

Smith Shows Skills on Crane



Tonya Smith

On May 5, 2007, former 477 Self-Sufficiency Program client Tonya Smith participated in the "Women in Trades Fair" in Portland, Ore. She spent the day promoting and recruiting other women in the trades and demonstrating her skills on her crane, as well as talking with hundreds of women from around the Pacific Northwest.

Tonya also made her first television appearance on the morning news promoting the fair. She is quick to recognize the assistance she has received from the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program and the Tribal Education Department.

Jackson Wins OIEA Speech Contest

Congratulations, Vanessa Jackson, on winning first place at the Oregon Indian Education Association Youth Conference Speech Contest in Eugene Ore.

Way to represent! You rock! Everybody is so very proud of you!
Hang Ten in Hawaii!

Vanessa Jackson



Bernadine Van Pelt Kelley 1915-2007

Bernadine died April 19 in Brookings, Ore. She was born Dec. 7, 1915, in Harbor, Ore., to Thomas and Mary Horn Van Pelt.

Bernadine was a third generation Van Pelt to live in the Harbor-Chetco area. Her grandfather was Thomas Van Pelt, one of the original non-Native settlers in the Chetco area, arriving in the early 1850s. He married Amelia, a Chetco Indian woman. One of their sons was Tom, who was Bernadine's father.

She graduated from Brookings High School in 1933 and earned her teaching degree from Humboldt State University. She taught 37 years in Harbor and Brookings before retiring in 1975. She married Frank Kelley in 1955 in Harbor, where they made their home.

She was a member of the Harbor Grange, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary, Brookings Presbyterian, Rebekah's, South Coast RV Club, and Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

Frank Kelley, Bernadine's husband of 52 years, passed away May 3, two weeks after Bernadine's death.

Survivors include nieces Patricia Putman of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and Jerri and husband Sid Parman of Maupin, Ore.; nephew Clancy and wife Lynda Oliver of Harbor; and numerous cousins and great-nieces and -nephews.



Bernadine Van Pelt Kelley

Bernadine was preceded in death by parents Thomas and Mary Van Pelt, sisters Bertha Beers and Bernice Cagley, and brothers Kenneth and Clarence Van Pelt.

Bernadine was soft-spoken, gentle, and kind. She was loved by all who knew her. She lived - and died - with grace and beauty.

Nelsons Celebrate 44 Years

from your loving sons - Archie, Park, Arthur, Richard, and Chester
Happy 44th Anniversary to Pete and Victoria Nelson. May you have many more anniversaries.

New Babies!



Braxton is pictured with Great-Great-Auntie Vera Lafferty (right) and cuzzies Violet and Heather.

Braxton Malakai Kavanaugh

Braxton Malakai Kavanaugh was born June 9, 2007. He weighed 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 18½ inches long.

His mother is Natasha Kavanaugh. Other family members include Grammy Kitti Navarro, Granpapa Lawrence Navarro, Grandfather Ducky Simmons, Uncles Elton and Fredrick D. Hostler, Auntie Shantel Hostler, and many, many cousins, aunts, and uncles.

Graduates!

Congratulations to all
Siletz Tribal Head Start graduates
in Portland, Salem, Springfield, and Siletz!



In Siletz, 44 Head Start students took part in the graduation ceremony.
A total of 23 graduates will start kindergarten this fall.
(photos by Diane Rodriguez)

