

TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



Nicholle Kessinger

Kessinger Lands MasterCuts Job

Congratulations, Nicholle Kessinger! Nicholle has graduated from the Salem Academy of Hair Design.

We're all proud of her and wish her well in her new career. She begins her job at Master Cuts on the second floor of the Salem Center this month in Salem, Ore.

Keep your life free from the love of money and be content with what you have because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5)

God bless you in your new adventure.



Gale Evans and great-grandnephew Jose Miguel Paez in 1976

Paez Studies for LCSW Degree

Young Jose now is 28 years old and has a master's degree in social work. Jose Miguel is currently studying for his LCSW degree (licensed clinical social work). He works with children in Los Angeles, Calif. He's working very hard and doing an excellent job. He loves his work.

Thompson Referees Championship Game

Suzanne DePoe Thompson refereed the 1A Washington State Girls Basketball Tournament championship game on March 8 at the Yakima SunDome.

She was part of the first all-Native American crew, which saw Brewster defeat Tonasket 59-38.

Suzanne is the daughter of Chief William DePoe Jr. and granddaughter of the late Chief William DePoe Sr.

She has officiated basketball for 11 years, working at the college Division III level and in Cascade Conference boys and girls games. Suzanne also officiated the Canada West quarterfinals in Victoria, B.C., in February.



Suzanne DePoe Thompson (r) is joined by Geoff Miller (Confederated Tribes of Colville) and Jean Baskett (Orutsararmuit band of the Yupik Eskimo) on the officiating crew.



Helen Higgins

Higgins Becomes Major Stockholder

by Greg Higgins

Helen Higgins has become the major stockholder in America Grounding Systems, Inc., a Toledo, Ore., manufacturing company that supplies electrical grounding devices to the military, aerospace, aviation, marine, and other high-tech industries.

The company, founded in 1993 by her husband, Greg, is a family-owned business that employs a number of Siletz Tribal members and is currently working on a large contract with Mitsubishi. Greg recently turned over the controlling stock to his wife, giving the company the advantage of being a Native American- and woman-owned business.

Helen is employed by the tribe as a clerk in the Planning Department – a job she enjoys as she takes pride in working for the advancement of her Indian heritage.



Matthew and Julie Mellor

Mellors Celebrate Baby Joelle

Julie Logsdan of Chatsworth, Calif., and Matthew Mellor of Mohave Valley, Ariz., were married on Sept. 23, 2001. On Sept. 25, 2002, we gave life to our amazing baby girl, Joelle Fay Mellor. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

We also would like to send our love to our distant relatives. We hope to come up to visit real soon!



Joelle Fay Mellor