As many are aware, the Final Draft of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) has been available for tribal review on our website at: www.klamathtribes.org since October 9, 2009. At this time the Klamath Tribes are awaiting the final draft of the KBRA (Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement) which is anticipated to be finalized soon. Once the final draft is complete, it too will be placed on the tribal website for membership review.

Tribal Council and the Settlement Information Team have been working in accordance with the public review process that was voted on by the Tribal membership on August 29, 2009, to move forward with a referendum vote regarding these two very important documents. As per the approved process, following the posting of both documents (the KHSA and the KBRA) the Klamath Tribes will be mailing out the referendum-voting package to all eligible Klamath Tribal members (18 and over) who have addresses listed with the Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department.

**Attention Klamath Tribal Members!**

**Referendum Vote Coming Soon!**

In Summary:

*The Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement is currently available for review on-line at: www.klamathtribes.org

*We are currently awaiting final draft of the second document known as the KBRA. The final draft of the KBRA will then will be placed on-line for membership review prior to referendum vote.

*To ensure that you receive a ballot, please make sure your current address is updated with Member Benefits Dept.

For Settlement Agreement Information contact the Negotiating Team at:

(541) 891-5971 or (541) 783-3081

For Address Update contact Member Benefits at:

(541) 783-2219 ext. 195 ext. 150 or ext. 203

*Dam Removal   *Salmon Return

*Land Return   *River Restoration

*Economic Development Opportunity

*Habitat Restoration  *A Time for Change
The voting process printed below was approved by Klamath General Council on August 29, 2009, in Chiloquin, Oregon.

**Klamath Tribal Council's Proposed Public Review and Voting Process for the Klamath Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA) and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA)...**

*Final versions of each agreement will be released by the negotiating Parties for review by Tribal members as soon as negotiations on the few remaining issues are completed. This is expected, but not guaranteed, to be in September or October.*

*Tribal Council expects that the KHSA will be the first agreement released for review, followed by the KBRA within a few weeks.*

*Each agreement will immediately be made available for review by Tribal members*

- On the Klamath Tribes Website: www.klamathtribes.org
- By making copies available at the request of tribal members

*Tribal Council recommends that one or more call-in forums be established (if funding is available to support such forums) so that Tribal members can get their questions answered.*

*Tribal Council proposes that a mail-out ballot voting process be used to ensure that all Tribal members have a voice in deciding whether to sign on to these settlement agreements.*

*Tribal Council proposes that the mail-out ballot process should begin no earlier than 15 days following the release of the last agreement to be released, which we expect will be the KBRA.*
NOTICE FROM
Member Benefits Department

This is public notification as required by The Klamath Tribes Revenue Allocation Plan Section 50.14 (k), listing the names of all eligible person who have not picked up their per capita checks and for whom the Klamath Tribes have no valid mailing address.

2008 Returned Checks
Beard, Amanda Lynette
Cook, Brandon James
Foster Jr., Ronnie Lee
Holden, Jennifer Jo

2009 Returned Checks
Barney, Theodore L.
Beard, Amanda Lynette
Cook, Brandon James
Dumore, Daniel Duane
Dupont, Sharlene Lee
Foster Jr., Ronnie Lee
Holden, Jennifer Jo
Heglund, Elmer Lee
Heglund, Inez Irene
Herrick II, Leslie Ray
Hill, Gerald Leroy
Hill, Shana Mackenzie
Holden, Jennifer Jo
Huitt, Buck A
Huitt, Jodi Lyn
Rangsinth, Bonnie Louise
Saunders, Crystal Lynn
Terminello, Bertina Wihamina
Vigil, Johnathan David
Weekly, Kelley Lea
Weeks, Bryon James Garcia

Unclaimed Deceased Benefits
Barnett, Jackie M.
Charles, Patricia A.
Dumore, Dayton Duane
Donahue, Arlan Wayne
Foster, Vernie Ray
Freeman, Irene
Herrera, Dominic
Jackson, Ralph Seth
Lang, Delford Keith
Minthorn, Geraldine H.

