In a small ceremony on June 13, 2012, in Chiloquin, Oregon, the Klamath Tribes of Oregon swore in the next Tribal Council Member, Anna Bennett. She is the next elected official to take office, following the passing of Tribal Councilman Lawvor earlier this month.

All Council members were present to witness this momentous occasion and Klamath Tribal Member Anna Bennett got right to work after the swear in ceremony was conducted by Tribal Chairman, Gary Frost.

Anna accepted her duties to the tribe with firm conviction and stated, "I’m honored to be here and I will always do my best."

To contact new Council Member, Anna Bennett:
29867 Modoc Point Road
Chiloquin, OR 97624
541-783-2219 ext. 185
541-591-8043 (cell)
anna.bennett@klamathtribes.com

Welcome Ms. Bennett and Blessings to our Klamath Tribal Council

Annual Kla-Mo-Ya Casino Shareholders Meeting

Location change to the Casino!

Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

July 28, 2012
10:00 am – Noon
All Events and lunch held at Kla-Mo-Ya Casino!
Chiloquin, Oregon

Please RSVP 541-783-7529

Thank you so much,
Judith McClain
Casino General Manager
judith.mcclain@klamoyacasino.com
In Loving Memory of the Big Man with a Big Heart… Bert.

Klamath Tribal Leader Walks on…

It is with great sadness the Klamath Tribes of Oregon re-group and move forward. We have not only lost a tribal leader and current member of our Tribal Council, but we have lost a man with a big heart for his people, an elder, and a true friend.

Funeral services for Klamath Tribal Elder and Tribal Councilman, Albert A. “Bert” Lawvor Sr., 69, were held June 7, 2012, in Klamath Falls, OR. He went to the "Happy Hunting Grounds" on Friday, June 1, 2012, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Concluding services took place at the Chief Schonchin Cemetery with Vice-Chairman Gentry officiating.

His strong heart and easy laugh will be missed by many here in the halls and auditorium of the tribal administration and health offices. We are honored to have known this gentle giant who gave so freely as a Native Veteran to his country and to his people. His sports and rodeo announcer days are a natural part of our tribal history, and his lineage to Chief Yellowhammer made him a natural selection to become the leader he was for the Klamath Tribal Council. Bert cannot be replaced, nor will he ever be forgotten... we will honor his memory by retaining the valuable things he shared and taught us.

Albert Lawvor Sr. was born on Dec. 27, 1942, at the Klamath Agency and raised in Sprague River, Ore. At the time of his passing, he was serving a three-year term as a councilman for the Klamath Tribes. He was also chairman of the Klamath Tribes Elders Committee.

Throughout his life, Bert enjoyed fishing, hunting, rodeos, horse races and powwows. In his youth, he played football and basketball and wrestled. He also served a brief term in the military.

In the mid-1980s and early 1990s, he was the rodeo announcer for the Beatty rodeos at Jackass Flats, where his signature request for a "Coooolld beeeer" will always be heard. He also found a lot of joy in coaching his own teen girls basketball team, the "Crazy 8's." He took a chance on a group of girls no one wanted to pick up and made them a team to look out for. Just days before his passing he said "We weren't worth a damn, but we were good!" You could find Bert at many youth and high school events, cheering on the youth, or at the Tribal administrative offices telling people how to better serve the Tribe.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Ben and Eddie Lawver and daughters Rhonda Lawvor and Twila Joe.

He is survived by his wife Gloria Lawver; brother Alvin Lawver; his son Albert Lawvor Jr.; daughters Brandie Lawver, Percy Phelps, and Eileen Joe; grandchildren Mikaela and Auntie Lawver, Amber, Derrick, and Bryceann Lawvor, Wesley Lawver, Jason and Sumer Cawood, Shyann and Lacy Phelps, Yvette Fricke, and Dupree, Alec and Brennen Joe. He also had five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, and nephews, including Todd, Denise and Tracey Lawver, and numerous cousins and friends.

In Loving Memory of the Big Man with a Big Heart… Bert.

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Tribal Government Day at the State Capitol
Klamath Tribes Promote S. 1851, H.R. 3398
Bring Home the Salmon!

