In Remembrance to the Modoc War and the Warriors who died for our future, tribal members gathered for a memorial and dedication of the new head markers.

The Klamath Tribes and Klamath County Museum collaborated to recognize the history of the Modoc War, the Museum history, and the Warriors who were hung on that horrific day (Oct. 3) 142 years ago in 1873.

Earlier this month, the Klamath Tribes Elders Committee, the Culture & Heritage Committee, Tribal Council, and the Culture & Heritage Department, observed the placement of the new markers of the Modoc Ancestor's graves.
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- By the end of the six-month war, over 1,000 U.S. military troops were engaged in bringing 50 – 60 Modoc men, who had their families with them throughout the entire war, under control. Army troops outnumbered Modoc fighting men about 20 to 1.
- The Modoc War is the only Indian war in American history in which a full-ranking general, General E. R. S. Canby, was killed. He was not for the George Armstrong Custer fight at the Little Bighorn against the Lakota and Cheyenne only three years after the Modoc War, the Modoc conflict would probably be remembered as the most significant Indian confrontation in America’s western history.

Recommended Documentary:

opb.org

The Oregon Experience - The Modoc War

Left: Tribal Member, Devery Saluskin demonstrates the “Super Power” that still runs in our veins! Right: Marge, Rayson, Charlene; Monica and Devery gather to honor our ancestors.

Government to Government Relationships


Buffet/Gentry pictured left.

Mark Buffet, Director Defense Production Act Title III Program -US Dept. of Defense, gave Klamath Tribal Chairman Gentry a commemorative coin from the Dept. of Defense to acknowledge the relationship and continued working process.

*Photo by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribal News Dept.

Chiloquin, Oregon- On August 5, 2015, Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry, and other officials from the Klamath Tribes met with the U.S. Department of Defense and members of the Air Force Peacekeeping Program Act Office. Other Dept of Defense personnel included: James A. Neely, DPA Title III Project Manager and Jeffrey Smith, Air Force Executive Agent Program Manager.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide Government-to-Government Consultation for the Advanced Drop-in Biofuels Production Program (Red Rock Biofuels Project based out of Lakeview, Oregon) and to provide an overview of the Project. Discussions focused on cultural matters that are of particular interest to the Klamath Tribes, and previous correspondence the Klamath Tribes have had with Red Rock in the past two years. Chairman Gentry also emphasized the importance of the United States Trust Responsibility to the Tribes and our MOA with the United States Forest Service.

Note: This has been an on-going process and will continue with both the Department of Defense and Red Rock in the future.
Klamath Tribes/Chiloquin Celebrate Early Literacy Progress
*All photos on this page courtesy of Spayne Martinez Photography.

In spite of rain and a power outage, representatives of the Klamath Tribes, City of Chiloquin, Chiloquin schools and other supporters of the KLAMATH TRIBES/ CHILOQUIN COMMUNITY EARLY LITERACY PROJECT persevered with their celebration of the recently installed academically-focused message board in downtown Chiloquin. Special guests included Klamath Tribes Chairman Don Gentry, Governor Brown representative Susanna Julber (who read a congratulatory letter from the Governor), Chiloquin Mayor Joe Hobbs, Kristen Gimbelf of Oregon’s Chief Education Office, Klamath County School Superintendent Greg Thole, Nona Avery Page, who will be working with the Early Literacy Project Team on behalf of the South Central Early Learning Hub, and Monica Yellow Owl, a Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services prevention specialist who honored the attendees with a special song in the Paiute language.

The September 16, 2015 celebration reflected almost a year of collaboration, which began at Chiloquin Elementary School in November 2014 with Dr. Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer for the State of Oregon, and with an Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) $25,000 grant to the South Central Early Learning Hub. The goal of that grant was to strengthen a collaborative partnership with the Klamath Tribes. In January 2015 Governor Kate Brown appointed Kathy Hill, Klamath Tribal Council member and Barbara Fuentez of Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC)/Head Start to serve as co-conveners when he designated the Project as an Oregon Solutions project. That designation garnered the support of the Oregon Business Council and a grant from the Northwest Area Foundation that funded Beverly Stein of Oregon Solutions at Portland State University to serve as the project manager and Kathleen Mitchell to serve as the on-site coordinator. Oregon Solutions projects are intended to help communities develop their own solutions to challenges.

