

Clements: remembered at Gorge

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In 1999, the economically depressed city partnered with the equally destitute Warm Springs to promote a casino that would create 1,700 new jobs. In addition, the city began showcasing the rich Native American history of the area in its tourism outreach.

"Rudy had an untiring resolve to make the world a better place for all of us to live," said former mayor Roger Freeborn. "He will be greatly missed but surely not forgotten."

"When one of us would get angry, he'd hold out his hand and draw us together. Because of that I believe our communities are bonded in a significant way," said former City Councilor Sandra Kelley, who stated the belief that the casino project had bonded agencies throughout the county.

"During one of our visits to



A drum group was part of the ceremony at Cascade Locks, honoring the late Warren R. Clements.

Warm Springs he told us 'this is peace, this is peace forever,' said Cascade Locks Port Com-

missioner Joeinne Caldwell. Carol York, District 1 County Commissioner, also spoke highly

of Clements. She had met the tribal gaming chair when the battle was first heating up over

a contested casino proposal on trust land just east of Hood River.

The two officials immediately "hit it off" and began working to find common ground.

York said the end result of the negotiations they orchestrated was the compromise plan to site the casino in the largely willing community of Cascade Locks.

"The casino in Cascade Locks will be his legacy and it's up to all of us to strengthen the partnerships and achieve the project that meant so much to him," said York.

Charlie Tailfeathers, Clements' brother-in-law, led the opening prayer at the service and described Clements as "a pleasant, gentle and helpful individual."

The Quartz Creek Drummers draped an empty chair with a Native American blanket to show their respect for the deceased musician.

Tailfeathers said that in addition to teaching youth the meaning behind the ancient tribal songs, Clements held nu-

merous distinguished posts on and off the reservation in a quest to improve the quality of life for his people.

"One of his biggest passions was to please and make other people happy. He was a very culturally spiritual person and it was something he carried on very strongly in our family," said Margie Tuckta, Clements' niece.

She gave an emotional thank you to Cascade Locks officials for organizing the memorial service.

Other Warm Springs members who attended included Anna Clements, Rudy's widow, Chief Delvis Heath, Louie Pitt, director of government affairs, and Tribal Councilors Bernice Mitchell and Reuben Henry.

"Our way of life is that we share everything because we are only on this earth for a short time," said Heath. "He understood that and had figured out what it takes to be happy."

(Note: This article appears through the courtesy of the Hood River News.)

Clements family appreciates the support of many

Anna Clements and her family received an outpouring of support from friends and relatives on the reservation, from across the state and Indian Country. Anna wishes to share some of the caring words she received following the passing of her husband Warren R. "Rudy" Clements.



Atwai Warren R. Clements

The untimely passing of Mr. Warren "Rudy" Clements was unexpected and met with shock. The late Rudy Clements was such a talented, knowledgeable and experienced tribal leader who was always a warm and dependable friend to everyone.

The late Mr. Clements was a great ambassador for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. He was always on a mission to help the tribes, tribal members of his community or special guests attending various events and special tribal festivities held on the reservation.

The late Mr. Clements had such a great knowledge of the history, culture and traditions of the Warm Springs tribes. He was always up to the task of protecting and preserving the tribes' culture, sovereignty and treaty rights.

Mrs. Speaks and I express our condolences to Mrs. Annabelle Clements and family.

Signed, Stanley Speaks, BIA Northwest Regional Director.

Words cannot adequately express how deeply saddened we were by the news of Rudy's passing. Warm Springs as a community owes a great debt of gratitude to Rudy for his con-

tributed to the people of Warm Springs. **Dennis Walsh, Shashi Suri, Stephen Knowles, Walsh Bishop Associates.**

His positive attitude, knowing that the tribes' goal to return to the river would someday be reality, will be greatly missed. His prayers to being our meetings was heart warming, reminding us that all we have and all we are come from the Great Spirit. **James Bussard, and staff at Bussard Engineering.**

Dear Anna,

Rudy has always been a special person in my life. I first worked with him when he directed the Community Center and I enjoyed my work there so much. Rudy did a lot toward developing health and leisure time activities for his people at Warm Springs. He worked hard in that area (as well as other areas) to develop programs for all ages - from the youngest to the older adult. I hope his contribution to his people will never be forgotten.

In my person life I will never forget and will always be thankful to him for providing me with a job at a time when I needed one. Without question, he put me to work for the tribes and I have enjoyed a lifelong career working in the recreation and fitness field - 21 years with Warm Springs and another 15 in my current position at Mountain View Hospital in Madras. I can only hope that I was successful in contributing even a small portion of what Rudy con-

tributed to the people of Warm Springs.

Eva and Dick Montee

The following sent flowers, and their condolences to Anna Clements and family.

The Museum at Warm Springs Board of Directors, the museum Board of Regents, and all the museum staff.

Mickey and Arlene Boileou.

Alice Scott and Max Jackson.

Corey Clements, Joel Holliday and Boby.

Shirley E.

Sandra, Mom and Siblings, sister Marene.

Margie and Joe.

Garland and Susan Brunoe.

Ed and Urbana Manion.

The Warm Springs Gaming Commission staff.

David Day.

Len Bergstein.

Peggy Fowler, Steve Quennoz, PGE officers and Pelton-Round Butte project staff.

Tribal Council and staff of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

Ken and Jeanie Smith.

Val Fuava and family.

Mark and Jeanette Philips.

The Jackson family.

The staff at Lava Lanes.

Scott and Myrna Clements.

Mike Clements and family.

The Coquille Indian Tribe.

The Tribal Council Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw.

Sunshine, Jermayne and Keno.

Leota Sanders and family.

(Editor's note: Anyone whose name was inadvertently omitted, please know it was an accident, and that your support is greatly appreciated by Anna and her family.)

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