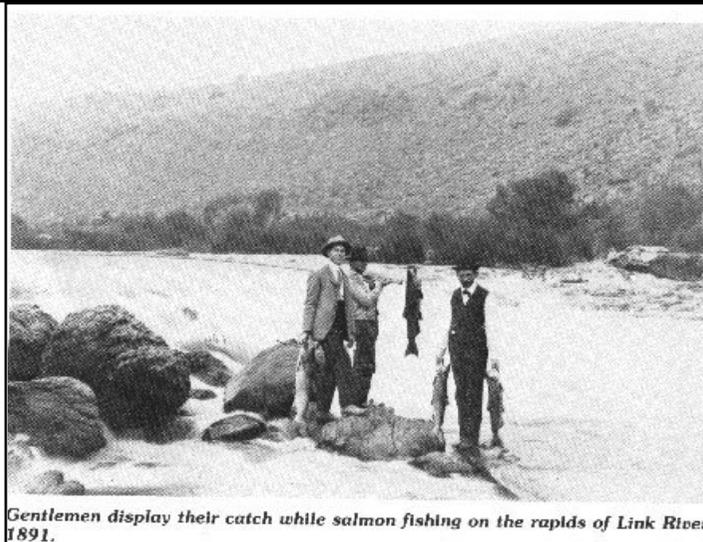
The Klamath Tribes Negotiating Team expressed its satisfaction as the Tribes notched two more victories in the Klamath Basin Adjudication. Team members noted that the victories would be helpful in pursuing the Tribes' goal of restoring our c'waam and resident fisheries, and bringing the salmon home.

In mid-April the Senior Administrative Law Judge Joe L. Allen issued Proposed Orders confirming the quantities of water claimed by the Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for both Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River between Link River Dam and the California state line.

"After so many years of litigation it is very good to have these decisions confirm the Tribes' rights," said Team member and Tribal Vice-Chairman Don Gentry. "This will clearly help the Tribes' effort to recover our salmon and steelhead fisheries and to protect the c'waam and trout that our ancestors reserved for us in the Treaty."

The Adjudication success, however, is not a complete solution to the salmon and steelhead return. The Adjudication deals only with water and water rights; it does not address other problems faced by salmon, like the dams on the Klamath River that for nearly a century have prevented salmon and steelhead from returning to the Upper Basin.

"These are important victories," said the Tribes' water attorney Bud Ullman, "but achieving the Tribes' long-term goals still depends on the strategy mapped out by the General Council in 1987." In that year the



General Council instructed in a Resolution that the Tribes pursue a strategy of negotiation as the most likely and effective way of restoring Treaty resources. A negotiating team was appointed and has continued in various forms since that time.

Negotiations have produced the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, which the Tribes approved by Special Referendum in 2009. The Agreements open the way for removal of four Klamath River dams that block

salmon and steelhead from returning to the Tribes' homeland. And the Agreements provide for habitat restoration that will further assist with the return of the Treaty-protected fish.

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Biologists are concerned that unless the fish regain access to their natural Upper Basin habitat, the species may be extinguished from the Klamath River. Larry Dunsmoor, the Tribes' Water Management Liaison, worries that, "Klamath River dam removal and extensive river and lake restoration are essential to restoring healthy fisheries. We need to build on the Adjudication victories to bring the salmon and steelhead home."

In the next phases of the Adjudication, the Proposed Orders will be reviewed by the Oregon Water Resources Department. In particular, the OWRD Adjudicator will consider the Orders and issue an Order of Determination in which he can confirm or modify the Proposed Orders. "Importantly," said Ullman, "the Order of Determination is the first enforceable document in all these years of litigation. OWRD should actually begin managing Basin water in accordance with that Order." From there the Order of Determination will be filed by OWRD with the Klamath County Circuit Court for another round of review. OWRD has said it intends to make that filing in late 2012 or early 2013.

Vice-Chairman Gentry observed, "Much work remains to be done, but the current Adjudication victories put the Tribes in the best possible position as things move forward. We should savor these victories, but continue our dedication to bringing the salmon and steelhead home."



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - April 19, 2012

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Gover or John Echohawk - (303) 447-8760

Klamath Tribes Score New Victories in Klamath Basin Water Rights Adjudication

Boulder, CO – An important milestone in the Klamath Tribes' effort to secure their treaty-reserved water rights was reached on April 16 with Administrative Law Judge Joe L. Allen ruling in favor of quantification of the Tribes' water rights for two water sources, the Klamath River and Klamath Lake, in the amounts claimed by the Tribes and the United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs as trustee for the Tribes. The rulings were a resounding victory as they adopted, across-the-board, the water amounts sought by the Tribes, and confirmed, once again, that the Tribal water rights are the most senior in the Basin. The Proposed Orders add to six earlier victories achieved by the Tribes in December 2011 – for Tribal water rights in the Williamson, Sycan, Sprague, and Wood Rivers, the Klamath Marsh, and in 140 springs scattered throughout the former Klamath Reservation – and bring to a close this phase of the decades-long litigation of the Tribal rights.

Since time immemorial members of the Klamath Tribes hunted, fished, trapped, and gathered throughout their vast ancestral homeland located in and around the Klamath Basin. In their 1864 treaty with the United States, the Tribes reserved the right to continue their traditional harvest activities on the Klamath Reservation. And for the last 36 years, the Tribes have been involved in litigation to secure the water rights necessary to support fish, wildlife, and plants to allow the Tribes to exercise their treaty-reserved harvest rights.

