

Johnson is Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen

Jenna Johnson has been riding horses since the age of 5. She is now 13 years old, and in the eighth grade at the Jefferson County Middle School.

Johnson this year is the Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen. During the year, Johnson travels to rodeo events in Washington, Idaho, California, and to many locations in Oregon.

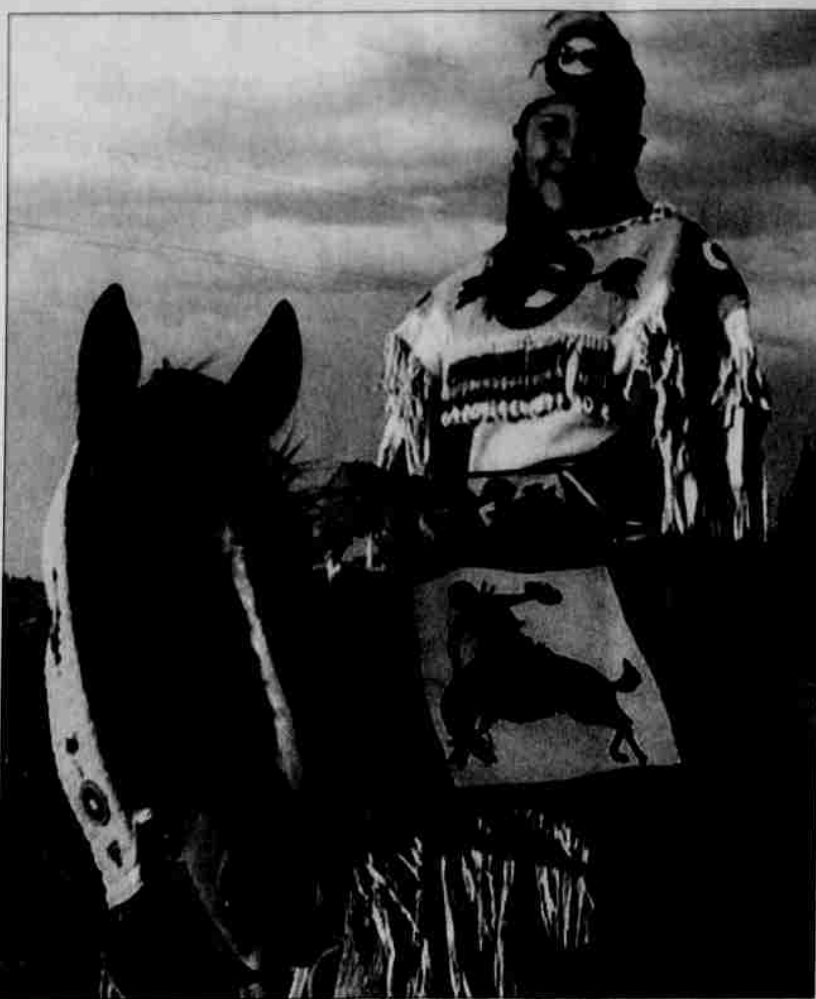
She and her family - many of whom are expert horse riders - travel together to these events.

Jenna Johnson's parents are Jodel and Morris, and her grandparents are Delford and Marita Johnson. Her brother is Bryce and her aunt is Shanna. Jenna grew up on the reservation, in the Seekseequa area. The Johnson family has a cattle ranch at Seekseequa.

Jenna was chosen Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen by the Warm Springs Rodeo Association. The rodeo is Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, at the Warm Springs Rodeo grounds.

Rodeo Queen Jenna Johnson rides a horse named Minnie.

Photograph by Brigette Whipple



Senior Court candidate

Hello, my name is Deidra Nichole Johnson, and I'm running for Pi-Ume-Sha Senior Court Queen 2002.

I was born in Madras to Jolene Johnson and Kevin LittleGeorge on Oct. 22, 1984.

I went to Warm Springs Elementary School, Jefferson County Middle School, and Madras High School, and completed my junior year.

Some of the sports I enjoy are basketball and softball.

My hobbies are beadworking, art and photography, powwow, traveling, friends, shopping and basket weaving. I like learning new things.

I would like to thank my family for supporting me, and my friends and all the people who bought tickets from me.

Thank you all.

At right, Deidra Johnson

Submitted photo.



Pi-Ume-Sha: something for everyone

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Grand Entry times are 7 p.m. on Friday; 1 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 2 p.m. on Sunday. The parade starts at about 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The Road Warriors fun-run event is Saturday, June 29, with registration starting at 7:30 a.m., and the races beginning at 8:30 a.m. The line-up is at the Housing Department parking lot, with the course being out and back on Tenino road. Registration fee is \$8, which includes the event t-shirt.

Water stations will be located along the course. Call the Recreation Department, 553-3243, for more information. The Fry Bread Open golf tournament will be at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort course on Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, with a practice round on Friday. The Fry Bread Open dinner will be Saturday night at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge banquet rooms.

Tournament entry fee is \$160 per player, with \$5,000 in prizes. For information call 1-800-554-4786.

The slow-pitch Pi-Ume-Sha Softball Tournament is set for Saturday and Sunday, June 29-30, at the Community Center ball fields.

The tournament will be 16 men's true double elimination, and 16 women's true double elimination. For information call Sandra Greene-Sampson, 553-3601. The clinic staff reminds everyone to bring plenty of sunscreen. This is especially true for people who will be bringing young children to Pi-Ume-Sha.

Languages: to be taught at middle school

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Whether the camps would be just for youth, or possibly also include adult students, is not yet determined, said Shawaway.

Another project that Shawaway is working on involves the teaching of traditional languages at 509-J schools other than just at Warm Springs Elementary School.