Please call for or come in to pickup your unclaimed check. If you come in person, please bring proper identification. Please request and complete an Address Update form. One form per each enrolled individual (adults and minors) is required. Address change deadline is May 15, 2010 in order to receive your 2010 per capita check without delay. Please present legal appointment of Legal Representation to claim deceased benefits.

For more information please come into the Klamath Tribes Administration Office at 501 Chiloquin Blvd., Chiloquin, OR 97624, or call the Member Benefits department at (541) 783-2219 and ask for Mary Gentry at ext 195, or Jeannie McNair at ext 203.

Financial Education for our Native Youth

Our goal is to Encourage our Native youth to be able to demonstrate strong financial management skills.

WHAT:
Member Benefits Department in Conjunction with Merrill Lynch Is hosting a Financial Education Class

WHEN: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

WHERE: Chiloquin Community Center in Chiloquin, Oregon

TIME: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

WHO: Klamath Tribal Minors 5 yrs old to 18 years old

Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by parent or guardian. All parents are invited to attend.

Drawing will be held for six (6) $25.00 Wal-Mart Gift cards- you MUST be present to win.

Refreshments of cookies and juice will be provided.

Call Mary Gentry or Jeannie McNair at 541-783-2219 for more information
Klamath Tribal Court’s Correctional Facility Planning Project
Public Meeting Held
Sept. 23, 2009, 5:30 p.m.

The Public Meeting was held at the Chiloquin Community Center on Wednesday night. The purpose for the meeting was for sharing information about the planning grant and preliminary data on the community members prospective for the need and desire of a Justice Facility. Klamath Tribal Court’s Administrator, Diana Lang and Project Manager, Julie Ann Godwin organized the meeting. It was a small turnout but it had a good mix of Tribal and non-Tribal attendees with some important leadership support in the Tribal community for the project.

Chairman Joe Kirk, endorsed the project as important to the Tribe and he introduced the meeting. He shared statistics he recently received, which provided further evidence of the disproportionate reporting of Tribal members in the State Justice system.

A Tribal member, Ernestine ‘Sunflower’ Ortis was asked by the Chairman to give the innovation. She asked for blessing to the Tribes for guidance and wisdom over the project and the decisions that were to be made.

Julie Ann Godwin, Tribal Court Project Manager presented information about the Department of Justice planning grant for the Justice facility.

The three phases of the planning project were explained to be: One, a community assessment will be conducted by interviews, survey and data collection about Tribal offenders to help the Tribes decide if there is a need and desire for a tribal Justice Facility. Two, a study for the economic feasibility will be used to analyze the cost and benefit socially and economically, to show how such a facility would be operated and maintained. And, the data gathered by these first to studies would give answers to the type, size and functionality of a facility and will be drawn by a contracted Architectural Engineer for a Trust land site specific design. After the three segments of the planning project a comprehensive report, the “Comprehensive Master Planning Project Report”, will be written and given to the Tribes to base a informed decision about applying for further funding to development and implementation of such a facility. Julie concluded her presentation that, this grant has opened up an opportunity for the Tribes to make a decision about providing programs and services to address those issues with Tribal offenders within the community.

Perry Chocktoot, Director of the Culture and Heritage Department and Tribal Council member also, was present. He shared some words about the importance of bringing Klamath Tribes traditions and culture back to the Tribal youth, then included that it is important for the Tribes to operate on their own and care for their families.

A Klamath Tribal member spoke about the importance of good influence and teaching to the youth about the destruction of drugs and alcohol to themselves and their families. A success story was shared about how one can clean up their lives and make the difference in not only their children lives but, to generations to come, by breaking the addictive dependence cycle. She emphasized that with encouragement and guidance from others and that this cycle can be broken. She accepted the offer to become a spokesperson for the project.

Planning team members, Mary Sutherland, Klamath Tribes Health and Family Services counselor, who works with Adult Tribal members who are offenders in the justice system of Klamath County and Tribal member Camille Cole, Klamath Tribes Social Services Domestic Violence Manager listened as Chief Judge Deborah DuBray, spoke about the importance of Tribal Court development for the Tribes members.