By Taylor David
Klamath News Editor

Klamath Tribal Council members, Vice-Chairman Don Gentry, Councilman Shawn Jackson, Councilwoman GeorGene Nelson, and Councilman Frank Summers represented the Klamath Tribes at the Annual Tribal Government Gathering.

SALEM – The annual Tribal Government Day held Friday, May 11, in the State Capitol was a day for sharing information, gathering with other tribes, and an important chance for the Klamath Tribes to promote Senate Bill S.1851, which promotes Salmon Treaty Rights along the Klamath River, dam removal, and assists with helping to resolve in-part Klamath Basin Water Adjudication on mutually agreeable terms.

With the Legislature not in session, the annual event aimed at educating legislators and state employees about Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribes and their government-to-government relationship with the state. The event also featured a wide-ranging selection of 10 films produced by seven of the Tribes. The Klamath Tribes video featured the Modoc War.

Klamath Tribal Councilman, Shawn Jackson, participated on behalf of the Klamath Tribes in Session One in Hearing Room 50 with Leo Stewart, LCIS Chair and Umatilla Vice-Chair, and Bob Garcia, LCIS Vice-Chair and Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Chair, as co-moderators, and Cheryle Kennedy, LCIS Member and Grand Ronde Chairwoman. The agencies represented in this breakout session were: Community Colleges, Corrections, Education, Environmental Quality, Fish and Wildlife, Human Services, Land Conservation and Development, Military, Transportation, Water Resources, Youth Authority, Revenue, Parks and Recreation, Watershed Enhancement Board, and Employment.

Klamath Tribal Councilman, Frank Summers, participated on behalf of the Klamath Tribes in Session Two: Hearing Room 350 with Karen Quigley, moderator, joined by Dee Pigsley, Siletz Chair, Charlotte Roderique, Burns Vice-Chair and LCIS member-elect, Raymond Tsumpti, LCIS Member and Warm Springs Tribal Council, and Kathleen Tom, Grand Ronde Tribal Council. Agencies represented in this breakout session were: Children and Families, Consumer and Business Services, Oregon University System, State Police, Forestry, Housing, Human Services, Energy, State Library, Liquor Control Commission, Revenue, Parks and Recreation, Veteran Affairs, Justice, and the State Hospital.

On Friday, May 11, Tribal Leaders from all nine federally recognized tribal governments in Oregon as well as some tribal staff were on hand in the Galleria to meet and greet, to network and have conversations with attendees. This year’s theme was “Tribal Governments: Discover, Explore, Connect” and was open to the public.

Each tribal government had a designated roundtable for their Council, and other guests. Then following table discussions, Tribal representatives were ushered upstairs to witness Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber sign the annual American Indian Week proclamation. American Indian Week in Oregon is May 13 to May 19.

After Kennedy gave the invocation, Robert Garcia, Tribal chair of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians, said, “Oregon’s relationship with its nine federally recognized Tribes is one that is growing and it has certainly been one of the best relationships in the United States. “It is first, foremost and pre-eminent in its abilities in finding ways for the Tribes and the state to work together.”

“Since I came back into office in 2010, this is our second celebration,” Kitzhaber said. “I’m very honored to have a chance to participate again at this very important gathering. … I’m very grateful that representatives of your sovereign governments travel here every year to share your stories about your history, about your sovereignty and about your survival. I think we are all enriched as a
I write this letter in support of the Klamath tribes. As a historical fishing tribe in the northwest we monitor activities that may or have had impacts on neighboring tribes with fishing rights. I have researched some of the facts of the Klamath tribe and their dependency to the salmon and other fish species that sustained their culture, they like us are connected to the earth and the resources that surround them in their lives and their spiritual beliefs. These are inherent rights of the tribe that are upheld as the constitutional law of the land, rights that have always belonged to the tribe. We strongly support the tribe in their endeavors and encourage the promotion of S.1851 and H.R. 3398.

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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.

