

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

New Babies!



Nahayla and Sahayla Johnston

Nahayla Mia-Jo and Sahayla Joyce Johnston were born Aug. 18, 2008. Nahayla was born at 6 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce, and Sahayla was born at 6:01 p.m. and weighed 6 pounds. Both were 19½ inches in length.

Proud parents are Angela Martin and Ken

Johnston Sr.; sisters Lynetta, Sequoia and Teonna; brothers Jon, Seth and Kenneth Jr.; grandmothers Joella Strong and Jacqueline Howard; and great-grandmother Wilma Strong.

We're excited to watch these cuties grow.

Ten'aya Rosemarie Cordova

Love you, Grandma "Sly"

I would like to thank the good Lord for blessing our family with Ten'aya Rosemarie Cordova, who was born Aug. 6, 2008, at 7:47 p.m. at McKenzie Willamette Hospital in Springfield, Ore. She weighed 5 pounds, 8½ ounces and was 19½ inches long.

The proud parents are Sarah Butler and Jesse Cordova of Eugene, Ore. The proudest grandma is Sylvia Butler, Jack and Lani Cordova, and Emily and Victor Vargas of California. Great-grandpa Alton I. Butler would be proud as would Paul and Gwen Brock of Florence.

Congratulations, Sarah and Jesse! You are now proud parents of beautiful Ten'aya Rosemarie.



In Loving Memory Gladys Aurilla Tom Staggs 1922 – 2008

Gladys Aurilla Tom Staggs, 86, of Springfield, Ore., crossed over surrounded by her family on Sept. 5, 2008, at McKenzie Willamette Medical Center in Springfield.

Gladys was born Feb. 24, 1922, in Siletz, Ore., to Abraham Lawney Tom and Aurilla Selsic Tom. She was one of 10 children.

She attended school in Siletz and graduated from Siletz High School.

After graduation she attended and graduated from Merritt-Davis School of Business. She did many things, including working as a nurse's aid, as secretary at the Toledo mill during World War II and at Chemawa Indian School. She also assisted in raising her siblings.

Gladys married Charles Staggs on Oct. 14, 1946, after one year of courtship. Shortly thereafter they started a family. She and Charles were married for 60 years before he crossed over in

2006. Gladys enjoyed staying home and taking care of the entire family. She was a "homemaker." She loved cooking and the outdoors and had very strong religious faith.

In later years, Gladys served on the Siletz Tribal Council.

Gladys was a mother, wife, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother. But most of all, she was strong.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Staggs; her parents, Abraham Lawney Tom and Aurilla Selsic Tom; sisters, Alta Courville, Christine Tom and Elenor Tom; and brother David "Sonny" Tom.

Survivors include her sisters, Alice Werth, Mryt Flagg, Emma Russell and Doris Riding In; brother, Bob Tom; her children, Tom, Ken, Susan, Cheryl and Julie; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

Thank You

With great love and appreciation – Tom, Ken, Sue, Cheryl, Julie and families

To those who shared in our greatest time of need. Our dear mother passed away on Friday, Sept. 5, with her funeral services on Monday, Sept. 8.

The love and support, sharing of food, cards and flowers was wonderful and heart warming.

Thank you to the friends and family who shared our sorrow – also the kitchen/food preparers, cleanup crew, office staff, Stan and the maintenance crew, homes shared with family members arriving from out of town – and all of the "background people" who helped make things run so smoothly.

Mom was looking forward to another trip, "Run-2-Rogue."

"I believe she has made that trip."

Wanda Rae Belgarde, Nov. 25, 1953 – Sept. 27, 2007

Love, the Clawson-Belgarde fam

Sister, we miss your spirit, laughter and even your thunderous voice. You'd be so proud of your child and grandchild. They may look more like me, but they sure are you.

You taught RaeLoni well and she's gonna be good in this world. Shataha and RaeLoni miss you lots, but they

are strong and your legacy lives on through them.

You were always there at some of the most important times in my life and believe me you're still in some of the most important people in my life today. We all love and miss you but ... Wanda Rae, until we meet again ...

Siletz and Warm Springs Come Together in Love

Engagement of Nicholas Sanford Belgard and Casandra Ann Frutos

Aug. 9, 2008, will be a day to remember for Casandra Frutos of Warm Springs and Nicholas Belgard of Siletz as Nicholas proposed in front of an excited Saturday evening crowd at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in Siletz, Ore., to his unsuspecting sweetheart.

Since meeting that fateful day, Nov. 3, 2007, at the Mt. Hood Community College Pow-Wow in Gresham, Ore., the two have been inseparable. Together, Nicholas and Casandra share a passion for family, friends, community and culture, and have made a commitment to share that passion with the Tribes and its people.

Currently, Casandra works as a project assistant for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board and takes classes part time at Pioneer Pacific College, while Nicholas works in property management for a small property in Gresham and is an accomplished musician working in Portland. They eventually plan to work full time within the Tribes in some capacity and are excited for what the future brings.

November 2009 will be the time they come together in marriage and invite all to share in the celebration with them. If you would like to contact Nicholas and Casandra, you can e-mail them at nicholasandcasandra@yahoo.com or visit them online at www.myspace.com/nicholasandcasandra.

Their love has truly been a fairy tale in the making and is one destined to stand the test of time. This is a love meant to last.