A community member had a few words to share about discipline that is needed for local youth and the bad influences of those adults that impress the young with glorified drinking. He added that he has been treated with niceness in the community overall and knows that the Tribal members that live here in Chiloquin are good people. But, he is disturbed by seeing groups of adults getting drunk in public and seemingly showing the children that it is normal in Chiloquin’s Tribal society to behave this way. His opinion was that if they need to get drunk they should do it in the privacy away from the youth.

Tribal Courts contractor and Researcher Consultant, Frank Mondeaux, gave a power-point presentation of the preliminary community assessment data collected so far. His analysis of the data showed that the majority of survey participants were Tribal members and that there was strong indication that the community favored having a facility that served Juveniles only. Tribal members from Klamath Tribes and other Tribes, the type of Justice Facility with rehabilitative programmatic programs and services. The survey was passed out to those that attended. The final community assessment report will be submitted at the end of September. Frank will be working on the feasibility study next and it will be completed by January 2010. The grant deadline is in March of 2010 and at that time the Tribes will have the comprehensive master plan report to base their decision on to move forward or not.

For more information contact Julie Ann Godwin or the Klamath Tribal Court offices at: (541) 783-3020
**THE DOCKET**

**TRIBAL COURT BASICS**

By Deborah DuBray, Chief Judge

What is a tribal justice system?
The term “tribal court”, “tribal court system”, “tribal justice system” refers to the entire judicial branch, and its employees, of an Indian tribe. This includes traditional methods of resolving disputes, trial courts, appeals courts, inter-tribal appeals courts, and peacemaking courts.

The Indian Tribal Justice Technical and Legal Assistance Act of 2000, the Congress declared that:

1. There is a government-to-government relationship between the U.S. and Indian tribes; and
2. Indian tribes are sovereign entities and are responsible for exercising governmental authority over Indian lands.

What is tribal sovereignty?
Tribal sovereignty is the right of Indian tribes to self-govern. This includes the right to establish its form of government, to adopt laws, to establish its own court system, and to determine tribal membership.

What is the historical basis of tribal sovereignty?
Indian Nations were sovereign before European contact. Europeans countries regularly dealt with Indians as foreign nations as they entered into treaties for purposes of trade and to maintain peace. Indians are the only group of people mentioned in the U.S. Constitution and this creates the government-to-government relationship that no other group of people enjoy.

How did tribal courts begin in Indian country?
Since ancient times, Native people have been keeping the peace and administering justice in their homelands through their own laws, traditions and customs. The development of tribal courts began with a U.S. Supreme Court case in the 1800’s. The case originated on the Rosebud Sioux reservation in South Dakota when a Lakota tribal member, Crow Dog, killed another tribal member, Spotted Tail. Traditional Lakota custom required Crow Dog to provide goods and services to Spotted Tail’s family as a resolution for Spotted Tail’s killing. The federal government viewed the Lakota method for solving the Spotted Tail murder as not serious enough for the crime. As a result, the federal government set up the Court of Indian Offenses within the U.S. Department of the Interior to handle criminal offenses by applying federal law and regulations ignoring tribal tradition and custom.

In 1934, the federal government encouraged tribes to enact their own laws and establish their own justice systems. However, many tribes did not adopt their own law and order codes at that time due to various reasons, much of which was a lack of financial resources.

Today, approximately 275 Indian nations and Alaskan villages have formal court systems. Many tribal courts mirror western-style court systems where written laws and rules of court procedure are applied. However tribes are increasing the incorporation of traditional means to solve disputes through the use of peacemaking. The Klamath Tribes Judiciary is one such system that has both a western-style court and peacemaking court.

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**NOTICE SALE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES**

The Klamath Tribes Housing Department will sell to the highest bidder via sealed bid for the following vehicles:

**#1. 1999 Ford/F Series Pick up**
VIN #1FTP28L4XNB7005T (Black).
Minimum bid - $4,000.00

**#2. 1995 Ford Taurus Car VIN**
#1FALP52D56293419 (Tan)
Minimum bid - $2,000.00

Mailed, sealed bids will be accepted until 5:00pm on November 12, 2009.

