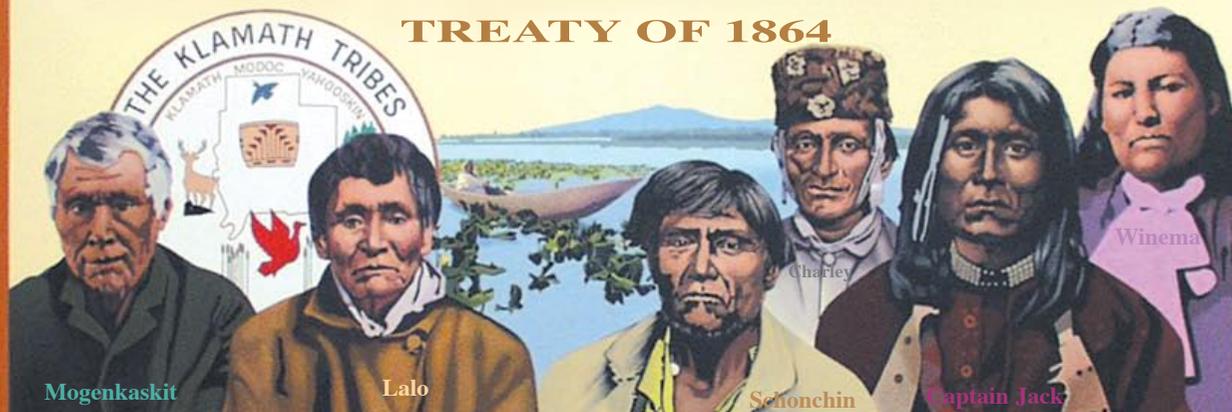


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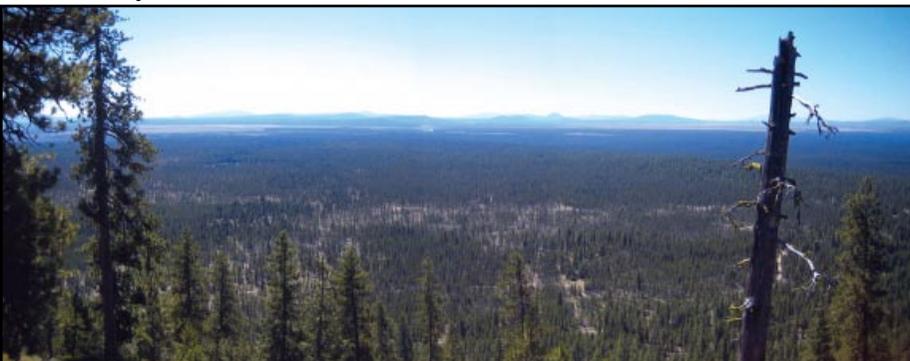
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-All things come full circle- Tribes reclaim land and continue to work towards a brighter future

CHILOQUIN, Ore. – It's a new chapter in the history of the Klamath Tribes in southern Oregon- as the Tribe buys back part of the lost reservation – and with that returns the tradition of caring for and being nurtured by the land.



The Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin peoples who make up the Klamath Tribes, entered into an option agreement Dec. 18, 2008, to purchase the 90,000-acre Mazama Forest in south central Oregon near our tribal homeland of Chiloquin- also known as the Mazama Tree Farm.

The forest was once part of 1.2 million acres reserved in the 1864 treaty, but liquidated by Congress in 1954 during the now repudiated policies of the Termination Era. The tribe regained federal recognition in 1986 – but a land base was not returned with restoration.



“People have asked me, what will you do to get the land back? And I’ve told them, ‘whatever it takes,’” said Klamath tribal chairman Joe Kirk. “And now I’m excited.” Two years ago the tribe asked the national conservation organization Trust for Public Lands for help in buying their land back. “They really beat the streets for us,” he said.

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The Klamath Tribes of Oregon
Support Obama during this time of

“ho winna”

(which means “Change” in our language).



naanok ?ans naat sat'waYa naat
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"We help each other; We will live good."



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(Continued from page 1)... "The land is important to this wrongly terminated tribal nation," said Charles F. Sams III, director of TPL's Tribal and Native Lands Program. "It's a major achievement in their long struggle back to cultural independence and economic self-reliance." The tribe plans to take ownership of the land this fall.

Not only will land provide the tribe with financial stability, "it's a significant part of our spiritual and cultural identity," Kirk said. "There are culturally sensitive areas to take care of, that hopefully have not been lost to past activities."

The federal government will pay \$21 million to cover part of the cost of the land, as part of the \$1 billion Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement, which includes the agreement last summer to remove four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River, blamed for destroying salmon runs in the river and in the Pacific Ocean.

A handful of locals in the rural communities of the Klamath Basin are opposed to the plan. "Why should the taxpayers foot the bill to buy land to establish a separate country for the Klamath Tribes? Isn't this fostering separatism, apartheid and racism?" asked a letter to the editor signed "we in the Basin Alliance."

And last August the group, who calls itself the Klamath Basin Alliance, Inc., placed a display ad in the local paper asking readers to sign a form that would reject the land agreement. The ad, which didn't list any groups or people who make up the "Alliance," argued that the Klamath Tribes sold their reservation as "willing sellers," and they'll get 92,000 acres of land bought with "taxpayer money."

But the ad was deceiving. The federal government is paying about two-thirds the cost of the yet to be appraised land. The Klamath Tribes is responsible for the rest.

In treaties with the United States, the Klamath peoples ceded 18 million acres of prime timber and farmland for guarantees in perpetuity of their sovereignty, a 2.2 million acre reservation, the protection of their natural resources, and social services that included health care, education and housing.

By 1953, the tribe was nearly at an economic par with mainstream society, and was recognized as one of the wealthiest tribes in the United States. Tribal members didn't receive land payments when they were terminated; instead they were paid for the value of the ponderosa pine on the land. The loss of land and social services for the tribe following termination is estimated well in excess of \$200 million.

