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## Tribal youth kayakers embark on First Descent Expedition of the undammed Klamath River

By Ken Smith  
Klamath Tribes News

Thirty-four tribal youth kayakers, including four members of the Klamath Tribes, gathered at Jackson F. Kimball State Recreation Site on June 12 in Chiloquin for a ceremonial launch at the headwaters of the Wood River. This marked the first day of a historic 30-day First Descent Expedition down the undammed Klamath River.

Led by the Rios to Rivers Paddle Tribal Waters Program, the kayakers will paddle over 310 miles. The expedition is the first down the free-flowing Klamath River, following last year's removal of four dams. The expedition will conclude at the river's mouth in Requa, Calif., where a flotilla celebration will

take place on July 11, with tribal leaders, family members, and river activists gathering to honor the expedition's completion.

The kayakers began with a paddle across Agency and Upper Klamath Lake, then portaged around the Lind River Dam and put in at the Link River taking on their first whitewater sections, with four kayakers from the Hoopa and Karuk Tribes paddling Class IV whitewater on the river while the other 30 kayakers made their way through Class II and III whitewater. They then portaged around the Keno Dam, completing day five of the expedition. On June 17, they put in at the Klamath River with

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Paddle Tribal Waters kayakers circle up at the headwaters of the Wood River. The 34 tribal kayakers embarked on an historic expedition to paddle 310 miles from the headwaters of the Wood River to the mouth of the Klamath River at Requa, Calif. They are planning to complete the descent July 11. (Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)

## Foraging for First Foods with Klamath Tribes guide Garin Riddle



First foods gatherers shared their findings with each other and learned about the bounty of wild edible plants and roots in this volcanic landscape. (Christopher German/Klamath Tribes News)

By Christopher German  
Klamath Tribes News

Spring is in the air, and dreams of new life and the planting season come with it. But if you wander the wild places of the Klamath Basin, you will happen upon some of the first foods the Klamath Tribe historically relied on after a long winter.

Garin Riddle welcomed a group of wild foragers on April 25 and took them to the Devil's Garden. According to Riddle, the name was garnered from the first white settlers who arrived here and saw the native populations tending the wild tubers and roots that sustained the tribe. The settlers referred to Natives as "Red Devils," and the name stuck.

The half-hour drive from the Klamath Tribes' headquarters ended with a short hop through a wooded area that opened to a vast open area on the chilly

spring morning in late April. Immediately as Riddle led the group into the open area, he stopped to point out spring onions, saying that while he didn't care for them, they made amazing onion powder.

Wandering further into the desert landscape, evidence of the newly melted snow showed a vast array of green, purple, and yellow plants that Riddle says are key plants for nutrition. He deftly bent over to show how a bread plant could be divided, leaving the main stem to make other plants. He says the Native ancestors tended these plants in just the same way, creating larger, more prolific plants that could be harvested and enjoyed.

"That's the beauty of our foods, is that right now, in this time, as the snow just melted, these are the foods that are popping up," Riddle said. "These are the foods that

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## Chiloquin High School's new gym will be completed by the end of summer



Chiloquin High School's new gym will be ready for the school year and provide seating for 800. (Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)

By Ken Smith  
Klamath Tribes News

Chiloquin Junior/Senior High School will have a new gym when students return from summer vacation. The gym will have a seating capacity of 800, double that of the old gym, and feature a

concession stand, updated electronics and sound system, wireless microphones, internet service, and a new scorer's table at center court on the floor.

Construction work remained on budget, costing approximately \$4 million, said Michael Hoffman, Chiloquin High School Vice Principal and Athletic Director.

He anticipates that the gym will be completed by the end of July, beginning of August, but if construction is pushed back for any reason, then no later than the end of August.

Unlike the "Big Gym", there will be no student seating behind the back court on a stage. "It's going to have a concession stand that is right

there front and center," Hoffman said. "It's going to have nice new bathrooms, state-of-the-art electronics, and all that. I mean, it's going to have everything. We are told it's going to be similar to Bonanza's."

He stated that there will be no locker rooms in the gym, but the existing ones in the adjacent school building will undergo renovation. The court will be constructed of wood, although the specific type of wood has not yet been determined. Regarding the streaming of games, Hoffman mentioned they are considering contracting with Huddle. "It's a game recording," he said. "They will actually break down the film. So, we record the game, and they will break it down; this person had a rebound; this person had an assist; this person got fouled. It's a national organization for high schools. They do all sports. It's some-

thing that I had when I worked at my previous school at North Salem; we had Huddle, and it was a nice thing. So, it's something I'm trying to bring here."

He stated that cameras will be placed above the bleachers to automatically track the ball. Hoffman also mentioned that next year, the school will host a basketball league tournament featuring the top four teams in the conference, including games for both girls and boys. The seating arrangement will ensure that most spectators are situated on one side of the court, while players' benches and a scorer's table will be on the opposite side, with a smaller section for spectators located behind them. There are ongoing discussions about adding a Klamath tribal graphic at center court, though this is still under consideration. The Klamath Tribes will bless the gym once construction is complete.

## Elementary classroom visits by Klamath Tribes Language Department offer students an introduction to tribal languages

By Adrianna Jasso

What began as a simple idea to design educational posters has grown into hands-on workshops and renewed momentum for tribal language learning in local elementary schools.

The project started with a request to create "professional" language posters—something visually engaging to replace the many hand-drawn materials already in circulation. Drawing from a love of color and design, Adrianna Jasso created a series of children's posters featuring the basics: numbers, colors, the alphabet, and animals native to the Klamath Tribes' homelands. What started as an intuitive project quickly became something much more meaningful—something that hadn't been done in a long time. The Klamath Tribes Language

Department printed full sets of the posters, in both Paiute and Klamath/Modoc, and distributed them to kindergarten through second-grade classrooms across Klamath County. As the school year neared its end, the department decided to take things one step further: bringing the language into classrooms in person.

In the final weeks of the year, the department visited Peterson Elementary School, teaching workshops to first- and second-grade students. At Chiloquin Elementary School, workshops were held with all kindergarten through third-grade students. These pilot workshops focused on animals and numbers and were designed simply to give children—tribal and non-tribal alike—a welcoming introduc-

tion to local tribal languages.

All three tribal languages were incorporated into the workshops. In hindsight, this may have been one of the very few times the local dialect of Paiute had ever been taught in a school setting. Students responded warmly to Mr. Steve Weiser, Paiute language instructor.

Witnessing the dream of teaching this rarely spoken dialect come to life so beautifully was deeply moving for those involved.

Teachers expressed enthusiasm about the workshops and the opportunity to represent tribal languages in their classrooms with the new posters. Children were equally excited, with many eager to share their knowledge and tribal vocabulary with both instructors and classmates. It was a powerful



A proud moment as a Chiloquin Elementary School teacher holds up newly gifted language posters, tools to help bring Indigenous language into the classroom. (Adrianna Jasso/Klamath Tribes)

moment to see tribal students praised and encouraged for speaking their language, especially in contrast to a painful history in which, only a few generations ago, they might have been shamed or punished for doing so in school.

A turning point came during a visit to the K-S Academy in Warm Springs, where tribal language is integrated into the daily curriculum.

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GOODBYE JUNE - ENEDLI ONAGA?A MEHA  
HELLO July - HA?O TAZA MEHA



OOO! BERRIES  
"OOO! KAMADE"  
(OOO! KAH'MAH'DUH)

FOOD - "TEKABA"  
(TUH'KAH'BAH)

COOK SOMETHING  
"I MANNAI SAA"  
(E MAHN'NA SAAH)

DRINK  
"HIBI"  
(HEE'BEE)



RODEO  
"NAADENABAA"  
(NAH'DUH'NAH'BAA)

HELP - "TIMATSAI"  
(TEE'MAH'SAY)

HUCKLEBERRIES - TOKABONOMA  
"TOH'KAH'BOH'NOH'MAH"

BLACKBERRIES - KWINAAPISA  
"KWEENAH'PEE'SA"

CHOCHECHERRIES - TOISABUI  
"TOY'SAH'BOO'EE"

STRAWBERRIES - WUYUPUI  
"WOO'YOO'POO'EE"

WILD PLUMS - TUYU  
TOO'YOO

maqlaqs ?iLool /mahk/lahk/s/ ?/ee/hl/oo/oo/l  
Indian Calendar, count the months on the finger<sup>s</sup>  
July to August /qap ca/ little finger /kah/p/tch/ah on the left hand

Return from gathering wokus (pond lily)  
month is from one new moon (**sabas**) to the next one

The first moon (**sabas**) of the ?iLool (year) is after the return from wokus harvest at the Klamath Marsh. Work is stopped and communal dances begin. All the food for the year is harvested. This is the beginning of the new year for the maqlaqs, during the full moon of August.

- wokas** pond lily
- wokseem'i** wokus picking season
- woks?am** the seeds, pods, and eventual food product of the plant
- baLw'** wokus leaf
- qawci** wokus juice. Liquid remaining after boiling seeds and drank.

**Sentences:**  
naaladantga woncj'atga wokas loykca  
(We go to pick wokus with our canoe)

danq ?i wokas loyk'a  
(how much wokus did you pick?)

dam ?i san'aaWawli wokas ?alsas  
(Do you want to go gather wokus?)



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First Foods

From front page

are saying, 'Hey, I'm here. Come, come interact with me.' And we all know that later on, we got ipos digging and sago lilies and wild onions up on the table. But that's their time right now. It's the time for these foods here."

He offers the group a chance to sample the wild wares. "Anybody else want one?" he asked. "And then what candy is actually under your hand right now is what we call Bitterroot, and that Bitterroot is like our traditional Indian spaghetti noodles on the outside; there's bark on it. And so, what we want to do is we want to take our fingernail and take the bark off, because it has what it's called clack. There's clack on the outside of that. And if you don't get it all off, it's like the most bitter thing you've ever eaten in your life. That's why it's called Bitterroot. But this is a traditional food for all Northwest skyward Indian people, and there is a way to gather this to create more abundance too, and once you get to a root."

Riddle says the Native Ancestors learned the hard way what was edible and what was

not. "Because some of these foods they have they're high in inulin," he explained. "They're very high in inulin, which is very hot in your gut so like a camas raw food, they're high in inulin. So, they really hurt your belly, they're too hot, but once you cook them for a little while, it allows the inulin to change and it turns into sucrose. And so, sucrose is a natural sugar that is in a lot of our foods. It's the most natural sugar we can have. And so that bitter camas that we have when cooked, turns into a sucrose - camas candy. It's really sweet at that point, but here's the Bitterroot, and they grow really shallow."

This was also an opportunity to teach people about the tools of wild foraging. Riddle explained how the Native elders would carve tools to dig up the roots, but he says modern things like a soil knife is really important, because it's just easier to have. "You don't have this giant thing," he said. "You know. And my buddy that taught me a lot of these different things, he was taught by one of our tribal elders by the name of Priscilla Bettles. Priscilla Bettles was the mother to Gordon and Emory Bettles and to all the

other Bettles family. She was the mother that taught all of them. And so it's almost like it came from indigenous people."

Riddle says that by teaching the art of natural foraging, he can help Native peoples reach back to their ancient ways while helping them also learn about healthier ways to eat. "So, open up our eyes a little bit," he said. "I want to start right here, because there's an abundance right here. And then when you go further down, they'll be more abundant. So, if you look around you right now, you'll see all kinds of little green things all over."

If you look at this, like hair-looking stuff coming out of the ground right here, these are all wild onions. Our word for that was 'pani' or 'Pip na pani,' and the whole plant is food. And I want to get away from us saying different things in our terminology, talking about, 'Is this edible?' Because this is not edible. This is actually food. The stuff that we buy in the Hamburger Helper boxes that we throw down our pallets, and everything that is what I would consider edible. You can eat it. I guess you can eat it. Probably not the best for



you, but you can eat it. This is actual food that was created from our creator for mukluks."

Riddle says that foraging for wild things allows people to better understand how food was supposed to taste to our ancestors.

He points to a dagger plant that he says tastes more like broccoli than actual broccoli does. "I know that you guys seen this plant on the way in, and this plant is called the dagger pod," he said. "And this dagger pod is the only food that I know of that grows in North America that is actually traditional broccoli. This food right here tastes more like broccoli than broccoli does, because you will never find broccoli out in the wild. It has been genetically modified to go into our into our stores and eventually end up on our plate. But you'll never find actual broccoli. This one right here is called the dagger pod, because when it goes to seed it

shoots out these long streamers, and they look like daggers all over the place on them. That's how it got its name, dagger pod. But if you want to go down and grab some leaves, eat a couple leaves, but if you really want your mind blown, grab some of the purple clusters and eat those. It tastes more like broccoli than broccoli does."

Riddle told the group that he has several freezers at his office that he uses for freezing first foods. Stating that adding these foods to your salads or home-cooked dishes allows you to better understand how first foods are supposed to taste, and by saving them in the freezers, he hopes that the Tribes will get more in tune with how to use these first foods in a sustainable manner.

He added that by filling the freezers with foraged foods, he wants it to be a resource for the community to better integrate these foods into their diets.

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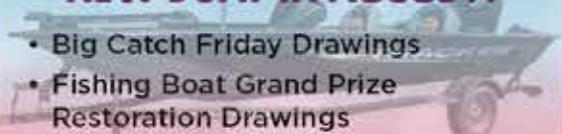
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# Chiloquin's only two-story building to undergo restoration



An artist's rendition of the building on Chocktoot Street in downtown Chiloquin before and after. Restoration of the 8,000-square-foot, two-story building will begin next spring. It will feature nine affordable studio apartments on the upper floor, two retail bays, and a community space on the ground level.

By Robert Cowie

Chiloquin Visions in Progress (CVIP), in partnership with 1457 Development, has been awarded a \$400,000 Oregon Main Street Revitalization Grant from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's State Historic Preservation Office to support the transformative rehabilitation of the historic Chiloquin Hotel. The award is the maximum amount available under the competitive statewide grant program and

will play a critical role in revitalizing downtown Chiloquin.

The project will restore and repurpose the approximately 8,000-square-foot, two-story building into a vibrant mixed-use development, featuring nine affordable studio apartments on the upper floor and two retail bays, as well as a community space on the ground level.

The renovation addresses Chiloquin's pressing housing shortage while boosting local economic develop-

ment through new commercial opportunities and community gathering space.

"This investment marks a turning point for Chiloquin," said John Rademacher, CVIP Board President. "Revitalizing this historic landmark allows us to honor our past while building toward a more vibrant, sustainable future for the entire community."

The Chiloquin Hotel is owned by 1457 Development, an Oregon-based

company dedicated to revitalizing rural communities.

Founder Alex La China shared his vision: "This building is more than brick and mortar – it's a symbol of Chiloquin's resilience and potential.

With this grant, we have the opportunity to breathe new life into a property that has stood empty for too long. We're proud to partner with CVIP to create affordable homes, support small businesses, and help catalyze eco-

nommic renewal downtown."

The project's scope includes complete upgrades to the electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, a new roof, and interior build-outs designed for affordability and durability.

Community members will be invited to participate in aspects. Restoration on the building is expected to begin next spring.

*Robert Cowie is the Executive Director of Chiloquin Visions In Progress.*



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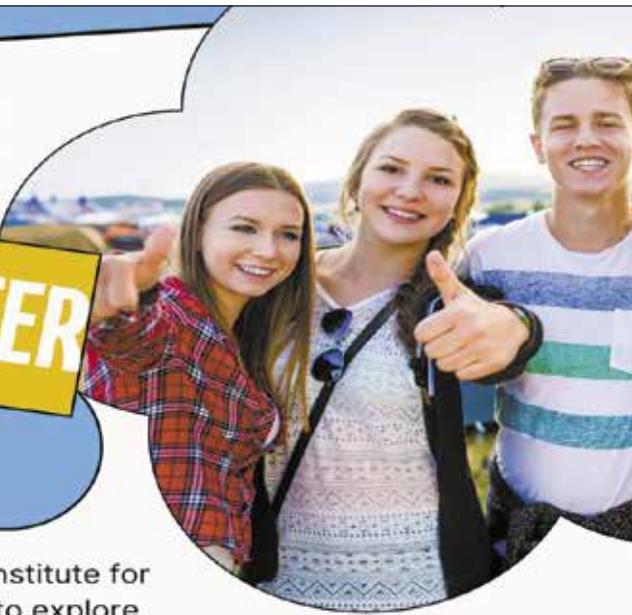


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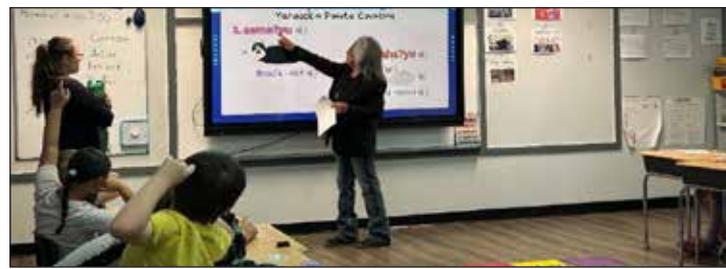
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Klamath Tribes Language Department Director GeorGene Nelson shares Paiute language with eager young learners during language workshop classroom visit at Chiloquin Elementary School. (Adrianna Jasso/Klamath Tribes)

### Classroom Visits

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Observing students actively using and living their language in the classroom was both inspiring and humbling.

