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A symbol of hope called...
Freedom



"The Redman was the true American. The history of how they fought for their country is written in blood, a stain that time cannot grind out. Their God was the sun, their church all outdoors, their only book was nature and they knew all its pages!"

On September 26, 2020, in front of the Favell Museum in Klamath Falls, Oregon, a 12 foot bronze monument- the first ever of its kind in the basin - was unveiled in a ceremony to commemorate and honor the indigenous people of the Klamath Tribes (the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin Paiute). The monument, a three year project, was commissioned and supported by the Wendt family and the Favell Museum Board of Directors. The photo shows Perry, the Klamath Tribes Culture & Heritage Director, blessing the monument after the unveiling ceremony. Perry said, "This piece shows how our tribal people were and are. It shows that we're a forgiving, loving people that don't believe in killing to get a sacred feather. We don't believe in the destruction of any living thing, we use what we take, life is sacred. This art piece depicts the 'eagle feather ceremony' when an elder and a youth would lay in wait with a rabbit, then when the eagle came to grab the prey, the adult would grab the eagle by the claws and the youth would pull out a middle tail feather to be used and kept. This display shows that life is always ongoing, the beautification of life itself. It represents a tribal Headman releasing the eagle after taking a middle feather - it demonstrates the values of patience, kindness, respect, and the gift of... FREEDOM."

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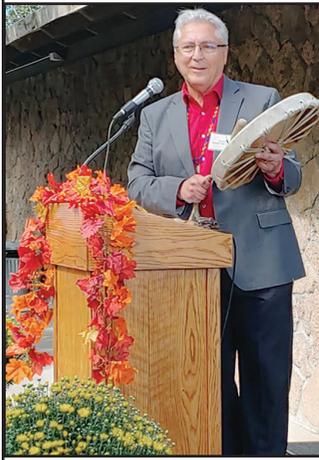
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FREEDOM - Everyone agrees that the new bronze statue near the entrance of the Favell Museum is an incredible work of art.

But for others it's more than that. For some, especially members of the Klamath Tribes, the bronze recognizes and honors the people who were Klamath Basin's earliest inhabitants.



"This symbolizes healing," said Don Gentry, the Klamath Tribes chairman, of the sculpture during Saturday afternoon's unveiling of the 12-foot-tall, 1,200-pound bronze statue. He noted it is "the only emblem or statue that honors and memorializes our people. Often as tribal members we feel marginalized in the community. This," he said of bronze, "symbolizes healing."

The bronze was created by Stefan Savides of Klamath Falls and Garland Weeks of Lubbock, Texas, and was commissioned by Nancy and Marc Wendt to honor members of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin tribes. The Klamath Tribes Cultural and Heritage Director, Perry Chocktoot served as a consultant to Savides and Weeks.

*The bronze shows the 'eagle feather ceremony' and the tribal Headman's regalia depicts elements of a tribal man from all three tribes (the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin Paiute). Design elements came from history books, pictures, and regalia of ancestor's Mike Weeks and David Chocktoot. The original headman regalia of David Chocktoot can be seen today at the Klamath County Museum on display, compliments of Perry Chocktoot, a direct grandson descendant.



Cheewa James, the featured program speaker, praised the Wendt family, lauded the Favell for its nationally recognized collection of Indian art and offered hope the statue represents and promotes healing between the Tribes and Klamath Basin people. "I feel right here is the first of the healing," James said of the statue and its symbolism. "It is the beginning of a new way of looking at life."

James, who was born at the Klamath Indian Agency Hospital, which was destroyed in the recent Two Four Two Fire, is the great-granddaughter of Shacknasty Jim, who fought in the Modoc War. She opened her program with a Zuni Indian sunrise song, noting she purposely chose a song from another Indian culture because the Favell collection includes items from a cross-section of Native tribes.

"History slips by and that's why it's so great that we're all here today," she said to a crowd of about 75 people outside the museum. She credited the Favell, Klamath County Museums and other Klamath Basin historical society and groups for preserving and, in many cases, unveiling history about Native people along with Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II and how settlers were impacted during events that led to the 1871-72 Modoc War.

James closed her program singing and drumming a "thousands of years old song" with Gentry and Tupper Taylor, the Klamath Tribes information specialist. Taylor said the song, which was sung in the Modoc language and translates to "New Beginnings," was "given back" to the tribal people in the 1990s, by Modoc elder, Celia Langell-Jefferson.

Weeks and Savides began their "duet" in August 2018 when Weeks made a three-month Klamath Basin visit. "We were always knocking ideas and back and forth," Weeks said. The duo contacted Chocktoot — "We could not have done it without Perry," Weeks emphasized — who provided details and conscientiously added accurate features that represent the native people.