Racism and bigotry is hard for Chairman Kirk to understand. "I think we should maintain our identities, and emphasize our commonalties," he said. The tribe is looking to foster good will among the tribes' non-supporters. "The tribe is the fourth largest employer in the county. It has a rippling effect- we all affect one another."

The tribe has developed a forest restoration and management plan for the Mazama Forest that will be a cornerstone for their economic development. Improving the health of the forest is a priority. "Portions of the land have been over-harvested, and some hasn't been managed well at all," Kirk said. The tribe plans to manage the forest in an environmentally sound manner to provide a steady supply of timber to their tribal enterprises planned at the tribes' Giiwas Green Enterprise Park, 25 miles from Chiloquin.

Klamath Tribal Councilman, Jeff Mitchell, standing in the shadows of the newly aquired dilapidated lumber mill, picked up a piece of firewood from the wood pile on the cold concrete floor and held it in the sunlight. He said, "This is the tribes' very first timber-based

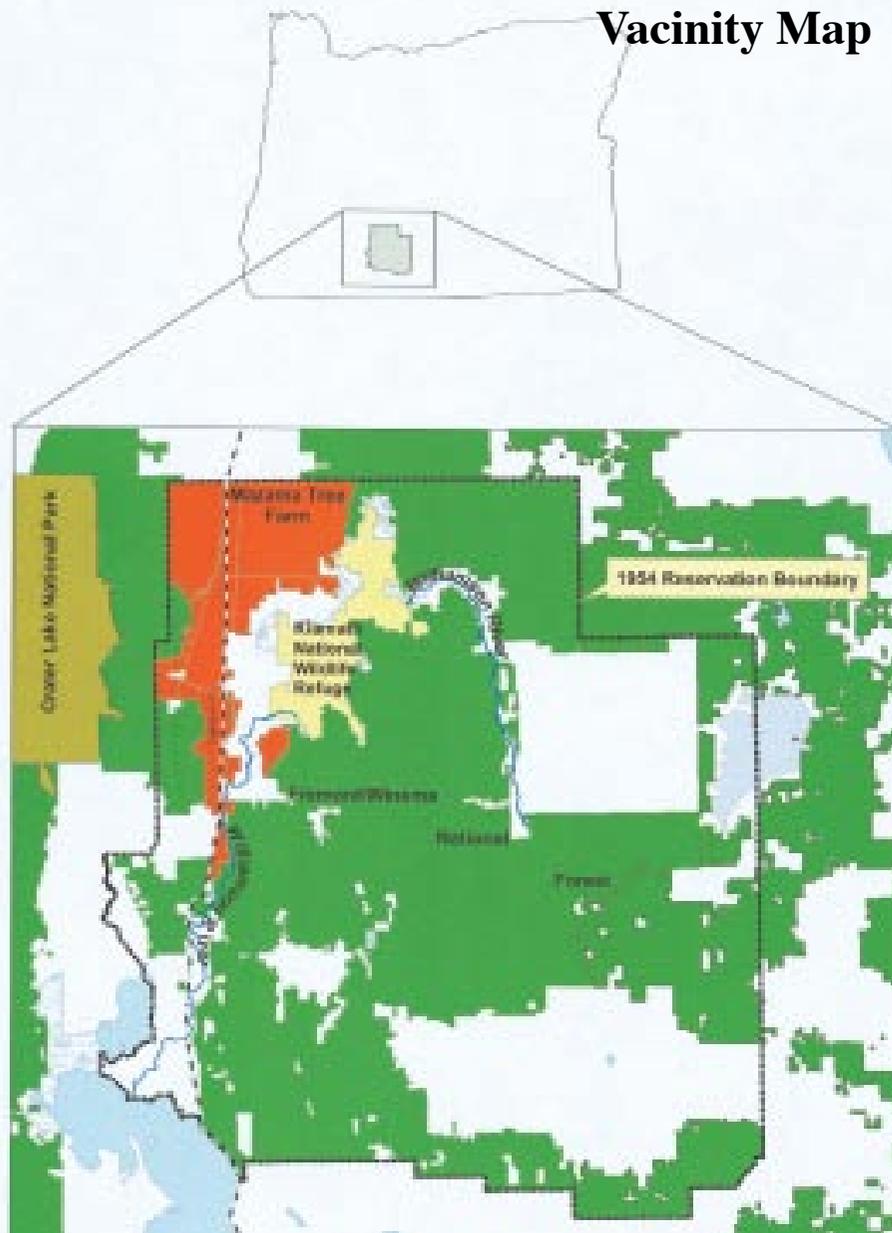
industry in over 50 years since termination," he added, "Five years from now, we're going to look back and say this is where it all started. Our people have come a long way. We have overcome many obstacles in our history. It is not in our nature to ever give up... we will always continue to adapt and move forward."

Associated Press Photograph Left: Jeff Mitchell, a member of the Klamath Tribes tribal council, stands on Round Butte, north of Chiloquin, Ore., pointing out and looking over the piece of the tribes' former reservation that they hope to buy back.

