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## Attention Klamath Tribal Members!

Next "Regular" General Council is scheduled for **Saturday May 21, 2011 at 10am.**

Blood Quantum and GRC ad-hoc reports will be two of the items on that agenda.

**Blood Quantum Poll:** Tribal Council needs for Tribal members to call in and relay how they feel about the blood quantum issue. Please select one of the 3 options listed here and let us know your thoughts:

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**This is only a poll, the results will be discussed at the May 21, 2011 General Council meeting, you can call (541) 783-2219 ext. 170 or 100, or e-mail: [gary.frost@klamathtribes.com](mailto:gary.frost@klamathtribes.com) or [torina.case@klamathtribes.com](mailto:torina.case@klamathtribes.com) or you can write a letter to: Tribal Council Chairman, P.O. Box 436, Chiloquin, Oregon 97624. Thank you. Your assistance will be appreciated.**



Vice Chairman Gentry, Mayor Todd Kellstrom, and Tribal Chairman Gary Frost honor a true artist, Tony Tecumseh, as he's awarded the Native American Lifetime Achievement Music Award.

**Afterglow....** is truly the name that represented a long journey for Klamath Tribal Elder, Anthony "Tony" Tecumseh

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songs, "Riding Home Again" written in 1964, seems to sum up parts of Klamath Country.

**The story of Tony and his bandmates is extremely unique and the subject of an upcoming documentary scheduled to be aired on PBS.**

### **How did this come about?**

Completely unaware of their impact on the fans of the 1960's rock scene, the members of Afterglow, Ron George, bass guitar & vocals; Gene Resler, guitar & vocals; Roger Swanson, keyboards & vocals; Tony Tecumseh, guitar, vocals, songwriter; and Larry Alexander, drums, carried on with their lives oblivious to the world that loves their work. After 40 years, these five friends recently discovered that their album didn't fail; it just took its own sweet time to succeed.

In the mid sixties Afterglow was known as the Medallions when the group was brought to the attention of Leo De Gar Kulka, world renowned record producer, who offered the five young men from rural California an opportunity to come to San Francisco and record an album at his famous Golden State Recorders studio. The young men, students at Chico State University, took the summer of 1967 off work and school to live at Alexander's parents' house while they wrote and practiced the 20 songs requested by the producer.

Once the songs were ready, the five ambitious and talented musicians loaded up a trailer and headed to San Francisco. It was October 1967 and the musicians spent the time recording their songs at the famous studio, attending the requisite photo shoots, and meeting with producers. When the band left San Francisco, they were confident that the inevitable national tours and press junkets would show the world the quality of musicianship to be found in rural Northern California.

The band mates resumed their studies and waited. Soon, the call came. The album was

### **Afterglow continued...**

March 15, 2011, marked a great day for Tony. During a small ceremony at the City Hall in Klamath Falls, Oregon, Mr. Tecumseh was presented with the prestigious Native American Lifetime Achievement Music Award for his contributions to music since 1960 with his band *Afterglow*. Originally, Mr. Tecumseh had been asked to travel to New York City to receive this award, but health and funding issues became a factor, so his band moved the small ceremony to his hometown of Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Tony Tecumseh has lived in Klamath Falls his entire life and is a founding member, guitarist, vocalist and songwriter for the long, lost rock band Afterglow. He may be, in fact, one of the very first native American rock and roll composers in history. One of his

finished and in San Francisco ready to be shipped. Alexander remembers the rollercoaster of emotions that the album's arrival evoked. The recording was top notch. He also felt a strong disconnect as he stared at the extremely modern album cover. The band members were, for all essential purposes, unrecognizable and in fact, other than the song writers' acknowledgements, their names didn't appear anywhere on the album.

The band didn't hear anything else much from the producers or the record label, MTA Records in New York City. Locally, the music was popular and, in fact, Alexander remains very proud of the fact that the band's signature song "Riding Home Again" was number one for over 20 weeks on KSYC, then a popular rock and roll radio station in Yreka, California. The band performed and traveled whenever and wherever they could, but calls to the record label were not returned. The cost of self promotion soon prohibited any more efforts and the band settled back in Chico, getting their degrees, playing here and there and moving on with life. In 1968 the members of Afterglow went on to other careers including military service, accounting, engineering and even a mayoral term.

**Were albums sold?** If so, no one told the young men who wrote and performed the music. The whole experience continued to exist, to the band, in the same emotional place it landed when Larry first opened that box in 1968 – bittersweet.

**Nearly 30 years later, without their knowledge**, the album secured rock and roll cult status and the attention of a notable producer, Bob Irwin, of Sundazed Music in New York. Irwin was so impressed with the album that he purchased the rights, produced an internationally released compact disc in 1995 and a new vinyl version in 2001. Irwin's efforts were well received and a commercial success. The music company, its passionate founder and the new crop of fans, however, had a problem.