Klamath County Rotary Club donates funds to Klamath Tribes for Two Four Two Fire Emergency Relief

On September 16, 2020, the Klamath County Rotary Club President, Chris Moudry, met with Klamath Tribal Council and other representatives to donate \$2,000 to help support the tribe and community. The funds came from the Rotary Emergency Fund and are expected to offset some of the many expenses due to the Two Four Two Fire devastation that has affected the tribe and the Chiloquin community this month. The Klamath Tribes has been working diligently with the local Red Cross and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) since the fire started on September 7, 2020.

Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry stated, “We are happy to accept this generous donation, we are honored that you thought of the Klamath Tribes at this time. Thank you so much for this donation to help our community.”

Rotary President Moudry stated, “We are happy to be able to assist in some way. These funds have been in an emergency fund for several years. We decided this fire is definitely an emergency and when we discussed who should receive these funds, of course, the Klamath Tribes name came up. I’m glad to be here today.”

Brandi Hatcher, Tribal Council Treasurer stated, “We really do appreciate your generosity and support during these difficult times. Through prayer we will get through this, and by building strong partnerships and supporting one another we will rebuild a more unified community.”



Sculptors Garland Weeks and Stefan Savides

After Mr. Weeks’ first visit, when the two used clay to model and sculpt over the full metal skeletons, Savides said it took another month to create a master mold, four months for the castings to be done at a foundry, and another month for all the welding. The sculpture was completed last year but the installation and dedication was delayed until now. Saturday’s dedication was held in conjunction with the Favell Museum’s annual Art Show & Sale, which continues through Nov. 7, 2020. Come see the bronze called (Freedom) and all the art.

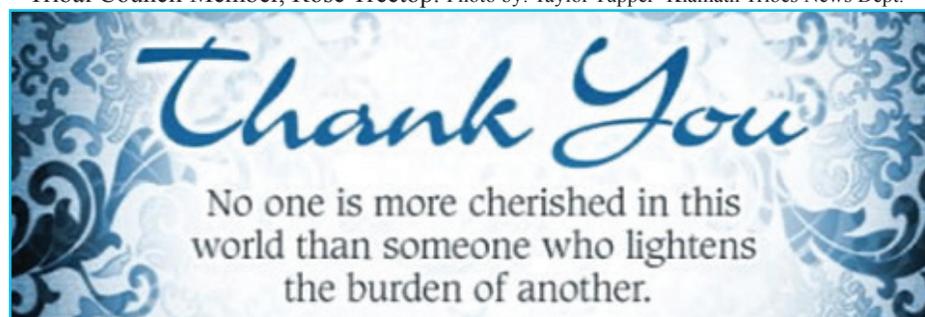
*Weeks, a renowned sculptor is well known for his work, which include astronaut Gene Cernan, the Revolutionary War’s Gen. Francis Marion, Old Yeller the Dog, and a sculpture commemorating World War II infantrymen. Weeks said he would love to collaborate on any future sculptures honoring the Klamath Tribes. Savides is a master in bird sculpture and is really good with design and composition. He got his start locally in taxidermy and moved to bronze later in life. The collaboration brings the best of both art forms together.



Before the bronze was the clay. Before the clay and wax is the full wire skeleton frames. Before the frames are the sketches. Before the sketches are the photos and research. Before the research is the planning. Before the planning is the idea. Before the idea is the indigenous people... The Klamath, the Modoc, and the Yahooskin Paiute.



Pictured left to right: Tribal Council Secretary, Roberta Frost; Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry; Rotary Club President, Chris Moudry; Tribal Council Treasurer, Brandi Hatcher; Klamath Tribes Emergency Manager, Zak Jackson; baby Lorna Treetop; and Tribal Council Member, Rose Treetop. Photo by: Taylor Tupper- Klamath Tribes News Dept.



Two Four Two Fire devastates historic Klamath Indian Agency, burns homes, tribal treaty land, Collier Park campground, and over-whelmed the rural Chiloquin community in an already unprecedented time of Covid-19 emergency.



On September 7, 2020, a catastrophic fire, named Two Four Two, ripped through the Chiloquin area and former reservation. Immediately following the fire’s onset, emergency personnel from the county asked tribal Emergency Manager Zak Jackson if they could set up an evacuation shelter in the parking lot of Kla-Mo-Ya Casino, just north of the intersection between Highway 97 and Highway 62, due to its abundance of parking space. The tribes immediately said yes, and the local Red Cross chapter and the County Emergency Response Team began assisting evacuees around the clock on location.

