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The Return of the c'iyalls - waq'li'sii Salmon, welcome home!

By Courtney Neubauer
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The return of Salmon to the Upper Klamath Watershed after more than a century marks a historic moment. These are the first c'iyalls (salmon) to return in the memory of those living today. Guided by ancestral knowledge and instinct older than time, they have reached the headwaters of the Klamath River and its tributaries, including Upper Klamath Lake and above. waq'li'sii c'iyalls, welcome home salmon!

This extraordinary return far exceeds expectations, inspiring hope for the future. To date, the Klamath Tribes' Ambodat department has counted nearly 200 Fall Chinook Salmon in Upper Klamath Lake and tributaries such as the Williamson, Sprague, and Wood Rivers. The salmon's resurgence renews our vision: a future where children experience wild salmon.

Some worried that after the c'iyalls passed the Link and Keno dams, unsuitable water quality conditions would stop them before reaching

the cleaner waters of Upper Klamath Lake and its upper tributaries. However, to many's surprise, they swiftly swam through these concerning areas and made it home. These founder fish will pave the way for future generations, remembered as the first to return home and those who opened the path for the generations to come.

Historic Connections

According to a 2016 article in the Oregon Historical Quarterly, published by the Oregon Historical Society and titled, "The Persistence and Characteristics of Chinook Salmon Migrations to the Upper Klamath River Prior to Exclusion by Dams," John C. Frémont wrote in 1846 that, at what later became Linkville (now Klamath Falls, Oregon), his party got salmon from a Native American chief, making him the first known non-Native to report salmon at the outlet of Upper Klamath Lake. The article later notes that at the Link River, Frémont saw salmon and took this as a sign the "Tlamath" [Klamath] River was connected to the



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ocean: "Up this river the salmon crowd in great numbers to the lake [Upper Klamath Lake], which is more than four thousand feet above the sea."

The Klamath Tribes look forward to the day when those crowds of great numbers return and there will be a fishable population.

The return of the salmon reminds us of the once-abundant fisheries of the Klamath Basin, including the c'waam and koptu, which are still critically endangered. These fish—and all first foods of the Klamath Tribes—represent health, cultural identity, and sustenance. In a time of limited access to healthy

foods, the Klamath Tribes fight to protect and restore these treaty-guaranteed resources. Now is the time to invest in an environment that sustains all first foods for current and future generations.

Wetland Restoration

The salmon's return marks more than spiritual homecoming; it is the signal of an

ecological shift. As the c'iyalls bring marine nutrients back into the Upper Klamath Basin, they feed the land, wildlife, water, and all who depend on them. These nutrients bring new life into the ecosystem, strengthening the foundation upon which all species of the Upper Klamath Basin rely.

For this renewal to continue, young salmon must find

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refuge in healthy, functioning wetlands. These wetlands serve as more than just resting places; they are living systems that sustain an array of life. They act as natural filters that cleanse the water, as high-flow buffers that absorb flood waters and slow erosion, and as nurseries where juvenile salmon, c'waam, koptu, and countless other species find food and shelter. Each restored wetland strengthens the heart of the watershed, building resiliency back into the system and ensuring that the salmon's gift of renewal and nutrients will return year after year.

The Klamath Tribes are leading large-scale wetland restoration efforts to revitalize the ecosystem and ensure access to clean water. At Agency Barnes, the Ambodat department is restoring over 14,000 acres, about the size of Manhattan. This is part of a larger effort of restoration projects the Klamath Tribes are leading, including projects throughout the Sprague River drainage and at Upper Klamath Marsh. Through innovation and collaboration, the Tribes pursue a thriving future for all.

Unfulfilled Promises

The Klamath Tribes' restoration efforts are held back by delays in the release of \$3.17 million in awarded U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Funds from the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Klamath Basin Restoration." This funding award includes surveying, project design, environmental compliance, and on-the-ground implementation. These funds would help restore the environment and keep Klamath Tribes crews steadily employed. This funding is vital for aligning the salmon's return with effective human action. Fulfilling government commitments under the Treaty of 1864 would enable this progress.

The Tribes also continue to advocate for fish screens on irrigation diversions. As salmon begin exploring the system of channels in the waterways, they often find themselves pulled into unsuitable habitats, such as irrigation ditches. After traveling 360 river miles, the salmon's journey is ending before they have the chance to spawn and produce future generations. Installing screens is urgent, as c'waam and koptu have faced similar risks for years, accelerating their path towards extinction.

Our community can drive real change. Advocate for the immediate release of restoration funds by calling or emailing your representatives. To support on-the-ground work, donate to the Ambo



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Fund through Seeding Justice. Together, we can build a sustainable Klamath ecosystem.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

We mourn generations who fought for this day but are not here to see it. Their spirit guides us, and we honor their work. As we work to keep fish in our waters, we also remember our elders' stories. These memories guide our care and hope.

By leaving spawning salmon undisturbed, we ensure lasting ecological health in the Upper Klamath Watershed. Protecting spawning grounds secures future clean water, more groundwa-

ter recharge, and ecological balance. All are essential for future generations.

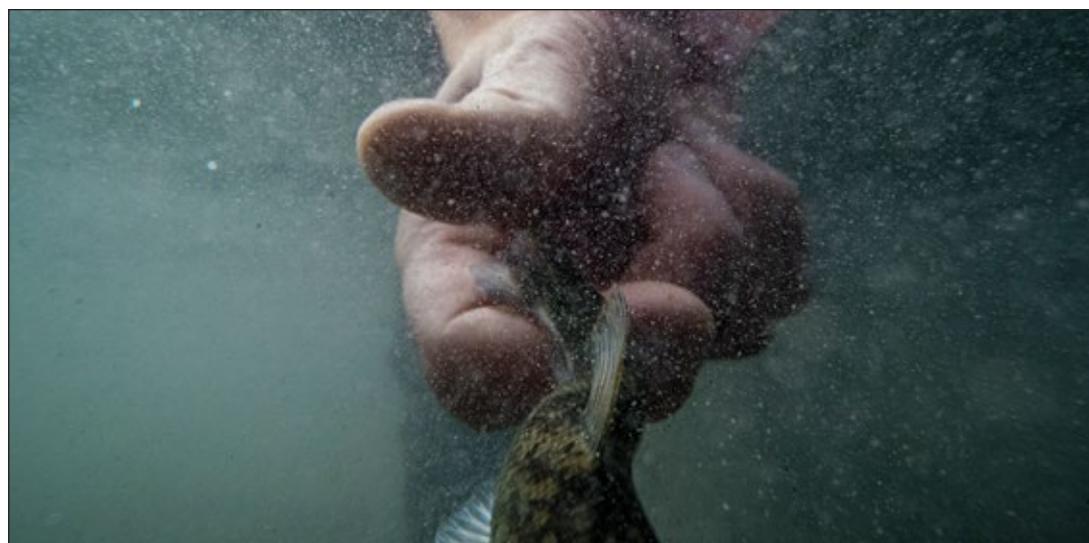
In the coming weeks, the community will see 'spawned out' salmon carcasses. This is natural and marks essential 'nutrient packages' feeding the land and forests. Avoid handling carcasses or allowing pets to come into contact with them. By leaving them undisturbed, these gifts help restore ecosystem balance.

The Ambodat department is also conducting carcass surveys to ensure that we have data to inform future decisions and ensure a sustainable future for these fish. The teams are using scales to identify the genetics of the fish

and determine whether they are spring-run salmon or fall-run. They will also be taking the heads of fish to identify how many are hatchery or wild. These fish carcasses continue to play a vital role in renewing our environment.

mo sepk'ee'ca to all the relations that made this return possible.

A big mo sepk'ee'ca to Paul Wilson, Klamath Tribes member, who has spent so much time on the water with Ambodat that he jokes there's barely time to recharge his batteries! Thanks to his diligence and generosity, many can share this historic moment. All photo credits go to him.

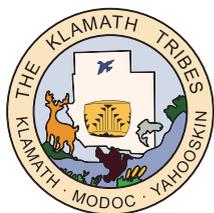


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As the c'iyalls have returned, they have brought a revitalization of the spirit! Have you created art that you want to share? Do you have a story you'd like to tell about when you first saw the c'iyalls? Join in the celebration!

Share your art, stories, or videos about first seeing the c'iyalls in the Upper Klamath Basin. Send in your submission and include your name for credit, a description, and permission for the Klamath Tribes to adapt and share your content.

