



Photos by Theresa Smith; photo montage by Tiffany Stuart

Feather dancers on the beach include (l to r) Diego Gonzalez, Tommy Metcalf, Carl White, Savannah Vandaam, Tre Jackson, Neva Hamel, Turtle Metcalf, Mira Bentas, Edelio Chavez, Ebyn Jackson, Teila Jurado-Salas, Jesse Rocha, Saydra Foster, Leslie Brown, Jessie Cordova, Tasha Mason, Tim Stuart, Tiffany Stuart, Rusty Butler, Chantele Rilatos, Josh McKnight, SuSun Fisher, Ron Butler, Halona Butler, Daniel Regan, LaVonna Butler, Jacob Butler, Alaina Butler, Sage Butler and an unidentified girl.



Edelio Chavez, Mia Scott, Ebyn Jackson, Elaine Jackson and Jen Butler

Dance of the people draws crowd to beach on solstice

By Loraine Butler

I would like to say thank you to all the people who participated in the June 21, 2013, Nadash at the 15th Street beach in Lincoln City, Ore.

It started to be a small gathering, but with modern technology, it ended up being a huge gathering of the people. I was in awe at the number of people who were calling the night before trying to gather regalia to dance. The excitement in the air was so powerful.

I don't know how many first-time dancers there were on the line, but it was a beautiful thing to witness. I heard there were more than 200 people in attendance.

I want to send acknowledgement out to Bud and Cheryl Lane, the Ben family, Auntie Nelly Orton, the Smith River people, Loren and Lena. I know there are many more. Thanks to all the ones who shared knowledge and taught us the way. Even to my mother, Grandma Martha, who came to watch me dance and tell what I was doing wrong. She taught me the way she was taught. Is that not why we are here? We learn and we pass it on to the younger ones.

Thank you Rusty Butler and Willie Towner for moving ahead, getting the

people motivated and coordinated for this wonderful event. I'm sure Uncle Gilbert Towner and Grandma Martha were among the ancestors watching from the clouds along the horizon.

Thank you LaVonne Butler for offering food and prayer to the ocean. Thank you to the people who offered tobacco to the ocean. This is our way of saying thanks for the food and medicine that we gather from the waters and our lands.

Thank you to our Elder, Deno Butler, for the opening prayer.

Thank you Sonya Moody-Jurado, Lisa Brown, the Rilatos ladies (Selene Rilatos, Tasha Rilatos, Tiffany Stuart), Misty and all who helped dress and paint the lady dancers. You had them dressed and lined up so fast, I would swear you ladies are professionals. LOL.

The sharing of the regalia, to make sure all who wanted to dance had what they needed, was awesome. Unity is the word that comes to mind.

Our little warriors who stood on the line shivering in the cold wind – you are the greatest. I say thank you to my three grandchildren, my three great-grandchildren and my son, who were all

on the line. My prayers and my dream of a dance on the beach were answered.

Thank you to the people who brought food, our children who helped serve it and our Elders who withstood the wind and elements to stay and watch this historical event. The last dance on that beach was recorded in 1924. Let's try and do this every year – 89 years is too long.

The dance will live on long after we are gone. To those of us who were dancers, singers and teachers – we did well.

A big thanks to Randy Austin and Darin Rilatos for helping with the dressing of the men and singing.

Thanks to the Grand Ronde canoe people who came and danced with us and shared their songs.

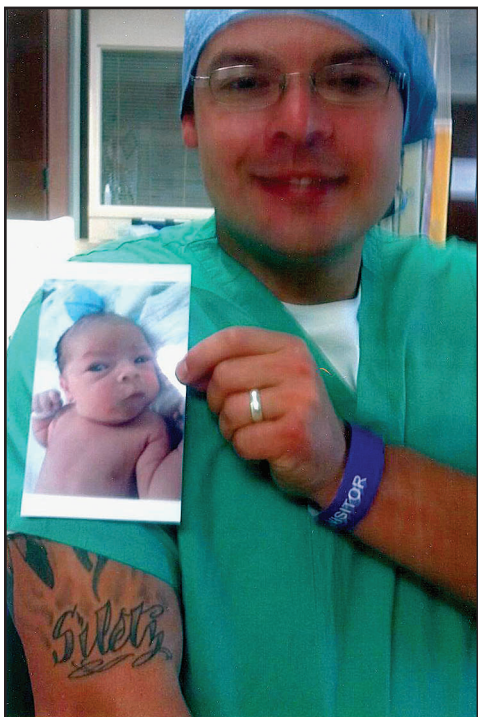
The biggest thanks to people who were helping push the ones who got stuck in the sand. Of course, I got stuck first thing.

If I forgot to thank you, just know that without each and every one of you, this could not and would not happen. I am proud to be a Siletz Tribal member and was proud to be part of this event.

Most of all, always remember: It's better at the beach!

Ah ho.

Babies!



Carson Riggs Turner

Welcome to our Tribe, Little Warrior. Carson Riggs Turner blessed us on April 30, 2013, at 7:59 a.m.

He weighed 7.3 pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

You are so loved and already have melted many hearts! The Turner Tribe is so blessed to welcome this little warrior.



Babies!

Jacob Levi Wirick

We've been blessed from above with the sweetest son to snuggle and love

Announcing the birth of Jacob Levi Wirick

Feb. 24, 2013
6 pounds, 10 ounces
19 inches long

Loving Parents
Levi and Jennifer Wirick

Excited Big Brothers
Joshua and Jeremiah

Proud Grandparents
Dwayne and Peggy Flores
David and Lila Wirick



Zocyus Leroy Butler

Zocyus Leroy Butler was born June 20, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long.

His parents are Gary C. Butler and Samantha Walker. His grandparents are Gary L. Butler Sr. and Patricia Martin. His great-grandparents are Reggie Butler Sr. and Kay Brakeman (deceased).

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