“It was the only place we knew to send people immediately and initially, because we knew that they were willing to let that number of people just show up,” said Klamath County Sheriff Chris Kaber. “We were blessed to have them working with us to be able to do that.”



In the end, nearly 15,000 acres of brush, forest, and rural neighborhoods between Spring Creek and Agency Lake west of Chiloquin were scorched by the fire, fueled by unprecedented heat and wind conditions that set much of the Western U.S. ablaze. In addition, on the same day, on the other side of the Cascade mountain range, a separate catastrophic fire, in the Ashland, Talent, Phoenix, and Medford raged in unison, limiting additional initial fire resources.

TWO FOUR TWO FIRE FINAL NUMBERS: By Master Sgt. Jefferson Thompson. 173rd Fighter Wing, Public Affairs.

- September 7, 2020 - start date. Containment 21st.
 - 0 - lives lost
 - 8 - homes lost
 - 14 - non-primary structures damaged
 - 17 - homes damaged
 - 26 - miles of retardant
 - 39 - non-primary structures lost
 - 80 - miles of fire line
 - 147 - members of the Oregon National Guard
 - 200 - evacuees assisted by the Red Cross
 - 247 - structures saved within the fire perimeter
 - 482 - homes evacuated in the City of Chiloquin
 - 505 - the largest amount of personnel on the fire
 - 1,532 - homes evacuated surrounding area
 - 14,474 - acres burned
- \$6,800,000 - the estimated financial cost to fight the fire

In addition to burning lands used by tribal members for hunting and gathering, the fire also swept through the old Klamath Agency, which contained several historically important buildings.



This photo, taken by the Klamath County Museum, shows the remains of the old Agency's superintendent's office, which housed Sage Community School for more than 10 years until its closure earlier this year. The school, along with original tribal homes, a hospital, and buildings the tribal council used to use for meetings were all burned to the ground. It is especially sad because the tribe currently had plans to purchase those buildings and property in order to preserve the area as a historical landmark. The Klamath Agency served as headquarters for the Klamath Indian Reservation from the 1860's until termination of the Klamath Tribe was completed in 1961, at which point the agency property was sold to a private party.

Just south of Klamath Agency, the fire also destroyed the home of long-time tribal leader and advocate Charles “Chuck” Kimbol Sr., who passed away in August. Crews were able to save the home earlier on Tuesday, but after the fire re-rallied and the wind shifted, it eventually succumbed to the flames. It was just days after the Kimbol family gathered to remember him, their home is gone.

Near the Kimbol home, a spot fire also formed west of Highway 62 near the Lobert Cemetery. Though crews were able to put it out Monday night, it flared up again on Tuesday. Tribal chairman Don Gentry called the destruction "a heartbreaker for our people." Tribal members, including Gentry's aunt, and many tribal members and employees were among those who had to evacuate their homes in or near the burn area. Elders who could not do so on their own were provided assistance.

Gentry said the tribes declared, at the time of the fire, a state of emergency which will open the door for federal funding to help tribal members who have been displaced. The tribe also used existing funds to add facilities at Kla-Mo-Ya for evacuees, like portable toilets and hand-cleaning stations.



Also devastated by the fire was the Oregon Fish & Wildlife Klamath Hatchery near Ft. Klamath. A building, shop and office complex were lost in the Two Four Two fire, and power, water and sewer compromised. An estimated 50,000 triploid brown trout were lost in the fire, but fortunately many of the large fish in the ponds survived. *Photo by *ODFW*- Klamath Hatchery building in flames, Two Four Two fire.

The Klamath Tribes Emergency Management Team, Tribal Council, staff and volunteers worked tirelessly through the emergency. We want to say "thank you" to everyone for your hard work and dedication... especially the Fire Fighters and Emergency first responders.

We fall.
We break.
We fail.

But then,

WE RISE.
WE HEAL.
WE OVERCOME.

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For more information on Emergency related questions regarding the Two Four Two Fire, contact Zak Jackson, Klamath Tribes Emergency Manager at 541-363-1289



Sep'ketch'a - THANK YOU
Fire Fighters & First Responders
You are true Warriors... God Bless You!

Funding Donation Notice!

After several requests from people asking how they can help the 242 Fire impacted Tribal Members, Klamath Tribal Health has set up two Electronic Fund Accounts for Donations.

What: Financial Donations:

For: Rebuild for 242 Fire Impacted Tribal Members

Dear All,

It has been a very busy month for everyone. We write to thank you for your amazing support, commitment, and involvement in the management and control of the recent 242 Fire in Chiloquin. We are lucky that our tribes did not lose any lives. However, several were also evacuated for safety reasons, and some lost their houses, properties, equipment, farmlands and other essentials.