Two goals of the KLAMATH TRIBES/CHILOQUIN COMMUNITY EARLY LITERACY PROJECT are to (1) prevent future poverty and increase prosperity by preparing Klamath Tribes/Chiloquin community children to read at level by the third grade and (2) encourage parents and community members to incorporate reading and literacy-promoting activities into everyday life with children. The goals arise from the fact that students who read at level in the third grade are twice as likely to graduate from high school and three times more likely to go to college.

Although the Early Literacy Project team and supporters took time to celebrate the milestone represented by the installation of the electronic message board, it is just one step in an ongoing project. Declarations of Cooperation to continue support for the project were signed by representatives of the Klamath Tribes, OCDC/Head Start, Start Making a Reader Today (SMART), Chiloquin Elementary School, Chiloquin High School, Umpqua Bank, Family & Community Education Investment Board (OEIB), Oregon Department of Human Services, the City of Chiloquin and Oregon Solutions.

In addition to helping to fund the new Early Literacy message board, part of the initial $25,000 grant was used to purchase VROOM materials specifically developed to help parents and caregivers implement Early Literacy activities with children 0 – 6 years of age, to create culturally relevant posters, and to design Literacy Bags that include VROOM materials and other items such as Klamath language coloring books, crayons and library books.

Parents and caregivers of children 0 – 6 years of age can pick up Early Literacy Bags at the Chiloquin Library, located at 140 First Street in Chiloquin. More information about VROOM and a free VROOM app for smart phones is available at: www.JoinVroom.org.

Any questions call Torina Case, Tribal Council Secretary at 541-783-2219 ext. 170 or email: torina.case@klamathtribes.com Tribal Members who wish to receive tribal emails contact: taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com

Mark Your Calendars Now!
2015 & 2016 General Council Meetings

**Tribal Council Election Nominations Only**

November 14, 2015 @ 10am
February 27, 2016 @10am
May 21, 2016 @ 10am
August 20, 2016 @ 10am
November 12, 2016 @ 10am

Agendas are posted at Tribal Offices and emailed (to those on file with the Public Information Department) 15 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Klamath Tribal Council: Kathy Hill, Rosemary Treetop, Vivian Kimbol, Chuck Kimbol, Brandi Hatcher, Anna Bennett, Taylor Tupper, Torina Case, Don Gentry, Shawn Jackson- Urge you to mark your calendars and attend the Shareholders meeting and the General Council meetings.
Oregon Tribes Gather for Government to Government Relationships: 40th Anniversary

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It was a blessed day for everyone.

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Meeting of the Minds: Spending Time on the Lower Klamath with Friends

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Klamath Tribes Judiciary: An Update From Your Chief Judge on Government-to-Government Relationships and Strengthening Tribal Sovereignty

Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters and Klamath Tribes Chief Judge Jeremy Brave-Heart

On August 12, 2015, your Chief Judge attended the first ever Tribal and State Judges Convening in Salem. This “Convening” was a full-day work session to increase communication, cooperation, and collaboration between Tribal judges and Oregon State judges on many issues. Some of the issues discussed were cultural understanding and education for the State judges, the Indian Child Welfare Act and ways to improve outcomes for our tribal children in those cases, continued relationship building between Tribal and State judges, the Tribal Law and Order Act and Violence Against Women Act, and how to increase successful relationships between Oregon Courts and State Agencies and Tribal Courts. Also, we discussed increasing honoring Tribal Court orders in the State courts.

