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### Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement Terminates

Chiloquin, OR- On Thursday, December 21, Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke called Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry to notify him directly of his intention to issue a Negative Notice to terminate the Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement (UKBCA). Upon publication in the Federal Register on December 28, the Comprehensive Agreement was effectively terminated. The Negative Notice, issued in accordance with the Tribe's request, is the Secretary's determination affirming that one or more of the conditions of the UKBCA could not be satisfied and was the final step, unless challenged, to terminate the UKBCA.

The UKBCA was rendered unworkable by Congress' failure to enact legislation approving the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) by its 2015 deadline, resulting in termination of the KBRA. The UKBCA built heavily on the framework contained in the KBRA, and key provisions of the UKBCA are simply unachievable without the KBRA in place.

As stated by Chairman Gentry: "The two agreements reflected the proactive and sustained efforts of Klamath Tribal members and their leadership to protect, restore and promote restoration of Tribal treaty resources, especially salmon, steelhead and sucker fisheries lost to installation of the Klamath River dams and past and current agricultural practices. Though the Klamath Tribes dedicated several years and expended considerable resources to negotiate and promote legislation of the agreements, termination of the UKBCA was necessary. The Upper Klamath Basin Comprehensive Agreement was never intended to be a standalone agreement and could not be implemented without legislation of the KBRA."

According to Chairman Gentry: "The Tribal Council will continue to actively engage and work with the Tribes' General Council members to plan a course for restoring sustainable and harvestable treaty resources vital to the exercise of our Treaty Rights and how best to move forward."

The Klamath Tribes initiated the Negative Notice process in January 2016, and the Interior Department recognized in April 2016 that a "terminable event" under the UKBCA had occurred. The Tribes and other parties to the Agreement then spent nearly a year engaged in the meet-and-confer and mediation processes required by the Agreement to identify a workable solution to avoid its termination. But despite all parties' good faith efforts, it was affirmed that the UKBCA could not be maintained as a standalone agreement.

"The Tribes appreciate the Secretary's work in reaching this decision, in particular the collaborative efforts of Interior's Alan Mikkelson meeting with the Klamath Tribes and other stakeholders in the Basin, and for hearing the Tribes' concerns and ultimately issuing the Notice." said Chairman Gentry. For more information contact Tribal Chairman Gentry at 541-783-2219 ext. 100

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**KLAMATH TRIBES SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT**

Chiloquin, OR- The Klamath Tribes announce their full support and stand in solidarity with the Hopi Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, NCAI (National Congress of Indians), NARF (Native American Rights Fund), and all others that support protecting Bears Ears National Monument – an irreplaceable cultural resources.

The Klamath Tribes concur with statements made last week by Native American Rights Fund Attorney: Natalie A. Landreth, Matthew L. Campbell, which states, “President Trump’s action on December 4, 2017, to revoke and replace the Bears Ears National Monument is not only an attack on the five sovereign nations with deep ties to the Bears Ears region, it is a complete violation of the separation of powers enshrined in our Constitution. No president has ever revoked and replaced a national monument before because it is not legal to do so. Only Congress may alter a monument. In light of this blatant violation of law, the Native American Rights Fund, representing the Hopi Tribe, Pueblo of Zuni, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe filed a lawsuit to protect Bears Ears.

Five tribes—Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, Pueblo of Zuni, Ute Indian Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe—led the effort to establish the Bears Ears National Monument, an area still used for cultural and religious purposes. Increased looting of the estimated 100,000 plus structures, sites, and objects within every reach of the monument dictated the need for protections in the form of a monument designation.

According to NARF Staff Attorney Matthew Campbell, “Bears Ears is one of the most important places for Indian Country, and that is why Indian Country came together to advocate for this important place. Trump’s attack on Bears Ears is an attack on all of us, and we will fight to protect it.”

NARF Staff Attorney Natalie Landreth, said “The Administration is not telling the truth. The Bears Ears monument as created by President Obama preserved hunting, fishing, gathering and grazing rights, and protected these incredible lands from widespread looting and oil, gas and mineral development.” No matter what the President said today, his action does the opposite: by its own terms, in 60 days the revoked lands are open to “entry, location, selection, sale” and “disposition under all laws relating to mineral and geothermal leasing” and “location, entry and patent under mining laws.” Landreth continued, “this is taking public lands that belong to the American people and selling to the highest bidder, there is just no other way to understand it. This latest action follows on the heels of the Administration’s other actions against Tribes: (1) issuing the permit to the Dakota Access Pipeline, (2) issuing the permit to the Keystone XL, and (3) revoking the Executive Order to protect the Bering Sea on April 28th. Tribes vigorously opposed all of these efforts. The Administration uses the term “tribal sovereignty” but clearly does not understand what that means.”