Klamath Tribes in Washington, D.C.



Pictured above is Senator, Daniel Inouye, D Hawaii, President pro tempore of the United States Senate, with Klamath Tribal Councilman, Jeff Mitchell.

Councilman Mitchell says, "While in Washington, D.C., earlier this quarter, I had the opportunity to meet and thank Senator Inouye, for his continuous support of the Klamath Tribes. He recently went to our aid by discussing our need and his support of our actions to acquire the Mazama Forest and the KBRA legislation, which is currently pending in Congress with the Secretary of Interior, Ken Salazar. The Senator is currently the Chairman United States Senate Committee on Appropriations and a member of Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. When he talks folks listen."

Mitchell continued by saying, "It was a honor to meet and thank him for his support of the Klamath Tribes and to Indian Country overall. He has been a true warrior over the years fighting to protect tribal sovereignty and treaty rights. He has fought and demanded that the U.S. uphold it's federal trust responsibility to tribes. Without his support and dedication to Klamath Tribes and other tribes work across this nation, would be much more difficult."

For more information, Jeff. C. Mitchell at: mohiswaws@aol.com

Attention Klamath Tribal Members:

Remaining 2012 General Council Meetings

- May 19, 2012 at 10am

- August 18, 2012 at 10am

- November 17, 2012 at 10am

Location: Chiloquin, Oregon

501 Chiloquin, BLVD- Tribal Admin/Gov. Bldg

For more information: Torina Case

Klamath Tribal Council Secretary

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As in the six earlier Proposed Orders, Monday's Proposed Orders confirmed the amounts of water claimed by the Tribes and the United States are the amounts necessary to establish and maintain a healthy and productive habitat for treaty species that will enable the Tribes to exercise their treaty-protected hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering rights, and also ruled that the Tribal water rights can extend to off-reservation water sources where necessary to support the Tribes' on-reservation harvest rights. Tribal Vice-Chairman, Don Gentry stated, "These rulings are definitely a victory for the fish and all the water dependent resources that are important to the Klamath Tribes."

At the same time, the Klamath Tribes' Negotiation Team has also been working hard on settlement negotiations regarding Klamath Basin water and related resource issues, resulting in the introduction of legislation last fall to enact the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA). "These rulings reconfirm the role that the KBRA can play in resolving Basin resource issues. The Tribes will continue to work with others in the Basin to determine the best path from here on," said Jeff Mitchell who leads the Team. "With the results of the adjudication process becoming more clear, now is the time for Senator Wyden and Representative Walden to join Senator Merkley in supporting KBRA legislation and press forward with Senate hearings," added Mitchell.

"This is an important step in the Adjudication, although much work remains to be done as the cases move on from here to the Oregon Water Resources Department Adjudicator and then on to the state circuit court. Meanwhile, it is a time for the Tribes to feel good about their commitment to protecting Treaty water rights and other resources," said Tribal Attorney, Bud Ullman.

Along with Klamath Water Adjudication Project attorneys Bud Ullman and Sue Noe, the Native American Rights Fund has represented the Klamath Tribes throughout the Klamath Basin Adjudication process. "NARF is honored to represent the Klamath Tribes and we are pleased for what these rulings mean to the Klamath Tribes and its citizens. This is a good time to recognize all those involved, notably NARF attorney David Gover and former NARF attorney Walter Echo-Hawk, as well as the support staff that is instrumental in these types of cases. We also appreciate our counterparts at the U.S. Department of Justice and Bureau of Indian Affairs for their tireless efforts over the years, but we are mindful that it's not over," said NARF Executive Director, John Echohawk.

For more than 41 years the Native American Rights Fund has protected the legal and sovereign rights of tribes and Native people within the American legal system. NARF is a non-profit organization headquartered in Boulder, Colorado with offices in Anchorage, Alaska, and Washington, D.C.

Native American Rights Fund

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Boulder, CO 80302

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Open Community Meeting a Success

On Thursday, April 19, 2012, PROSPER presented its fourth Klamath Conversation meeting in Klamath Falls, at the Oregon Institute of Technology. Discussions revolved around the "Klamath Tribes Termination and Restoration: History and Facts". The evening began with a welcome by Klamath Councilman, Frank Summers, and presentations by Donald Wharton, Charles "Chuck" Kimbol Sr., and Kathy Hill. Tribal members GeorGene Wright Nelson, and Clayton Chocktoot joined in the panel discussions following the presentations.



Left to Right: Don Wharton, Charles Kimbol Sr, Kathy Shaye Hill, GeorGene Wright-Nelson, and Clayton Chocktoot.

Mr. Wharton is a senior attorney with the Native American Rights Fund. He works primarily in the areas of federal-Indian environmental and natural resource law. Mr. Wharton was the founding Director of Oregon Legal Services Native American Program, and was General Council to the Klamath Indian Tribe of Oregon from 1973-75. Mr. Wharton will speak on the broader scope and U.S. policy of Federal Termination and Restoration.

Mr. Kimbol, Tribal Elder, current Klamath Tribal Councilman, and former Klamath Tribal Chairman for many years, lived thru Termination and has dedicated his life to the tribes and the battles that have faced them over the years. His knowledge and experience in this field is extensive as he provided a personal aspect of the facts of Termination, Restoration, and the future Economic Self-Sufficiency of the Klamath Tribes.

