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Young Water Warriors, Coley Kakols and Yellow Hammer Miller-Ball, stand for clean water- Water is Life!

Tribal Council Community Meetings

Please mark your calendars!

Tribal Council will be traveling to the Portland, OR. and Eugene, OR. for meetings in April 2017

Who: All Klamath Tribal Members Welcome

What: Community Meetings

When: Tentatively April 18-20

*Exact Dates are still being confirmed

*Location & Times to be determined

The Klamath Tribal Council, along with other staff and representatives are coming to these areas to provide information regarding the Klamath Tribes. Agenda items may include but not limited to: Strategic planning, Economic Development, Youth Council Initiative, LNG Pipeline, Red Rock, Swan Lake Hydro Project, etc.

For more Information & Dates contact: Tribal Secretary, Roberta Frost at 541-783-2219 ext. 170

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A Message from Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry

"As many of you are aware, the LNG (Jordan Cove) Pipeline is once again proposing to go through the aboriginal homelands of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Paiute people. The Klamath Tribes oppose the pipeline because the proposed route is planned to go through historic village areas where known and unknown archaeological sites, cultural resources, and human remains will most certainly be disturbed or destroyed. Another significant reason the Klamath Tribes oppose the LNG Pipeline is the unacceptable risk to the Klamath River and other fisheries that have been important to the tribes from time immemorial. We and many others will continue to oppose the LNG Pipeline, to ensure these invaluable resources will be protected now and for future generations- Pleya gi (Blessings)."

NO PIPELINES UNDER OUR RIVERS! WATER IS LIFE!



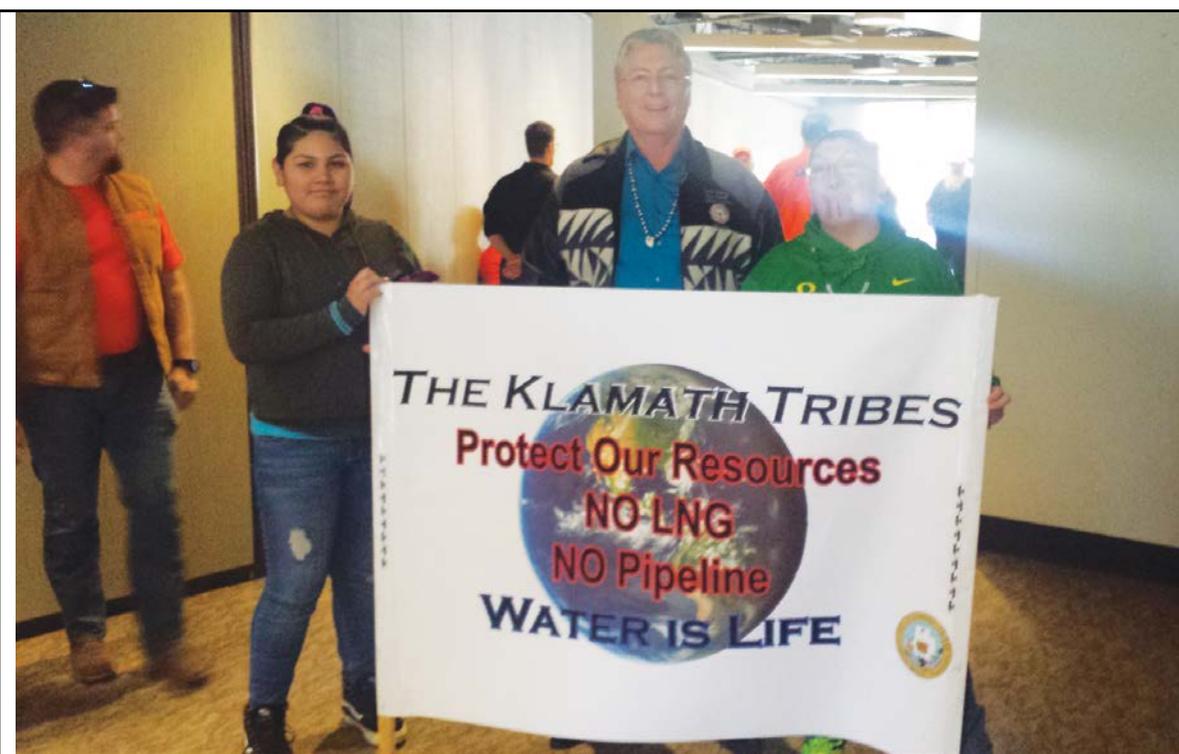
Protestors of the pipeline gather near the proposed pipeline crossing site on the Klamath River just outside Klamath Falls, Oregon, at the Klamath Wildlife Refuge (Off Miller Island Road) boat launch/picnic area.

On Friday, March 24, 2017, the Klamath Tribes, lower river tribes, river keeper staff, and many other community members, attended the "open house" hosted by the pipeline company and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) at the Oregon Institute of Technology, in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Representatives of the Jordan Cove gas export project and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) was there to provide information about the proposed fracked gas export terminal and the 230-mile Pacific Connector pipeline they want to put under the Klamath River.

*Background: The Canadian company Veresen has been trying to push this project through for the last 12 years over the objections of impacted communities from the Klamath basin to Coos Bay, Oregon. The company is now starting the process over again for the third time - after FERC denied the last proposal in December 2016. And as part of this third try, FERC requires that a company hold "open houses" in each county along the pipeline route. Therefore, Veresen announced those open house meetings on short notice.

In response, the Klamath Tribes and several others attended the Klamath Falls meeting to OPPOSE the Pacific Connector fracked gas pipeline that would be constructed under both the Klamath and Rogue Rivers from Malin, Oregon to Coos Bay, Oregon.