Article a collaboration of information provided from the Klamath Tribes, Indian Country Today Newspaper By Terri C. Hansen, and the ASSOCIATED PRESS. Articles first printed - Monday, December 22, 2008



Mazama Tree Farm Vacinity Map



TRIBAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Economic Development Corporation: The EDC has 5 vacancies to fill. Applications can be picked up outside the Tribal Secretary's office or call and one can be mailed to you. A resume' must be submitted, along with 3 letters of reference. Business background and or related experience is preferred. This Corporation does offer stipends for meetings. It is open to enrolled Tribal members or to non-enrolled, as long as the Tribal members hold a majority on the Corporation in accordance to the Charter. Please mail applications to the Tribal Secretary at P.O. Box 436, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624 by the **23rd of February, 2009.**

Gaming Regulatory Commission: The 3 year term of office for Gaming Regulatory Commissioner "Keith Hescok" is up in March, Tribal Council will be seeking applications from interested Tribal members. Keith also has the opportunity to re-apply and be re-appointed. The GRC operates under the Klamath Tribal Gaming Ordinance, Title 7, chapter 45 as adopted on 5/14/1994 by General Council and the Class III Gaming Compact between the Klamath Tribes and the State of Oregon adopted in 1994 established for the purpose of regulating Class II, Class III gaming and non-gaming licensees within the jurisdiction of the Klamath Tribes and in accordance to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 USC section 2701-3721. The qualifications for this position in accordance to the Rules & Regulations approved by General Council on February 2, 1998 are that each Commissioner must be an enrolled Klamath Tribal member and shall demonstrate good, moral, honest and reputable character and will be required to submit to and pass a background investigation. The Commissioner should also have experience and background in law enforcement, accounting, administrative skills or qualified related experience. The annual salary for this position starts at a GS level that is closest to \$40,000.00/annually. Applications are located outside of the Tribal Secretary's office or you can call and one can be mailed or faxed to you. The applications for this position are DUE to the Tribal Chairman or Secretary by **Monday March 9, 2009 @ 4:00 p.m.** Once received the Tribal Council will set up an interview process.

**Notice
To All Eligible Enrolled
Klamath Tribal Members**

The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department is preparing for the 2009 Revenue Allocation. If you received a per capita check in 2008, you will not need to re-submit this information unless you have had an address or name change.

Note: Address and Name changes must be submitted before **June 1, 2009** (We will no longer take address changes over the phone).

Note: If you have not filed an application to receive a per capita payment (scheduled June 19, 2009) you must provide the following information by **APRIL 15, 2009**:

1. Social Security Number. A clean and accurate copy of the Social Security Card is preferred.
2. Mailing address where your per capita check will be mailed. (Please provide a copy of a document showing your complete address).
3. To ensure we have all the information necessary to process your disbursement, please fill out the member benefits information form completely.

A reminder, in order to receive a 2009 per capita payment you must be enrolled by December 31, 2008

The revenue allocation is dependent upon excess revenue provided by Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and is subject to federal income tax.

Please submit this information to the Member Benefits Department located in the Klamath Tribes Administration Building, 501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin Oregon or mail to: Member Benefits Program, PO Box 436 Chiloquin Oregon 97624

If you wish to personally pick up your per capita check, please bring your tribal identification, social security card or other official form of identification. Checks will not be distributed to individuals without proper identification. Checks that are not picked up on this date will be mailed the following workday.

Qualified Minors

For minor Qualified Tribal Members per capita payments will be set aside into a trust fund on behalf of the minor as long as their guardians have complied with the KTRAP (Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan) requirements. Minors who have reached the age of eighteen (18) and graduate from high school or obtained a G.E.D. by June 20, 2009 may request to liquidate their trust fund. The Klamath Tribes investment policy states we will offer a financial education workshop for minors prior to liquidation. Minors will be required to show proof of graduation by providing our office with a copy of your high school diploma or G.E.D. Please contact our office if you will be graduating and request the appropriate form and we will mail the form.

Child Support Judgments

The deadline for turning in official orders or notices for child support must be postmarked to the Klamath Tribes by June 1, 2009. The Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan stipulates in Section 50.18, "The Klamath Tribes may withhold Tribal court ordered child support or child support ordered from another court of competent jurisdiction. Such withholding shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the per capita payment regardless of the number of child support orders. Such withholding may be done by voluntary consent of the debtor or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, even if the debtor chooses not to accept the per capita payment. In any event, all funds withheld shall be reported to the appropriate taxing authority as income for purposes of federal taxation."

Deceased Benefits

KTRAP, Section 50.14 (K)... For minor, incompetent or deceased qualified tribal members, the proper legal guardian, representative or conservator may file such written request. Upon failure to make such a request in writing the members' entitlement to the per capita payment for that year of per capita distribution shall expire.

For information regarding any of the above information please contact Mary Gentry at (541) 783-2219 ext 195, Jeannie McNair, ext 203 or Rosemary Treetop, ext 150.

**Klamath Tribal Minors &
Their
Parents/Guardians
You are invited to attend a
Financial Education Workshop**

To help prepare you to deal with money in the real world and to help you understand the recent market turmoil and outlook for investments.

When: February 26, 2009

Where: Klamath Tribes Administration
Chiloquin, Oregon

Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Who: Minors, and those who have reached the age of eighteen (18) or will be eighteen by June 19, 2009 and have or will obtain a GED or high school diploma by June 19 2009 and your parents.

Door Prize available
(must be present to win).

Offered by Merrill Lynch Financial Advisor in coordination with the Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department as required by The Klamath Tribes Investment Policy.

**For Per Capita * Eligibility *
Minor Accounts * Enrollment * Etc...**

**Please Call the Klamath Tribes
Members Benefits Dept.**

Don't wait till the last minute.

Call Today!

**(800) 524-9787 or (541) 783-2219
ext. 195 ext. 203 or ext. 150**

Enrollment Program Update/New I.D. Cards!

The Klamath Tribes Enrollment programs purpose and goals is to provide for the development and maintenance of the Klamath Tribal membership roll and to provide an orderly method for considering enrollment applications and other actions associated with the maintenance of the Klamath Tribes membership roll, including but not limited to, deaths, forfeiture of enrollment, voluntary withdrawal, actions for removal and blood degree corrections. The enrollment program issues enrollment verifications for services for other programs and Hunting and Fishing identification cards for Klamath Tribal members to hunt, fish, trap and gather on the former reservation lands.

It would help the enrollment programs if tribal members who have a death in the family can provide the enrollment office with a death certificate to verify a loss of a tribal member for correct dates and names for the tribal member's records.