Ms. Hill is a Klamath tribal member who did the archival research and writing for the Klamath Tribes' successful restoration of federal recognition effort. After restoration, Ms. Hill completed her education at the University of Washington, earning a law degree and advanced law degree (LL.M.). Ms. Hill will speak specifically about the history of the Klamath Tribes termination legislation, the implementation of that legislation and the tribal restoration process.

Ms. Nelson is an enrolled Klamath Tribal member and current Council woman of the Tribes. She has deep family roots and her mother and father, Plummy and Mary Ann Wright are elders of the tribe. She spoke about her personal experiences with termination and the separation it caused at times within her family and her vision for the tribe in the future.

Mr. Chocktoot, a tribal elder, is also the Chairman of the Klamath Tribes Elder's Committee. He spoke about his life growing up in Beatty, Oregon and the effects of termination to his family and his insight on the importance of education that his mother instilled in him. He also discussed his own entrepreneurial experiences and why it became important for him to become self-sufficient.

For more information and to view these taped meetings, please visit PROSPER online at: www.klamathprosper.org

PROSPER is a partnership of diverse Klamath Basin stakeholders coming together to promote sustainable use of natural resources and economically prosperous communities in the Klamath Region in partnership with: Klamath Water User Association; The Klamath Tribes; Shaw Historical Library; UKWAU- Upper Klamath Water Users Association; and Klamath County Chamber of Commerce.

KLAMATH TRIBES OF OREGON COMMEND THE 2012 OIT HUSTLIN' OWLS NAIA MEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS



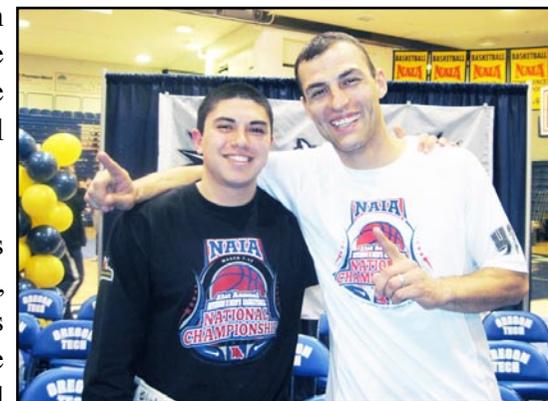
On behalf of the Klamath Tribes, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the team, Head Coach Danny Miles, the coaching staff, and the Oregon Institute of Technology on this tremendous accomplishment.

The Tribe would like to recognize each one of you, and the player that is with us in spirit, for your sacrifice and hard work. It takes special dedication and perseverance to get through such a demanding schedule and also maintain your educational commitment. Your achievement is a fine example of how hard work and commitment pay off.

Respectfully,
Gary Frost,
Klamath Tribal Chairman

Klamath Indians Liston Case and Scottie Riddle (pictured right) were part of the 2012 National Championship Team.

Scottie (white t-shirt) is a Senior at Oregon Tech, who is studying business and accounting, and is the son of Winema Riddle and Todd Danzuka. He will graduate on June 16, 2012.



Liston Case, (black t-shirt) is a Sophomore at Oregon Tech who is studying environmental science. He is the son of Ed and Torina Case of Chiloquin, Oregon, and oldest brother of four children.

The Klamath Tribes are proud of you!

The Klamath Tribal Council is asking you to...

Get Involved - Register to Vote 2012!



In recent years the Native Vote has been publicly credited for making a tangible difference in elections - from local positions to presidential campaigns.

Native Vote is a nonpartisan campaign initiated by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and supported by the Klamath Tribes. The campaign works with community organizers, non-profits, urban Indian centers, tribal governments, and regional organizations to create a strong and permanent infrastructure for election training that highlights voter registration, election protection policies, and voter education.

This notice is from the Klamath Tribes regarding Native Vote 2012! We are asking our Membership to "Get Registered & Get Involved!"



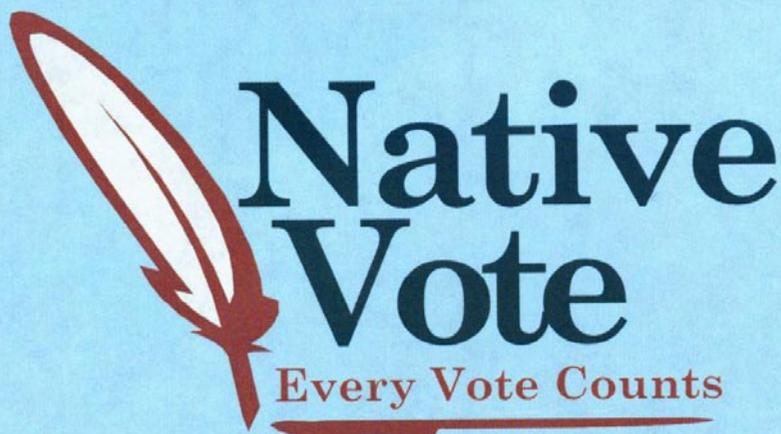
How?

Go to the Klamath Tribes website:

www.klamathtribes.org

and click the Native Vote button:

or go to: www.nativevote.org.