**We, the Klamath Tribes vigorously support NARF and these Tribes’ efforts to protect the Bears Ears National Monument, as we too are being threatened with yet another pipeline in the Pacific Northwest -the LNG Jordan Cove Pacific Connector Pipeline- which if built, will be the largest air pollutant in Oregon and future contaminate of over 400 rivers and streams in the Pacific Northwest, not to mention contamination to the Pacific Ocean and abroad.**

**When a sacred place is lost—to vandalism, exploitation, or corporate greed like pipelines in our area—it is irretrievable, it is lost not just to us but also to the generations to come. It is essential that we unite and fight to keep these irreplaceable treasures intact—there is no second chance.**

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**OUTSTANDING NEWS!**

**"Thank You" goes to Oregon Senator Merkley!**

**Mr. Jeff Merkley is the First Oregon Representative to "Officially" take a stand in Opposition of the Jordan Cove Pipeline!**

**Oregon Governor Brown, protect our future and Stop the Pipeline: Guest opinion (Oregonian)**

**Oregon's youth who are affected by this pipeline proposal are standing up. Will you stand up for our future too, Governor Brown?**

In December, 2017, Oregon Senator, Jeff Merkley issued an official statement taking a stand in OPPOSITION to the Pacific Connector Fracked Gas Pipeline and the Jordan Cove LNG Export terminal!

**Oregon Senator Merkely said - "I cannot turn away from the knowledge that, like other large-scale fossil fuel projects, Jordan Cove will contribute massively to pollution that is profoundly damaging our state and our world. Thus, it becomes clear that we have to shift from building large-scale fossil fuel infrastructure, including Jordan Cove, and instead invest massively in building the enormous backlog of infrastructure projects that will improve our state and nation, not damage it."**

We couldn't agree more! You can call Senator Merkley at (541) 608-9102 or send him an email, thanking him for standing with our communities. His leadership deserves our thanks.

Now, communities across our state need Oregon Governor Kate Brown to do her part to protect our climate, waterways, landowner rights, tribal lands, and public safety in the earthquake and tsunami zone along our coast. You too can let her know by calling her today and letting her know how you feel - (Her phone number is 503-378-4582).

You're invited to join in a day of peaceful action and demonstration in Salem, Oregon, to ask Governor Kate Brown to stand up in opposition to the proposed Pacific Connector Pipeline and Jordan Cove LNG Export Terminal.

**You're Invited - Day of Action!**

- Who:** Everyone is invited to gather peacefully.
- What:** Governor Brown Stand Up for the Climate- Stop the Pipeline Rally
- When:** Thursday, January 11th, 2018
- Time:** 12:30pm - 1:30pm Rally
- Where:** Oregon State Capitol Steps  
900 Court St NE, Salem, Oregon 97301

**View the NO LNG Pipeline video at both:**  
[www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org) or  
**YouTube: No LNG Pipeline Klamath Tribes**



Posted Nov 19, 2017  
By Guest Columnist:  
Ashia Wilson, Maya Davis, Jacob Lebel and Sharlene Walton

Oregon's youth who are affected by this proposal are standing up. Will you stand up for our future too, Governor Brown?

Ashia Wilson, (pictured left) 15, lives in Klamath County and is the President of the Klamath Tribes Youth Council. Maya Davis, 18, lives in Jackson County. Jacob Lebel, 20, lives in Douglas County. Sharlene Walton, 18, lives in Coos County.

We represent youth voices from across Southern Oregon, along the whole route of the proposed Pacific Connector fracked gas pipeline. We oppose this project because it is our watersheds, our forests, our bays, our culture, our magical places, our homes, our climate and our future that is at risk.

As Gov. Kate Brown is participating in the climate talks in Bonn, Germany, and declaring that Oregon is still going to meet its share of the Paris Accords climate goals, we have something important we need her to hear: **There is no way Oregon can maintain climate obligations to future generations if we allow the Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Terminal and Pacific Connector Pipeline to be constructed.**

We applaud Gov. Brown for her strong statements on climate change and for her support of policies that would begin to reduce climate pollution and help speed up the transition to clean energy in the process. However, it completely defeats the purpose of strong climate action to allow a new project that would become the state's single largest climate polluter, as well as to ship gas that will be burned overseas releasing even more climate pollution into the atmosphere. This is just simple math and science. As Angus Duncan, chairman of the Oregon Global Warming Commission, recently wrote in a public

comment to the Oregon legislature, "Oregon is not on track to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals: not in 2020, 2035 or 2050. Not even close."

So far, the governor has not even publicly acknowledged that the Jordan Cove project exists, let alone taken a position on it. This is in stark contrast to President Trump who declared Jordan Cove a top 3 national energy priority and has appointed hand-picked Federal Energy Regulatory Commission members to ensure his project gets federal approval. But, because this project crosses our waters and lands, the state of Oregon still has the power to say no to this polluting project. And Gov. Brown, as the most powerful elected official in the state and a member of the State Land Board, has the power to make sure that our region's resources are protected and that we do everything possible to prevent climate catastrophe.

Many adults in Oregon are standing with youth and future generations. Hundreds of individuals, tribal governments, business owners and organizations have intervened in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's process to object to this dangerous project. Thousands more have submitted comments, participated in hearings and more to show our opposition.

