

Pi-Ume-Sha Court

2004 rodeo queen wishes the best

Julia Anne Yahtin

My name is Julia Anne Yahtin. I am 11 years old, going into the sixth grade.

My mom is Minnie Yahtin, my dad was (deceased) Martin Leo Cloud. I have two grandpas - Chesley Yahtin of Warm Springs, and Louis Cloud of Yakama.

My hobbies are listening to music, reading and drawing. I also love running, softball, soccer and playing basketball.

I love going to the drag races, traveling to powwows with my family, and watching movies.

I have never run for a title, so I'm nervous, but look forward to represent Pi-Ume-Sha. Thank you for your support.

— Julia Anne Yahtin.



Many of you may be familiar with the Wewa name. By the time Erica Wewa was entering the Pee-Wee Rodeos, Jazz Wewa, Matt Wewa and Winton Wewa were already competing in rodeos throughout the Northwest. Erica's mother Arlene Wewa was also known for taking a turn around the barrels in her time.

Erica Wewa is a homegrown rodeo gal, and in the past year has represented the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes of Oregon as the 2004 Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Rodeo Queen. As her reign draws to a close, Erica would like to recognize her parents Albert and Arlene Bryant for their encouragement throughout the 2004 year. Erica especially is appreciative to her grandma Marita Johnson for all the support she has given while traveling to rodeos throughout the Northwest.

Marita has taken the time to



Erica Wewa

take Erica along with her. Erica is very thankful that Marita has graciously allowed her to use one of their horses. Traveling with Marita has also allowed Erica to spend time with her cousin Jenna Johnson, who also competes in Indian rodeos. With the support of extended family, Erica feels this was an added benefit to her.

Erica's reign as the 2004 Pi-Ume-Sha Queen may be ending, but the active and involved young lady takes on a new role.

In May 2005, Erica was crowned the 2005 Tygh Ridge Rodeo Queen, and has added another feather to her cowgirl hat.

Erica will continue to be busy this summer and coming year with the added job of representing the Tygh Ridge Rodeo. As her Pi-Ume-Sha Rodeo Queen reign draws to an end, Erica would like to thank everyone who showed their support. During the past year, she has been honored to represent the tribes and the Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Rodeo.

She looks forward to her last year as a senior at Madras High School. She plans to enlist in the Army reserves after graduation. As the 150th year Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Celebration approaches, Erica welcomes all visitors who attend the Pi-Ume-Sha activities, and wishes everyone safe travels to and from the celebration.

Students have good experiences at Chemawa

By Brian Mortensen
Spilyay Tymoo

Through his three years at Chemawa Indian High School, Myron Northrup got a change of scenery, got to play varsity basketball, and made a discovery.

"I like being around Natives," Northrup, 18, said. "Being at Chemawa made it easier for me, to be around Native Americans."

Northrup, a Warm Springs tribal member, was one of 85 Native American students who graduated from the Salem school May 20. Another of the several graduates from Warm Springs was his sister Rozylin.

Northrup transferred to Chemawa to start his sophomore year after going to Madras High School his freshman year. "After my freshman year at Madras, I wanted to get away from home," he said. "There was nothing to do here."

His father, Carlos Northrup, was in favor of the transfer because of the opportunities it gave him to meet Native American peers.

"I learned to play basketball at an Indian school," Carlos Northrup said. "We had a good coach who was 80 years old. They said if you listened, you'll learn from him. The things I learned, I tried to tell my boys."

In addition to being the



Rozylin Northrup



Myron Northrup

for "following the rules, keeping my grades up and staying out of trouble."

He also earned a Presidents Educational Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, the \$1,000 M. Drew Severy Award that he will apply toward his tuition at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, where he will attend next year.

Northrup also earned an award from Daughters of American Revolution for his academic work during his senior year.

Both Northrup and his younger brother, Galen, a sophomore, earned second-team All Tri-River Conference honors in basketball.

Northrup had been invited to play basketball in Sydney, Australia, through Down Under Sports Specialties, Inc., this summer. This is the same program through which Madras High athletes Charlene Moody and Blaine Begay are competing there this summer. Northrup wasn't able to raise the necessary funds to join them in Sydney.

Carlos Northrup said he traveled to Salem to see his sons' games last season, even games in the middle of the week. He even made the 16-hour drive south to Riverside, Calif., to watch his sons play in a

Christmastime tournament.

Northrup said he plans on taking general studies courses at Haskell.

Carlos Northrup and Angie Governor, of Portland, are Northrup's parents.

Braves' most valuable player during his junior and senior basketball seasons, Myron Northrup earned a 3.0 grade-point average and garnered several awards. One of these was the Army National Guard YOU CAN Award for Leadership Excellence. He said he got that

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American Indian designs found in best new buildings

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) - A child development center shaped like a storytelling turtle and a school that reflects Anasazi architecture are among New Mexico's best new buildings. Eight buildings from among 36 projects nominated in New Mexico have won the 2005 Best Buildings awards.

Dennis Roberts of the New Mexico Building Branch of the Associated General Contractors, a sponsor of the annual contest, said this year's competition saw builders and architects placing an emphasis on American Indian design and traditions. "There's a

strong effort to use the past as a starting point to build for the present and future," he said.

The Early Childhood Development Center at Acoma Pueblo, which won an award for its exterior, was designed as a place where children can learn Native culture, language, tradition, dance and games.

The turtle shape "is symbolic of patient Mother Earth," Roberts said. The TseYiGai High School in Pueblo Pintado, also was awarded for its exterior, is in the heart of the Chaco Canyon National Monument between Gallup and Cuba.

Congratulations...

Congratulations and welcome to the millennium or the Twenty-first Century Damen Aguilar Payne. This little champion weighed in at 7lbs 2oz. and 19" long, so gold star for Damen and his momma Dora Payne. Lots of hugs and kisses from Hannah and Lexy, Jaron and Junior.

Congratulations to a little sister and a great auntie Dora Payne on your new baby boy, born June 20, 2005. Love always, Jaron, Junior and Lexy Smith, and their mom.

Congratulations Willette Payne on your newest grandson Damen, also your fourth grandchild. Love Jaron and Lexy Smith and Hannah and Junior.

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