SAVE THE DATE

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DAY

AT THE STATE CAPITOL

THE NINE FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS OF OREGON

EXPLORE DISCOVER CONNECT

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

PLEASE JOIN THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON INDIAN SERVICES
AND THE
NINE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS OF OREGON

TO CELEBRATE

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DAY
AT THE
STATE CAPITOL

PROGRAM DETAILS

9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TABLES

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PRESENTATIONS

DVD SCREENING SERIES ON TRIBAL PROGRAMS

CEREMONY FOR PROCLAMATION READING

LUNCH RECEPTION

*ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Questions? Please Contact Cassandra Fender at Cassandra.fender@state.or.us
Legislative Commission on Indian Services. Thank you.

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COQUILLE INDIAN TRIBE

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF GRAND RONDE

KLAMATH TRIBES

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF WARM SPRINGS



ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS WELCOME TO ATTEND

Brown Cemetery Clean-up Day

When: Saturday and Sunday, May 19 & 20, 2012

Where: Beatty, Oregon at Brown Cemetery

Time: 10am till...?

Bring your tools, gloves, and non-alcoholic refreshments, work ethic and a great attitude!

We supply the burgers and dogs! Yum!

This is a time to Honor those who have walked on... spend time with family and friends....work hard.... visit.... and learn a little history.

For more information call Glen Brown 1-541-533-2624

NOTICE TO ELIGIBLE ENROLLED KLAMATH TRIBAL MEMBERS Per Capita Information

The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department is preparing for the 2012 Revenue Allocation, which is scheduled for June 15, 2012. You can come in and pick up your per capita check between the hours of 8:00 am through 5:00 p.m. Please bring proper identification with you. It is not in our policy to allow anyone else to pick up your check. If you do not come in to pick up your check it will be mailed to the address we have on file for you on Monday, June 18, 2012. Often checks will be returned to our office marked, "Address Unknown, No such Number, and Unable to Forward." Please allow fourteen postal days prior to seeking lost checks. If you do not receive your check after fourteen days, please call, it may have been returned and or lost. After 14 days you may request a Lost or Stolen Check Affidavit.

Address Updates: If you have moved since June of 2011 and have not updated your address with the Member Benefits Program please call and request an "Address Update Form." Address changes must be submitted before **May 15, 2012**. It is the responsibility of each member to keep The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits and Enrollment Department informed regarding your and your minor children's address changes. Please don't forget to update your minor children. Call Jeannie McNair at (541) 783-2219 ext 203 for the forms.

Name Changes: If you have had a name change we require copies of name change documents, marriage license, divorce papers, adoption records, and custody orders in orders for minor children to change your name or record on file. In order to be in compliance with IRS you are required to present a copy of your social security card issued in your new name.

Minor Trust Fund Liquidations: If you are going to be EIGHTEEN (18) years old by **June 15, 2012** and will graduate high school. You may be eligible to liquidate your minor trust fund. Call and request a liquidation form, fill it out; send it back with a copy of your High School Diploma or GED to start the process of liquidation. Please allow thirty days for completion. If you have questions regarding your eligibility please call Mary Gentry at (541) 783-2219 ext 195.

Deceased Benefits: For deceased qualified Tribal Members, per capita payments will be delivered to the court appointed representative of the deceased's estate. If you have been designated legal representative or if the deceased left a last will and testament, please call Mary Gentry and request the Deceased Benefits Claim form. Also, please remember to send a copy of the deceased death certificate for our records.

Please keep your check stub for Federal Income Tax purposes as the gaming revenue is taxable income.

For more information: Contact Mary Gentry or Jeannie McNair at (800) 524-9787 or (541) 783-2219.

NOTICE Member Benefits Department "Unclaimed Checks"

This is public notification as required by The Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan Section 50.14 (k), listing the names of all eligible person who have not picked up their per capita checks and for whom the Klamath Tribes have no valid mailing address.

Biss, Avery Van
Bivin, Kerry Leon (2010-2011)
Tommy Turner Decker
Gibbons, Lewis Harvey
Gonzalez, David L.
Huitt, Jodi Lyn (2010-2011))
Iniquez, Sylvia Marie
Jackson, Calvin Leroy
Jackson Jr., William K. (2010/2011)
Torrez, Tasha D.

Please call for or come in to pickup your unclaimed check. If you come in person, please bring proper identification. Please request and complete an Address Update form. One form per each enrolled individual (adults and minors) is required.

For more information please come into the Klamath Tribes Administration Office at 501 Chiloquin Blvd., Chiloquin, OR 97624, or call the Member Benefits department at (541) 783-2219 and ask for Mary Gentry at ext 195, or Jeannie McNair at ext 203.

Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

Read This Page for Per Capita Information!

Know your deadlines please!

Klamath Tribes Summer Employment Program For College Interns

If you are seeking summer employment and

- Are interested in Natural Resources and the Environment.
- Are not older than 24, and
- Currently attend or plan to attend college/university Fall Term 2012.

The Klamath Tribes has a great opportunity for you.

To be considered for summer employment, you will need to do the following:

Complete A Temporary Labor Pool Card. This card can be obtained at the Education and Employment Department.

• On the Front of the card are spaces for your contact information and Driver's information and Tribal Affiliation.

• On the Back of the card complete the "Skills/Training" Section as completely as possible.

*List any certifications: Food Handler's, CPR, 1st Aid, etc.

*The year you graduated High School or obtained your GED.

*College Information stating institution, town/city.

*List your last three employers. Be as specific as possible when listing job duties.

*Any volunteer work for community or family can be listed here also.