**For more information about this and other pipeline information go to:**  
**[www.rogueclimate.org](http://www.rogueclimate.org) or [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)**



Sammy Gensaw  
Yurok Tribes

### **This Pipeline is Not for the People!**

Sammy Gensaw, Director of the Ancestral Guard, Yurok Tribe -Village of Requa at the mouth, standing -- where the Klamath River meets the Pacific Ocean. "This pipeline is NOT for the people. This pipeline is everything that is wrong with American society today. Our forefather's from the very beginning didn't fight so big corporations could over-take everything and take away the freedom of the people." He adds, "Our forefather's fought for the chance to live a free and healthy life, and that is what we will continue to fight for."

# **Save The Dates! Important Meetings!**

**The schedule for  
Regular General Council meetings 2018:**

- February 24, 2018**
- May 19, 2018**
- August 18, 2018**
- November 17, 2018**

## **Klamath Tribes' General Council Water Update**

**January 9, 2018 – Two Sessions – 1-4 pm & 6-8 pm**  
**January 10, 2018 – Two Sessions – 1-4 pm & 6-8 pm**

All meetings held at Klamath Tribes Auditorium  
501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon

**For more info: Tribal Secretary, Roberta Frost**  
**541-783-2219 ext. 170**



## **Tribal Member Water Update Meeting**

**January 9th & 10th**

**Two Daily Sessions**

**1– 4 PM & 6–8 PM**

**Tribal Auditorium**

**Klamath Tribal**

**Administration**

**Chiloquin, OR**

Draft Agenda available at Tribal Administration Front Desk or  
from Tribal Secretary—[roberta.frost@klamathtribes.com](mailto:roberta.frost@klamathtribes.com)

*Due to the sensitive nature of the issues—this meeting will not be open to the public.*



# Committee Members Needed

The Klamath Tribal Council is requesting enrolled Tribal Member applications for committee membership for the following committees:

- \*Enrollment Committee**
- \*Constitution Committee**

For more information contact:  
 Roberta Frost, Tribal Council Secretary  
 The Klamath Tribes  
 PO Box 436  
 Chiloquin, OR 97624  
 (541) 783-2219 ext 170  
 (541) 892-1458



**The Klamath Tribes  
 Tribal Council  
 COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TRIBAL ROLL #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE and or MESSAGE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

1. In addition to the above listed information, please attach your:
  - A. Intentions
  - B. Contributions
  - C. Experience
  - D. Qualifications

(Please try to exceed 100 words)

NOTE: This Committee term is commensurate with the current Tribal Council terms (3 years), when the Council terms are up, the committee term is up.

\*Please return the completed application and documentation to:

The Klamath Tribes  
 ATTN: Tribal Secretary  
 PO Box 436  
 Chiloquin, OR 97624

## Dedication and Service to Indian Country Recognized



On December 10, 2017, Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry, presented an award and blanket, on behalf of the Klamath Tribes, to Mr. Stanley Speaks, Director of Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Region, at his retirement ceremony, in honor and recognition of his fifty-nine years of dedication and excellent service to Indian Country.

Mr. Speaks has worked with the Klamath Tribes in many aspects thru his years of service. He served as the Northwest Regional Director for 35 years. He began working as the Portland Area Director at the Portland Area Office (later renamed Regional Director at the Northwest Region) on August 2, 1982. His last day serving as the Regional Director for the Northwest Region was December 30, 2017, marking a total of 59 years of federal service. Mr. Speaks is originally from Oklahoma and a member of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma. He was raised on a farm near a small town in South Central Oklahoma, in a community of Chickasaw Indian families.

Thank you and many continued blessings from the Klamath Tribes.

### You Can Stay Connected to the Tribe thru... Email, Facebook, Newsletter, and the Web!

Did you know... in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates.

#### Ways to help you stay connected?

**1. Send your email, name and roll# to:  
 taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com**

**2. Facebook:  
 Become our Friend at: [www.klamathtribes.org](http://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](http://www.klamathtribes.org)  
 Click : "What's Happening"  
 (Dwaa Nee Pqa) on the website homepage.**

## Goodbye Columbus Day!

### Oregon Governor Kate Brown Declared October 9th as Indigenous People's Day!

SALEM, OR. — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown declared Oct. 9 Indigenous People's Day in response to continued efforts by the Klamath Tribes Youth Council to seek an alternative to Columbus Day. Governor Brown signed a proclamation Sept. 21, 2017, to recognize "the many contributions made to our communities through indigenous peoples." A tribal news release said, for many tribal people, Christopher Columbus traveling to North America represented "a cycle of colonialism that still has ramifications today." "Many communities are honoring their Indigenous People by renaming the observed Columbus Day for the Native population," said the release.

#### Columbus' tainted past

Efforts from similar groups have been underway in recent years to cease celebration of Columbus Day in favor of recognizing Native American groups. Critics of Columbus argue he enslaved and murdered many native peoples as he conquered and settled the Caribbean and, for these reasons and others, should not be celebrated.

Columbus is celebrated in America as the first European to discover the New World in 1492, though this and other of his accomplishments are disputed by historians.

Columbus's birthday, Oct. 12, has been celebrated since the 1800's and in 1937 Columbus Day was first recognized by the federal government.

