

Getting to School Safely The Five Key Dangers Kids Face

4. School Bus Stops

School buses are the safest form of transportation for children. Nearly 24 million students ride buses to school every day. In fact, getting on or off the bus is more dangerous than the ride itself. Many injuries occur when children walk into the driver's "blind spot," an area 10 feet from the bus.

Most bus-related pedestrian fatalities occur in the afternoon. More than 40 percent of school bus-related pedestrian fatalities were children between 5 and 7 years old.

This information is supplied by Norman Counts, Siletz Tribal Police Chief. The other "Key Dangers Kids Face" will appear in subsequent issues of Siletz News.



Three tribal members were honored at the Residents' Organization meeting in April for their commitment to the people who live in tribal housing. Shannon Case, chairman; Ardella Parr, vice chairman; and LeiLani Cordova, secretary, display the plaques they received from members of the organization.

Memorial Day Ceremony

May 27, 2002
11 a.m.

Government Hill
Siletz, Oregon

Procession to Veterans
Memorial - Honor Guard
Opening
Invocation

Lord's Prayer - Siletz Royalty
Welcome - Delores Pigsley
Memorial Day Address
Presentation of Flowers
Salute to Veterans - Honor Guard
Closing

Lunch - Noon at the Siletz Tribal
Community Center

Kaady Receives SHERO Award

Katy Kaady, Portland area education specialist, has received the honor of a SHERO Award through the PIVOT Program (Job Corps). A SHERO is a woman who shows courage and vision, and uses her knowledge, skills, talents, and abilities to benefit families and individuals in their community.

The Portland area office is proud to have a SHERO amongst us. We also would like to recognize the efforts that Katy puts forth to assist tribal members as well as Natives from other tribes in accomplishing their goals.

Congratulations again, **Katy Kaady!**



Katy Kaady

Hill to Graduate from McNary High School

Tribal member Jeremy Lane Hill will graduate from McNary High School in Keizer, Ore., on June 7, 2002. Despite many personal struggles, Jeremy managed to stick with it and complete high school.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at Volcano Stadium in Keizer. His family will honor him with a graduation party at his home on June 1, 2002. Jeremy plans to attend Chemeketa Community College in the fall.

His mom and stepfather, Cindy and Carl Jackson; his sister, Jenera Hill; and his grandparents, Warren and Donna Woods, are all very proud of him.

Good luck in the future, Jeremy!

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

A story as told by Diane Million

Minnie had a house that had trees and flowers in the yard. She especially liked the kitchen because it had a large old cast-iron stove and that the landlord said this was the reason the house was so cheap.

Pretty soon Minnie's brother, Rupert, came along with his wife, Onna. They set up housekeeping in the living room on the old couch. The house warmed and rocked and sang because Minnie and Rupert laughed a lot.

Soon Mom, Elsie, came to live with them too. She liked being with the

laughing young people. She knew how the cast-iron stove worked best. Minnie gave up her bed and slept on the cot.

One day, Dar and Shar, twin cousins, came to town looking for work. They were the pride of Elsie's sister, Jo, and could they sing. They pitched a tent next to the cedar patch in the back yard and could be heard singing a mixture of Indian tunes and country western songs around the house.

When it was winter, Elsie worried about her mother, Sarah, who was living by herself in Moose Glen back

home. Elsie went in the car with Dar and Shar and Minnie and Rupert and got her. They all missed her anyway, and missed her funny stories.

She didn't have any teeth so she dipped all chewable items in grease, which is why they are tasty she said. She usually sat in a chair in front of the stove or would cook up a big pot of something for the others.

Rupert and Onna had a baby they named Lester and nicknamed Bumper. They were glad that Elsie and Sarah were there to help.

One day, the landlord came by to fix a leak in the bathroom pipe and was surprised to find Minnie, Rupert, Onna, Sarah, Elsie, Shar, and Dar all singing around the drum next to the big stove in the kitchen. Even baby Lester was smiling and waving a piece of greasy dried fish.

The landlord was disturbed and went to court to evict them. He said the house was meant for single-family occupancy. This surprised the family because that is what they thought they were.