

8th Annual Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival

7:30-10 p.m., Oct. 18-19; 1:30 p.m., Oct. 20
Most events at NAYA, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Ore.

Tickets: \$5 to \$20

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This year's Northwest Indian Storytelling Festival celebrates its eighth season of Tribal storytelling in the Pacific Northwest.

Among Native people throughout North America, winter is storytelling time. Wisdom and knowledge, traditional cultural values and spiritual qualities, oral history and prophecy have been passed down from treasured Elders, generation to generation, during the long nights.

This year's festival features some of the Northwest's wisest tellers, including Roger Fernandes (Lower Elwah S'Klallam), who captivates with vivid and colorful tales; Elaine Grinnell (Jamestown S'Klallam), whose sense of humor is a crowd-pleaser; Darlene Foster (Warm Springs/Wasco), who shares stories with cultural artifacts and traditional first foods; and Toby Joseph (Apache/Ute), whose stories touch the heart.

Tribal drumming and singing, with opening prayer and commentary by treasured Native Elders, are integral to the events. A silent auction will benefit the Northwest Indian Storytellers Association (NISA).

A two-day Emerging Tribal Storytellers Workshop will be held Oct. 19-20, culminating in the Emerging Storytellers matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 20. Both enrolled members and self-identified American Indians and Alaska Natives are welcome to join NISA and register for this workshop.

NISA was formed in 2005 by Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. (WISDOM) to encourage, preserve and strengthen traditional storytelling among Tribes in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and to share Tribal oral tradition and cultural arts with our entire regional community.

This organization and its festival events help fulfill WISDOM's mission of American Indian cultural sustainability, education and race reconciliation.

Sponsors include Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Native American Art Council (a council of the Portland Art Museum), Northwest Indian Storytellers Association and Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. Funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition.

For more information about NISA, visit wisdomoftheelders.org.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Colby M. Ransier

From Poppa and Grammy (Ron and Connie James)

Tribal member Colby Ransier and Megan McLaughlin were united in marriage on July 25 in Abigail's Garden at the Abernethy Center in Oregon City, Ore.

It was a beautiful outdoor wedding attended by close family and friends. After the ceremony, there was dinner, dancing, toasting the newlyweds and a fun photo booth. The newlyweds reside in Portland, Ore.

Colby is the son of (Tribal member) Kenya and Mark Ransier of Molalla, Ore. Megan is the daughter of the late Michelle Osbourne of Hubbard, Ore., and Rick McLaughlin.

Colby and Megan – May God bless your marriage and may he always remain the head of your home.

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.

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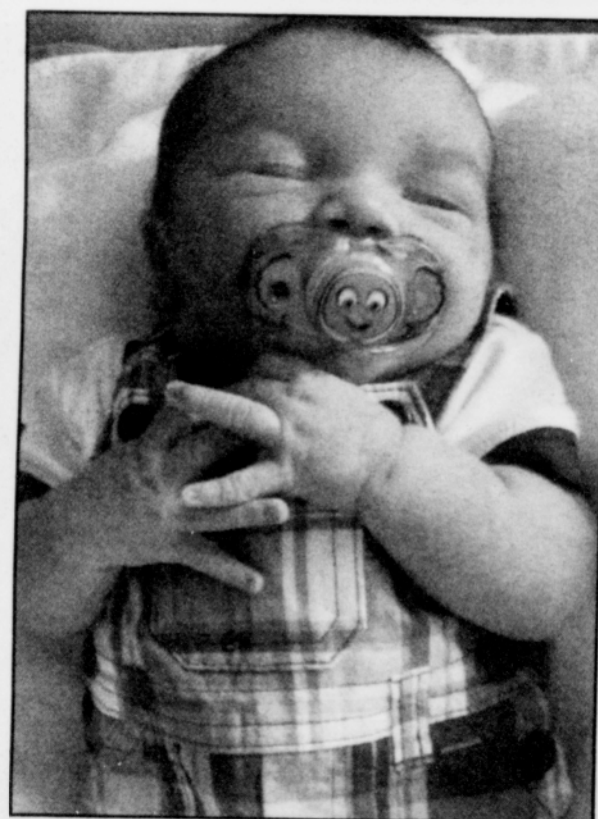
October 19th, 2013 1:00pm Grand Ronde Plankhouse



The Grand Ronde Canoe Family welcomes all of us coastal relatives to bring the sacred featherdance to their plankhouse birthday ceremonies. Our canoe family (SHWA'LA NI'ILLI DENE') encourages all whom has regalia to please join in on our dance line. Also welcomed are all family members and or friends to come and be of support. Support for all ceremonies during this beautiful gathering of many tribes and nations coming together united in ceremony and honoring our ancestors of these ways.

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Babies!



Dexter Biondi

Dexter Keyden Biondi was born Aug. 26, 2013, to Holly (Adams) Beugli and Allio Biondi. He weighed 10 pounds, 2 ounces.

His grandparents are Gerald and Stephanie Adams. Grandma loves you, Dexter.