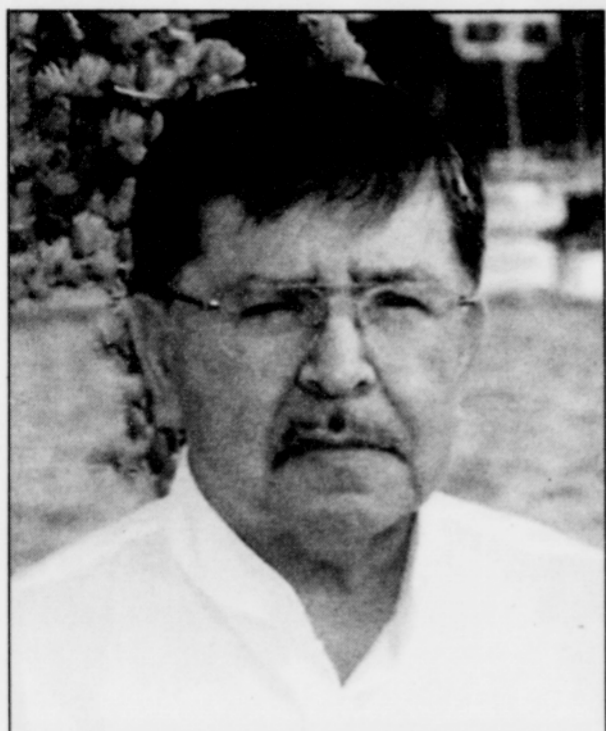


TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Charles (Sonny) W. Orton

Sept. 14, 1941 – April 3, 2007

Sonny passed away April 3, 2007, at his home in Bellingham, Wash. He was 65 years old.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1964-1968. He retired from Intalco Aluminum in 1999.

He liked to travel, spend time with his family, and was an avid golfer. He enjoyed going to car shows and took pride in his many cars.

Sonny was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Helen (Nellie) Orton, and his brother-in-law, Doyle Pyle.

He is missed by his sisters, Arneva Pyle and Willa (Buford) Daugherty; his nephew, Jim Pyle, and nieces, Debi (Mike) Wagner, Judy (Ian) Ashdown, Lesia (Matt) Elzie, Wendy (Rory) Swedelius, Julie (Tom) Gleason, Lawana (Michael) Shanks, and Willo John; as well as 18 great-nephews and -nieces and seven great-great-nieces and -nephews, all who knew him as "Uncle."

New Babies!



Aurora Ann Carmona

Congratulations to Carlos and Felicia Carmona on the birth of your beautiful baby girl. (Princess) Aurora Ann was born March 27, 2007.

All your nannies, uncles, and cousins, and your Great-grandpa Bennie Brown, your Great-grandma Terrie, and most of all your Grandpa Doc and Grammy Sharon want to welcome you to the world and let you know that you are loved very much.

Good job, Carlos and Felicia. We love you too!



Heather and Reggie Butler Jr. and their children on the big day

Butlers Say Thanks for Wedding Help

Heather and Reggie Butler Jr. and children are pleased to announce their marriage, which took place March 24, 2007, in Siletz, Ore.

We would like to thank our family for all your help with the preparations that went into our wedding, everything

from helping with food to decorating. Thank you also to all who attended (and those who couldn't be there) and celebrated our special day, and all your well-wishes.

We are blessed to have such loving family and friends.

Hello, Is Anyone Out There?

Respectfully, Eva E. Clayton

In the removal of Indian people from their oneness (within) and their (environment), gaps began to form. Loss of self-identity (where am I coming from, who am I, and where am I going), a distress call whispered among many.

During this period of time we became a divided society. Rur-ban and Reservation. Hanging onto the old ways or going with the flow trying to survive. A sink or swim mentality. It was like a two-party system that nurtured suspicion, division.

Culture and traditions were being lost at a rapid pace. Into vast voids of space categorized as distances between Rur-ban, Reservation.

Tribal resources (our people) were passing through and leaving behind minimal unsure footprints. The

pattern was being duplicated at a staggering rate. Oblivion threatened our inner sanctum.

A coming together of the people occurred in the latter sixties, early seventies. The goal was restoration, reorganization. It's been an uphill battle, agony-defeat, and blissful victory one foot in front of the other game plan.

The objective. Standing firm, committed, networking for the betterment of our Rur-ban, Reservation people as a whole.

Realigning the spokes within our wheel for balance and same direction likeness strengthens the nucleus of our tribal circle. Both Rur-ban and Reservation. A continued respect of each other will encourage the many who are watching, believe.



Siletz Tribal elder Chewescla DePoe dances in the contest at the 2007 University of Washington Pow-Wow, keeping the traditions going.

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:

June

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

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

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