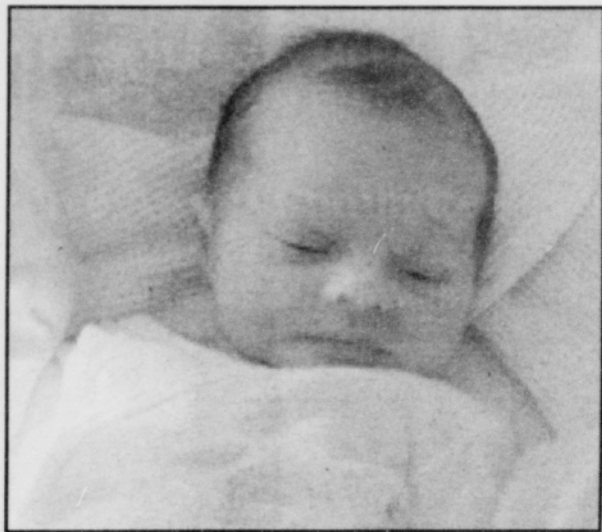


New Babies!



Brooke AnnaMarie Fisher

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by Nathan Fisher and Kathryn Criswell

As proud new parents, we would like to announce the birth of our beautiful daughter, Brooke AnnaMarie Fisher.

Baby Brooke was born Feb. 17, 2005, in Springfield, Ore. Our little girl weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Thanks to all our family and friends who have helped us welcome this new joy into our lives and we love you, Peanut!

Stuart Wins Miss Haskell Title

by Tiffany Dawn Stuart

I competed for the title of Miss Haskell during the week of May 1-6, 2005, in Lawrence, Kan. I will complete my reign at the end of the Haskell Indian Nations University academic year in May 2006 when I will graduate with an AA degree as a para-professional.

I am the daughter of Thomas and Marlene Stuart and sister of Thomas Stuart Jr. and Tim Stuart. I am the granddaughter of the late Robert Rilatos and Maxine Rilatos, and great-granddaughter of Archie and Victoria Ben, and Tuton and Pearl Rilatos.

Vanessa Woody (Navajo) was first runner-up and Elarina Yazzie (Navajo) was second runner-up in the pageant.

We were judged in the areas of essay, interview, impromptu, and traditional talent. These four categories were 20 percent each of the overall scoring.

Another 20 percent of the scoring was campus-wide voting. This was open to students, staff, faculty, and alumni.

I received 42 percent of the overall votes between the three women. Of the five areas judged, I acquired 96.3 percent of the possible points.

For traditional talent night, I sang and told the traditional Kalapuya story of Crow Lady. Bringing the audience's participation in, I asked it to help me out with animal noises for each of the characters, which brought a lot of laughter and fun.



Tiffany Dawn Stuart

Vanessa told the story of the Navajo Wedding Basket. Elarina told the creation story of women's Navajo regalia.

I have many pow-wows, conferences, campus activities, and demonstrations this upcoming year to represent Haskell Indian Nations University, higher education, Native Americans, the Siletz people, and my family.

During my stay in Siletz this summer, I participated in the Siletz Memorial Day ceremonies, signing *The Lord's Prayer* with the Siletz Royalty, and will be in many more traditional and tribal activities.

If you would like to contact me for events or information, please e-mail ndn_homegirl@yahoo.com.

