



To my mother  
**DONNA CASEY**

Have a very Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year.  
Love always,  
your daughter Veronica



Star and Danielle Haller had a baby boy!  
(Well, actually Danielle had a baby.  
Star just stood and watched...)

Daniel Evan Haller was born  
on October 16 at 9:35 p.m.

Weight:  
9 lbs. 8 oz.

Length:  
21-1/2  
inches



**Merry Christmas  
Mom and Dad**



love, your secret Santa

*Genieve Ann Henny born July 18, 1997 to  
Adam and Julie Henny.*

*Maternal grandparents are John and Sanda Henny.*

## Old tape brings holiday happiness to first Hudson reunion

On Thanksgiving Day the John Hudson family held its first-ever family reunion. At the reunion, Alan Ham a great-grandson of Hudson, was able to play an audio recording of him speaking Sanitam Kalpapuya. This was made possible by the Kwelth Tahlkie Culture and Heritage Board, which recently obtained a copy of the recording from Indiana.

Morris Swadesh made the recordings with John Hudson in Grand Ronde in the summer of 1953. He made them as part of a Penutian Vocabulary Survey. Penutian is the most common language family in Western Oregon. Penutian languages represented at Grand Ronde include Kalapuyan, Chinookan, Takelman and Mollalan. At the time, Hudson was 85 years old, and the last known speaker of the Santiam dialect of Kalapuya.

Two tapes were made with Hudson. These total 76 minutes and include a vocabulary survey and three short texts.

Alan Ham requested the assistance of the Board in locating the tapes during a visit to the office in October of this year. He believed that John Hudson had done recordings in

the early 1950s, and that they were archived in Seattle. Ham expressed interest in having a copy of the recordings to play at the family reunion to be held on Thanksgiving Day. The tapes were discovered in two separate phases of research by the Board.

While conducting research to produce a narrative of the Tribe's history, Dave Brumitt, a Board member, noted a bibliography that referenced the John Hudson materials. They were archived at the Indiana University's Archives of Traditional Music.

Tony Johnson, the Board's Collections Curator of Language was also familiar with the archives. After Alan Ham's request, he telephoned Indiana University and spoke to a previous contact, Marilyn Graf.

Johnson produced formal requests for the materials discovered in Indiana. However, Graf advised Johnson, the turn around time for the Archive to dub the full Grand Ronde order of tapes would not allow them to be returned to the Tribe in time for the

Thanksgiving Day reunion. Johnson stressed the importance of the Hudson tapes to the Hudson event. Graf, while processing the order, sent copies of the Hudson material, by special delivery at the Archives expense, to the Board. These arrived just in time for Thanksgiving, and the reunion.

The original request to the Archive was to search for materials related to all Tribes currently represented at Grand Ronde. All the items of interest, which were uncovered at the Archive, have been ordered. The Hudson material only made up a small percentage of that order. When they arrive, the remaining tapes will be archived with other previously collected language material, a valuable addition to the existing archive. They will be used to further language research and educational efforts by the Tribe.

The reunion was a big success, with over 100 in attendance. Organizers for this event were: Sharon Hanson, Terri Wood, Larry and Sherri Lewis, Norma Lewis, and Ruth and Darrel Mercier.



The first Hudson reunion was held on Thanksgiving Day 1997 at St. Michael's Church in Grand Ronde. Plans are underway to hold a reunion every two years on Labor Day weekend. Pictured at left, listening to an old audio tape of John Hudson recorded in 1953, are Marion Forster, Vernon Mercier, Shelley Hanson, Sharon and Harold Hanson. Top: Joyce Ham and her family.