Here are photos from the March 24, 2017 Meeting in Protest to the Pipeline:



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Oregon Governor Kate Brown visits the Klamath Tribes of Oregon



Klamath Tribes Meets New Forest Supervisor of the Fremont-Winema National Forest



Photo by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept. Members of Klamath Tribal Council, tribal staff and Klamath tribal members, pose with Oregon Governor Kate Brown at the Tribal Administration Auditorium.

Chiloquin, Oregon- On January 23, 2017, during her first visit to the area while in office, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, stopped by to visit with the Klamath Tribes of Oregon for an impromptu meet and greet and to discuss opportunities and other concerns of the Klamath Tribes.

Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry commented on the governor's visit, "As always, we are glad to welcome Governor Brown into our offices and homelands of the Klamath people. She has been a long time advocate for the Tribes of Oregon and we appreciate her work and dedication to our government to government relationship and her past commitment to the Commission on Indian Services. And we congratulate her on her recent election as Oregon Governor."

Chairman Gentry concluded his speech with a gift presentation from the Klamath Tribes and an honor song in the tribal language.

During her visit Gov. Brown met with Tribal Council, staff, and tribal members at the auditorium in Chiloquin. Discussions were brief but centered around the following topics from the Tribe:

- *Water Resource Audit
- *Climate Change
- *Water Protection Resources and allocation
- *Healthy families and support for youth in the Oregon Youth Authority system
- *State agencies working with the tribes and inadequate resources to fulfill their duties
- *US Presidency and expectations for Oregon and Tribes
- *Our incumbent responsibility to educate those in office of Tribal Rights and Trust Responsibility
- *Possible educational process/travel to Washington D.C. for Oregon Tribes and Oregon Governor
- *Redrock Biomass facility and impacts on tribal treaty rights and community

Governor Brown is the 38th and current Governor of Oregon. Brown, a Democrat and an attorney, previously served as Oregon Secretary of State and as majority leader of the Oregon State Senate, where she represented portions of Milwaukie and of Northeast and Southeast Portland. Brown first became governor on February 18, 2015, succeeding John Kitzhaber upon his resignation. Brown is the state's second female governor, after Barbara Roberts (1991-1995).

The Klamath Tribes was honored by her visit and look forward to continued working relations with the State of Oregon.

Any questions please contact Tribal Government at: 541-783-2219 ext. 170

Photo by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept. Pictured Left to Right: Eric Watrud, Deputy Forest Supervisor Fremont-Winema; Don Gentry, Chairman of the Klamath Tribes; Barry Imler, Forest Supervisor Fremont-Winema National Forest; David Ochoa, Klamath Tribal Council Member.

On January 20, 2017, Klamath Tribal Council met the new Fremont-Winema Forest Supervisor, Barry Imler, along with Eric Watrud, who's been the Deputy Forest Supervisor on the Fremont-Winema since 2013. Several Klamath Tribal Council Members held a meet and greet with Mr. Imler, to discuss the importance of the Klamath Tribes former reservation land (the Fremont-Winema National Forest) and continued restoration efforts and work that can be forged together. The Klamath Tribes looks forward to working with Mr. Imler and the other partners on the forest.

Mr. Imler was a rangeland management specialist for the Forest Service in Washington, D.C., a position he held since 2005. His experience includes serving as a Congressional Fellow for the U.S. House of Representatives, acting deputy forest supervisor on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest and, prior to coming to the Fremont-Winema, was acting forest supervisor on the Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. He has a bachelor's degree in rangeland management and a Master's degree in watershed management, both from the University of Arizona. He started his new position in Lakeview, Oregon on Dec. 5, 2016, and has been traveling the area meeting partners, employees, and community members.

"I am looking forward to working with the highly motivated employees and partners of the Fremont-Winema National Forest and getting to know the communities in Lake and Klamath counties," Imler said.

His wife, Chris, is a licensed practical nurse. They are proud grandparents of two grandsons in northern New Mexico and a granddaughter in Maryland. Imler enjoys hunting, leatherworking, woodworking and photography. "We enjoy living in rural communities and are truly looking forward to returning to the West," Imler said.

Welcome to the Homeland of the Klamath Tribes. Many Blessings as we continue to work towards the continued restoration of these lands and a prosperous community.

Government to Government Meeting

Klamath Tribal Council and Yurok Tribal Government -
Building Relationships:



away from Home" environment for the student population.

Comments from students included facts like coming to Klamath Falls and this institute can be a strong culture shock when there is no centralized place or program for the native students to feel at home; students can be too busy with studies, work, and athletics to take on more responsibilities by participating in a club/program; and as always the pitfalls of funding shortfalls and the cost of tuitions.

As the evening progressed it was determined that the OIT Leadership, staff, students, and Klamath Tribes are dedicated to this process and will work collaboratively in the future to develop an Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will outline some strategic planning to promote the school, students, the tribes, and the over-all community.

Klamath Tribal Chairman Gentry provided an opening prayer and sang a traditional song to honor the meeting. Dr. Kenton, Interim President of OIT, was gifted a necklace by Chairman Gentry for all his work and dedication to the students and collaborated efforts with the tribes.

On February 15, 2017, in Chiloquin, Oregon, home of the Klamath Tribes, the Klamath Tribal Council hosted the Yurok Tribal Council and other Yurok delegates for a Government-to-Government meeting. The day started with a prayer to Creator for guidance, then both tribes began the day with a full agenda geared towards building relationships and honoring one another's connection to their homelands and resources.

Yurok Tribal Chairman, Thomas O'Rourke Sr., had these words to share during introductions, "We want to say thank you for allowing us to be here in your homelands. We are honored to come visit and be here with you. Building relationships is one of the most important things we can do for the protection of our joined resources."

The day progressed into late afternoon and finalized with food, good conversation, and a continued commitment to meet again in the spring, possibly hosted by the Yurok Tribe.



