

1997 SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION:

By Cheryl Lane

June 20 and 21, 1997 marked the second Summer Solstice celebration in our tribal plank house. This year's two-day event was a beautiful display of dancing and singing. It was wonderful to see so many different families represented in the dance.

Friday night, the warm up night, thirty-four dancers (twenty young men and fourteen young women) made up the dance line. The dancers were all ages. Our youngest were two four year olds, Rachelle (Buffa) John and Brett Lane Jr. We had many first time dancers as well as our old timers. The dance line was really a sight to behold - seeing so many young ones out there was incredible. Friday night's dancing ended around midnight.

Saturday evening, after a great meal and a great deal of visiting, the dancers began to get ready for a full night of dancing. The dancing's done in sets or rounds. The Siletz dancers alternate each round with the Tolowa dancers. As the Siletz were the host, they danced three rounds and the Tolowa danced two rounds. The Siletz began the first round of dancing just after dark and they finished up the last round of dancing after 5:00 A.M. the next morning.

The old regalia from the museums was danced in the final round of dancing. Some men's and women's regalia was once again brought to Siletz from New York's National Museum of the American Indian, Corvallis's Horner Museum and Lincoln County Historical Society to be danced in this year's Summer Solstice celebration. Like the dancers, the older regalia danced this year, increased as well from last year's dance.

In the final round of dancing during last year's event, the women's regalia included two pinenut dresses, one beaded apron and a bead/shell collar that were brought from New York and Lincoln County Historical Society. It had been many years since this regalia had been danced. Last year Selene Rilatos and Loraine Metcalf-Burke each wore a pinenut dress and Alissa Lane wore the bead/shell collar and the beaded apron over a cedar bark dress.

This year Arlissa Rhoan wore the pinenut dress brought from New York, her apron's from Loren and Lena Bommelyn's personal collection and her basket cap is from the Siletz Tribal collection (Thank you Eddie Collins). Sonya Moody-Jurado wore a pinenut apron from the Lincoln County Historical Society, her mattishes are from the New York collection and her cap is from the Horner museum. Angeline Easter wore the pinenut dress from Lincoln County Historical Society, her apron is from the Bommelyn's collection and her basket cap is from the Horner museum. Preah Shoemake wore the beaded apron from the Lincoln County Historical Society and a basket cap from the Horner museum. Sasha Shoemake wore her great-great grandmother, Minnie Lane's dress and her basket cap is from Dee Pigley's personal collection.

The men were once again able to dance John Ponce's old regalia brought from the Horner museum. This year, Robbie Jay wore the leather bear claw shirt, Randy Austin wore the feather shirt and Darin Rilatos wore the big feather headdress. A flicker feather head band was brought out again from the New York and this year it was worn by Craig Whitehead.

It was a great Summer Solstice dance this year. If you were unable to join us this year be sure to mark your calendar for next year's dance. Just remember -Summer Solstice.

A Special thank you to Nellie Orton for her teaching, patience and continuous support, also our appreciation for loaning your dance regalia.



1997 Summer Solstice phot taken after last round of dancing. Pictured from left to right are, Arlissa Rhoan, Sonya Moody-Jurado, Angeline Easter, Preah Shoemake, and Sasha Shoemake.



1996 Summer Solstice photo taken after the last round of dancing. Pictured from left to right are Selene Rilatos, Alissa Lane and Loraine Metcalf-Burke.

**** ELECTION NEWS ****

Tribal Council elections are approaching once again, and it is time for all interested Tribal Members with intentions to fill the upcoming vacant seats to complete the Council Candidate Application. You may request one of these applications at any Tribal area office, or you can snip it out of the Tribal Newsletter. The Election Board must receive your Council Candidate application by October 31,1997 to be considered valid. Once your application has been received by the election Board, a letter of acceptance will be sent out within 10 days. If you submit a Council candidate Application and do not receive a letter of acceptance within the 10 day period please contact me, Nancy McCrary, Election Board Chairman at (541) 444-2679.

ELECTION BOARD COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Any Tribal Member interested in serving on the Election Board must fill out the following form and return it to the address below, by September 15, 1997. Send or deliver your application to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Attention: Council Secretary
P. O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380

NAME: _____ ROLL NUMBER: _____

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TELEPHONE # _____

This committee will be appointed at the September Regular Tribal Council Meeting.

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Name _____

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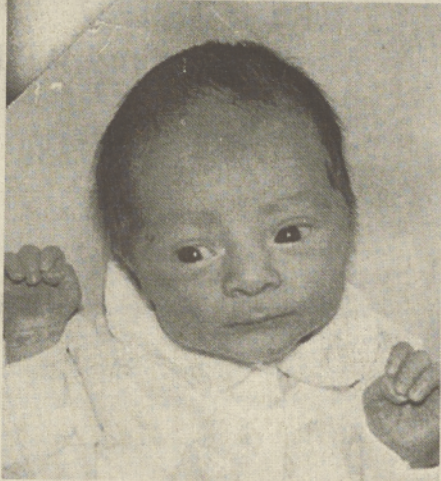
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I understand I must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oreon, and 18 years of age. This application must be filed with the Election Board by Dec. 24th, 1997.

Signature _____ DATE _____

If you would like your picture to appear in the Tribal Newsletter, please submit a recent photograph of yourself along with your application. Mail to: Siletz Tribe/ Attn: Election Board, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Or., 97380.

Micah J. Case-Welch was born June 22nd, 1997. He weighted 5 lbs. 1 oz., and was 19 1/2 in. long. Micah and family would like to thank his grandparents, aunties and uncles, cousins, and friends for all you gave. Your love, your prayers and thoughts. Micah's growing and doing wonderful. His family is very proud of him. Thank you and God Bless you all!! Special thanks to Great Grandma Elouise, Great Aunt Fonda, Aunt Cheryl and Allissa, you were there for us and we love you all.



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