Many of you have asked for an Account Number for financial donations, contributions and support for those affected and impacted by the disaster. To this end, we are doing a Go Fund Me to raise funds to help them rebuild their houses, business, and lives.

Kindly go to:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/chiloquin-community-rebuild-from-242-fire?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy-link&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1

Or to make your payment directly through an electronic transfer go to:

Account Name: Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services

Account Number: 62763807013

Bank Name: Washington Federal

Routing Number: 325 070 980

Kindly help us share the link and details.

Thank you,

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program

The Tribal Council approved Resolution TC-2020-007 Declaring a State of Emergency and Authorizing and Directing the Tribal Chairman to take all Necessary Steps to Obtain Emergency Assistance on March 16, 2020. At that time, the Tribal Council recognized that COVID-19 was rapidly spreading and may result in undue human suffering and hardship, health risks, severe economic distress, and have a substantial impact on the health care, social services, and other governmental services provided by the Tribes. It also acknowledged The Klamath Tribes responsibility to prevent, prepare, respond and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among Tribal Members.

The Klamath Tribal Council understands that Klamath Tribal members continue to be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 as a result of ongoing health, social and economic challenges faced by Tribal Members.

On October 1, 2020, the Tribal Council approved to revise the existing Coronavirus (COVID-19) General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program to provide assistance to Klamath Tribal Members in their response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

The Tribal Council wants to stress that all Tribal Member households, who are 18 years and older, no matter income level and/or residence, are eligible for Emergency Assistance, if they continue to be impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as listed below:

- COVID-19 related medical expenses not otherwise covered;
- Costs and Expenses necessary to protect and preserve individual health;
- Costs and Expenses needed to protect against unexpected, long-term isolation including but not limited to the emotional and psychological toll resulting from the loss of traditional family association and Tribal customs;
- Emergency medical response expenses, including emergency medical transportation;
- Expenses and costs to maintain quarantine or in quarantining individuals;
- Expenses to facilitate distance learning, including technological improvements in connection with school closures;
- Expenses related to sanitation and improvement of physical distancing measures;
- Expenses associated with the provisions of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Expenses related to overdue rent or mortgage payments to avoid eviction or foreclosure;
- Unforeseen financial costs for funerals;
- Expenses and costs that directly affected your household's ability to provide food, housing, or other subsistence needs;
- Costs for elder assistance with technology, internet and equipment; and
- Other individual emergency needs to preserve or protect Klamath Tribal lives, traditions and customs.

Additional COVID-19 Emergency Assistance will begin on October 19, 2020 through December 30, 2020. To receive this general welfare emergency assistance, you will need to complete a program application and return the application to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) General Welfare Emergency Assistance Program.

Applications will be available at Tribal Administration and will be mailed out to all Tribal Members whom we have addresses on file.

The application will also be available on The Klamath Tribes Website at: www.klamathtribes.org.

Additional Information: Call Sissy Weiser 541-783-2219, ext. 192

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1

Take photos of your damaged home and belongings.

2

Make a list of damaged or lost items.

3

Save yourself time. If you have insurance, you must file a claim with your insurance company. If you do not have insurance, skip to step 4.

4

3 Ways To Apply
 • Online [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)
 • Through the FEMA app
 • Call: (800) 621-3362
 TTY: (800) 242-7585

Documents You Need To Provide to FEMA

- Proof of identification
- Insurance determination letter
- Proof of occupancy or ownership

Special Note: FEMA cannot provide assistance for losses that are covered by insurance.

Recommendations for Homeowners Concerned about Wildfire Impacts to Water and Sewer Systems

Wildfires may impact water and sewer systems either by damaging the pipes, wiring, and other components, or by impacting the water quality. The Portland Area Indian Health Service (PAIHS), Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction recommends the following best practices for homeowners concerned about these potential impacts:

- *Start by performing an inspection of the visible components of your water and sewer systems. Be very careful and wear appropriate protective gear if you need to enter a previously burned area. If conditions are hazardous, seek out professional assistance through your Tribal emergency management contact before entering the area.
- * Look for damage to the well casing, well cap, electrical wiring and conduit, pressure tank, building enclosure, meter box, any exposed pipe and fittings, valves, septic tank risers, or clean-outs, as appropriate for your water and sewer systems. Take notes and pictures and report any findings to your designated Tribal representative. Do not attempt to use systems that have visible fire damage.
- * Determine if your water system experienced a loss of pressure. This can be done by turning on a faucet and observing whether air comes out. If air comes out, do not use the water for drinking or cooking before first getting it tested for the presence of bacteria, unless the water is boiled for at least 3 minutes first.
- *If your systems are not visibly damaged and did not experience a loss of pressure, thoroughly flush the water system by running your faucets throughout the house for 5-10 minutes, and then observe the taste, color, and odor of the water. If there are any unusual characteristics (ex. if the water tastes or smells smoky, earthy, or sweet), have your water tested before using it.