Chairman Gentry welcomed Dr. Naganathan to the homelands of the Klamath Tribes.

The Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) Board of Trustees named Dr. Nagi Naganathan as its seventh president, following a national search which began this past spring. Dr. Naganathan was previously the Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Toledo, a position he held since 2003. Naganathan succeeds Dr. Jay Kenton who has been Interim President since July 1 after former president Dr. Chris

Maples chose not to renew his contract. Trustees voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Naganathan during a Board meeting held at its Wilsonville Campus.

He will lead a polytechnic university that has seen record enrollment and degrees in recent years, reaching 5,232 students at all of its campuses and sites in fall 2016, and consistently ranking high in graduates' return on investment. With three campuses – Klamath Falls, Wilsonville and Online – and other delivery sites, Oregon Tech is growing its footprint in

Oregon with degrees not offered elsewhere in the state and often the region, that are meeting industry demand in engineering, technology, healthcare and other applied fields.



Left: Gary Frost Jr. and his mother Roberta Frost (Klamath Tribal Council Secretary) attended the event. Gary says, "I hope to be a future student at OIT."



Left: Olivia Simpson (Gates Scholarship Awardee and Umatilla Tribal Member) is a Pre-Med Student at OIT. Pictured with Klamath Tribal Member, Chris Rubidoux who is a graduate of OIT and currently the Academic Specialist.

naanok ?ans naat sat'waYa naat ciiwapk diceew'a
- "We help each other; We will love good."

Success comes through Education, Partnerships, and Diversification

The Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Klamath Tribes and Native American Student Union (NASU) held a dinner together on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Klamath Tribal Council and other representatives, joined Oregon Institute of Technology leadership, staff, and native students for the Native American Student



Union (NASU) Dinner, in Klamath Falls, Oregon on the OIT campus.

The meeting was formed by the leadership to begin discussions and gather views from campus students about the re-establishment of a NASU club/program at OIT. After round-robin discussion and student input, it became clear that a NASU program is needed and was initiated that same night. As the evening progressed discussions led into other ways the Tribes and OIT could partner to help students attending OIT and to promote community growth and development. Topics discussed included: Native American Program similar to University of Oregon, Scholarship breaks to Native Students across the nation, Native American Program Coordinator at the Institute, Funding possibilities, vocational training, economic development opportunities with the tribe, tourism efforts, and significant ways to create a "Home

Nez Perce vs. Jewell Distribution 2017

No Current Address

Below is a list of Klamath Tribal Members for whom we do not have a current address, (but a check has been printed and is in the Klamath Tribes Members Benefits office).

If you have information regarding any of these individuals, please contact the Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department ASAP. 541-783-2219 ext. 195 ext. 203 ext. 150 or ext. 160

Note: All checks are VOID after 180 days and will return to The Klamath Tribes General Fund if not claimed by the December 31, 2017.

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2. Cole, Tyler Anthony
3. Fernandez, Paiton Shayanne
4. Foster, Steven Lee
5. Foster, Vernon B.
6. Hill, Tiffany Clarence James
7. Hubble, Catina Lynne
8. Hughes, Kristi Marie
9. Ibarra, Antonio Javier
10. Ibarra, Roman Chrisman
11. Jackson, Joey Dustin
12. Jackson, Richard Ray
13. Jensen, Brenda Kay
14. Jones, Lovell Prentice
15. Jones, Margaret
16. Jordan, Frank William
17. Lotches, Milalani Elizabeth
18. Melton, Justin Trevor
19. Moses, Eugene Francine (Herrick)
20. Murray, Denisha Bryanna
21. Nelson, Mowataaknii
22. Porchia, Tyra Shanice
23. Pruitt, Dalton Deever
24. Small-Ray, Phillip William Eugene
25. Torrez, Tasha Depree
26. Whiteshirt, Summer Faye

It is the responsibility of each tribal member to keep The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits and Enrollment departments informed regarding your and your minor children's address changes.

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March 28, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: KLAMATH TRIBES GENERAL COUNCIL

THE KLAMATH TRIBES TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

The Klamath Tribes Tribal Council has directed the initiation of a Tribal strategic planning process to develop a three-year Klamath Tribes Strategic Action Plan.

This planning process is facilitated by a Core Strategic Planning Team made up of representatives from the Klamath Tribes' Tribal Council, Tribal staff, Economic Development and Judiciary. Technical support is being provided by Chris Marko, Rural Development Specialist, with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation. The planning process is anticipated to take between 6 - 9 months to complete.

During the planning process, Tribal Members, Tribal government staff, and Tribal economic development staff, will be asked to provide input for determining and evaluating Klamath Tribal priorities. Tribal member requests for input will be in the form of questionnaires and Tribal community meetings. In addition, the Tribes have established an email address dedicated for Tribal members to email input: KTstrategicplan2017@klamathtribes.com.

Updated information regarding plan development will posted on the Klamath Tribes' website at: www.klamathtribes.org

Any questions regarding the Strategic Action Plan development process may be directed to Shayleen Allen, Klamath Tribes Planning Department Director, at (541) 783-2219 x166 or email: shayleen.allen@klamathtribes.com.

Important Government Meeting Reminders!

Next Regular General Council Meeting Notice:

Saturday, May 20, 2017

10am - Tribal Admin. Chiloquin, Oregon

***Note: Copies of the 2016 Klamath Tribes Annual Reports will be available.**

Tribal Council Meetings--- Time Change Notice!

Regular TC (Tribal Council)

Meetings are now starting at 10:00am

TC Meetings are held 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 501 Chiloquin Blvd. Tribal Admin Bldg.

