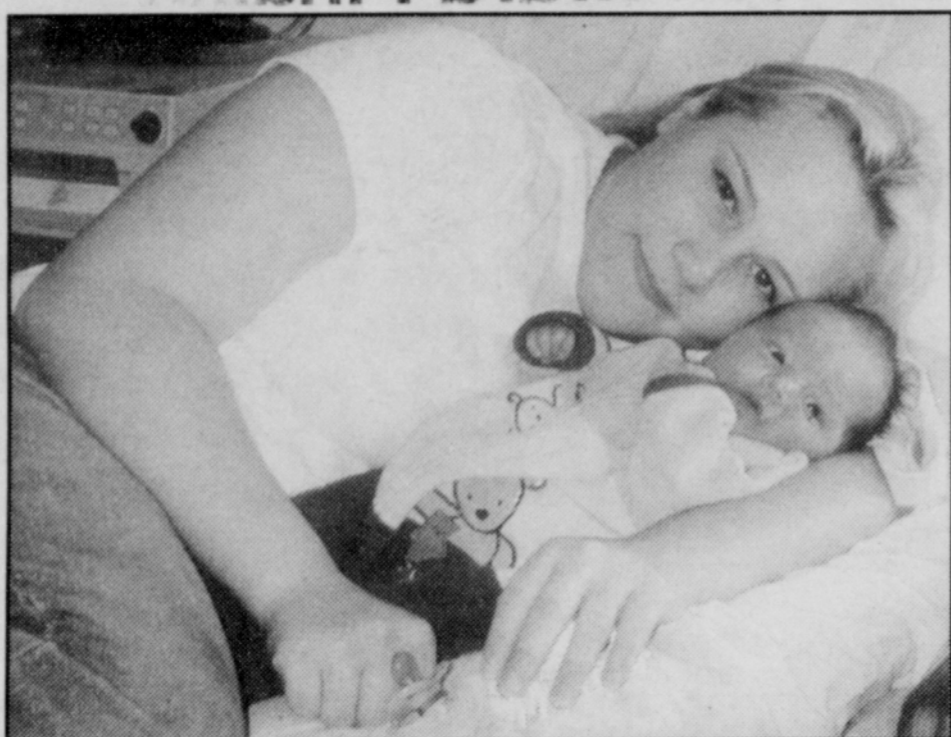


## TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS

### Welcome, Mateas!



Mateas' aunt Amie Williams gives him a hug.

Matthew Williams Jr. and Connie Williams of Siletz, and Bill and Linda Hagerman of Marysville, Calif.

Mateas joins brothers Robert and Kane, and sister Kaetlin. He has numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Welcome, Teas!

Nakoa Williams gave birth to Mateas Lee Williams at 11:10 p.m. on Sept. 24, 2003, at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Matthew Robert Williams of Siletz, and Kim and Alex Sanchez of Marysville, Calif.

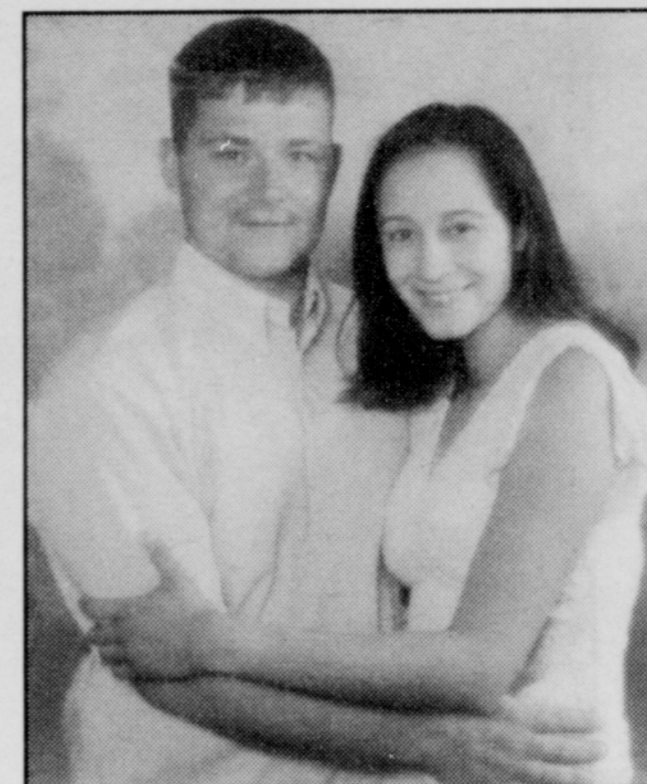
Great-grandparents are the late

### Derenia Graduates, Becomes CMA

Rosie Derenia graduated from college in Yuba City, Calif., and is now a certified medical assistant. During the spring and summer of 2003, Rosie attended courses in front- and back-office medical assistant instruction for eight months. In early October, she successfully completed her externship to fulfill the medical assistant program at a pediatric clinic in Yuba City and was officially graduated by the college.