Through the designated Tribal Representative, the PAIHS Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction can provide more specific information on best practices, information on service providers, and recommendations on how to apply for assistance to replace failed systems.

For more info call Tribal representative: Darcey Jones 503-414-5532

Information for these recommendations was gathered from the Water Systems Council and the Minnesota Department of Health at the following links:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/wells/natural/wildfires.html>

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What to Expect When Applying with FEMA

SALEM, OR—If you were affected by the wildfires and straight-line winds beginning Sept. 7, 2020 in Oregon you may be eligible for FEMA assistance. However, you don't have to wait for FEMA to start cleaning up. Just be sure to take photographs or video of the damage and keep all receipts for repair work.

Assistance provided by FEMA for homeowners and renters can include grants for repairs to make their primary home habitable and rental assistance to pay for temporary housing. FEMA assistance can also help with other disaster-related needs like replacing essential household items and medical, dental, funeral, transportation, moving and storage and child care expenses.

First, contact your insurance company and file a claim for the wildfire or straightline wind damage you've suffered.

If you have losses not covered by insurance, contact FEMA by either going online to [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling the helpline at **800-621-3362**. TTY users can call 800-462-7585. If you use 711 or Video Relay Service you can call 800-621-3362.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To register and follow-up inquiries, call:

1-800-621-3362

If you use a TTY: **1-800-462-7585**

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

- Your address with zip code
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail or email address to receive electronic notifications

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you register, you will be given a FEMA registration number. Write down your number and save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA

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During this COVID-19 Pandemic, all programs are working towards the capacity to work remotely along with the development of electronic formats to continue essential program services.

There may be times, due to the exposure and/or precautionary safety measures surrounding COVID-19, that one or more buildings will be required to be closed. When there is a building(s) that requires closure, essential services will continue via remote access via telephone and/or Zoom.

A closed building does not mean services stop.

We will continue to perform essential program services and you will be able to make initial contact by phone.

The numbers to make contact with Tribal Administration Program Staff are **541-783-2219 and 541-783-2218.**

Here is the Klamath Tribes Extension Directory for accessing the appropriate staff person to assist you with your inquiries.

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Freshwater Monitoring Alert

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Forest
Service

Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest

High Cascades Ranger District
47201 Highway 62
Prospect, OR 97536
541-560-3400

Letter from US Dept. of Ag
High Cascades RD.
To: Members harvesting huckleberries

Date: August 17, 2020

Perry Chocktoot
Director, Culture and Heritage Department
The Klamath Tribes

Dear Perry,

As a follow-up on our discussion about huckleberry harvesting by tribal members on the High Cascades Ranger District of the Rogue River Siskiyou National Forest. Tribal members can collect huckleberries in the amounts they deem necessary to support traditional cultural practices without a permit from the Forest Service. I have passed this direction along to my district staff. If contacted by district staff, identifying oneself as a Klamath Tribal member will suffice and tribal members will not be disturbed further. If my staff have further questions, they should be directed to contact the me.

If you have any questions or additional concerns, please contact me at 541-560-3406 (desk) or 541-505-4050 (cell) or david.palmer@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

David Palmer

High Cascades District Ranger

Recreational use advisory for Upper Klamath Lake updated Sept. 29

PORTLAND, Ore. — Oregon Health Authority updated a recreational use health advisory today, Sept. 29, for Upper Klamath Lake due to the presence of a cyanobacteria bloom and cyanotoxins above recreational guideline values for human exposure. The lake is in Klamath County.

The advisory, originally issued Sept. 16, applied to Moore Park and the surrounding area of Upper Klamath Lake. Due to the size of the lake and the unpredictability of cyanobacteria and the toxins produced, OHA updates advisories on the lake when new sampling data is received. Sampling data received Sept. 28 showed toxin levels above recreational guideline values in the Howard's Bay area and a substantial decrease in levels at Moore Park. In response to this new data, OHA is lifting the advisory for Moore Park and issuing an advisory for Howard's Bay and the surrounding area.

