After almost 4 decades of hard work and commitment, the Klamath Tribes of Oregon have won an important victory in the Klamath Tribes Water Rights Adjudication.

Chiloquin, OR- December 1, 2011, marked a milestone in the lengthy Klamath Basin Water Rights Adjudication. The judge hearing the part of the Adjudication that deals with the claims of the Klamath Tribes issues six Proposed Orders quantifying the Tribes’ water rights. In each case he ruled largely in favor of the Tribes’ claims.

“The Proposed Orders give everyone in the Basin plenty to think about,” said Jeff Mitchell who leads the Klamath Tribes’ Negotiating Team. “These rulings highlight the role that the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement can play in resolving Basin water issues. The Tribes will be evaluating the rulings and discussing them with others in the Basin to determine the best path from here on.”

Some interests in the Basin advised people that the Tribes’ water rights are minimal, but those interests have been proven wrong. People who followed that advice have obviously been misled in a situation where they are risking a lot.

The rulings encompass the Williamson, Sycan, Sprague, and Wood Rivers along with many of their tributaries, as well as the Klamath Marsh and springs scattered throughout the former Klamath Reservation. Cases involving Upper Klamath Lake and the Klamath River are expected to have decisions handed down in April.
The journey began in 1975 with the filing of the Adair litigation, a federal court case which declared the existence of the Tribes’ water rights but deferred quantification of those rights to the KBA. On December 1, 2011, the Oregon Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) issued Proposed Orders (POs) in the six cases quantifying the Tribal water right claims in the amounts claimed by the Tribes and the United States, Bureau of Indian Affairs, as trustee for the Tribes.

The POs were a resounding victory for the Tribes, as they adopted, across-the-board, the flow amounts or water levels in each case sought by the Tribes, and turned back challenges by farmers and ranchers who contested the Tribes’ claims. The POs also confirmed, once again, that the Tribal water rights are the most senior in the Basin. Rulings quantifying the Tribes’ rights in the remaining two water sources, the Klamath River and Upper Klamath Lake, are expected in April 2012.

The POs were issued by Senior Administrative Law Judge Joe L. Allen. Judge Allen ruled that the amounts of water claimed by the Tribes and the BIA are the amounts necessary to ex-
Establish and maintain a healthy and productive habitat for treaty species that will enable the Tribes to exercise their treaty protected hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering rights.

Significantly, Judge Allen ruled that the Tribal water right claims may extend to off-reservation water sources where necessary to support the Tribes’ treaty harvest rights on the former reservation. Judge Allen reasoned that the Tribes’ off-reservation claims are necessary “to protect spawning and other critical habitat necessary for the exercise of [the Tribes’] treaty rights.”

Under Oregon’s general stream adjudication process, the POs are not final rulings, but rather they are Judge Allen’s proposals to the Oregon Water Resources Department’s Adjudicator. In about a year from now the Adjudicator will issue a Findings of Fact and Order of Determination (FO) that will define not only the water rights of the Tribes, but the rights of all water claimants in the KBA.

Upon its issuance the water rights decreed in the FO become enforceable. Next, the Klamath Tribes will face a sequence of challenges in Klamath County Circuit Court and possibly subsequent appeals courts.

Nevertheless, Judge Allen’s rulings in the POs mark a very significant victory for the Claimants, one that puts the Tribes and the BIA in the best position possible for the next stages of the Adjudication.

With all this good news about Adjudication, what’s happening with the KBRA Legislation?

**News Release**

**SENIOR MERRKLEY, REP. MIKE THOMPSON INTRODUCE KLAMATH BASIN ECONOMIC RESTORATION ACT**

*Legislation Would Create More than 4,600 Jobs, Restore Fish and Wildlife Habitats*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Senator Jeff Merkley (OR) and Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-1) today jointly introduced the Klamath Basin Economic Restoration Act in the Senate and House. The legislation would implement a comprehensive plan, developed through a multi-year collaborative effort among farmers, ranchers, fishermen, Tribal leaders, and conservationists, to settle one of the nation’s most volatile water wars. According to an analysis released by the U.S. Department of the Interior, the removal of four dams on the Klamath River would create more than 4,600 jobs in the basin, including hundreds of jobs in fishing and agriculture, while restoring historical habitat for salmon, steelhead and other fish and wildlife. The legislation is cosponsored in the Senate by California Senator Barbara Boxer.

“This legislation is proof that through collaboration and hard work we can move beyond the disputes of the past and create a stronger foundation for economic growth,” said Senator Jeff Merkley. “This legislation will provide a brighter future for the Klamath Basin – putting people to work and improving the economy for farmers and fishermen alike.”

“The agreements that are in place represent the best way forward for the Klamath River and its wildlife. The leadership is truly remarkable. Senator Ed Markey is a wonderful leader and the State of California is committed to this initiative,” Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said.