The mailing address is The Klamath Tribes, Attention: Jackie Galbreath, P.O. Box 436, Chiloquen, OR 97624. Bids will be opened at 10:30 am on November 16, 2009 and awarded to the highest bidder. Successful bidders will be notified the same day. Vehicles must be paid for and removed by 2:30 pm on November 20, 2009. If not paid for and removed, the next successful bidder will be awarded the vehicle. Terms of sale are “CASH” and sold “AS-IS”.

The Klamath Tribes retain the right to accept or reject any and all bids. The vehicles will be available for inspection at the Klamath Tribes Administration Building, 501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, OR in the secured parking lot until sold and the contact person is Randee Sheppard. The front of the sealed envelope must indicate the vehicle to which the bid applies. In the case of duplicate bids the earliest postmarked envelope will be awarded.
Back-2-School Powwow

Thank you everyone who helped make the 2009 Back-2-School Powwow held at the Chiloquin Elementary School Gym on October 10th such a success. Special thanks to the Drum at this event, Wocus Bay along with MC, Mark McNair.

Thank You to Destiny Summers for her invocation of the Lord’s Prayer. We would like to thank the Veterans and flag holders, Chief Wilder, Nick Kimbol and Ron Busby. Thanks to Title VII representative Rayson Tupper for his assistance. The food for this event was catered by Yummys Catering and provided by the Don’t Meth with Us Project through the Klamath Tribes Social Service Department and it was delicious.

Congratulations to the raffle winners; Ginny Weems-Pendleton Blanket, Siletz bag of goodies; Jackie Galbreath-Home Music System, Pendleton Pillow, Pendleton coffee mug; Rae Dawn Wahl-Pendleton Purse; Lynn Smith-16 piece drill set; Mary Gentry-Pendleton T-shirt; Dona Zahler-Pendleton hat, Siletz bag of goodies, Black backpack; Jesse Kimbol-Pendleton Travel Mug; Gina Moses-Siletz bag of goodies; Adam Westlake-KCC sweatshirt; Destiny Summers-KCC backpack; Leanne Hatcher-KCC hat, backpack, movie tickets; Betty Case-backpack, movie tickets; Gail Munoz-backpack, movie tickets.

We would also like to thank the vendors who helped with this event, Christa Runnels of Klamath Tribal Health and Sharman Blaustein of Klamath Community College. We would like to thank the full staff of the Klamath Tribes Education and Employment Staff who helped with the event especially Diane Walker who organized the event. We would like to thank all those who helped with this event and get our tribal students off to a great start this year. Our apologies to any we may have left out.

The “Rez Kitchen Tour” slated for Chinook Winds Casino Resort
November 19 & 20

Congratulations goes to Klamath Native and Kla-Mo-Ya Casino's very own Chef- Briston Gilman. He will be traveling with his team of culinary experts to Chinook Winds to represent the Klamath Tribes in this devine event... Way to go, make us Proud!

Public is invited to sample dishes inspired by thousands of years of tradition, and to vote for a favorite

The very first “Rez Kitchen Tour” event is a competition between chefs representing the 9 Oregon Tribes, showcasing the use of local and traditional foods. (In Indian Country, the word “Rez” is often used to refer to an Indian Reservation.) This inaugural Oregon Tribal culinary event is a cooperative project of Oregon’s 9 Tribes with initial funding from the SpiritMountain Community Fund and support from Chinook Winds Casino Resort and the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation. The competition will be held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort on November 19th and 20th, 2009.

A private, panel-judged competition will take place on Thursday, November 19th. On November 20th, starting at 10 a.m., the public is invited to observe chefs demonstrating preparation of dishes and to taste the various chefs’ creations, so they may vote for a favorite. Voting closes at 3 p.m. Event winners for both the judged and People’s Choice awards will be announced at 4 p.m. on November 20th. Admission to the tasting on November 20th is free and open to all ages.

The Rez Kitchen Tour was developed from the work of the Oregon Tribal Tourism Working Group who has previously cooperated with travel Oregon and the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians to develop several Visitor Guide publications and other projects.

