

## Howlak tichum

Catherine V. Courtney

A life spanning 90 years, a different time, a hardworking person, a wonderful person.

Catherine Courtney was born March 30, 1912 and passed away April 4, 2002. She grew up on her parents ranch (Wesley and Annie Smith) during the era of horseback riding and buckboard wagons as a common form of transportation.

Catherine always remembered how to harness the horses for the buggies and buckboard wagons. She enjoyed horseback riding, racing, and rodeos. As a youngster, when no women would challenge her in horseback racing, she then raced against the men, and won! Catherine also spent part of her youth at Lone Pine, The Dalles, OR. She recalled the pleasant experience of the 3-day buckboard wagon trip, loaded with the family, traveling from Warm Springs to The Dalles, camping near Neenee Springs, and raiding the orchards near Dufur. She shared her memories about her grandfather Jim Jackson, and her Aunt Ruth and Uncle Joe Estabrook. Before the dams were built, the families fished for salmon and sturgeon. Catherine told us about the hard work of butchering hundreds of pounds of salmon, and drying them in the small "dry shacks" at Lone Pine. She loved going to the movies, and would ride her horse into The Dalles, go to the movies, and then ride back to Lone Pine. She enjoyed the ferryboat rides from The Dalles to Hood River to visit relatives. The horses rode on the first level, and the people rode on the top level.

She was a product of the Indian Boarding School at Warm Springs and at Chemawa. Catherine was very active in sports and won medals in track events and hurdles. She met her husband of 66 years, Terry Courtney Sr., at Chemawa and at the CCC's (Civilian Conservation Corps). They both worked at the Old Mill Camp and at HeHe Camp in the early 1930's. She then entered another era. As newly weds, they lived in a tent where their first child was born, Terry Jr. They moved into a home that they purchased for \$20.00, with no running water or electricity.

Catherine cooked all the meals from scratch on a wood stove, packed water to heat on the stove and wash clothes by hand, canned fruit and salmon, and raised Terry Jr., Gloria, Pat, Pete, and Mavis in this "lil house". She cut her own patterns and made clothes for her children using a treadle sewing machine. She found time to make and sell beadwork. She worked

hard, but also enjoyed life. She and Terry Sr. bought a car, and would pack the kids and dog in the car and make trips to The Dalles, go on picnics on the Reservation, go root digging and berry picking, and take in school activities throughout Oregon.

When Terry Sr. got a job with the BIA, the family moved into a luxurious BIA house with running water and electricity! Catherine enjoyed the electric wringer-washing machine, the indoor plumbing—especially the tub, and the ease of cooking on an electric stove. Bernyce and Pinky were born during this time. During the summer, Catherine worked on the fire lookout towers. She knew the reservation like an eagle knows its kingdom; she was excellent at reading the clouds and predicting the weather. All her kids have wonderful memories of growing up on Shitike Butte and Eagle Butte. She was in excellent health as she ran up and down the 90-foot lookout towers, rain or shine.

When Terry Sr. retired, they again bought a house, this time the house on Greeley Heights. This was a long trip from the "Lil House" to a brand new house. Most people will probably remember them living at their Greeley Heights home.

Many people knew Catherine during her life. Many Warm Springs kids lived with her family on and off. She was a mother to all.

During her retirement years, she and Terry enjoyed traveling throughout the Northwest especially to the Coast, visiting relatives and friends. They both kept in contact with their Chemawa friends, their BIA friends, and many people they met throughout their lives. She will be missed by all and we all have good memories of her.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Courtney Sr., her 7 children: Terry Jr., Gloria, Pat, Pete, Mavis, Bernyce, and Pinky.

All live in Warm Springs with Pat spending part of the year at Scappoose and Gloria at Otter Rock. She has 21 grandchildren and 30 great grandchildren.

