

## TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Ed Ben

### Ed Ben to Celebrate 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Friends and family are invited to an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday reception for Ed Ben on Nov. 18, 2007. The event will be held at the Ashley Inn in Lincoln City, Ore., from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. At Ed's request, no gifts, please.

Born on Christmas day, he usually gets to spend his birthday under a Christmas tree, so this year we are having a special day just for his birthday.



### Rilatos, Mason Marry at Dance House

Congratulations to Tasha Rilatos and Justin Mason, who were married Sept. 22, 2007, at the Dance House in Siletz. Tasha is the daughter of Rollie Rilatos and Correnna Armstrong. Justin is the son of Karl and Judy Payne.

Tasha and Justin live in Newport. Tasha works at the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center in Siletz and Justin is a patient accounts representative at the Siletz Community Health Clinic.

### James Gains Job at PCC after Participating in Tribal Youth Employment Program

by Katy Kaady

Brandon James, grandson of Connie and Ron James and son of Troy James, has had to overcome difficult problems in his young life, including the major difficulty of having severe juvenile rheumatoid arthritis at a very young age. This has not stopped him, though, from reaching toward his goals in life.

This last summer, Brandon applied to the tribe's Summer Youth Employment and Education Work Experience Program, seeking a temporary job to gain work experience while he continued to attend Portland Community College's Youth Empowered to Succeed Program, working towards his GED.

With help from his PCC counselor, John Mathews, the Siletz Summer Youth Program was able to place Brandon at PCC's Southeast Café, where he would gain skills in the food industry, cash register experience and customer service skills as well as earn money for himself.

Toward the end of this summer program, Mary Larson, Brandon's supervisor, was so impressed with the quality of his work she paved the way for Brandon to move on to a bigger campus cafeteria center at PCC's Cascade Center with more responsibility.



Connie James and her grandson, Brandon James

We would like to recognize Brandon for doing such an excellent job, for the responsibility he has taken toward his work and his education. He recently completed two of his GED tests and has only three more to complete.

Brandon continues to attend PCC to finish his GED, works and enjoys time with his family and friends. Once he completes his GED, he plans to attend PCC as a college freshman and work toward an associate's degree.

We at the Portland area office would like to recognize Brandon for the work he has done and the fine young man he is.



### Mixed League Champions – Again!

It was another great season for the team sponsored by Michael's Construction, losing only one game in the regular season and then going undefeated in the season-ending tournament.

The coed softball team is made up of (back row, 1 to r) Brian Lorimore,

Rick Bayya, Rhiannon Hamel, Marcus Butler, Willie Metcalf, Donald Chipman, and Justin Mason; and (front row, 1 to r) Jessica Chipman and daughter, Tavey Molina and daughter, Joyce Retherford, and Chuvonne Metcalf. Not pictured is Jenifer Metcalf.