The Oregon Legislature last year, at the urging of the Confederated

Tribes, passed a law allowing native language speakers to teach in public schools through a special teaching certificate.

Shawaway said her hope is that this program will begin at Jefferson County Middle School in the fall of this year. Warm Springs students receive native language instruction from kindergarten through the fourth grade, after which they leave for the middle school.

The language instruction should continue through the middle and high school grades, said Shawaway. The youth who are learning the languages today will be the people who carry the language to future generations, she said.

Shawaway is currently working out the process by which fluent speakers of native languages will be certified to teach at the middle and high schools.

July 4: Veterans invited to parade in Portland

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The parade contest will include adult and children divisions. Adult categories include horses, floats, walkers, and commercial and organizations.

Children parade categories include horses, floats, walkers, bikes, scoot-

ers, wagons, skates and skateboards.

Judging will be based on three themes in each category. The themes are "United We Stand," traditional, and patriotic. For more information call 553-3243.

Veterans are invited this year to participate in Spirit of America

Fourth of July Parade in Portland.

The parade, through downtown Portland, begins at 10 a.m. All branches of the military will be represented. Warm Springs veterans are encouraged to participate, said Kirby Heath, commander of VFW Elliot Palmer Post No. 4217.

Boys and Girls Club

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In circumstances where the family cannot afford the \$10 membership fee, the young person can help out at the club and earn membership, or can be sponsored by someone in the community.

The Warm Springs branch of the Boys and Girls Club is unique, with the goal being to meet the needs of the tribal member youth, said Smith. Some examples of this include:

Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club members go huckleberry picking during the late summer. They also gather roots during the earlier part of the year. They go fishing on Friday mornings, and are introduced to the sweat lodge. Some members participate in a native dance group, directed by Marina Flores, social recreation coordinator for the club.

The purpose these activities is to teach the tribal culture to the young club members, said Smith.

The Warm Springs Branch of the Boys and Girls Club is housed at the Community Center, where the club employees work closely with the employees of the Recreation Department.

The club has an education room, a game room, gymnasium and arts area. Gymnasium activities are organized by Gabriel Walker. Matt Rama

is the education coordinator. Youth staff includes Arthur Mitchell, Amelia Davis, William Moody and Lucinda Torres. All rooms and activities of the club are supervised.

Smith was involved in the Boys and Girls Club even before the start of the Warm Springs branch.

Smith has, in fact, been a youth athletic coach for over 20 years.

During the later part of 1990s, he was working as a youth prevention specialist in Madras. He worked with youth of all ages, from first grade through high school. When the Madras branch of the Boys and Girls Club opened a few years ago, Smith was approached by the club director there and asked to work with the members of that club, which he did for six months.

When the Warm Springs branch was forming, Smith faced the question of whether to continue his work as a youth prevention specialist, or take the job of Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club branch director.

Smith decided to go with the Boys and Girls Club, which, he said, is really a continuation of his youth prevention work. The Boys and Girls Club is on-your-feet prevention work



Frank Smith

around the clock, he said.

There are three simple rules that the Boys and Girls Club members have to live by, Smith said. The rules are:

Respect the club staff, respect the club members, and respect the club equipment and property. The rules are simple but im-

portant.

"If you think about it," he said, "the rules can apply to school, to family life, and to the community."

Over the past two years, the Boys and Girls Club has become an essential part of the Warm Springs community. In looking toward the future, Smith has goals of employing more adult staff, and one day having a new building for the club.

An ideal site of the building, he said, would be next to the new Warm Springs Elementary School that is scheduled for construction. Smith said he would like to thank the club members and parents, volunteers and staff, Tribal Council and management for helping make the club a success.

"To me," he said, "the children are our number one asset. If we take care of them, they will take care of us, and we will keep handing that down."

Family offering scholarship

The family of Wilbert Herbie Switzler and Elvina Switzler is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each, to be awarded to an enrolled Confederated Tribes member pursuing higher education in the field of the Arts.

This scholarship is dedicated in memory of Wilbert, who was an extraordinary artist, and Mother Elvina Switzler, who originally designated these estate funds for this purpose.

Selection will be made by the family of these two special people, and announced in September.

Applications can be picked up at The Museum at Warm Springs from Beulah Tsumpti, or call 553-3331, ext. 404, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Or pick up an application at 7201 Schoolie Flat in the evenings and most weekends. Deadline to submit an application is Sept. 6.

Orientation to boarding school

Higher Education will be hosting a boarding school orientation. This will be held Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, at 10 a.m. in the Education Building. Residents are invited to come and meet boarding school representatives from Chemewa Indian School, Riverside Indian School and herman Indian High School. Deadline date for new applications is July 31.

Museum hosting July 4 dance

July 4 at The Museum at Warm Springs will feature a dance performance by the dance group "Unity."

The performance will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the museum's patio.

The event will include social dancing. For information, call 553-3331.

Squiemphen demonstrates drum making

Emerson Squiemphen will display and show "Drum Making" during the weekend of July 6-7, from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Squiemphen will be demonstrating in the lobby of The Museum at Warm Springs.

This is an opportunity to feel the spirit of drum-making, said Rosalind Sampson, museum education coordinator.

Wolf Point Road will be closed

Residents are advised that the Wolf Point Road, also known as BIA route 13, will be closed Monday through Thursday from the Wolf Point subdivision to Culpus Bridge from now until November 1.

Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo trophy saddle



Participants in the Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo will be competing for this trophy saddle, along with trophy buckles and other prizes. The rodeo is Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30, starting at noon at the rodeo grounds.

Photo courtesy of the Warm Springs Rodeo Association.