A vendor area will be available to Native American food vendors, Tribal restaurants, resorts, and food outlets, and advocacy or sponsor groups. A significant outcome of this event is to encourage new and innovative use of Tribal foods and flavors, as well as make connections with Tribal and Indian food suppliers across Oregon and the Northwest.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort is located on the beach in Lincoln City, Oregon and is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Please contact Project Coordinator Tina Retasket at (541) 4448206, (541) 2700413 (cell), or email at retasket@hotmail.com for entry or sponsorship. Media contacts should be direct to Dave Tovey, contact information listed above.
Natural Resource and Education/Employment Departments Initiate

The Tribal Forest Improvement Crew Training Program

The Natural Resource and Education/Employment Departments, with the assistance of a number of individuals from federal agencies, NGOs, business and education are developing a training program through funding obtained from a grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, (a.k.a. the "Stimulus Plan"). The training program will build-off of the training session sponsored by the Tribes earlier this year. Participants in the earlier session will have first opportunity to fill slots for this new training program.

Over the next year and half, the aim of the training program is to produce two highly skilled ten-person forest crews with the ability to perform forest restoration work using chain saws and hand tools, and have solid basic understanding of business and contracting concepts. The goal at the end of the grant is to have a fully functional crew that has been prepared to sustain itself by securing and completing contract work. In addition to the twenty crew trainees, a manager will be hired to oversee the program along with a program secretary. Total positions hired under this program will be twenty-two.

A curriculum is now being designed to provide classroom instruction and organized field exercises. Classroom instruction will cover topics such as first aid, safety, supervision and team building, contracting and business concepts, forestry skills, and some wildland fire suppression concepts. Field exercises will be designed to apply the business and contracting concepts learned in the classroom session, in addition to the use of chain saws and hand tools in performing fuels reduction work, precommercial thinning, whip felling, slash abatement, vegetative restoration, other forest improvement activities and basic firefighting.

Participation in the training program requires candidates to pass a mandatory drug and alcohol screening. Also, because of the physical demands required in the use of chainsaws and other hand tools, candidates will need to be in excellent physical condition. Candidates will be required to pass a pre-employment physical exam and pass a pack test. The pack test requires the candidate to carry a 25 pound back pack for two miles in less than thirty minutes.

If all twenty trainee slots cannot be filled by participants of the earlier training session, the remaining slots will be filled from the Tribal Employment and Education labor pool. If you are interested in participating in this training program, please stop by the Education and Employment office and get entered into the labor pool. For more information about the labor pool, please contact Sally Brandt at 541.783.2219, ext. 128 or Brenda Frank at 541.783.2219, ext. 109

For more information contact Tribal Forester Randy Henry at 541.783.2219 x 139 randy.henry@klamathtribes.com or Natural Resource Director, Will Hatcher at 541.783.2219 x 142 will.hatcher@klamathtribes.com.

Referendum Vote Soon...

Don't forget to make sure your mailing address is current with the Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department. This will ensure that you receive your referendum ballot which will be coming soon!

For address updates call Member Benefits at: 541-783-2219 ext. 195 ext. 150 or ext. 203
Three Generations of Strong Runners
(gila hoches- Strong Runner in our language)

Congratulations goes to Klamath Tribal Elder, Eleanor "Pinkie" Delaney who won first place in her age group at the June 6, 2009 Lake of the Woods Run, near Chiloquin, Oregon. Her son Robert and grandson Jared, also tribal members, were successful in their races. Robert placed first, and Jared placed third. Her granddaughter, Laken Delaney, is still in training. Congratulations goes to Pinkie and her family, as running is traditional to the Klamath people and a great way to stay in shape as a family.

Welcome New Baby Adam Kishko Soliz! Congratulations Jessi and Savannah Soliz. Baby Adam was born on June 2, 2009 and weighed 7lbs 12 ounces. Proud Grandparents are Michelle Boatright, Tyler Barlowe, David and Stephanie Crain. We Love You all so much!! Love Your Whole Family!

Ride Em' Cowgirl!

Lil' Jada Gallagher might not have won the mutton bustin at the Klamath Treaty Days Rodeo this past August in Chiloquin, Oregon, but boy did she have fun!

She also said she can't wait to do it again next year!