This experience helped reshape the Klamath Tribes Language Department's goals. If immersion is possible elsewhere, it can happen here too. While exposure is valuable, tribal youth deserve more—they deserve fluency and the confidence that comes with

speaking and understanding their language every day.

Looking ahead, the department is excited to continue this work. Plans are underway to launch regular language classes, aiming for at least weekly lessons at Chiloquin Elementary in the coming school year.

The success of this year's pilot workshops is a reminder that meaningful change can begin with a single word—spoken in the classroom, taken home, and shared again.

### Learning together: Why adults should join the language journey

By Adrianna Jasso

As language workshops roll out across elementary schools in the area, a powerful question arises: What about adults?

Language revitalization is often viewed as something for the next generation—something happening in schools, led by teachers, and focused on children. But classrooms alone cannot carry this work. Language grows strongest when used across generations—in homes, in daily life, and in community. That means adults have a vital role to play.

For many, learning tribal languages in adulthood can feel daunting. The opportunity to grow up speaking them was often taken away. Boarding schools, displacement, and historical trauma interrupted the natural passing of language from one generation to the next. Yet reclaiming language at any age is an act of resistance, healing, and hope.

When adults learn alongside their children, something powerful happens. Children come to see their language not just as a school subject, but as part of real life. Parents and grandparents become role models, showing commitment, curiosity, and pride. Families begin speaking together at the dinner table, in the car, or during bedtime—and that's where fluency takes root. Perfection is not required.

Fluency isn't a prerequisite. A single word a day can be the start. The Klamath Tribes Language Department encourages learners to use the resources available, join community classes, connect with other learners, and embrace the process—mistakes and all. Language is not just studied; it is lived.

In the words of Darrell R. Kipp, a Black-foot writer and co-founder of the Piegan Institute: "Who we are comes from the language, not from the Indian culture. What is culture? That Indian culture could be construed as beat-up old pickup trucks, buckskin jackets, and powwows. Sure, in fact, that is contemporary Indian culture today—we are living it. We are not using the word culture. Culture is too vague, too consuming, and too volatile. Never use the word. It's meaningless. It's debatable, a loaded word. Use the word language. The culture comes from the language."

Language is more than heritage—it is identity. The next generation is ready. So are today's adults.

For those unsure where to begin, the Klamath Tribes Language Department hosts weekly family language classes via Zoom. These sessions are accessible and welcoming to learners of all levels. Classes will resume in September and are open to families and individuals alike. Now is the time to learn together.

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# In Memoriam

## Modesto "Moe" Winton Jimenez Jr , 88



Modesto "Moe" Winton Jimenez Jr. left this world and entered Heaven's gate on May 30, 2025. He was 88 years old and lived in Klamath Falls most of his life, except for a short time living in Ashland, Ore., while going to college and a short time living in Portland, Ore. (he did not care for the city life).

He was born to Lena (Lotches), a Klamath tribal member, and Modesto Jimenez Sr. on March 8, 1937, at Klamath Agency Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lena and Modesto Sr., his first wife, Beverly, and his second wife, Judy; brothers Billy Lotches, Morris Jimenez, Porky (Ramon) Jimenez, and brother-in-law Lynn.

Schonchin: Sister, Toni (Madaline) Townsend, Grandson, Temo (Antelmo) Jimenez. Granddaughter-in-law/Connie Martinez. Grandson-in-law/John Mitchell.

His daughters survive him: SheTi Alvarado and Kelli Campagna, son-in-law Donald Campagna. His younger brother, "Uncle Punchy," Allen Jimenez. Sister Linda Jimenez, several nieces and nephews and their families, and a very dear friend, Rod Clark.

She, Ti, 1s children and grandchildren: John and Melissa Rivera with three great-grandsons, Noah, and family, along with one great-great-grandson, Conner, and family, and Joseph. Granddaughter Te'ah and Kean Tupper were Great-granddaughter Eleada Rivera and Diego Velasco, along with one great-great-granddaughter, Sophia, and one great-great-grandson, Monty. Great-granddaughter Spirit, and Great-great-grandson Chadow Rivera,

Great-grandson Ruben Martinez, and family, with one great-great-granddaughter. Granddaughter Celica Barrera Jimenez, with one great-granddaughter, Miranda Jimenez (Mimi), two great-grandsons, Aden Jimenez and David Jimenez. Granddaughter Angelica (Angie) Jimenez and one great-granddaughter, Anyssa Jimenez. Two great-grandsons, Destin and Salvador Jimenez, Beatrice Jimenez, and Saul Zavala, one great-granddaughter, Brianna Jimenez, and two great-grandsons, Rudy Jimenez and Saul Zavala Jr. Jimenez. Grandson Samuel Jimenez.

Kelli and Donald's children include their grandson Donnie Campagna Jr., great-grandsons Tallen and Sage Campagna, and great-granddaughter Neala Campagna. Bear Campagna is a great-grandson, along with Sage Campagna. The family also includes great-granddaughters Demaya Martinez and great-great-granddaughters Aniah and Miah. Granddaughter Shauna Campagna has great-grandsons Modesto "Desto" Campagna and Todd Campagna, and a great-grand-

daughter Malaya Campagna, who is partnered with Troy Olmer. They have four great-great-granddaughters: Kelli, Ezmarelda, Zhavia, and Layauna. Leauna Campagna Wright is a great-granddaughter and partner of Brandon McCarly. The family also includes two great-great-grandsons, Sekani and Khalili Wright, and great-granddaughters Beverly and Perslianna Campagna. Granddaughter Cassandra Campagna Mitchell has two great-great-granddaughters, Iltalee and Lilliona.

Moe was known for his love of sports, was well known as "Mighty Moe" during high school, and served as a coach and referee for football, basketball, and baseball during his younger years. He worked for Williams Bakery as the "bread man" for 30 years. He was awarded a cash bonus and a plaque for never missing a day of work during those 30 years. Moe also served on the KADA board off and on for several years and completed two full terms as Vice Tribal Chairman for the Klamath Tribes, as well as one term as "member at large".

A service officiant was held Sunday, June 22, at the Community Fitness Center in Chiloquin by Crayton Jackson for Moe and Steiger Butte, who was the drummer. A Potluck meal at the Fitness Center followed the service. It was Modesto's wishes to have his remains spread in a private ceremony with family at a later date. Dad, Moe, was a very "kind and loving man" and will be missed dearly by his whole family and a community of friends.

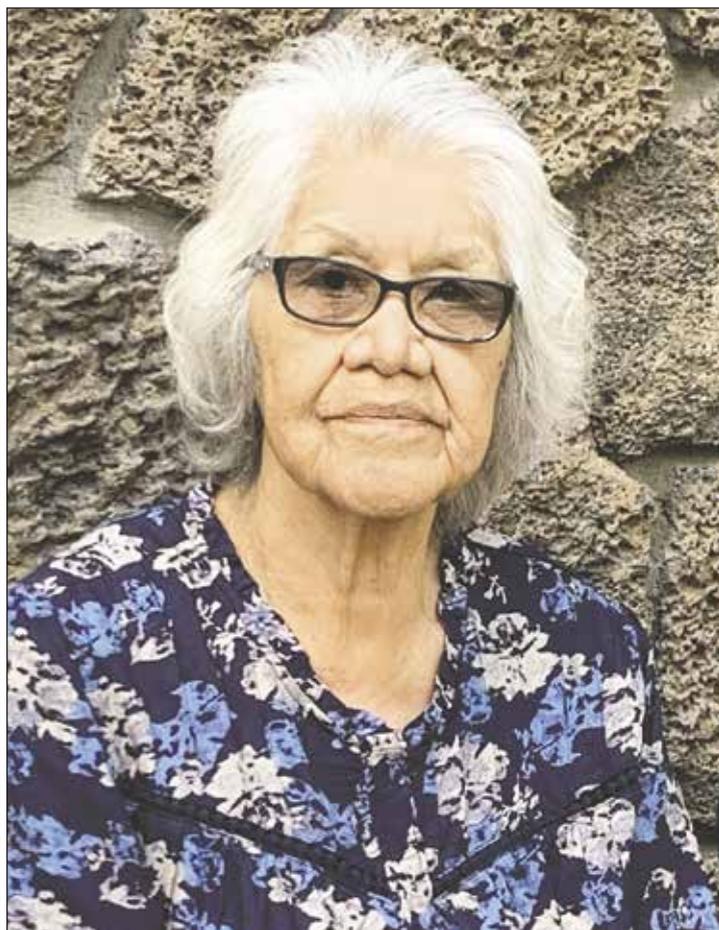
To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Modesto Winton Jimenez Jr., please visit Yarrow and Tulsi Flowers in Klamath Falls.

### In Memoriam Guidelines

If you would like an In Memoriam included in the Klamath Tribes News, please email a Word document to [news@klamathtribes.com](mailto:news@klamathtribes.com). Limit the word count to 500 words or less and provide a photo as a PDF or JPEG.