#### Persevering efforts

Attempts by young people from the Klamath Tribes to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day included a proposal last year before Klamath County Commissioners. At the time, officials said they did not want to overturn the long-observed holiday, but were still interested in further discussing the concerns of students.



Lofanitani Aisea, a former Chiloquin High School student, and Modoc/Klamath Native, lead petition efforts to have Columbus Day declared as Indigenous Peoples Day in Klamath County. She is now in college continuing her education at the University of Oregon. Lofanitani Ball had this to say about Governor Brown's decision. "I'm happy the Youth Council continued the efforts that I helped initiate with others, this decision was "definitely overdue." "When you're going through a struggle and then something works out it's awesome," she said. "I'm really proud of (the youth council). I'm really proud they could do that, and finished it." She added she hopes the movement for Indigenous People's Day continues in Oregon, especially in Klamath County, and elsewhere. "I want us to keep moving forward," she said.



On October 6, 2017, comments by the Klamath Tribal Council were unanimous regarding this effort- Extremely proud of our Youth. Vice Chairwoman, Gail Hatcher said, "I'm proud of our youth and it's nice to really see some forward efforts to support our youth. We've been saying for years our youth are our future, and now we are actually seeing some real efforts and dedication." She added, "When given the opportunity from the Tribes, their parents, and others in the community we are witnessing great things that can happen. We, the entire Klamath Tribal Council, could not be more proud of them and these efforts. This is truly impressive and exciting."

**\*Note: The Klamath Tribes would like to give special thanks to Oregon Governor Kate Brown, for moving this forward and recognizing all of Oregon's Indigenous People! Sep'kee'c'a - Thank you!**

## Klamath Tribes Housing

The Housing Department currently operates 10 Housing Programs:

- Low Rent Program
- Emergency Housing Assistance
- Emergency Repair Program for Tribal Elders
- Preservation
- Home Grant and Occupancy Program
- First Time Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance
- Rental Assistance
- Transition Rental Assistance
- pe peep'aak -The Congregate Facility
- Indian Health Services/Septic and Wells

#### \*First Time Homebuyers Down Payment Assistance

This program will provide a loan on favorable terms to eligible homebuyers for a \$30,000 down-payment assistance for the purchase of a single family home in standard condition. The definition of a First Time Homeowner is an individual who has no ownership in a principal residence during the 3-year period on the date of purchase of the property. This includes a spouse (if either meets the above test, they are considered first-time homeowners). This program serves Tribal members and other Indians in the State of Oregon.

#### \*Preservation

The program provides assistance up to \$15,000 to rehabilitate Tribal member's homes. The residence has to be their primary home. This program serves Tribal members in Klamath County with preference given to Elders the age of 62 and over.

#### \*Emergency Repair for Tribal Elders

This program will provide a grant to low-income Native American Elders, the age of 62 and over. The grant will be used for safety repairs to their primary residence. Emergency repairs are limited to: roofs, heating, plumbing and electrical. This is a one-time grant, one per family only.

#### \*Emergency Assistance Program

This program will provide grant assistance to help Klamath Tribal members facing eviction for non-payment of rent, assist with a security deposit payment or Tribal members who are facing foreclosure due to delinquent mortgage payments. This program will not fund any participants who are currently on a housing program or who have an outstanding debt with the Klamath Tribes Housing Department. This program is open to Tribal members in the State of Oregon.

**For more information about these and our other housing programs please call the Tribal Housing Department at 541-783-2219 or 1-800-524-9787**



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## KLAMATH TRIBES BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**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 will be offered by the Member Benefits/Enrollment Department beginning in 2018. Contingent on the availability of funds. Please reference the table below for details.

### MEMBER BENEFITS/ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

#### Service Area of Klamath County

#### Outside of Klamath County

Effective 2018 the Burial Assistance Program will be administered through the Member Benefits Department. Depending on funding provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

There is limited funding available. The Department's proposal was approved, and received 2017 funding from the Distribution Investment Board (DIB).

#### Eligibility

1. Reside within Klamath County
2. Enrolled member of The Klamath Tribes

- Maximum assistance of \$2,500. This includes \$2,400 for burial/cremation and if requested, \$100 for memorial/wake.
- Funded by the BIA.
- Applications are available in the Member Benefits Department.

#### Contact:

The Klamath Tribes  
Member Benefits Department  
Mary Gentry, 541-783-2219 Ext. 195

#### Eligibility

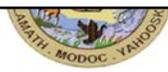
1. Reside outside of Klamath County
2. Enrolled member of The Klamath Tribes

- Maximum assistance of \$2,500. This includes \$2,400 for burial/cremation and if requested, \$100 for memorial/wake.
- Funded by the DIB.
- Applications are available in the Member Benefits Department.

#### Contact:

The Klamath Tribes  
Member Benefits Department  
Mary Gentry, 541-783-2219 Ext. 195

## FAMILY SPORTS FUND



The Health Planning and Education Department received funds for the Family Sports Fund, of which a portion was designated for Diabetes Prevention Activities.