### **No one could find the band.**

It wasn't until one of Alexander's employees found the album in the office one day and, on a whim, decided to do an internet search. "You know, we were sitting there while the site loaded" Alexander remembers "and when it popped up on the screen, for sale in stores around the world, re-released twice on compact disc and vinyl, and reviewed and bought by the thousands, I practically fell out of my chair."

A quick call to Sundazed Music was met with a "We've been looking for you guys for fifteen years!" and subsequent internet searches revealed that the band was indeed considered "long, lost" and the album, both the cover art and music "groundbreaking psychedelia".

The band is now ready for their long delayed close-up. "It is, to me, a great American story" says Calvin Kennedy, founder of Freedom Films. "It is a story of five honest, dedicated young musicians who set their mind to it and produced a classic piece of art. Together, they and their families did what it took to deliver the goods. That is harder than

most people think; particularly from rural Northern California and Southern Oregon in the mid sixties. I want to tell this story because it is, at its core, a story of validation and delayed gratification. These five guys knew they had done a good job forty years ago and to find out now that they succeeded, thirty years later is as interesting a story as I have seen in quite a while. I also see that there is a fan base out there who wants to get to know these guys better. It is going to be a great film."

The film and the performance were a success on many levels. "Wow, we signed autographs for almost an hour," said guitarist Gene Resler. "Everyone who we met at the show was so supportive and thrilled to see us back together that we are determined to dust off the songbooks and instruments and produce another album as soon as we can."

The band is planning more performances in conjunction with the film at venues throughout the country. "It shows that there are fans who want to see the story, enjoy the music and interact with the band" said Alexander. **"It's our job to see that we give them what they've been waiting for; stay tuned to see what happens next."**

Thank you goes to everyone who made Tony's presentation happen. Special thanks to Tony, his daughter Dee and grandson, Douglas Tecumseh, for accommodating every request with good humor and for being such good friends. Also, special thanks to the dignitaries, Mayor Todd Kellstrom, Tribal Chairman Gary Frost and Tribal Vice-Chairman Don Gentry, who were so accommodating and respectful of Tony and his accomplishments. Thank you to Larry and the crew for helping us capture a very special and historical moment.

Soon there will be some follow-up shortly to identify and accomplish the next steps needed for elevating the special and true story of Artist Mr. Tony Tecumseh, Afterglow and the Nammys.

For more information or to purchase some music, etc... Please contact Patrick Desmond, listed below.

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## Secretarial Determination Public Meeting held in Klamath Falls, Oregon on status for Dam Removal on the Klamath River



March 16, 2011, a meeting was held in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to provide an update on the status for the Determination by the U.S. Sec of Interior whether to recommend the removal of four dams on the Klamath River per the Klamath Hydroelectric Agreement. The meeting also provided a forum for the community and the government agencies to discuss the process that will inform the Secretary of the Interior's decision on dam removal.

Since this was an open public meeting, members of general public along with various stakeholders of the KBRA/KHSA were in attendance. The Klamath Tribes was well represented by both official leadership and interested tribal members. The tribal reps and members in attendance were able to hear a report on the current progress and development of the determination and place questions and comments into the official record. **For those who were unable to attend but would still like to place questions or comments into the official record that opportunity still exists by visiting the official web site, [www.klamathrestoration.gov](http://www.klamathrestoration.gov)** We encourage tribal members to take advantage of this site and the opportunity to participate. This is an on-going process that will conclude with completion of the Secretarial Determination Process and the Secretary of Interior making his decision on dam removal in March, 2012.

The Klamath Tribes will continue to develop and provide information into the process. This will insure that when the time comes for the decision on the Determination will be made it will include the most scientific, technical, historical and cultural relevant facts we can provide to protect Klamath Tribal Treaty Rights and Resources and our members to exercise those rights.

The Klamath Tribes were officially represented by KTNT members, Vice-Chairman, Don Gentry, Jeff Mitchell, Larry Dunsmoor, Senior Aquatics Biologist, Will Hatcher, NR Director, Tribal Council member, Shawn Jackson and Tribal Treasurer Brandi Decker. The meeting was also well attended by interested tribal membership. If you have any questions, please contact Tribal Government at 541-783-2219.



University of Oregon Senior, Derek Kimbol, his son Badge, Klamath Tribal Councilman Jackson, and Dr. Tom Ball came to speak for the Salmon and Support Dam Revival on the lower Klamath River.

**Tribal Event Coordinators for 2011:** Tribal Council appointed the following Tribal event coordinators for 2011. If you have any questions or suggestions for these events please feel free to contact these individuals.