To update Tribal Identification cards to the New Identification cards, please call and make an appointment for an ID card to make sure someone will be here when you come in for the card. And it is preferred for Tribal Members to bring something with them showing the current mailing address of the applicant, such as a Current Drivers License, Current Oregon ID card, utility bill, school report card or a piece of mail. This will help in processing the New Tribal ID card and the cost of the ID cards are \$2.50 and if you turn in your old tribal ID cards there will not be a charge for the new card.

**The Enrollment Officer will be in
Salem, OR.**

**at the "Gathering of Oregon's First Nations"
Saturday January 31, 2009**

**To do ID cards for Klamath Tribal Members in that area. So I hope to see you
all there. If you have any questions please contact Rose Mary Treetop,
Enrollment Officer at (541) 783-2219 Ext. 150.**

Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan Distribution & Investment Board Request for Proposals for 2009

The Distribution and Investment Board is currently requesting proposals for 2009, per the Approved Revenue Allocation Plan; Klamath Tribal Code Title 7 chapter 50. The next awards to be distributed during 2009 will be generated from any excess revenue earned from 2008.

The Revenue Allocation Plan is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Klamath Tribes General Council by virtue of its inherent sovereignty as an Indian Tribal government and Article VI of the constitution of the Klamath Tribes that provides that the General Council has the power to expend and recommend expenditure of Tribal Funds and to exercise all other reserved powers. The Klamath Tribes General Council established the Klamath Tribes Distribution and Investment Board (KTDIB) for the purpose of reviewing proposals for supplemental funding under the Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan and allocating funds in accordance with the requirements of the Plan.

The purpose of this Revenue Allocation Plan is to establish a fair and equitable process for the Klamath Tribes to distribute excess net revenues derived from its gaming operation Kla-Mo-Ya Casino Corporation, consistent with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988.

**The Klamath Tribes Distribution and Investment Board is
requesting proposals for 2009.**

Proposals must be marked "Proposal" and either postmarked before midnight on March 2, 2009, or delivered in person during regular business hours by March 2, 2009, to the Member Benefits Department, PO Box 436, Chiloquin OR 97624, Attention: Willy Ray Jr., Chairman before the deadline to be considered.

Proposals must also follow the format of the REVENUE ALLOCATION FUNDING REQUEST APPLICATION

Application forms and copies of the Revenue Allocation Plan may be obtained outside of the Tribal Treasurer's Office or from the Members Benefit Department at the Tribal Administration Office. You can call 783-2219 ext. 195 (Mary Gentry) or Brandi Decker ext. 176.

Proposals must be submitted to William Ray Jr., Chair, Distribution and Investment Board, c/o Member Benefits Administrator, The Klamath Tribes, P.O. Box 436, Chiloquin, OR 97624. All proposals must be received by March 2, 2009. Late submissions will not be considered by the Distribution and Investment Board.

GATHERING OF OREGON'S FIRST NATIONS
Honoring Oregon's Sesquicentennial (150th) Birthday
January 31, 2009
Oregon State Fair & Expo Center
Salem Pavilion
2330 17th Street NE, Salem, OR

Schedule of events
10 a.m. Exhibits and demonstrations
1 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry
5 p.m. Grand Entry - Powwow Resumes
Featuring Tribal information booths, exhibits,
vendors and cultural demonstrations
Vendor contact: Mona @ 541-444-8230
Host hotel is the Salem
Red Lion Inn

Attention Hunters

In our efforts to collect valuable data on mule deer, the Klamath Tribes Natural Resource Department, with concurrence of the Klamath Indian Game Commission, will begin capturing mule deer does by darting them with a safe, commonly used sedatives **beginning January 19th.** Sedatives will be used to sedate the deer to attach radio collars and/or ear tags. Deer captured by this method cannot be consumed for 30 days following capture. Tribal Law prohibits the take of does so please use additional caution when choosing your target.

Please direct questions to David Speten, Tribal Wildlife Biologist, at 783-2219 ext. 154.

20TH ANNUAL "RETURN OF C'WAAM CEREMONY" SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009 CHILOQUIN, OREGON

Agenda:

- 10:00am- Ceremony commences near the old Chiloquin Dam Site on the Sprague River (behind the High School)
- 11:30- Lunch served at Kla-Mo-Ya Casino
- 1:00 - 4:00pm- Powwow at Chiloquin High School Gym

**Everyone is Welcome
(This event is Alcohol, Drug, & Smoke Free!)**

Sponsored by the Klamath Tribes Culture & Heritage Dept.

For more information contact:
Ginnette Lewis at (541)783-2219 ext. 140



January 15, 2009

To Contract Health Eligible Clients:

As you all know the Contract Health Service (CHS) budget has been under pressure from rising medical costs and reduced insurance coverage for many years. Due to the rising costs CHS is starting off the year at a Level 2 Priority of Care for payment of services. This includes CHS payment for most emergency services (level 1) and for most urgent problems and preventive screenings (level 2) as long as the referrals were made by a Tribal Clinic Provider.

This does not include routine follow up visits with specialists for stable long-term health conditions. The tribal medical clinic providers are qualified to manage these types of visits. The medical clinic in Chiloquin offers services such as blood tests, EKG heart testing, retinopathy screening, and x-ray to monitor chronic conditions and medications.

Please make an appointment with a Tribal medical provider to discuss your health concerns. If the provider feels that a referral to a specialist is needed in specific cases, they will make the proper referral. Contract Health Services will not be responsible for scheduled appointments that you make with a specialist if you do not have an approved referral and a purchase order for payment of service.

Expensive testing, emergency room visits, and all specialty consultations will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the Resource Management Committee for the proper approval, denial, and/or deferral. Conditions that are chronic and do not require immediate attention (i.e., most back, knee and shoulder problems) are not within our current medical priority of care.

Please help us conserve the CHS funds by using our Tribal Clinic, and applying for all available alternate resources as mandated by the Code of Federal Regulations.