In the Courts of the Conqueror by Echo-Hawk
By Taylor R. David

I traveled on May 4th, 2012, to see our friend and esteemed writer, Mr. Walter Echo-Hawk at Portland, State University. I attended his book tour lecture "In the Courts of the Conqueror: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided" as the Klamath Tribes are referenced in the book due to the Termination Act and the immense amount of work Walter has done with the tribes over the years regarding termination and water rights.

Walter R. Echo-Hawk was a lawyer for NARF for more than 35 years, tribal judge, scholar and activist whose legal experience includes cases involving Native American religious freedom, prisoner rights, water rights, treaty rights, and reburi/repatriation rights. He was instrumental in securing passage of two federal laws that respect Indian and religious freedoms and also the repatriation of Native American remains to Indian tribes. He was also instrumental in securing Indian Religious Freedom Rights to those members who was incarcerated in the early 1970's in the Oregon State Penitentiary. It is here that Walter said, "It was amazing to me that so many of the prisoner's were Klamath Indians at this time. This prompted and led me to do more studying on the Termination of the Klamath Tribes and the devastating effects of Termination on the Klamath people."

In 1989, he negotiated a national reburial agreement with the Smithsonian Institution which was enacted into law. In 1989-90, he helped lead a national campaign for passage of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act - an important human rights law. In 1994, he represented the Native American Church of North America to secure passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Amendments of 1994 to protect religious use of peyote by Indians. Presently he represents the Klamath Tribes of Oregon to quantify treaty-protected water rights in Southern Oregon in a highly publicized and controversial set of federal and state litigation. A prolific writer, his publications include an award-winning book “Battlefields and Burial Grounds” His book, “In the Courts of the Conqueror: The Ten Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided,” was published in spring 2009. He has received various awards, such as, the American Bar Association "Spirit of Excellence Award" for legal work in the face of adversity and the "Civil Liberties Award" from the ACLU of Oregon for significant contributions in the cause of individual freedom.

He is admitted to practice law before the United States Supreme Court, Colorado Supreme Court, U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, and a host of federal District Courts. Walter is an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Pawnee Nation. He is a member of the Pawnee Nation, belonging to the Kitkahaki Band, born on the Pawnee reservation in Oklahoma. He received a political science degree from Oklahoma State University (1970) and his law degree from the University of New Mexico (1973).

"Echo-Hawk closed the lecture by saying, "The reforming of the dark side of federal indian law can be the next movement in the 21st Century."
Elders Crafts

After 8 weeks of Crepe Paper Flower Making Class the Elders are pictured with their completed flowers. Eloise Ohles was the instructor this year. We had at least 8 Elders at the class for a total of 14 classes. The classes were held at the Elders meal site in Chiloquin and in Beatty. Next years’ classes will begin in April; mark your calendars now! Elder’s crafts are held on Tuesdays at the Beatty meal site and Fridays at the Chiloquin meal site, starting at 12:45pm. Come join the fun! For more information call Michelle Carson @ (541) 783-2219 ext. 122.

Pictured from left to right. Standing (Eloise Ohles, Punchy Jimenez, Dorothy Witcraft, and Rennie Crain. Sitting (Marilynne Jackson, Phoebe Chavez, Phyllis Walker, and Rose Krebs).

Special Thanks to the Education Department for funding this activity!
Sports Camp 2012!

**Pre-Registration Required**

July 10-12 (6-18 year olds)
8:30-2:00 at Ponderosa School

July 13 (family activities)
12:00-3:00 Awards, BBQ & Activities at Moore Park

- Football, volleyball, soccer, softball/kickball, shinny, and native running games.
- Bring athletic shoes (no flip-flops or sandals), athletic clothing, and any required medications everyday to camp. It is a good idea to bring a water bottle with your name on it.
- Snacks and lunch provided daily.
- Transportation available July 10-12 for registered youth participants:
  Chiloquin: Tribal Administration, pick up 7:30-7:45 am & drop off 2:30-2:45 pm.
  Beatty: Call Carolyne @ 882-1487 x 239 for times and location.
  Rides not provided for family activities on July 13.
- **Registrations sheets due no later than July 3.**
  Send to Christa Runnels Klamath Tribal Health 3949 S 6th St K Falls, OR 97603
  Or Fax: 541-882-1670

- Questions? Call Christa, Health Educator, at 882-1487 x 222
  or cmrunnels@klm.portland.ihs.gov.