# In Memoriam

## Cassie Law, 86



Cassie Law journeyed on to meet her ancestors on May 20, 2025, at the age of 86. Our mother is the great-granddaughter of Chief Leon Lalo, who signed the Treaty of 1864. Her beliefs were instrumental in her way of life. Mom grew up on the family ranch at Kaum Kaun Springs.

She was born to Cassie Lalo and Edward Case, Sr., on March 3, 1939, in Klamath Agency. She was the second eldest of six children. Our beautiful mother lived to be 86 years old. As a child, she loved to ride horses. Her nickname was worls, or whirly worls, given to her by her father. Mom always cooked and baked for birthdays and family get-togethers. She had the best dinners. Our mother always gave a helping hand and never turned anyone away. Her home was always open to her grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many times to her sisters. Our mother graduated from Chiloquin High School and earned an Associate's Degree from Haskell, Lawrence, Kansas. She is the first generation to graduate from Haskell. After graduation, mom attended a Haskell work program in Los Angeles to become a seamstress. After she completed her work program, she relocated back to Oregon. Mom and Dad lived in Bly, Bay City, and their final home was in Chiloquin. She was a librarian and teacher

at Chiloquin High School. Her children survive our Mother, Cassandra (Alec) Sandcrane, Joe (Natalyn Begay) Law, Rachel (Chris) Law, and Jerald Law. Her grandchildren, whom she raised, are Lalo Miller, Sarah Miller, and LeeLee (Jesse Sampson) Miller. Her grandchildren, Brittany and Karly Law, Jessi (Jordan), Angie, Jake, Isaac, Jayden, Quodotes, Keya, Jaxson, Johnny, and Katyrone Law. Mom had 15 great-grandchildren. Mom is survived by her sisters, Delores Case and Jackie (John) Galbreath. Her family that preceded her: her loving husband, John, her parents, paternal grandmother Ethel Gardipee Case, her maternal auntie and uncles, Lavina Smith, Julius, Beegee, and Leon Lalo, paternal aunties and uncles, Ada, Lillian, Pauline, Martha, Clifford, Bobby; her grandson, Eldon Miller, Jr., her granddaughter, Maste Law, her brother, Edward Case Jr., her sisters, Phyllis Samson, Jessie Aguilar, and her special niece, Tori Case Scott, baby Case, great nephew, Garrick Scott, great niece, Tambi Cortez, great great niece Eveona Cortez and great great nephew Dyami Cortez. There was a viewing Thursday, May 29, at Davenport's Funeral Home in Klamath Falls. Funeral service was Friday, May 30, Assembly of God, Chiloquin, and burial at Hills Cemetery.

# Pacific Power presentation provides management practices for summer wildfire season

By Christopher German  
Klamath Tribes News

As fire season approaches this year, Pacific Power is working with area communities and tribal leaders to better communicate how power is managed and provide understanding as to how they manage power shutdowns for residents. Todd Andres, Regional Business Manager for Pacific Power, gave a presentation on May 20 at the Klamath Tribes auditorium, where he outlined the three scenarios that

might come with hotter and drier conditions of summer.

Andres explained that Chilquiquin falls in what they call a high fire consequence area, meaning that the area is more prone to major fire threats based on historical trends in moisture and heat. "While the wildfire risk has been increasing here in the West, the investments that Pacific has made have risen right along with it," he said during a PowerPoint presentation. "To date, we've already spent over \$500 million in wildfire mitigation,

and the current forecast for deploying the system hardening that's involved in the wildfire mitigation plan reaches into the billions over the next 8 to 10 years. It becomes important to understand where we prioritize those investments. And so we want to make sure we're targeting that large investment where it's going to make the most impact, where it's going to reduce that fire risk the most."

And time is of the essence when it comes to fire in this part of the world, he added. "If you look at what happened to

Lahaina, Hawaii. A line fell into the grass, came back okay, and when it ignited, actually, the full story of that is the fire department actually came and put that fire out. Watched it for a little while and said, 'Looks like everything is okay.' They got out of there. Winds picked up later that night of the fire, and within 30 minutes, 70 percent of all loss of life and of property happened 30 minutes later. So that's how quickly these things can happen in the right conditions."

He said that most of the time, when one sees building lights flicker, those are instantaneous events where the line shuts down for a millisecond to determine if anything is wrong. On most occasions, when the system trips, it restarts, and we barely even notice it. However, when the system has major weather events like wind storms that blow leaves and debris onto the wires, crews must drive out and inspect the lines to determine if anything is wrong.

And that can sometimes take time because linemen are not allowed to inspect the lines at night for safety reasons, and the area they need to inspect is often massive.

Pacific Power has a massive network of weather stations across the West to determine when weather events happen across Oregon, Northern California, and the Rocky Mountains. "They're there because we're collecting important meteorological data that we're going to feed into our local weather forecast models, temperature, wind, moisture levels, wind gusts," he said. "These hundreds of weather stations give us better data so that we can make better decisions on how to mitigate fire risk and how to protect the system from extreme weather events."

The next level of events also comes with minimal warning, where they have to deenergize the lines due to fire risk or weather events.

Andres said they have never had to deenergize a transmission line in Oregon recently, but California has had several times when they were forced to shut down the power. He said these events come with little warning, as they cannot

predict fire movement or unexpected weather events. Once a fire has worked its way into an electrical transmission alley, they have barely seconds to turn the power off to protect firefighters and personnel.

It is, however, the last event that sometimes has the greatest warning for which they held the meeting. These events are called PSPS events or Public Safety Power Shutoff. These events happen when a weather system is forecast to move into an area that could cause major wind events or an excessive heat event to occur, which could put the system at risk for fire. The good news is these events only occur when the fire danger gets extreme, but when they do occur, they have maximum warning so that city and tribal officials can inform their constituents to prepare.

He said this event has also not occurred in recent history here in Oregon. However, they want everyone to know what to do if and when it occurs. Namely, this could affect people with medical needs who rely on power for breathing and refrigeration. If a person needs power for their home for medical reasons, you can notify the power company of your need at: <https://www.pacificpower.net/my-account/payments/bill-payment-assistance/medical-certificate.html>.

Andres said that Pacific Power will reimburse folks with medical needs for a backup generator. "We will reimburse you up to \$4,000 for you to have a generator," he said.

"The challenging thing is, you have to come up with cash up front, but in about three weeks after you buy the generator, they will reimburse you for your purchase. What you need to do is have your doctor sign a little thing saying, 'Yes, they have to have power.' You call our 800-number, saying, I have my doctor's note: Go out and buy your generator. There's a list of 250 different generators you can get within the program, buy that, take a receipt, ship it back to them, and then, about three weeks later, you get reimbursed. We had that program in '24, and only 26 people took advantage. I want more people to take advantage of that."

## Stay informed, stay safe this wildfire season

By Lacey Jarrell  
Klamath Tribes

Emergency Manager

As we move further into summer, vegetation is dry and temperatures are typically high. Add in strong winds and low humidity, and fire risk increases significantly. During wildfire season, one of the simplest things you can do for your family's preparedness is to stay informed, and thanks to today's technology, there are many ways to receive information that could be crucial to your safety. Everbridge Mass Notification Klamath County utilizes Everbridge Mass Notification as the county's primary emergency notification service to send critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as fire, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

The county website states that by signing up for Everbridge Mass Notification, you can receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your cell, business, or home phone, email address, text message, and more. Create an account and sign up for mass notification alerts at <https://member.everbridge.net/730354893717522/login>.

Genasys Protect is an evacuation zone and geographic

information system (GIS) platform available on your desktop at <https://protect.genasys.com/search> or as an app in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Klamath County uses Genasys to plan evacuation zones and to publish activated zones on multiple information platforms. No login or account is required to access alerts, save locations, and receive push notifications. Genasys publishes notifications from jurisdictions across the country, and users can save up to 10 unique addresses in the app.

Klamath County Emergency Management said all local evacuation zone changes (levels 1, 2, and 3) will be published on Genasys. All Level 2 – Be Set! and Level 3 – Go Now! will be issued through Klamath County Everbridge mass notifications. However, depending on circumstance, mass notifications may also be used for Level 1 – Be Ready! messages, so residents are encouraged to use both the county Everbridge alerts and Genasys.

If you reside outside Klamath County, visit your county's website to learn more about the alert systems it recommends and how to sign up for them.

When weather conditions indicate an increased risk of wildfire, Pacific Power may implement a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). A PSPS occurs when power is turned off in

areas experiencing hazardous weather, such as extremely hot, dry, and windy conditions. There may be times when shutoff conditions occur too fast for Pacific Power to issue a PSPS, but the goal of a PSPS notification is to allow customers enough time to prepare for a shutoff. If you would like to receive PSPS outage alerts and updates, you can sign up or confirm your contact information is current by signing in to your Pacific Power account or by calling 1-888-221-7070.