If you would like a copy of the Medical and Dental priorities, or you have specific questions please feel free to stop by Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services or the Wellness Center.

Sincerely,
Leroy Jackson Jr.
Health General Manager

Attention Tribal and Chiloquin Community Members, Tribal Court Correctional Facility Planning Project

The new Tribal Court Project Manager, Julie Ann Godwin was hired on Dec. 09, 2008 by the Tribes Tribal Courts for the Correctional Facilities Comprehensive Master Plan Project for the Klamath Tribes Judiciary. This is a planning project funded through the US Department of Justice for Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purpose of completing a community assessment and feasibility study of the community to decide if there should be a Tribal Correctional Facility located in Chiloquin, OR on Tribal land. If found to be needed and desired by the community and economically feasible, the grant also, provides funds for the Architectural Design that would be specific to the first two studies.

The purpose of the Tribes is to create services that benefit the entire community, not just to approve means for isolated problems. Part of the goal is to create a system by which Tribes can actively and efficiently share justice system information. Thus, build a history together and coordinate activities. It is the systematic plan of the Tribes to ensure justice for all citizens and create the ability for the Tribes to move forward, offer high quality and effective corrections services. That the Tribes will be self supporting, sufficient and regulating. That they will be able to assist other Tribes with open communication whom take an interest in developing their own correctional facilities.

This grant requires the coordination and collaboration of a Planning Team. The Planning Team will assume an advisory role and will be sustained throughout the grant period and until the facility is completed, if it is demonstrated feasible to move forward. The Tribes envision an 18-month process that will move them to a decision point about whether or not to proceed with funding and construction of a correctional facility.

Planning Team meetings will be set one to two times per month as is necessary, throughout the duration of the planning phase for this project. The first meeting was held on January 16, 2009 in the Saddle Mountain Meeting room at the Klamath Tribes Administration where the introduction of the Project Manager and a brief overview of the project took place.

One of the team members' responsibilities consists of assistance in the selection of consultants and to meet with them and Tribal Court staff. Consultant Contractors will conduct a community assessment, an economical feasibility analysis and an Architectural proposed design for the facility if founded.

The deadline for the Request for Proposals of consultants to conduct the Community Assessment and Economical Feasibility Study was on January 26, 2009. The Planning Team is to have made a selection for the contracted consultants by Feb. 06, 2009 and the Correctional Facility community assessment will be initiated shortly after by public meetings, survey's etc.

Other things that the team will do is review documents and output for the project, approve schedules, be involved in the review process of consultants, or other assistance offered if needed according to the Chief Judge, Tribal Court Administrator and or Project Manager. There will be reports and information given about this project to the Tribal Council and the General Council regularly.

Your comments or concerns are greatly appreciated as a community member and participant for the outcome of this project.

Please, contact me at the Tribal Judiciary Office at (541) 783-3020 Ext. 106, or email me at: Julie.godwin@klamathtribalcourts.com
Julie Ann Godwin
Tribal Court Project Manager- Klamath Tribes Judiciary

NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

Klamath Tribal Administration will be making available to tribal members on:

Thursday, February 26, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00

pm. the following office furniture that has been declared surplus.

Office Furniture, (chairs and desks)

*Note: items are "as is" and may not be in operating condition. Repairs may need to be made to be functional.

LOCATION

**All surplus office furniture items will be set up at the Klamath Tribes Administration Building located at:
501 Chiloquin Blvd
Chiloquin, Oregon**

TIME SCHEDULE/Bring I.D.

**Tribal Elders: 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 furniture and 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 any furniture and/or equipment for someone else or set aside for anyone else. You need to be present at the designated times, to select furniture.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Questions call the Maintenance Program, at 783-2219 ext. 143 and ask for Todd.



Education Information

How a Parent Should Prepare for an Individual Education Program (IEP) Meeting?

- TIP: Be prepared going into the meeting, go through this questionnaire with other family members who know your child.
1. Do you have a current copy of your child's IEP and any current evaluations? Go over them. If you do not have a copy you can request one from the school.
 2. What progress in your student's goals have you seen in the last year? Compare the beginning of the last year's goals to the progress that was made at the end of the year (are a lot of the goals carried over to this year).
 3. What are your concerns for this upcoming IEP/school year? Share your concerns with the IEP team. It might be helpful to write out concerns to bring to the meeting. If you don't feel you can bring up concerns you have about your child, bring along a family member, friend, JOM Coordinator or the Title VII worker at the school.
 4. Present Level of Educational Performance (PLEP) is a statement on the IEP. PLEP on an IEP means where the child is learning right now.
 - a. How does your child learn information?
 - b. List out your child's strengths
 - c. List out your child's learning needs
 - d. What does your child need to learn next?
 - e. Are evaluations current? Are more needed?
 - f. Where do you see your child in 1 year in each goal area?
This is where you as a parent have a lot of information to share with the team. You know what your child's strengths are (things they enjoy doing, interests).
 5. List out any questions that you would like to discuss at the IEP meeting. Discussing the questions with the person, JOM Coordinator or the Title VII worker; going into the meeting with you is good idea.
 6. List out any goals you would like to include on your child's IEP. Or, what kind of things do you want your child to learn in the upcoming year?
Other things to think about:
 - a. Communication between school/parent
 - b. Accommodations/Modifications that are not in the plan may be added.
 - c. Extended School Year (summer program at the school or web-based)
 - d. Behavior. Are positive behavior supports addressed?
 - e. Social/Communication Skills of the child
 - f. Related Services (speech therapy services, transportation) a list can be obtained from the main office
 - g. Placement: Which school and classroom will the student be in?
 - h. State/District Assessment participation (state testing)
 - i. Extracurricular and non-academic activities
 - j. Transition Services (preparing for after high school) to work or college
 8. Ask for a copy of the schools "draft IEP" prior to the IEP Meeting. The school does not have to provide this, but tell them in order for you to participate fully you need to know what areas the school will need to address.
 9. Create your own agenda for the IEP meeting. Being prepared for the IEP is how parents can best advocate for their child. Make sure your concerns are on the agenda before the meeting starts.

