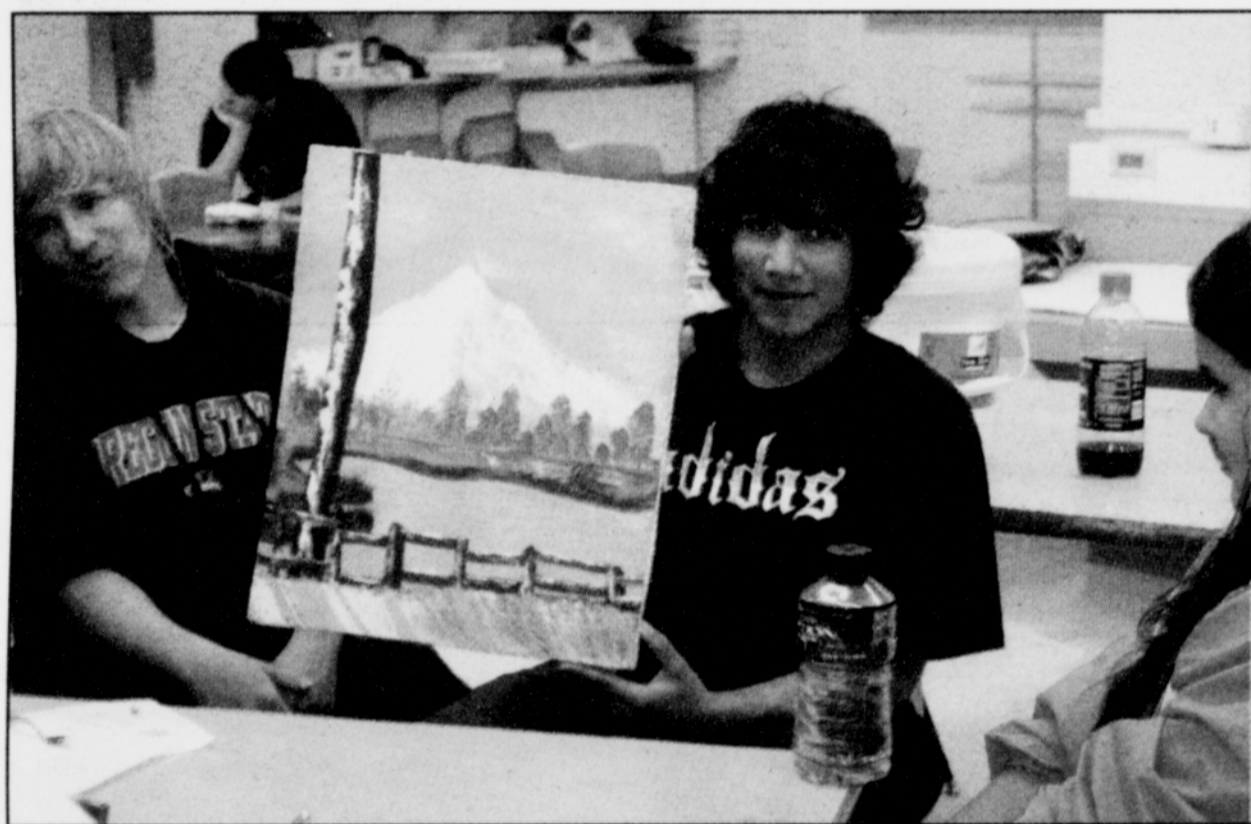




Above: Kelsey Warren, senior, and Rachelle John, sophomore, work on their paintings in Cheryl Schriver's class at Siletz Valley Early College Academy.

Below: Antonio Garcia, freshman, shows his painting to other classmates. (photos by Diane Rodriguez)



American Indian Entrepreneurs to Gather for Business Development

PORTLAND, Ore. – On April 15-16, 2008, American Indian entrepreneurs, small business owners, tribal leaders and others interested in American Indian business development will gather for ONABEN's Trading at the River Conference & Trade Show.

ONABEN views Trading at the River as a venue to empower Native entrepreneurs. Past participants have confirmed this over and over again through both written and verbal feedback: "Excellent cultural reflection of the tradition of trade" and "The most progressive conference in the country."

The theme of Trading at the River 2008 is honoring Native women business owners and leaders. Our keynote speakers will be Monica and Marina Simeon, owners of the successful bath and body care business Sister Sky.

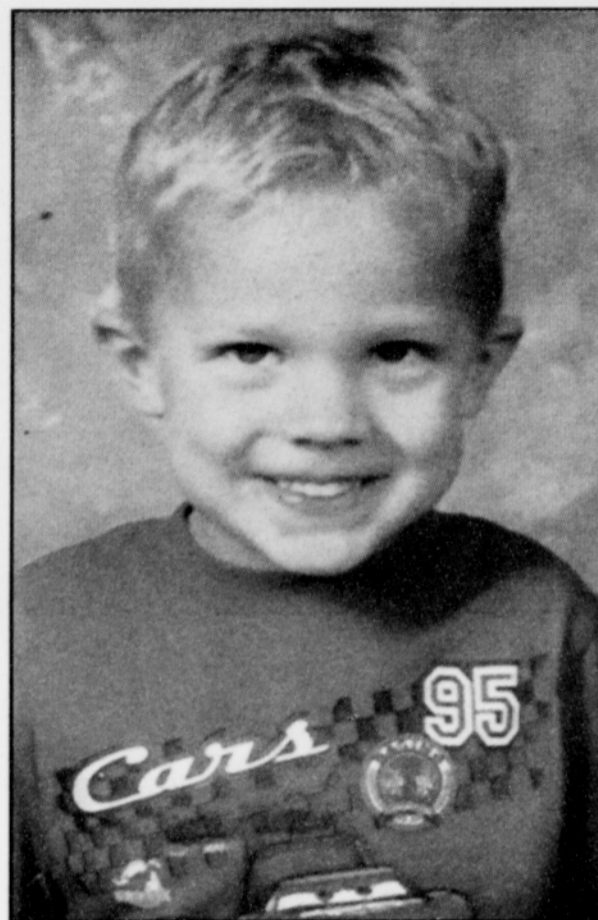
ONABEN also will use this event to launch our new business plan competition for Native entrepreneurs, providing aspiring and growing business owners with much-needed seed equity.