The Family Sports Fund will promote youth and family sporting events including, but not limited to: uniforms, equipment, travel stipend, membership and team fees. The Family Sports Fund promotes physical fitness for our Tribal members as well as lowering health risk outcomes. This fund also builds family cohesion by allowing whole families to participate in such events. Funding is available first come, first serve for enrolled Klamath Tribal Members and Descendents.

Please contact Aislyn Ukpik: Diabetes Program Coordinator for the application packet for the Family Sports Fund.

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Apply by **January 12, 2018!**  
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Must be **21 years of Age** (Tribal Members 18 years)

Class **Free!** Time to attend unpaid

HR Drop box in lobby or  
Fax 541-783-3670 or  
Call 541-783-7964  
employment@klamoyacasino.com



## JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> TO FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> FREE BLACK JACK SCHOOL

Free 5 Week Class (96 hour)

School schedule will be determined based on number of applicants selected and availability to attend. List your available hours/days to attend class on application. We will do our best to work with you!

Winter 2017



## EARLY LITERACY NEWSLETTER



### Indoor Winter Fun Activity

#### Cloud Dough

- 1 C. Vegetable Oil
  - 8 C. Flour
  - 1 tsp. Food coloring
- Mix ingredients in mixing bowl. Have a tub and toys (ie. Cookie cutters, rolling pin, ect) for child to explore sensory fun.



Community Classes  
Contact: Melinda Collier  
541.882.2308

First Aid/CPR-Adult, Child, Infant  
January 6th 9:00-12:30pm  
Cost:\$60

Overview for Family Care Providers  
February 2nd & 15th 10:00-1:00pm  
Cost:\$0

The Klamath Tribes ECDC is now accepting applications for enrollment of children 12 weeks through 6 years old. Contact Jennifer Jackson at 541.783.0804

Chiloquin Pre-Kindergarten Headstart (OCDC OPK) Open Enrollment for children 3-5 years old. Contact Sandra Bettencourt at 547.783.2795 or 541.884.8812

### What is Vroom?

Vroom is a downloadable App for Smartphones. You can also sign up for a newsletter or receive daily text reminders go to [joinvroom.org](http://joinvroom.org)

Science tells us a child's brain grows more rapidly in the first 5 years than any other time in life. By nurturing your child's brain you are setting up a foundation for future learning!

**Vroom Tip: (Age 6mos-2yrs)**  
Anytime  
Flip The Switch



Before leaving the house today, let your child be the one to turn off the lights. Help them flip all the switches and talk about how their actions turn the lights off for darkness and on for light.



**Early Literacy Team Meeting**  
February 1, 2018 1-2:30pm at  
Chiloquin Elementary Library



If you would like to add educational information to the Reader Board send information to: Scott Preston, Chiloquin High School 541.783.2321 or [prestons@kcsd.k12.or.us](mailto:prestons@kcsd.k12.or.us)

If you would like to add to the Newsletter: Alethea Barlowe, Klamath Tribes 541.783.2219 ext. 208 or [alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com](mailto:alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com)

## The Klamath Tribes Community Services Department

### 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Announcements/Reminders/Up-Coming Events or Activities

<p><b><u>Commodities Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 883-2876</p> <p>Staff: Misty Barney, Cassi Osorio, &amp; Kevin Rabe</p>	<p>The Commodity Program provides food to eligible participants or households. Participants must qualify under the USDA monthly income standards based upon household size. Food demonstrations will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at noon, at the Commodity Office. Seating is limited so please contact the office to RSVP for the demonstration. Delivery Dates are set as follows: Chiloquin is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month; Alturas/Pit River/Ft. Bidwell is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month; and Klamath is the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The Commodities Program is closed on the first and last day of the month to conduct inventory.</p>
<p><b><u>Elders Nutrition Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 274-1684</p> <p>Staff: Donna Weiser &amp; Jeanine Miller</p>	<p>The Meal Site Program provides free nutritious meals five days a week, for Tribal Elders and non-Native Seniors (60 years of age or older), who reside within Klamath County. Meal Sites are hosted in Chiloquin on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Meal Sites are hosted in Beatty on Tuesdays and Thursdays. An Elder or Senior may bring their spouse or caregiver. Non-Native Seniors may attend Meal Sites on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Chiloquin and Beatty home-bound Elders (unable to leave home without assistance) may be eligible to receive meals delivered to their homes.</p>
<p><b><u>Elders Outreach &amp; Respite Relief Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219</p> <p>Staff: None, although Aryel Harrington is overseeing the Program</p>	<p>OUTREACH PROGRAM: The Elder Outreach Worker position has not yet been filled. The position will be re-advertised, all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. Meanwhile, the Elder Outreach Survey had a great participation rate. There were 255 surveys mailed, and 72 completed surveys were returned. The results of the survey will be used to structure the program for the next two years. The survey will be released once every three years; consistent with the funding cycle to determine the structure of the program – to ensure we are adapting to the needs of our Elders. The Department will consider hosting BINGO or related art/craft for Elders on Valentine’s Day (February 14<sup>th</sup>) and/or St. Patrick’s Day (March 17<sup>th</sup>) – however it is difficult to commit while short staffed. RESPITE RELIEF PROGRAM: There are two slots remaining for the program, until additional funding is received in April. Eligibility Criteria is listed on the cover page of the application and can be explained by Aryel Harrington. Aryel is the staff contact, until an Elder Outreach Worker is hired.</p>
<p><b><u>Elders Wood Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219 ext. 134</p> <p>Staff: Casey Hicks</p>	<p>There are 90 openings for the Elders Wood Program; each Elder household will receive two (2) cords of wood. Applications for the 2018 year will be mailed the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please return your applications as soon as possible. After the first 90 are received, the remaining applications will be placed on a waiting list. PROGRAM ELGIBILITY: (1) Must reside in The Klamath Tribes service area of Klamath County; (2) Must be enrolled with The Klamath Tribes; and (3) Must be 60 years and older.</p>
<p><b><u>Employee Sponsored Emergency Assistance Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219 ext. 174</p> <p>Staff: Rachel Miller</p>	<p>At this time, there is funding available and the program is accepting applications. Program availability fluctuates throughout the year, based upon if there is available funding or not. The program does <b>not</b> accept applications or retain a Wait List for the Program as the program is to serve for emergencies. Funding is through donations made by several employees of The Klamath Tribes Administration, who voluntarily enroll to accept a payroll deduction to support the program. Eligibility Criteria is listed on the cover page and can be explained by Rachel Miller.</p>