For more information contact: Tribal Secretary, Roberta Frost
541-783-2219 ext. 170

Klamath Tribes Hotel Expansion Article

by: Jared Hall, Klamath Tribes Economic Development Executive Director



- Hire Construction Manager/General Contractor (5-Proposals are pending review and will be complete on March 22nd).
- Select Color Theme and FF&E.
- Complete Final Design Documents (Civil Plans) and submit to Choice Hotel for approval (Estimated for completion on March 27th).
- Complete Final 100% Construction Documents (CD's) and submit to Choice Hotel for approval.
- Solicit 100% CD's for Hard Bid.
- Construction Account Setup (Umpqua Bank).
- Pre-Construction Kick-Off meeting.

May 20th – June 30th: Official Ground Breaking Ceremony will be announced.

Side note: The announcement of the official groundbreaking date is experiencing a couple of uncontrollable external factors that could impact the timing of the official ground breaking date. The first factor will be the crucial timing of the closing of the complete construction loan documents due to the multiple layers of approval processes essential to the bank underwriting process and the BIA Loan Guarantee program. The BIA Loan Guarantee process cannot begin until the initial underwriting of the bank loan is complete. The second major factor is contingent upon hiring a qualified General Contractor to build the Hotel. The construction industry in the Southern Oregon region has been on an uptick in 2017, which is causing a condensed construction schedule and increased competition for General/Sub Contractor services, which ultimately affects the timing of the construction schedule for the Hotel. KTEDC is diligently working with ZCS Engineers to explore all construction development strategies that will assist with keeping the official groundbreaking date within the May 20th - June 30th timeframe.

On October 29th, 2016 at the "Special" General Council requested by the Klamath Tribes Economic Development Corporation (KTEDC), the Hotel project was approved by majority vote from the Klamath Tribes General Council. This sparked the long and intensive process to initiate and implement the newly approved Hotel project. The following timeline is to serve as a summary of events to help illustrate the progress of the project:

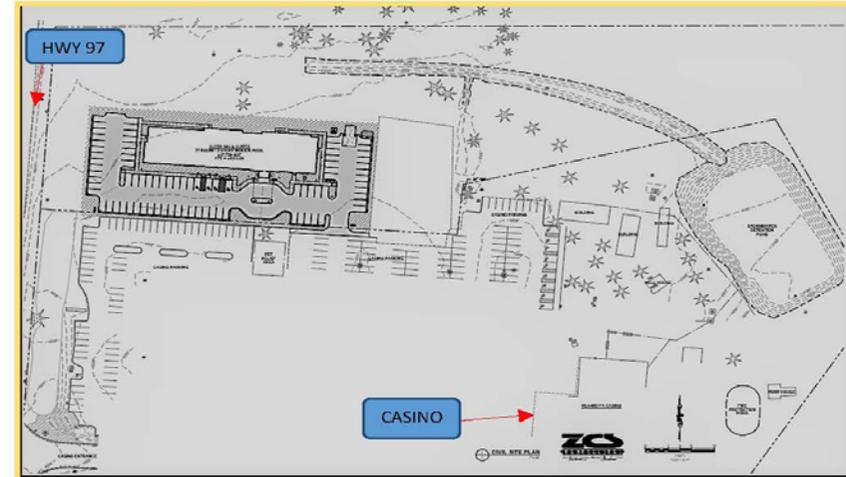
2016

- October 31st – November 30th**
- a.) Choice Hotel Application Submittal Review Approval.
 - b.) Engineering Consulting Solicitation for services.
 - c.) Selection completed for Engineering Consulting Services (ZCS Engineers were selected for the Hotel project)
- December 1st – December 20th**
- c.) Choice Hotel Agreement: Legal Review.
 - d.) Land/TOPO Surveying of project site initiated.
 - e.) Choice Hotels Rules/Regulations/Policy Reviewed.
- December 21st – December 30th**
- f.) Internal execution of Choice Hotel Agreement (TC Resolution) and official submittal.

2017

- January 1st – January 30th**
- g.) Hotel Construction Project Financing RFP was Solicited.

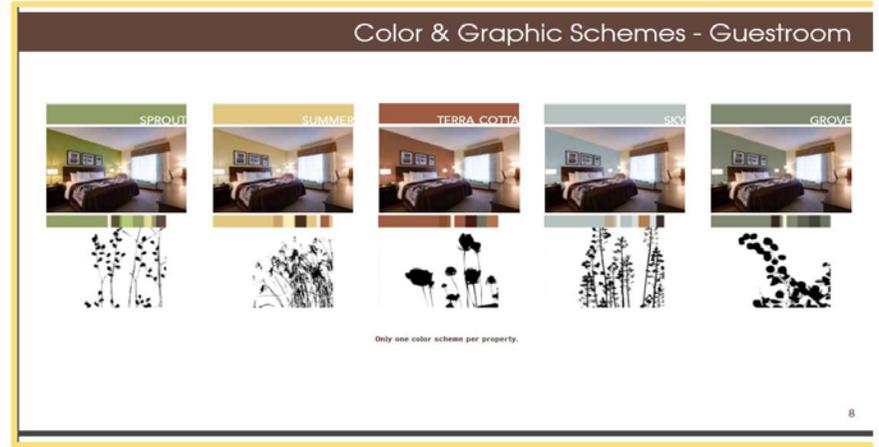
- February 1st – March 10th**
- h.) Casino and Gaming property infrastructure (i.e. Utilities, Access) evaluation and system design was initiated.
 - i.) Hotel Construction Project Financing RFP was completed & Awarded: Umpqua Bank
 - j.) Site-Plan submitted to Choice Hotels for Review & Approval.
 - k.) Phase III: 100% Construction Documentation was approved & initiated.
 - l.) Construction Manager/General Contractor RFP was solicited.
 - m.) Assigned by Choice Hotel to a Corporate Opening Service Team.