People should avoid swimming and high-speed water activities, such as water skiing or power boating, in areas of the lake where blooms are identified. Although toxins are not absorbed through the skin, people who have skin sensitivities may experience a puffy red rash.

People are encouraged to visit Upper Klamath Lake and enjoy activities such as fishing, camping, hiking, biking, picnicking and bird watching. Boating is safe as long as speeds do not create excessive water spray, which could lead to inhalation risk.

Drinking water

Drinking water directly from areas of the lake affected by a bloom is especially dangerous. Toxins cannot be removed by boiling, filtering or treating water with camping-style filters. Contact campground management or the local health department with questions about water available at nearby campgrounds or day use areas.

People who are not on a well or a public water system and draw in-home water directly from an affected area are advised to use an alternative water source because not all private treatment systems are proven effective in removing cyanotoxins.

Children and pets

Children and pets are at increased risk for exposure because of their size and level of activity. People who bring their pets to a lake with areas affected by a bloom for recreation activities, regardless of whether a recreational use health advisory is in place, should take special precautions to keep them from drinking from or swimming in these areas. Dogs can also be exposed to cyanotoxins when present by licking their fur, licking cyanobacteria off rocks or eating cells from a bloom. The level of cyanotoxin in the Moore Park area, although not harmful to people, is still high enough to affect your pet.

Fishing

Fish caught from areas where cyanobacterial blooms are present should have fat, skin and organs removed before cooking or freezing, as toxins are more likely to collect in these tissues. Fillets should also be rinsed with clean water.

Symptoms

Exposure to cyanotoxins can be serious and result in a range of symptoms, from those similar to food poisoning such as stomach cramping, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, to more serious symptoms like numbness, tingling, dizziness and shortness of breath that may require medical attention.

For health information or to report an illness, contact the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) at [971-673-0482](tel:971-673-0482).

Media contact: Jonathan Modie, 971-246-9139,
phd.communications@dhsosha.state.or.us

Dead female c'waam found in upper Klamath Lake Sept. 2020

Photo by Taylor Tupper - Klamath Tribes News Dept.

Professionals Needed!

On Track OHSU! Klamath is looking for Healthcare professionals willing to have short, recorded online interactive sessions with students at the Chiloquin Schools.

We are looking for:

- **Past Chiloquin students working in the healthcare field**
- **Tribal (any tribes) Healthcare Professionals**
- **Health Professionals dedicated to reaching students at different stages of career planning**

You can choose one or both opportunities:

- **Speaking with Elementary-Jr High aged students about what your day looks like, some tools you may use, etc.**
- **Talk with High School students about your path, through college and how you chose your career.**



ONTRACKOHSU!

If you are interested or would like more information contact:
Alethea Barlowe, On Track OHSU! Klamath Program Coordinator
Email: barlowe@ohsu.edu
Ph: 971.803.2720





RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

Waq'lis'i maqlaqs,

We are developing a Re-Entry program and our goal is to help our Tribal Members return to the community (Klamath County) and stay out of prison. We plan on doing this by transporting tribal members home; scheduling A&D or Mental Health appointments for the day after the return; helping with basic needs; and

providing the support necessary for gaining housing and employment.

Prior to this pandemic we offered spuklis (sweatlodge) and opportunities to connect with the land. I look forward to being able to do that again.

Sometimes our Tribal members are released early or we are not aware they are in prison and this is my ask: let me know if you or your family member is in prison so I can make sure you/they are aware of our services. We want to help you remain free.

We have great results so far with Tribal members that choose to be honestly-engaged in our services. We want to make sure we are not allowing any of our people to slip through the cracks.

If you would like to make sure your loved one is on our list, please call me at 541-884-1841 ext. 410 or you can call our Case Manager, Ashanti Hakeem at 541-892-0794.

My email address is: Devery.saluskin@klm.portland.ihs.gov

Mailing address is 633 Main St. Klamath Falls OR 97601.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Mo sep'kec'a

Devery Saluskin

Waq'lis'i maqlaqs - We are seeking deer hides

The Klamth Tribal Health Prevention Program is planning on hosting a hide tanning workshop next spring.

If you are interested in donating a deer hide to the workshop, please give Prevention a call so we can coordinate a time to receive it. We can also use the brains if you want to put them in a plastic bag, we'll take them too.

Call us to donate at 541-884-1841

Sep'kec'a

Project Lead Teacher – Exciting Opportunity!

The Klamath Tribes is looking for a Project Lead Teacher position in our Early Childhood Development Center. We encourage any qualified person who loves children and wants to incorporate tribal culture and language into a preK (3-5 yrs old) classroom setting to apply. Competitive salary and benefits.