A Trade Show hosted by the Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce will run concurrent to the conference and is free. The public is invited to meet and support local Native businesses. Independent Native artists, such as Adrian Larvie and Lillian Pitt, to tribal enterprises like Eagle Tech Systems, Inc. were in attendance last year.

Trading at the River again will be held at the Red Lion Hotel on the River at Jantzen Beach in Portland (909 Hayden Island Drive).

Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available now!

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.onaben.org.



Happy 4th Birthday, TJ, on Jan. 6.
Love, Mom and Dad

Happy Birthday, Darcy, on Jan. 5.
Love, your cousin Maggie and family

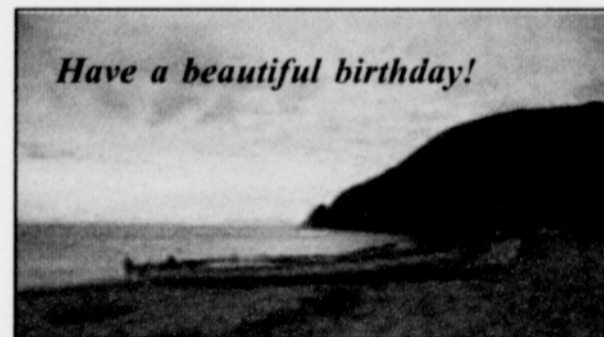
Happy 95th birthday, Robert Johnson, from your grandson David.

Happy 18th Birthday to Robert Phillips. You are an amazing person with so much determination.

I see great things in your future.

Love you!

Jessica and Kelsie

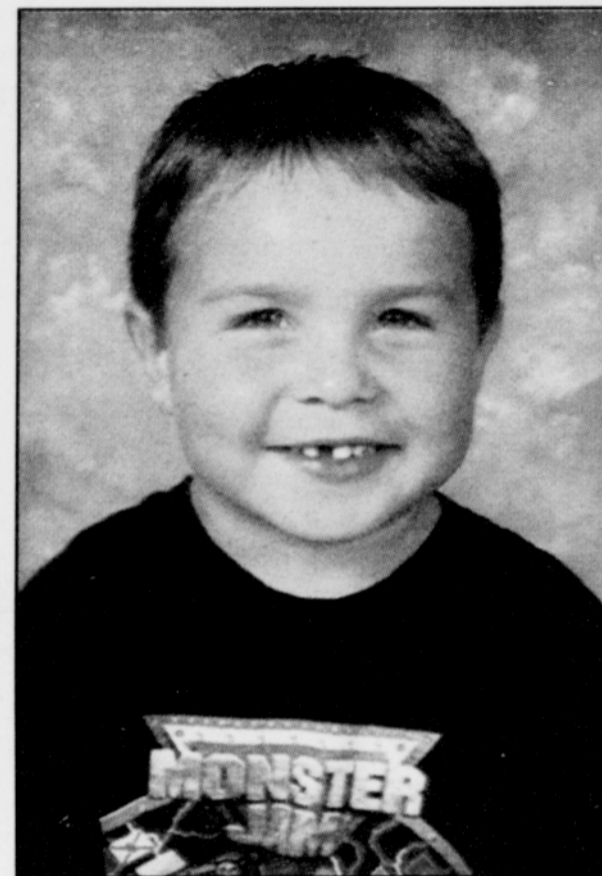


Alexandria and Syanne – I wish you two the best day on your birthdays. I miss and love you both very much.
Love, Mom

I also wanted to wish my children and family a blessed year and many more to come.

I love you all.

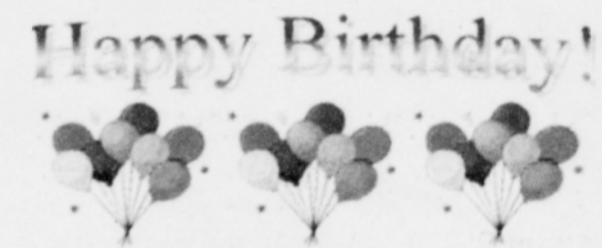
Aimee Lucas



Happy 5th Birthday to our Kode Man. You are getting to be such a big boy. We love you so much.

Let your spirit soar high and your love for life take you to great things. There is no end to your capabilities!

Love, Dad, Mom and Skyler



I would like to wish a special Happy Belated 3rd Birthday to our niece, Wynter Holt, on Dec. 26.

We love you a whole bunch.

Love, Aunt Jeanette, Uncle Sonny, Skyler and Kodey

I would like to wish Xitlali Mason a Happy 5th Birthday on Jan. 10.

Happy Birthday, big girl; you are getting so big.

Hugs and kisses.

Love, Aunt Jeanette, Uncle Sonny, Skyler and Kodey

Happy 3rd Birthday to our little Stink Pot, Mexctic Mason, on Jan. 28. We love you a whole bunch!

Love, Aunt Jeanette, Uncle Sonny, Skyler and Kodey

I would like to wish Cohsomotlotl a very special Happy 1st Birthday on Jan. 10. You are growing so fast.

Hugs and kisses!

Love, Aunt Jeanette, Uncle Sonny, Skyler and Kodey



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