

Jackson Receives IHS Director's Award for 2002

Tribal member Fonda Jackson was honored in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 21, 2002, as a recipient of the IHS Director's Award for 2002. Fonda is the daughter of Elouise Case.

These awards represent the dedication and labor of employees of the Indian Health Service, whose work makes a difference in the lives of our friends, families, and the people they serve. Awards are given for individual and team efforts – also the award represents a host of employees and support staff who make it possible for these achievements to take place.

Cheryl A. Bittle, director of the Office of Health Programs, was the nominating official who recognized Fonda's exceptional initiative and leadership for the period of October 1998 to October 2002:

Mrs. Jackson assumed the leadership of the Division of Information Resources Management in a time it was in great transition. Several staff members had departed and she became a manager at a time of change. She determined the staffing needed to provide the services utilized by an ambulatory health care program in a three-state area.

Her first success was as she guided the area through the year 2000 effort. The Portland area had zero Y2K-related failures of systems. This was the beginning of her labors to build and expand the information systems in the Portland area. Mrs. Jackson selected training and learning activities so that the staff would be fully functioning programmers and assistants that served the health care customer. She was instrumental in exploring new technologies that enhanced the systems in data collection, third-party billing, and clinic management.

She and her staff developed infrastructure, such as e-mail, Internet access, and updated hardware and software, that allow the Portland area to assume new challenges. She has provided leadership in all phases of data management, both with the federal and tribal programs. Her work has resulted in an information system that provides management and clinical



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support and expands service delivery that was unknown five years previously. She has been on the cutting edge of technology and has expected her staff to be the same. As a result, the Portland area has an excellent reputation among private and public partners for reliable information and has been recognized by accrediting bodies and other reviewers for the strength of its health care management systems. The leadership shown by Mrs. Jackson has been a major factor in these successes.

Congratulations, Fonda!

Payne Graduates from Beau Monde College of Hair Design



Danielle Payne

Congratulations go out to Danielle Payne, who graduated in January 2003 from Beau Monde College of Hair Design.

Danielle moved to Portland, Ore., from Siletz in June 2001 to pursue a career in hair design. She is one of many Toledo High School students who received a scholarship through her high school and also received funds from the Siletz Tribal Adult Vocational Program.

Along with Danielle's family and friends, the Siletz Education Program would like to extend our congratulations to her for successfully completing her hair design program. We wish you the very best in the future.

John Melvin Youngman 1922-2002

On Dec. 14, 2002, John Melvin Youngman was surrounded by family as he left to meet the Great Creator of heaven and earth. He was born to Lucille Whitright and Julius Youngman in Poplar, Mont., on April 13, 1922.

He leaves a daughter, Vicki A. Youngman Dugger, and son-in-law, John Dugger; grandson, David C. Lemery; great-grandsons, Devyn Lemery, Michael Lemery, Joshua Lemery; and one great-granddaughter, Melissa Ann

Lemery, all of Broken Arrow, Okla.; a niece, Beverly Youngman of Siletz, Ore.; and cousins Myrna and Faye Youngman of Poplar, Mont., and Janet Youngman of Lewiston, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Arnie Youngman and Melvin Eagleman; sister, Winifred Youngman; two granddaughters, Robyn Lemery and Danielle Lemery; first wife Ann Hoffman of San Carlos, Ariz.; and second wife Helen Pinkham of Lapwai, Idaho.

John attended Indian schools in Albuquerque, N.M., and Chemawa Indian School in Salem, Ore. He was a great athlete who loved playing basketball and baseball. While living in the Pacific Northwest, he worked on a lot of dams as a construction worker, including Dworshak Dam and The Dalles Dam.

When he lived near the Siletz Indian Reservation, he was a logger. John lived on the Siletz, Yakama, and Nez Perce Indian reservations and attended a lot of pow-wows in the Northwest.

John served in the U.S. Navy aboard a ship during World War II and lost some hearing from firing the big guns on board. He never let the wounds of the past get the best of him. Instead, he loved to tease, joke, and make others laugh. He touched the hearts of those in passing with his positive attitude toward overcoming the day-to-day challenges in life.

He moved from Lapwai to Portland, Ore., after his second wife died to live with his daughter and moved again to Broken Arrow to be with his daughter while she attended Rhema Bible Training Center.

Hayhurst Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements in Broken Arrow.

