

Helen Brown – 1942-2012

Helen Brown, 69, of Eureka, Calif., died April 26, 2012, at her home in Phoenix, Ariz.

She was born June 23, 1942, to Henry and Margaret Vanpelt in Eureka.

Helen loved to make arts and crafts items for her friends and the many local charities she supported. She also was a licensed private investigator for about 15 years. But she really loved her family; she would collect things to give to the children in her life.

She valued her 42 years of marriage to her childhood sweetheart.

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

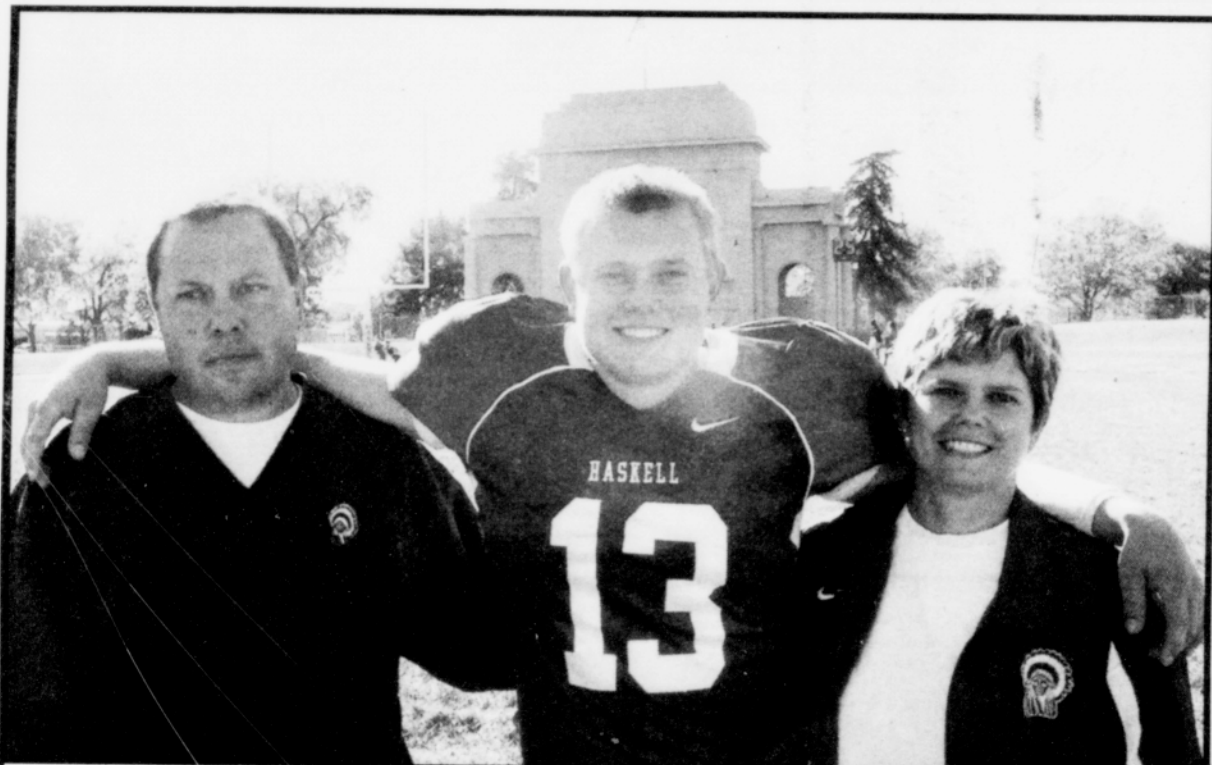
She is survived by her daughter, Sheri Brown, and a son, Norman Brown, of Phoenix. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Kristy Marie Smaltz, Willie Thompson Smaltz of Phoenix and Amanda Nicole Brown of Knoxville, Tenn.

At her request, she was cremated May 3, 2012, with services and a potluck lunch held at Paradise Valley Baptist Church in Phoenix.

She is resting beside her husband, Norman Brown Jr., at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona in Phoenix.



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Courtesy photo

Ryan Alden, quarterback for the Haskell Indian Nations University football team, has been drafted by the Regensburg Phoenix to be the starting quarterback for the summer season. This American-style football team is located in Regensburg, Germany.