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**Culture Camp 2012**

It is Culture Camp time again!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you again and hopefully meeting some new-comers.

Culture Camp will again be a day camp at Lake of The Woods.

Transportation will be provided to and from Culture Camp.

**Session 1**
Age Group: 6 – 12 years
When: Tuesday July 24, 2012
through Friday July 27, 2012

**Session 2**
Age Group: 13 -17 years
When: Tuesday July 31, 2012
through Friday August 3, 2012

**REGISTRATION FORMS**
Are available at the Klamath Tribes Administration Office, Chiloquin
and Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services, Klamath Falls.

**Deadline:**
Youth Registration June 22, 2012
Medical release form July 20 & 27, 2012
Volunteer Registration June 22, 2012

The Klamath Tribes, Culture & Heritage Department, P.O. Box 436, Chiloquin, OR 97624

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**Youth & Family Intervention Program** along with Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
would like to invite YOU to our 2nd Annual BASKETBALL FUNDAMENTALS & LIFE SKILLS DAY CAMP 2012!!!!

Come learn important Basketball fundamentals from College athletes.
Camp coaches are college players.

Kenny Dobbs of the Chocano Nation!!
One of the Worlds Premier American Indian Dancers will also be giving a Modination Speech and Presentation!!!

Camp will be at Ponderosa Jr. High School July16th – July 18th 8:00 AM till 2:00 PM Ages 5-10
July & 23rd –July 27th Ages 11-18 same times! Breakfast, lunch, and snack Provided!
Registration forms need to be in by July 13th!!! Late entrants excepted dependent on Space Availability!!! DON’T MISS THIS FREE & FUN OPPORTUNITY!!!

Camp Directors: Liston Case & Tempest Dawson

For more information please call: 541-882-1487 Ext# 239 Or #257

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**Beatty Cultural/Heritage Festival**

Saturday,  Aug. 4th 9:00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Aug. 5th 10:00 a.m. To 5:00 p.m.

At the Irwin Weiser Memorial Center in Beatty

The Beatty Community Action Team in conjunction
With the Beatty Klamath Tribal Festival Committee
Invite you to come and celebrate your Heritage
Through display, outfit, song or dance.

Grand Marshall of the Parade - Louie Hutchinson
Parade starts Saturday @ 11:00 a.m. (line-up at 10:00 a.m.)

Hourly door prizes both days
Contests for children daily, at scheduled intervals
Three kids basketball 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Raffle and 50/50 drawing Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Craft Food Professional Vendors
Country & Western Music (with a little Rock & Roll)
Historical & Cultural Displays Daily
Saturday Evening Bingo 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday partners horseshoe tournament-
Sign-up all day Saturday & Sunday morning until 10:00 a.m.

Tournament starts at 11:00 Sunday qualified 30 footers O.K.
Double Elimination Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places
Trophies for 4th and 5th. $10.00 Per Person Entry Fee
For information call Tom @ 541-533-3129 or Bob @ 541-591-8602

*This project was partially funded by the Klamath County transient room tax grant program*
14 Attendees to the 7th Annual Native Caring Conference in Pendleton

The Community Services Respite Program took 14 family care providers and Elders to the 7th Annual Native Caring Conference in Pendleton, Oregon on March 28-29, 2012. Everyone that attended this year’s conference said that this was the best one so far and the providers that attended for the first time said it was excellent. This was a very busy 2 day conference for Native Care Providers to learn about taking care of themselves. This conference offers information on personal health, exercise, mental health, stress management, dementia & its challenges, fire & fall prevention, elder abuse, hands on home health, and great entertainment.

The Respite Program has been able to take several providers and Elders to this conference for the past 7 years and we will be taking some providers and Elders to next year’s conference at Chinook Winds Casino & Resort in March 2013. If you are interested in the Klamath Tribes Respite Program please contact Michelle Carson for more information (541-783-2219 Ext. 122).

