

Experience Tribal language program May 31 at SVS Spring Performance

By Cova St. Onge, Language Project Coordinator

The Siletz Tribal Language Project would like to invite you to the Annual SVS Spring Performance in the big gym at Siletz Valley School at 6 p.m. on May 31.

It has been an exciting and fun-filled language learning experience for Siletz Valley School students during the 2011-12 school year. Since January, students, teachers and language project staff have spent two days a week implementing the STLP language curriculum based on classroom-specific themes.

Students have learned about baskets, foods, the salmon cycle and new games and songs. These classroom language activities have prepared them for the final

presentation at the Spring Performance. We look forward to sharing the excitement of the language project with you!

Additionally, for at-home language materials, you can find learning tools such as videos, songs, curriculum with vocabulary lists and a talking dictionary that are all fun family resources at siletzlanguage.org. Feel free to visit and learn at your leisure. The website is updated periodically with additional resources and materials.

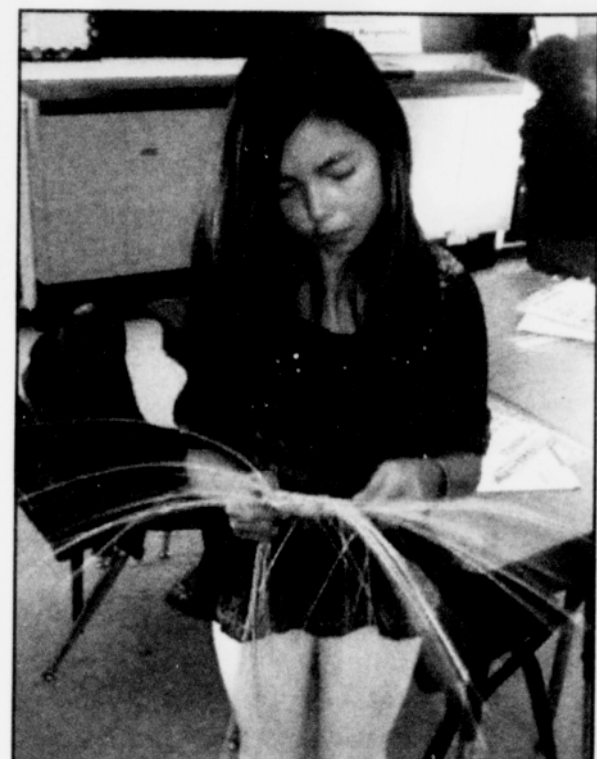
For questions and comments, please contact me at 541-444-1036 or Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320.

Nuu-wvn srxi-xe xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xaa-ma (For our children, their children and their children) Hvm'-chi'



Courtesy photos by Cova St. Onge

Jarron Brown (above) and Jayden Christensen (right) work on projects that correspond to the Siletz Tribal Language Project curriculum in their classes at Siletz Valley School.



Genevieve Victoria Gavin – 1919-2012

Genevieve Victoria Gavin began her life's journey on Oct. 18, 1919, in Corvallis, Ore., as Mickey Adams. Her journey ended in Marysville, Wash., on April 2, 2012, at 92 years, 5 months, 15 days of age.

At the time of her death, she was the second-eldest member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Her ancestors were of the Rogue River Shasta Tribe.

A great rollercoaster journey through life it was. She was born to Mae Adams of Siletz, Ore., and Frank James Francisco of Corvallis. During part of her earliest years, Mickey was raised by her grandparents, the Rev. John and Martha (Hunsucker) Adams of Siletz, both Elders of the Siletz Tribe.

She told stories of going with them and other family and Tribal members in search of eels and other food sources while she was a small child. Rev. Adams taught Mickey songs in his native language, which she could still remember as recently as a year ago.

Seeking a better life for her, Mickey was placed for adoption and in 1926 found ideal parents in Ralph Emerson and Grace Rachel (Wrisley) Gray of Newberg, Ore., and was given the name of Genevieve Victoria Gray.