Memorial Day Rodeo – Richard Tupper

Memorial Day pow-wow – Leoma Wilson

Restoration Treaty Days Youth Rodeo – Marvin Garcia

Restoration pow-wow – Diane Walker

NOTE: the Restoration fun run walk & barbeque are coordinated by Tribal Health and the parade is coordinated by Tribal Administration.

Sobriety pow-wow – Stanson & Eshonie Yazzie (held in Klamath Falls)

Tribal Council has also recently approved the “Veterans pow-wow” as a new annual Tribal event held in connection to Veterans Day in November – Catherine “Mex” Weiser is the current coordinator for that event.

**Newly appointed Committee members:** Tribal Council recently took action to appoint the Enrollment Committee: Karen Ray, Cleo Atchley and Sharon Harrington. Eileen “Bucky” Hobbs-Martinez was appointed to the Culture and Heritage Committee and Bonna Pool, Jeannie Mcnair, Steve Weiser, Darlene Melendres, and Eileen “Bucky” Hobbs-Martinez were appointed to the Health Advisory Committee. Applications are still being accepted for the Housing Advisory Committee and Education Committee, most of the other Committees have enough for a quorum and are meeting and taking care of business. If you wish to be added to any of the active committees, just send in an application and the Council will consider the addition.

### Note from the Editor:

**As you may have noticed, the tribal newsletter has not been able to feature Priority 4 (Individual Tribal Member Information articles) on a regular basis, months have been combined, and the obituaries have also had to be put on hold until space would allow. This is due to the fact this program has limited funding and resources. Therefore, we cannot expand our newsletter or website at this time to accommodate those articles that are used as fillers. Program funding comes from a government grant therefore, it is necessary to place Priority 1 (Government) and Priority 2 (Program Information) before any other notices. Also, it is now necessary that submissions be sent electronically to the following email: [Sorry for any inconvenience](mailto:Sorry for any inconvenience).**

Thank you,  
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### DUE TO LACK OF FUNDING!

**The Klamath Tribes General Assistance Program (GA) is no longer accepting applications.**

**Sorry for any inconvenience  
The Social Service Department  
541-783-2219 ext. 141**



Left: All ten members of the Klamath Tribal Council stand for the opening prayer at the Tribal Public meeting in Portland, Oregon. Blessing was given by tribal member, Harvi Hood.



Right: Tribal members were abundant at both the Portland and Eugene meetings. Membership in the urban areas were anxious to hear about tribal issues and meet the elected membership.

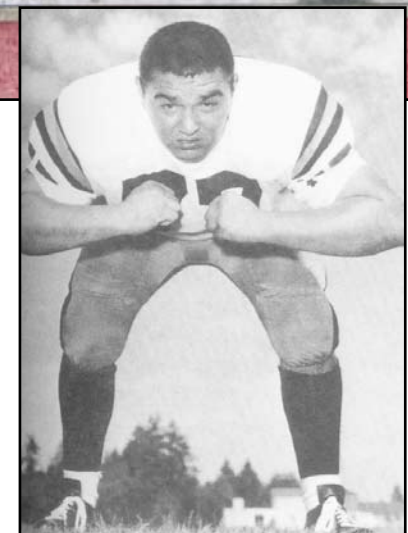
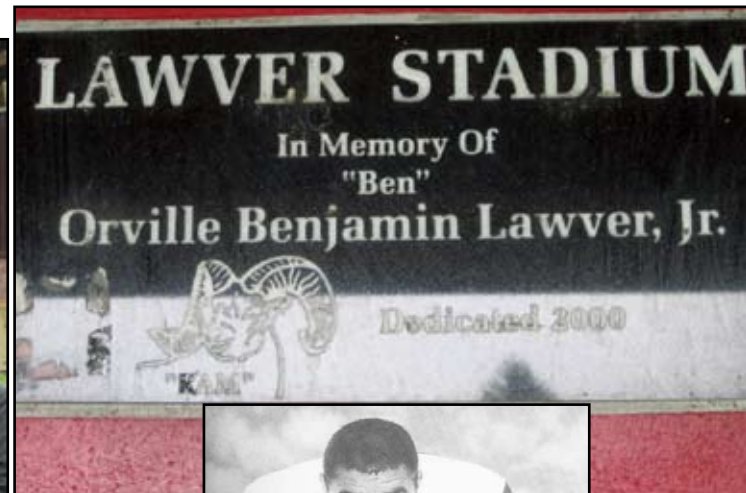
## **Klamath Tribal Council Public Meetings and Flag Ceremony at Chemawa Indian School**

Public meetings for Klamath Tribal Government and the members of the Klamath Tribes, were held in Portland, Oregon and Eugene, on March 22-23, 2011. Both locations were filled with tribal members who had concerns and questions about the following issues: Blood quantum, historical trauma of the tribal people and recovery, Aurora project, hunting rights, deer populations, stopping the generational and spiritual curse of abuse, tribal service area, educational services, revenue allocation changes, casino changes and funds, truck stop issues and information, and forming committees in the urban areas to help the communication for the tribes. The Portland meeting was filled to capacity with tribal membership, and both locations featured the Enrollment Card ID machine for updated cards.