2012 Elders Overnight Trip

This year the Community Services Elders Program took 30 Elders & attendants to the 22nd Annual Senior Honor Day in Warm Springs, Oregon. The Elders loaded the buses and travelled up to Warm Springs May 10th and didn’t return home until May 12th.

The Elders stayed at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort and the stay was excellent and so was the food. The Elders attended the Senior Honor Day at the Agency Longhouse and were entertained all day long. There was a Headstart Powwow, demonstrations of dance and exercise, singing, games, and yes, Elvis! After all the fun and games we sat down for a traditional Salmon dinner. The Elders all enjoyed themselves and were ready for more the next day. We hope to see all the Elders at the next Elders event!

If you are 60 years old and live in Klamath County and don’t receive mailings about the Elders Programs please contact Michelle Carson (541-783-2219 Ext. 122) to be added to the Elders mailing list. If you have questions about the Elders program please call Michelle.

To whom it may concern,

My name is Darrell Say and I am at Warner Creek Correctional Facility in Lakeview, Oregon, where approx. 9 Klamath Tribal members are incarcerated. We are using this mandated time to heal ourselves and learn things about our Native culture such as songs, dances, beading, etc… Currently we are planning our Powwow for September 29th, 2012 and are in need of dancers, drummers, singers and musicians both male and female, everyone, all styles.

We are seeking any interested individuals that would like to participate in some way.

If your interested please contact Chaplain Ball at:
Warner Creek Facility- Religious Services, Chaplain Ball
20654 Rabbit Hill Road, Lakeview, OR 97630
Phone: (541) 947-8217 or email: Ken.W.Ball@doc.state.or.us

Thank you,
Darrel Say #7754198
PO Box 1500
Lakeview, OR 97630
Energy Assistance Program 2012-2013
For all Native American Indians living in Klamath County

The Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will begin sending out applications to Elders in September 2012 and will begin processing those applications October 1, 2012. All other applicants will begin being served November 1, 2012. You will need to call Rachel Miller 541-783-2219 ext.174 to make an appointment.

The Caseworker will take appointments in Beatty at the Community Center and in Klamath Falls at Klamath Tribal Health beginning December 4, 2010. The schedule for these locations is as follows:

- Tuesdays Beatty Community Center from 10:00 to 12:00
- Tuesdays Klamath Tribal Health 1:30 to 3:30
- Fridays Klamath Tribal Health from 1:00 to 4:00.

Information Needed From Applicants

Tribal Identification: Will need documentation of membership of one (1) household member in a federally recognized tribe.

Social Security Cards: Will need a copy of the SS cards for all members of your household.

Income Verification: You will need the most recent income check stubs, update on GA or check stub, Social Security award letter, bank statement, child support, per capita, TANF or unemployment documents.

Those eighteen (18) yrs and older and have no income will need to come to the appointment with household applicant and bring a wage statement printout from the State Employment Office showing you do not receive income or unemployment benefits.

Utility Bill: You will need to provide us with the most recent utility bill which must be in the name of the applicant and which shows the residence where you are currently living.

You will need to bring all required documents to your first appointment. If we do not have all of the documents necessary to qualify you for the program, we will not be able to call in a pledge. You will have one (1) week to provide the missing documents for your application to be processed.

Hello all!
I just wanted to thank everyone for their participation in the Klamath Walk Sunday, May 20th.

Programs like our Diabetes Management and Diabetes Prevention could not perform to their highest potential without your support.

We appreciate our community and we are happy to help spread awareness of Diabetes and its prevention and management. We had a total of 110 participants who had taken that first step to healthier living and though it might have been just for one day in those few hours; the fact that a person got out of bed to go for a walk means something.

Thank you to the 11 volunteers who helped in the registration, handing out shirts, testing glucose levels and entertaining the masses with activities. Your involvement was appreciated. A special thank you to the outside organizations who supported a fellow Tribal organization.

I had a great time mingling with my people and I hope to see you all at our Restoration Walk in Chiloquin, Friday, August 24th at 3pm. Hope to see you there!

Games like Foot "Rock-Paper-Scissors" was good fun and exercise!