Please submit the completed Temporary Labor Pool Card to:

**The Klamath Tribes
Education and Employment Department
PO Box 436
Chiloquin, OR 97624
Fax: 541-783-7802**

KLAMATH TRIBES—EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

Summer Youth Employment Applications Now Available

Date Applications Taken

May 1, 2012
Through: 5-31-2012

Completed applications may be mailed, faxed, or brought into the **Human Resources Office.**

You must be **BETWEEN** the ages of 16 (as of 06-15-2012), younger than 21 and currently attending a school.

You must be able to prove that you are

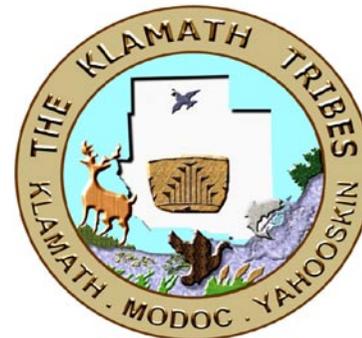
- An enrolled member of a **Federally Recognized Tribe**
- Regularly attending a high school, public or alternative, **OR**
- Recently graduated from high school, alternative school by **June 15, 2011 OR attending/entering a college.**

KLAMATH TRIBES—HUMAN RESOURCES
OFFICE

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Chiloquin OR 97624

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Fax: 541-783-7802

Email:
sarah.bates@klamathtribes.com



If you are looking for short-term work for the summer season, are at least 16 years old and younger than 21, need training in how to look for work, basic interview skills, and what does it take to keep a job you need to apply for the Klamath Tribes Summer Youth Employment Program.

Applications must be complete at time of submittal to be considered.

Applications are available through your Title VII School Counselor.

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Applications
can be found at
the following
Agencies

- Klamath Tribes: E/E Dept, Commodities, Tribal Health-KFalls & Tribal Health-Clinic
- Title VII School Counselor
- Oregon Employment Department

OBITUARY NOTICES

Dear Klamath Tribal Readers. As you may have noticed, we have not had space for our tribal obituaries to be placed in the tribal newsletter for the past two issues. Unfortunately, we currently have 11 pending publication. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. Those currently pending are: Bettles, Unive, Joe, Yazzie, Harrington, Delaney, Hill Sr., Tupper, Jackson, Shadley-Farris, and Tecumseh.

In an effort to try and get the obituaries out in a timely manner, we will be building a section on our tribal website (within the News Section) for these types of notices.

We thank you for your continued patience.

Taylor David- News Editor

Computer Surplus Give-away

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Klamath Tribal Administration will be making available to tribal members on **Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the following computer equipment that has been declared surplus.**

COMPUTER SYSTEMS

(Monitor,CPU, and Keyboards)

*Note: computer items are "as is". They may need operating software and/or components.

LOCATION

All surplus computer items will be set up at the Klamath Tribes Administration Office
501 Chiloquin Blvd
Chiloquin, Oregon

TIME SCHEDULE/Bring I.D.

Tribal Elders/Veterans: 8am-9am

Tribal College Students: 9am-11am

Tribal High School Students: 11am-1pm

Tribal Members: 1pm-3pm

Tribal Employees: 3pm-4pm

The time schedule will be adhered to – if you fall into one of the above-mentioned categories, that is your scheduled time.

A priority system for the release of the computer equipment has been developed. First priority will be for tribal elders; second priority is for tribal members currently enrolled in college; third priority is for tribal members currently attending high school; fourth priority is for general tribal membership; and fifth priority is for tribal members currently employed by the Tribes. College and high school students need to bring proof of school attendance and everyone will need to bring their tribal enrollment card.

Each individual will need to check in with the Receptionist. No one will be allowed to pick up computer/parts for someone else or set aside computer/parts for anyone else. You need to be present at the designated times, to select a computer/parts. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Questions call the IS Network Program, at 783-2219 ext. 205 and ask for Troy.

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS

Questions & Answers

*What is EHR?

EHR stands for "Electronic Health Records". An EHR takes the place of patient paper charts. It is a way to collect patient health information such as doctor's notes, health problems, medications, health history, shots, x-rays, test results, reports and more. While your old paper chart will still be at the clinic for several years, your new visits will be done in your electronic health record, on the computer.

*When you switch to electronic health records, what happens to my old chart?

All the information in your paper chart is entered into the electronic chart. Some information from your paper chart is scanned into the electronic health record (such as consult reports and hospital records) and some information is directly entered through data entry (chronic diagnosis, immunizations and family history). The charts will remain at the clinic until securely stored with Portland Area IHS.

*Why are you switching to electronic health records?

In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included support of EHR, for a limited time, by providing financial incentives for EHR implementation. The financial incentive was approved in part due to the fact beginning in 2015 Medicare will begin to penalize medical providers by reducing and eventually halting reimbursement if a certified EHR is not adopted. Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services is taking advantage of these incentives to better the health care that we can deliver to you now and into the future.

*Will my information be confidential? Who can see my electronic chart?

The electronic chart is more confidential than the paper chart in that access to each area of the chart is granted based on a need to know basis. This means a staff member can view only areas of your chart he or she must have to complete their job within the clinic.

*I hear so much about computer systems getting hacked into, how secure is this going to be?

Electronic health records are as secure, and in many cases, more secure than paper records. The way patient health information is distributed is setup in advance, and its then controlled by the system, greatly reducing human error. Any potential intruder would need to breach multiple layers of security to actually view protected health information.

*Will it speed up my health care, like appointments, referrals or prescriptions?