In Salem, Oregon, on March 23rd, 2011, the Klamath Tribal Council were honored guests at the Chemawa Indian school where the Council presented the school with a Klamath tribal flag. The flag is part of the school collection and is significant due to the fact the tribes have had so many tribal members and athletes attend the school, including football great, the late Benjamin "Ram" Lawver Jr. (1936-2000). His brother, Klamath Tribal Councilman, Bert Lawver, told how his brother was a great athlete and student at Chemawa where they both attended and excelled. Bert said, "My brother was drafted by the Green Bay Packers professional football team from 1959-1960. Then he returned to Chemawa to coach and teach for several years from 1963-1995, then in 2000, the football stadium was dedicated to his memory." The history and tribal involvement at Chemawa is long and historical. It is the hope of the Klamath Tribes that Chemawa can continue to educate native students from across the nation for many years to come.



At Chemawa, Superintendent Craig Wellman, met with our Council along with the Chemawa Seniors to accept the flag from the Tribes.



# NOTICE TO ELIGIBLE ENROLLED KLAMATH TRIBAL MEMBERS Per Capita Information

**The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department is preparing for the 2011 Revenue Allocation, which is scheduled for June 17, 2011.** If you have moved since June of 2010 and have not updated your address with the Member Benefits Program please call and request an "Address Update Form." Address changes must be submitted before May 15, 2011. Don't forget to update your minor children. Please Call Jeannie McNair at (541) 783-2219 ext 203 for the forms.

It is the responsibility of each member to keep The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits and Enrollment Department informed regarding your and your minor children's address changes. If you have had a name change we require copies of name change documents, marriage license, divorce papers, adoption records, and custody orders in order to change your name on file. In order to be in compliance with IRS you are required to present a copy of your social security card issued in your new name. We also require copies of wills or petitions of personal representation and death certificates to claim benefits for any member who may have passed away since the last per capita.

**Minor Trust Fund Liquidations:** If you are going to be 18 years old by June 17, 2011 and will graduate high school. You may be eligible to liquidate your minor trust fund. Call and request a liquidation form, fill it out; send it back with a copy of your High School Diploma or GED to start the process of liquidation. Please allow thirty days for competition. If you have questions regarding your eligibility please call Mary Gentry at (541) 783-2219 ext 195.

**Deceased Benefits:** For deceased qualified Tribal Members, per capita payments will be delivered to the court appointed representative of the deceased's estate. If you have been designated legal representative or if the deceased left a last will and testament, please call Mary Gentry and request the Deceased Benefits Claim form. Also, please remember to send a copy of the deceased death certificate for our records.

**For more information: Contact Mary Gentry or Jeannie McNair at (800) 524-9787 or (541) 783-2219.**

## Klamath Tribal Members- NO Known Address

Attention: The Klamath Tribes Enrollment and Member Benefits Department does NOT have CURRENT mailing addresses for the following enrolled members. If your name or the name of a family member or friend is on this list, please contact Rosemary Treetop in the Klamath Tribes Member Benefits or Enrollment Department ASAP!

It is the responsibility of each member to keep The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department informed regarding your and your minor children's address changes. If you have had a name change we require copies of name change documents, marriage license, divorce papers, adoption records, and Social Security cards in order to change your name on file. If there are names of loved ones who are deceased, please provide the Enrollment department with a copy of a death certificate so their name can be officially removed from the tribal rolls.

If any individual member is found to be enrolled with another tribe the Klamath Tribes Enrollment Ordinance Title 1 Chapter 4. Dual Enrollment. No person shall become a member of the Klamath Tribes who is a member of another federally recognized Indian Tribe. Any member of the Klamath Tribes who applies for and is accepted as a member of another tribe shall automatically forfeit enrollment in the Klamath Tribes.

