



Carroll Johnson - Miss Celilo Wyam

Local Girl "Miss Celilo Wyam"

Carroll Johnson, 16, of Warm Springs was crowned Miss Celilo Wyam Sunday, April 8, at the annual Celilo Salmon Feast. She won the honor of representing Celilo Village for one year by selling 774 raffle tickets in a fund-raising drive for the Celilo Longhouse.

The daughter of Katie and Wilbur Johnson, Carroll attends Madras High School where she is a member of the Indian Club.

Her court is made up of three other girls - 1st princess Lauri Stahi of Wapato, Washington; 2nd princess Sharon Kuenki of Wahkiacus, Washington; and 3rd princess Carla Tewee of Warm Springs.

Last year Carroll was a princess for Celilo Wyam. Other honors she has earned include "Wide Spot Princess" for 1977-78

and Delta Park, Jr. Princess in 1974-75.

Carroll was also honored this past February 24 when she was invited by the Washington Birthday Committee to attend a breakfast with Miss Indian America and the late Miss Yakima Nation, Margaret Pinkham. She said that Miss Pinkham (who was killed in a car accident March 31, 1979) was very helpful in encouraging all the girls in getting up and speaking in front of people. "That experience has helped me in speaking in front of a crowd," Carroll said.

Carroll decided to run for "Miss Celilo Wyam" because she wanted to help raise more money for the longhouse and because the committee encouraged her to run again. She will now represent

Celilo at whatever functions she attends during the year.

Carroll's ancestral heritage goes back to the famous Kah-Nee-Ta who was her great-great-great-grandmother on her father's side. Her maternal great-grandparents are Tom and Minnie Lerock of Satus, Washington. On her father's side, her great-grandmother was the late Isabelle Palmer. Kanet Wolfe is her great-grandfather on her mother's side.

Carroll's background is Warm Springs-Yakima-Wasco-Wailaki.

"I want to thank all my relatives and friends for buying tickets," said Carroll. "And I'd like to thank my parents for encouraging me to sell tickets." She added that she will be very proud to represent Celilo Wyam.

Both Sides At Fault In Madras Fight

by Sandy Rangila

Acknowledging that this was not a "one-sided case", Justice Court Judge Lowell Hirtzel, April 5, ordered 18-year-old Brent Graybael of Warm Springs to pay a \$500 fine "out of his own pocket" in connection with a February 14 incident involving Indian and non-Indian youths in Madras.

Judge Hirtzel also reprimanded Terry Starkel, 22, of Madras for discharging a gun within the city limits during that same incident.

Represented by attorney Owen Panner, Graybael pleaded guilty to the charge of criminal mischief in the second degree for his part in a fight which started at the Madras Safeway parking lot and moved on to Erickson's lot. The complaint was filed by the state on behalf of Starkel whose car was smashed up during the melee.

In the words of District Attorney Michael Sullivan, "This was not an easy case at all. It was difficult to sort out what really happened," he said.

For the purpose of getting at the truth, court-admissible lie detector tests were administered to Graybael, Starkel and the late Bryan Defender of Warm Springs. The results of the tests, which were made available to the press, showed that the Indian boys were apparently goaded into the fight which was started by Starkel, that Starkel was armed with a loaded pistol which he fired twice and that Defender was the most truthful of the three in his answers.

In presenting the case for the state, Sullivan told the court that he felt that Graybael was not entirely at fault. He said the polygraph tests indicated that Starkel "was not telling the entire truth" and that Starkel's actions "were not entirely appropriate."

Sullivan requested that

Graybael make restitution in the form of \$1,285 for damages to Starkel's car and \$68 for Starkel's medical expenses. He also suggested a fine and "perhaps a few weekends in jail." He added that the outcome would influence his decision as to whether or not to bring Starkel up on charges of discharging a firearm within city limits.

Sullivan later explained to Spilyay Tymoo that he "would have entertained a complaint against Starkel had restitution been ordered."