For any questions, you can call the Public Relations at 541.783.2219 Ext. 146 or email courtney.neubauer@klamathtribes.com



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GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IMPLEMENTING A TRIBAL EMERGENCY FOR C'WAAM AND KOPTU RECOVERY PASSED September 18, 2025

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes Ambodat department will develop and implement plans and strategies to assure the successful recovery of c'waam and koptu to harvestable populations guided by Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Furthermore, Ambodat will integrate Western Science with TEK to accurately describe a complete life history and understanding of the conditions necessary for these species to thrive within the Klamath Tribes ancestral territories, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes General Council affirms the vital importance of Treaty Protected Resources and the Klamath Tribes commitment to the recovery of a self-sustaining harvestable population of c'waam and koptu accessible within the Reserved Treaty Area, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes the biological, ecological, and cultural importance of maintaining distinct lake- and river-spawning populations of c'waam and koptu, and supports monitoring and restoration actions specific to each group's needs, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes the need for assisted rearing of c'waam and koptu and the imperative that released fish survive to join the spawning population; release strategies will be thoroughly evaluated to determine optimal release size, location characteristics, and seasonality, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council acknowledges the ecological and historical importance of Barkley Springs, a heavily modified spawning and rearing area that currently supports the only known population of multi-age juvenile c'waam and koptu; it is essential that this area be restored to support larger populations of juveniles and that spawning behavior is facilitated by restoration of the primary spring, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes the importance of cooperating with private landowners including The Nature Conservancy (Williamson River Delta) and Lakeside Farms and other similar properties to evaluate the success of soft release and extended rearing activities with an adaptive management strategy to maximize survival, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that restoration projects described in Exhibit B will be updated, evaluated, and implemented by the Klamath Tribes Ambodat department annually. Completion, and scheduling of projects will be dependent on successful planning, permitting, design, funding acquisition, and execution of landowner agreements, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council affirms the importance of continued investment in assisted rearing infrastructure, landscape-scale ecosystem rehabilitation that will improve water quality, hydrologic function, habitat availability (for all life-stages), and comprehensive monitoring of all native suckers, including yen and hist'yis, to ensure a full understanding of recruitment, mortality, and restoration effectiveness, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council affirms the importance of advocacy and coordination with management agencies and supports the facilitation of an annual symposium to inform partners of the Klamath Tribes Ambodat Department strategy for the recovery of c'waam and koptu, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council through the Ambodat, Natural Resources and Culture and Heritage Departments is authorized to pursue grant funding, intergovernmental partnerships, regulatory advocacy, and technical coordination in furtherance of the objectives identified herein;

General Council Resolution #GC2025 – 006

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IMPLEMENTING SALMON RECOVERY PASSED September 18, 2025

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Klamath Tribes General Council affirms the vital importance of Treaty Protected Resources and the Klamath Tribe's commitment to the reintroduction and long-term recovery of spring Chinook salmon, other anadromous species, and native adfluvial redband trout;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes Ambodat department will develop and implement plans and strategies to assure the successful reintroduction and long-term recovery of spring Chinook salmon, other anadromous species, and native adfluvial redband trout guided by TEK. Furthermore, TEK will guide the implementation and will complement best practices to accurately describe a complete life history and understanding of the conditions necessary for these species to thrive within the Klamath Tribes ancestral territories, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council authorizes the Tribal Council - through the Ambodat, Natural Resources, and Cultural and Heritage Departments to pursue funding, coordinate with federal and state agencies, and engage in strategic partnerships necessary to implement this recovery plan in accordance with Tribal policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the installation and operation of PIT detection infrastructure at critical tributary junctions to monitor the movements and survival of reintroduced anadromous fish, c'waam, koptu, and adfluvial redband trout, and recognizes this as a critical tool for assessing passage throughout the basin - but particularly into the Sprague River (where little monitoring currently exists); guiding recovery efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and The Klamath Tribes' Implementation Plan for the Reintroduction of Anadromous Fishes into the Oregon Portion of the Upper Klamath Basin establishes that ODFW and The Klamath Tribes are the sole entities responsible for active reintroduction upstream of the former Klamath River dams, outlining a conservation hatchery approach and phased strategy to reintroduce spring-run Chinook salmon where volitional migration alone is insufficient;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Klamath Tribes Ambodat staff will work in coordination with ODFW to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to guide the use of state and federal hatchery facilities for active reintroduction activities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the use of Trinity River Hatchery stock for the reintroduction of Chinook salmon and will seek an adequate supply of eggs for immediate stocking; adaptive management will be

used to determine the suitability of this source for future reintroduction efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the use of stream-side egg incubation systems in tributaries of the Upper Klamath Basin as an initial reintroduction method for spring Chinook salmon, and affirms their value for assessing habitat suitability, water quality compatibility, and early life-stage survival;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council authorizes the continued evaluation of out-of-basin spring Chinook salmon stocks with high ecological suitability for the Upper Klamath Basin, including stocks with earlier migration timing such as Rogue River spring Chinook, should Trinity River Hatchery stock be determined to be biologically incompatible with successful reintroduction and over-summering in the basin;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes the importance of developing hatchery capacity as essential to the successful recovery of culturally and ecologically significant anadromous species, specifically spring Chinook Salmon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council does not support the collection of Chinook or Coho above the former location of Irongate dam for hatchery broodstock; fish traveling this far on their own exhibit ancestral traits that should be reserved for reintroduction above UKL;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the formation of a multidisciplinary group informed by the Ambodat Department to develop a plan to construct a salmonid hatchery - owned and operated by the Klamath Tribes which includes engineered designs, a comprehensive budget and a suitable location;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the Tribal Council - through the Ambodat, Natural Resources and Culture and Heritage Departments to advocate for the timely design, funding, and construction of effective fish passage at Keno Dam to restore connectivity between the lower Klamath River and historical habitats in the Upper Basin, recognizing this action as essential to achieving the long-term recovery goals for spring Chinook salmon, other anadromous fishes, and native resident species;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council supports the Tribal Council - through the Ambodat, Natural Resources and Culture and Heritage Departments to evaluate and implement methods to assist the migration of fall run Chinook to suitable spawning habitat, including trap-and-haul, while effective fish passage at Keno Dam remains limited or water quality barriers prevent migration;

Government Shutdown and SNAP Benefit Pause Impacts the Klamath Tribes

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

The recent federal government shutdown had a ripple effect across the nation. Vital federal services ground to a halt in the longest government shutdown, which lasted 43 days and ended on November 12, 2025. The previous record was set from December 2018 to January 2019, during the first year of the Trump administration. Amid the challenges, the Klamath Tribes offered proactive and compassionate leadership, creating a response plan to meet the urgent needs of families facing food insecurity.

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek and her administration also offered critical support and a path forward by providing funding that bolstered services across the state.

Disruption of Essential Services

For the Klamath Tribes, whose treaty-protected lands stretch across southern Oregon, the federal government is not a distant authority but

a daily presence. Many tribal programs, from healthcare to environmental management, rely on federal funding. When the government shut down, these lifelines were suddenly threatened. Klamath Tribes and Klamath County food assistance programs, already under strain, were left without critical support.

Despite these challenges, the resilience and initiative of local leaders shone through. Jennifer Jackson and the staff of the Early Childhood Development Center responded swiftly, organizing a food pantry to ensure that families had access to nutritious meals during the shutdown. Their ability to mobilize resources quickly provided comfort and stability for many in the community. Simultaneously, the Community Services Department demonstrated outstanding adaptability by scaling up the tribal commodities program, effectively meeting the increased demand. These efforts reflected the deep commitment of tribal staff to supporting

one another in times of crisis.

Recognizing the severity of the crisis, the Klamath Tribes formally declared a Tribal Emergency. This declaration underscored the urgent threats to the health, safety, and welfare of tribal members arising from the shutdown and the disruption of critical services. Tribal leaders cited the risks of food insecurity, compromised healthcare, and threats to treaty-protected resources as key reasons for taking this step. The declaration enabled the Tribes to more effectively coordinate their emergency response, mobilize available resources, and advocate for swift support from state and federal partners. It also highlighted the resilience and unity of the Klamath Tribes in the face of extraordinary challenges.

Tina Kotek's Positive Role

Amid these challenges, Governor Kotek and her administration emerged as steadfast allies for the Klamath Tribes. Recognizing the shutdown's disproportionate impact on

tribal communities, Kotek quickly mobilized state resources to fill some of the gaps. Funding helped sustain healthcare and nutrition programs, as well as protect the treaty rights of Oregon's federally recognized tribes.

Governor Kotek's approach was marked by respect for tribal sovereignty. Her administration's responsiveness built trust and set a precedent for future collaboration.

A Path Forward

While the government shutdown exposed vulnerabilities in the support systems for the Klamath Tribes, it also highlighted the power of effective state leadership. Tina Kotek's administration demonstrated that state governments can play a crucial role in protecting tribal communities during times of federal uncertainty. As the Klamath Tribes continue to recover, they do so knowing they have a committed partner in Oregon's leadership.

In this moment of national reckoning with the federal gov-

ernment's unfulfilled promises, the Klamath Tribes are reminded of the ongoing federal Treaty violations that have impacted the traditional way of life for Klamath Tribes members.