Genny completed her public school years with numerous friends at Newberg High School, then went on to Northwest Bible Institute in the Seattle area. It was there that she met Vernon Guy Dodds of Waterloo, Mont., who was also a student at the college.

They wed in 1939 in Newberg and began their family with a daughter, Gloria Jeanne Dodds, in 1941. A son, Richard Vernon Dodds, was added in 1945. After Vernon's Navy enlistment in WWII ended, the family settled in Newberg with Vernon working at the Newberg Pulp and Paper Mill.

The family moved to Everett, Wash., in the late 1940s after a brief stop in Kirkland, Wash. Vernon was employed at Soundview Pulp & Paper (later Scott Paper Company), while Genny was employed by a number of retail shops in Everett's downtown business district.

Genny and Vernon Dodds ended their marriage in 1961 and Genny then married Vince Hugh Kennan of Everett. This marriage also ended with a divorce. Genny then married a former Everett policeman,



Genevieve Victoria Gavin

Patrick Joseph Gavin. Together they had many happy years, ending with his natural death in 2001.

Always surrounded by her children and grandchildren, Genny was very independent, feisty and a cut-up. She loved to laugh at the antics of *The Golden Girls*. Painting and playing the accordion, piano, organ, banjo and ukulele were among her other pursuits.

When possible, she loved to visit the Oregon Coast or Newberg and reminisce with old friends. She maintained her own apartment until about six years ago, then moved to a series of senior assisted living accommodations in the Everett area.

She is survived by her daughter, Gloria Jeanne (Dodds) Zimmerman (with husband Gary) of Marysville, and a son, Richard Vernon Dodds (and companion Jim Wade) of Las Vegas. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Sha Ree Hylbak (Walt) of Marysville, Barbara Torres of Seattle, Dawn Bakko of Everett and GiGi White (Jack) of Marysville. Numerous sisters and brothers also survive, as do many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and friends from throughout her long life. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

At her request, she will be cremated with no services. Purdy and Walters, of Everett, is in charge. A celebration of her life will be planned for a later date. Contributions can be made to the charity of your choice in her honor.

Louise Marie Blacketer – 1960-2012

Louise Marie Blacketer, 52, of Depoe Bay, Ore., died March 31, 2012, in Newport, Ore.

She was born Feb. 22, 1960, to Fearn and Mary Blacketer in Coos Bay, Ore.

Louise loved to take pictures with her camera and walk on the beach to enjoy the different sunsets. She really loved "her babies" in the family and one of her favorite sayings was "kiss the babies." Whether they were family or friends, they all held a special place in her heart. She was always collecting different things to give to the children in her life.

She valued her friends and family. She was a Siletz Tribal member and proud of her heritage.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Elizabeth Hudson; brothers, Fearn Henry Blacketer III and Ronald Vincent; several aunts and uncles; Theresa and Larry Leaton, Ginny Gongloff and Aunt Maxine Smith "Washington."

She is survived by her father, Fearn Blacketer; sisters and brothers, Delores Parker, Mari Woosley, Debbie Pirtle, John Blacketer, Joe Blacketer, James Blacketer,



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David Blacketer and Theresa Hudson; many nieces and nephews; and family members.

Services were held April 5 at the Long House in Siletz.

Bateman Funeral Home handled arrangements.

STBC seeks contractor for gate

The Siletz Tribal Business Corporation (STBC) is seeking a contractor to install a metal security gate across the courtyard entrance of the Siletz Business Complex (Portland Area Office) in Portland, Ore.

Please visit stbcorp.net or call STBC at 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 for more information.

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Memorial Day Ceremony

May 28, 2012 • 11 a.m. • Government Hill • Siletz, Oregon

Procession to Veterans Memorial
Honor Guard
West Coast Boyz
The Lord's Prayer – Siletz Royalty
Welcome – Tribal Council Chairman Delores Pigsley
Memorial Day Address – Guest Speaker
Presentation of Flowers
Gun Salute – Honor Guard
Taps
Closing – West Coast Boyz
Lunch at the Tribal Community Center, provided by the Cultural Heritage Committee – Noon