Although several steps, critical tasks, and major milestones have been achieved thus far, there are several critical events that need to transpire in the months ahead. All indications are leading to an official ground breaking estimated as early as May 20th to June 30th:

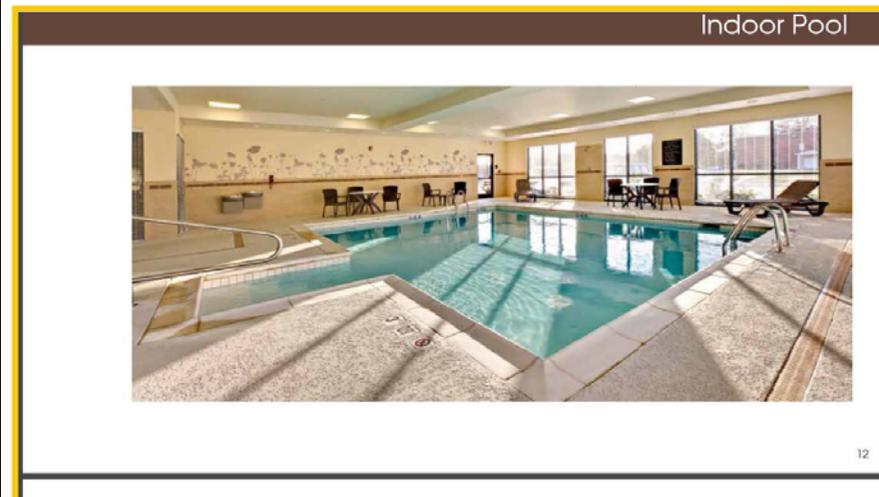
Critical Tasks for March – May 2017:

- Loan Closing: Underwriting process needs to be executed successfully.



The Hotel is branded as a Choice Hotel property with an 84-Room Sleep Inn & Suites Prototype model which comes as an 80% complete planning package, the room count alters with the incorporation of an indoor pool and conference room, which brings the total room count to 77 with those desired spaces. The Hotel will also offer a convenient workout room, guest laundry, relaxing lobby area, and breakfast space for all guests to enjoy. The benefit of going with Choice Hotel has an immediate estimated cost savings of \$500,000 - \$600,000 in Soft Costs (Design Planning). This was a critical decision factor considering KTEDC would have had to find un-restricted Tribal funds to begin this project at its most conceptual stage. In addition, the residual value will be appreciated through the construction project oversight and operational expertise that is all inclusive to the Choice Hotel Partnership.

All Tribal Economic Development projects should always recognize the importance of being aware of the Klamath Tribes Environmental values. Choice Hotels incorporates a holistic approach on "Whole Building Design" with an emphasis on Energy & Water Conservation strategies built into the specifications of the entire Hotel property. They have a preferred and select vendor list that sets specifications for high-efficiency standards on interior/exterior building design, operational equipment, and product supplies. This will lead to on-going operational efficiency, short-term/long-term cost savings, environmental obedience, and optimal bottom line business performance.





Additional planning activities have also been taking place in anticipation of the grand opening in the Summer of 2018. A comprehensive review of Choice Hotels Robust Policy & Procedure that is based off several key principles related to Guest Satisfaction, Facility Cleanliness & Condition, and upholding a High Brand Standard have been re-assuring to the overall confidence of a successful new enterprise launch. Other ancillary benefits that validate the positive impact of Choice Hotels partnership will come in the form of on-going operational support in key areas like Marketing Infrastructure (Digital Media, Customer Database, Choice Rewards), Property Management System (High Tech equipment and operational systems), and Staff Training & Development (Quality Assurance Rating system, Performance Zone Program) which will ensure that our property is effectively operated in a sustainable fashion and will ultimately serve the best interest of this Tribal Asset in perpetuity.

The entire body of work of the Hotel project will provide a significant impact to the current Gaming property as a whole by attracting and captivating a larger and broader customer base and augment the overall market reach of Klamath Falls Casino. In addition, the Hotel alone is projected to create 10-12 jobs immediately in the short-term and a potential 20-25 jobs long term by including increased business activity at the Casino operation. The timing of this project is perfect considering the opportunity to capitalize on the significant positive trend in Southern Oregon tourism activity anchored by the significant growth of Crater Lake National Park visitors. A key component to the overall success of the Hotel property will be to innovate new ideas and develop complimentary amenities that will create a ... destination type experience for future guests. The Hotel project will serve as a primary catalyst to the anticipated development of Phase II: Casino Expansion.

2017 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

DO YOU KNOW YOUR RISK TO THE HAZARDS IN OUR AREA?

The Klamath Tribes' Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is continuing to learn more information about local hazards as we continue to develop the 2017 Klamath Tribes Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Maps are available to view in the Klamath Tribes' Planning Office and will soon be available on the tribal website in the Planning Department section.

Any questions or comments regarding the maps or the status of the Hazard Mitigation Plan update process are encouraged, and should be directed to Shayleen Allen, Klamath Tribes Planning Department Director, at (541) 783-2219 x166 or email: shayleen-allen@klamathtribes.com

PLEASE DO THE SURVEY ON THE TRIBAL WEBSITE:

Also – Please don't forget to complete the Klamath Tribes' Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey if you haven't already.

You can find the survey link on the Home page of the Tribes' website at www.klamathtribes.org. Information learned through completion of the surveys by you is important to gaining a full understanding of the risks.

Thank you for your participation!

Klamath Tribes- First Tribe Approved in Pacific Northwest to be Blue Zone Approved



Left to Right: Erin Tecumseh, Klamath Tribes Wellness Team Member, Dr. Gerald Hill, Tribal Member and member of the Klamath Tribes Health Advisory Committee, Don Gentry, Klamath Tribal Chairman, Shawn Jackson, Director of Tribal Health Planning, Martha Decker-Hall, Klamath Tribal Health Wellness Team. Back row: Will Hess, Klamath Tribal Health Wellness Team, and Jessie Hecocta, Organization Lead with the Klamath Falls Blue Zones Project. The cutting of the blue ribbon at a ceremony Wednesday recognized the Klamath Tribes Health and Family Services as Blue Zones Project approved. The ceremony was held at tribal headquarters in Chiloquin, Oregon.