I want you—Klamath Tribal members—to know this was no ordinary “bureaucratic” meeting where people just talk and nothing gets done. The outcome of the Convening is that our recommendations will go to the Oregon Supreme Court for a possible “Administrative Order” that will create a new organization in the State of Oregon. An ongoing, mission-oriented, Tribal and State judges Forum that will continue into the future. This will ensure true government-to-government relationships between Tribal and State courts.

At this Convening of judges, the Klamath Tribes and the Klamath Tribes Judiciary were represented by your Chief Judge so that I could collaborate with other Tribal judges and State judges to achieve the Klamath Tribes Judiciary’s mission: To improve and increase services to tribal members while strengthening and upholding Klamath Tribal sovereignty, and to be treated as equals.

I also had an extensive discussion with Oregon Supreme Court Justice Martha Walters at the Convening. I expressed to her the goals of the Klamath Tribes and the Klamath Tribes Judiciary, and we had a very good talk about the challenges we face as tribal members, and the successes as well.

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In September 2015, Chief Judge Brave-Heart met with members of Tribal Council and Administration and Health Staff to assist one another on program needs and direction.
HONORING TRIBAL HERITAGE

Historic marker returns to Eulalona village site

Photos by Lacey Jarell & N Staff Reporter

Eulalona Village marker

Eulalona- Meaning “All Along the Top” in the tribal language. This marker commemorates the significance of the native people that lived here prior to settlement. Both sides of the river was utilized by the tribes and was also a site where the Klamath, Modoc, and other tribes gathered in the winter and summer to trade and meet. It was also the site of where Waema was born along the link river. It is significant and true history of the Klamath Basin.

Winema was born along the link river. It is significant and true history of the Klamath Basin. He noted the Eulalona site was a massive tribal trading post and it spanned down both sides of the of the Link River.

“Some of the most prominent tribal members in our past come from a village in the Link River Canyon. It’s very significant for us, and we’re glad to see it moved back here,” Checktoot said.

John Belloum, Klamath Falls city parksuperintendent, also noted the marker’s his- toric value. “By getting the marker back into a prominent location, where not only the community can appreciate it, but also people coming to the community, we bet- ter express our past and identify who we are in Klamath Falls,” Belloum said.

Klamath Tribes member Richard Rambo spoke about the Treaty of 1864, in which the Tribes relinquished control of more than 23 million acres of land, including the village site. He said much of the Tribes’ decision to sign the treaty was based on promises made by government that never came to fruition. “Unfortunately, the promises didn’t follow through, to a large extent. It’s a lesson for today to not be- come too reliant on government,” Rambo said.

Including ties

Bob Pallies, a Klamath Falls resident since 1951, said witnessing the monument moved back to its original location has been a passion of his for the last 20 years.

“This is something the community can be proud of,” Pallies said.

Checktoot said the collaborative nature in which the memorial was relocated “helps express our past and identify who we are in Klamath Falls,” Belloum said.

Binding ties

Klamath Tribes will expand Eulalona Village marker into the modern community. The marker, which says “Eulalona Indian Village: A populous site near Moore Park) commemorates the tribal communities that flourished across the banks of the Link River in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

“The Klamath Tribes are proactively working to address high levels of unemployment and underemployment by fostering an environment of entrepreneurship,” said Walker. “By expanding their unique training and technical assistance program, they will extend business opportunities to remote tribal members and tribal youth while increasing the services and resources available to existing businesses and emerging entrepreneurs.” Bettles added, “The Business Program supports the course curriculum “Indiaprogram”, developed by ONABE, A Native American Business Network.”

Julie Bettles of the Klamath Tribes Small Business Development office added, “This funding will assist our existing program as it provides the technical expertise necessary for individuals to conceptualize, develop, engineer, and prepare their own business plans; the concept is designed to help create ownership of each unique business strategy.”

This funding is being provided through USDA’s Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program and is contingent upon the recipient meeting the terms of the grant agreement. Congress established the RBDG Program under the 2014 Farm Bill. The new program combines USDA’s former Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) and Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) programs. Like its predecessors, the new program is designed to assist with the startup or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural communities.