If you choose not to receive notifications, or if you live in an area with poor cell or internet service and the power shuts off, remember to stay alert and know the signs that indicate there may be a fire in your area, such as visible smoke or smoke plums, falling ash, or crackling sounds in wooded areas.

For anyone experiencing a power shutoff, Pacific Power suggests preserving resources by first using perishable food and foods from the refrigerator, then using foods from the freezer.

These are just a few tips for keeping you and your family informed during wildfire season. Many people find mobile apps, such as Watch Duty, useful for monitoring fire activity. Even more resources for wildfire and other extreme events can be found online. Stay informed. Stay safe.

# Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day held in Chiloquin



By Danita Herrera

On Monday, May 5, the Klamath Tribes MMIP Committee, in collaboration with the Klamath Tribes Judiciary, Klamath Tribes Public Safety, and Social Services, organized a day of remembrance for missing and murdered Indigenous people. May 5 is recognized as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness and honoring those who have been lost. MMIP stands for Missing and

Murdered Indigenous People, which highlights the disproportionately high rates of violence against Indigenous persons, including women, girls, men, and boys, in North America, particularly in the United States and Canada. Indigenous individuals face alarmingly high rates of violence, leading to significant numbers reported missing or murdered. This issue emphasizes the urgent need for increased awareness, thorough investigations, and justice for these cases. We began our day at the

Bridge in Chiloquin with a song performed by Henry Rondeau, followed by a memorial/honor walk to the Klamath Tribes Fitness Center, where we were welcomed by Chairman Ray. We also heard powerful words from Klamath County Sheriff Mitchell and a presentation about community resources provided by KTHFS Behavioral Health and families. To honor our loved ones who have been taken, the Klamath Tribes Judiciary and the Office of Victims of Crime provided printed pictures of those who

are missing or murdered. These pictures were displayed, and a PowerPoint presentation was shared to acknowledge Tribal members and other individuals as a form of remembrance. The day concluded with lunch provided by the Tribal Public Safety department, sweatshirts donated by Healing Winds, and a round dance. The MMIP Committee would like to invite family members and supporting agencies to join our movement. Additionally, we want to remind everyone that we remember our loved

ones every day, not just on this one day each year. If you see something, say something! Qay dadaa naat maa'ls 'yaMt-gi- "We never forget you all" Hoskangi gew seesas- "Remember my name" "SAY MY NAME"



## CULTURE CAMP 2025

**Culture Camp applications are due on Friday July 18, 2024 by 5:00 p.m.**

**Day Camp for ages 5-11 Tuesday July 29th—Thursday July 31st, 2025**

**Day Camp for ages 12-17 Tuesday August 5th—Thursday August 7th, 2025**

**Culture Camp will be a day camp held at Goos oLgi gowa. Transportation will be provided from Klamath Falls Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services Building located at 3949 S 6<sup>th</sup> Street and The Klamath Tribes Administration office located at 501 Chiloquin Blvd.**

**If you would like to volunteer please contact The Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department.**

**For more information contact Kelli Campagna at (541)783-2219 ext. 404 or email [kelli.campagna@klamathtribes.com](mailto:kelli.campagna@klamathtribes.com)**



# Ambodat Dept

## Water and Aquatic Resources

Our mission is to restore, protect, and enhance aquatic resources throughout the Klamath Basin guided by Indigenous Knowledge, western science and best management practices.



**IN-STREAM RESTORATION STRUCTURE**  
AT BLUE CREEK, TRIBUTARY TO THE SYCAN RIVER

### Watershed Restoration

Watershed Restoration aims to reestablish natural hydrologic and ecological processes through the planning and implementation of instream and wetland restoration projects. Across the Upper Klamath Basin, our work is rooted in process-based restoration that integrates bioengineered designs informed by both Indigenous Knowledge and principles of fluvial geomorphology.

By promoting floodplain reconnection and attenuating peak flows, we seek to reduce extreme seasonal flow variability and capture sediment during high-flow events. These actions support the restoration of natural flow regimes, increase groundwater recharge, and improve overall watershed function.

### Water Quality Monitoring

Water Quality samples are collected from Upper Klamath Lake (UKL) and various sites within the Upper Klamath Basin; both contributing to our long term water quality data that has been in place since 1988. These samples are then analyzed by our water quality lab and assessed for annual nutrient loading by our consultant, Jacob Kann, with Aquatic Ecosystem Sciences.

Nutrient transport from upland tributaries is a major contributor to the poor water quality in Upper Klamath Lake. By focusing restoration efforts upstream, we aim to intercept and retain excess nutrients before they reach the lake. Reconnecting floodplains and restoring more natural flow patterns encourages hyporheic exchange, enhances nutrient cycling, and improves downstream water quality.

Reducing sediment inputs from upper tributaries is another critical step in protecting water quality throughout the basin. Passive restoration strategies—such as restricting livestock access to riparian areas—help stabilize streambanks, reduce erosion, and allow native vegetation to recover. These low-impact approaches restore natural filtration processes and support long-term ecological resilience.

### Fisheries

C'waam and koptu are more than just fish—they are long-lived culturally significant symbols that embody the ecological health and enduring heritage of the Klamath Tribes and the Upper Klamath Basin. Endemic to Upper Klamath Lake, these species spawn at springs along the lake's east side, as well as both the Williamson and Sprague Rivers. Despite their resilience, adult populations are declining at an alarming rate, and juvenile recruitment into the spawning population remains critically low, raising serious concerns for their long-term survival.

Our fisheries program is leading this critical effort through the operation of an indoor hatchery facility and specialized rearing ponds. We operate a modern hatchery and maintain specialized rearing ponds. By collaborating with additional rearing partners, we are committed to expanding our capacity and improving survival rates.

In parallel, Ambodat staff are advancing an anadromous fish monitoring and reintroduction initiative -- designed to support the return of salmonids and lamprey to the Upper Klamath Basin system following dam removal -- helping to build a foundational understanding of population dynamics and informing future restoration and reintroduction priorities.



LAKESIDE FARMS

To learn more about the efforts Ambodat is doing and recent data reports, visit <https://klamathtribeswaterquality.com/>



New Klamath Tribal Council Members (left to right).  
Sitting: Tribal Council Officers- Secretary Joseph Allen Jr., Vice Chairman Marvin Garcia, Chairman William Ray Jr., Treasurer Brandi Hatcher. Standing: Members at Large- Les Anderson, Natalie Ball, Ellsworth Lang, Willa Powless, Shawn Jackson, Brandon Tupper.



## Emergency Preparedness for Our Elders!

On Wednesday, July 18, staff from The Klamath Tribes — Community Services, Social Services, TERO, Housing and Administration — teamed up to pack emergency go bags for all elder households in our community. This project was made possible through funding from the Oregon Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities Office. Sincere thanks to Community Services for securing the funding, and to former Emergency Manager Rachelle Escatel for her expert guidance throughout the process. Special appreciation also goes to Andraya Fernandez and current Emergency Manager Lacey Jarrell for their dedication in seeing the project through to completion.



The Klamath Tribes (KT),  
Tribal Employment Rights Office  
(TERO) Proudly Presents...

## AERIAL LIFT, FORKLIFT, AND FALL PROTECTION TRAINING & CERTIFICATION COURSE

Training will take place:  
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*(Participants must attend both days)*



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### Training is open to all KT TERO Skills Bank Participants.

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### Safety First!

This training requires use of safety gear including: Type I Hard Hat, a high visibility vest, and hard toed safety boots (please wear long pants or jeans).

**For More Information or to Register, Contact TERO today!**

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## The Klamath Tribes TANF program is accepting eligible families

### PROGRAM SERVICES AREA AND POPULATION:

The Klamath Tribes TANF program serves eligible Klamath Tribal members who reside in Klamath County, Oregon and who meet the Tribes TANF program eligibility criteria.

### PROGRAM MISSION:

The primary program mission for the Tribes TANF program will be to assist its Native American Needy families to move toward and achieve self-sufficiency through gainful employment. Parents and caretakers are required to engage in assigned activities; the intent of which will be to prepare them for and place them in gainful employment. Such activities will include traditional job readiness and placement services as well as some employment training and work experience activities. In addition, services will be available (in some cases mandated), to address significant employment barriers such as educational deficiencies, mental health concerns and substance abuse issues. While engaged in such activities and/or receiving such services, participants will be provided both family maintenance payments and available support services.

### GOALS:

The goals of the Klamath Tribes TANF program is to promote self-sufficiency and healthy life styles thru prevention and job search assistance for all Klamath Tribal TANF participants. The families will be encouraged to embrace Tribal cultural and community activities and events that will help the families to embrace their heritage and place in society.

### PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

For specific information regarding TANF eligibility requirements, Applications and Intake schedules contact

**Lori J. Theros**

The Klamath Tribes - TANF & GA Program Manager

PO Box 436, Chiloquin, OR 97624

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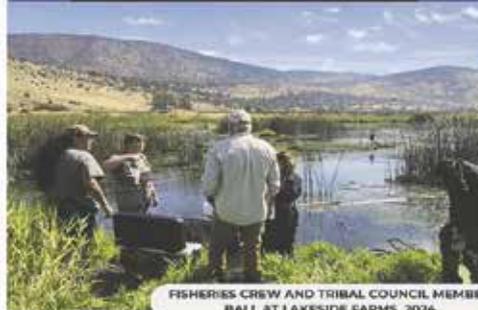
## Ambodat Department OBJECTIVES

1. Supplement the wild population of c'waam and koptu with assistive rearing techniques
2. Identify and enhance habitat that will support juvenile populations of c'waam, koptu and ciyaals (salmonids)
3. Improve water quality conditions and ecological function through continuous monitoring, testing and restoration work

### STOCK WATER WELLS FOR QUALIFYING TRIBAL MEMBERS!

We offer a program for Tribal Members who manage livestock on properties along rivers, streams, or other waterways in the Upper Basin. Through this program, participants can receive support for installing stock water wells and riparian fencing to keep livestock out of sensitive stream corridors. These efforts help reduce sediment loading, protect streambanks, and improve overall water quality conditions downstream.

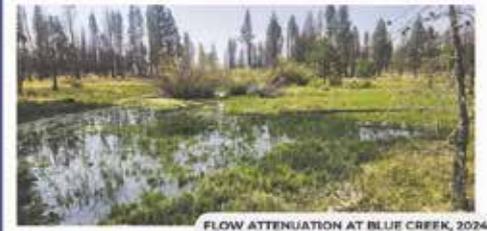
If you or someone you know might qualify, please contact one of our restoration project managers, Lottie Riddle ext. 238 or Domanique Madrid ext. 229



FISHES CREW AND TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER BALL AT LAKESIDE FARMS, 2024

### Sprague River Water Quality Lab

Sprague River Water Quality Lab analyzes water quality (WQ) samples from our Water Quality team, as well as environmental water quality samples for multiple external clients such as USGS, BLM, USFWS and others. The lab has been accredited for 9 of its current 19 analytes through the Oregon Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ORELEAP) since 2017.



FLOW ATTENUATION AT BLUE CREEK, 2024



### Hydrology & Water Rights

Our Hydrology team has an expensive network of monitoring wells throughout the Klamath Marsh, Sprague and Williamson Watersheds including the Tribes' Rocky Ford and Hog Creek Properties.

Staff measure stream flows throughout the Upper Basin to determine flow interaction, balance and monitor changes over time. The Tribes are collaborating with USGS on an initial assessment of hydrological information for the Klamath Marsh Watershed.

Water rights are assessed regularly based on surface water gauge flows at different points in the system. Our staff monitors these flows and investigates any potential violations of water rights as the Tribes hold the Senior Water Rights in the Upper Klamath Basin.



BARKLEY SPRINGS, 2025

Contact Office Staff  
(541) 783-2149

## Child Care Providers

Are you interested in becoming a child care provider for the Klamath Tribes?

If so, contact the Early Childhood Development Center for information.

If you are interested, the State of Oregon does not require licensing for some types of child care. Child care is exempt from State regulation if:

- Child care provider cares for three or fewer children, not including their own children.
- Care is provided by someone related to the child(ren) by blood, marriage or adoption.
- Non-relative care provider options are also available.

For State exempt providers in Oregon, Tribal standards will apply. Some of these standards include, but are not limited to:

- Favorably pass a background check.
- Everyone in provider's home over the age of 18 must favorably pass a background check.
- Home must be clean and sanitary.
- First Aid and CPR Certification (pediatric and adult)
- Health and Safety Training and other applicable required trainings.
- Submit to a pre-service and annual health and safety inspection.

## Contact Information

*The Klamath Tribes Early Childhood Development Center*

318 S Chiloquin Blvd,

Chiloquin, OR 97624

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Fax: 541-783-2512

[jennifer.jackson@klamathtribes.com](mailto:jennifer.jackson@klamathtribes.com)

## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Klamath Tribes Early Childhood Development Center is to provide quality, comprehensive child care that addresses educational, environmental, social, and cultural needs of all those who attend the center.*

"The Klamath Tribes Early Childhood Development Center is an equal opportunity provider and employer."



**The Klamath Tribes  
Early Childhood  
Development Center**



## Aerial View of Agency-Barnes Wetland Restoration Project

An EcoFlight tour of Upper Klamath Lake on June 10 offered a unique aerial perspective of Upper Klamath Lake's hydrology, surrounding landscapes, and restoration efforts at the Agency-Barnes Units. In these four photos, the extent of the Agency-Barnes project offers a view of this extensive 14,000-acre wetland ecosystem after Phases 1 and 2 were completed this past year, a coordinated effort of the Klamath Tribes, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ducks Unlimited, and Trout Unlimited. *(Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)*



**KLAMATH COUNTY SYMPOSIUM**

# BREAKING THE CYCLE

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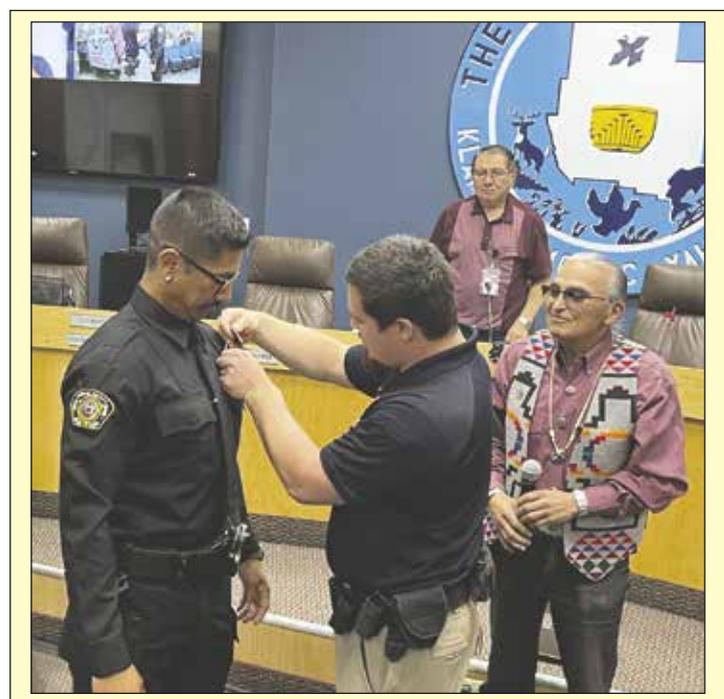


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A pinning ceremony was held for Klamath Tribes' new Public Safety Officer, Waylon Noneo Jr. (left), on June 26 at the Klamath Tribes auditorium. Officer Noneo celebrated a significant milestone by graduating from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's Basic Police Academy (Class #BP449) on June 13. *(Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)*

# Bull trout are threatened, but recovery efforts are helping this native fish of the Upper Klamath Basin rebound in some streams



A bull trout with its distinctive gray color infused with green and covered in small white or pale yellow spots, some spots may also be deep orange or red. (Photo by Mark Martin, Ambodat Aquatic Biologist)

By Jordan Ortega

In the icy headwaters of Oregon's Upper Klamath Basin, a quiet comeback is underway. Bull trout, a native fish once pushed to the brink, are showing signs of recovery thanks to dedicated restoration efforts led by a collaborative partnership between Crater Lake National Park, The Klamath Tribes, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. But their path remains precarious, and the struggle to protect this elusive species is far from over.

### What is a Bull Trout?

Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) are not actually trout but members of the char family—close cousins of lake and brook trout. They are cold-water specialists, thriving only in the clearest, coldest streams and rivers. With their olive-green bodies, pale yellow spots, and white-edged fins, bull trout are often confused with the more common brook trout. But unlike brook trout, bull trout lack the red spots with blue halos, and they tend to have a longer head and more deeply forked tail.

### The Upper Klamath Story

Bull trout were once widespread throughout the Upper Klamath Basin, a region fed by spring water and snowmelt from the Cascades and Gearhart Mountain, and home to species found nowhere

However, over the past century habitat loss, warming waters, and invasive brook trout pushed them into retreat. Today, they persist only in a handful of small, cold streams draining the Cascades, the Wood River valley, and the Sycan watershed. Still, not all the news is bleak.

### Signs of Hope

One cold mountain stream flowing out of Crater Lake National Park has become a symbol of bull trout resilience. After brook trout were removed in the 1990s, biologists reintroduced bull trout, and the population has steadily rebounded. Today, spawning bull trout once again move freely upstream – something that hadn't been seen in decades.