The grandchildren are Dave Courtney, Scott Courtney, Teri Jones, John Brunoe, Lyman Jim, Keely Linn, Kami Curtis, Lori Smith, Steve Courtney, Don Courtney, Tricia Courtney Aguilar, Peco Courtney, Shawnele Shaw, Tiffany Shaw, Shilo Shaw, Bodie Shaw, Rain Circle, Nevada Beymer, Waylon Beymer, Nikki Courtney, Leonard Red Fox and numerous foster kids.

### Tommy Lee Dickson

Tommy Lee Dickson passed away at the age of 15. He was born May 27, 1986, at The Dalles. He was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes, and a resident of Warm Springs.

Tommy was a very good artist, who liked to visit relatives and be with his friends. He liked to joke, and was very easy going.

He is survived by brothers Curtiss Dickson and Theodore Stwyer Greene, and his mother Thelma May Dickson.

Tommy's aunts are Nettie Dickson and Laura Kelly, and uncles are Gary Chiquito, Bill Stahi, and Albert Stahi.

Tommy passed away on March 31.

### Josephine Boner Day

Josephine Boner Day, born March 9, 1918, passed away of natural causes April 14 in Warm Springs where she lived the past two and half years. She was 84. She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Ribeiro of Warm Springs, her son David Day of Oldtown, Idaho and her great grandchildren, Blake and Hunter Day.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband William. Jo lived in San Jose for 61 years before moving to Oregon to be nearer her

family.

She worked at San Jose Hospital for 30 years as a nurse's aid and after retiring was active in S.J. Hospital Auxiliary. Jo enjoyed walking, reading, handcrafts and quilting. After retirement she and Bill enjoyed traveling around the Western United States, Canada and Mexico with their friends.

She will be cremated with her ashes scattered by her husband's. Contributions can be made to charities of your choice.

In the Howlak Tichum last edition, for Marylena Heath, the name of her father is

Rodney Bruno, not Teddy Bruno.  
The Spilyay regrets the error.

## More letters to the editor

### Fond farewell

Dear Warm Springs community,  
By the time you read this note, I will have left Jefferson County, for real this time.

I arrived in Jefferson County October 15, 1994 with the intention of working in Warm Springs for two years then transferring to another reservation. Seven and one half years later, with bittersweet gladness, I have set out on a new journey to serve new peoples. The 10 months between my anticipated final day and my actual departure left many predicting I would "never leave" or that I had "changed" my "mind". A few of my patients had even decided I had just wanted to get rid of them and refused to admit it. (You know who you are!) But, au contraire!

Each of you, including my friends and colleagues at the Warm Springs Clinic and Madras medical community, holds a special place in my heart. I will always remember you fondly. Yes, there were good times and bad times, but these are what make lasting friendships and strengthens ties worth remembering. They are the substance of life. In them, we laugh, we cry, we grow, and then, cherish. I can assure you it was difficult for me to break these bonds; however, sever them I must. I praise God for the 13 months He gave to prepare me for the task.

So why break the warm bonds of friendship that had formed? We each have a calling, a purpose to fulfill in life. No two people walk the same path which necessitates the coming and going of friends along the way. My call is leading me to San Diego. God has not yet revealed my purpose there, but I know He will at the appointed time. In the meantime, He has answered my prayer to travel a few months and to spend more time with Him and study the Bible.

I wish everyone could have this opportunity. It has been an AWE-SOME experience thus far. I rejoice in the new things He is doing in my life already. I have made several new friends and visited many interesting places. So you see, where God takes away, He always provides abundance in its place.

Though I leave you with sadness, my heart is overjoyed by the honor of knowing and working with all of

you. You graciously welcomed me into your lives and homes.

I thank you. Many showered me with gifts, kindness, hugs, laughter and time. Words cannot express my heartfelt appreciation for these acts of generosity.