With the funding provided under today’s announcement, the Klamath Tribes will offer new culturally relevant small business development training and deliver a new government services workshop on the assistance available to tribal entrepreneurs at the federal, state, and local levels. In addition, they will explore the feasibility of creating a small business incubator to provide tribal entrepreneurs with access to small business counseling, resources, and a shared workspace.

The Klamath Tribes have more than 4,800 members, but fewer than 640 live in their Chiloquin community. The Rural Development grant funds will support the creation of an online small business assistance strategy for remote tribe entrepreneurs. Today’s funding will also enable the Tribes to address the high unemployment rate among tribal youth through the development of a youth entrepreneurship initiative for tribal and community members in their final years of high school or first few years after graduation.

President Obama’s plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President’s leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses, and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way — strengthening America’s economy, small towns, and rural communities.

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The team appointed an Energy Ad hoc Team two years ago to help launch efforts on developing a thorough Energy Development Plan. Key efforts centered around Energy Efficiency, Energy Development/Generation, Energy Distribution, Community Infrastructure, and Job Creation.

The team helped to identify two projects, which are:

1. Biomass (Small Wood Utilization Facility)
2. Solar (Commercial and Community)

Both projects will provide the following:

- Assessment (Property, Raw Material, Market)
- Feasibility
- Comprehensive Business/Action Plan (Investment Grade)

* Based off the initial feasibility of both projects

The Biomass Project is part of a larger comprehensive Strategic Plan:
- Consistent with our Cultural and Environmental Values as a Tribe
- Job Creation
- Integrated Resources: Utilizing the large supply of small diameter lodge pole material positioned in the immediate surrounding forest
- Generate Revenue Resources
- Diversify our Economic Portfolio
- Find higher value markets for various classes of lodge pole products
- Help aid in the enhancement of the Klamath Tribe's economic self-sufficiency

The Klamath Tribe is on a path to become a major player in the Economic Recovery efforts of the Klamath County Region. I also want to shed light on the fact that Klamath County as a whole is only as strong as the sum of its parts, and Chiloquin happens to be one of those parts. The fact is, we have set very high expectations for both projects, I do want to express a high level of confidence that we will pursue both projects with an unprecedented amount of focus and intensity. With all the bad economic news coming out of Klamath County over the past year, I think these projects will definitely reshape the overall image of the Klamath Tribe. I forecast that we will receive a significant amount of support from other non-tribal interests in the Klamath County Region.

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I encourage all Klamath Tribal Members to attend the Annual Shareholders meeting: Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 10am in Chiloquin, Oregon.
Restoration of the Spirit,

The Klamath Tribes prevention team just received awesome news this past week in October 2015.

Hello everyone,

We are humbled beyond words and deeply moved. Since the screening of our "Restoration of the Spirit" documentary at Ross Ragland theatre in late May 2015, we have been asked by many local agencies to provide private screenings and cultural awareness trainings to assist them in better understanding the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahoooskin peoples trauma history as well as a better understanding of cultural relevance as it pertains to their work in the community.

Ground breaking collaborations with other agencies are forming. Fellow Tribes have praised this work highly and supported our efforts. In a few weeks Dr. Trail and I will presenting on the Restoration of the Spirit project at the Mount Mary University Social Living Conference in Milwaukee, WI. Our very own tribal voices are reaching far beyond our own community and the healing potential is limitless. We honor each person who took a healthy risk and were part of this documentary. This is not only a great triumph for the Klamath Tribes but for Native voices everywhere.

Know this, more efforts of this scale are in the works here in Prevention and with each endeavor we give every bit of glory to our Creator above.

Monica YellowOwl, CADC1, CPS
Prevention Specialist/Counselor
Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Youth & Family Guidance Center

Pictured above: Charlene Jackson
Pictured here: Yawnah Moon
Pictured here: Pat Foster