She is the daughter of Tribal members, Talhia and Randy Gallagher Jr., and great-granddaughter of Richard and Jann Tupper.

We are proud of you baby girl!

Arlene Linda Jimenez Schonchin was born to Lynn Jr. and Jolene Schonchin at 8:01 a.m. July 8, 2009 at Southwest Medical Center in Lawton, Okla. She weighed 8lbs and was 20 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Lynn Schonchin Sr. and Linda Jimenez. She has one older sister, Julie Rae Schonchin and one older brother, Modesto Jose Angel Schonchin.
"APRONS"

I Don't think our kids know what an apron is.

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a pot holder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chickens, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen with that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that "old-time apron" that served so many purposes.

Remember- Grandma used it to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Today her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw.

Submitted by Elder, Imogene Walker, Klamath enrolled member, residing in Seminole Oklahoma.
Happy belated congratulations to Billy and Karen Ray who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary this past summer on June 6, 2009. They celebrated with their many friends and family at a surprise golfing party at Mt. Adams golf course in Toppenish, Washington.

Billy and Karen have lived in Klamath, Modoc, and Yahooskin country all their lives. Karen is an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes. One of their favorite past times is golfing at tournaments with friends and family, as both are top notch champion golfers.

They enjoyed their anniversary with their four children, Kim, Willy, Jayson and Ferlin, along with seven of their nine grandchildren.

They plan to stay young and continue to be the happiest couple in Klamath - Modoc-Yahooskin Country.

The above photos show the happiness of a village in Nigeria, where a water well was donated and dedicated in honor of the late Clover Eggsman. Photos and information provided by Robert and Tonia Stanfield who were honored to do this in her name with the church.
Walking On...

Sonny Jim

GALLUP, NM – A memorial service for Sonny Jim, 68, was held, Thursday, October 29, 2009, in Gallup, NM. The memorial service was held in accordance with his expressed wishes and his cultural practices.

Sonny Jim died October 23, 2009, in Grants, NM. He was born December 28, 1940, at the Klamath Indian Agency in Oregon. Sonny Jim was a legendary professional American Indian rodeo cowboy. He was All-Around Cowboy in 1969 and 1970. World Champion Indian Bareback Rider in 1970. World Champion Indian Steer Wrestler in 1982. He was a life time member of numerous rodeo associations and continued to participate in rodeo events professionally to his very last days.

He was an extraordinary man who lived an adventurous life and was well known in many Native American communities. Of Modoc Indian descent, he was an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes of Oregon. His younger years were spent in Taos, NM, where he graduated from Taos High School in 1958. He entered into the rodeo profession and developed a passion for the sport.

He also toured with the Harlem Globetrotters in Asia. He was a band member for country-western singers like Waylan Jennings and Willie Nelson. He participated in the American Indian Movement of the 1970’s. He believed in and practiced all Native American traditions and cultural practices. He was a rancher and horsemen with many other talents and gifts. Sonny Jim was well known for being a generous and caring man and helping everyone. He had a special connection with children and mentoring young people. He had many adopted children. He was an inspiration and a legend.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta “Bobbie” James; daughter, Sharon LaMothe, Shawna Jim-James, Sonlatsa “Sunshine” Jim-Martin, Valara Jim-James, and Tasha Jim-James; sons, Robert James, Jamie Scott, and Michael Bones. Sisters, Doris Hartshorn, Cheewa James, and Viola James; and 18 grandchildren.

Sonny Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Luella James and one grandchild, Morgan V. Nez.

Poem and photos submitted by Annie Atchley in loving memory and honor of her father, the late Buster Atchley, who walked on from this earth, on February 14, 2008.

We love you Dad... Forever in our Hearts.
A Life of Love... In Loving Memory,

Her Advice to everyone was to be good to one another and drink lots of water!

Shirley (Curran) Rockwell, a Quechan Tribal Elder, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, October 14, 2009, at her loving home in Central Valley, California, with her husband and family at her side.