"mo ben dic hosIntemleak" - To be in good health again

Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services (KTHFS) became the first tribal organization in the Pacific Northwest to become Blue Zones Project approved on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. KTHFS, a primary care health center owned and operated by the Klamath Tribes, is responsible for providing healthcare services to the Native American population living in Klamath County. On that afternoon, KTHFS employees, the Klamath Tribal Council and members of the Klamath Falls Blue Zones Project gathered at the tribal headquarters in Chiloquin to recognize the organization's success with a ribbon cutting ceremony. KTHFS began working to become Blue Zones approved in May 2016, after Tribal Chairman Don Gentry proposed the idea, while working with former Tribal Health Employee, now Blue Zone Organizational Lead, Jessie Hecocta. While the organization already had various health practices in place, it created a wellness committee to promote more healthy choices and well-being for its employees, wellness committee member Martha Decker-Hall said. "We found that it was a good fit as a lot of the best practices we had already adopted as an organization," she said. "It went fast for us because we were already on that path." From the outset, the wellness committee implemented a series of healthy steps, including standing or walking meetings to encourage movement throughout the day; the installation of equipment offering health benefits, such as standing desks, wireless headsets and exercise balls; and posting positive messages throughout the offices. The 121 KTHFS employees are also given 30 minutes of wellness time every day, which they can use to "do something healthy to energize themselves." Some staff opt to go for a walk on the trail, while others use the weight room, Jackson said. "It feels great that we have been approved," he said. "A healthy employee is a happy employee."

Commonly asked questions.

What is the difference between a Walk-in Clinic and Primary Care Clinic? A Walk-in Clinic provides increased access to patient care for minor injuries or illnesses (acute conditions) such as allergies, colds, flu, sprains and strains, etc. A Primary Care Clinic offers management of chronic disease (such as diabetes or heart disease) over long periods of time.

Isn't KTHFS already a "Walk-in Clinic"? Not exactly. Our Scope of Work with the Indian Health Service is to provide comprehensive, primary care services. Our commitment to Tribal Members is over the long term. So, not only do we want to see you, our patient, when you are ill, we also want to see you when you are well (Preventative Care).

Will I need an appointment to be seen at Walk-in Clinic? Appointments will not be scheduled during Walk-in Clinic times. There will be times you have to wait to be seen.

What should I do if I am experiencing a severe illness or injury? If you experience symptoms that could be life threatening such as chest pain, abdominal pain, one-sided weakness, or have a life-threatening injury, call 911 or go to your nearest hospital emergency room.



Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services

Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services (KTHFS) is a primary care health center, proudly owned and operated by the Klamath Tribes.

Our mission is to provide quality, comprehensive, patient-focused health care in a culturally sensitive manner while eliminating disparities and barriers to health.

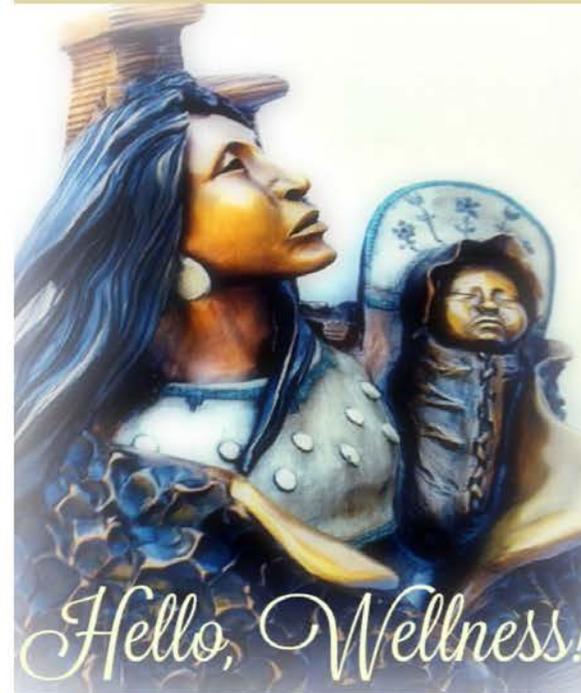
Located in Klamath County, Oregon, KTHFS offers healthcare services to eligible Indian beneficiaries including:

- Medical
- Dental
- Behavioral Health
- Pharmacy
- Transportation
- Referrals to Specialty Care (P/RC)
- Community Health Education
- Prevention Activities
- Medicaid Outreach Services
- And much more!



Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
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Chiloquin, OR 97624
Phone: 541-882-1487

New Walk-In Clinic Services



Introducing a New Service

KTHFS Walk-in Clinic

Monday — Friday

8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

KTHFS Walk-in Clinic

Dear Patients—

In response to your feedback, the Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services Medical Clinic will be offering a "Walk-in" Clinic for registered patients. If you are not a registered patient, you will need to complete that step prior to being checked in to the Walk-in Clinic.

What is a Walk-in Clinic? A walk-in clinic offers care for *acute conditions*, such as minor injuries or illnesses. Walk-in Clinic services are available on a first come, first serve basis. There will be times when you will have to wait to be seen.

Every few months, Walk-in Clinic services will be reviewed for quality, effectiveness, and overall patient satisfaction. Like any new product or service, implementation will require staff training—new workflows, scheduling, triage, etc. We thank you for your patience as we work to improve how your health care services are delivered. We invite you to offer your feedback any-time.