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<p><b><u>Goodwill Voucher Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219 ext. 174</p> <p>Staff: Rachel Miller</p>	<p>Individuals who qualify for LIHEAP; most likely are eligible to receive assistance through the Goodwill Voucher Program. Eligible clients will receive a single \$25.00 Voucher (one per household per year), amount increased by \$5.00 for each additional household member – up to \$75.00 value. Vouchers may be used to purchase clothing, shoes, household goods or one furniture item. Program is operated on a Calendar year basis. Individuals may call Rachel Miller to see if vouchers are available towards the middle or end of January 2018.</p>
<p><b><u>Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219 ext. 134</p> <p>Staff: Casey Hicks</p>	<p>Starting October first of every year, there are two types of assistance available depending on funding. One type of assistance is the Standard, the other is a Crisis. Applications are available at the Tribes Administration Building. Eligibility information is provided on the cover page of the application, and Casey Hicks can explain eligibility information as well. Applicants will need to apply quickly, as there is less than one-third of funding remaining for the Program this fiscal year. UPCOMING EVENT: Casey Hicks will host an Energy Saving Class on February 16, 2018. Event flyer contains more detailed information, and may be obtained from Casey.</p>
<p><b><u>Transit Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219</p> <p>Staff: Michelle Carson ext. 175, or Rachel Miller ext. 174</p>	<p>Transit Program is open to the general public and is free of charge to anyone wanting to ride. The Quail Trail Public Transit is a bus route that runs from Chiloquin to Klamath Falls five times per day; five days a week except for recognized holidays. The Quail Trail also has one route on Thursdays that goes from Chiloquin to Sprague River, Beatty, Bonanza, and Klamath Falls and returns in that order. Both are free of charge and also the rider can get up to two Basin Transit transfer tickets also free of charge. Medical Transportation is available for Tribal Elders and non-Tribal members because it is funded through ODOT &amp; Federal Transit Association to be open to the general public. All OHP+ or Medicaid qualified clients must schedule their transportation through RVTD TransLink to qualify for our Transit Services. You must live in Klamath County to qualify for Transit Services. If you are not sure that you qualify for Medical Transportation please call the staff. If you do not qualify we can help you by referring you to other Transit Agencies. There is also transportation for the Elders to go to the Elders Meal Site on Tuesday and Fridays.</p>
<p><b><u>Weatherization Program</u></b></p> <p>Office: (541) 783-2219 ext. 134</p> <p>Staff: Casey Hicks</p>	<p>There is currently a Wait List for the Program. There is no time limit to turn in an application. The Program is run on a federal fiscal year; October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please update applications, to ensure program eligibility and that current contact information is on file. At this time, unless additional funding is received the Program will not be able to offer Weatherization assistance until the next funding cycle – October 1, 2018.</p>
<p><b><u>OTHER</u></b></p>	<p>The Department Director is working on updating the Community Services Department page on The Klamath Tribes Website. Soon, all program applications will be available electronically by accessing the Department's page. The Department staff will also happily mail you a paper application if needed.</p>



## New Year Knowledge q'ahq'a.h?as - Great Blue Heron

q'ahq'a.h?as also known as the Great Blue Heron (sp. Ardea Herodias L.)

The Great Blue Heron is an important bird for the boys and young men of the Klamath Tribes. Elders have always said that this bird was good luck and that the young should listen and look for the bird. The first thing that indicated that one might be seen is hearing its sound. A loud yet low croaking "q'ah aq....q'ah ?aq song was what you would hear. Then you might hear the swishing sound as the Heron flew out of and over the water flying higher and farther away.

As I got older the elders told us that the Great Blue Heron was the bird that carried the concerns, wishes, and desires to gmok'amc. As we traveled from Agency Lake to the Klamath Marsh and east towards Sprague River I always thought I might see the Heron. When I did see a Heron I did exactly what the elders said to do. Again, as I got older the elders said that this was one of the ways we were taught to pray. They also said that the Klamath people were always a respectful and religious people. Perhaps it is time to remind the young to live the ways we were raised.

