

Brandy Leno: A Change for the Better

By Justin Phillips

She made it through the most grueling part.

She shoveled snow every day. She learned to live with 90 other women. She cleaned and worked and endured physical challenges unlike anything she had ever done before. Most importantly, she showed the ability to succeed where many others have failed.

Eighteen year-old Tribal member Brandy Leno graduated from U.S. Military Boot Camp in November in Great Lakes, Illinois.

It all started her senior year at Willamina High School when a recruiter made a visit. After deciding on a military career, Leno discussed her future with her parents. When everyone agreed, the next step was going to Portland to the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS). The MEPS processes individuals into America's Armed Services.

The induction process consists of three phases of qualifying for the military; an aptitude test, a physical examination and a security interview.

Although having second thoughts, she proceeded on to Great Lakes on September 19. She completed her

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nine-week training and graduated on November 24 from boot camp.

"It was nine weeks of hell," said Leno. "Right now I'm in 'A' school which is basic classes."

Next, Leno will begin "C" school, which is where she will choose her specializing training in her choice of field. Leno said she is interested in becoming a surgical technician, where she would help with surgeries.

Her schedule consists of working from 6:15 a.m. to 4 p.m., and then Leno shovels snow, works in the cafeteria and cleans the schoolhouse.

"The hardest part of boot camp is learning to live with so many other people in the same place for so long," said Leno. "You never get a break from them."

When not on duty, Leno sometimes travels with friends to Chicago, which is only 30 minutes away from Great Lakes.

She will complete five active years in the Navy, with three inactive. Upon completion, she wants to become a pediatrician.

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Leno said when she left boot camp she thought she was on top of the world.

"Boot camp was an experience of a lifetime," said Leno. "It's not for everybody, but it helped me out a lot."

After Leno gets out of the Navy she would like to travel around the world.

Leno's parents are Lonnie and Tammy Leno and she is the granddaughter of Orville and the late Ramona Leno.



Tribal member Brandy Leno recently completed boot camp in the United States Armed Services in Great Lakes, Illinois. Leno plans to pursue a career in the medical field when she returns to civilian life. Leno said boot camp was a good experience for her.

She likes to spend time with her family and she likes to go camping and horseback riding.

"I'll probably end up living back here in Grand Ronde after I graduate," said Leno. "This is my home, this will always be my home."

Gastric Bypass Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

6 to 7:30 pm
Tribal Community Center

Friday, February 2
Friday, March 2
Friday, April 6
Friday, May 4
Friday, June 1

TULE MAT CLASS OFFERED ••• FEBRUARY 7-28

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"Let's get together to make mats."

A four-week class focused on tule mat making will be offered in February. The class will be limited to a maximum of 15 Tribal members. All students will be expected to make a strong commitment to attending class and will be responsible for a \$10 materials fee. The course is tentatively scheduled to begin February 7 and end February 28. It will be held on Wednesday nights from 6pm to 9pm in the Community Center. Accomplished artist, Sophie George and family will teach the class. Individuals interested in attending this class should contact Tony Johnson, by phone (503-879-2084) or e-mail (tony.johnson@grandronde.org).

USDA Distribution

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Feb. 5, 6, 7 & 8:
9 am to 3:30 pm

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Jan. 22: 3 pm to 7:30 pm
Jan. 23: 9 am to 7:30 pm
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Feb. 13: 9 am to 7:30 pm
Feb. 14: 9 am to 5 pm

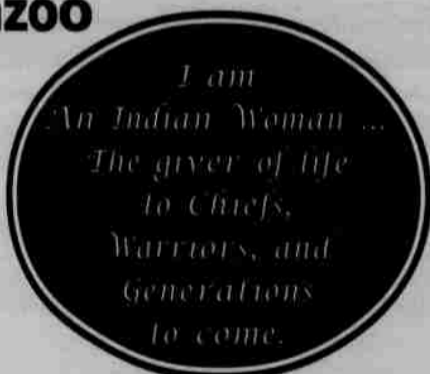
In Loving Memory

Karleen Faye Parazoo

We wish to offer this tribute to Karleen Faye Parazoo. Our sister was born at the Klamath Indian Agency Hospital on December 27, 1936 and passed into the Great Mystery on October 5, 2000.

Karleen devoted most of her life to pursuing recognition of the Tchinouk Indian Tribe. The Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver Vols. I and II, the Stellamaris Mission, were registers of Fathers Francois N. Blanchet and Modeste Demers from the 1830s, 1840s, and 1850s. These priests registered many early Indian Tribal members with the phonetic spelling of Tchinouk and T'chalis. Karleen believed the Tchinouk Indians were a special Tribe of Indians and that our family was descended from this unique Tribe. Karleen sought recognition of the Tchinouk as the original Tribe of the Western Columbia River region and was well known for her devotion to this life work.

Karleen was the mother of Bruce, Cynthia, Alice, David, Melody and Rena. She had 13 grandchildren, and 10 nieces and nephews.



Karleen was the sister of Claudette, Sharon, Bruce, Duane (deceased) and Mary. Her parents were Claude and Delphine Emery Parazoo. Our family is descended from the Pichette family of the Grand Ronde Tribe of Oregon and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Karleen Parazoo was a member of the Grand Ronde Tillicum. A Grand Ronde Pendleton blanket covered the casket for her final resting place in the Fort Klamath Cemetery. Our cousin, Ed Clark, presented a Lakota final honoring ceremony for our sister, mother, grandmother and aunt — Karleen Parazoo.

Respectfully,
The Parazoo (Pariseau) Family

In Loving Memory

Florence A. Norby

Tribal Elder Florence A. Norby, 63, from Vernonia, Oregon passed away October 6, 2000 at her home.

Funeral services were held Wednesday October 11 at Fuiten, Rose and Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove.

Private interment was at the family plot in Longview, Washington.

Florence was born May 2, 1937 in Otis, the daughter of Charles W. and Bertha Pearl Elizabeth Cunningham Jackson. As a child she moved with her family to Washington and was raised and educated in Hoquiam and Aberdeen.

On May 18, 1960, she married Buz Norby in Stevenson, Washington. They lived in several Oregon communities until divorcing in 1979.

Since 1985, she and Curt Davis had shared their lives living in several communities before moving to Vernonia in 1991.

Florence worked at Gray and Company in Forest Grove for 25 years and retired in 1996.

Florence enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, camping and boating. She also enjoyed sewing.

Survivors include her companion, Curt Davis of Vernonia; two sons and daughters-in-law, Alan D. and Jill Norby of Forest Grove, and Steve H. and Kris Norby of Vernonia; a step-son, Bruce D. Norby; and four grandchildren, Justin Norby, Amarisa Norby, Kristel Norby and Sven Norby.

Also surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, David and Elle Chambers and Robert and Jossi Jackson, all of Portland; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte O'Berg of Gaston, Jessie and Jerry Hedgecock of Longview, Washington, Joyce Rutherford of Reno, Nevada and Joann Hadley of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Clara Spreadborough; a step-sister, Vicki Norby; and a brother, Charlie Jackson Wright, who died one day before her.

Memorial contributions can be made to Community Home Health and Hospice, 1035 11th Ave., Longview, WA 98632, or to the American Cancer Society, 0330 SW Curry St., Portland, OR 97201.