Call or stop by the Wellness Center during Walk-in Clinic times. Your medical needs will be evaluated by our Triage Team—which includes licensed physicians and nurse practitioners, registered nurses, certified medical assistants, and more.

It's all about you. Know your body. Know your symptoms. Know the right appointment type for you. If you are not sure, come in to the Walk-in Clinic.

| Emergency Care | Walk-in Clinic | Primary Care Appointment |
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| Suitable when you experience life-threatening conditions or symptoms | Suitable for acute conditions (minor injury or illness) | Suitable for management of chronic disease that requires treatment or management over long periods of time |
| Call 911 or go to Emergency Room | Come see us. Walk-ins available Mon-Fri 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. | Schedule a regular appointment with your KTHFS Primary Care Provider |
| <p>For example:</p> <p>Abdominal pain Amputations Chest pain Cuts to the hands or face Life-threatening injury One-sided weakness Severe wounds Stroke-like symptoms</p> <p>*** Purchased/Referred Care (P/RC) -eligible patients must call the P/RC Department within 72 hours to request a purchase order in the event of a hospital emergency room visit.</p> | <p>For example:</p> <p>Adult immunizations Allergy symptoms Asthma (mild asthma attack) Bronchitis and respiratory illness Colds, Chest congestion Ear ache, Ear wash Eye infection symptoms Fish hook removal Flu shots (when available) Flu Symptoms Insect bites Minor cuts, scrapes, burns Minor sunburns Motion sickness prevention Pregnancy test Sinus infection symptoms Skin conditions Sore throat Sprains/strains Stomach problems Urinary tract infection symptoms</p> | <p>For example:</p> <p>Anxiety medication Care of pregnant patients Chronic (long-term) pain Chronic illness such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and high cholesterol General Assistance (GA) Paperwork Neck or back (spinal) conditions ODOT Physicals / Paperwork Orthotic / prosthetic care Physicals Routine medication refills SSI (Disability) Paperwork TB Testing Well-woman or Well-child Exams Workman's Compensation (on-the-job injury)</p> |



**The Klamath Tribes
Community Services
RESPITE CARE PROGRAM**



What Is the Native American Respite Care Program?

We are an Emergency Respite Care Program to provide much needed breaks for primary caregivers.

A Family caregiver can be a spouse or relative caring for a frail Native American Elder (60 & above), or can be a Grandparent (55 & above) raising grandchildren. As defined in The Older Americans Act, section 102(26).

Family Caregiver means an adult family member or another individual, who is an informal care provider of in-home and community care to an older individual. Respite Care Providers – can only provide respite care to the primary care giver only if that primary care giver is unpaid. If that primary caregiver is being paid or getting assistance through the state they are not eligible for the Respite care program.

Grandparent or older individual, who is a relative caregiver, means a grandparent or step-grandparent of a child (18 years of age or younger), or a relative of a child by blood or marriage, the grandparent must be 55 years of age or older and:

- ❖ Lives with the child in their home;
- ❖ Is the primary caregiver of the child because the biological or adoptive parents are unable or unwilling to serve as the primary caregiver of the child; and
- ❖ Has legal relationship to the child, as such legal custody or guardianship, or is raising the child informally.

The Respite Care Program can relieve the **Primary** caregiver for up to **187.5 hours** per calendar year (April 1, 2017- March 31, 2018), the care program will pay another care provider to replace the primary care provider, so that person can go to a appointment, have the day or a couple of hours off, or even the weekend off.

| <i>We Do:</i> | <i>We Do Not:</i> |
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| 1. Provide information & referral | 1. Employ providers |
| 2. Provide training to caregivers | 2. Choose providers for families |
| 3. Perform background checks | 3. Provide transportation |
| 4. Make home visits & inspections | 4. Give employment reference |
| 5. Have a list of available caregivers | 5. Provide information or advice regarding taxes |

For more information contact: Penny Ulam, Elder Outreach Worker, Community Services Department at 541-783-2219, ext.122

Be sure to watch this Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) Documentary that premiered this month. You can watch this Oregon Tribes Documentary online at: opb.org/brokentreaties

OPB Presents Oregon Experience's

Broken Treaties



Before European contact, the Northwest was home to a diverse mix of languages and cultures. This new documentary looks at the history of Oregon's Native tribes—and how they went from possessing all of Oregon's land to almost none of it.

**Premieres
March 20, 9 p.m.
OPB TV
and at
opb.org/brokentreaties**

Tobacco Prevention and Education - Why it Matters to the Klamath Tribes



Left to right: Lynda Daniel, TPEP Coordinator Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services; Shawn Jackson, Director Health Planning and Education Klamath Tribal Health; Merritt Driscoll, Project Manager, Blue Zones Project- Klamath Falls; Chantelle Smith, Klamath County Public Health, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program Coordinator Erin Schulten, Klamath County Public Health, Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Program Administrator Jessie DuBose, Community Program Manager, Blue Zones Project- Klamath Falls.

On January 24, 2017, the Klamath Tribes Tobacco Prevention and Education Program joined forces with Klamath County Public Health, and the Klamath Falls Blue Zones Project, to support tobacco prevention efforts in Klamath County and to join in discussions with the local Klamath County Commissioners regarding the proposed Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) in Klamath County. During the open public meeting with County Commissioners; Kelley Minty-Morris, Derrick DeGroot, and Donnie Boyd, several items were discussed.

Why does any of this matter? The impact is substantial, as 4,000 kids try smoking for the first time each day in the Nation! Why is this important to the Klamath Tribes? Because the Klamath Tribes adopted Resolution#2007-05 which supports the Restriction of Non-Traditional Tobacco Use and upholds the Klamath Tribes Tobacco-Free Workplace Policy. *40% of all Native Americans smoke... and Natives abuse tobacco at a higher rate than any ethnic group in America. *In Oregon more than 3,800 kids get hooked on tobacco every year *Tobacco remains the #1 preventable cause of death in Oregon.



