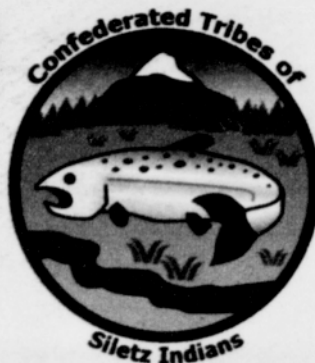


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Sammy Hall Jr. (left photo), former Gov. Victor Atiyeh, Aggie Pilgrim and Keith Taylor (right photo) enjoy the Siletz Tribal Restoration Pow-Wow at Chinook Winds Casino Resort. See more photos on pages 13-18.

## Restoration events include tribute to Hatfield for help in pursuing cause

**Atiyeh, Tribal veterans and the Dancing Again film highlight day of remembrance**

By Diane Rodriguez

Several hundred Tribal members, guests and friends gathered at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on Nov. 19 to celebrate the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Restoration Celebration.

During the event, Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley paid tribute to Mark Hatfield, the former Oregon senator who passed away in August.

"Not only did he talk about restoration, he did something about Tribal restoration for all the Oregon Tribes. He also at the same time has done many wonderful things for Oregon and we are a part of all

of those things," said Pigsley, citing the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Ore., and the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Ore. "But he was our hero for Restoration."

She said Hatfield met with the Tribal members who were working on restoring the Tribe in 1972, right after the Menominees were restored. He encouraged them to pursue it and to come up with a written bill. He initially introduced the bill in the Senate in 1975. That bill died, but then was re-introduced and passed by both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

"Through Sen. Hatfield's actions, we did have a restoration act on Nov. 18, 1977. In that act, it called for a reservation plan that the Tribe was given one year to determine how we would identify land

See Restoration on page 14.

## Work continues to preserve, enhance heritage of Chetco Indian people

**"There is a pressing need to preserve this site with the intent it is not lost to progress," said Crookes**

By Natasha Kavanaugh

In 2009, a group of Chetco Indian descendants established the Chetco Historical Memorial Committee, which is a 501(c)(3) organization.

The group has secured a nearly one-half acre plot of land dedicated in perpetuity to the memorial. This donated property sits directly atop the remains of a Chetco Indian village site near the mouth of the Chetco River. It's a property of historic significance to the American Indian community. Oregon residents value the places

that reflect their community's history and preserving this site does just that.

This memorial will serve as a legacy of cultural, educational, recreational, aesthetic, economic, social and environmental benefits. It will create a renewed sense of awareness of the history of the Brookings-Harbor area.

Lynda Timeus, Adrienne Crookes and Karen Crump, descendants of the Chetco Tribe and Siletz Tribal members, are the driving force behind the Chetco Memorial Committee.

"Our goal is to construct an historical marker to commemorate the history of the Chetco Indian people. We strive to tell of their journey through time, how they lived as one with nature and how they adapted to the ever-changing world,"

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