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| Barfield, Robert Louis      | Hill, Tiffany Clarence James | Ross, Cynthia             |
| Barkley, Wilma Gloria       | Hobbs Jr. Daniel Anthony     | Schroeder, Tania Lynn     |
| Begley, Larry               | Hood, Crystal Lee            | Shadley, Sailee           |
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| Black, Kerri Lynette        | Hughes, Marlon Corrine       | Shelp, Gayle              |
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| Brien, Marcella May         | Jackson, Angelica Jeanette   | Soto, Kristine, L.        |
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| Campbell, Christine Adeline | Jackson, July Briana         | Stanwood, Shannon K.      |
| Campagna, Kadi Lee          | Jackson, Loren Dean          | Tecumseh, Leslie Angelina |
| Castro, Donna Marie         | Joe, Caitlin Jene Crylin     | Thompson, Delvina Rose    |
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| Charles, Clemente           | Kai, William Bud             | Velasquez, Jesse Lynn     |
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| Cooper, Susan Blanch        | Kirk, Calli Rebecca          | Weimer, Lawrence George   |
| Courtney, Jonathan Kim      | Lane, Celia Ann              | Weimer, Theresa Marie     |
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| Crain, Alicia Marie         | Lassiter, Margaret           | Wilson, Lea Charmyne      |
| Curtis, Barbara Elaine      | Lassiter, Susan Melissa      | Wilson, Rosetta           |
| David Jr., Reid Sharkey     | Lotches, Stewart Lee         | Wilson, Wanda Kidwell     |
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**NOTICE****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

2009 Returned Checks

Beard, Amanda Lynette

Hill, Gerald Leroy

2010 Returned Checks

Bivin, Kerry Leon

Beard, Amanda Lynette

Hill, Gerald LeRoy

Huitt, Jodi Lyn

Jackson Jr., William K.

Martinez Jaimie-Avalos, Zetta M.

Noneo, Audie Owen

Perrins, Benyamin Nachama

Rebecca K. Rank

Reyes, Andrew Lynx

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.

**KLAMATH DISCUSSIONS KBRA SUPPORT PANEL**

Left to Right: Ron Reed: Representative of the Karuk Tribe; Don Gentry: Vice-Chairman Klamath Tribal Council; Dave Bitts: Commercial Fisherman- President PCFFA; Mike Beagle: Hunter, Fisherman, Teacher, Staff with Trout Unlimited.

**Panel speakers were diverse but all shared the same vision for Dam Removal and Support of the KBRA (Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement).**

On April 20, 2011, a meetings was held at Ross Raglund in Klamath Falls, Oregon, to discuss the support of the KBRA, Dam Removal, and community conversations about the future of everyone in the Klamath basin. Special thanks goes to Chip Massey, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for facilitating the event. Great Job!

The meetings are a monthly speaker series called KLAMATH CONVERSATIONS sponsored by: PROSPER, Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, Klamath Water Users, Upper Klamath Water Users Association, and the Klamath Tribes, in an effort to educate the community about the importance of fish and farms and the necessity of working together for a healthy ecosystem. The theme for this meeting was: C'waam and Salmon: Fish as a Commodity, Culture and Ecology.

The events are free and open to the public. Questions are always welcome and refreshments are served. For more information or to find out the next meeting location please contact: Don Gentry or Jeff Mitchell at 541-783-2219 or (541) 891-5971.



Vice Chairman, Don Gentry, spoke about the importance of the fish and his personal experiences growing up on the river. He knows the fish and culture are vital to our existence.



## Sharing in Spirit brings Prosperity



### University of Oregon Students spend a week with the Klamath Tribes

In March, 2011, University students joined some JOM High school students, during their spring break, to travel to Southern Oregon to participate in a rural and cultural experience with the Klamath Tribes of Oregon. The project came to fruition after efforts spearheaded by Klamath Tribal Member, Dr. Tom Ball, were so successful last year during a similar project.

This year, the project was blessed to have Klamath Tribal Member, Derek Kimbol, a senior at the University of Oregon, act in the capacity of Project Manager, under the direction of Dr. Ball. Together they worked with the Klamath Tribes and the JOM program coordinator, Will Riddle, and Director Brenda Frank, to bring both high school and the University students together. Their week included visits to the Klamath Marsh, Lava Beds, story telling, rebuilding and clean-up of Edison Chiloquin's camp, Plaiknii village, Link river trail, home dinners, Cultural presentations from Perry Chocktoot, tours at Kla-Mo-Ya Casino, Gaming Regulatory Commission, Tribal Health, the Wellness Center, Tribal admin., the Tribal research facility, and visits with Elders like Gow Godowa, and the Hill and Saluskin family, just to name a few.

The week was filled with spiritual healing and enlightenment for all involved and students from the University said this experience touched their heart and soul, and literally had a profound affect on them. Closing ceremonies were provided at the Tribal Congregate Center where the students shared their personal stories and provided dinner to the honored guests.

Special thank you goes to everyone who participated and make this journey a success. Especially, Mr. Kimbol and Dr. Ball, for all their hard work and vision to bring people together, so we can all have a better understanding of what is necessary for our future.

**naanok ?ans naat sat'wa Ya naat ciiwapk diceew'a**  
**"We help each other; We will live good."**

## Honor Powwow a Success

I just wanted you to know of the great turnout we had at this year's Honor Pow Wow on Saturday, April 2. It was co-hosted by the Oregon Institute of Technology Native American Student Union and the Klamath Tribes Education & Employment Johnson O'Malley Program. This year coordinator's were Will Riddle, JOM Coordinator, and Raefield Benson, NASU President. Thank you to Will and Pockets for making this event a success and fun.

There are a few Honor Pow Wow t-shirts available at the E/E main office for \$10. The money will go back to the OIT NASU Club. Please call Michele Lyon if you want one: 783-2219.

Brenda A Frank, Director Education & Employment

## Oops! Time to print a Retraction!



In the last issue of the newsletter, I said the person in the middle was Harvi Hood. But I was mistaken and this is Klamath Tribal members, (LtoR) Allen Nelson, Calvin Hecocta, and Klamath Tribal Chairman, Gary Frost. Sorry for the mix up. Thank you for letting me know. :)

Taylor R. David  
News Editor

## Looking for Family?

Who: Jedediah Decker

What: He is looking for any family in the Klamath Tribes

Why: He is now 29 and lives in Sparks, NV. He was adopted out and is now seeking some family. He is the son of Evonna Allen.

If anyone has any information please contact him at:

**Jedediah Decker**

2150 Victorian Ave Apt. 123

Sparks, NV 89431

Cell: 775-379-0151

Home: 775-825-709

**Klamath Walk for Diabetes Awareness****Saturday, April 30, 2011****10:00 am - 1:00 pm****Moore Park - Klamath Falls, OR****Sign ups begin at 10:00. Walk begins at 10:30****Lunch and prizes will immediately follow****This event is proudly sponsored by****Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services.****Questions?****Shawn Jackson -or- Christa Runnels****KTHFS DPP Coordinator KTHFS Health Educator****541-882-1487 x 220 541-882-1487 x 222****WANTED!****Coaches for Sports Camp!****June 28-30, 2011 at Ponderosa Junior High****8:30 AM-2:00 PM****Klamath Falls, Oregon****Basketball, football, volleyball, and soccer****Earn a \$100 pre-paid visa for 4.5 hours of**

Applications will be available at:

- Tribal Health in Klamath Falls • Wellness Center in Chiloquin
- Tribal Administration in Chiloquin

Questions? Call Christa Runnels, Health Educator, KTHFS @ 541-882-1487 X 222.

**THE KLAMATH TRIBES COMMUNITY SERVICES****DEPARTMENT 2011-2013 CCDF PLAN****PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

FOR THE PLAN PERIOD 2011-2013

For all interested persons, and clients, a Public Hearing regarding the Klamath Tribes 2011-2013 Child Care Development Plan (CCDF) will be held at two locations and dates as follows:

**In Klamath Falls:** Tuesday, May 24, 2011

Time: 11:00 AM Place: Klamath Tribal Health  
3929 S. 6th Street, Klamath Falls, OR

**In Chiloquin:** Wednesday, May 24, 2011

Time: 11:00AM Place: Tribal Administration  
501 Chiloquin Blvd., Chiloquin, OR

If you have any questions, please contact

Joyce Berry at (541) 783-2219 Ext. 119 or Shari Brown at Ext. 134.

**Sports Camp 2011!****\*\* Pre-Registration Required \*\*****June 28-30 (6-18 year olds)****8:30-2:00 at Ponderosa School**

July 1 (family activities)

Transportation available June 28-30 for registered youth participants:

Chiloquin Option #1: KTHFS Modular Buildings (204 Pioneer),  
pick up 7:10-7:25 am & drop off 2:40 pm.

Chiloquin Option #2: Tribal Administration, pick up 7:30-7:45 & drop 2:30 pm.  
Beatty: Call Carolynne @ 882-1487 x 239 for times and location.

Rides not provided for family activities on 7/1.

Registration sheets will be available at Tribal Health and  
Tribal Administration Buildings.

- Questions?

Call Christa, Health Educator, at 882-1487 x 222  
or cmrunnels@klm.portland.ihs.gov.

**Drum Group**

**Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services**  
**will be hosting an on-going youth drum group.**

Start Date: May 03, 2011

(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 Chiloquin park)

Along with drumming and singing, youth will make hand drums.

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

**Tribal Men's Health & Golf Retreat**

Wednesday, June 22, 2010 from 11:00 am– 3:00 pm

Harbor Links Golf Course- Klamath Falls, OR.

**Please RSVP, space is limited!**

Nine holes of golf, a cart, lunch, and information on men's health.

This event is for tribal men age 18 and older.

Bring your own clubs.

