

Newly adopted tribal member excels in sports

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Spilyay Tymoo

For one young athlete, her status as a tribal member is something that she's still learning about.

Cally Young, a star volleyball player from Bend, was only recently adopted by the tribe and said her family is still searching for information about their relatives.

Several years ago Young was adopted as a tribal member along with her mother, Wendy, and 21-year-old brother Cody.

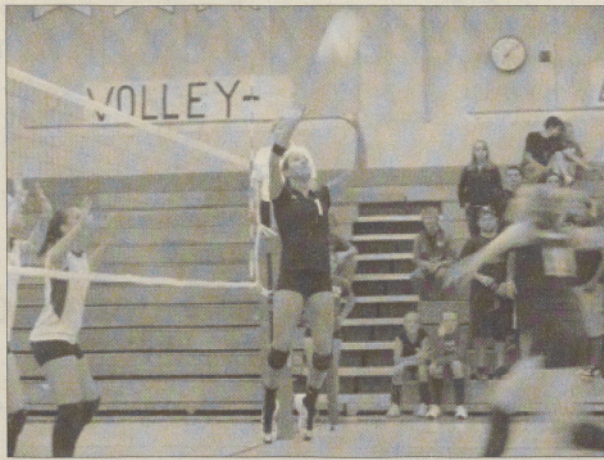
The granddaughter of Audrey Faye George and the great-granddaughter of Sylvia Wananiwit, Young said her family's recent addition to the tribe has been monumental for them.

"My mother had always talked to me the way my grandmother spoke to her in regards to always be very proud of our heritage," she said. "The fact that the tribe has adopted us is huge. We are so happy to finally be a part of something—it's great finally having a family of our own."

Young, a senior at Mt. View High School, has quickly become an all-star volleyball player since beginning the sport in seventh grade.

When she first began playing the sport, Young said, she didn't feel nearly as much enthusiasm for it.

However, she said, over



Cally Young plays as a setter.

time her passion for the sport developed.

Now, Young said, "Volleyball has changed my life in many ways."

She has played as a setter at the school level for six years and has also played club volleyball for six years.

"I really enjoy the travel volleyball club because I have gotten to travel to tournaments," she said. With the club Young has traveled through the U.S. to locations such as Las Vegas, Reno, Seattle and Spokane.

Young added, "It is really fun to play other teams from all over the United States and different countries such as Puerto Rico and Brazil."

As a setter, Young earned a place on the Junior National Volleyball team that placed seventh nationwide.

This year Young was chosen as player of the year out of 96 fellow athletes—in the past she has also received honors for her skills in the Inter-Mountain Conference.

With Mt. View High School, Young has competed in the state championship during her sophomore, junior and senior years—this year her team was ranked first at the 5A level going into the championships but narrowly missed the champion title.

After she finishes high school this year, the young athlete plans to pursue volleyball in college as well.

"I am currently being recruited by Eastern Oregon University, Southern Oregon University, Seattle University, Seattle Pacific University and the University of Hawaii at Hilo," she said. "I haven't fully decided on my major yet because it depends on which college I attend."

However, Young said, she plans to pursue either marine science or veterinary science.

For now, Young and her family are hoping to form a relationship with family members in Warm Springs that they didn't know before.

"Although we haven't gotten to know our Warm Springs family yet, we are hoping they will accept us with open arms," Young said.

Those wishing to contact the Young family may e-mail them at pwccyoung@bendcable.com.



The Young family.



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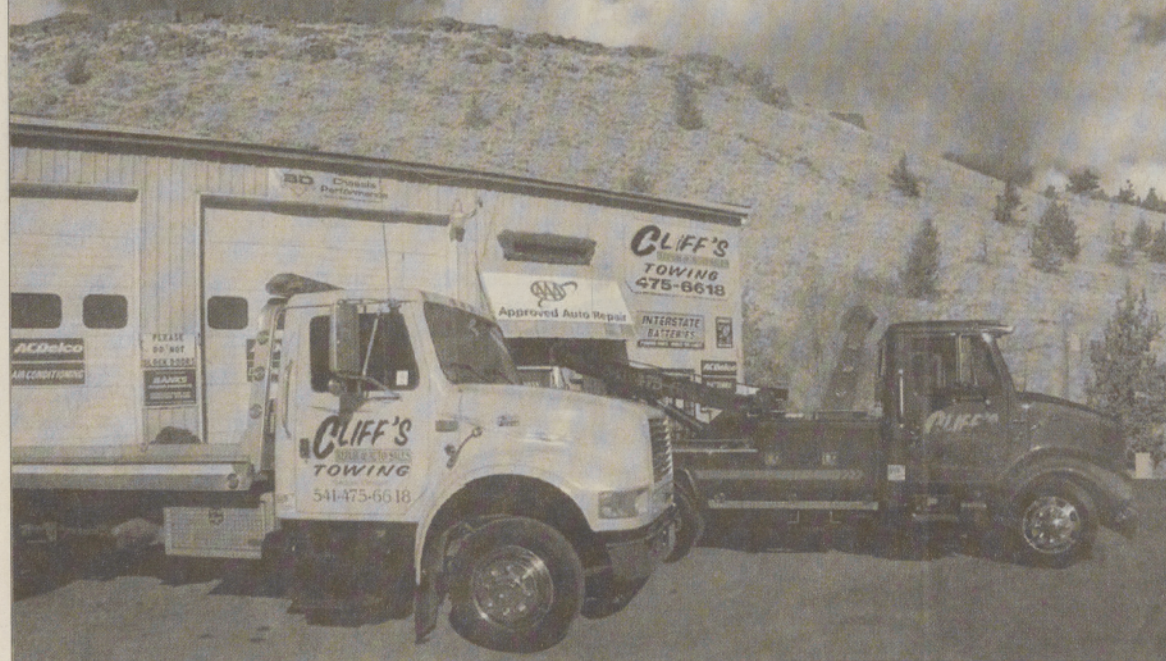


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