During a breakout session with the attorney, Echohawk reflected on the opening session of this long awaited day. He asked if anyone noticed that he almost teared up. He said, "That moment was almost surreal to me, I simply had to take a moment and thank the Creator for allowing me to be here with the Klamath tribes once again. I remember in 1985 meeting with Chuck Kimbol, the late Elwood "Cisco" Miller, and Cheryl Tupper in Portland, Oregon, right after the tribes and NARF had won the Adair Case in 1984. It was then the decision came about that the amounts of water needed to be quantified, and here we are 25 years later." He added, "A quarter of a century ago we began this journey together and numerous tribal members, staff, and several tribal councils have continued the work along with the tribes dedicated water attorney (Bud Ullman) who's been working on this adjudication for over 22 years."
Sen. Boxer said, “This bill will implement a carefully crafted plan that will help farmers, fishermen, Native American communities and the environment by restoring the Klamath River Basin. I applaud the leadership of Senator Merkley, Congressman Thompson and all the stakeholders for coming together behind a plan that will strengthen the region’s economy and the environment.”

The Klamath Basin Economic Restoration Act authorizes the implementation of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA). The two agreements jointly envision a collaborative approach to natural resource management and economic and environmental restoration. In addition, they settle decades of water rights disputes and other litigation over natural resources in the region.

Specifically, the legislation:

- Approves both agreements and authorizes the U.S. Department of Interior to sign and implement the KBRA, implement the KHSA and take the necessary steps to move the agreement forward.
- Changes or establishes federal policy to assist implementation of the agreements
- Establishes a process to plan for and implement dam removal.

Scientific analysis cited by Interior anticipates significant benefits to commercial salmon fishermen. With removal of the dams, Coho would reclaim 68 miles of historical habitat, steelhead — the Klamath River’s most popular sport fish — would regain 420 miles of historical habitat, and Chinook salmon production would increase by more than 80 percent. All together, eleven coastal counties in Oregon and California would gain more than 400 jobs as a result of improved fishing conditions.

Studies done by the Department of Interior estimate that the reliability of the water supply that would be gained through the legislation would boost gross farm income and add between 70 and 695 jobs annually to the agricultural economy.

Glen Spain, Northwest Director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations emphasized, “Our rural communities simply can’t afford to do nothing. That’s a recipe for another round of catastrophes like the fish kill and irrigation shut-off. We desperately need Congress to act now.”

“When disaster hit and litigation got drawn out, we were challenged by elected officials to develop our own solutions to the water crises that have devastated our communities,” said Steve Kandra, a Klamath Basin farmer. “Together we did it and we’re part of a strong and growing constituency that expects our elected officials to seize this opportunity to end the Klamath Crisis.”

Jeff Mitchell, lead negotiator for the Klamath Tribes noted, “This bill is a marked departure from past attempts by one interest group to strong arm another. Instead we’ve set aside ideological debates and focused on protecting everyone’s interests collectively. It’s exactly the type of win-win policy Congress should embrace.”

“This legislation represents a significant step forward to resolving the conflict in the Klamath Region and we are extremely grateful for efforts of Congressman Thompson and look forward to working with him to get legislation signed into law,” said Thomas O’Rourke, Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “The Yurok Tribe has worked hard to forge relationships and come to agreements that are in the mutual interest of all parties involved. Now, Congress needs to act so we can begin restoring the Klamath River Basin.”

The total cost of removing the dams and embarking on the environmental restoration called for in this legislation is estimated to be $536 million in Federal funds, which will be matched by $550 million in non-Federal funds.

Julie Edwards
Communications Director
Office of Senator Jeff Merkley
202-224-3753 (office)

November 18, 2011 - Merkley Comments on Extended Public Comment Period for the Klamath Basin Draft Environmental Impact Study

Washington, DC – Today, the U.S. Department of the Interior announced that there would be additional time for the public to comment on the Klamath Basin Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The document, which was released in September, found that the dam removal will create significant numbers of jobs and cost less than previously anticipated. The report also highlighted the benefits to salmon and fisheries, as well as agriculture, that are associated with the dam removal.

Oregon’s Senator Jeff Merkley issued the following statement after hearing of the extended time for comment:

“With the large and complex issues that are involved in the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement (KBRA) and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement (KHSA), it is only appropriate that ample time is afforded for the public to weigh in and provide their comments.

“These are historic agreements that will lead to a brighter and stronger future in the Klamath Basin and I applaud the U.S. Department of the Interior for making sure that all voices are heard throughout the implementation process. This is democracy at work.”

Courtney Warner Crowell
Deputy Communications Director
Office of Senator Jeff Merkley
Phone: 503-326-2747
Councilman Jackson and I left for Washington DC and the White House Tribal Nations Conference, while there, Councilman Jeff Mitchell was able to arrange a meeting with NARF attorney Richard Guest to update us on KBRA legislation. After the mtg, we went to the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) offices and met the staff there.

