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Participants gather at the end of Run to the Rogue near the Illinois River in southwest Oregon. See more photos from the event on pages 9-20.

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Ground cleared, base installed for Chetco Memorial during busy summer

'One of the goals of this memorial is to tell the story of the Chetco people and celebrate the survival of their customs and cultures'

By Diane Rodriguez

Efforts to preserve the heritage of the Chetco Indian people through the Chetco Historical Memorial Project are progressing with the clearing of the site this summer and the installation of the concrete base 40 feet in diameter that includes a depiction of the Chetco River.

The memorial sits directly atop the remains of a Chetco Indian village site on a half-acre of land at the Port of Brookings-Harbor, Ore., near the spot where the Chetco River enters the Pacific Ocean. This land was contributed by the port for this project.

The center of the memorial will include a six-foot bronze likeness of Lucy Dick, the last full-blooded Chetco Indian to live in the Brookings-Harbor area. The Chetco Indian people are the earliest known inhabitants of the Chetco River Valley.

Dick saw many changes in her lifetime, from being born into a relatively isolated culture to seeing the first white settler, being removed to the Coast Reservation and living long enough to return to her homeland, where she was laid to rest in 1940.

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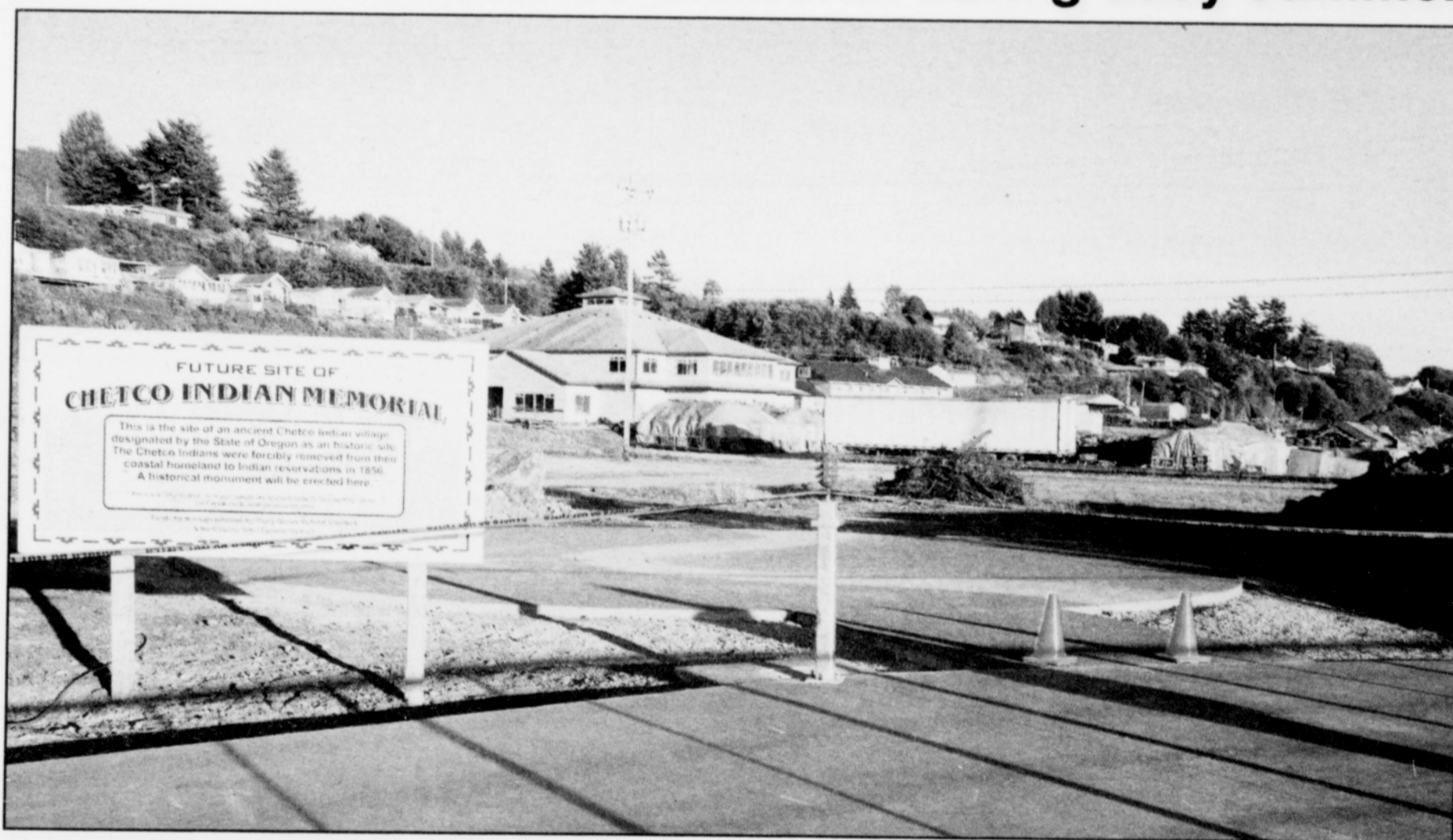


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The Chetco Indian Memorial starts to take shape at the Port of Brookings-Harbor on the southwest Oregon coast.

celebrate the survival of their customs and cultures. The history of the Chetco people holds great meaning for the descendants of the original inhabitants of the Brookings-Harbor area. This memorial is being erected in memory of those ancestors," said Lynda Timeus, president of the memorial project. "The Chetco Historical Memorial Committee and loyal

supporters want to help the community understand who lived here so they can provide good stewardship and treat this area with respect."

A. Vincen "Rusty" Talbot is creating the bronze statue of Lucy Dick and she and Valley Bronze will collaborate to enlarge, bronze and install the completed statue on the site. Talbot already has cre-

ated a macquette, a preliminary statue made from clay, from which the final piece will be developed.

The memorial also will include a large boulder from the Mt. Emily area, where the Chetco people held their vision quest ceremonies, and indigenous plants. Visi-

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