

# Repatriation after 142 years

Two-hundred and seventy-two human remains returned on June 27, 2013, for repatriation at the Columbia River. The Wasco, Warm Springs and Yakama worked together to bring them back, from a museum, to the Big River.

This is something to celebrate. Here are comments from two who were on hand for the repatriation:

**Gerald Cardenas:** *I never thought in my lifetime I would see a mass grave of 272 people, let alone of our own people, the N'Chiwana-Columbia River.*

*I felt honored that I was there, and that I got to put a handful of dirt with them today and sing our people's songs...*

*A lot of mixed emotions when I seen the boxes of mostly skulls. The boxes were labeled separately: men, women and children.*

*These are our elders from both sides of the N'Chiwana and they haven't been to their homeland since 1871. They were torn from their resting places and displayed at the Smithsonian Museum in Maryland. It astounds me that it took 142 years to give back 272 of our elders: 120 men, 97 women, and 55 children.*

*I can't help but think how would the ancestors of the president in 1871, Ulysses S. Grant, feel if we took him, his wife, and four kids and stuck them in one of our museums. Just a thought.*

*As we sang the last song, even though there were only around 30 of us there, I felt a strong feeling that there were more of us around. A feeling I will never forget. As we raised our right hands and did the final turn I felt a happy relief around me. They were finally home to stay...*

**Tamtf'aki Waakuf:** *Last Thursday, I witnessed 272 of*

*ancestors return home.*

*This is the largest repatriation in the tribes' history. After being held by Yale for over a 100 years, finally some peace.*

*Looking at the docket in the Federal Register I felt deep gratitude for our ways and the people that carry them. They are my heroes, that are often there with a smile, helping hand or insight.*

*Our people who were returned home went through so much. They experienced hurt, but the Creator took all the sadness away. I accidentally posted a pic of my Grandpa late Udwai Lewis Pitt, but the picture is near where we were. A few of us zigzagged along the hillside paying homage to our roots. The experience moved me for life and showed me how part of strength is finding unconditional love, especially for one another. Pab-tu E.*

# Howlak Tichum

"Ku-Pul-Kin," Dean Shawn Sohappy, 1967-2013

"Ku-Pul-Kin," Dean Shawn Sohappy, 45 years of Warm Springs, passed away May 27, 2013.

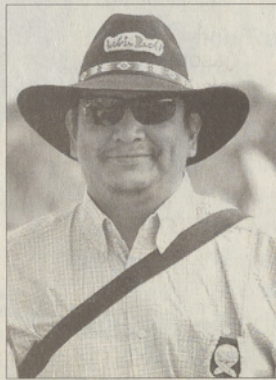
Atwai Dean was born on September 18, 1967 in Redmond, to Don and Lola Sohappy.

Mate of Seven years, Marge Kalama.

Atwai Dean experienced the halls of Chemawa, the basketball court of many reservation basketball tournaments, and the forest on our reservation to the lands of New Zealand and Australia as a smoke jumper.

Atwai Dean's education included Eastern Oregon, Wallawa, and ASU. He held a CDL drivers license, had tree thinned with his family, worked at the Warm Springs mill and operated rock crusher.

He enjoyed motorbikes, fishing, hunting and basketball. The bas-



ketball boys and girls team "Ish-gee-looksh" travels and games gave him many stories to share. His heart for the people of our nation held strong in his daily life.

He helped record at the Portland NCAI Conference and the 100-year Pendleton Round-up as camera crew with Ruben Johnson for KWSO Community Radio.

Survivors include son Brennan, daughter Jacy, grand-daughter Layla, and mate, Marge.

Sisters Nisa, Gabby, Renee and Andrea; brother

Davis, and Davis Jr.

Many "close" first cousins, nephews, nieces, and grandchildren in his circle of life in Warm Springs, Pendleton and Yakama.

All family and friends enriched his heart and strengthened his spirit.

Name sakes include Josh, Shawn, Dever, Stephanie, Shawn Lee and Baby William.

Dean Shawn Sohappy held the name sake of Don and Lola Sohappy's first born son who preceded him.

Funeral Services were held at home in Greely Heights with Washut, Shaker, Wisklit and Full Gosple services. Officiating service by JoDe Goudy and Armand Minthorn; undertakers Larry Dick "Tx'Li Wins" and Sam Starr. Sunrise Burial at Agency Cemetery.

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Terrance "Terry" Courtney Jr. ~ February 3, 1936 - June 15, 2013

Terry's journey to heaven began June 15, 2013. He was born Feb. 3, 1936, in a tent near the HeHe Mill area on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation.

Terry was the first born to Terrance Courtney Sr. and Catherine Courtney (Smith). His siblings described him not only as their brother but also a father. He grew up in Warm Springs and was lovingly known as "Fat" by his family.

Terry endured boarding school in Warm Springs, and later attended junior high and high school in Madras. He also completed two years of college at Oregon State University and Eastern Oregon College. He proudly joined the Army and served two years in the infantry, where he earned top honors in marksmanship.