Panner, in his statement for the defense, said that this case had quite a history. Graybael had originally been charged with a felony, but after an extensive investigation, the District Attorney's office had reduced the charge.

He said he was "upset by this case, and was impressed with the substantial truth of the Indian boys' statements." Panner then explained to the court the results of the polygraph tests. He added that the tests indicated "the Indian boys didn't start it (the fight), but that they did a good job of finishing it." He noted before the court that damage had been done not only to Starkel's car, but to Graybael's car in an earlier incident.

He said that Graybael is not denying that he smashed up Starkel's car and that technically he was guilty. "However, in justice to the defendant, although he had no legal right to do it, they are normal boys who reacted" perhaps without the best judgement. "Either side could have backed off at any point," Panner observed.

In noting the tension between the two communities, Panner mentioned that the feeling was so high in Madras against the Indian boys that they had had to be escorted to the police station and then to Warm Springs for their own safety. "Feeling has

been building for some time. This was not just an isolated incident," said Panner.

Panner said he would like to recommend that each community select a few people who can figure out how to improve relations between the two communities. "It's a relationship worth protecting," he said.

"I want to see both boys (Graybael and Starkel) shake hands when this is over," Panner stated.

In conclusion, Panner told the court that he does not feel Graybael should make restitution, be fined or spend time in jail. He said he thinks the Indian boys were just as much the victims.

In rendering his decision, Judge Hirtzel said, "There's nobody who wants to be more fair than this court right now." He said that after going over the files very thoroughly, and after listening to the District Attorney's and defense council's comments, there was no question in his mind that the Indians were wrong and that Starkel was wrong.

"Discharging a gun from within city limits is something this court won't tolerate," stressed Hirtzel. "I hope no one here ever comes before me on such a charge."

He ordered that no compensation be made to Starkel for his car because "this episode could have been stopped at any time. One is just as much to blame as the other."

Under Panner's watchful gaze, the two boys did shake hands after the hearing. "I'm sorry. It was a bad situation that got out of hand," Starkel told Graybael. Graybael then muttered that he also was sorry.

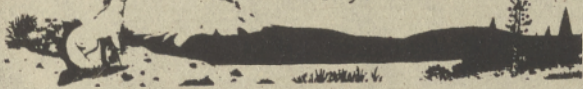
Sullivan appeared happy with the outcome of the hearing noting, "I think the judge took care of everything."

Community Calendar

- April 13, 14 Dance featuring "Savage Resurrection," 8:00 p.m., Agency Longhouse. Admission, \$3.00 per single and \$5.00 per couple. Plus dance contest with trophy prizes.
- 13 Madras High School Indian Club contest war dances at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge in the Wasco Room, 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Buckeroo Breakfast, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 a.m., Community Center, sponsored by Madras High School Indian club.
- 14, 15 Annual Root Feast Rodeo, Warm Springs Rodeo Grounds, 1:30. Admission, \$2.00 adults, \$1.00 children, senior citizens, free.
- 16 Rural Fire Protection meeting to discuss site selection for fire sub-station. Agency Longhouse, 7 p.m.
- 20, 21, 22 Fourth Annual Oregon Indian Education Conference, Winema Hotel, 1111 Main St., Klamath Falls. Registration at 8:00 a.m.
- 23-29 All-Indian Worlds Fair, State Fairgrounds, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 25 NO SCHOOL, Teachers In-Service Day.
- 26 COCC Night

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National Indian Media Conference

The third annual National Indian Media Conference has been scheduled for April 23-25. This year's headquarters has been set up at the Granada Royale Hotel, 3210 N.W. Grand Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The NIMC will be co-spon-

sored by the National Congress of American Indians, Washington, D.C., and the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The major emphasis of the three-day meet will be the presentation of topical specialty

workshops. The workshops will be geared to those involved in both print and electronic media. Included will be a workshop on media training and employment opportunities.

The two previous conferences were held in San Francisco.