

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Steve Cheseborough (right) jams with David Kimbrough at the now-burned-down Junior's juke joint, Chulahoma, Miss.

Cheseborough Brings the Blues to Siletz, Invites Residents to Toledo

by Laurel Johnson

Steve Cheseborough not only is a blues musician, but also a blues historian, giving his audience a mini history lesson with each song. Such was the case at Steve's live concert on April 1 at the Siletz Public Library.

"The concert was RAD!" said Lynn Whitlow, Siletz TLC coordinator who is assisting the Village Music Foundation of Yachats in bringing live concerts to the Siletz area.

At Steve's concert, Lynn said, "We had 16 folks in attendance and everyone stayed until the very end, which ran past 4:30 p.m. at Steve's request and the audience's enthusiastic approval!"

As Lynn noted, the proceeds from the concert will help fund future musical performances in the Siletz area.

When asked about his impressions of the Siletz concert, Steve replied, "The Siletz Library was one of the best venues I have ever played. Going into a library, I didn't know if it would be in a big auditorium or what. But it was in a small room. I had brought a PA system with me but it was obvious that that was unnecessary."

Steve added, "I could just play and sing and speak in the natural, direct way, and everyone would be able to hear fine. And people interacted, asked questions,

sang along a few times, laughed, just had a great time. I'm always aiming to reduce the separation between performer and audience, to make it a conversation, an interaction, and it worked spectacularly there at the Siletz library!"

Steve said, "I am glad that every one of those people came. But I feel that somehow the people who live right around the library missed an experience they would have enjoyed very much. Maybe they didn't know about it. There was no mention of it on the marquee in front of the building, which I thought was strange. I hope lots of Siletz residents come to my next show, and to the other musical events planned for their lovely library."

In regards to the promoters of his concert, Steve said, "If there were Village Music Foundations all over the United States, this would sure be a happier and more musical country! I hope to work with them again soon and often."

On May 25, Steve will play at Hogfather's "Almost Famous" Dinner Theater, at 300 S Main St. in Toledo.

The dinner show starts at 6 p.m. and includes a Southern-style meal built around the musical performance. For more information, contact Hogfather's at 541-336-1363.

Time to Gather Basket Materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 1-800-922-1399,

ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different items:

May

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks, spruce roots

June

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks (until mid-June), spruce roots

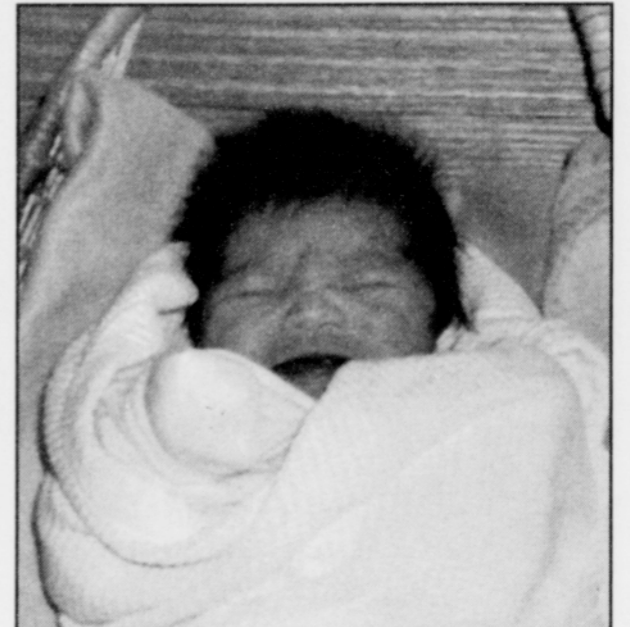
New Babies!



Sharae

by Aunt Lodynne

Happy Mother's Day to Raeloni. You have a beautiful baby. Welcome to the family, Sharae.



Luta Rose Blackowl-Butler

Luta Rose Blackowl-Butler was born March 13, 2007, in Springfield, Ore., at 12:58 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21½ inches long.

Proud parents are Paul Butler and Dora Blackowl, sister of Darius and Wamblee. Proud grandparents are Sylvia Butler Terthesesa Blackowl and Paul Brock.

Congratulations to SVS Students

Siletz Valley Schools has announced the students of the month for March 2007. Our students K-12th grade are recognized for attendance, academic achievements, citizenship, and positive behavior at our morning assembly.

Based on performance, teachers nominated the following students:

- Kindergarten, Ms. Douglas: Austin Davis, Matt Garrett
- 1st Grade, Ms. Butler: Jacob Butler, Payton Palmer
- 2nd Grade, Ms. Colvin: Kylie Frame, Caleb Galicia
- 3rd Grade, Ms. Bowen: Chazlynn Goodell, Skyler Larson
- 4th Grade, Ms. Perkins: Devon Reed, Britany Robertson
- 5th Grade, Ms. Rogers: Ashley Hunt, Lewis Napoleon
- 6th Grade, Mr. Scott: Jeff Paul, Autum Roberts
- 7th Grade, Ms. Rajput: Sophia Hendrix, Damion Williams
- 8th Grade, Ms. McGraw: Roni Gerttula, Nichole Fisher

PE – Ms. Robinson

- Kindergarten: Jenny Elmore, Ralene Butler
- 3rd Grade: Skyler Larson
- 7th Grade: Breanna Jordan-Goodell

High School

- Mr. Akiyama, Language Arts: Tim Lindstrom, Monica Serna
- Mr. Baker, Math: Robert Taylor, Regina-Marie Thielen
- Ms. Craven, Social Studies: Shawn Garofalo, Matt Sharpe
- Mr. Hall, Health: Nick Borden, Amanda Westfall
- Ms. Haxel, Science: Marcus Beggs, Brittney Mooney

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots