

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

Miss Siletz Helps at Arts Awards

by *Waleeska Riding In*

I thank the Lord for this opportunity to share a recent experience.

On Feb. 2, 2002, I had the honor of being a VIP hostess at the 10th annual award ceremony for First Americans in the Arts (FAITA). The event was held at the Century Plaza Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Miss Indian World, Ke Aloha Aho, also was a VIP hostess and Wes Studi, actor/producer/musician, was the master of ceremonies.

First Americans in the Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the achievements of Native Americans in the entertainment industry. The awards also are designed to enlist the support and recognition of television, film, theater and music corporations, and to raise money for a scholarship fund for American Indian students of the performing arts. It was amazing to take part in such a well-organized event.

The dinner was between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The awards show started at 8 p.m. and lasted until somewhere around 11 p.m. Four scholarships were awarded to students in the performing arts. There were many awards and the recipients have made some incredible contributions on behalf of the Native American community. At dinner, I was seated at a table with Michael Greyeyes and Tim Sampson, both award recipients.

As the Wintercount hostess, I escorted the award winners to sign a buffalo hide. This tradition was adopted from the Plains Indians who long ago would record events of the winter on a buffalo hide. Each year, FAITA keeps track of the award recipients by this tradition.



Waleeska Riding In and Ke Aloha Aho

In addition to meeting a lot of well-known people, I also was able to talk with youth who took part in volunteering and with some of the dancers who were there as part of the entertainment. We were able to share our ideas and it was neat to find out what young people think about things like this.

I'm glad to have taken part in this event. This was the 10th year and I was told that it was the biggest it has ever been. I have realized many things from this one event.

If you are interested in more information about the event, my e-mail address is Rainyhope@hotmail.com. If you would like more information about First Americans in the Arts, the Web site address is www.firstamericans.org.

I am glad to have your support. Thank you to everyone.



Wes Studi and Waleeska Riding In

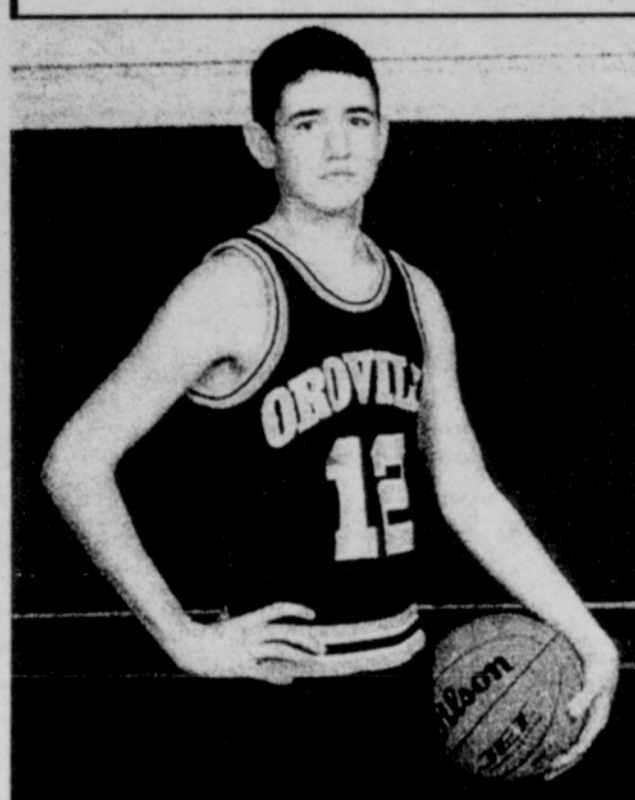
This was a great experience for me. I was able to see Julie Little Thunder, who was my Native American Literature professor some years back and also is a co-founder of the Tulsa Indian Actor's™ Workshop. The Will Sampson Memorial Award went to the Tulsa Indian Actor's™ Workshop.

I also met Irene Bedard (she's in a lot of movies, but is well-known for being the voice of Disney's™ *Pocahontas*), who is very kind and humble. This experience has given me the chance to see how Native Americans are pursuing their dreams.

In addition to meeting a lot of well-

Roth Rocks the House

Tye Roth, son of Juanita Howell Roth and Craig Roth of Oroville, Wash., is the second leading scorer in the Caribou Trail League. He is averaging 30 points per game and scored 39 points against league rival Liberty Bell. This



Tye Roth

season, he has scored more than 30 points three times. He also leads his team in rebounding and assists.

Tye is a 6-foot senior with the Oroville Hornets. This is the smallest school in the district and the third or fourth smallest of all the 1A schools in Washington state.

Tye is the grandson of Deanna and the late Walt Howell of Siletz and the great-grandson of the late Mae Downey.

Good job, Tye! Your family is proud of you.

Janice Lane – 1947-2002

Janice D. Lane, 54, of Siletz died as the result of a motor vehicle accident near Eddyville on Feb. 7, 2002.

She was born in Salem on May 24, 1947.

She attended Canyonville High School and served in the United States Army. She had been employed with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 22 years, and for a time was employed with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, of which she was a member.

She was a member of the Siletz Gospel Tabernacle and was a past member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, where she served on numerous committees. She enjoyed camping and baseball.

Survivors include her daughter, Jennifer Metcalf of Siletz; sons and daughters-in-law Jason and Brandy Metcalf of Klamath Falls and Willie and Chuvonne Metcalf of Siletz; her mother, Martha Lockhart of Siletz; a son-in-law, Paul Knott of Newport; sisters Pam Lane of Siletz, Nancy McCrary of Toledo, and Melanie Klinkamon of West Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, William Lane of Siletz; and 10 grandchildren.

Services were held Feb. 12 at the Siletz Gospel Tabernacle. Burial was in City View Cemetery in Salem.

Jonathan Butler – 2001-2002

Jonathan Loren Butler, 5 months, of Siletz died of natural causes in Newport on Feb. 1, 2002.

He was born in Eugene on Aug. 13, 2001, to Reggie and Shelly Butler.

He was a member of the Siletz Gospel Tabernacle.

Survivors include his parents, Reggie and Shelly Butler; brothers Logan and David Butler; sisters Cecillie and Ralene Butler; grandparents Reginald Sr. and Lillie Butler, all of Siletz; Linda Brandon of Willamina and John Andrews of Nespelem, Wash.; a great-grandmother, Myrna Brandon of Grand Ronde; a great-great-grandmother, Nora Kimsey of Grand Ronde; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services were held Feb. 7 at the Siletz Gospel Tabernacle. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Sacred Heart Newborn Intensive Care Unit or the Children's Miracle Network. Bateman Funeral Home of Newport handled the arrangements.