On Tuesday, November 29, we attended the Tribal Leader Preparatory Meeting. The agenda included issues brought before the tribal leaders were: Land and Natural Resources, Water issues, Fee to Trust, Sacred Sites, Clean Energy Bill, AIPRA Carcieri decision, Trust Responsibility/Reform/Relationships, Reacquire Federal Lands, Education, Executive Order, Cabinet Head, Improving Consultations. The day finished with the National Indian Education Association Reception. Here we had the chance to meet several of Indian countries leaders in education. Including William Mendoza, the newly named head of the White House Initiative on American Indian Alaska Native Education, and also former NIEA president Mary Jane Wak-Wak. As well were numerous dignitaries from tribal and federal levels of political and educational realms. They included current NIEA president Quinton Roman Nose and NIEA Executive Director Colin Kippen a Native Hawaiian.

On Wednesday morning, November 30, we attended the NIEA Indian Education Roundtable for Tribal Leaders at the Dirksen Senate Office Building. Opening Remarks came from NIEA president Quinton Roman Nose and Executive Director Colin Kippen. They both spoke on the accountability of the Federal government and their Trust responsibility to help develop and promote Indian Education across the board from Kindergarten through to Higher Education especially Tribal Colleges. Among them were Senator and Chair of the Senate of Indian Affairs, Daniel Akaka of Hawaii; Senator Tom Udall of Utah, and after Senator Udall spoke I was able to make a comment about what he said about getting Native teachers in the classroom. I told him about the Native Teaching Program at the University of Oregon and how successful it had been. The problem I saw was the need for incentive and assistance in Native teacher placement by the very institution that was funding the program. I would later speak about appropriate curriculum in the classroom and give an example of a lesson I was directed to teach as a Substitute teacher that was very negative toward Native Americans. It was an honor for me to be able to be in the Senate hearing room to speak on Native Education issues.

Later that afternoon, we attended the White House Briefings and Listening Sessions with Tribal Leaders by Region at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building

By White House Invitation Only, with Representatives from the Pacific and Northwest Regions. The day finished with the National Museum of American Indians Evening Reception. Here Councilman Jackson and I met with Director of I.H.S Yvette Rubidoux at the evening reception and had a brief chance to talk her on upcoming policy initiatives. Councilman Jackson also met and exchanged contact information with the Chairman of the Pueblo Indian Health Board and discussed possible partnerships on future sustainability initiatives.

On Thursday, December 1, we attended the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing “Deficit Reduction and Job Creation: Regulatory Reform in Indian Country” at the Dirksen Senate Office Building. In the evening we attended the Holiday Reception In Honor of House Native American Caucus Co-Chairs Congressman Kildee and Congressman Cole. To finish this day we attended The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development Reception “Celebrating Native Unity” Navajo Nation DC, Office Ribbon Cutting

Left: Councilman Jackson, Congressman Kildee, and Councilman Summers. Right photo: Mr. Jackson, Congressman Cole, and Mr. Summers, at the reception in their honor.

The busy week wrapped up with a visit on Friday, December 2, to the White House Tribal Nations Conference. By White House Invitation Only. Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location: Department of the Interior. Councilman Jackson and myself would like to take this time to let the Klamath Tribes know that we were honored to represent our people and we felt blessed with this tremendous responsibility to help build the future for our tribe and others across this great nation.


The Klamath Tribal Delegates gathered with over 3,600 other tribal people from around the Nation, to continue forward in our journey to a new era of tribal prosperity. This year’s conference focused on using our cultures, traditions, and the diverse aspects of who we are to strengthen our nations and our people- Through economic development, recognition, and usage of resources, and dedication to our future generations, who will set forth on a clear path into the future for our people.

In that effort for future generations, the Klamath Delegates met and attended such sessions as: Health Resources, Suicide/Meth Prevention, Tribes Economic Potential in Energy Resources and Energy Efficiency, Treaty Fishing Rights, Making Washington work for Tribes, Tribal Leader Energy Education Initiative, Diabetes Prevention, etc... etc...

In addition, the Klamath Tribes was a main feature booth at the Marketplace where over 300 other tribal booths were in attendance. The Klamath Tribes booth targeted the support of the Klamath Basin Restoration and Hydro Agreements and the "Bring Home the Salmon" Dam Removal project. Each day was filled with distribution of pertinent material for our upcoming Congressional Legislation, and support of the Salmon thru positive comments to Secretary Salazar before December 31, 2011.
NAIHC Announces Lawyer of the Year at the Annual Legal Symposium

Las Vegas, Nev.-- December 7, 2011-- This year, the National American Indian Housing Council created the Lawyer of the Year Award to acknowledge the important contributions made by the legal profession in the field of tribal housing. "This year we honor Mr. Ed Goodman, a partner in the Portland office of the Indian law firm of Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP, who is a friend and true advocate for tribal housing issues. It is certainly well deserved and well earned," said NAIHC Chairwoman Cheryl A. Causley.