The Upper Klamath Basin's ecosystem remains in crisis, posing an ongoing threat to the food security of the Klamath Tribes. The c'iyalls (salmon) have returned to the Upper Klamath Basin for the first time in a century, yet the Klamath Tribes are still not able to fish them, as the population is just beginning to find its way home. The c'waam and koptu remain on the brink of extinction. Fields of wocas have been reduced from over 10,000 to just a few hundred. Lastly, the mule deer are at a five-decade low. The Klamath Tribes' first foods are in jeopardy and signal an environmental emergency and a food insecurity disaster.

However, there is hope. The Klamath Tribes are undertaking the largest restoration project this side of the Mississippi to save their Treaty-protected resources before it is too late.



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MMIP Committee: Leaving a Legacy of Healing

By Courtney Neubauer
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The MMIP committee was formed in December 2024 to help address the crisis of Missing and Murdered Klamath Tribes members. Led by Sarah Bates, the committee works to establish support systems and networks for families, ensuring that no one faces these challenges alone. The group aims to encourage healing, raise awareness, and strengthen how the community responds. On September 25, the com-

mittee hosted an event to honor MMIP during the National Day of Remembrance for Murder Victims at Tribal Administration. The gathering began and ended with a smudge, giving everyone a chance to grieve and heal together. Afterward, some attendees went to Crater Lake Travel Center to hang framed photos of Tyler Bud Bates and Gabriel Moreno, who were murdered while employed at the Travel Center. On October 23, the committee brought together agencies such as the Klamath County

Sheriff's Office, Chiloquin Fire & Rescue, Chiloquin City, Klamath Tribes Fish and Game, staff from Kla-Mo-Ya Casino and Crater Lake Travel Center, Tribal Administration, Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services, and community members concerned about the MMIP crisis. They participated in a tabletop exercise led by the National Criminal Justice Training Center to review MMIP preparedness and encourage agencies to collaborate. If you need information about events or support for the MMIP crisis, please contact Brooklyn Lally, Victim Coordinator, at 541-783-3020, ext. 260, or email brooklyn.lally@klamathtribalcourts.com. Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services will offer the Mending Broken Hearts program in November. For more information, call (541) 884-1841. The ad hoc committee members are: Sarah Bates, Chairwoman; Alethea Barlowe, Vice-Chairwoman; Danita Herrera; Les Anderson; Madeline Hutchinson; Sandra Mostler; and Brooklyn Lally.



(Photo of event provided courtesy of Brooklyn Lally.)





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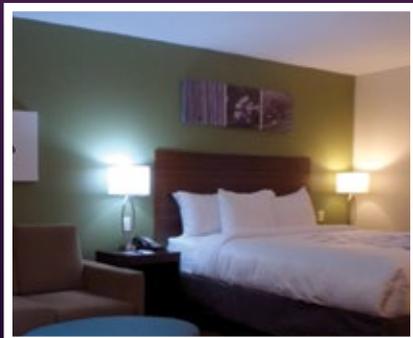
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Klamath Tribes Demand Action and Respect at Government-to-Government Summit

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On Tuesday, October 7th, the Klamath Tribal Council stood united in an act of courageous leadership, making the historic decision to walk out of the annual Oregon government-to-government summit. Serving as the collective voice of the Klamath people, Chairman William E. Ray Jr. and the Council addressed leaders of Indigenous nations from across Oregon at the Ko-Kwel Casino Resort. With unwavering resolve, they delivered a clear and heartfelt call to action, urging the State of Oregon to honor its responsibilities and respect the sovereignty of the Klamath Tribes.

The Council's presence at the Tribal/State Government-to-Government Summit in North Bend, Oregon, reaf-

firmed its role as steadfast representatives of the Klamath Tribes. Their actions underscored their commitment to securing meaningful consultation with Governor Tina Kotek.

Chairman William E. Ray Jr. and Councilmembers Les Anderson, Shawn Jackson, and Brandon Tupper stood together in person. They were joined virtually by Vice-Chairman Marvin Garcia, Secretary Joseph Allen Jr., and Councilwoman Willa Powless. In a moment of unity and resolve, the Klamath Tribes Council delivered a powerful statement detailing the state's repeated failure to address the concerns of the Klamath people—then walked out. Governor Kotek was notably absent for the reading of the formal letter, as well as for most of the summit on October 7th.

Chairman Ray Jr. spoke



Klamath Tribal Council and Interim General Manager Adam Becenti photographed with Governor Kotek and staff at November 9th event. (Photo provided courtesy of Secretary Joseph Allen.)

passionately, recounting the deep harms inflicted on the Klamath Tribes through termination and the long, diffi-

cult history of contention with the State of Oregon over treaty rights and treaty-protected resources. He called for a new path forward—one rooted in respect, recognition, and genuine partnership—and highlighted the landmark legislation intended to ensure true consultation and government-to-government dialogue.

Oregon was the first state to pass a law governing state-tribal government-to-government relations. In 2001, Senate Bill 770 (SB 770) established a framework for communication between state agencies and tribes.

Chairman William E. Ray, Jr. declared, "The State has ignored our Treaty, dismissed our sovereignty, and failed to act on the harm it continues to cause. We came here in good faith, but we will not sit quietly while the State continues to disrespect our people, our land, and our laws. Walking out was not an empty gesture; it was a statement that the Klamath Tribes will no longer accept words without action." These words echoed throughout the summit, serving as a rallying call for all who cherish justice.

In his statement, Chairman Ray Jr. specified urgent issues confronting the Klamath people: the state's unchecked issuance of Outfitter and Guide Permits has resulted in overcrowded waterways and incidents of harassment of

Klamath Tribes members. He cited persistent mishandling of treaty-protected resources by the state. Additionally, he raised concerns about the treatment of incarcerated Klamath Tribes citizens and described the continuing struggles of Klamath relatives in other Tribal Nations.

There are signs of progress: on November 9th, Governor Tina Kotek, Tribal Affairs Director Shana M. Radford, and staff met with the Klamath Tribes Council and Interim General Manager Adam Becenti at the High Desert Museum for a long-overdue consultation. This meeting marked a pivotal step towards fostering a more collaborative relationship between the Klamath Tribes and the state.

The Klamath Tribal Council remains resolved to seek action over words. Their commitment endures as they press forward, demanding all levels of government honor the Treaty and Trust responsibilities that are the foundation of sovereignty, upheld by the Treaty of 1864.

"mo sepk'eeçà to Klamath Tribal Council for standing firm for the Treaty of 1864 to advocate for Treaty protected resources and the rights of Klamath Tribal members so that one day there may be restoration throughout the Upper Klamath Basin, a healing of the people, and cold, clean, drinkable water for all!"



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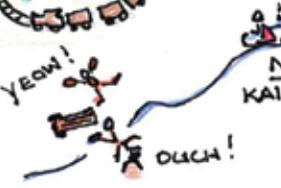
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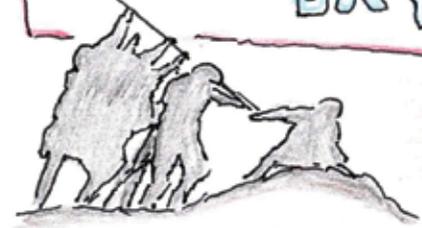


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AH'SA KOO'DAI NANA



VETERANS DAY

TUUKWASSE TABINO
TOO'KWA'SUH TAH'BEE'NOH



VETERAN
TUUKWASSE
TOO'KWA'SUH

WARRIORS - PAPABI?I - PAH'PAH'BEE?EE

BROTHERS AND SISTERS
NAWANGA?A OO'NO NAHAMMA?A
NAH'WANG'GAH?A OO'NO NAH'HA'MAH?AH

TURKEY DAY



TOKI?I TABINO
TOH'KEE TAH'BEE'NOH

TURKEY
TOKI?I - TOH'KEE

FOOD!
TEKABA - TUH'KAH'BAH

I'M HUNGRY
NE TSAYA?I
NUH SAH'YAH?EE

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SPORTS FUN

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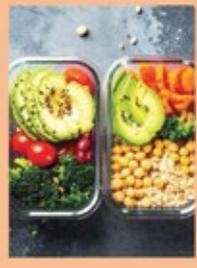
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Preparing for winter weather

By Lacey Jarrell

When winter approaches, it brings with it a serious reality: snow and ice can be dangerous if you're not properly prepared.

Winter weather conditions such as extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds can quickly create hazardous conditions. Preparation for winter weather, especially snow and ice, is essential for being ready for whatever the season ushers in.

Extreme winter weather can leave our communities without

utilities or other services for long periods of time. Stocking food, water, and emergency supplies now in case you need to stay home for several days without power will reduce the need to go out in hazardous conditions. Every household should have an emergency kit that includes at least three days' worth of food and water, medications, a first aid kit, and a manual can opener. Be sure to account for each family member's specific needs, and don't forget food and water for your pets.

You can also prepare for power outages by keeping flashlights, extra batteries, blankets, and a backup heat source on hand. Portable generators can provide temporary power, but they must always be used outdoors and away from windows to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you must travel in hazardous winter conditions, be prepared for delays and allow extra time to get to your destination. Be sure to adjust your speed to match road conditions and to increase your distance

from the vehicle in front of you.

