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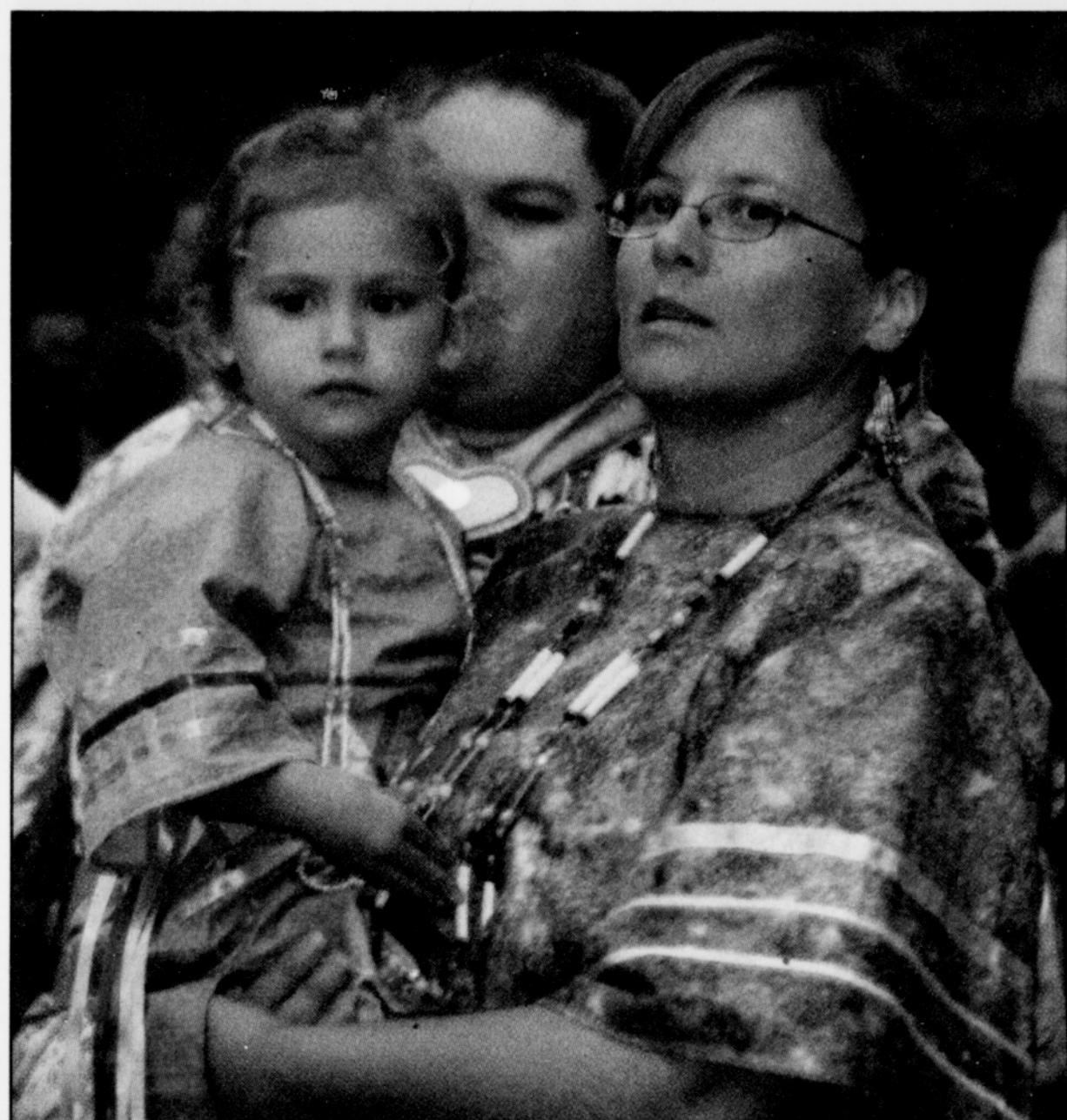


Photo left by Diane Rodriguez; photo above by Darian Dorman

Dale Robertson and his son, Shawn (left), and Rebekah Goulet and her niece, Kauri Mitchell (above), enjoy festivities at last year's pow-wow.

## Bring Your Family to the Pow-Wow

by Diane Rodriguez

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 13-15 in Siletz, Ore., held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The public is invited to attend this family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

"This is a great way for people to experience American Indian culture right here on the Oregon Coast," said Mona Fisher, cultural education coordinator for the Siletz Tribe. "You can learn about the different styles of pow-wow dancing, see the beautiful regalia up close and even participate yourself in some of the inter-tribal dances."

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2010-2011 Siletz Royalty on Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. All dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry. Dances in which the public can participate that are non-competitive will follow the Grand Entry.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14. This home-town event includes Tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

Pre-registration is available by accessing a registration form on the Tribe's website - [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us); picking one up at the Siletz Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz; or by contacting Mona Fisher at 541-444-1230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Tribal administration building. If you are not registered by 9 a.m., you cannot take part in the judging, which starts at 9 a.m. You can, however, still participate in the parade.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Competition dancing for youth and teens takes place in the afternoon. Competition dancing continues after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Aug. 15, the final day of the pow-wow, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A variety of food, Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

"Our vendors will have lots of American Indian-made items," said Nick Sixkiller, pow-wow emcee and education

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## Blundon Prepares to Defend Thesis, Starts New Career as Biologist

"It is amazing to me that someone is willing to pay me to go out and snorkel in the river" says master's degree candidate

By Natasha Kavanaugh

Tribal member Brett Blundon will defend his master's thesis in fisheries science this fall at Oregon State University.

Since his interest has always been in biology, it's no surprise school has been a breeze.

On the other hand, the transition to college wasn't so easy, like how to pay tuition.

"It seems impossible when you look ahead and think that you have seven years in front of you before you will see a paycheck again," said Blundon. "The Tribe has made sure that any member that wants to go to school has that opportunity. What a great program!"

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Salem Area Office education specialist, assured funding was always in place. Additionally, she was able to provide other scholarship applications to make up for any lack of funding.

Moody-Jurado shared what a pleasure Blundon was to work with as a student.

"I truly enjoyed having Brett as an undergrad student and through the completion of his master's degree," she said.

Blundon completed a vocational program and while at college he decided he wanted to pursue higher education. He then applied to and was accepted at OSU, where he again excelled as a student.

"He always was very humble regarding his academic career and was very thankful for the services that he received through education from the Tribe," said Moody-Jurado.

Originally, Stan van de Wetering in the Tribal Aquatics Program was contacted by the OSU fish and wildlife department about a Tribal student looking for summer work.

Blundon was employed through the Tribe's internship program and staff found him to be a hard-working, efficient and bright person.

While working for the Tribe, he specifically dealt with the native oyster restoration, estuary restoration and lamprey projects.

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