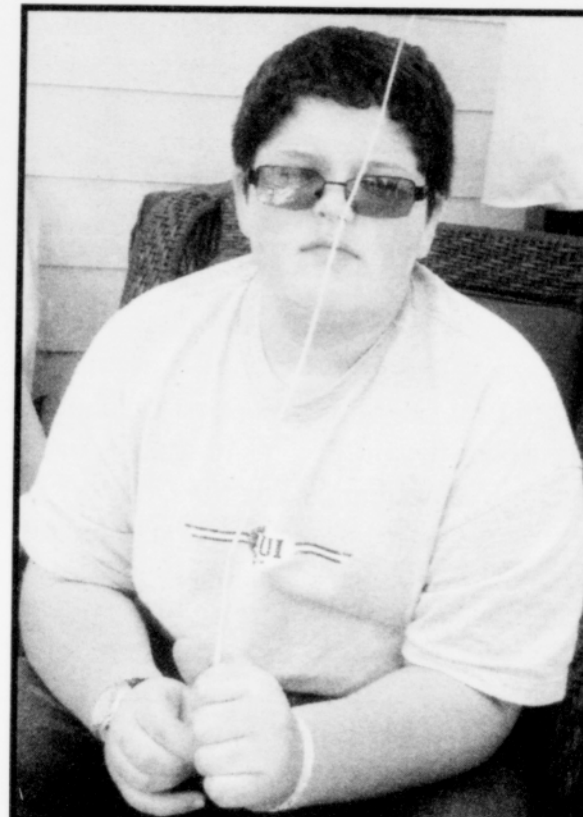
Siletz veterans office open daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz on Monday-Friday to help you get information for your VA benefits. Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for those currently serving. See below for contact information.

A note from our veterans coordinator

By Tony Molina

All of our veterans and families can call me 24/7 at home at 541-444-2828 or on my cell at 541-272-2818. This will help since I'm only in the office part-time. My office number is 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330. I thank all of our veterans for their service to our nation. Thank you!



Courtesy photo

Isaiah Ben works on sticks for a basket, thanks to his friend Robert Kentta.

What do you do with a windfall? Spend, save or should you wait to decide?

A windfall is a lump sum of money you receive unexpectedly. Most people will receive a windfall in their lifetime.

It may seem like a silly question at first to ask, "What do I do with it?" It really could impact your finances in a positive way, however, if you make wise choices.

It's all too easy to get caught up in the excitement of the moment and spend it on little things that will fade from memory the second the ink is dry on the receipt. The best advice is to just deposit it into a money market account while you decide or seek advice.

Don't do anything until you understand your choices and form a plan. Here are some prudent guidelines when dealing with a windfall:

Pay off your bills. If you have debt other than a mortgage, consider paying it down. Consider paying off bills in full or the highest interest bills first. Paying off debts early will save you loads of money on interest payments.

Check your credit report. See if you have any collections or judgments that need to be paid. It's best to pay those when you have enough money

to pay individual debts in full. You can check your credit report for free online at annualcreditreport.com.

Contribute to your retirement. Money saved now can make your retirement years a lot more comfortable. Most employers have a 401K retirement plan. Another popular way to save for retirement is through an IRA. If you have questions about these sorts of savings accounts, see a qualified financial planner or your employer's representative.

Build an emergency fund. Do you have at least six months of income saved for an emergency? An emergency savings

account can help you out of many tight spots and helps you sleep better at night.

Reward yourself. A rule of thumb is to spend 5 percent of your windfall on something fun. For example, 5 percent of \$1,000 is \$50. Splurge on something that makes you happy, just don't overdo it.

The bigger the windfall, the more you will want to seek professional help with your investment choices. Saving or paying off your debts now means you will be able to continue to enjoy your windfall and will bring you more choices.

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The board held more than eight hours of public testimony on the topic and received more than 700 pieces of written testimony.

More than 100 organizations have endorsed the discontinuation of Native American mascots nationally, including the National Indian Education Association, the Oregon Indian Education Association, the Society of Indian Psychologists, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, the Oregon ACLU and the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights.

"Unfortunately for many of our Native American youth, the decision seems to be between being a mascot and being invisible," said State Board Chair Brenda Frank (Klamath). "It is our job to ensure that those aren't the only choices. This ban is an important step in removing harmful stereotypes from our schools. However, we also have to ensure that we are teaching all of our students not only about Native American history, but also about contemporary Native culture. It is all about the students and them feeling comfortable in their schools and communities."

Oregon's ban prohibits using a name, symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe, individual, custom or tradition that is used by a public school as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead or team name.

Prohibited names include "Redskins," "Savages," "Indians," "Indianettes," "Chiefs," "Chieftains" and "Braves." Schools can continue to use the name "Warriors" as long as it is not combined with a symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe, individual, custom or tradition.

Applying for Tribal education funds?

Some requirements and deadlines to keep in mind

1. The once-a-year annual deadline for funding is June 30 of each year (for funding for the upcoming fall semester or academic year).
2. Students must apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.ed.gov between Jan. 1-31 each year. Your application for Tribal funding will not be accepted if you do not meet this deadline.

Important information, deadlines for the college-bound Tribal senior

June

- Tribal higher education and adult vocational training applications are due June 30!
- Attend graduation – congratulations!
- Make arrangements for your final grades to be sent to colleges and universities.
- Good luck!