Note: Mr. Goodman's specialty is Indian housing law, including matters under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (HAHASDA). The Northwest Indian Housing Authority nominated Mr. Goodman for the award.

And while he is proficient in this field, the Klamath Tribes of Oregon would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Goodman for all his hard work and efforts with the Klamath people. Your dedication to the Klamath people does not go unnoticed. Sepk'ee'ca!

Attention Hunters:

The Klamath Indian Game Commission has implemented new regulations concerning your game tags so that we may collect harvest information in a more timely manner.

All elk, antelope, bear, and cougar tags were previously sold as “valid until filled”, not expressing an expiration date. Effective immediately, those tags will be valid only through December 31st with new tag purchases necessary beginning January 1st. Tags will only be valid for the calendar year in which they were purchased. This new regulation does not affect deer tags which are still valid for a 30 day period regardless of the year in which they were purchased.

For additional information please consult the Klamath Tribes Wildlife Synopses or you may contact:
Shane Foster, KIGC chairman, at 541-892-2066 or
David Speten, Tribal Wildlife Biologist, at 541-783-2219.

Wildlife News

Winter is upon us. Despite not experiencing much snowfall this year, temperatures have been seasonally cold. I urge you to spend time outdoors, even during the cold winter months, and take advantage of some great hunting opportunities.

Waterfowl hunting seasons are open. Some estimate that three-quarters of the waterfowl within the Pacific flyway will utilize the Klamath Basin as a layover during their migration. It is this reason that many people come to the area to hunt ducks and geese.

Although many birds have continued their migration and have left the basin, those that remain have beautifully colored plumage. Ducks will molt their feathers twice annually. They are again considered in full plumage or fully colored this time of year. Consequently, if you are a successful hunter you will be able to see all the intricate colors and patterns associated with waterfowl plumage. If you would like recommendations on shot size, decoy layout, or other hunting techniques please call the office.

Lead poisoning is a big problem faced by waterfowl. Historically, hunters used lead shot because the density of the pellets would easily drop a bird. However, when waterfowl feed off the bottom of lakes they often ingest the lead shot which results in lead poisoning and can cause behavioral and physiological problems and often death. You can help reduce the incidence of lead poisoning by using a non-toxic shot such as steel, tungsten, or bismuth.

Trapping season is open and can be a fun winter activity for you and your family or friends. Fur bearing animals grow a thick coat of hair during the winter. The fur consists of 2 layers of hair, the underfur and the outer guard hairs. When both layers are long and dense, the pelts can be very valuable. Opportunities exist to trap coyote, fox, bobcat, mink, beaver, muskrat, river otter, raccoons, skunks, and other animals. Trapping can be a lot of work but can be rewarding as well. If you’re interested in getting started, contact the office for some tips.

Don't forget!

There will be Sobriety Celebrations held in Beatty and in Klamath Falls this year. No coordinator came forward for the Chiloquin area. For information on the Beatty Celebration contact Samantha Robinson at 541-891-4242 or for the Klamath Falls Celebration contact Eshoni Yazzie at 541-783-2219.

THE KLAMATH TRIBES
NEW YEAR’S EVE
SOBRIETY POW-WOW
DECEMBER 31, 2011

KLAMATH COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
GRAND ENTRY 12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
DINNER SERVED AT 5:00 P.M.
Men’s/Women’s Fancy
Special
Alcohol and Drug Free Event

CONTACT PERSONS: JANICE TOTTEN, (541)891-1146;
ESHONI YAZZIE, (541)783-2219, EXT. 107

Dates to Remember:
December 1 – April 1, 2012
Agency Lake big game winter closure is in effect.

December 31, 2011
Most unused game tags must be turned in (see tribal regs.).

January 31, 2012
Tribal waterfowl season ends.

February 10, 2012
Application deadline for state managed spring bear seasons.

February 29, 2012
Tribal trapping season ends.
**Drum Group**

Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services will be hosting an ongoing youth drum group.

**Start Date:** Ongoing- (Group will meet the first 3 Tuesdays of each month).

**Time:** 3:30p.m.— 5:30p.m.

**Location:** 204 Pine street
Chiloquin, Oregon 97624
(Modular—across the street from the park)

**Facilitator:** Steven Small Ladesma- (Lead Black Lodge Singer)

Along with drumming and singing, youth will learn how to make traditional group and hand drums.

For more information please contact:
Carolyne Knolle at 541-882-1487 ext#239

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**Electronic Health Record (EHR) Information**

As you may have already heard, Klamath Tribal Health Wellness Center (the “Clinic”) will begin using Electronic Health Records (EHR) in just a few months. To help prepare everyone for this change, we wanted to share more information about it with you.