Downey Family Reunion

July 16, 2005

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center on Government Hill

Contact JoAnn Miller at 541-444-2204

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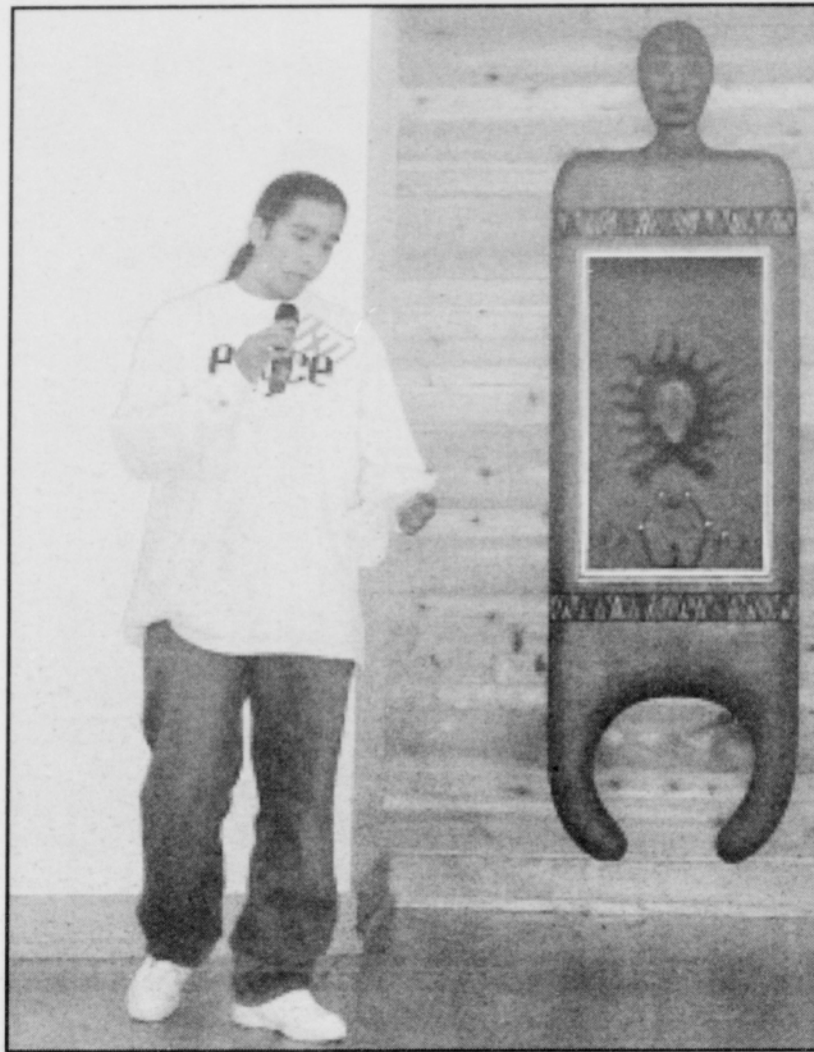
Siletz News is looking for information about tribal members similar to the articles you see on these pages, positive news about you or someone you know.

Here's an example of what we'll include on the Tribal Member News pages: births, graduations, awards, the Armed Services, weddings, engagements, and deaths.

Contact info is on page 2.