“Granny” Shirley was a very special lady who was proud of her heritage and her family. She was born, September 26, 1930, in Grants Pass Oregon, to the late William E. Curran and Leila Terill, of Winter Haven California and Redding California. She was the oldest child of four. She grew up with her siblings who were also her best friends. Her guardian angel was her brother, the late Kirk Curran, and sisters, Niomi and baby sister, Sharon. She was raised since a baby by her loving grandparents, the late Walter and Elsie Schmidt, of Anderson, California.

She graduated Shasta High School in 1948, in Redding California. After high school, she met her first husband, Klamath Tribal Member, Buttons Bodner. They lived in Sprague River, Oregon, where they began their lives and started a family on the Bodner Ranch. They had three children. They lived in Sprague River until 1960, then they returned to Central Valley, California, where they raised their children together until 1976.

In 1978 she met her husband of 31 years, Darwin "Rocky" Rockwell. Together they lived in Central Valley. Over the years they loved to travel. Some of her favorite past times was traveling the ocean on large cruise ships. She loved their gambling trips to Reno and Laughlin, and fishing for abalony with her mother-in-law and friend, Irene and her family on the coast. She loved boating and swimming with her grandchildren on Shasta Lake or in her backyard pool over the years. In her younger years she worked as a nurses aid and volunteer for Mercy and Memorial Medical hospitals in Redding. She also loved working for her friends at McDonalds where she preferred the morning shift. She was also an avid reader and loved collecting wind chimes from all over her places of travel.

She was taught at a young age by her grandmother how to cook and can. She taught her children and granddaughters her favorite five generation pork recipe called- (Rice and Da-Ning-Ding) and a wild plum jam recipe she learned from Modoc Elder, Alfaretta (Skeen) Bodner.

Some of her favorite family past times included spending holiday's in Chiloquin, Oregon where she loved to practice her spelling skills with her family and long time friend, the late Rachel Tupper, playing her favorite board game scrabble. Each summer she traveled to the local powwow for an indian taco and to watch her grandchildren drum and dance, she also enjoyed Sunday Moose Lodge breakfasts with Rocky, and seeing her friends and doctor at the Redding Rancheria, and especially her Sunday Morning services with her friends at New Life Church, and her Sunday outings with her niece Kerri and her sisters.

It was well known by her family that her grandchildren were all avid sports all-stars. Throughout her life she continually traveled to watch her grandchildren play basketball, football, skate-board, BMX bike race, play baseball, and Indian dance. One of her highlights was her grandsons CV Championship Football Season in 2005. She loved and cherished all her grandchildren as they were each special in their own way in her heart.

Granny Shirley provided her family with a strong foundation and she has shown us the true meaning of “unconditional love”. Thank you Granny, for being such a blessing you are forever in our hearts and mind. We know and are comforted by the fact that we will see your beautiful smiling face again, when we too, enter the gates of heaven.

She is survived by her husband, Darvin "Rocky" Rockwell. Sisters: Niomi Whitcher and Sharon Albert; Children and spouses: Cheryl and Jerry Parrish, David and Jan Bodner, and Mitch Bodner. Grandchildren: Torina and Ed Case, Taylor and Abby Bodner, Kody Bodner, Kurtis Bodner, and Jared Stout; Great-Grandchildren: Liston Case, Fallon Case, Faryn Case, Roman Tupper, Dylan Bodner, Dakota Bodner, Micah Windsong Bodner, and Mia Yoshihara. She also had many other special nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones. She was preceded in death by her parents Avery Charles Sr. and Teresa Mae Jefferson; husband Jerry Oates; brother Terry Charles; and her baby sisters Nikki Jo Moore, Pamela Moore, and Carlette Tupper.

Services were held at the Williamson River Indian Mission in Chiloquin, Oregon, with Richard Tupper officiating.

We will always hold her memory in our Hearts.

In Loving Memory,

Marie Ellen (Tuney) Charles-Oates passed away on October 14, 2009 in Klamath Falls, Oregon from cancer.


She was preceded in death by her parents Avery Charles Sr. and Teresa Mae Jefferson; husband Jerry Oates; brother Terry Charles; and her baby sisters Nikki Jo Moore, Pamela Moore, and Carlette Tupper.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, and whosoever should believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life- JOHN 3:16