Have a Good Day and if you have any questions call, Jessie Hecocta, Diabetes Activities Coordinator
Office: (541) 882-1487 ext. 310 or Work Cell: (541) 892-1786
jessie.hecocta@klm.portland.ihs.gov
Peace and Dignity Run- Coming thru July 21-23, 2012

Fantastic Cultural Run coming to our area. You are welcome to participate or help. Any and all volunteers/Helpers please contact Council Woman GeorGene Nelson at the info listed below.

2012 Peace & Dignity Journey! Runners kicked off in Northern Alaska on May 1st, 2012 and have been running sun up to sun down everyday since. The Peace & Dignity Journey operates solely on donations. As they travel, it is customary that each Tribal Nation greet these runners and host them while they pass through our indigenous lands. This run is spiritual in nature and this year is dedicated to preserving and protecting our sacred water. Currently, they are in route to our area and will be in Diamond Lake on July 21- then to Edison Chiloquin's Camp on July 22- then on to Medicine Lake on the 23rd of July.

ANYONE and EVERYONE is encouraged to be part of this run. The run is held relay style therefore you can choose the distance you want to run. Typically, people choose to run for a day which might mean you would run 5-10 sections over the course of 8-10 hours. Lots of time to rest in between, fellowship with other runners, and soak of the power of some of our most sacred places.

I’m seeking a DEDICATED group of you who would be willing to help support these people as they pass through our homeland. Here is what we are looking at….

July 21st - P&D Runners arrive at Diamond Lake
- The goal is to have tribal people greet them as they enter the northern boundary of our homeland. A closing ceremony would be held to retire the staffs for the evening. Dinner and fellowship after. You can camp overnight if you like, space will be provided.

July 22nd - Diamond Lake to Chiloquin (65 miles/8 hours)
- Opening ceremony, prayer, breakfast. Runners depart and head south into Crater Lake National Park (west rim) down into Fort Klamath and over into Chiloquin. Runners will be hosted at the Edison Chiloquin Trust Lands where closing ceremony would retire the staffs for the evening. Sweat lodge ceremony for runners and supporters, as well as dinner and camping for anyone.

July 23rd - Chiloquin to Medicine Lake (70 miles/9hours)
- Opening ceremony, prayer, breakfast. Runners depart from tribal admin and head to Modoc Point. P&D Runners and cultural supporters will board boats and sail the length of Klamath Lake offering prayer and song. Runners and supporters will caravan by vehicles to Moore Park for their arrival. From here relay will continue South on Hwy 97 to Stateline Road, along Indian Tom Lake and South into the hills arriving at the banks of Medicine Lake, where runners will be greeted by the Pit River Nation.

Again, I urge you to be a part of this run, and I guarantee it will be an experience you will NEVER forget!

*Note: Runners came thru in 2008 and was met by Klamath Tribal Elder, Pinky Delaney, her son Robert, and grandson, Jared. (Pictured right). Tribal Elder Richie Ochoa also spoke with the group and blessed their passage thru the Klamath/Modoc/Yahooskin lands, along with several other tribal members.

If you'd like to help please contact...

GeorGene A. Nelson, Klamath Tribal Council Member
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georgene.nelson@klamathtribes.com
Tony Hernandez has drifted from foster home to foster home over his 18 years, but chose to push himself in high school and graduated as valedictorian of Beaverton's Community School in June.

BEAVERTON -- No one knew what to expect of Tony Hernandez when he started as a freshman at Community School in Beaverton, not even Hernandez.

He spoke to no one, not even his teachers. He walked down the halls with his nose buried in a book, his shoulder sliding along the wall.

Four years later, that same hulking kid is the valedictorian of his class and will speak Saturday at graduation ... if he keeps his courage.

Teacher Stephen Hamilton said, in his 19 years at Community School, he's seen kids like Tony turn around, but not very often. "We could see right away he would be a challenge," Hamilton said, "to figure out how to unlock that potential.

"You hope, as a teacher, you have three or four successes, and he's one of them," Hamilton said.