Remember to be cautious when driving across bridges in wintry conditions. They are the first to freeze and the last to thaw.

You can never go wrong maintaining an emergency supply kit for your car that includes jumper cables, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and a few non-perishable snacks.

It's also important to be aware that winter storms create a higher risk of hypothermia and frostbite.

When you go out in extreme winter weather wear layers of warm clothing and watch for signs of frostbite, which include the loss of feeling and color around the face, fingers, and toes. Symptoms of hypothermia can include shivering, goose bumps, fatigue, and a body temperature of 95 degrees or below.

By preparing your home, car, and family for snow and ice, you're not just avoiding inconvenience, you're protecting lives. Winter weather may be unpredictable, but your readiness doesn't have to be.

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October 30, 2025

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 Atchely, Buster B
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 Baker, Edwin C
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 Barlowe, Jesse L
 Barney, Cinda B
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 Bates, Melbreena
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 Billy, Winona I
 Blunck, Christopher A
 Bremer, Glenda C
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 Brown, Alfreda L
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 Castor, Stephen A
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 Cole, Hunter L
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 Crain, Bruce L
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 Crocker, Sanjuana R
 Crume, Debra L
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 Danzuka, Winema T
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 Hall, Dalton S
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 Holden, Jennifer J
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 Huitt, Lorraine L
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 Jackson, Philip D
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 Manual, Wilma
 Marvi, Maxwell L
 Mayfield, Miles S
 McEnespy, Daniel J
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 Pearson, Gary L
 Perez, Marvel
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 Porter, Kent W
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 Sabin, Gail S
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 Sanders, Omteme M
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 Sheppard, Drew A
 Shuey, Netami T
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 Smith, Marla J
 Socha, Kim L
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 Torrez, Alexander L
 Uhler, Lyndian
 Velasquez, Therese M
 Vigil, Johnathan D
 Wallace, Sandra L
 Webb, Donna M
 Webb, Reda G
 Weiser, Harper S
 Wells, Leonard D
 Westfall, Terra
 Whiteshirt, Summer F
 Wilson, Harlan L
 Wilson, Starr L
 Witcraft, Destiny D
 Wolfe, Kirstin R
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Funding deadline is 12/31/2025

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As a Klamath Tribal Member, you have access to the Member Benefits' online forms & applications.

There are several ways to submit your completed documents:

- 1. E-mail**
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- 3. Fax**
(541) 783-7768
- 4. In-Person**
(501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, OR, 97624)

NOTE: Birth Certificates and SSC should be sent in color by postal mail or email.

Learning the wocas Wiggle: Restoring First Foods in the Upper Klamath Basin

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

As leaves change in the Klamath Basin, a different transition unfolds: the fall wocas harvest. wocas or *Nuphar polysepala*, yellow pond lily, is more than a plant. It is a cultural touchstone, a first food for the Klamath Tribes, a keystone for native fish like *c'waam* and *koptu*, and an ally in watershed restoration.

A Decade of Learning the Landscape

The Nature Conservancy in Oregon (TNC) has found the key to wocas planting is collaboration. Lori Nussbaum has led wocas planting teams since 2016 with TNC. The team draws on research begun in 2004, which produced a reliable planting method by 2014. Over ten seasons, the collaboration between TNC and partner organizations has refined this process by taking notes, scouting routes, clearing brush, and returning each season to evaluate survivorship, growth, and long-term field recovery.

The goal: restore wocas fields to reflect the vast, unin-

terrupted stretches shown in 1940s aerial imagery across the Upper Klamath Watershed.

Into the Mud

Fall allows the harvest of more plants with fewer logistical barriers than spring. This year, TNC staff, the Ambodat team, and later Resource Environmental Solutions (RES) staff trekked through thick marsh mud to reach wocas patches. Some, persisting since 1941, likely featured plants over 30 years old.

Harvesters dig into the mud in search of the rhizomes: thick, pineapple-shaped stems that form vast underground networks. A segment one to two feet long is cut and carried out to be transplanted, where the ecosystem urgently needs the habitat and water-quality benefits that wocas provides.

It is grueling work. Even in waders, a misstep can send someone waist-deep into quicksand-like mud. In the marsh, difficulty breeds camaraderie: shovels are extended from a safe distance to help stuck teammates, laughter echoes, and everyone learns the slow, deliberate



Domanique Madrid offers prayers and song to start off the harvest and planting in a good way (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

“wocas wiggle” to escape deep mud—or, in spring, the “wocas dance,” the diving maneuver used to secure the floating rhizomes in the sediment underneath rebar staples.

This fall, the crew broke previous records, harvesting and transplanting 183 wocas rhizomes.

Following Elders

For Domanique Madrid, Ambodat staff and Klamath Tribes member, wocas restoration is more than ecosystem recovery; it's cultural revitalization. She learned wocas processing from her grandmother. Through intergenerational teachings, she learned how seeds can be transformed into flour, cereal, or even a popcorn-like snack. During harvest, she begins with blessings, prayer, and music, speaking directly to the wocas and acknowledging the reciprocity between the plant and the harvester. These acts emphasize the sacred exchange that is at the heart of their work, allowing the crew to feel a deeper connection to the land with each wocas they touch.

Her presence shaped the crew. When she played the flute, TNC team members joked they'd take extra shifts to hear her music. This spring, she completed the “wocas dance” on her first try, a rare feat in Nussbaum's decade

of planting. Nussbaum honored her with a photo and a gift at the planting's end.

Restoring a Critical Watershed

wocas is central to the ecology of the Williamson River Delta, critical for the survival of culturally significant fish like *c'waam* and *koptu*. These species co-evolved with wocas, relying on their structure, shade, and refuge. wocas rhizomes also absorb and store excess nitrogen and phosphorus, rehabilitating a watershed stressed by hyper-eutrophication and annual blue-green algae blooms.

Yet, despite hopes that restoration work would lead to wocas naturally re-establishing, these plants have needed additional help, leading to the establishment of the spring and fall wocas efforts. Crew lead,

Nussbaum, is experimenting with new planting depths, multiple site types, and seasonal timing to increase survivorship. Four experimental planting zones this fall will help inform the next decade of restoration.

Rhizomes float, so planting teams secure each with rebar for at least two years. Visible changes start in year three or four. By years seven to nine, a thriving, self-propagating patch should stand, enabling easy seed collection for future restoration.

The work unfolding today—muddy, joyful, methodical—is a step toward bringing those fields back. It is the work of reconnection: restoring hydrology, reviving traditional foods, and reestablishing a relationship between people and the land that has existed for generations.



Domanique shows off a rhizome that has a y-split in the shape of a heart. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)



Domanique Madrid shows off a wocas pod while waist-deep in cold fall waters. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

Prayers in Motion: The Modoc Ancestral Run Honors Warrior Women

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

The Modoc Ancestral Run is more than an annual event; it is a ceremony that serves the spiritual needs of the Modoc and strengthens their bonds with their land and ancestors. As participants arrived at Medicine Lake in October, tarps and tents sprouted across the grounds, cooking pots bubbled, and tables and coolers were scattered. This is the heart of the 2025 Modoc Ancestral Run: a gathering of prayer, remembrance, and connection, living cultural survival, and spiritual renewal.

Preparing for the run takes many hands and hours. Finding a route each year always begins with prayer. Volunteers cut windswept trees and clear paths with various tools and vehicles to create a safe route. Thirteen downed trees were removed, demonstrating a commitment to the route and its intention, and the importance of the land to the ceremony. The camp opened on Wednesday, October 8, and preparations continued through Thursday. A sweat-lodge was built on the shoreline to aid runners and helpers.

The run lasted two days, from Friday to Saturday. Each

morning, runners circled at sunrise and spiritually prepared themselves for the route. They faced harsh wind, rain, and hail, but camaraderie grew around hot coffee, large campfires, and meals. Monica Super kept the group together, rising early to make coffee, breakfast, and pack the trucks. Food and care sustained participants through the sacred, sometimes bumpy, landscape. Early mornings fostered a ceremony grounded in generosity and support—the core values of the Modoc Ancestral Run.

As runners gathered around the blazing fire, everyone compared notes on how they slept, recounting how temperatures dipped below freezing and sharing strategies for stacking sleeping bags or placing hand warmers in the right spots. These moments of camaraderie and resilience exemplify the sense of community fostered through shared challenges and a common intention.

The event run is intentionally designed to accommodate runners of all abilities. Vehicles are used communally, filled with both familiar and new faces, leapfrogging along the route and allowing each runner to choose their distance—whether a tenth of a mile or several. Regardless of the distance,



Group photo taken at Petroglyph Point the last day of the run. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

each runner carries the sacred running staffs, an essential symbol that helps them carry one continuous prayer across thousands of acres, reconnect with the land and the ancestors.