An EHR takes the place of patient paper charts. It is a way to collect patient health information such as doctor’s notes, health problems, medications, health history, shots, x-rays, test results, reports, and more. And while your old paper chart will still be at the clinic for several years, your new visits will be done in your new electronic health record, on the computer.

Eventually, everyone who has had a visit at the clinic will have an electronic health record. During your visit, you will notice the medical staff entering all of your information into a computer. Just like your paper chart, electronic health records are kept safe and secure at the clinic; they cannot be viewed from anywhere else.

When EHR begins, your wait time and the length of your visit may be longer at first, because the staff will be getting used to the new system. The good news is that after awhile, your wait times will be less, there will be less paperwork, and your service and care at the clinic will be even better than it is now. Some of the largest benefits in implementing an EHR are to be able to track ways to provide better patient care, and to identify needed services that can be added to increase the quality of the care you receive.

As the clinic gets closer to their “EHR Go-live”, more information and news will be sent out. If you have questions now, you can contact your Clinical Applications Coordinator, Betty Kramp, at 201-882-1487, ext. 335. Thank you!

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**CONTEST**

WE ARE IN SEARCH OF AN ORIGINAL NEW NAME TO PERSONALIZE OUR “YOUTH REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTER,” PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS “WEMBLE.”

All Contestants can submit there suggestions to:

Sammie Westlake, KYRTC Program Clerk
P.O. BOX 215
Klamath Falls, OR 97603

**Deadline:** January 15, 2012

**PRIZE:** $100 PAYABLE TO CONTESTANT WINNER

CONTESTANT WINNER WILL BE NOTIFIED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF DEADLINE DATE!!!

SELECTED NAME WILL receive

FINAL APPROVABLE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL
Next CASA Certification Trainings are scheduled for January 27th; 28th; February 4th and 5th of 2012
Download the application form from our website or call the CASA Office, it will be mailed to you.

www.klamathfallscasa.org
(541)-885-6017

Regular General Council Meeting
Saturday, February 18, 2012
10:00am
Klamath Tribal Administration Auditorium, Chiloquin, OR.
Lunch Provided
Final agenda will be posted on Feb. 3
For more information contact: Secretary Case at 541-783-2219 ext. 170

A big congratulations and pat on the back goes to the Klamath Tribal Administration employees who were recently awarded for their time of service and dedication to the Klamath Tribes:

Ruth Jackson - 15 yrs
Ed Case IV - 20 yrs
Richard Tupper - 20 yrs
Kathleen Mitchell - 25 yrs

And an extra special thank you goes to Rosemary Treetop (pictured right) for an outstanding 30 years of service to the Klamath Tribes of Oregon!
In Loving Memory

Betty Rose Brown, 74, “Went home to meet her Maker,” Monday, July 18, 2011, at her Beatty, Ore. residence with her husband of nearly 50 years and her husband’s sister, Renie, at her side. Betty was born March 22, 1937, in Belle Fourche, S.D. for her parents, Jake Mauch and the former Irene Heger.

Betty was a woman who knew “busy hands make a happy heart” and these past 10 years she has worked in food service at KLA-MO-YA Casino.

Prior years she held many other job responsibilities as well as being an excellent wife and homemaker.

There were many happy times when she was playing in the softball leagues. For the family, she’s left a large hole, since Betty was the family organizer making sure that everyone’s birthday was celebrated and all holidays were never overlooked.

She leaves behind her husband, Glen Brown, of Beatty, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins in this area and in the Yakima Valley of Washington and three sisters: Arlene Pool, Billie Clements and Mona Worrell. She was preceded in death by her parents Jake and Irene and two brothers, Don and Howard.

Graveside services were held Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Brown Cemetery, Beatty, with Bill Davenport officiating. Food and fellowship followed at the Beatty Community Center. At Betty’s request, donations in her memory to the charity of the donor’s choice. Davenport’s Chapel of the Good Shepherd, directors, (541) 883-3458, now located at Klamath Memorial Park, 2680 Memorial Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97601-5546 is in charge of the arrangements.

Peggy Lorraine Jimenez entered through heavens gates on August 10, 2011 with loved ones by her side. She was born on May 25, 1938 at Klamath Agency to Clarence T. Henthorne and Orthelia J. (Crane) Henthorne. She attended schools in Chiloquin and at Chemawa Indian Boarding School where she met & later married the love of her life Ramon "Porky" Jimenez on September 3, 1955.