In the beginning staff will be a little slower as we become familiar with the system. Please be patient with us. Once the system is fully functional and the staff are comfortable with the uses of the system we hope to provide better disease management, improve health care outcomes for all of our patients, and speed up the referral process.

**THE KLAMATH TRIBES
COMMUNITY SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
MODEL PLAN
FOR
2013 FUND YEAR

DATE: MAY 15, 2012
TIME: 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: THE KLAMATH TRIBES
ADMINISTRATION BLDG.
501 CHILOQUIN BLVD.
CHILOQUIN, OREGON
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CONFERENCE ROOM

The Klamath Tribes Community Services Department will submit the 2013 LIHEAP Model Plan directly to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families to operate the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to run October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013.

The Public Hearing is open to Native Americans living The Klamath Tribes service area of Klamath County. The 2013 Model Plan for The Klamath Tribes LIHEAP will be the topic of discussion.

**For additional information regarding
The Klamath Tribes proposed 2013 Model
LIHEAP Plan and the Public Hearing,
please contact Joyce Berry at
The Klamath Tribes,
Community Services Department at
(541) 783-2219, ext. 119 or e-mail
joyce.berry@klamathtribes.com.**

You are Needed!

You are invited to a meeting on Thursday, May 17, where Oregon Youth Authority representatives will present information and answer questions about opportunities to be an OYA foster parent. The 6 p.m. meeting will be in the auditorium of the Klamath Tribal Offices in Chiloquin. The Tribe will provide refreshments.

The meeting was prompted by the fact that, when OYA wants to place a youth in foster care, it has no Native American foster homes where youth can be placed. OYA may place a youth in foster care following incarceration or as an alternative to incarceration.

“The Klamath tribe is well known for its robust support of the Native American community,” said OYA Tribal Liaison Jack Lawson. “Tribal members’ contributions as foster parents can play a life-changing role in helping Native American youth get back on track.”

Lawson and Sarah Caskey, OYA foster care certifier for Klamath County, will speak and answer questions at the informational meeting.

In OYA’s 10 close-custody facilities, Lawson said, Native American youth benefit from pow-wows, sweat lodge ceremonies, drumming circles, Native American mentors and other resources that connect them to their culture. As foster parents, he said, tribal members can be supportive adults to whom youth can relate and stay connected with Native American culture, traditions and ceremonies.

“The youth OYA places in foster homes have earned the privilege of being placed in foster care as a result of their behavioral, school and treatment progress,” Lawson said.

He said Native American foster homes could help a significant number of Native American youth lead productive, crime-free lives as they transition back to the community.

Caskey, the foster care certifier, stressed that OYA foster care is different from DHS and tribal foster care. OYA youth are well on their way to returning to the community in support of the agency’s mission that youth who leave OYA will go on to lead productive, crime-free lives. OYA foster parents provide a secure home environment and support youth in school, jobs, volunteering and other community activities. OYA provides continuing treatment and other support for youth who need it, she said.

Caskey said all information about how to become an OYA foster parent will be presented at the informational meeting. Foster parents receive training and have the support of OYA’s local foster care certifier and the youth’s probation and parole officer.

“Most of us have fond memories of a caring adult who helped shape us into who we are today,” Caskey said. “As an OYA foster parent you can be that adult.”

We hope you will join us at this informational meeting to learn more about OYA and opportunities to be a foster parent.

**For more Information Contact:
Jim Sellers, OYA Communications Office, 503-373-7425,
Jim.sellers@oya.state.or.us, or Jack Lawson, OYA Tribal Liaison, 503-378-6973,
jack.lawson@oya.state.or.us**

What is RED?



I am LeRoy Gregory, (pictured right of photo) an Inupiaq Eskimo and the program manager for the Klamath Tribes "RED" Vocational Rehabilitation Program (VRP). RED stands for Re-entering Employment by Design.

The RED program is under the umbrella of the Education and Employment Department, which is under the directorship of Brenda Frank (pic left).

The RED VRP is in the 3rd year of a 5 year federal grant, providing services for eligible Klamath Tribes members who have a disability.

In order to be eligible for the program a person must have a documented physical, mental or learning disability that is a lifelong limitation. The RED program likes to refer to those eligible members as participants because they take responsibility and participate their program which can be a great positive life changing experience. The program proudly opened its doors to taking applications in January of 2011.

Recently, the RED program underwent an "External Program Evaluation" which was performed by Mr. Jim Warne a member of the Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Tribe (pictured in the photo with Brenda & LeRoy). Mr. Warne has and still is involved with many Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Programs all across the United States. Mr. Warne was very pleased with his findings of the RED program and stated several times the RED program made his job much easier because everything was in its proper place and operating in compliance with the federal guidelines.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Frank for the valuable support and understanding to get the RED program headed in the right direction and build a solid program foundation. A very special thank you to the VR staff Dalene McNair and Judy Hunter who have worked very hard in order to provide the services needed for the participant's success. In order any program to be successful, support from the Tribal Council to the General Manager to the Chief Financial Officer and the many individuals throughout the administration building is vital, thank you to you all. However, the biggest thank you goes to the participants because they are the ones with the disabilities requiring many changes to take place within them for a better quality of life.

The RED VR program can be contacted by calling 541-783-2219. Thank you Klamath Tribes for allowing me to be part of your lives.

Wildlife News

Spring has finally arrived. After a long winter one spring activity that I always look forward to is turkey hunting. The spring turkey hunting season in Oregon is from April 15th – May 31st.