At its core, the Modoc Ancestral Run embodies a living culture: prayers become footsteps, each action reinforcing the reciprocal bond between the land and its people. Participants uphold this tradition—not just in ritual but through everyday work, from meal preparation to ceremony, to final cleanup. Monica Super, as the last boxes were packed, noted that real culture is not prepackaged, but embodied in the effort and care of the community.

The run welcomes participants of all ages. For narrow stretches of road, runners pile into the backs of pickup trucks, and older children step into the role of aunties, reminding the younger to listen to their elders and participate in a good way. The intergenerational nature of the run ensures the transmission of values and traditions, and the communal approach to travel and support echoes the broader spiritual intent.

On Saturday, the run culminated at Petroglyph Point, a site of immense spiritual and cultural significance. At this sacred site, a special song—created and sung by Whitecloud Harrington—honored those who have come before and reaffirmed the living connection between people and place.

Super began organizing the run 16 years ago. Since then, undeniable ancestral signs affirmed the tradition, and have guided the route year after year.

Monica described consulting her elders and how the signs initially appeared at Boles Creek, later at Fort Klamath, at Council Grove, Medicine Lake and other significant places.

A vivid memory involved a Modoc prayer that was read by a Modoc elder near an old horse corral where the gallows stood for Modoc war leaders Captain Jack, Schonchin John, Boston Charley, and Black Jim, hanged on October 3, 1873. Instinctively, the horse there trotted as the prayer was read, then galloped, sensing the moment's intensity. When the prayer ended, the horse stopped, as if reacting to the land's memory. Such moments highlight the Modoc Ancestral Run as a spiritual act of communication and healing.

Monica Super and Debra L. Riddle designed the run shirts and sweatshirts, featuring Lizzy Jack, Princess Mary, Rebecca Jack, Rose Jack, Dixie, Artena Chokus, Posey, Jenny Clinton, Ella Charley, Matilda

Whittle, and Winema Riddle. The run honored them and all Modoc warrior women for their perseverance and strength. Ipos, mountain lilies, paintbrush, coyote mint, and camas reflect their connection to the land. Water and tules represent the riverbanks where they cared for their families.

Ultimately, the Modoc Ancestral Run is about coming together for ceremony—an act of collective healing, remembrance, and ongoing commitment to cultural survival. It is a reaffirmation of ancestral connection, a reminder that culture is sustained not by spectacle, but by the day-to-day work of prayer, generosity, and connection. In a time of uncertainty and challenge, the run continues to be a pathway, nurturing the spiritual needs of the Modoc people and their ancestral neighbors, ensuring that the bonds between people, land, and ancestors remain vibrant for generations to come.



Young runners holding the run staffs during the prayer run. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)



Runners gather in the back of a pick-up truck ready for a narrow road that will require vehicles to travel single file. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

A Nation's Unkept Promise: Honoring the 1864 Klamath Treaty

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

October 14, 2025, marks another anniversary of the Treaty of 1864 between the Klamath Tribes—comprising the Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin peoples—and the United States government. Each year, this date stands as both a solemn remembrance and a call to action, highlighting a legacy of resilience and unfulfilled promises.

The Treaty of 1864 established a reservation in Southern Oregon for the Klamath Tribes, who agreed to cede millions of acres of ancestral land in return for guaranteed rights, resources, and protections. For generations, the Klamath Tribes have upheld their end of the agreement, maintaining stewardship of the land and honoring their cultural traditions. Yet, the United States has repeatedly failed to fully honor the terms of this historic treaty. The Klamath Tribes have witnessed the collapsing ecosystem of the Upper Klamath Watershed first-hand and have seen the impacts on the treaty-guaranteed fisheries, hunting populations, and gathering resources.

A particularly painful chapter in this story unfolded in 1954, when the U.S. Congress passed the Klamath Termination Act. Under this policy, the Klamath Tribes became the largest land-owning tribe in the country to be terminated, losing federal recognition and control over more than 1.5 million acres of timber-rich land. The Klamath Tribes were among the first of more than one hundred tribes targeted for termination by the federal government, a policy designed to end the trust relationship between tribes and the federal government. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) singled out the Klamath Tribes for their significant land base and resources, resulting in devastating losses for the community and the environment. This termination policy was not just an isolated event but part of a broader continuity of colonial structures aimed at dismantling Indigenous sovereignty and autonomy in the United States.

The consequences of termination were severe. Tribal members faced social, econom-

ic, and cultural upheaval as the land was sold off and federal services were withdrawn. But the Klamath people never gave up their fight. After decades of advocacy, the Klamath Tribes were restored to federal recognition in 1986, regaining their right to self-governance and a renewed hope for justice.

Despite restoration, the United States has yet to fully honor the treaty's promises. Over the years, landmark court cases have affirmed the Klamath Tribes' rights and have underscored ongoing challenges. In *Kimball v. Callahan* (1974), known as *Kimball I*, the U.S. District Court ruled that the Klamath Tribes retained their treaty hunting, trapping, and fishing rights, which could be exercised free from state fish and game regulations. This established that treaty rights supersede state jurisdiction, ensuring tribal members could continue their traditional practices.

The legal battle continued in *Kimball II* (9th Cir. 1979), when the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held that these treaty rights survived the Klamath Termination Act. The court recognized that, despite federal termination policies, Congress had not explicitly abrogated the Tribes' hunting, fishing, and trapping rights, so those rights remained intact for all Klamath members.

Another pivotal victory came with *United States v. Adair* (9th Cir. 1983). In that case, the Ninth Circuit affirmed that the Klamath Tribes and their members possess substantial water rights, reserved under the 1864 treaty. These rights are considered to have a priority date of time immemorial and are sufficient to maintain the Tribes' hunting and fishing practices on former reservation lands. The *Adair* decision has become a cornerstone in ongoing legal and political efforts to restore both resources and justice to the Klamath people.

In today's context, recognizing these water rights is critically important as the region faces increasing ecological challenges. The ever-nearing potential extinction of the *c'waam* and *koptu* and dwindling water resources underscore the urgent need to uphold these rights, which



The Treaty of 1864

Sovereignty is the right, power and authority to govern. The Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Paiute Tribes have inherent sovereignty—bestowed by the Creator, and affirmed by the willingness to be governed by The Klamath Tribes laws. The Klamath Tribes sovereignty predates the sovereignty of the United States, having existed for thousands of years.

ORIGINAL 1864 TREATY SIGNERS INCLUDED: La-lake, Chil-o-que-nas, Kellogue, Mo-ghen-gas-kit (also known as Moses Brown, Klamath Headman, from the Klamath Marsh), Blow (also known as Henry Blow, Klamath Indian), Lalo (a Klamath signer), Palmer, Jack, Que-ass, Poo-sak-sult, Che-mult, No-ak-sum, Mooch-kat-allick, Toon-tuc-tee, Boss-Ki-you (also known as Allen David, Klamath signer also known as Bo-co-pa in the Klamath language), Ski-at-tic, Shol-lal-loos, Tat-tet-pas, Muk-has, Herman-Kus-mam, Jackson, Schon-chin (also known as Old Schonchin, brother to Schonchin John, Modoc Indian), Stak-it-ut (also known as Tom Chocktoot, Paiute Indian Chief), Keintpoos (also known as Captain Jack, Modoc Indian), Chuck-e-i-ox (also known as Njakeaks, Modoc Indian), Kile-to-ak (also known as George Modoc Johnson, Yahooskin Snake Indian), and Sky-te-ock-et (also known as Pete Chocktoot, Paiute Indian).

NOTE: There were 27 original signers of the Treaty of 1864, however, a photo was not taken at that time.

*This treaty was signed in the presence of: R.P. Earnhart, Secretary; Wm. Kelly, Captain First Cavalry, Oregon Volunteers; William C. McKay, M.D., and Robert Biddle. In 1870 the Klamath Tribes Treaty of 1864 was ratified and proclaimed by the U.S. Senate and President Grant of the United States of America.

are vital for sustaining the ecological balance and the Tribes' traditional practices. This connection highlights the need to form broader environmental alliances to address not only historical injustices but also contemporary crises.

The Klamath Tribes contin-

ue to wait for the return of their land and the full fulfillment of federal commitments made over 160 years ago. Meanwhile, the Tribes remain steadfast in their stewardship of their treaty protected resources and the well-being of future generations.

As we recognize this anni-

versary, we honor the enduring strength of the Klamath Tribes and renew the call for the United States to fulfill its obligations. The annual remembrance of the 1864 treaty is not just a historical reflection—it is a reminder that justice delayed is justice denied.

Guardians of the C'waam: Rowena Jackson's Artistry and Advocacy for the PIM Headquarters

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

On September 7th, Depave, a group that, “transforms paved places into community green-spaces” and Portland Indigenous Marketplace (PIM), a nonprofit that, “supports Indigenous artists and entrepreneurs by providing barrier-free, culturally respectful spaces that encourage cultural resilience and economic sustainability by promoting public education through cultural arts” unveiled their design for the PIM headquarters at 737 SE Sandy Blvd in Portland, Oregon. Klamath Tribes member, Rowena Jackson, was among the artists collaborating on the project and was honored as a visionary and community celebrity at the “The Photobooth For The Future” fundraising event,

where the design was unveiled.