Peggy was born of Klamath, Modoc, Pit River, and Nomelackie descent and was an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes. She was a direct descendant of Monekeoks (Big Doctor), Sallie "Tole-us" Barnhart, Louisa "Johnson" Hendricks, Old Mrs. Sargent, White Cinda, Old Nellie Stokes, William and Nettie Crane Wright, Joe and Ellen Nimrod. Peggy traveled throughout the North-west in support of her husband who participated in many of the Western States Indian Rodeo’s. She and Ramon also supported their daughters in sporting events traveling throughout Washington, Oregon, California and Nevada so they could participate in Indian basketball and softball tourneys. Peggy was a homemaker most of her life, then received her G.E.D. in 1992 and worked at Chiloquin Elementary School for 10 years. After retiring, she enjoyed turning the tables on her husband as he took over on the cooking and cleaning. She enjoyed family gatherings, spending time with her grandchildren; especially the great grandchildren and sitting outside throwing the ball to her dog Rusty.

Peggy is survived by her husband of 55 years, Ramon Jimenez of Chiloquin, OR and her daughters & their spouses: Vonda & Jerry Wewa, Warm Springs OR, Rhonda & Michael Greene, Warm Springs OR, Doreen Jimenez, Chiloquin, OR, Wanda Jimenez, Harrah WA, Mauureen & Fernando Herrera, Klamath Falls OR, also Anita Vigil Harrah WA that she loved as one of her own. She will forever be remembered by her grandchildren: Alyson Herrera, Alveda Mathis, Charley Wewa, Garrett Greene, Ramona Wewa, and Jerold Wewa, Great Grandchildren: Kaden Mathis, Delana Mathis, Ullyssa Supah, and Royce Greene. Nieces and nephew: Donna Weiser, Diane Jackson, Elaine Ochoa, Shari Brown, Debra Foster, Orthelia David, Carla Henthorne, and Clarence "Sonny" Henthorne. Sister in law and brother in laws: Linda Jimenez, Morris & Lois Jimenez, Modesto, and Allen "Punchy" Jimenez, Lynn Schonchin, as well as countless other family and friends. Peggy joins the rest of her family beside her parents, brothers, Clarence "Petry" Henthorne, baby boy Henthorne, sister, Mary K. Henthorne, Grandparents George and Agnes C. Crane, Tom and Mary Henthorne. The family would also like to thank Cindy and Ralph Dimmitt and Chris Easton of Quail Ridge Adult Care Inc, and the staff of High Desert Hospice for their love and compassion they showed her the last month of her life.

Funeral services took place Saturday, August 13, 2011 in Chiloquin at the Chiloquin Christian Center. Rachel Chavez officiated. Burial took place at Wilson Cemetery. Davenport’s Funeral home was in charge of the arrangements.

Beautiful Klamath tribal member Kimberly Anita Baldwin, born May 11, 1966 passed away on August 31, 2011 at Sky Lakes Medical Center after a short illness. She was 45 and Kim was also part Aleut Indian from Alaska.

Kim was born in Portland, Oregon and attended school in Gresham, Oregon. She lived in the Portland area for the majority of her life and moved to Chiloquin over 3 yrs ago to help care for her disabled father.

During Kim’s school years she was active in raising horses where she lived off of Orient Drive Road in east Gresham. She participated in barrel racing events at rodeos across the state and was proud of her participation in barrel racing event in the Pendleton Round-up in 1982.

Kim loved animals and one of her favorite past times was watching Animal Planet channel on TV. She collected birdhouses and fed “her” birds daily in her “bird town” next to her father’s house where she lived. Kim also loved being in the forest and wasn’t afraid to run a chainsaw or use a shovel when needed. She liked camping and was known to cast a baited hook from time to time. Kim also participated in hunting activities. Kim also loved being in the Klamaya Casino and spent many happy hours there playing games and visiting with people.

Before leaving Portland to help care for her father, Kim worked for several years at the Aldrich Law Offices in downtown Portland as a clerk while maintaining a residence in Gresham. She was known for her diligence in making it to work every day and for raising her son as a single parent.

Kim had a deep faith in the Lord Jesus and was an avid member of the Chiloquin Christian Center where from time to time she volunteered her help. She loved serving the lord and rarely missed Sunday services. Kim always had a smile on her face and was liked by all that knew her. She had a terrific sense of humor and was good at making people laugh.

Kim is survived by her son Sonny Banks and two grandsons, from Gresham. Mother Natalie, sisters Mareena, Sandra, Debbie, Janette, Lori, Joyce & brothers Jason and David, from all Portland. She had several nieces and nephews, all from Portland also. Father Larry Baldwin of Chiloquin, special cousin Shirley Wilson of Bend and special friend Randy Henry of Chiloquin.

Graveside services were held for Kim at the Wilson Cemetery by Pastor Sam of the Chiloquin Christian Center and a dinner in honor of her memory was held at the Chiloquin Christian Center following.

Dear Kimberly, May you rest in Peace.