Recovery efforts like these are part of a broader partnership between The Klamath Tribes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Crater Lake National Park, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. Together, they're restoring habitat, removing invasive species, and reconnecting fragmented streams.

Recent restoration efforts in the Upper Klamath Basin demonstrate what's possible when conditions are right, but sustaining these gains requires long-term commitment and ongoing vigilance.

### Ongoing Challenges

Despite this progress, bull trout remain listed as Threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The cold-water ref-

uges they depend on are shrinking due to climate change and groundwater withdrawals. Brook trout, first introduced for sport fishing, still outcompete and hybridize with bull trout in many areas. And perhaps most critically, the remaining bull trout populations in the Klamath Basin are genetically isolated. If one population disappears, it may not be replaced. Wildfire, drought, and land-use pressures only increase the risks.

### Why It Matters

Bull trout are more than just a fish – they're indicators of watershed health. Where bull trout thrive, streams tend to be clean,

cold, and well-connected. Their survival tells us something vital about our environment and how we're caring for it.

As dam removals downstream open up historic habitat to other native fish like salmon and lamprey, conservationists hope that momentum will ripple upstream.

The recovery of bull trout in the Upper Klamath Basin is a story of hope, but also a reminder: protecting the rarest species often means protecting the most fragile places.

*Jordan Ortega is the Klamath Tribes Ambodat Department Anadromous Fish Specialist.*



## Klamath Tribes Housing Department

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All Housing Programs are income based

2022 Median Family Income (income changes yearly).

1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 person	8 Person
\$50,400	\$57,600	\$64,800	\$72,000	\$77,800	\$83,600	\$89,300	\$95,100

**Low-Rent Program \*General questions contact ext. 145 or 163**

This program is to provide affordable and decent housing for low income members of the Klamath Tribes. These units are managed by the Klamath Tribes Housing Dept.

The Tribe owns 90 homes located in Beatty, Chiloquin and Klamath Falls. Program is income base & rent payment is based on 20% of total household income.

**Emergency Assistance Program \*General questions contact ext. 145 or 163**

This program provides grant assistance to help Klamath Tribal Members with the following:

- ❖ Non-payment of rent with eviction notice;
- ❖ Assist with security deposit payment;
- ❖ Delinquent mortgage payment;
- ❖ Elders 62+ with delinquent property tax payment.

**Rental Assistance & Transition Rental Assistance \* Contact Shari Brown ext. 144**

This program provide Tribal Members with the option to rent within Klamath County from the private sector.

- ❖ The unit is based on the family size;
- ❖ Rent payment is based on 20% of total household income;
- ❖ Unit must meet Housing Quality Standard;
- ❖ The 2022 fair market rent for Klamath County.

Studio	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
\$606	\$693	\$912	\$1,295	\$1,552

**Home Grant & Occupancy Program (Pine Grove) \* Contact Shari Brown, ext. 144**

This program is a lease to own program and the homeowner will make payments to the Housing Department. Homeownership homes are on the Tribes 55 acer development near Chiloquin, Oregon (few of the main qualification)

- ❖ Applicant must make at least \$20,000 a year;
- ❖ Certificate of Homeownership course;
- ❖ Steady income.

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240 miles of paddling ahead of them as they made their way to the mouth of the river at Requa, Calif. The completion of the expedition is expected on July 11, when a flotilla of family and tribal members will greet them.

Danielle Frank, Director of Development and Community Relations at Rios to Rivers, discussed the training and preparation before the ceremonial launch at the Wood River headwaters. She said that the four Klamath Tribes kayakers, Travis Jackson, 14, Taeliah Eggsman, 15, Scarlett Schroeder, 14, and Coley Kakols Miller, 14, have undergone intensive training, with Tray achieving class IV white water proficiency. The program, founded in 2021, trained 38 students from 14 tribes for this descent, including the Klamath Tribes, Warm Springs, Inupiaq, and Hopi. The journey will involve portaging around dams and participating in community events.

Frank said the Klamath

Tribes kayakers, like all of the kayakers involved in the expedition, participated in extensive kayak training prior to the descent. "Travis came in summer, last summer of 2024," she said. "He did a pretty intensive two-and-a-half-week program with us on the California Salmon River and Klamath River in northern California. And Tay (Taeliah) also did that program, but hers was in the summer of 2022, and she's been training since. And then Scarlett and Coley did the same two-week intensive training with Travis this summer of 2024. Scarlett and Coley have done our paddle tribal waters Academy program once, which is a 13-week intensive school semester where they go to school with us.

"We do school during the day. We kayak every day. They did six weeks in Chile, seven weeks in the Pacific Northwest, between Oregon and California. And then Tay has done the same program, but she's done it twice. So, she spent two semesters with us over the last year-and-a-half, and she was both



Klamath Tribes youth kayakers (left to right) Travis Jackson, 14, Taeliah Eggsman, 15, Scarlett Schroeder, 14, and Coley Kakols Miller, 14, are part of the 34 tribal youth kayakers with the organization Paddle Tribal Waters, who launched June 13 to paddle 310 miles down the Klamath River. (Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)

times, six weeks in Chile, seven weeks in the Pacific Northwest. So that's a little bit of their training. Travis, like I said, Travis, Scarlett, and Coley have come in the last year, been training hard for the last year, and different ways. And then Tay has been training for three years."

The Klamath River has several sections with class IV and V whitewater, but only four stu-

dents will take on those portions of the river, including Jaden Dawes and Ruby Williams, who will paddle the entire river.

Rios to Rivers, Frank explained, is an organization with three main projects. One is Paddle Tribal Waters here in the Basin. The other two are international programs: Kayaking Moon in Chile and an Amazonian rivers initiative in Bolivia.

They also have a campaign that they run at the United Nations.

As the kayakers paddle down the river, they will stop for community days in each tribal territory and share dinners with tribal members. "We'll have six of those events from top to bottom of the

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# Klamath Tribes Youth Summit

## Mini Powwow & Career Fair

### Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

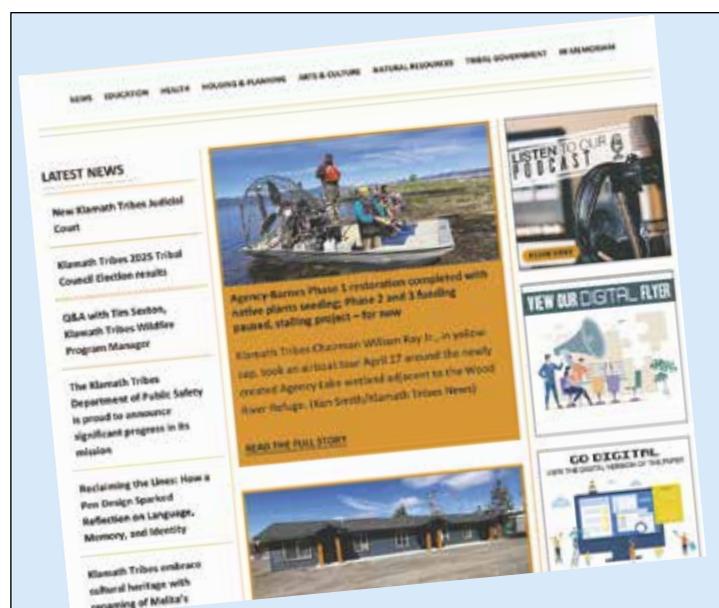
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Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT)  
3201 Campus Dr, Klamath Falls, OR 97601  
Front Lawn Area - Between CU & Snell Hall

Join us for a Mini Powwow & Career Fair to kick off the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Klamath Tribes Youth Summit.

- Looking for programs to set up booths for the career fair
- Light snacks and drinks provided
- This event is drug and alcohol free

**Questions or Booth Sign-Up?**  
Hannah Schroeder  
541-783-2219 ext. 111  
hannah.schroeder@klamathtribes.com



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river, and then also, during the last three days, we have an international and national flotilla joining us," Frank said.

She added that visiting kayakers from Bolivia, Chile, New Zealand, the Snake River, and the Eel River will come to paddle during the last few days of the descent.

The four Klamath Tribes kayakers spoke to the Klamath Tribes News before putting in at the Wood River headwaters. "I feel excited, ready to get on the water," said Jackson. And when asked about his feelings to kayak the undammed Klamath River for the first time, "Feels pretty pretty lit," he responded. He said he may tackle some water sections that are within his experience level.

Eggsman, who has been training for the expedition for three years, including multiple trips to Chile, said she, too, was eager to begin the descent. "I'm excited and proud to represent my people," she said,

"and for the dams to finally be out and go down the water, which hasn't been able to happen since a very long time."

Schroeder has been training for a year for the descent and is proud to be part of the tribal girls' contingency of kayakers.