Limited number of golf clubs available for rent from golf course.

Transportation is not available.

**To RSVP call:****Christa Runnels, Health Educator****541-882-1487 x 222**

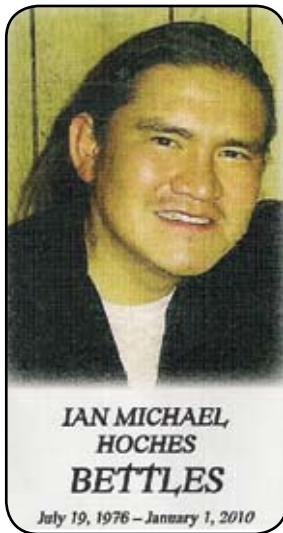
Proudly sponsored by Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services  
and a grant from the Northwest Portland Area  
Indian Health Board.

### Did you know April was National Alcohol Awareness Month- Honoring a special young Man...

Since April is National Alcohol Awareness Month. Lynn Bettles has been working with Dr. Janasek at the Tribal Medical Clinic to put together a patient education campaign. She provided the clinic with some handouts about alcohol abuse and simple screening forms that are anonymous that clients may complete if they desire. If they want to talk to a medical provider for help for referral, they are welcome to do that at the time of their visit.

This was done to honor the memory of her late step son Ian. Lynn says, "As many of you know, my step-son Ian Bettles, passed away New Years Day a little over a year ago. Alcohol had a role in his death, as it does for so many of our young people. I have taken on this project to honor him and to promote awareness in our community so maybe other lives can be spared the awful effects that alcohol permeates through families."

Thank you, Lynne Bettles



**Note from Dr. Janasek,** "Most of you have had exposure to alcohol, both good and bad. Sometimes beer, wine, and liquor are enjoyed in celebration. However, sometimes alcohol is used by people to medicate their own psychological or physical problems- always with bad results eventually. It is a root cause of many of the tragedies that have been all too common in the Klamath Tribes.

When studied on a population level by multiple sources including the CDC, IHS, and WHO, American Indians/Alaska Natives as a whole are more likely to drink alcohol at a young age, binge drink, and drive while intoxicated than the general population of the United States. That leads to a staggering statistic: American Indians and Alaska Natives are up to seven times more likely to die from alcohol than the general population. That is because alcohol is a known cause of injury both unintentional and intentional; liver disease and cirrhosis; and liver, oral, breast, and colon cancer; among many other health problems. Alcohol leads to family disruption, poverty, and violent crime among other social problems. A healthy adult male with no other health problems will start to suffer ill effects from as few as two 12 ounce beers on a daily basis, and with women that starts with one daily drink.

Alcohol is not necessary in anyone's life, but can be enjoyed responsibly. If you feel that you or someone you know are not in control of your beer, wine, or liquor, let us know at the Wellness Center or Alcohol and Drug program and we'll help as best we can.

Dr. Mitch Janasek,  
Medical Director at the Klamath Tribal Wellness Center

## Attention All! Important Notice from the Farm Agency!

Dear Producer,

Attached is a Fact Sheet concerning the Livestock Indemnity Program. Please share the information with anyone that may be interested. This is a national program covering losses throughout the United States.

The Farm Service Agency is accepting applications from eligible producers for livestock losses that have occurred as a result of adverse weather conditions including but not limited to:

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| Hurricanes   | Floods       |
| Blizzards    | Disease      |
| Wildfires    | Tornado      |
| Lightning    | Earthquakes  |
| Extreme Heat | Extreme Cold |

The types of livestock eligible include:

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| Beef Cattle | Dairy Cattle |
| Beefalo     | Buffalo      |
| Sheep       | Equine       |
| Goats       | Swine        |
| Poultry     | Alpacas      |
| Emus        | Reindeer     |
| Deer        | Elk          |

Producers must file a notice of loss within 30 days of the livestock death. The program will continue through October 1, 2011 and will cover losses through that time period.

Documentation to support losses will be required and compensation will be for losses in excess of normal mortality rates for the class of livestock.

Interested producers should contact their local Farm Service Agency Office. The Klamath County Farm Service Agency can be contacted at 541-883-6924 x 2.

Sincerely,  
Dana Thompson  
Program Technician Klamath County  
Farm Service Agency  
2316 South Sixth Street Suite C  
Klamath Falls, OR  
97601  
Phone: 541-883-6924 X 107 or Fax: 541-882-9044

## Let's Go Shopping! Klamath Tribal ELDERS 60 & ABOVE Who Live in the Chiloquin Area

Save gas and ride the Elders bus to Klamath Falls on the 2nd Thursday of each month to do your grocery shopping.

