

Pi-Ume-Sha Candidates for Queen and Court

The Pi-Ume-Sha Powwow Committee is getting ready for its 8th annual celebration, scheduled for June 24, 25, and 26.

Raffle tickets may be purchased from any of the candidates who are introduced here.



Doreen L. Danzuka

Doreen 16, is the daughter of Kathleen Foltz. She was born in Madras on January 8, 1961 and grew up in Warm Springs. She was given the Indian name Kumtli and her tribal background is Warm Springs and Wasco.

Currently a freshman at Madras Senior High, Doreen belongs to the Indian Club and enjoys her home ec classes. She hopes one day to go to college.

Outside of school, Doreen enjoys going to pow wows where she likes to circle dance. She also spends a lot of time riding horses and working on her family's ranch.

Doreen does her own beadwork and is presently making the leggings, cuffs, belt, headband and hair ties for her outfit.

About her Pi-Ume-Sha candidacy she says, "I like the competition and meeting people."



Sandra Toni Greene

Sandra, 17, is the daughter of Eugene and Noreen Greene. She was born in Redmond on May 22, 1959 and grew up in Warm Springs. Her tribal affiliation is Warm Springs, Wasco, Nez Perce and Paiute.

Sandra is attending Gresham High School from where she will graduate in June. "I can't wait for graduation," she said.

Although Sandra is undecided about a career, she would enjoy being an accountant. She is also considering joining the army reserves.

Sandra likes sports, especially bowling, in which she and her mother once won a second place trophy in Madras' parent-junior tournament. She enjoys horseback riding and is learning to sew her own regalia.

Traveling to pow wows for dance competition is another of Sandra's favorite pastimes.

About being a Pi-Ume-Sha candidate, Sandra says, "It will be an experience. I want to get out to meet people."



Winona Maude Spino

Winona, 17, whose Indian name is Law-ish, was born on December 28, 1959 in Warm Springs. She is the daughter of Ed and Amelia Spino. Her tribal affiliation is Warm Springs and Umatilla.

Winona is a junior at Madras Senior High School where she belongs to Indian Club and participates in a variety of sports. She received a letter this year in volleyball and in 1975 she earned a place on the state all-star team for 13-15 year olds in softball.

In addition to sports, Winona enjoys traveling to pow wows and says it's the powwow atmosphere rather than the competition that she likes.

Winona had been preparing for a career as a secretary but recently "I've turned my head toward Indian counseling."

Having been a Junior Princess in the Northwest Junior Miss contest sponsored by the Portland American Indian Center, Winona decided to become a Pi-Ume-Sha candidate because "I decided it would be fun." She went on to say, "I hope to meet more people and gain more friends."



Pearl Renee Johnson

Pearl, 16, is the daughter of Wilbur Johnson, Sr., and Ruth Tewee, and was born November 7, 1960. She was given the Indian name Us-pum, which belonged to her great grandmother, the wife of Chief Simtustus.

Pearl grew up in Warm Springs and attended all the local public schools. Currently she is taking her freshman year over at Inter Mountain School in Brigham City, Utah.

She is very interested in sewing and would like to take vocational training in this area. Pearl also enjoys beadwork, riding horses, swimming, basketball and learning more about her culture.

Competition dancing at powwows is another of Pearl's favorite pastimes.

Pearl considers her first experience as a Pi-Ume-Sha candidate to be a "challenge."



Marylena Elsa Heath

Marylena, 19, is the granddaughter of Ellen Heath. She was born on July 28, 1957 in Portland and grew up in Warm Springs. Of Yakima, Warm Springs and Sioux descent, Marylena was given the Indian name Kussa-sitka.

Marylena graduated from Madras Senior High School in 1975 after which she attended Central Oregon Community College for a year. Presently looking for work in Warm Springs, she intends to go to another college in the fall to study sociology. She would like to one day be a caseworker on the reservation.

Traveling is one of Marylena's favorite activities. Pow wows have taken her all over the west and mid-west and she says she enjoys dancing "just for the fun of it."

Sewing is a talent that Marylena has developed and she especially likes beading the items she has sewn.

In 1975 Marylena was chosen the Indian Week Princess at Madras Senior High and she competed in the Pi-Ume-Sha contest that same year. More recently she competed for the title of Miss Warm Springs.

Marylena decided to become a Pi-Ume-Sha candidate this year "just to try it out again, for the fun of it." She is looking forward to meeting people and being able to travel.