

Spring Basketball Tournament Rewarding for All

by Shannon Case

The Siletz Spring Basketball Tournament 2003 was dedicated to the memory of Clifford Case, Sr. This year, the tournament was a great success, bringing in 11 teams.

Siletz was represented in all three brackets – 4th-6th grade, 7th-9th grade, and 10th-12th grade. The only other Oregon team represented was the Chemawa Braves from Salem, who took second place. Other teams came from Suquamish, Yakima, Puyallup, Nisqually, and Tulalip.

Siletz Housing residents and staff came together to plan and run the tournament. The residents deserve a big “congratulations.”

The tournament committee deserves a big **thank you!** You’re appreciated very much – Bonnie Petersen, registration; Lani Cordova, concessions; Doc and Charlie, barbeque; Carol Blomstrom and DeAnn Brown, cleanup; Susan Trachsel, refereeing; Lori and Ami Case, score book; Ronell Welch, clock-keeper; Mitzi Brown, T-shirt sales; and Jessica Parr-Garcia, statistics keeper.

Thank you Siletz community residents and tribal staff, Siletz Health Department for sponsorship, Chinook Winds for help with jerseys and water, Perry Johnson for his donation, Wendy Wawrak for her donation, youth services staff who helped in sales, Siletz School for use of the gym, and last but not least, the friends, family, and community who came out and watched the kids play ball.

We saw a lot of happy faces and a lot of tired kids who played their hearts out. I’m proud to be a part of an activity that represents the Siletz Tribe and takes our name out into Indian Country. I hope everyone had a good time.

Personally, I’d like to say **thank you** to my brother, Wazzy Case, and his family, Lori and Ami, for all their hard work; my daughter, Ronell, and Kelly for all their help; Fonda for pitching in wherever I needed you; Ardie, I couldn’t have spoken at the award ceremony and I’m so glad you were there for us; my mom, Elouise, for your moral support and for not caring that we did this on your birthday; and Micah for being the water boy.

Congratulations to the following Siletz Teams;

1st place, 4th-6th grade – Siletz Rez Rats

Coach Wazzy Case; Tristen “T-Man” Metcalf, MVP; Mariah Garza, Hustle Award; Zach Bremner, All-star; Casee Case, All-star

2nd place, 7th-9th grade – Siletz Warriors

Coaches Selene Rilatos and Kenny Paul; Danny Elgin, All-star; Cole Jackson, All-star

1st Place, 10th-12th grade – Siletz Nation

Coach Charlie Butler; Brett Butler, MVP; Jesse Cordova, All-star; Robbie Jay, All-star

Congratulations to my nephews, Cole Jackson and Casee Case, on their All-star awards. You did a great job for your team. You make me proud and happy to do what I do for the residents organization.

Richardson Performs in L.A.

Jon Richardson performed his stand-up comedy at the Comedy Store in Los Angeles in mid-April. This encore performance marks Jon’s third appearance at the Comedy Store’s “Belly Room.” A flyer about his performance is at right.

Jon is the great-great-grandson of John and Martha Adams.

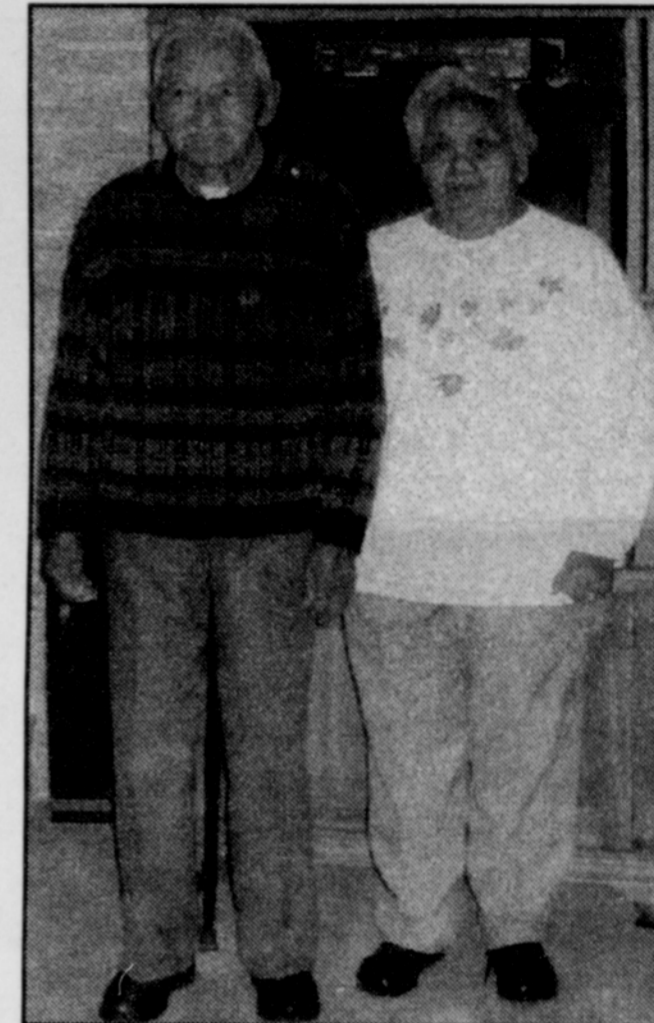
Longtime Friend is Navajo Code Talker

by Cindy Jackson

Recently my mom and dad’s longtime friends, Al and Helen Smith, came to visit. The Smiths used to live and work at Chemawa. Al Smith is one of the Navajo Code Talkers. He was an advisor to the movie *Wind Talkers*.

The Code Talkers were an integral part of WWII. It fascinated me that one of them was sitting right before me. We’ve known Al and Helen many years and yet only recently found out that Al was a Code Talker.

If our tribe ever has the opportunity to have Al Smith speak, we should seize the moment. He has a lot of interesting information to share. It would be interesting for the elders and a great history lesson for the younger people.



Al and Helen Smith

Jon Richardson
Live @ the Comedy Store!

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2003
Time: Show starts at 7 p.m. in the Belly Room
Address: 8433 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069
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