"I'm very proud," she said, "not a lot of girls in our tribe would probably do this. I feel like we're one of the first ones to do this, and I'm really happy, and I'm happy when representing my tribes."

And as for her preparation for the adventure ahead, she answered, "I feel like I already know. Like, I already know how the rapids are and everything, I feel like I'm ready."

The fourth member of the Tribes, Miller, stated that she has been training with Jackson and Schroeder for a year-and-a-half, and she too feels well prepared for the descent. "I feel like I've prepared myself mentally and physically for this whole trip, and I'm just super excited."

As for the most significant challenge she will face on the river, she said it's the whitewater. "There's going to be, like, class

four and five down, but I think that I'll be able to take them."

Finally, she added that she is proud to represent the Klamath Tribes for this expedition.

"I'm super proud," she said. "I mean, our tribes have been fighting for the dams of the Klamath to be down for like decades, and we're representing that fight by going down the Klamath. There's still, like, two dams that are still up, though."

Miller's mother, Klamath Tribal Council Member Natalie Ball attended the Wood River ceremonial event. She said she's overjoyed for all the tribal kids participating in this expedition.

"I'm really proud of all of the kids and all of the parents and support staff and team." And for her daughter, she said the training has been extensive and she's ready for the challenge. "She's been training for this for years now," Ball said. "She was in the academy, the Paddle Tribal Waters, and world-class Academy.

When they went to Chile, they kayaked up and down the Pacific Northwest, the waterways there. So, she's ready. She's been



A brief rest by tribal kayakers after portaging around the Link River Dam. They then took on their first whitewater sections on the Link River, portaged around the Keno Dam before an overnight camp, and then put in at the Klamath River for the 240-mile descent of the river. They will complete the expedition on July 11 at Requa, Calif. (Ken Smith/Klamath Tribes News)

training for this. This is it for us. do these other kids; they've worked hard for it, but it has a bigger meaning, that it's just our hope, our hope and our joy. You know, they're our future leaders. This is them." She deserves this day, and so

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You will learn about the OSHA rules for Powered Industrial Trucks and develop a forklift training program. This class does offers a forklift operator certification (card).

**Cost: \$125**



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**Easy steps to a perfect cupcake**  
**Tuesday, July 22**

Join this hands-on class to master recipe tweaks for perfect texture, learn tips for moist cupcakes, and explore decorating with various piping tips. Perfect for beginners and connoisseurs alike, you'll mix, frost, and sprinkle your way to stunning cupcakes, transforming simple treats into edible works of art!

**Cost: \$40**



**Beginning Industrial Welding: Training, Safety, & Cutting**

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**How to Write Your Life Story for fun or profit**

**Thursday, July 17**

Create an inspiring autobiography for family, friends, and others by recalling vivid memories and analyzing the events and people that shaped you, using the provided outline to organize your story step-by-step. Led by instructor LeeAnne Krusemark, a former journalist and professor of publishing, the webinar login details will be emailed the day before class.

**Cost: \$55**



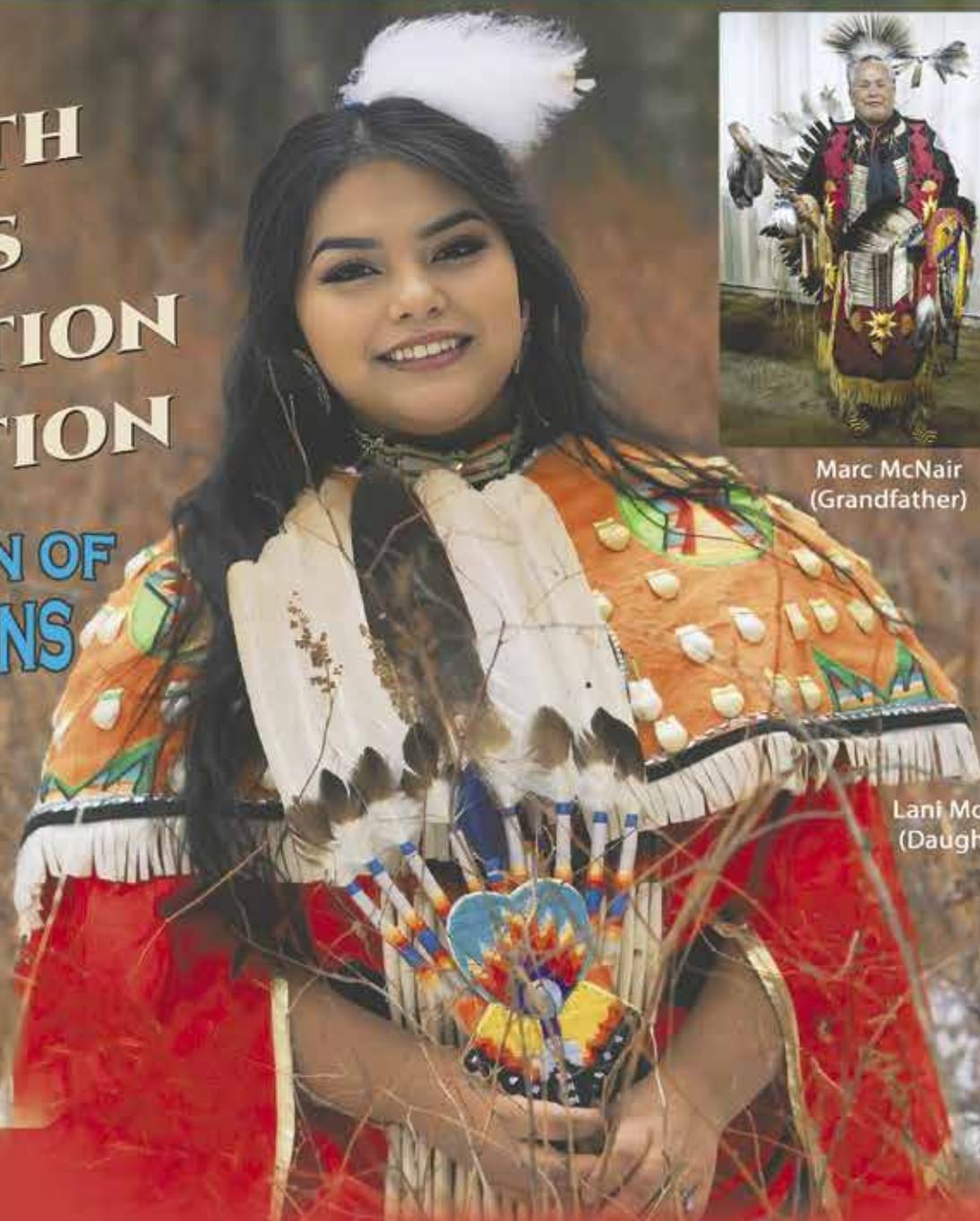
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# 39TH KLAMATH TRIBES RESTORATION CELEBRATION

## CELEBRATION OF GENERATIONS



Marc McNair  
(Grandfather)



Lani McNair  
(Daughter)



Felicia and Kimmie McNair  
(Grandmother and Mother)

**AUGUST  
22, 23, 24  
2025**

**HOST DRUM  
INDIANA HILL  
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**Powwow (goos olgi gowa)**

35601 Chokecherry Lane  
 Friday, August 22: Grand Entry at 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, August 23: Grand Entry at 1:00 pm  
 and 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, August 24: Grand Entry at noon  
**Contact Person:**  
 Henry Rondeau/ 541-783-2219, ext. 0  
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 Charise Rich/ 541-274-1168 (cell)  
 Email address: nativeonestop@yahoo.com

**Run/Walk (Chiloquin Big Gym)**

225 E. Schonchin Street  
 Friday, August 22:  
 • Registration at 9:00 am  
 • Picture Lineup at 11:15 am  
 • Restoration Run/Walk at 11:30 am  
 • Lunch at 12:30 pm  
**Contact Person:**  
 Aislyn Ukpik, Diabetes Program Coordinator/  
 541-851-3513(work); 541-281-3707 (cell)  
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 Kathy Rich /541-783-2219, ext.101

**Health Row (Chiloquin Big Gym)**

225 E. Schonchin Street  
 Friday, August 22:  
 • Setup at 7:30 am  
 • Begins at 9:00 am  
**Contact Person:** Tahnier Clark/  
 541-363-6813 (cell)  
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 alhealth.org

**Parade**

Second Street  
 Saturday, August 23:  
 • Line up at 9:00 am at Chiloquin  
 High School  
 • Parade begins at 10:00 am  
**Contact Person:** Pearl Jackson  
 541-783-2219, ext. 195;  
 541-891-0841 (cell)  
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 tribes.com

**Co-Ed Softball/Homerun Derby**

828 W. Chocktoot Street  
 Saturday, August 23 at 8:00 am  
 Sunday, August 24 at 9:00 am  
**Contact person:** Kaneeta Kirk/  
 541-238-4492

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