

Tribal youth does it again!

By Pat and Melinda Henry

Summer Mercier placed 1st in her weight division at the boy's State Wrestling Championships in LaGrande, Oregon on April 8-9.

She wrestles in the 11 and 12-year old 65 pound division. She wrestled Freestyle and Greco-Roman and placed 1st in both events.

Summer placed 1st in 1998 in the Greco-Roman 9 and 10-year old division. This is a update for all who donated in 1998 to send her to the Northwest Regionals in Montana where she placed 6th in Greco-Roman style.

In 1999, Summer placed 3rd in Folkstyle State Championships, 2nd in Greco-Roman, 3rd in Freestyle and qualified for the regionals but we were unable to attend. She took 1st at the Northwest Classics at the Memorial Coliseum against girls from Oregon and Canada.

In 2000, she took 1st at the boy's State Championships in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman. She was undefeated in her weight division on the Dayton Junior High School boy's team, and 1st again at the Classics against girls.

Summer was invited to be on the Oregon's Women National Team at the age of 11. We attended the Girls Nationals in Michigan with the team on March 25-27. No one was available at her weight, 63 pounds at the 11-14 year old division. She chose not to receive a 1st place National title, she wanted to earn what she got. So, she wrestled in the 86 pound division which was 23 pounds above her weight. She did excellent and she placed 4th in the National Junior All American Tournament at age 11.

Summer qualified for the Northwest Regionals in Pocatello, Idaho for earning a state championship in Freestyle and Greco-Roman. We would very much like for her to be able to attend.



Summer Mercier

It's been very expensive for us to get Summer to all of the tournaments, to Michigan and LaGrande. The rest of the family has made great sacrifices for Summer and they are very proud and supportive of her.

We ask for donations once again this year for Summer's trip to the Northwest Regionals in Idaho. It's the only way she will be able to go. Any support is welcome. Summer will also have donation jars available in the local area stores.

Thank you again for all your support in the past. Summer has worked very hard and is the first girl in Oregon to take 1st at State in both styles against the boys. Keep it up, Girl!

Donations to help may be sent to:
 Summer Mercier
 P.O. Box 664
 Dayton, OR 97114
 Or you can leave it with:
 Bud and Anna White
 Grand Meadows, Space #18
 Grand Ronde, OR 97347

GAMING COMMISSION EXECUTIVE & GENERAL SESSION

The regularly scheduled Gaming Commission meeting for July has been moved to July 28, 2000 at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Spirit Mountain Casino's Human Resource Building at 28840 Salmon River Highway in Grand Ronde.

4th generation on the way

Tribal member Angella Schultz (left) is due to have a baby girl June 1. Friends and family packed a room at the Casino on Tuesday, April 25 to shower her with gifts. Pictured with Angella is her mom Julie Goad (right) and her grandmother Peachie Hamm, descendants of the Petite family.



Photo by Justin Phillips

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

ELDER'S HONOR DAY July 14 & 15

Tribal Elders are asking for donations of new articles to be used as gifts for bingo and give-a-ways.

Please bring what you can to the Wellness Department. For inquiries, call Jill, Kerrie or Bonnie at 879-2078. Your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance.

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HOUCK & HUDSON FAMILY REUNION and GRANNY'S 91ST BIRTHDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 21
 STARTING AT NOON
 COMMUNITY CENTER



You are cordially invited to Witness a Union of Marriage:

Albert Warren Comedown to

Laura Katherine Watcheno
 on June 10, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.
 at the Simnasho Longhouse
 Simnasho, Oregon

Buffet Style Dinner to follow. The families would be honored with your presence at this happy and joyous occasion!

Laura K. Watcheno is the daughter of the late Mary Katherine Watcheno & Lawrence Schoolie Brown. Laura is the great-granddaughter of the late Chief John Watcheno, and the granddaughter of the late Elmer Tom, Sr. of Grand Ronde.

Graduation Party

The family of Alexis Contreras invite all friends and family to celebrate Alexis' high school graduation.

Grand Ronde Community Center
 June 2 • 6:00 p.m.

Music • Dancing
 Food • Fun

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY NATHAN!



Happy Birthday
FRANK BEAN
 Love. Mom

Happy Mother's Day & Happy Birthday Patricia M. James!



Happy Sweet 16th Birthday Ashley Jean Spitzer



Love - Mom, Dad; brothers, Andrew and Jacob; aunts, Mindy, Kersten and Shanna; uncles, Chuck, Joe and Cory; cousins, Bailey, Cody, Tanner and Taylen; grandparents, Charlie and Jean Turman & great grandparents Bud & Marion Davidson