

# Tualatin's Kennedy Hjelte Earns Miss Oregon Title

## Will Compete in National Pageant

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Our daughter Kennedy Hjelte, who is a 5th grader at Bridgeport Elementary in Tualatin, recently completed her third state pageant, competing in the National American Miss (NAM) pageant over Memorial Day weekend at the Lloyd Center Doubletree Hotel. Kennedy worked very hard and ended up "winning" her age category (10-12) and is now the 2013 Miss Oregon Pre-Teen Queen.



We are very proud of her accomplishment, and wish to share this with the people of Tualatin. NAM (National American Miss) offers wonderful values, celebrating America's greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Kennedy entered the pageant for the second year, and her goal was to gain self-confidence and make new friends. She was overwhelmed that she was chosen as the 2013 queen!

Kennedy will work hard to represent her city, and we are starting to look into opportunities for her to use this as a platform to increase her level of community service. Her first task will be to work with Bridgeport Elementary before the end of the school year to present donated school supplies



and books on behalf of NAM.

Kennedy's other activities include Tualatin Soccer Club, Church Alter Server, and volunteers with the Homeless Ministry.

Her sponsors were her Mom & Dad, her brother Grant, Grandma Betty, Nan & Pop, and Grandpa Wally.