IEPs are not written in stone, you can make changes in the goals during the school year.

If something is not working call a meeting and change it. Remember you are your child's best advocate at the IEP meeting and you can ask for someone else to be there; a friend, JOM Coordinator or Title VII Worker.

This information has been taken from a handout from the Oregon Parent Training & Information Center. Submitted by the Education & Employment Department.

For more information about this process or other Educational Questions call the Tribes Education & Employment Dept. at 541-783-2219.

And the Beat Goes On....



Learn about your heart and how to keep it healthy!

Klamath Falls

Monday, February 9

5:30-6:30 PM

Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

3949 S 6th St

2nd floor Conference Room

Chiloquin

Tuesday, Feb 17

5:30-6:30 PM

Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

Wellness Center

330 Chiloquin Blvd

Conference Room off of Medical Lobby

Healthy food will be served.

To register call Christa Runnels, Health Educator,

541-882-1487 x 222.

All Tribal Elders 60 & Above Are Invited To The Elders Valentine's Dance!

Come and enjoy an afternoon of dancing, visiting, and listening to old time music.

WHEN: Friday, February 13, 2008

TIME: 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: Chiloquin Community Center
(In the Library Building)

RSVP: By Monday, February 9th, call Michelle Carson at the Community Services Department at 783-2219 ext. 122. If no answer please leave a detailed message. There will be limited transportation, so reserve a spot on the bus as soon as possible.

There will be prizes for a Dance Off and there will also be some Door Prizes. Snacks, punch, & cake will be served.

The Dance is sponsored by the Elders Committee and the Community Services Department.

All Elders activities are made possible by KTRAP Funding.
All the Klamath Tribes activities are drug and alcohol free events.

Lets Go Shopping!

Klamath Tribal ELDERS 60 & ABOVE

Who Live in the Chiloquin Area

Next Shopping Trip February 12, 2009

Save gas and ride the Elders bus to Klamath Falls on the 2nd Thursday of each month to do your grocery shopping.

- Elders will be picked up at their homes between 10-10:30 a.m.
- If Elder requires an attendant, the attendant can ride the bus.
- Bus will stop at Sherms Thunderbird, Wal-Mart and Fred Meyers.
- There will be a cooler for refrigerated items.
- The bus will stop at a fast food place for lunch - (must buy your own lunch.)
- The bus will leave Klamath Falls by 3:00 p.m.
- The bus will drop Elders off at their homes.
- Seating is limited to 10.
- You must have your own money or food card to shop and buy lunch.

Call Michelle Carson, Elder Outreach Worker at Community Services Department at 783-2219 ext. 122 at least 2 days before shopping to reserve a seat on seat on the bus.

HONORING KLAMATH ELDERS MONTHLY DRAWING

The Elder's Committee is still doing its Honoring Elders Drawing. The drawing is a random drawing with names being pulled off the computer for Klamath Tribal Elders 60 years and older. Four people were drawn per month, 2 women and 2 men and they will be given a Pendleton coin purse or billfold. August's winners were Ed Isom Mitchell, Pat Hill, Dorris Weddle, and Janice Hoaglen. September's winners were James Bellm, Daniel Erickson, Dolores Jones, and Lynell Pridemore. October's winners were Eugene Ray, Cheryl Kennedy, and Margaret Crawford. November's winners were Richard Porter, Clayton Chocktoot, Phyllis Walker, and Betty Barkley. December's winners were Joe Kirk, Munson Sandoval, Frances Crume, and Carol Lebeau.

Congratulations! All items were mailed.

Goodwill Vouchers Available 2009

The Klamath Tribes Community Services department has been approved to participate in the Goodwill Voucher Program for 2009. Each year the Southern Oregon Goodwill Industries sets their budget based on the number of agencies requesting assistance.

Vouchers may be exchanged at the Southern Oregon Goodwill store in Klamath Falls for merchandise, clothing or household items and are limited to a maximum dollar amount. New goods are excluded from the voucher program and are limited to one piece of furniture.

The Klamath Tribes Community Services Department adheres to the following guidelines in issuing vouchers:

- Vouchers will be available to any individual or family during the year. One person in the family must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe in the United States.
- Applicant must meet the current income guidelines, which is 60% of the Oregon Median Income Guidelines.
- Head of household must sign voucher at the time of issue.
- Applicants will only be eligible to receive \$25.00, plus \$5.00 for each additional household member up to the maximum amount allowed.
- Voucher must be used by the expiration date or it will be void.
- Only one item of furniture may be purchased on a voucher.
- One voucher is allowed per year per household.

The Goodwill vouchers will be available beginning **January 21, 2009, at the Klamath Tribes Administration Office, Community Services Department, 501 Chiloquin Blvd., in Chiloquin Oregon. 541-783-2219.**

THANK YOU...

**To All the Businesses Below
Who Donated Gifts to Make the
Elders Christmas Luncheon Extra Special...**

Kla-Mo-Ya Casino
Sizzler
Dominos Pizza
Sam's Restaurant
Ann Card
Safeway
Sherms Thunderbird
Abby's Pizza
Papa Murphy's
Elmer's Pancake House
Hollywood Video
Clydes Market
Pam's Beauty Barn
Kircher's Hardware

Family Food Center
Coming Attractions
Pelican Theater
TP Drive-In
McDonalds
Melita's
Fred Meyers
Gottschalks
Daily Bagel
Wal-Mart
Columbia Plywood
The Klamath Grill
Family Food Center
Coming Attractions

Do You use a Space Heater?

Office of Compliance Safety and Health FAST FACTS about Space Heaters

Portable space heaters can pose a major workplace or small space fire safety hazard. Fires can be caused by space heaters without adequate safety features, space heaters placed near combustibles, or space heaters that are improperly plugged in.