The design submitted by Jackson features the c'waam, the scientific name *Deltistes luxatus*, an endangered fish found only within the Upper Klamath Basin and a federally recognized Endangered species. These fish hold great cultural significance to the Klamath Tribes, are a vital part of the ecosystem, and were once a key part of the Klamath Tribes' diet. When discussing the design, Jackson said, “It all stems from the prayer.” Jackson says of being called on for projects, “I made an agreement with our fish,” after describing waking up at 3 am and designing the fish, writing a poem, and attending a rally to protect the c'waam and koptu. Jackson said, “It's not me, I'm just a messenger—an advocate for our fish relatives.” Jackson wanted people to see the

c'waam and koptu as beautiful.

According to a post by Portland Indigenous Marketplace, the selected designs “honor not only Native artists but together the vision honors the Native and Natural history of the site.”

Jackson will be in talks with architects and the design firm to incorporate the Klamath language and the c'waam creation story into the design. Jackson shared hopes for what the design may accomplish: “What I really want out of this is a solution.” Jackson hopes the pieces will be educational about the dire situation of the Klamath Tribes' treaty-protected resources. Jackson said of the work, “As long as I keep going, our fish are still here,” and encouraged others, saying, “Believe in your prayers—believe in yourself.”



Taken at a fundraiser for Portland Indigenous Marketplace Sep 7th, 2025 “Photobooth for the Future” where Rowena was one of the “Community Celebrities.” (Photo by Eben Waggoner)



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- Alcohol/drug addiction
- PTSD

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Celebrating Klamath Tribes' Excellence: Honoring Outstanding Achievements and Leadership

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

Vice-Chairman Marvin Garcia received the Estella Namahoe Child Welfare Naat'aanii Award, an honor recognizing outstanding leadership in child welfare, during the 2025 Tribal/State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Conference. The Estella Namahoe Naat'aanii Award honors Oregon Department of Human Services staff, Tribal partners and rural and urban Tribal communities in the Social Services field who exemplify: Holding self and others accountable to the spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act and Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act, Commitment and dedication to intentionally and meaningfully engage with Tribe(s), Tribal Communities, Tribal children, and families, Actively demonstrates and models Active Efforts and its intricacies, Committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion where Tribal voices are centered, and Respecting and honoring Tribal Sovereignty. Garcia noted that he "had highly efficient staff and others that were dedicated and knowledgeable of child welfare issues that were instrumental in me receiving this honorable award."

An excerpt about the award notes:

Marvin Garcia embodies the spirit and dedication of

Estella Namahoe, showing a strong commitment to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). This includes the core values of cultural Preservation and family reunification for Native children and families. Mr. Garcia's worked as the previous Director of The Klamath Tribes Social Service's Dept. for over 18 years and has significantly impacted not only the lives of Klamath Tribes children but the lives of Native children and families in the State of Oregon. Currently serving The Klamath Tribes as Vice-Chairman Garcia, he continues to consistently prioritize cultural connections, actively working to place children within their families, tribes, or Native led homes whenever possible, as the ICWP-p.s.la cement preferences requires. One co-worker wrote: "During my tenure in social services, I had the privilege of collaborating with Vice Chairman Garcia on numerous projects including the "Meth Project" in 2010, where we played a pivotal role in recruiting, researching an identifying generation trauma that led to substance abuse, specifically meth. His dedication to providing in home therapy and researching genealogy to understand impacts of trauma on families and community was truly inspiring. Vice Chairman Garcia's unwavering commitment to our tribal families insured ICWA compliance and gave our tribe's a voice in implementing necessary changes.



Tribal Council members join Vice-Chair Garcia as he receives a blanket honoring his achievement. (Taylor Tupper, Klamath Tribes Health and Family Services)

Mr. Garcia consistently ensured social services provided activities and support to the tribal families and community, especially children. He generously sponsored events like the youth rodeo, powwow, Foster parent event for many years. To many of us, Vice Chairman Garcia is affectionately known as Uncle Marv, a treasure trove of knowledge who selflessly shares his wisdom with those who seek it. Years of service has left an indelible positive impact on our community. Uncle Marv's numerous accomplishments are testament to his unwavering dedication to the tribe and its people, inspiring a brighter future for all. -He is my favorite teacher."

Beyond standard policy, Vice Chairman Marvin Garcia con-



Photo of Garcia receiving the award taken from the Oregon Department of Human Services Facebook page.

tinually provides "active efforts" required by ICWA, by going above and beyond to provide culturally appropriate services and resources, always working to prevent any separations of Native families. Furthermore, Vice-Chairman Garcia understands' and advocates to address the impact of historical and intergenerational trauma on Tribal people, approaching this work with respect and sensitivity. Throughout his commitment to upholding ICWA, preserving and advocating for the importance of cultural

connections, and supporting Native families, Vice-Chairman Garcia has made a lasting impact within the Oregon State community. Marvin continues to serve as an inspiration, reminding others to "do better, be better, and stand up for those we serve," echoing the legacy of Estella Namahoe. The nomination for Marvin Garcia for the Estella Namahoe Naat'aanii Award is recommended. The nominee's contributions will strengthen tribal sovereignty and promote the well-being of Native children and families.



Arabella McNair took first at the Powerlifting United National Championships held in New Jersey.

She set national records in squat, deadlift, and total. She is also the first-ever Brixner Powerlifting athlete to compete and place first at a national championship. She's also a straight-A student, and on the Principal's List!

Do you know a Klamath Tribes member who deserves to be recognized for their achievements? Let us know! Email the Public Relations department at courtney.neubauer@klamathtribes.com

At the Brink: Protect the McDermitt Caldera

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

A fragile ecosystem, sacred to tribal nations, now stands at the brink—facing an uncertain permitting process that could soon give way to industrial extraction. On October 27, the Protect McDermitt Caldera Coalition, a network of dedicated organizations including Great Basin Resource Watch, People of Red Mountain, Oregon Natural Desert Association, Earthworks, and Western Shoshone Defense Project, convened at the Chiloquin Community Center for an evening of education and community engagement. All together, the meeting was a productive sharing of resources, and an opportunity to find a connection for those interested in opposing the extractive multi-national projects in the region.

One of these projects threatening the McDermitt Caldera is Jindalee Resources, an Australian mineral exploration company. This company has claims spanning 9,050 acres on both sides of McDermitt Creek. Jindalee is currently conducting exploratory drilling to determine the extent and concentration of the lithium

deposits. Jindalee was also added to the “FAST-41” program, initially created under the Biden administration. Information is still sparse about how this new permitting process will operate. The coalition anticipates potential cuts to environmental reviews and community comment periods.

According to a publication by the group, “In March, the

out to Oregon groups and tribes to better inform the public and help prepare them to engage in the state permitting process.

More information is available at: <https://linktr.ee/ProtectMcDermittCaldera>

The proposed mine would be built within traditional lands of the Burns Paiute Tribe, Fort McDermitt Paiute and Shoshone Tribes, the Shoshone-Paiute

also strongly correlated with increased rates of gender-based violence, including human trafficking, sexual harassment and violence, kidnapping, and murder, including the epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP).

According to the Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), as stated on its website, the mine would harm vital

ened species that has been federally listed since the 1970s.

In March 2025, the BLM released its draft environmental assessment (EA) regarding the proposed impacts of drilling and construction. According to the August 2025 issue of the Protect McDermitt Caldera Coalition Newsletter, “For many of these issues, baseline studies to determine the presence or status of these resources were incomplete or inconclusive. Yet, BLM concluded that impacts to these resources would be ‘minimal,’ ‘negligible,’ and ‘temporary.’” The coalition claims that impacts from Jindalee’s smaller exploration project are clearly visible. This stark contrast between the incomplete studies and the BLM’s minimal impact findings illustrates a significant gap in the decision-making process. Framing this disparity as a ‘decision before data’ scenario underscores the urgent need for a more rigorous review.

The committee is actively monitoring these developments and plans to notify the local community when the final Environmental Assessment (EA) is released.