Butler Named to OIEA Board

by Juanita Whitebear



Ché Butler

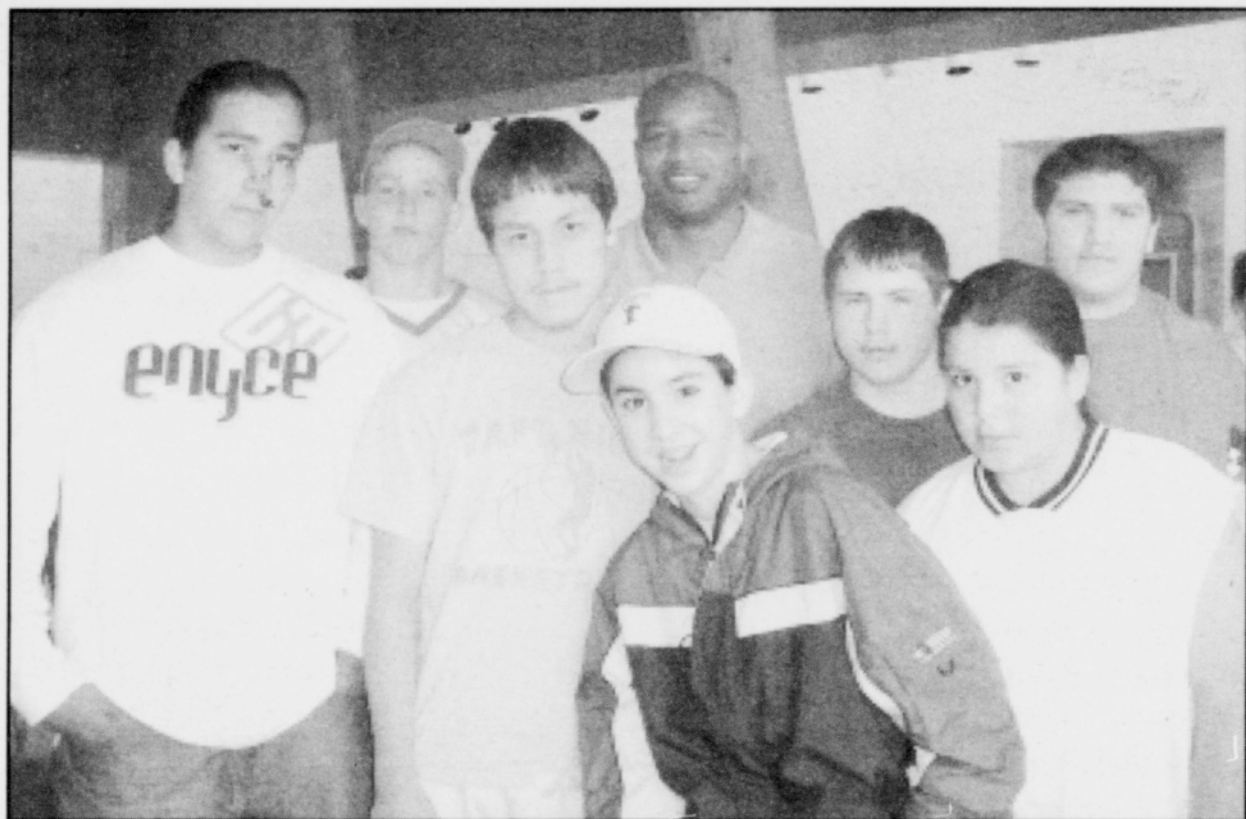
The Oregon Indian Education Association (OIEA) is a statewide organization that oversees and works directly with the Oregon Department of Education, along with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon.

It strives to ensure quality education for the betterment of all Native people in Oregon.

Taft High School sophomore Ché Butler was named 2005-2006 youth representative on the OIEA State Board during the annual OIEA conference in April 2005.

Please contact him at native_tafhigh@hotmail.com if there are any upcoming youth leadership events or any way he can help in your area.

For more information on the history and upcoming events of OIEA, please visit <http://oiea.org>. Congratulations on your appointment, Ché!



L to r: Ché Butler; Shane Webb; James Driver; Seattle Seahawks Mack Strong, #38 veteran starting fullback; Tygem Butler; Jessie Dollarhide; Buddha Butler; and Nathan Wills

Important Connection

Respectfully, Eva E. Clayton

Traveling away from home (to Ketchikan), I breathe the freshness of the deep water and take in the spirit of the Island folk.

With the hustle of early summer, the tourist, the locals, the hubbub of meshing priorities likens to a ring of fire. A circle of flame that heats up and cools down.

One road, an Island lifeline that leads directly to town center boils over at times, especially when everyone hits the Island at the same time, leaving the pot full. If you're a wise local, you know the get-around alleys and discreet hangouts.

This bringing a point to mind, the importance of connection. I eagerly await the delivery of our *Siletz News*. It redefines this connection, bringing familiarity of common goals and commitment.

Our world is a big place, the travel challenging and exciting. Still, no place like home or community or warmth of a home or community fire. Building this warmth needs commitment, strength, and well-intended follow through.

It is a reassuring feeling while away, this little light of mine is warmed by a ring of fire of common desires. Whether physical or mental, a place for retreat.

We are fortunate in a world with such diversity we have many common boundaries. We need to continue to reinforce these fibers of continuity.

We are the lucky ones who have each other with the potential to grow. And in doing so, meeting the needs of the people as a whole, sharing our baskets of bounty.