I will remember you with warm thoughts. I pray peace and prosperity for each of you as you journey the road of life. I bid you farewell and pray our paths may cross again. Until then, may God keep you in His care.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marti Donnell

### A thank-you

To the editor,

The Workforce/Youth Development Department would like to thank all the people who donated time, assistance, money, prizes, etc. for the Circle of Leadership Youth Conference. First of all a thanks goes out to Tedi Tanewasha and Melinda Poitra for all their good ideas, experience and time throughout the whole planning process; to the Natural Resources Department especially Sharlyne Garcia and Bear Tracks for the salmon and deer meat donations (can't forget the good ole committee members), Lois Squiemphen and help (Austin Smith Sr., Austin Jr. Louis, Johnny, Leander, Pasha, Leonard and Till) for the delicious meals you prepared, Special Work Projects-Craig Smith, Aldo Antunez, Paul Martinez, Adam Rubio, Eric Williams and Tim Jensen, Sheila Wahnetah Clements and Jim Quaid for the door prizes and assistance with the Career Fair; Indian Head Gaming for the door prizes.

A big thanks goes out to the volunteers for the Arts/Crafts, Emerson Squiemphen, Debbie Stacona, RoseMary Charley, Judith Charley and Shiliena Charley, Archie Caldera and Carol Wewa (for stepping in with your great assistance), Wendell Jim and Kathy Quempts (for donated door prizes), the Tribal Elders panel-Adeline Miller, Rudy Clements and Irene Towe for great words of wisdom, Carlos Calica for the beautiful songs and assistance with the youth, help keeping them in line; T. J. Burrows and High School students for bringing in the color guard and for

all the people who traveled from Washington and California for the Career Fair. To the Youth of the community for making this a great success!! See you all again next year.

Verleen Kalama

### Apology letter

In regard to Tribal Court Judgment Order on 03/28/02.

I respectfully apologize via Spilyay for my actions last November 27, 2001. To Tribal Police/Corrections Officers: Dowty, Perron, Smith, Hutchins and Kimberly Skunkcap. My actions that nite were wrong. The officers who were present at my sentencing.

"When I faced you and apologized to you in person, you all had smiles that acknowledged my apology.

That act of love meant something to me. Thanx.

I would also like to say "Thanks" to everyone who has been prayerful and supportive of me these last 2 years.

In that time I've found out a lot about myself, a lot of good positive things. Nothing will ever take that away. It's all mine for keeps.

As a tribal member, it's comforting to know that there are tribal leaders and friends who have "Big Hearts".

Thank you for believing in me and giving me a chance. Your actions of kindness, care, understanding, encouragement and generosity speak for themselves. You truly are a "God send".

Owen James Wallulatam

### Regarding casino

To the People of Warm Springs,

I am glad to see that that I am not alone in opposing the lies behind told by the management of our tribe regarding a casino being built in Hood River. Many people have told me that they believe that another casino which "will make more money" means that "we", as the people of Warm Springs, will receive more. More what?

The casino at Kahneeta is making exactly the amount of revenue that the management of the casino is allowing it to. What does that mean? It means that all of the high dollars "we" spent on that economic revenue projection report says that \$4 million dollars is all this casino is going to make. This amount is based on existing revenue figures. The "projected" amounts of what another casino will make in another location are based on demographics, traffic, etc. and the assumption that Marketing will actually be used to generate revenue.

Marketing is a concept that has never been utilized at this location. The casino is empty more than 50 percent of the time. Why is it empty? Because the management of this casino has never made an attempt to fill it. Ask "what demographics does our casino have" and you'll be told that it is the same market that has always patronized Kahneeta Resort.

Our casino is not a Casino, but an amenity to a family resort. If our casino were marketed as a casino, the revenue would increase dramatically. If marketing tools were implemented (which management says would be too "expensive"), the revenue at this location could be doubled or more.

My concern about building another casino, at any location, is the haphazard fashion in which this casino is managed. In 1995, I quit working at the casino in order to become the supervisor at CPS in Warm Springs. Shortly thereafter, our operating budget in Human Services was cut by 16% in order to pay the operating costs of our new venture, the casino. We were told that, as the casino began to generate revenue, the money would be placed back in the budget. I don't see that the money was ever replaced.

Nicole Yaw

## Geo-quiz



If you can identify this location, then stop by the Spilyay. The first person to arrive at the office with the correct answer will receive \$5 cash.