For more information, you can email ProtectMcDermittCaldera@gmail.com

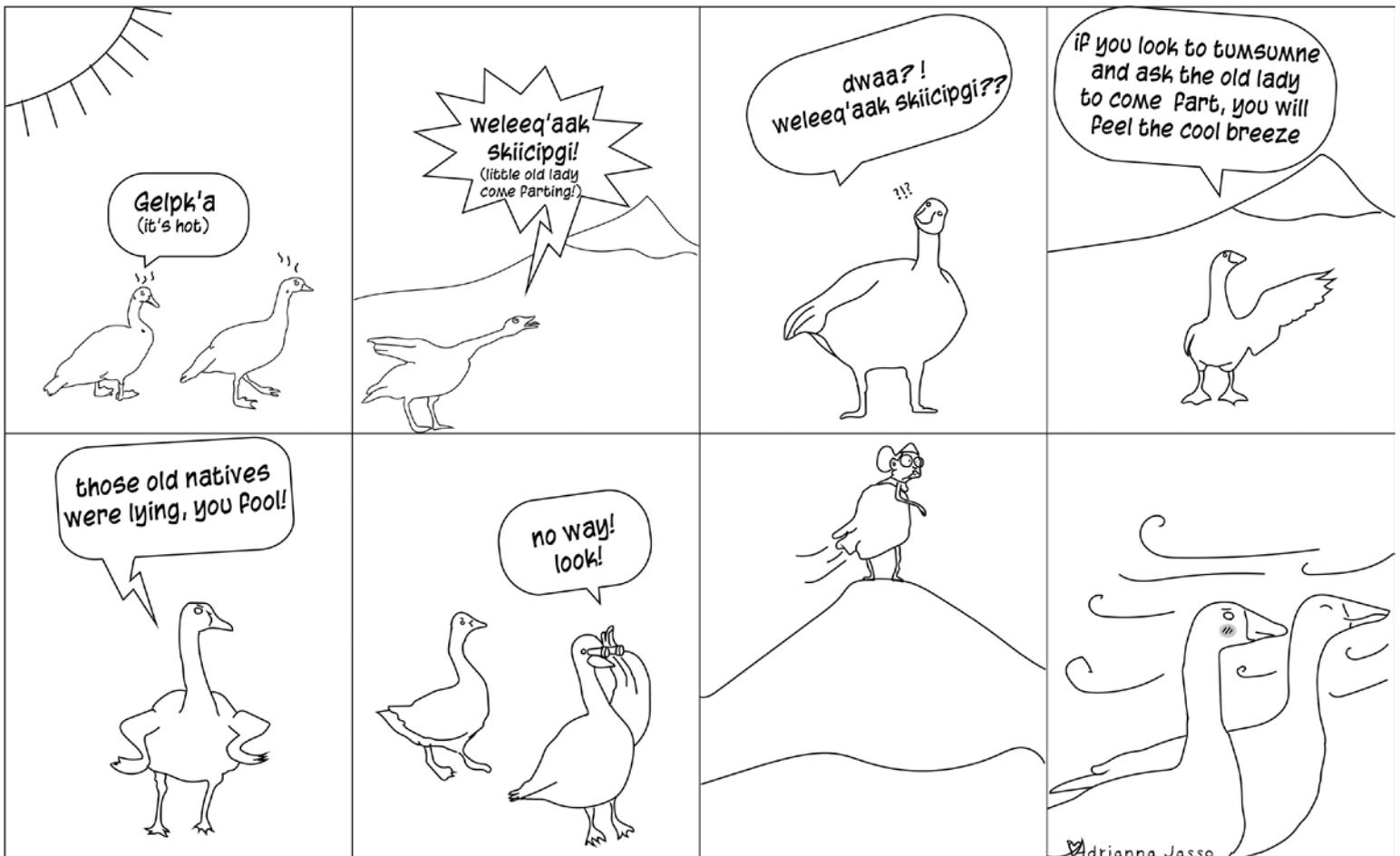


Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released its draft environmental assessment for Jindalee’s expanded exploration proposal. The public comment period was exceptionally short at just 5 days.” After individuals, organizations, and Tribal Nations publicly objected, the timeline was extended another 25 days. The coalition was able to mobilize a significant response. Now, it is reaching

Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, and other Tribes. It would impact cultural traditions and access to resources necessary for hunting and gathering. The potential disruption or destruction of these sites would severely affect the continuity of cultural practices passed down through generations.

Mining across the globe is

habitats. One is the greater sage-grouse. ONDA notes, “this entire landscape is recognized by both the state of Oregon and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as irreplaceable habitat for greater sage-grouse, among the best remaining in the West.” This area contains some of the highest sage-grouse numbers in the state. Another affected species is the Lahontan cutthroat trout, a threat-



skiy'čibgi! : /ski-čipgi!/ come farting! In: /wele-qa-k ski-čipgi!/ Little old lady come farting! If one faces toward Mount Pitt on a hot day and shouts this, a cool breeze will blow.

i seen it happen with my own eyes its true. thats the old old way

In Memoriam

Eldon "Eldo, Cowboy, Toes, Chinchilla" Ray Miller

Eldon "Eldo, Cowboy, Toes, Chinchilla" Ray Miller was born on February 14, 1960 to Lupe Agnes Unive and Elwood Horace Miller in Chiloquin, OR. He unexpectedly passed away to join his loved ones and to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on November 8, 2025.

Eldo Miller was the youngest Miller, the middle child of fifteen children from the Miller/Brown family from Lupe Brown and Elwood Miller, Wauseka Brown Sr. He lived most of his life in Chiloquin, OR, residing also in Lakeview, Klamath Falls, Oregon and Fort Bidwell, California. He had a competitive athletic spirit, participating in numerous sports and activities with his siblings, relatives and acquaintances. Eldo was known for his involvement and traveling throughout NDN country to All Indian Basketball Tournaments, Rodeos for wild horse races and bare broncs riding. He also participated in boxing matches, softball, horseshoe, and cribbage tournaments. He won numerous trophies, buckles, ribbons and accolades for his athletic abilities. He enjoyed being out in the woods, hunting, gambling, and visiting with everyone that he came across. He worked as a ranch hand, sawmill laborer and a wild land firefighter. He was a proud NDN cowboy, loving his Klamath homelands and enjoying a very simple, humble life. Eldo was a well loved father to his 9 children, keeping an open home "NDN Camp," and being available whenever needed to support his children as he could.

As his family grew, he was a loving grandfather to his fourteen grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Lupe Brown, father's Elwood Miller, Wauseka Brown Sr., brothers (Cisco, Dino, Louie Miller, Waukeen Brown), sisters (Georgie, Latonne, Videll Miller, Cecelia Wilder, Louisa Brown), sons (Eldon Miller Jr. and Charles Kirk/Miller). Many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He is survived by his loving family: Siblings, Tianna (Chief) Sanchez, Wauseka Brown Jr., Renee (Creighton) Jackson, Poco Forrest, Belinda (Marko) Bey, and Carlaann Parker. Children, Lalo (Sonia), Sarah, LeAnndra (Jesse) Miller, Joseph Huitt, Eric Kirk, Delayna, Berthea Townsend and fourteen grandchildren. He loved everybody. His loving kindness will continue to be shared by those he loved and held dear.



In Memoriam

Delmar Stephen Jackson "BAR J"



Delmar Stephen Jackson "BAR J" was born June 10 1951 to Nick Rossi & Alice Jackson in Chiloquin Oregon. Passed over September 26, 2025 in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Bar J attended school in Chiloquin, upon graduation he left to further his education at the University of Oregon. While attending UofO he met & Married Louella Squiemphen and they welcomed 2 daughters Shawna Jackson & Barbie Jackson Shields. Later in life he met & married his 2nd wife Diane Henthorne welcoming Ronna Jackson & Delmar Jackson making their lifelong home in Chiloquin Oregon. Bar J gave his life to Jesus and dedicated his time traveling for Jesus sharing the word across Indian Country. Bar J's many accomplishments

include being an avid hunter and provider for his family. His artistic talents prevalent in his many drawings. Bar J also completed a term as Mayor of the city of Chiloquin. His love for his family a proven testament in all that he did for his children and grandchildren.

Bar J is survived by daughters Shawna Jackson, Ronna Jackson (Son in law Dustin Wheeler) Sons Delmar W Jackson and Monnie Weeks. Brother Jonathan ((Bucky" Jackson. Sisters Harlene ((Heidi" Kimbol and Nadene Foster. Grandchildren; Teola Tom, Le Ron Tom, Cleve Tom, Vina ((MooMoo star" Tom, Kaylee Jackson- Wheeler, Winston Jackson-Wheeler, Stephaughn Jackson, Pierre McCloud, Tacori Shields, Ashah Shields, Dalonnie Wilson, Daniel Hutchinson, Montell weeks, Steven weeks. Great grandchildren; Cooper Tom, Brady Tom, Bentley Tom, Elerie Tom, Liam Hernandez & Landon Hill. Numerous nieces & nephews, and extended family and friends.

Preceded in death by parents Alice J. Wright & Nick Rossi. Brother Dowd Jackson. Sisters; Elaine 'Mokey' Kennedy, Marilyn 'Fudgee' Jackson, and Laverne 'Chubby' Woods. Children; Barbie Jackson Shields & Moone Weeks.

KLAMATH TRIBAL ELDER NEWSLETTER

November-December 2025



Elder Outreach Worker:

Guy Kasper (541) 783-2219 EXT. 178 for any questions and RSVP

Sign Up's

2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Elder's Shopping Day, 60+

Stops include:

- Walmart,
- Thunderbird,
- & lunch (bring lunch money!)

EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY:

Elder's Meal Site for 60+

Location: Irwin Weiser Community Center, 24199 Godowa Springs Rd. Beatty OR

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY:

Elder's Meal Site for 60+

Location: Pe' Peep' Aak, The Congregate, 502 Charley Ave. Chiloquin OR,

***LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE ON TUES. & FRI. ***

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

Elder's Luncheon

sponsored by Tayas Yawks, 3206 Onyx Ave. Klamath Falls OR, AKA Miller Anderson Church

***LIMITED TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE ***

Klamath Tribes Health and Family Services Annual Klamath Tribal Elders Health Fair

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

On Friday, October 3, Klamath Tribes Health and Family Services (KTHFS) proudly hosted its Annual Klamath Tribal Elders Health Fair, creating a welcoming space for elders to receive valuable resources, updates, and to share their insights. Under the thoughtful leadership of Aletha Barlow, the event empowered elders to access important information and gave staff the chance to listen directly to their needs and concerns. As Rachel Vaca shared, "Anything we can do to make the clinic better." A highlight of the fair was

the presence of Paula Quinn, KTHFS Opioid Health Education Coordinator, who brought Narcan—commonly known as Narcan—to educate attendees about this life-saving medication. Paula's thoughtful approach helped destigmatize Narcan's use and emphasized its critical role in reversing opioid overdoses. She reminded the audience of the importance of seeking emergency assistance after Narcan is administered and shared helpful advice on communicating effectively with emergency responders. The Dental Health Clinic gave an engaging presentation, which attendee Cheryl Parrish noted was "very good." The



Health fair attendee Dalene McNair proudly shows a winning Bingo card to Aislyn Ukpik, Diabetes Program Coordinator. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

DECEMBER 2 GIVING TUESDAY MAKE AN IMPACT ON HUNGER

This #GivingTuesday – December 2 – you have an opportunity to contribute to KCC's Student Food Pantry. Help us stock the shelves and make sure no student goes hungry.

THREE WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Donate Here: <https://bit.ly/4p3FayA>
2. Bring food items to the Student Life Center in Building 4 on campus
3. Scan the QR code (right) on your phone



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slideshow provided important information, including preventive measures. Presenter Allison Wood from the dental clinic noted, "Life's a lot more fun eating whatever you want," as an encouragement to follow preventative measures. The day concluded with a delicious catered meal and lively games of bingo, during which attendees had the opportunity to win prizes such as warm socks, heated blankets, and gift baskets.

Following the event, Briston Gilman, YFGC Prevention Supervisor, expressed heartfelt appreciation, saying, "We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the departments and staff who contributed their time and effort to make the Elders Retreat a success. Your support and dedication helped ensure the event ran smoothly and was a meaningful experience for our elders."



Health Fair Attendees listen to a presentation about Dental Care. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)



The Klamath Tribes Elder Meal Site Menu

Chiloquin: Wednesday – Friday | Beatty: Tuesday – Thursday

If you are unable to receive a meal call Colin at 541-363-6917

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| Monday Kitchen Prep 18 | Tuesday Roast Turkey & Gravy Stuffing Vegetable Fruit / Dessert 18 | Wednesday Cooks Choice 19 | Thursday Egg Salad Sandwich Soup Fruit Dessert 20 | Friday Roast Turkey & Gravy Stuffing Vegetable Fruit / Dessert 21 |
| Monday Kitchen Prep 24 | Tuesday Pineapple and Chicken Stir fry Fruit Dessert 25 | Wednesday Sausage and Pepper Pasta Vegetable Fruit/Dessert 26 | Thursday Closed For Thanksgiving 27 | Friday Closed For Thanksgiving 28 |

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| Monday Kitchen Prep 8 | Tuesday Shepherd's Pie Vegetable Fruit Dessert 9 | Wednesday Pineapple Chicken Fried rice Vegetable Fruit/Dessert 10 | Thursday Chicken Enchiladas Rice Vegetable Fruit / Dessert 11 | Friday Salisbury Steaks Potatoes Vegetable Fruit/Dessert 12 |
| Monday If you are not able to receive a meal, please call Colin @541-363-6917 15 | Tuesday Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Veggies Fruit/Dessert 16 | Wednesday Tamale Pie Vegetable Fruit Dessert 17 | Thursday Santa Fe Chicken Rice Vegetable Fruit/Dessert 18 | Friday Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Veggies Fruit/Dessert 19 |
| Monday Kitchen Prep 22 | Tuesday Cooks Choice 23 | Wednesday Closed Christmas 24 | Thursday Closed Christmas 25 | Friday Chicken and Dumplings Vegetable Fruit/Dessert 26 |
| Monday Kitchen Prep 29 | Tuesday Pork Loin Roasted Potatoes Vegetable Fruit Dessert 30 | Wednesday Ham and Beans Vegetables Corn Bread Fruit Dessert 31 | Thursday  | Friday  |

On the Move for Elders: Klamath Tribes Unveil Elder Justice Grant Project

By Courtney Neubauer
Klamath Tribes News

On Friday, October 17, the Klamath Tribes Community Services Department launched a new initiative to combat elder abuse and raise awareness, unveiling an SUV and trailer wrapped with designs highlighting Elder Justice and the importance of reporting elder abuse.

The Klamath Tribes were awarded the Elders Justice Grant through the Oregon Department of Human Services Office of Aging and People with Disabilities. Community Service Director Joe Mike highlighted challenges faced with the grant, particularly indirect costs, and he explained how the department responded by developing innovative, sustainable programs with long-term impacts. With these funds, the Community Services department purchased a large SUV and a 12-foot enclosed trailer to serve as a mobile billboard, promoting elder abuse prevention and awareness.

The trailer is now parked at the Klamath Tribes Administration building serving as a powerful message in support of Elders. This also marks an investment in updating the vehicle fleet. Mike explained that it's time to invest in equipment that reflects the quality of service the community deserves. The trailer can help elders who need to quickly and safely relocate due to abuse situations, as well as serve their everyday needs. At nearly twice the size of the previous trailer, attendee

Frances Yazzie observed, "it's probably going to help many elders who don't have vehicles."

The need to address Elder Abuse is poignant. Klamath Tribes Vice-Chair Marvin Garcia addressed the group during the unveiling, saying, "Every year, 5 million older Americans suffer abuse. That's one in ten. And in most cases, almost 80 percent, go unreported." He urged the crowd, "We must speak up. We must report abuse," he went on, "Let us be the generation that ends elder abuse in our communities."

To respectfully address elder abuse, Community Service Director Joe Mike emphasized the importance of including Tribal Elders. Events were held to gather feedback from elders in Beatty and Chiloquin on the mobile billboard's design and goals. Jade Souza of Subbed In, the designer, said, "We brought their vision out—I think overall we captured the message." Mike thanked the elders: "Your guidance made this possible, and your wisdom continues to lead us forward." Special gifts were distributed, and the Wocas Boys sang a Traditional Honor Song for the elders.

The design features a purple ribbon for Elder Abuse Awareness, the hotline number, and three distinct panels representing each of the three Tribes within the Klamath Tribes. Landscapes depicted include giipas or Crater Lake, the Stronghold, Grandmas Butte, Saddle Mountain, and the Klamath Marsh. Dalene McNair said of the design, "I am just so glad we had Subbed



Joe Mike and the Wocas Boys pose in front of the SUV with the number to report elder abuse—1-855-503-SAFE. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)



One side of the trailer where you can see wocas, the Klamath Tribes logo, and the purple ribbon. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

In to do the wrap—how they incorporated the important spots means a lot to me."

To report elder abuse call: 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)

Other individuals honored include Hannah Ruiz, the purchasing specialist whose coordination made the purchases

possible; Jade and Garrett Souza of Subbed In for their design work; and Verdella Wright, former Housing and Elders Liaison. Mike said of Wright, "There's hardly anything I've accomplished here that doesn't carry Verdella's input or support." Mike, the Com-

munity Services Department, and the many staff members who made this event possible brought a difficult conversation to light in a good way. Attendee Cheryl Kennedy said of the event, "It's nice to have something like this for elders, it means we're not forgotten."



A group photo featuring Tribal Council, Elders involved in the design, and supporters. (Courtney Neubauer, Klamath Tribes News)

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December 5th, 11:00am-3:00pm

Klamath Tribes Community*
Bingo Fitness Center
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Other Games **Ugly Sweater Contest**
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Please RSVP to Guy Kasper (541) 783-2219 ext. 178

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Christmas Bazaar

Date: Sunday, December 7, 2025

Location: Klamath Tribes Fitness Center
Chiloquin, OR

Time: 10:00 am—5:00 pm

All vendors are welcome.
Arts/crafts, baked goods, gifts and more!

Interested vendors contact: Kathy Rich at 541-891-2420.

Vendor Fee: \$25.00

Vendor Setup Time: 8:30—10:00 am

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