Daniel Lee Ridenour 42, Son, Brother, Uncle and Cousin was escorted into Heaven by his guardian angel on September 15, 2011. His death was sudden and unexpected. His Ma and Pa, Sid and Nancy and sisters Anna, Donna and Jeanna, brother Checkers, nephew Aaron and aunts Patti and Ilia were at his side to bid Daniel goodbye.

We all take comfort in knowing that Dan loved us all. He was a person of many talents; very creative. He loved life and all its beautiful people, plants and animals.

We know God has a very special place in Heaven for Dan. He will be loved and remembered and in our hearts forever.

Daniel is survived by his parents Sid and Nancy Ridenour. Sisters Anna Bennett, Donna Ridenour and David Richard, Jeanna Ridenour and Brother Sid Ridenour, Jr. and Kristi Long. Nephews Aaron Crome and Nick and Jayson Bennett and Andrea Goswick. Nieces Larissa, Cassandra and Chelsea Ridenour, great niece Nevaeh. Aunts and Uncles Patti Jackson, Ila and Erwin Miller, Betty Gentry, Jennifer Gentry and Dennis and Carla Ridenour. Numerous cousins including Shawn, Trusten and Jagger Jackson, and Don and Mary Gentry and many special friends.
Graveside services were held at Hill Cemetery, in Chiloquin, OR on September 21, 2011. Lunch was served immediately following his services at the Chiloquin Community Center. Davenport’s Chapel of the Good Sheppard, in charge of arrangements.

We love and miss you more than you know Dan. You are forever in our hearts and thoughts and we strive to be happy to honor you and your beautiful soul.

Mildred Alberta Gonzales born to Mildred (Lotches) and Milburn Riddle, March 24, 1945 at Klamath Agency, Chiloquin, OR walked on with her Creator, September 17, 2011 in Medford, OR, with family by her side. Millie married the love of her life, Ben Gonzales Feb. 12, 1963 in Reno, NV. Millie is survived by brothers, Steve Riddle, James Riddle; children Delores Gonzales, Darrell and Wednesday Unive, Ben and Victoria Gonzales, Sheila and Joe Kerkes; grandchildren, Coya, Quanah, Ariana, Ben, Makayla, Lily, Cadence, Julian, Milana, Shayawna, John, Kenny, Shadie, Mazie, Vallyssa and baby boy due in December; Aunts Dorothy Wircraft, Susie Lotches; Uncle Daily Lotches; numerous Gonzales in-laws, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Millie was preceded in death by her beloved husband Ben; parents, Sis and Jarvis Riddle; brother, Burnie; Sisters, Arlene and Sheila and infant twin sisters. Millie was a homemaker, avid shopper, and Dutch Bros. connoisseur. She was a Klamath Tribal elder and she enjoyed participating in all of the elder events as well as other Klamath Tribal activities. She had a gifted musical ear which is evident in a number of her children and grandchildren alike. She will be forever loved and greatly missed. Services were held September 24, 2011 @ the First Baptist Church, Klamath Falls, OR. Millie and Ben were laid to rest at Wilson Cemetery, in Chiloquin, OR, following the meal.

Modoc Tribal Elder, and highly decorated Korean War Veteran, Daily Dean Lotches passed away on November 17, 2011 in San Jose, California.

Pat was born to Tiffany Hill and Loretta Butler Hill in Big Pine, California on August 29, 1933. He moved home to Modoc Point while still very young, and was subsequently raised by James and Margaret Johnson at his mother’s request. He attended Mt. Angel briefly, but ran away so many times that James and Margaret decided it would be best for him to stay home and attend school in Chiloquin. He subsequently married Margaret Jane Haddock, a Sprague River Chiloquin girl, and they had three children, Kathleen, Gerald, Jr. and James.

Running cattle alongside Johnson at an early age, and sharing responsibility for Tribal cattle at Wocus Bay, imbued Pat with a strong work ethic that lasted a lifetime. Over the years, he engaged in a variety of jobs, including work as a logger, ranch-hand, and mill-worker. He also served in the U.S. Army. Pat took great pleasure in memories of riding saddle bronc in his early years, and greatly admired those who excelled in that arena.

The Creator gifted Pat with an extraordinary sense of humor, which empowered him to deal with the many challenges that came his way. He spent most of his life in Klamath Country, but also moved about. In 2006, he moved back to Chiloquin to be closer to family and enjoy his homeland. In his final years, Pat’s greatest pride and joy was found in his relationships with his children and grandchildren, who reflected his strong work ethic, and in his great-grandchildren who proved to him (in his own words) that “it was all worth it”.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents – Tiffany Hill, Loretta Butler Hill Brown, James Johnson and Margaret Johnson. He was also preceded in death by his older brother Charlie Hill, younger sister Phyllis Hill, younger brother Fred Brown, Jr., beloved nieces and a nephew and many dear friends.

