



**Portland Area Community Picnic**  
**Aug. 29, 2013**  
**Portland Area Office**

Cookie Fernandez (right) works on a craft project during the picnic.

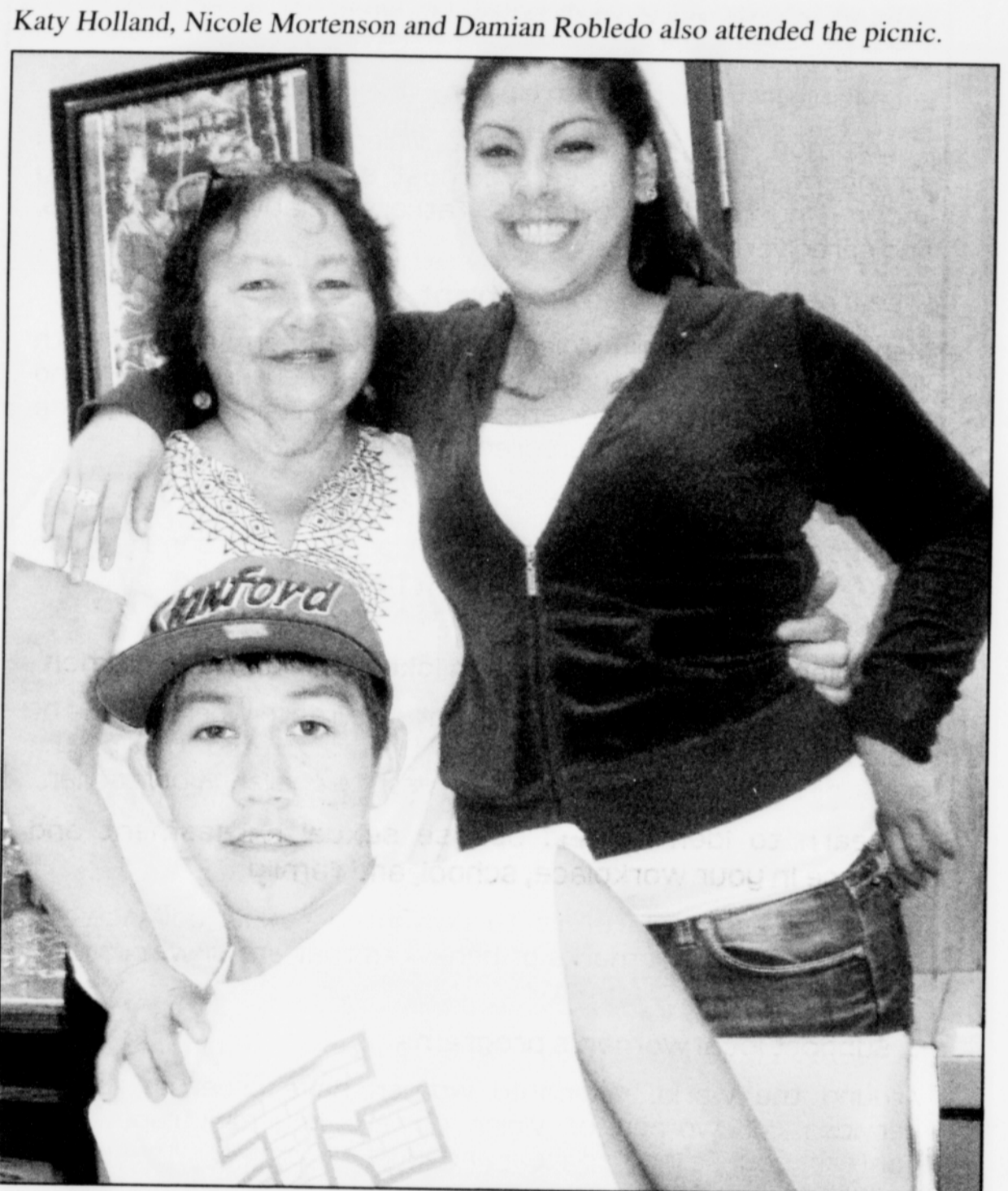


Courtesy photos

Third place winner Andrew Johanson (third from right) accepts the first place prize in the dessert contest for his brother, Michael, during the Portland area community picnic. Andrew took third place in the contest.



Vicki Ekstrom (front, right) took second place in the dessert contest. She's pictured here with Verdene McGuire (front, left) and judges (l to r) Anna Renville, Adam Caba and Sharla Robinson.



Katy Holland, Nicole Mortenson and Damian Robledo also attended the picnic.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair

### Strengthening Family, Community and Culture Through Our Homes

NAYA Family Center • 5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, Ore.  
 Oct. 12 • 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

American Indians have lower rates of homeownership across all tiers of income and experience vast disparities in loan rejection rates and percentage of personal income spent on housing. This fair is an opportunity for community members to learn about renting and home-buying best practices, meet representatives of organizations that provide rent and homebuyers' assistance and guidance, and learn about financial wellness, gardening, the HUD Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee program and more.

This fair is an opportunity to help our community re-establish our rightful homes. While many people will celebrate Columbus Day, we will celebrate "recovery from discovery." A free lunch will be available, along with children's activities and a cultural performance. Raffles will take place throughout the day. Prizes will be announced at a later date.

Current sponsors of the event include HomeStreet Bank, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Portland Housing Bureau, Eagle Eye Inspection and City of Portland - Your Sustainable City.

NAYA Family Center's mission is "to enhance the diverse strengths of our youth and families in partnership with the community through cultural identity and education." More than 40,000 American Indian, Alaska Native and First Nations individuals live in Portland, the ninth largest urban Indian population in the U.S.

NAYA has provided a range of social services to people of all ages for nearly 40 years. Roughly 1,500 children and 600 families are served by NAYA annually.

## Community input invited during LCSD superintendent search

Public input is being gathered from community members, educators and students in the search for a new Lincoln County School District superintendent.

The current superintendent, Tom Rinearson, will retire at the end of this school year after serving for the past decade.

Community meetings are planned for Oct. 8 in Lincoln City and Toledo and Oct. 9 in Waldport and Newport. All four community meetings will start at 5:30 p.m. and will take place at the high schools in the respective communities.

In addition, an online survey will be available on the school district website ([lincoln.k12.or.us](http://lincoln.k12.or.us)) for two weeks beginning Oct. 7.

Consultant Greg McKenzie of Window to Leadership LLC and an associate will facilitate the meetings and gather information about the qualities and qualifications needed in a new superintendent. They also will gather information from student leaders and LCSD staff during both days.

"I look forward to meeting with Lincoln County residents," McKenzie said. "I have a long history here and was the consultant during the search for the current superintendent. This is an important task and I am pleased to be a part of it."