Hernandez, a quiet teddy bear of a kid, has spent his 18 years of life drifting in and out of foster homes in different cities and school districts. He's lived with 13 different families, some good, some awful, over the years. When things got bad, he read to escape. He was always a good reader.

At Maple Elementary in Springfield, he was placed in a gifted reading program, and as a fifth-grader, he said, he broke the school record in the Reading Counts program in which students get points for reading and passing a test on the book.

He smiled proudly when he recounted his 752 points, blowing away the previous record of 312 points. He pulled in 90 points with "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Middle school was a hard time. Hernandez attended three schools in three cities, ending in Gresham. "At middle school, I didn't really try," he said. "I was high risk."

If he attended, he just sat in class, doing nothing.

"I didn't really learn anything," he said.

He left Reynolds Middle School with a 1.6 grade-point average, but high school gave him a chance to start over.

Community School is designed for kids like Hernandez. It is a small, nurturing school with close ties between teachers and students. Hamilton described the teachers as a surrogate family for the students.

"When I started here, reality hit," Hernandez said. "If I didn't do well, I would probably be a dropout."

He ended his freshman year with a 3.0 average.

But he didn't stop there. By the end of his sophomore year, he pulled straight A's.

During the beginning of his junior year, he struggled with a difficult foster family that didn't allow him time for homework, he said. At one point, he walked away and slept in parks or in apartment complex courtyards. He showed up at school when he could.

"His foster placement was not good," said Hamilton. "It did not match very well who he was and what he was trying to become."

Hernandez's caseworker found him a better home and he, again, prospered, bringing his grades back up.

This year, he took dual-credit classes at Portland Community College and has about 12 college credits to his name.

Hernandez's friends describe him as quiet and somewhat introverted but always there for them.

Kaitlyn Schneider, 18, said he befriended her when she was the new girl at school. "If I have any troubles at home, he's always listening," she said.

Jesse White said he admires Hernandez's ability to adapt.

"Since he's been in foster care, he knows how to deal with really bad situations," he said.

For his part, Hernandez has always kept his own counsel, which may have kept him out of trouble over the years.

"I guess I think about the future more than the past," he said, adding that he wanted to break his family's high school dropout tradition.

Hernandez said he has 11 siblings, but his mother lost them all to foster care because she was an addict. He is the second youngest and said most of his brothers are in jail. He met his mother for the first time this year. He doesn't know where his father is.

Cases like Hernandez' are uncommon nowadays, said Gene Evans, Department of Human Services spokesperson. The average stay in foster care is about 16 months, and the average number of home placements is two.

"It's a difficult place to grow up," Evans said. "Living in a perpetual place of flux is not a good placement for kids."

Of the kids who have done well, like Hernandez, he said, "Success is by their own force of will."

Hernandez plans to attend Portland Community College, then head to Portland State University, where he will study to become a social worker.

Asked what advice he would give other kids in his situation, Hernandez thought for a moment and said, "Prove to yourself that you're better than what life has to throw at you."
Congratulations to Alexander and Adam Leate, who graduated from the Automotive Technology program with an Associates from Alameda College, in the Bay Area. They are the sons of Kathalin Fuentes, Klamath Tribal member.

Their family here in Oregon are very proud of them.

Congratulations to Klamath Tribal Member, Derek Kimbol, who earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Environmental Studies, in the Fall of 2011, from the one and only University of Oregon!

Go Ducks!

Congratulations goes to Bruitus B. Montes de Oca, enrolled Klamath member, a 3.7 graduate from Astoria High School on June 9, 2012.

His future plans are to continue his education majoring in Education with Music as his minor at the University of Oregon. His proud parents are Luel-lenn Montes de Oca and Eugene H. Ray, both enrolled members of the Klamath Tribe.


He is the son of proud parents Missy & Tetter Hess.

This fall he will be attending OIT (Oregon Institute of Technology) in Klamath Falls, OR.

OBITUARY NOTICES
Now on Tribal Website!

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 therefore, in an effort to better notify the membership, the obituaries are now available to view on our tribal website (within the "TRIBAL NEWS/INFO Section on the Home page).

www.klamathtribes.org

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Taylor David- News Editor