Pat is survived by his younger brother Wilfred Hill, sisters-in-law Mary Hill Garcia and Shari Brown, daughter and son-in-law Kathleen Hill and Joseph Dupris, sons Gerald Hill, Jr. and James Hill, grandchildren Shaylene Allen, David Allen Hill, Joseph “Joe” Dupris, Shay Dupris, Shana Hill, Sarah Hill and Tristan hill, and great-grandchildren Alena Jane Thomas, Lorenzo Idrogo, Alyssandra Hill, Isabelle Hill, David Hill, Jonathan Hill and Allen Hill, numerous beloved nephews and nieces, and special lifelong friend Harold “Plummie” Wright. He also deeply loved other wives, stepchildren and friends.

At Pat’s request, there will be no funeral services. An informal Celebration of Life dinner will be held in January, and a private family ceremony will be held in the spring.

Punkin was born on April 25, 1950, at the Klamath Falls Indian Agency in OR to Clarence “Booden” Silas Clinton & Beulah Cowen. Punkin was a proud Klamath/Modoc tribal member and grew up in the Klamath Falls area in Oregon. In 1965, she moved to Portland with her mother & soon to be husband, Santos Perez, Jr. They had two sons after moving to Portland, Santos Silas Perez & Juan Roberto Perez. They later divorced but Punkin & the boys stayed in Portland. In 1978, Punkin gave birth to her baby girl, Seri Faye Ferris. Punkin later eloped in Reno with Seri’s father, Vincent Dunner Parazoo. They were wed on February 28, 1981. Following their children, they relocated to Montana in 1994. Montana has been home ever since.

Punkin’s family was her pride and joy! She enjoyed babysitting the grandkids & spoiled them with love, juice, cookies, & cartoons. She proudly flaunted the title of the “Crazy Grandma”. Her delicious potato salad was always requested at family gatherings. And because she taught the women of the family her secrets, her potato salad will continue to be a special dish at family get-togethers.

Punkin also enjoyed camping at powwows & danced until her health would not permit. She was a meticulous organizer & kept all her things in a certain way. Her sense of humor was beyond funny! When asked if she needed anything she would always reply, “Yeah, a million bucks!” She liked to watch scary movies but her Monday nights were reserved for WWE.

Punkin was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Queenie & Louise,
In Loving Memory of Ronnie Foster who passed on to the spirit world April 2011.

He enjoyed powwow and listening to powwow music on his earphones. He was known for his beautiful beadwork. He was an Elder of the Klamath Tribes. He loved his kids and grandkids.

He is survived by his sons and daughter, Darin Foster, Ronnie "Littiman Foster, Eric Burdon Foster, Sonya Foster, Shyne Foster. Grandkids: Steven Foster, Nicky Foster, Robert Foster, Coyote Rae Foster, Malyiah Morning Star Foster, Shyne Red Eagle Foster, Gerald Notafraid Foster, Dakota Foster, Eric Greyhawk Foster, Saydra Foster, Reyna "little who" Lopez, Arianna Skye Foster, Amber Foster, Alexandria Foster. And numerous relatives nieces and nephews, Brian Peterson, Delbert Handsaker, Rne and Sandy, Gina, Nora, Carla, Mike Foster and family. All the cousins on the Yakima Rez the Thompsons, mothers of his kids Linda and Jackie, two special women we love. Dondi Hondo Foster, Gerald Foster, Maurene Foster, Derel Uncle King Fish Foster, brothers and sisters, Vernon Foster, Mary Foster, Louane Aunty Pie Foster, Lori Byers, Cindy Cruz. All relatives in Lincoln City, Klamath, Yakima. Friends Peggy of Salem and Family.

Dad is now walking on the moon with our bro "Thickman" and our relatives and ancestors.

If we forgot to mention anybody you know who your are. He was put to rest in Beatty, Oregon. He will be greatly missed.

We love you dad. grampa, uncle and brother.
The Klamath Tribes/Kla-Mo-Ya Casino Float won 1st Place in the Government and Civic Snowflake Float Competition 2011. Each year the Public Relations department coordinates this project and the Klamath Tribes participate in the largest event in Klamath County, known also as the largest night parade in the Pacific Northwest, with over 100 float and marching band entries. Special thanks goes to John and Sharon Benson and family of JB Logging, who are always part of our spectacular crew. The parade trophies are awarded by the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce in Klamath Falls, Oregon. This year's theme for the parade was "Christmas Adventure" so we constructed a huge Dip Net Salmon Fishing Christmas Adventure!

A special "Sepk'ee'c'a" (Thank you) goes out to everyone, the Crew was fantastic as usual! It's always a Team/Casino/Tribal Effort! This year's award was extra special because this is also the 25th Anniversary of the Klamath Tribes Restoration. Our float represented the Vision to restore our Salmon and bring health back to the waters and community. We are happy to participate and be a main component in Klamath County.


Klamath Tribes Salmon Recovery Float Wins 1st Place