He loved to play basketball and possessed an uncanny ability at 5 feet, 7 inches, to outjump most centers. He played both in high school and college and later played "Indian ball" throughout the Northwest. He initially organized the "Mustangs" basketball team of Warm Springs.

Terry worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for 34 years, first as a surveyor and later as a heavy equipment operator. His favorite memory was plowing snow when white blanketed Mother Earth for as far he could see, while Top Gun's, "Danger Zone" played on the radio.

He just loved being outdoors doing most anything, stemming from spending time each summer at the Shitike Butte Lookout,

where his mother worked in the tower. He also loved to hunt. Terry had a fun, goofy and silly sense of humor and loved to tell stories.

Terry was a tribal elder and loved making a difference in his people's lives. His gentle spirit drew many people into his life. He always took time to talk to and greet everyone with a handshake. People share openly their instant connection to Terry's gentle spirit and friendliness. He loved taking pictures and was writing a book before his passing.

He was a "traditional platform" fisherman who tied his own nets and enjoyed making nets for others. He also enjoyed teaching the art of net tying. Children loved participating in his demonstrations; he was an educator at heart!

He personally loved catching, drying and eating salmon. Terry had an undying allegiance to salmon. He served two terms as a commissioner to the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission while on the Fish and Wildlife Committee, and continued to be the voice and advocate for salmon, addressing and persuading others to question current salmon management practices and policies, in hopes of rebuilding the salmon run. His salmon plan, to allow more genetically identical fish up river, to recover wild run numbers, continues to be ignored.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Patterson-Courtney of Warm Springs; sons, Dave Courtney of Eugene, Lyman Jim and wife Penny of Warm Springs, and John Brunoe and wife Carnella of Madras; daughter, Teri "Cricket" and husband Alan Jones of Oregon City; sisters and their spouses, Gloria and Jim Keene of Otter Rock,

Ore., Pat and Phil Gold of Scappoose, Mavis and Nat Shaw, Bernyce Courtney, and Ruth "Pinky" Beymer (and husband Kelly, deceased), all of Warm Springs; brother Clifford "Pete" Courtney and wife Myrna of Warm Springs; 15 grandchildren; and an extended large family that includes numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Terry was preceded in death by his father, Terrance Courtney Sr.; mother, Catherine Courtney (Smith); son, Scott Courtney; daughter, Nikki Courtney; and grandson, Redmond Courtney.

A memorial/celebration of life will be held, with the date pending.

Donations in Terry's name may be sent to: Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Attn: Terry Courtney Memorial Donation, 700 N.E. Multnomah St., Suite 1200, Portland, OR 97232. (Make a check payable to Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and include "Terry Courtney Memorial Donation" in the memo field) or make an online secure donation by going to CRITFC.org/courtney-memorial, or to Oregon Health and Sciences University Foundation, Aortic Aneurysm Research, 1121 S.W. Salmon St., Suite 100, Portland, OR 97205-2021.

Those interested can read a tribute and a piece Terry wrote concerning the salmon by going to www.CRITFC.org/kingfisher.

In Loving Memory of Clifford Satanus ~ 1960-2013

Clifford was born on May 19, 1960 at The Dalles. He passed on June 29, 2013 at Tygh Valley.

Clifford lived his life in Tygh Valley except during the time he spent logging.

He attended Tygh Valley Grade School and graduated from Wasco County Union High School.

He played football, basketball and baseball. He coached Little League



Baseball—enjoying the championship games and camaraderie with his fellow coaches.

Cliff enjoyed fishing, coaching and traveling to various sporting events across the nation.

He is survived by his mother Janice Satanus, sister Thelma Satanus Aslop (married Ross Aslop), sister Chris Lewis and brother Dwight Satanus; nephews Tyler Aslop and Kurtis Satanus; and nieces Trisha Kramer, Amanda Lewis and Chelsey Aslop.

# Public Notice

**Important information about Simnasho/Schoolie Flat drinking water:**

The Simnasho-Schoolie Flat water system has levels of arsenic above the federal Safe Drinking Water Standards.

As our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation. We routinely monitor for the presence of a number of drinking water contaminants. While we meet the drinking water standards for most of these contaminants our system exceeds the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic.

The MCL is 0.01 milligrams per liter. The average level of arsenic over the last year for the Simnasho/Schoolie Flat water system is 0.0327 milligrams per liter.

**Arsenic health effects**

Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased chance of getting cancer.

**What should I do?**

Continue to drink and cook with the bottled water that is being provided. If you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

**What is being done?**

The tribe had a pre-bid meeting and awarded the new Simnasho waterline and reservoir project in June of 2013. The tribe is expecting construction to begin on the new water line this month, with the completion date of December 31 of this year.

For more information, please call Roy Spino, water/wastewater engineer; or Steve Courtney, at 541-553-3246.

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