THE KLAMATH TRIBES

KLAMATH-MODOC-YAHOOSKIN

March 14, 2017

Attention! Friends or family members, of deceased enrolled Klamath Tribal Members; this notice is to provide information of Burial Assistance available through The Klamath Tribes. Burial Assistance is offered by two departments – Social Services and Member Benefits – contingent on the availability of funds. Please reference the table below for details.

| Social Services Department | Member Benefits Department |
|---|---|
| <i>NO Funds Available!</i> | <i>FUNDS AVAILABLE!</i> |
| Effective Monday, March 13, 2017 the Burial Assistance Program will be suspended until further notice. Due to the lack of funding by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). | There is limited funding available. The Department's proposal was approved, and received 2016 funding from the Distribution Investment Board (DIB). |
| <u>Eligibility</u> | <u>Eligibility</u> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reside <u>within</u> Klamath County Enrolled member of The Klamath Tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum assistance of \$2500. This includes \$2,400 for burial/cremation and if requested, \$100 for memorial/wake. Funded by the BIA. Applications are available in the Social Services Department. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reside <u>outside</u> of Klamath County Enrolled member of The Klamath Tribes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum assistance of \$2400. This includes \$2,300 for burial/cremation and if requested, \$100 for memorial/wake. Funded by the DIB. Applications are available in the Member Benefits Department. |
| <u>Contact Person:</u> Raquel Ochoa, Ext. 141 | <u>Contact Person:</u> Mary Gentry, Ext. 195 |

News from the Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department

We would like to remind any Klamath Tribal Members who do art, beading, drum making, baskets, etc... to be sure and sign up with the Culture & Heritage Department. Each summer, during Culture Camp, we need volunteers/ individuals to share their crafts or knowledge with the camp children, or to simply help where needed. People who have CPR certification and Lifeguard training are a plus.

If you are interested please contact the Culture and Heritage Department so we can keep you in our file. All people will need to pass an extensive background and other paper work in order to be eligible to assist with the camp.

Thank you,

If you have any questions, please contact the
Culture and Heritage Department at
(541) 783-2764 ext. 101

Note: The Culture & Heritage Department reserves the decision making process on who is selected as a volunteer or hired (as funds and space is limited). All decisions reflect the safety of the children and integrity of the Tribal Culture and our Department.



Public Hearing Notice

The Klamath Tribes Community Service Department Low Income Energy Assistance Program will be holding a public hearing to discuss their FY 2017 abbreviate plan.

Date: July 17, 2017

Place Klamath Tribes Administration
Auditorium
501 S. Chiloquin Blvd.
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Time 3:00 to 4:30 pm

For more information contact Casey Hicks at 541-783-2219 Ext. 134 or casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com

Low Income Energy Assistance Notice

On Monday, December 4, 2017, Casey Hicks will be at Irwin Memorial Center in Beatty to assist with Energy Assistance.

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- INCOME FOR EVERY HOUSHOLD MEMBER
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- AT LEAST 1 TRIBAL ID OR ENROLLMENT LETTER
- STATE ID FOR EVERYONE 18 AND OLDER FOR NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS OR IF NO TRIBAL AVAILABLE
- CURRENT UTILITY BILL

For more information call or email:
Casey Hicks at 541-783-2219 ext. 134
email: casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com

Klamath Tribes Youth Initiative - Call to Action!

All Youth of the Klamath Tribes - WE NEED YOU!



Tribal Youth Initiative meetings were held in both Klamath Falls and Chiloquin, Oregon in January and March. Klamath Tribal Council Members, Tribal Health and Administration Employees, parents, and other volunteers gathered with the youth at two separate focus workshops designed to gather their input/concerns.

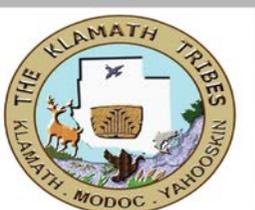
January 2017, kicked off the first gatherings of what is being called -The Klamath Tribes Youth Initiative. The focus of the initiative is to seek to hear the voices of the Klamath Tribal Youth. Efforts have included 4 meetings to date, outreach, and other techniques designed to gather information and bring our youth's thoughts and needs to the forefront of a tribal vision planning, as we recognize our youth are our future. The initiative aims to foster change and to construct an effective environment for youth participation in the decision making process and community development through dialogue and immediate action. The Klamath Tribes are dedicated to supporting and empowering youth in their efforts to build a just, equitable and sustainable future.

More meetings are being planned in the future, (April Date to be Announced)- We'd love to see all youth at the meetings!

For more information contact: George Lopez, Klamath Tribes General Manager at 541-783-2219, Will Hess, Klamath Tribes Prevention Specialist at 541-884-1841, and Alethea Barlowe, Native Youth Program Supervisor at 541-783-2040.

All Native Youth Wanted and Welcome!

Klamath Tribes Youth Council



WE NEED YOUTH TO HELP PLAN:

- *What the Youth Council should look like?
- *Goals/Brainstorming before summer activities.
- *Visiting/Working with other Youth Councils.

Stay Connected! Email, Facebook, Web!

Did you know in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates. With this fast paced world of electronic Email, Facebook, and the World Wide Web, it is easier than ever to know the latest information about the Klamath Tribes:

How do I stay connected?

1. Klamath Tribal Member Emails
Send your email, name and roll# to:
taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com
*Information emails almost daily!

2. Facebook:
Become our Friend at: www.klamathtribes.org
"click" the Facebook link on the web or find us at:
"The Official Klamath Tribes Page"

3. "What's Happening" Link on Website
Visit the Website: www.klamathtribes.org
Click : "What's Happening"
(Dwaa Nee Pqa) on the website homepage.