This cultural spotlight brought to you as a guest column by Klamath Tribal Elder, Mr. Gordon Bettles

### KTHFS Wellness Center Expands Hours of Operation

Effective February 5, 2018, the Klamath Tribes Wellness Center will be open from 7:30 to 5:00 p.m. in order to provide our patients more access to the clinics and pharmacy. Please note below the hours for each type of clinic service.

Department	Weekdays	Hours
Medical	M-F	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Nurse Clinic	M-F	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Medical Walk-in	M-F	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Dental	M-F	7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Dental Walk-in	M-F	7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Pharmacy	M-F	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

The Klamath Tribes Community Services Department would like to acknowledge and thank all the businesses that donated items to the 2017 Elders Christmas luncheon. Donations were secured by staff members Misty Barney and Michelle Carson; we thank you for your efforts.

Abby's Legendary Pizza, Casey's Restaurant, Chinook Winds Casino, Coming Attractions Theatres, Crater Lake Junction Travel Center, Domino's Pizza, The Human Bean, JJ's Cafe', Kircher's Hardware, The Klamath Tribes Aministration, Mia & Pia's Tap Room, Michelle Carson, North Shore Hawaiian Plate Lunch, Papa Murphy's, The Potbelly Cafe, REACH, Sherm's Thunderbird, Sizzler, Subway, and Willy's Pizzeria.

## Education and Employment Department

The Education and Employment Department offers assistance with completing and/or furthering education and support in obtaining employment.

There are several programs that may help:

**Adult Basic Education** offers support to members of Federally Recognized Tribes in obtaining a GED or courses to enhance one's employability.

**Adult Vocational Training** offers funding for Klamath Tribal members seeking training which results in the in obtaining a License or Certification.

**Direct Employment Assistance** offer support to members of Federally Recognized Tribes with work required needs to obtain and/or retain employment.

**The Temporary Labor Pool** offers opportunities to obtain temporary employment. Please register today!

**Higher Education Program** offers secondary funding for Klamath Tribal members seeking a 2 year or 4 year degree from an accredited institution.

**"FAFSA Wednesdays!"** The Education and Employment Department will be providing assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on to be held every Wednesday from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

For more information contact Linda Burington, or Coquise Wilson at 541-783-2219.

## Attention Graduating Seniors!

Keep an eye out for the upcoming flyer with a date and location. We are in the planning stages of our annual Honor Dinner to honor all Klamath County area graduating Native Seniors of 2018. If you would like to be part of the event or would like more information please contact Alethea Barlowe at 541.783.2219 ext. 208 or alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com \*Please note\* You MUST RSVP and be in attendance at the event to be honored, we only plan for those that RSVP.

In Addition... If you have a graduating tribal student that you would like to recognize, we will be recognizing our tribal students through our "Klamath Tribes E-News Spotlight" from the Public Information and News Department.

Please send a jpeg photo, along with the student's information (ie. School, college/next steps, parent info.) to: Alethea Barlowe at alethea.barlowe@klamathtribes.com by May 15th, 2018. We hope to get as many students as possible.

# Monumental Crater Lake/Sun Creek Project After 100 Years... this natural tributary is now re-open for Historic Fish Passage



The re-connection spot of Sun Creek that disappeared 100 years ago into the Wood River. All photos by Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribes

Waq'li'si - Greetings! We're excited to share this information and a link you can go to at **(YouTube- A Creek Once More)** which provides you with a 9 minute video showing the monumental efforts by so many, to re-open the Crater Lake/Sun Creek Channel in Fort Klamath, Oregon. This video, produced by Jeff Gersh and US Fish and Wildlife, summarizes a long tenacious journey that started over 25 years ago.

Thru major efforts of the US Fish & Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, Crater Lake, the Klamath Tribes, Ranchers, and so many others, this 25 year dream is now a reality.

See the short video on, **(YouTube - A Creek Once More)**, and learn about the re-connection of Sun Creek to the Wood River. A century ago, the creek was diverted for irrigated agriculture; its last several miles disappeared and filled in, leaving a population of bull trout stranded in the headwaters for over 100 years. But, after the new owner of the property (Ed Maletis) agreed to re-connecting the creek and the river, a partnership came together to make it all happen. See how passion, patience, persistence, and tenacity can bring about unified cooperation for the betterment of our eco-system and humanity.



Nell Scott, Trout Unlimited; and Jared McKee, US Fish & Wildlife at re-entry point on the Wood river.



Liston Case, of US Fish & Wildlife, monitors closely, the last few feet of excavation and years of monumental work.



Crater Lake National Park employees work hard to catch the fish for study in the new creek.



The exact point of re-connection to the Wood River from Mr. Ed Maletis's Sun Creek Ranch property in Fort Klamath, Oregon.