In early November, Rosie was hired by the Lakeport Tribal Clinic as a medical assistant. She's very happy to be working in the medical field.

Rosie is the daughter of Pamela Lane, the granddaughter of the Rev. John and Martha (Downey) Lockhart,



Tony and Rosie Derenia

and the great-granddaughter of the late Rev. Roy and Mae Downey.

We're proud of you, Rosie. We love you very much. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments.

### Stuart Participates in San Carlos Celebration

I, Tiffany Dawn Stuart, Miss Siletz 2003-2004, had the privilege of being invited by Commissioner Ophelia James to attend the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Memorial Weekend Celebration in San Carlos, Ariz., on Nov. 6-9. The weekend's theme was "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans: We Honor and Salute You."

When I arrived on Nov. 6, I attended the Veterans Appreciation Banquet at the Apache Gold Casino. It included special recognition of Sgt. Jimmie Patten, Army KIA 1968-01-31 Ground Casualty in Bein Hoa, South Vietnam.

The next morning, I helped cut brush for the traditional competition category. The brush was used to make a traditional Apache shade house. Then I helped the James family with finishing touches and set up for the pageant that night.

The sold-out event (1,200 tickets) had five women competing for the Miss San Carlos 2003-2004 title.

First came the modern dress competition, where the women modeled eveningwear down the runway. Some contestants included traditional hair ties and jewelry with their evening dress.

Next was the talent competition, with performances by each woman. It also included an explanation of the eagle feathers in the Sun Rise Ceremony, an explanation of how to make traditional hair cleaning products,



Onawa, Miss Indian World; Karen-Irene Serna, Miss NCAI; Miss San Carlos Jr. High; Robyn Boni, Miss San Carlos 2003-04; and Tiffany Dawn Stuart, Miss Siletz 2003-04

how to make an Apache burden basket, Apache songs, and the creation story told in English and in Apache.

A beautiful part of the competition was the traditional dress. After the women modeled their traditional buckskin and cloth dresses, they all sang an Apache song with traditional Apache drums.

In their traditional Apache dresses, they answered individual impromptu questions: What does it mean to be an Apache woman? What is the meaning of the Sun Rise Ceremony staff? If you had to help your senator write a speech about the Apache Nations, what would be your first sentence? I thought all these questions were up to standard on what Miss San Carlos might have to know.

The last part of the pageant was the Miss San Carlos 2002-2003 farewell. The Apache Crown Dancers brought

me into the circle first, then Miss NCAI (Karen-Irene Serna), Miss Indian World (Onawa), Miss White Mountain Apache (Chanda Ivins), and Miss San Carlos 2002-2003 (Martha Victor). It was a great experience to dance with the crown dancers and different royalty. I believe this first-class pageant gave pride and meaning to the Miss San Carlos title.

Miss San Carlos 2003-2004 received a \$2,000 scholarship for each academic year in college until she obtains her degree (while keeping a 2.5 GPA). She's provided with food, lodging, travel, and one chaperon for every event to which she is invited.

At the pageant, all the girls received Apache burden baskets, new cell phones, and substantial cash prizes. Miss San Carlos 2002-2003 and Miss San Carlos 2003-2004 also received Pendleton

blankets and one gave her crown and sash to the new Miss San Carlos.

I was #37 Miss Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon in the two-mile parade. It started with Apache helicopters flying over downtown San Carlos. The 125 entries included royalty, community groups, bands, Apache Crown Dancers, and families supporting veterans. It looked like all 12,500 San Carlos Apache were attending the parade.

Entertainment by various South-west tribes filled the evening. I received vouchers to eat at the Apache Gold Casino buffet early that day for participating in the parade. I believe the San Carlos Apaches showed me good customer service as a guest on their reservation.

On Nov. 9, I went to the Veterans Celebration Rodeo. I saw the women's and men's barrel racing, team roping, and bull riding.

I was treated with the utmost respect as a guest of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona. I enjoyed meeting many different royalty, making new friends, eating delicious food like frybread and beans, and representing the Siletz Tribe.

Thanks to my parents, Thomas and Marlene Stuart, for helping me financially to attend this event. Thanks also to my brother, Tommy Stuart, and his fiancée, Cheryl James, for chaperoning this event for me.