Statistics about damage caused by space heaters in the workplace are not readily available, but public information is available on the effects of poorly utilized space heaters in the home. In 1999 (the most recent year in which statistics are available), space heaters in homes caused 2,800 structure fires and hundreds of deaths and injuries.

Space heaters can be used safely in the workplace if proper precautions are taken. A space heater used in the workplace should be approved for commercial use by a recognized safety testing laboratory, placed away from combustible materials, and have a tip-over switch to ensure it will turn off automatically if knocked over. Space heaters should also never be used with extension cords, as most extension cords are not rated for the higher power demands of space heaters and may become overloaded and catch fire.

Fast Facts About Space Heaters

Approximate Damages Caused by Space Heaters (in the home)
During 1999

#2,800 home structure fires

#\$69.5 million in property damage

#48 civilian deaths

#195 civilian injuries

* Source: National Fire Protection Association

Things to Keep Away From Space Heaters

Damaged power cords or excessive wiring

Stacks of paper, wood, or other combustibles

Clothing

Precautions for Safe Use of Space Heaters

Should be approved by an OSHA recognized laboratory (such as Underwriters Laboratory, Factory Mutual, or the Canadian Standards Association)

Should be in areas free of combustibles

Should be equipped with a tip-over switch

Should NOT be used with extension cords

**# Should NOT be used with missing or broken parts
(such as knobs, grills, or stands)**

Article provided by,

Jerry Mellentine

Facilities Manager

Klamath Tribal Health

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Has Your Child had their Well Child Check-up?

“Well Child Check-Ups” are regularly scheduled preventive and primary health care for children, adolescents and young adults from birth to age 21- that provide families and children with recommended age appropriate medical care and screenings. These check-ups may include:

History: (Initial/Interval)

Measurements: Height & Weight, Head Circumference,
Blood pressure

Sensory Screening: Vision & Hearing

Developmental/Behavioral Assessment

Physical Examination

Procedures General: Hereditary/Metabolic Screening, Immunization, Hematocrit or Hemoglobin, Urinalysis Procedures.

Patients At Risk: Lead Screening, Tuberculin Test, Cholesterol Screening, STD Screening, Pelvic Exams Anticipatory Guidance: Injury Prevention, Violence Prevention, Sleep Positioning Counseling, Nutrition Counseling

Dental Referral

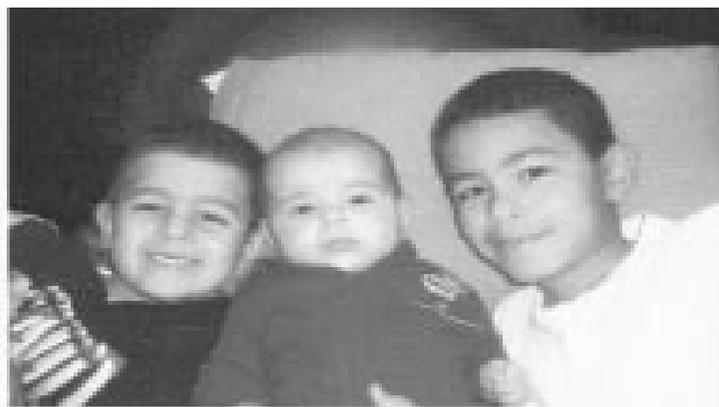
Benefits of the well child check-up: Parents can be reassured about growth and development; providers can make an impact on anticipatory guidance issues such as smoking, car seats, medications, etc.; and immunizations can be kept current.

When to do Well Child Check-ups: 2-4 days, 2-4 weeks of age, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years, 3 years, 4-5 years, 5-6 years and every other year thereafter.

Klamath Tribal Medical Clinic

Encourages your child to come in for a “Well Child Check-up” prior to receiving immunizations. Schedule your visit today!

Call 541-783-3293 for an appointment.



Attention Veterans!

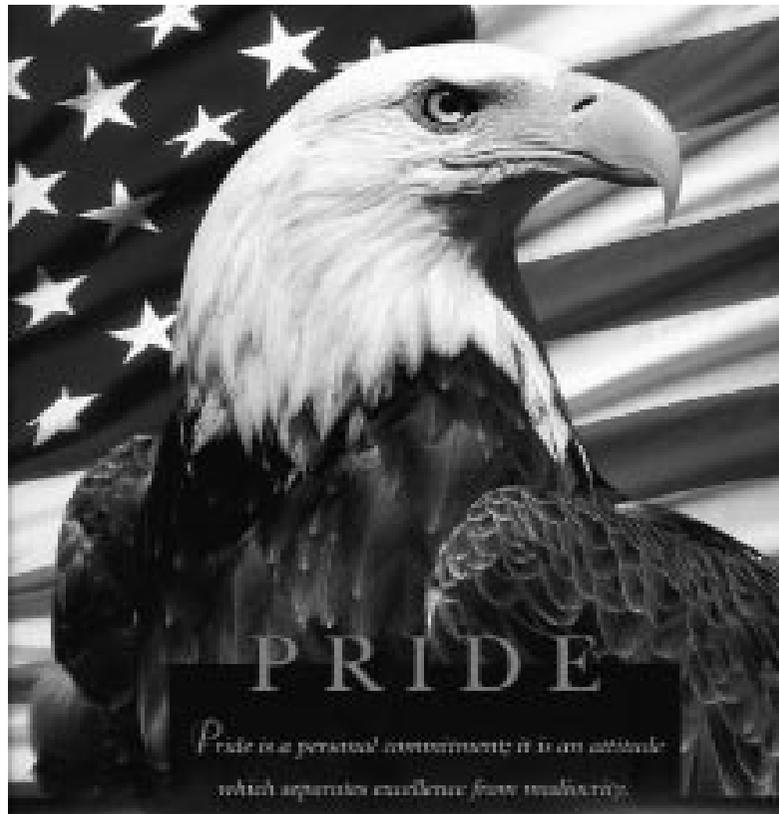
Hello, my name is Wil Rachor. I just took over the Native American Veterans Advisory Council and Native American EEO Special Emphasis Program Manager, in Roseburg, OR.