**A Creek Once More... See it today online ...  
on YouTube type in - A Creek Once More**

**A message from your Administration General Manager, George Lopez**



As 2017 is gone and 2018 begins I want to reflect and share a vision for the New Year. January 11, 2018 is my two year anniversary as the Klamath Tribes Administration General Manager. I want to thank the Tribal Council for their support and share my gracious appreciation of all the citizens of the Klamath Nation. In the last two years I experienced, first hand, the resiliency and strength of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin people. I am honored to be a very small part of your history and hope my tenure strengthens the Klamath Tribal Nation.

2017 was a successful year for the Klamath Tribes Administration. The Tribes received another outstanding financial audit report; program and grant compliance was excellent, new programs were developed and Tribal members were offered various opportunities to provide feedback and help set priorities. As the General Manager, I am responsible for the overall adherence to Tribal, Federal, State laws and regulations. Although bureaucracy sounds like a bad word, it is essential for effective checks and balances. The challenge is creating a bureaucratic system that balances speedy and effective services with strong regulatory compliance.

In addition, 2017 was marked without litigation related to employment which is only accomplished through strict and unbiased adherence to the Klamath Tribes Personnel Policy and Procedures. The Administration employs nearly 130 individuals and manages an overall \$14 million budget. In 2017 the Tribal Council approved a more robust Indian Preference Policy and Procedure facilitating the hiring of qualified Tribal Members. On average the Administration reflects 70% Native Americans including all Department Directors being Klamath Tribal Members.

One of the most important milestones for 2017 is the development of the Youth Initiative which the Klamath Tribal Council approved through resolution. Overall, the Youth Initiative encompasses new programs, activities and events. Nonetheless, one of the pillars of the Youth Initiative is the establishment of the Klamath Tribal Youth Leadership Council which occurred in 2017. In 2018 we look forward to the ongoing development of the Youth Initiative through the hiring of a Youth Initiative Coordinator which will focus on identifying evidence based strategies and activities to provide opportunities for our Youth to stay involved.

In 2017 the tragic reality of the disproportionate number of children being removed from their parents by State child welfare officials came into focus. In short, the number of Klamath Tribal children involved with the Child Welfare System, compared to all other Tribal and Non-Tribal Children is appalling. Klamath Children, in the child welfare system, represent 54% of all Oregon Tribal children in the system. In 2017 this issue was raised with the Oregon Congressional Delegation, the State of Oregon Governor Kate Brown and with the Department of Human Services Director. In 2018 we will continue to focus on this important issue and help to develop strategies to prevent this in the future.

I am very much looking forward to 2018 and encourage you to reach out to me if you have ideas to help improve program services. Here are a few for 2018!

**Strategic Plan:** The Klamath Tribes Strategic Plan will be finalized in 2018 providing a process of envisioning a desired future, and translating this vision into broadly defined goals or objectives and a sequence of steps to achieve them. The process of creating the Strategic Plan is part of the benefit. The Strategic Action Team utilized surveys, Tribal Member meetings, input from Tribal leaders with the information carefully reviewed, analyzed and discussed.

**Coordination of Programs:** A major focus of my office in 2018 will be the streamlining and coordination of Tribal Programs and ongoing coordination with non-Tribal Programs. For example, on January 2, 2018 the Klamath Tribes Housing Department Transition Rental Assistance Program will start. This program is coordinated between the Klamath Tribes Housing Department, the Klamath Tribes Behavioral Health Program and Klamath County Community Corrections. In addition to internal coordination we are also going to continue working together with the Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services (KTHFS) to identify strategies to streamline and/or improve services for Tribal Members. There will be coordination and improvement of child welfare services between the Klamath Tribes Social Services Department, the State Department of Human Services, State Courts and non-government agencies to help resolve the disproportionate number of Klamath children in the system. The goal of ongoing coordination is to streamline services for Tribal Members and to improve the experience of individuals seeking services from the Klamath Tribes.

**Improved Client Services:** At the end of 2017 we held a training on customer service and in 2018 we will implement various strategies to monitor that services and communications are professional, courteous and consistent. Several ideas are in consideration. I also encourage you to contact me with any concerns or positive experiences.

**Increased Funding Base:** Increasing the overall funding base for the Klamath Tribes will create two benefits. First, increased funding will translate into increased services such as, TANF, Child Welfare, Community Services, or Education and Employment. Second, increased base program funding will lower the overall indirect cost rate and lower the percentage of funds used for administrative purposes.

**Tribal Self-Governance:** Only Native American Tribes with excellent audits are eligible for inclusion in Self-Governance which can replace our current 638 contract funding. Self-Governance is an opportunity for the Tribal Government to prioritize based on Tribal needs and not on specific 638 contract language. The Klamath Tribes has been accepted to enter Self-Governance and 2018 will be a time for the Tribes to develop a priority setting strategy and process to accept.

**Self-Insurance:** On January 1, 2018 the Klamath Tribes will become self-insured for medical purposes. The Tribal Council assigned a Medical Benefits Team to research and reviewed all the details to make certain the Tribes remains safe from unexpected expenses or liability. If the Tribes past medical claims continue, or if we improve, the savings to the Klamath Tribes could reach nearly \$1 million per year.

Happy New Year!  
George Lopez, MPA  
Tribal Administration General Manager

