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## A 'witness' to history

*Chachalu exhibit tells the tale of Tomanowos*

By Danielle Frost  
*Smoke Signals staff writer*

The Tribe's new exhibit "Witness" seeks to explain why the sacred meteorite Tomanowos is a part of everyone's history.

It explores the multi-faceted past of Tomanowos, also known as the Willamette Meteorite, from its galactic origins to its relocation to the American Museum of Natural History in New York City to its effect on the Tribe's cultural identity.

"We wanted the opportunity to share who Tomanowos is to us, and as a witness to all of our history," Cultural Center Specialist Rachelle Kellogg said. "Tomanowos was a witness to the creation of this area."

Cultural Resources staff members who designed the exhibit and featured artist Garrick Imatani joined community members, employees and Tribal members for the grand opening on Friday, July 12. Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George attended.

"This is a multi-faceted approach to Tomanowos," Tribal Interpretive Coordinator Travis Stewart said. "We start with the historical context and get people started thinking about it as something important as it holds the story to all of us."

"Witness" will be on display through September 2019. Stewart, Interpretive Graphic Specialist Teal Reibach and other Cultural Resources staff have been working

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**Tribal member Brian Krehbiel speaks before asking permission to land during the Paddle to Lummi at the Lummi Nation in Bellingham, Wash., on Wednesday, July 24. Doug Barrett, Tribal Council member of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, and Redsky Clawson, 10, joined Krehbiel in bringing the canoe to shore. The event celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Paddle to Seattle, which was first held in 1989. That year, the state and indigenous governments signed the Centennial Accord, recognizing indigenous sovereignty. For more coverage of the Paddle to Lummi, see the Aug. 15 edition of *Smoke Signals*.**

## Lummi landing



**Tribal youth Redsky Clawson, 10, is carried to shore by Doug Barrett, Tribal Council member of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, from the second Grand Ronde canoe during the Paddle to Lummi at the Lummi Nation in Bellingham, Wash., on Wednesday, July 24.**

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## Veterans Powwow inaugurates artificial turf

By Dean Rhodes  
*Smoke Signals editor*

The new synthetic turf at úyxat Powwow Grounds received overwhelmingly positive reviews from participants at the 27th annual Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held Friday, July 12, through Sunday, July 14.

The three-day powwow was the first held since the spring installation of 8,800 square feet of

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synthetic turf to prevent powwow dancers from spraining their ankles like they did on the previously uneven sod.

"I love it," said 47-year-old Ian Gallagher

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**Dancers make their way across the new artificial surface during Grand Entry on the second day of the Marcellus Norwest Memorial Veterans Powwow held at úyxat Powwow Grounds on Saturday, July 13.**