



Brodee Allen Leno

was born 3/31/09 at 4:32 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. and 20 inches long. Proud parents are Justin Leno and Korin Maxwell of Tillamook. He has a big sister Payton Leno who is 6 and so happy to finally have her first sibling. Grandparents are Ron Leno and Kim McConkey of Tillamook, Mike & Margaret Maxwell of Tillamook, and Tracy Riggert of Tillamook. Great-grandparents are Russ Leno of Grand Ronde, Carl Leuzinger of Netarts, Bob Riggert of Tillamook, and Jerry & Thelma Maxwell of Beaverton. We can't enjoy him enough since he has entered our lives on that Tuesday afternoon and we call him our little "Brodee Bear"

Congratulations to

Ali Holsclaw

She recently completed a Bachelor of Arts Degree at Western Oregon University! We are so proud of you and wish you the best! April Campbell

Happy 23rd Birthday and congrats on receiving your degree! Love, Brian and Kai.



Happy 37th Birthday

Jamie

We hope you have a great day! Wish we could spend it with you! Have fun and be safe!



Dakota



Houston

Happy 4th and 5th Birthday

Dakota & Houston

Love, Mom, Dad, Grandma & Grandpa White and Grandma & Grandpa George.

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taken care of as well. There were just too many things for me to do. I was not able to think about college at the time."

Bailey, 32, a longtime employee of the Tribal Youth Education program, says "he is dedicated to the ongoing education of our Tribal youth."

"Having Chris work with the Tribal Education program has been a big inspiration for our Tribal youth," says Tribal member April Campbell, Tribal Education Division manager.

Sapsik'wala's goal is to teach Indian educators to use their knowledge and skills and to improve the educational experiences of American Indian youth.

"We are so proud of the dedication that Chris has given in his years of service with our Youth Education program," Campbell says. "It is my hope Chris will earn his degree and decide to come back to the Tribe and serve our youth once again."

"We were ecstatic when we heard that Chris had been accepted into the Sapsik'wala Teaching Program," says Molly Matthews, Youth Education K-12 program manager. "He has worked very hard and truly deserves this opportunity. Chris has gained the experience he needed by working in schools and with students for the past eight years. Chris has built an ongoing relationship with the students as well as with the school administration."

"I believe that our Tribal youth are fortunate to have a community and people like Chris behind them, as well as others that support them and provide them with a multitude of opportunities to find success."

"Chris has also been involved in the Oregon Indian Education Association for many years, which I believe has helped him to build meaningful relationships with others in Native education."

Bailey says that he enjoys working with Tribal youth.

"I think what makes teaching a wonderful experience is working with the children. I find myself learning along with them," Bailey says.

"I really don't have a specific

teaching method. It is more like them teaching me their method of learning and then me applying it to what I have to teach them.

"Every child has an individual learning method, so if you learn to focus on their learning style, then teaching them opens up a whole new world to them. Teaching is learning how to reach children on their level."

"I think that if you can get a child to read, then you are on your way to being able to teach them. Working through problems with each student, using an individual, tailor-made approach is the best way to get through to them."

Bailey, a 1995 Willamina High School graduate, attended Western Oregon University for public policy and administration from 1995 to 2000.

He admits that he was not a "big fan" of school when he was a youth.

"I went to school mainly for the sports programs," Bailey says. "It was not until my second year of college that I finally decided that school was what I enjoyed and that I was ready to make some quality decisions. I must say that if it had not been for my parents and their influence and educational devotion that I would not be where I am today."

"My parents played a large part in my decision to go to college. I had plans to join the National Guard after I graduated from high school. However, my parents asked me to wait on that decision, to give it some thought before jumping in head first."

"I gave it a little more than a month and by the time I was ready to sign up for the Guard, I had changed my mind, just as my parents had figured. So then I was college bound."

"Even though school was tough, I learned later on down the road that I really did enjoy learning."

Bailey said reading, history, social studies and math are his favorite subjects.

"I will say, however, that history is my favorite. I really enjoy learning about the past," Bailey says. "For me, I hope to continue learning something new every day." ■

Church sponsors prayer-athon

The Full Gospel Lighthouse Church and Recovery Ministries, 24702 Grand Ronde Road, will hold a 24-hour "prayer-athon" on Saturday, May 16.

The church will open at 8 a.m. to welcome anyone wishing to join in prayer to fight addictions in the communities of Grand Ronde, Willamina and Sheridan.

People can submit the names of loved ones to be placed on the prayer list by sending a note to Lighthouse Recovery Church, c/o 9678 Tilixam Circle, Grand Ronde 97347.

The church will provide snacks and beverages for the 24-hour event, which will end with services at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 17.

For more information, call Pastors Ken and Sandy Haller at 503-879-3428, Margo Mercier at 503-879-5965 (evenings) or Lori Walker at 503-580-9658 (between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.) ■

Cultural Education offers classes

The Tribe's Cultural Education Program is offering three classes for Tribal members. They are;

- Chinuk Wawa language classes will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays beginning May 6 in the Portland satellite office and from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursdays beginning May 7 in the Eugene satellite office.
- Tribal Elder Sam Henny will teach beginning basketry classes on Saturday, May 2, in Room 126 of the Education Building in Grand Ronde and on May 9 in the Portland satellite office. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are limited to 15 people per session. Attendees should bring a sack lunch and good scissors.
- Tribal member CeCe Kneeland will teach a beginning loom class that will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 and 26 and June 2 and 9, in Room 207 of the Education Building in Grand Ronde, from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 11, 18 and 25 in the Portland satellite office and from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 in the Eugene satellite office. All materials will be provided and there is a limit of 10 people per office.

RSVP to Cultural Education Specialist Misty Thorsgard at 503-879-2320 or misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org for any of the classes.

Ham dinner to be held

St. Michael's Catholic Church will be holding its old-fashioned ham dinner on Sunday, May 3. We are proud to welcome back our traditional ham dinner complete with Martha Mercier's coleslaw, mashed potatoes, string beans, pies and activities for the whole family. \$25 family rate, \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, \$5 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Mass: 10 a.m.; Dinner: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.