- Elders will be picked up at their homes between 10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
- If Elder requires an attendant, the attendant can ride the bus.
- Bus will stop at Sherms Thunderbird, Wal-Mart and Fred Meyers.
- There will be a cooler for refrigerated items.
- The bus will stop at a fast food place for lunch (must buy your own lunch.)
- The bus will leave Klamath Falls by 3:00 p.m.
- The bus will drop Elders off at their homes.
- Seating is limited to 10.
- You must have your own money or food card to shop and buy lunch.

Call Michelle Carson, Elder Outreach Worker at Community Services Department at 783-2219 ext. 122 at least 2 days before shopping to reserve a seat on the bus. Give me a call today! Our new bus is beautiful!



### Blessing and Prayers for the fish to return

I would like to take this time and thank the Forest Improvement Crew for their help preparing the C-waam Ceremony grounds this last Friday. They worked as a finely tuned machine out there, with each crew member supporting the other.

The success of the ceremony could be traced back to the hard work that the crew did out there that day. I would like to point out that the two supervisors Charley Bates and Roland Crume did a very fine job coordinating the crew and by participated in the work themselves have the respect of their crew and my respect also.

**From the Culture and Heritage Department a big Thank You is in order!**

Perry Chocktoot Jr

Director of Culture and Heritage Department

## Attention Klamath Tribal Wellness Patients New Electronic Scheduling System

Klamath Tribal Health is pleased to announce that they are enhancing their services by implementing a new electronic scheduling and demographic system. The new system will improve the accuracy of demographic patient information and update the scheduling system that the clinic currently uses.

### What will this mean for our patients?

Patients will continue to check in with the Patient Registration department as their first stop when visiting the clinic. This process will be a little more time consuming, especially in the beginning as patients and staff become familiar with the new system. There may be some additional paperwork for patients to complete at Patient Registration. In the beginning, you will also be asked to stop by the medical and dental window to do a quick check in with them, but we hope to eventually eliminate this step as the front office staff will be notified electronically that you have arrived. To make this transition as easy as possible, please arrive early so you have plenty of time for the staff to check you in before your appointment time.

The staff at Klamath Tribal Health is excited about this new system and feel that it is the first step in improving patient care for our clients. Please bear with us as we learn this new system.

For more information please contact:

Roberta Frost, Patient Registration Supervisor  
Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services  
(541)882-1487 Ext 313  
rkfrost@klm.portland.ih.gov



Vice Chairman, Don Gentry, Director of Culture and Heritage, Perry Chocktoot Jr., and Fish Handler, Rayson Tupper, bring their good spirits and prayers to the Annual C'waam Ceremony which took place along the Sprague River near the old Chiloquin Dam Site, in Chiloquin, Oregon. This ceremony is sacred and was re-introduced by the Tribes at the Elders Direction, to give thanks to the Creator and to ensure the survival of both the fish species and human beings.



**The wonderful staff at Klamath Tribal Health and the Klamath Tribal Wellness Center say Waq'li'si- Hello! We are here to assist you with your health needs as we work for our goal of ...**

**Mo ben dic hosIntemblemk- "To be in Good Health Again!"**



Meet Dentist's, Anita Masaitis, DMD, Tribal Dental Director, and Edward (Ned) Walker, DDS. You can see their smiling faces at the Tribal Dental Wellness Center in Chiloquin, Oregon. Anita comes to us from Nanitoke, PA, and Dr. Walker found his way to us from Colorado. Their message today is simple. Your teeth and gums are important to them and your over-all health care, especially where Diabetes is concerned. Diabetes not only affects the feet and eyes, but also has an impact on your teeth. Infection is a huge concern for the diabetic patient. Few people realize that cavities are a dental infection. Gum disease is a dental infection. Both of these conditions affect everyone and have a greater impact on the diabetic. It has been proven that untreated gum disease has a direct relationship to increased heart disease. For the diabetic, having an active infection makes it more difficult to control your blood sugar.

We here at the Chiloquin Wellness Center Dental Clinic would like to welcome you to come in for a dental screening. Please make dental health part of your overall health.

Make your appointment today. We'd love to see you.  
Call us at 541-783-3293 or Anita at 541-783-3295 X 319

You can also see these two awesome employees around. Congratulations to Laurel Robinson who is the Human Resource Manager. She was recently recognized for "20 Years of Service", and , Gilbert Jackson who's a Certified Pharmacy Technician, who was presented his "10 Years of Service" Award. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to yourselves and the Klamath Tribes.



Congratulations also goes out to our Medical and Pharmaceutical staff Nikowa L. Kates who was honored with a PHS Citation and Medal for Public Health Service, and Lcdr Timothy Langford who was awarded an Achievement Medal for his commitment to Public Health. Way to Go... We are proud of you and our entire team at Health!