

## Rodney "Rod" Ben – 1952-2003

Rodney Wayne "Rod" Ben, 51, of Lincoln City, Ore., died July 22, 2003, of pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born Jan. 2, 1952, in Toledo, Ore., to Delores (Sanderson) and Edmond Ben. He was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon.

He was raised and educated in Salem, Ore., and graduated from South Salem High School in 1970. Following high school, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged from service and moved to Salem.

He graduated from the Oregon State Police Academy and served as an Oregon state trooper in Tillamook County. He was a guard for the Oregon State Correctional Facility in Salem and later worked as a custodian for Chemewa Indian School in Salem. In 1989, he worked for the Bureau of Land Management in the McKenzie River area and also worked for Eugene Sand and Gravel.

He married Cheryl Staggs on March 18, 1990, in Reno, Nev. He moved to Lincoln City in 1994 and began working at Chinook Winds

Casino & Convention Center as a security supervisor, later moving to work in entertainment management at the casino. He retired in November 2002 due to disability.

He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing, camping, and Native American dancing and crafts. Survivors include his parents, Delores and Edmond, of Salem; his wife, Cheryl Ben; two daughters, Brook Larabee of Siletz and Fawn Young of Lincoln City; two brothers, Gerald Ben of Salem and Ed Ben Jr. of Sacramento, Calif.; a grandchild, Destiny Matthews of Lincoln City; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Chief Archie Ben of the Chetco Tribe.

A wake was held prior to the memorial service on July 27 at the Siletz Tribal Community Center. Interment followed at Paul Washington Cemetery in Siletz.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Art Bensell Scholarship Fund in care of the Siletz Tribal Education Department. Condolences may be sent to Bateman Funeral Home, 915 NE Yaquina Heights, Newport, OR 97365.

## Antone F. Martin, Jr. – 1951-2003

Antone F. Martin, Jr. was born Oct. 28, 1951, in Corvallis, Ore. He passed away on July 18, 2003, enroute to Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore. Riding his bike home, he was struck by a motor home. He was residing in Grants Pass, Ore., at the time.

His father, Antone "Tony" Martin, Sr., and his older brother, Robert Taylor, preceded Tony in death.

He leaves behind his mother, Agnes Baker-Pilgrim, of Grants Pass, Ore.; his wife, Crystal Martin, of Siletz, Ore.; brothers, Keith Taylor of McKinleyville, Calif., and Darrel "Dino" Butler of Lincoln City, Ore.; sisters, Sonja Taylor of Encino, Calif., Nadine Martin of Crescent City, Calif., and Mona Hudson of Aumsville, Ore.

His children are Jason Vaughan-Martin of Portland; Santee Martin Sr. of Crescent City, Calif., and Sonnita Martin of Portland. His grandchildren are Jordan, McKenzie, Peyton, Santee Jr., Devin, Keauna, Jamie, Manuel, Rocky, and Albert. He also leaves behind his friend, Sonja Lindberg of Grants Pass, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon and he also was in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a logger and construction worker and he put in several years at the Portland shipyard.

He was learning wood and bone carving from his farther and his skills showed that he had become a good carver.



Sara Bell, Felicia Carmona, Clarinda Black, Lynette Hibdon, and Tiffany Stuart enjoy an inter-tribal during an exhibition dance at the Lincoln County Fair.

## Treaty Celebration

Sept. 10, 2003 – Medford, Oregon

To celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Treaty of Table Rock

## Native Communities Focus on Building Formalized Philanthropy

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. – First Nations Development Institute will host its third Wisdom of the Giveaway Conference on Sept. 8-10, 2003, in Milwaukee, Wis., to promote asset-building and formalized giving in Native American communities.

The event is co-sponsored by the Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation, a charitable giving program of the Forest County Potawatomi Tribe. The Forest County Potawatomi Community Foundation, which donated more than \$3.6 million to non-profit organizations in the greater Milwaukee area in 2001, is hosting the conference at its Potawatomi Bingo Casino/Conference Center.

The conference series brings together representatives from tribes,

foundations, regional non-profits, and governments to share their experience, knowledge, and networks about formalized philanthropic giving. It's designed to:

- Facilitate the creation of sovereign Native American philanthropic funds and foundations
- Inform tribes and tribal members of the tax benefits in formalized giving
- Inform tribes, inter-tribal organizations, and mainstream foundations on the myriad sovereign legal structures that support asset-building in a way unique to tribes as they create non-profit and philanthropic structures

- Strengthen the Native American non-profit sector as a whole
- Bring philanthropies together to share knowledge and expertise
- Build partnerships to strengthen Native American philanthropy for the benefit of both Native American and non-Native communities
- Leverage national education, research, networking, and policy activities with regional knowledge, networks, and hands-on philanthropic activities to strengthen Native philanthropy on a regional basis
- Increase the capacities of tribes, inter-tribal organizations, and other Native entities to control, manage, leverage, and increase philanthropic assets

The conference is being held during Milwaukee's annual Indian Summer Festival, an event that celebrates the rich diversity of traditional and contemporary Native American culture. This year's festival theme, Returning the Gift, provides an ideal backdrop for Wisdom of the Giveaway, with conference registrants receiving free admission.

For additional information, contact Megan Hunter at 540-371-5615 or mhunter@firstnations.org, or check the First Nations' Web site at www.firstnations.org.

First Nations Development Institute was founded in 1980 to assist Native communities in controlling their assets and building capacity to direct their economic future.