

Tribal Member Earns Degree

I am extremely proud to be given this opportunity to address you all during this wonderful and momentous time. I would like to announce the completion of my Bachelors Degree in Management/Organizational Leadership from George Fox Christian Science University.

This accomplishment would have never been possible if it weren't for the support from my family and friends...

■ My husband John (JR) Robertson was my rock, thanks honey for all you've done, your support has truly made me what I am today.

■ My children Gary Guzman, Eric Sabin and Anthony Sabin have given me encouragement love and patience, this degree is truly for them. Thanks guys you've proven to not only be the greatest things on earth but also the greatest friends a mom could have! I love you guys dearly.

■ I would also like to acknowledge my assistant Amy Justen who weathered the worst of times and the best of times during the last two years. Thanks Amy, not only for your support that has meant so much to me but for your friendship as well! You are truly a God sent!

■ I would also like to thank my mother (Vicki Long) who always believed in me. My sisters Dawn, Launie, Marjorie and Nikki who always supported me. My "Pop" who raised me and taught me that hard work is something that reaps great rewards. My uncles Jan and Mike Reibach for all your loving words and hugs.

■ My two very best friends Barb Lake and Janell Haller for supporting me with love and kindness, even when the chips were down!

■ Lynn "Bear" Robertson, God sent you to me as a friend, thank you for being there through everything for me. I love you dearly.



Valorie Sheker Robertson

■ I would also like to thank a few people who were directly responsible for mentoring me through my five years with the Tribe: Pat Mercier, Rebecca Crocker, Mychal Leno and Camille Mercier — thanks guys for showing me it could be done.

■ A special thanks goes out to the Education department and committee, and the Tribal Council (past and present) — without the support from the Tribe this degree would not have been possible.

■ Last but not least, thank you to my boss Chris Leno for his never ending support.

I have probably left someone out and I apologize in advance for this although I would like everyone to know that each and every individual contribution, no matter how small it may seem, should be taken to heart as equally worthy in each step towards a proper outcome. Each vision, individual or collective, has power to successfully create its own unique reality. The more we now pause to reflect on expectations of the past and note the actual accomplishments as well as the milestones that have been made, the more unreal it all seems.

Thanks, to all of you.
Valorie Sheker Robertson
Roll # 2236

Tribal Family Touts Triplets



5 generations — From left: Linda Brandon, Myrna Brandon, Shelly Butler, Nora Kimsey and the babies.

Butler Triplets

Logan and Cecillie Butler would like to introduce the birth of their new brothers and sister on August 13, 2001. Jonathan Loren was born weighing 3lbs 11oz, 16 in. long at 10:30pm, Ralene Eleanor was born weighing 3lbs 6oz, 16 in. long, at 10:31pm, and David Harley was born weighing 4lbs 2oz, 16 in. long at 10:45pm at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Oregon. Parents are Reggie and Shelly Butler. Maternal grandparents are great-great grandmother Nora Kimsey, great-great grandfather, the late Loren Kimsey, great grandmother Myrna Brandon, great grandfather, the late John Brandon Sr., grandmother Linda Brandon and grandfather, John Andrews. Paternal grandparents are: Great grandfather, the late Alton Butler, great grandmother, the late Ella Brown, great grandfather and grandmother, the late John and Eleanor Logan and grandparents, Reg and Lillie Butler.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LENO BOYS

Love from Dad, Mom, your Sisters and Brothers and the rest of the family.



Ron — "47" Dec. 18
Rusty — "42" Jan. 6

PLAIN TALK ABOUT MEDICARE

Representatives from the State will discuss how Medicare works, what is covered, what's not, and know your rights.

Thursday, January 3 — 1:00 to 3:30 pm
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center - Staff Lounge

Refreshments will be provided. For directions or information call: 503-879-2016.

Happy Belated 12th Birthday Lea Pratt

Love Mom, Brother, Grandma, Aunties and all the Cousins

JANUARY MEALSITE MENU

TUES., JAN. 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY <i>KITCHEN CLOSED</i>	WED., JAN. 2 Pork Chops with Dressing & Gravy Vegetables and Dessert	THURS., JAN. 3 Mac/Cheese Green Beans & Ham Dessert	FRI., JAN. 4 Chili Burgers Salad Dessert
TUES., JAN. 8 Meat Loaf Baked Potatoes Vegetables Dessert	WED., JAN. 9 Chicken Tamale Pie Green Salad Tatar Tots Dessert	THURS., JAN. 10 Swiss Steak Scallop Potatoes Carrots Dessert	FRI., JAN. 11 Taco Salad Sandwiches Cookies
TUES., JAN. 15 Goulash Green Beans Rolls & Dessert	WED., JAN. 16 Brown Beans & Ham Biscuits Dessert	THURS., JAN. 17 Hamburger/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Corn and Dessert	FRI., JAN. 18 French Dip Sandwiches Salad Fruit
TUES., JAN. 22 Fry Bread White Beans Dessert	WED., JAN. 23 Beef Stroganoff Over Rice Salad and Dessert	THURS., JAN. 24 BBQ Ribs & Baked Beans Potato Salad Dessert	FRI., JAN. 25 Clam Chowder Rolls Dessert
TUES., JAN. 29 Spaghetti with Garlic Tomato Cucumber Salad and Dessert	WED., JAN. 30 White Fish & Cole Slaw Rice Dessert	THURS., JAN. 31 Chicken and Potatoes Salad & Squash Cake/Ice Cream	HAPPY NEW YEAR

ELDERS MEETING & BIRTHDAY DINNER IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

ELDERS EAT FIRST. TRIBAL ELDERS AND SPOUSES EAT FREE.

ALL OTHERS ARE \$3.50 & MUST CALL THE KITCHEN BEFORE 9:30 A.M. AT 503-879-2410.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOBBY MERCIER & BREANNA JOSEPH



Nakoa Byron Allan Mercier
Born on November 29
9lbs, 21½ inches long

USDA Distribution

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Jan. 7: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Jan. 9: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Jan. 14: 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15: 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 16: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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