Turkeys are fun to hunt as they are very vocal and respond well to calls. My friends and I describe it as "poor man's elk hunting" as the experiences encountered remind us of hunting elk in the fall. Someone skilled in calling can attract large males known as toms to within shotgun range by emulating the sound of a female. A large bird, tom's can weigh between 17 and 25 pounds and stand 40 inches tall.

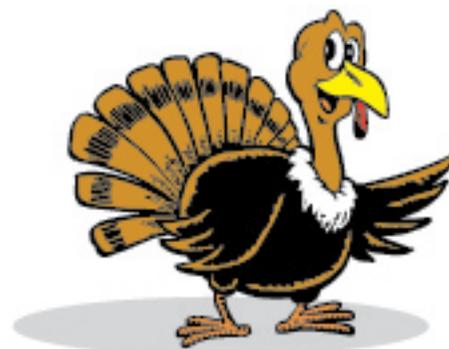
Turkey feathers are very colorful. The feathers are sought after by fly-fishermen who tie their own flies. The feathers iridescence can attract fish and the light weight can allow the fly to float on the waters surface.

Turkeys are not native to Oregon. The first attempt at introducing turkeys was in 1899 but that and many subsequent attempts failed. The first successful attempt was in 1961 with the Merriam's turkey, a subspecies native to the southwestern U.S. In 1975, the Rio Grande turkey was also introduced to Oregon. Native to the Great Plains, it has since expanded throughout much of the state.

While turkeys may be hard to find within the historic tribal reservation, they are plentiful in other parts of the state. Roseburg contains some of the best turkey habitat in the state and subsequently boasts a large turkey population. Other nearby locations that support fairly dense populations are near Medford and Ashland. Be sure to secure landowner permission before hunting on private lands.

If you want to participate in the spring hunt, an Oregon hunting license and turkey tag are required. With an Oregon hunting license in hand, you can purchase a spring turkey tag for \$22.50 at any ODFW licensed vendor.

For more information please call the natural resources department at 541-783-2219.



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- B. The Administration General Manager will forward a timely appeal to a three-person Appeals Committee, selected by the Tribal Council Officers, which will schedule a hearing as soon as possible but no later than thirty (30) calendar days from when Administration received the appeal. Notice of the hearing will be sent to the Client or Visitor via certified mail stating the date, time and location of the hearing; the Client or Visitor's right to call witnesses; and the Client's or Visitor's right to submit written statements for the record prior to or at the hearing. If the Client or Visitor cannot participate in the hearing, the Client or Visitor must call the Administration General Manager as soon as possible. A hearing will be delayed or rescheduled only for good reason and based on the Appeals Committee's availability.
- C. The hearing will be conducted on the record and a full recording made by the Appeals Committee. All written statements made available prior to or at the hearing will be added to the record. Upon completion of the proceedings, all records will be transferred to Human Resources for retention according to the Klamath Tribes Records Retention Policies.
- D. The Appeals Committee will issue a written decision within fourteen (14) calendar days after the hearing. The decision will be mailed to the Client or Visitor via certified mail and notify the Client or Visitor that an appeal may be taken to the Klamath Tribes' Tribal Court within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of such notice.
- E. **Judicial Appeal.** A Client or Visitor who is unsuccessful in an administrative appeal may appeal that decision to the Klamath Tribes' Tribal Court. Such appeal must be filed with the Tribal Court in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Administrative Appeal decision, and it must be based on the grounds and documentation previously made available to the Appeals Committee. The decision of the Appeals Committee will not be stayed while an appeal to the Tribal Court is pending unless the Tribal Court expressly grants such a stay. The decision of the Tribal Court is final and not subject to further appeal.

IX. CLIENTS OR VISITORS WHO COMMIT THEFT OR FRAUD

- A. Any Client or Visitor who is suspected of committing theft or fraud against the Klamath Tribes, including but not limited to stealing supplies, forgery of documents, falsifying records, or false representation will be reported to the police and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- B. If the Client or Visitor is found guilty or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* (i.e. "no contest") to crimes of theft or fraud against the Klamath Tribes, the Administration General Manager may place reasonable limitations on the Client or Visitor's ability to receive services from the Klamath Tribes Administration (such as requiring that the Client or Visitor be accompanied by a Administration staff person at all times or other reasonable measures designed to protect the

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Klamath Tribes' interests), or suspend services in accordance with Section VII (B)(1).

X. DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST EMPLOYEES

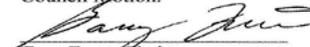
- A. Any Tribal employee, Supervisor, or Manager who is found, after appropriate assessment, to have engaged in Workplace Violence, Workplace Bullying, or Safety Violations, or to have retaliated against an employee for reporting incidents of same, or for any other violation of this Policy and Procedures, will be subject to appropriate corrective action, depending on the circumstances, up to and including termination.
- B. There are several types of offenses with varying degrees of severity ranging from being disrespectful to verbally abusing, threatening or even assaulting another individual or individuals. Management will consider both the individual circumstances surrounding the incident and the severity of the behavior in determining what corrective action is warranted. Consideration may also be given to disciplinary measures such as suspension or encouraging resignation where appropriate in order to ease tension and reduce the risk of violence. As in all corrective actions, management reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any action taken.