Being a Native American from the Cow Creek Tribe means a lot to help out my brothers and sisters from all Nations. I can help with enrollment into the VA for benefits, outreach and even helping out with employment for our Native American Veterans/Non-Veteran in to the VA.

After I get the Veterans Advisory Council up and run, I will be asking all the tribal members to come together on an agreement on how they want to have a SWEAT LODGE built on the Roseburg VA grounds to benefit all our veterans and non-veterans who chose to use the sweat lodge. I have been getting about 5 phone calls asking when it is up and run. The Director has given her okay. The Roseburg VAMC will also be hosting Pow Wows on our grounds throughout the year.

If you have any question and/or input please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail. Please by all means share this with groups. My goal is to help all my Native American Brothers and Sisters in every way I can, with VA opening up to our cultural I will be running with it. Contact me, I would love to assist in any way I can.

WIL RACHOR, Federal Police Officer
Co-Chair Native American Veterans Advisory Council
Native American EEO Special Emphasis Program Manager
U.S. Dept of Vet. Affairs, Roseburg VAMC/Police Service
541/440-1000 Ext 44333



Christmas Break Activities 2008



Tribal Youth at the Bowling event had a great time!

December 22-23, 2008 Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services and Klamath Tribal Administration hosted the annual Tribal Christmas Break Activities. Tribal families had the opportunity to enjoy tubing at Diamond Lake, swimming at the OIT Pool, and bowling at Hanscam's. This year approximately 400 people participated in the events.

Special thanks goes out to all those who helped in planning and chaperoning the events: Brenda Frank, Devery Saluskin, Coquise Wilson, Amanda Peterson, Ron Busby, Sally Brandt, Christa Runnels, Carolyn Knolle, Jeremy Klegseth, Derwin Decker, and Dennis Sigo.



Coming Soon!
Tribal Health Spring
Break Activities
March 23-27, 2009

Look for details in next issue! or call

Christa Runnels @ 882-1487 ext. 222

Walking On...

Robert "Bob" Bajorcas

August 3, 1943 - December 7, 2008

Services were held for Klamath Tribal member, Bob Bajorcas, on Saturday, December 13, 2008 in Tokeland, Washington, at the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribal gymnasium. Final resting place was at his home- the Klamath Nation in Chiloquin, Oregon.

At the time of his death, he was not only instrumental in assisting the Shoalwater Bay Tribe, but he still found time to dedicate to his heart and soul... the Klamath Tribes of Oregon. He was the Chairman of the Klamath Tribes 1954 Claims committee, and was one of the leaders who assisted in the Klamath Tribes Restoration efforts.

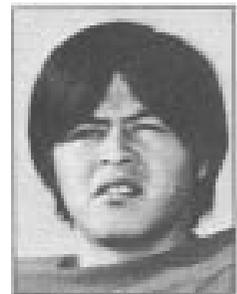
Early in his career, he was instrumental in the formative years of the Native American Program at the University of Oregon. George Wasson and his brother Wilfred (Coquille/Coos) were the early founders. The first volunteer Director was Dick Wilson (Santee Sioux). Robert Bojocas (Klamath) and Larry Calica (Wasco/Sahaptin) were the first paid co-Directors (1969-70). He also had helped the Shoalwater Bay Tribe achieve their federal status as a tribe in 1971/72. Later, Bob was staff to the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs - where he was able to help put together a basic document on Termination of Indian tribes in Oregon in 1976.

The Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, where he worked had this to say about their friend. "We would like to express our deepest sorrow at the passing of this great man. Bob was instrumental in the re-birth and continued growth of the Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe. He was noted for his tireless work in Indian Country and his deep personal concern for all. He will be tremendously missed by colleagues and friends far and wide. All who know him have been touched in a mighty way through his kindness, generosity, and concern for the success of people everywhere. He will be missed greatly."

"The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes within the souls of the people when they realize their relationship, their one-ness with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells the Great Spirit, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us."

Barney

October 27, 1954 - December 13, 2008



Charles Curtis Barney Jr., 55, headed for the Happy Hunting Grounds on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008, at his Klamath Falls, Ore., residence. He was born on Oct. 27, 1954, at Klamath Valley Hospital to his parents Barbara Wright and Charles Barney Sr.

Charles went to live with his beloved grandmother Laura in Sprague River, Oregon. He later went off to school in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he played football and graduated from Judson High School.

Later going to his favorite city, Portland, Ore., Charles worked in an auto body and glass shop and also worked in various factories and with Coca-Cola.

Charles found his way home to Sprague River and Klamath Falls, where he liked the outdoors, hunting and woodcutting. He also liked going to town, where he could play pool, check out the babes and B.S. with the folks. Charles had a kind way about him. He always had open arms for a hug and a kiss for your cheek. He will be missed.

His surviving family includes children Heather, Anthony, Angela; mother Barbara; stepfather John; brothers Sherman, Raymond; sisters Robin, Winema, Geneva, Emma; stepmother Judy; sisters Velda, Cheryl, Jennifer; brothers Joseph and Finley.

Charles was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother Laura, father Charles, and sisters Jamie and Thayree.

We would like to say thank you to Davenports Chapel, The Klamath Tribes and to all our friends and family.

Visitation was held on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2008, at Davenports Chapel of the Good Shepherd where Richard Tupper officiated a Celebration of Life Service. After the service, everyone was invited to the Williamson River Indian Mission Church on Modoc Point Road for a traditional luncheon. Final resting place was at the Chief Schonchin Cemetery in Sprague River. Davenports Chapel of the Good Shepherd, directors, was in charge of the arrangements.