For a complete job description, application, or more information, please contact Sarah Bates in Human Resources: sarah.bates@klamathtribes.com or kathleen.mitchell@klamathtribes.com can answer questions about the project. 9/3/2020

Looking for a Part Time Job with Paid Training? (We still need one more applicant!)

The Klamath Tribes Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is looking for enthusiastic and caring candidates that want to work with young children 0-5 years old, while getting paid part-time, and earn a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. A CDA is a nationally recognized credential in the early learning field. The formal training program is paid for by a tribal project funded through the Administration for Native American grant and focuses on efforts to teach tribal language and culture in an early childhood learning environment. Indian Preference applies. For more information, contact the Human Resource Department for a job description and application or Kathleen Mitchell at 541-783-0804 09/02/2020

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR TEMPORARY HIRE POOL

On occasion The Klamath Tribes will have the need for temporary workers. Temporary positions may be full or part time, or on-call as needed, depending on the need. The pay rate will vary depending on the type of position. As per Tribal policy a temporary hire may not work more than a total of 950 hours per calendar year.

The Klamath Tribes Administration is seeking Klamath Tribal members or members of other federally recognized tribes who are interested in temporary positions with Tribal Administration. Those interested should fill out The Klamath Tribes Application for Employment. The form is available on The Klamath Tribes website under the Employment tab (Jobs). Applicants for temporary positions should indicate "Temporary Opportunities" on the Position Applied For section of the application and submit the fully completed and signed application to Sarah Bates in Human Resources: sarah.bates@klamathtribes.com.

We are also encouraging tribal members to contact Education & Employment to sign up for the Temporary Labor Pool which includes opportunities with other entities.

Title VI—Indian Education Act

“506 Forms for schools”

If you have a Native American, Alaska Native or Hawaiian Native student/grandchild attending a Klamath County school— a 506 form needs to be filled out for Title VI services when your child registers for school .

***506 forms are available on the Klamath County School District website, just click on “parent/student forms”**

Please return filled out forms to your child’s school. If you already filled this form out for your child when they entered kindergarten or first grade it does not have to be filled out again.

Torina Case, Title VI Coordinator
Klamath County School District
caset@kcsd.k12.or.us



“There was never a time when our people didn't care for each other. Be safe & wear a mask”

“Be a good relative”

- Wear face coverings in social or public settings
- Practice good sanitation
- Stay home whenever possible
- Practice Social Distancing

Shayla Ochoa - Klamath Tribes

The Klamath Tribes Youth Council encourages our community to stay safe & healthy to keep our children & elders safe!



HALLOWEEN

Tribal Community Drive Thru

Saturday October 31, 2020 from 5:00pm-8:00pm at 6000 New Way, Klamath Falls

- COSTUME CONTEST
- CAKEWALK
- CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST
- POPCORN BALL KITS & MORE!!
- CARAMEL APPLE KITS
- PRIZES
- CANDY

Further details will be posted on the Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services Facebook page. Safe and fun Halloween Drive Thru brought to you by: Klamath Tribal Health Youth & Family Guidance Center 541.884.1841



EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS

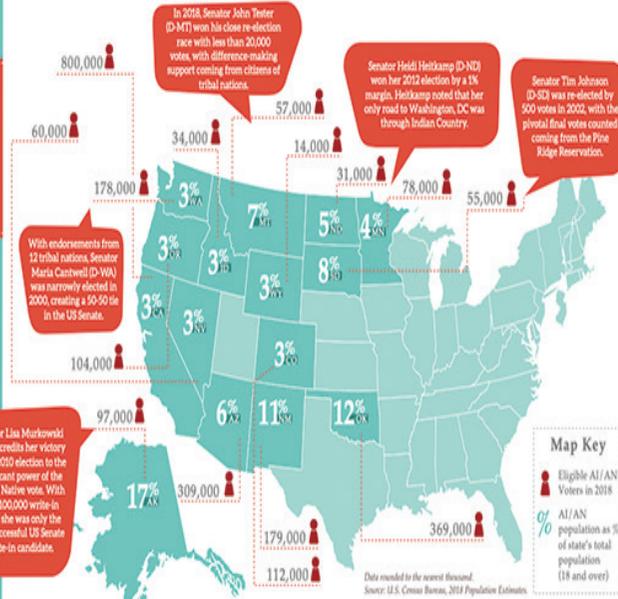
Key Issues that Bring Native People to the Ballot Box

- Tribal Government Sovereignty
- Energy
- Indian Child Welfare
- Gaming
- Education
- Environmental Impact Issues
- Water
- Federal Budget & Spending

Top 15 States with the Highest Populations of Voting-Age Natives

The power of the Native Vote has been significant in state, local, and important national races.

EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS



Klamath County Oregon

On September 29, 2020, the Klamath County Board of Commissioners officially signed a Proclamation making the week of October 5, 2020 as the Modoc Ancestral Run Week in Klamath County, Oregon.

Modoc Ancestral Run-

These runs have the power to bring recognition. To write narratives in our own language, from our own perspectives. To be ever present in places and spaces as a heavy reminder that we remain. na' hocna na' wembli, We run we heal. -- Modoc Runners

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5, 2020 AS)
MODOC ANCESTRAL RUN WEEK) PROCLAMATION
IN KLAMATH COUNTY, OREGON)

WHEREAS, Klamath County has been the home of The Klamath Tribes, comprised of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin people, from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide Indigenous ancestral runs provide connection to resilience and healing; and

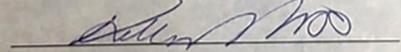
WHEREAS, For the first time the Modoc Ancestral Run and its participants will come through the County Seat of Klamath Falls while making their way to Captain Jack's Cave at The Lava Beds National Monument; and

WHEREAS, The Modoc Ancestral Run is an alcohol-and-drug-free, sacred time where runners and supporting people come with a good spirit, prepared to run, pray and help one another.

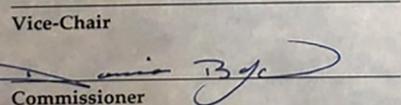
NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Klamath County Board of Commissioners, that the week of October 5, 2020, is Modoc Ancestral Run Week in Klamath County and we encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

DONE AND DATED this September 29, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chair


Vice-Chair


Commissioner



Donnie Boyd



Kelley Minty Morris



Derrick DeGroot

Klamath County Commissioners



Thursday—October 8th, 2020

No camp at Fort Klamath Museum

Runners can set up at Edison's Camp, dinner provided, meet at 6:30am

Friday—October 9th, 2020 6:30am RUN DAY 1

Fort Klamath Museum, Fort Klamath, OR

Morning protocol, Introduction of Runners, Run begins at first sunlight

Run Route: Fort Klamath Museum—Modoc Point Ridge—Old Fort Rd
Crater Lake Prkwy—Homedale—Hill Rd/Lost River—Sheepy Ridge Camp
Overnight camping and dinner (camping: bathroom and showers avail)

Saturday—October 10th, 2020 6:00am RUN DAY 2

Sheepy Ridge Campground to Stronghold

Morning Protocol, begins at first sunlight

Run Route: Stateline Rd East—Horse Mountain—Clear Lake Hills
Tionesta—Lave Beds South Entrance - Stronghold
Closing ceremony at Stronghold, Dinner at Sheepy Ridge Campground

Additional Info Contact: Monica Yellowowl @ 541-892-2577

Also, check it out on [Facebook Page: Modoc Ancestral Run](#)

To Ensure Safety of Runners Please Consider These Measures
Do not attend run if you have any CDC Covid Symptoms
Please remain with your vehicle, Only run with your household members
Hand sanitize often, Face masks in close gathering locations

Modoc Ancestral Run 2020

This year marks the 10th year of the Modoc Ancestral Run. It started as a one day run from sun up to sun down spanning the Modoc War sites, then extended into a 2-day spiritual run beginning at Fort Klamath (but due to Covid-19 precautions this year will be slightly different for safety reasons- see flyer above for details). Normally in October tribal members and runners gathered to erect a sweatlodge at the Fort Klamath site to prepare for the run. Runners and supporters gather at sunrise for opening ceremony before embarking on the first 70 mile trek. Normally an encampment is set along an old Modoc fishing village where runners brave the 17 degree frigid temperatures. At sunrise, they gathered for opening ceremony and set out for the second leg, a 60 mile stretch that leads down into the Tulelake valley ending the run inside Captain Jack's cave at the Lava Beds. The power of this run is immeasurable. Since the beginning, countless moments of ancestral connection have been felt. From infants to elders, this run bring all ages together. It is one way to acknowledge our ancestors traumatic experiences, but more so to honor their resiliency and to manifest this strength within ourselves. Through this run we are taking the traumatic past and reframing it into strength, identity, awareness, spiritual connection. Tribalism is at an all-time high on the Modoc Ancestral Run, as we are all dependent on one another's ability to complete it.

This run is always the second weekend of October and we hope to see you on the run this year, and the following years.

For more information check out our Facebook page: Modoc Ancestral Run or contact Monica Yellowowl at 541-892-2577