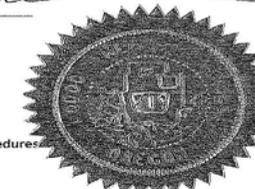
XI. NO REPRISAL AGAINST EMPLOYEES

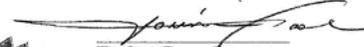
- A. Because safety is of paramount importance to the Klamath Tribes, employees should feel free to act in the best interests of their safety and the safety of those around them when carrying out this Policy and Procedures without fear of reprisal.
- B. No employee will be disciplined for taking any actions authorized under this Policy and Procedures.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary of The Klamath Tribes, do hereby certify that at a Regular Tribal Council Meeting held on the 14th day of December, 2011 with a quorum present, the Tribal Council took action and duly adopted this Policy by a vote of 8 for, 0 opposed, and 1 abstentions by Tribal Council Motion.


 Gary Frost, Chairman
 The Klamath Tribes




 Torina Case, Secretary
 The Klamath Tribes

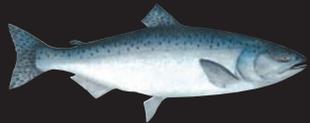
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 AND
 BRING
 HOME
 THE
 SALMON**

WE ARE CONNECTED TO OUR FISH... THE C'WAAM, TROUT AND THE SALMON!

Our Annual Klamath Tribal c'waam Ceremony was held this year on March 23, 2012, in Chiloquin, Oregon. Each year after the first "big fish blanket snow" called c'waam ?sam skotas, the c'waam (also known as the Lost River Sucker) swim up the Sprague River to spawn. Snowflakes fall at this time of year heralding the c'waam's return. The evening sky also reveals that the fish constellation, (three stars in line making "Orion's Belt") begins



to appear on the southwestern horizon. Our traditions state that watchmen or "swaso.llalalYampgis" were placed along the riverbanks to see exactly when the fish would return. The head "shaman" would then give thanks for their return to the Indian people. The last known shaman to perform the ceremony was Lee Snipes – Captain Sky, (pictured left) perhaps in the early 30's.



**Golf Season
Coming Soon!**

**APPLICATIONS
DUE
JUNE 12, 2012**

RAINBOW YOUTH
GOLF EDUCATION
PROGRAM INC.
ANNOUNCES FOR
THE 12th YEAR ITS
8-WEEK YOUTH
GOLF PROGRAM



Photo by T. David at DMOLO Golf Facility

Dates: June 19, 2012 to August 7, 2012
 Time: Every Tuesday from 8:15 AM to 09:45 AM
 Ages: 7-18, Girls and Boys
 Location: Chiloquin, OR, DMOLO Golf Facility
 36705 Agency Lake Road

Transportation will be provided from Klamath Falls, departing at 7:30 AM and Chiloquin at 8:00 AM. Golf clubs, balls, instruction and green fees will be provided.

The program has 30 openings. Selection for the 30 openings are on a 1st Come, 1st Serve Basis. Priority placement will be extended to the youth who participated in the 2010 and 2011 programs.

If you are interested in learning how to play golf, please fill-out the application and return the completed application to:

William Ray, Jr., Executive Director
 Rainbow Youth Golf Education Program Inc.
 36563 Agency Lake Road
 Chiloquin, Oregon 97624
 Telephone Number: (541) 892-3024

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Tribal Enrollment: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

If selected, you will need to make a firm commitment to attend and be an active, respectful participant for the entire 8-week program. Your attendance every week is mandatory to learn the game of golf.

Adults: If you would like to volunteer, please contact William Ray, Jr.

The Rainbow Youth Golf Education Program Inc. is a tax-exempt non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.



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CRATER LAKE STAMPEDE

Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center

Youth & Open Jackpot Rodeo Friday June 1 at 6pm

Youth Events

Open Events

Event	Entry Fees	Event	Entry Fees
Mutton Bustin	\$21	Ranch Bronc Riding	\$90
Calf Riding	\$21	Bull Riding	\$90
Steer Riding	\$21	Womens Wild Cow Riding	\$60
Junior Bull Riding	\$45	Steer Wrestling	\$50
Pee Wee Barrels 10 & under	\$21	Tie-Down Roping	\$50
Junior Barrels 11 through 15	\$45	Team Roping per man	\$50
Senior Barrels 16 through 18	\$60		

Awards in all events + 2/3 entry fee back to Jackpot

Call in May 17 6-9pm for Jackpot rodeo only 541-850-0383 or 892-6445

**Western States all Indian Rodeo Saturday June 2 at 6pm
 Sunday June 3 at noon**

Event	Entry Fee	Added Purse	Event	Entry Fee	Added Purse
Bareback	\$50	\$300	Ladies Barrels	\$50	\$300
Saddle Bronc	\$50	\$300	Senior Breakaway	\$50	\$100
Bull Riding	\$50	\$300	Senior Team Roping	(\$50 per man)	\$100
Tie-Down Roping	\$50	\$300			
Steer Wrestling	\$50	\$300	Junior Breakaway	\$25	\$50
Team Roping p/man	\$50	\$300	Junior Barrels	\$25	\$50
Ladies Breakaway	\$50	\$300	Junior Steer Riding	\$25	\$50

All around awards will be given to both the top man and woman
 There will be a one time fee of \$30 per contestant to cover administrative cost, office/stock etc.

Call in May 22 6-9pm for Western States only 541-325-9087 call back May 23 6-9pm
 Additional event: Wild Horse Race \$300 per team entry fee for the weekend
 \$300 added, 3 head average payout plus jackets to average winners.

General Admission \$6

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Seniors 60+ & children under 12 \$3

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Children under 6 free

