

Three Warriors celebrates 5 years



The Three Warriors Market Birthday Celebration included a door prize raffle with items donated by Three Warriors, Simnasho's Christmas Powwow, Pepsi Cola of The Dalles, Coca Cola of The Dalles, Paul Jackson Wholesale Company of Roseburg, and Howard's Meat and Poultry of Portland. The winners were:

Harvey Jim and Malie Collins (Pepsi 5-gallon water cooler), Stanley Simtustus and Shawresa Bates (Pepsi caps), Mike Collins (Pepsi t-shirt), Eliza Jim and Teryl Florendo (Coca Cola cap), Mikayla Collins and Julia Yahtin (Coca Cola seat

cushion).

Keeyana Yellowman (Howard's pen set), Roy Heath (Howard's teddy bear), Chloe Suppah and J.T. Killfirst (Howard's pop holders), Wanda VanPelt (Howard's lunch box).

Fannie Waheneka, Delvina Heath, Chuck Moody, Wilbur Johnson, Elizabeth Bercerra and Terry Keo (M&M t-shirt), Patrick Mitchell (Paul Jackson t-shirt), Tina (Paul Jackson hat), Amy Suppah (M&M pullover), Sage Flowers (M&M pullover).

Leah Suppah (golf balls), Neda Wesley (large stuffed M&M), Shamona Charley (medium stuffed M&M), Minnie

Charley, Lawren Slockish, Jacob Frank, Ina Tohet and Sam Culp (Three Warriors cap), Antone Moody, Cal Queahpama and Shirleen Killfirst (Three Warriors coffee cup).

Nancy Culps, Priscilla Frank, Tim Reddog, Sterling Sampson and Jasmine (Three Warriors Fifth Annual Birthday shirt), Freda Wallulatum, Gene Sampson, Lyda Flowers, Shelby Moody and Miguel Frank (Three Warriors 2004 t-shirt), Antoinette Pamperien, Shawn Frank, Katie Mae Smith, Chet "Gearshift" VanPelt, Brianna Wolfe and Myron Scabbyrobe (Simnasho Christmas t-shirts).



A powwow kept the activities moving at the birthday celebration of the Three Warriors Market. Three drum groups kept the beat for the dancers who participated in the intertribal and round dancing throughout the evening. Miss Warm Springs Christine Johnson made an appearance at the event (left), and dancers of all ages participated. The children blew out the birthday candles after singing Happy Birthday.



Photos by Selena Boise

Johnson: A lot of family support

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This means having to leave her job at the post office on occasion. Johnson is one of only two who work in the Warm Springs post office.

"When one's gone, then the other has to be there all by themselves," she said. "and in order for someone to come over, we have to contact someone at a different post office within central Oregon."

"And my boss, he wanted my schedule for the whole year, and it's going to be hard, but he's willing to work with me."

She said she made certain her duties as Miss Warm Springs would not present a conflict at work.

"They totally encouraged me, told me what a lifetime opportunity it was," she said.

In fact, her supervisor has encouraged her to consider training to become a postmaster after her reign has com-

pleted.

Johnson wore a long burgundy dress, with a leather belt and long beaded necklace and leggings with yellow highlights at the beginning of the program before adorning a traditional beaded buckskin dress for her dances.

"It started with my grandmother. She made the belt and leggings, and I added all the little stuff," she said. "I just got done with my cuffs. I just got done with my strap."

"My uncle made my necklace for me when I went to Europe."

On the buckskin dress she wore, the fringes, she said, represent water.

"When we dance, the fringes move like waves, and with me doing flowers (which also graced her regalia) was like the flowers, they need water, to bloom," she said. "And water, water is really important to people."

Johnson said she was a little disappointed being the only contestant Monday.

"I wish I had someone to not

compete with, but share the moment with, someone I can look back and say, 'Yeah, we both ran in the same year,'" she said.

During the question-and-answer portion of the pageant, conducted by judge Ellen Thompson, Johnson spoke of the importance of maintaining tribal tradition.

"We need to have our children come to the longhouse two or three times a week," she said. "And have the elders sit down with them that the girls may learn how to prepare the food, and the boys learn how to drum and learn what the songs mean to them."

She said she loves "being in the longhouse," and spending time with her family. "My family here is really close," she said.

Accompanied by tribal elder Bernice Mitchell on drum, Johnson sang "The Bunnyhop Song," which she said was a "happy" song among women who cooked in the longhouse kitchen.

Johnson graduated from Pendleton High School in 1998 and then moved back to Warm Springs.

"After I moved back, I just started traveling," she said. "That's when I went to Europe. I was in Arizona for about six weeks, and then I went to Canada, just traveling to powwows." Johnson comes from a large family, and many in her family were in attendance at the pageant. She comes from a family of five siblings, and her mother is one of 10 children.

"So from my grandfather, altogether, there's 18 of us," she said. "So there's just a lot of us."

All her aunts were cooking in the longhouse kitchen, preparing the meal served following the pageant.

Johnson also rides horses.

"My grandmother and my grandfather, they have five horses, so that's one of the things I do," she said.

"and beadwork," she said, smiling as she showed off her long, beaded necklace.

Stock Cow Sale

Feb. 9th

Bred Cows, Bred Heifers and Pairs offered

Butchers start at 10am - Feeders start at Noon

SALE CALENDAR

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February 13th - Ranchers Roundup Bull Sale

February 20th - P.A.B.C.O. Bull Sale

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