

## Letters to the editor

### A thank you

The family of the late Rose Mary Charley would like to take this opportunity to thank many of our dear friends and relatives who traveled from the Yakama Valley, Colorado, Pendleton and Portland to be with our family during our loss.

Thank you to all of the Shaker members who traveled from Malott, Washington (near Omak); Satus and White Swan Shaker Churches, and Duncan, Vancouver Island, Canada to provide prayer services at our late Mother's funeral services.

A special thank you to our family elders who provided direct support and guidance in planning our Mom's services: Orthelia Patt, Iva McKinley, Versa and Claude Smith Jr., Suzanne Smith Moody, Anthony Washines, Frank Smith and Harriet and Leon Strom.

Thank you to her daughters and nieces for making her Wah-pow-ah from real buckskin; Melva Charley for taking care of the dish, our aunts Suzanne Moody and Angelina J. Smith for dressing her, the cooks; Krysta Rhoan and family at the Shaker Church, and Alice Sampson and family at the Simnasho Longhouse, our Uncles Jody Calica for the salmon, and Loren Denny for the deer, Aunt Gail Frank for the Weow-new, Fred and Olivia Wallulatum for the roots, Auntie's Melanie Anne Colwash and Lela Tewe, the Shike family for the corsages, Deborah and Anita Jackson and family, and Viola Governor and family.

Special thank you to Carlos Smith and the staff of Kah-Nee-Ta, the Museum at Warm Springs, and KWSO.

Thank you for the many donations of food, monetary, and material goods brought to the family in our time of need were greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Officiators: Frank P. Charley at the Shaker Church, and Fred Wallulatum, Guy Wallulatum and Anthony Washines at Simnasho Longhouse, Will-

iam Selam for being a great support and strength to the family, as well as all of the drummers, singers and dancers. The love and respect shown to our mother is greatly appreciated.

Most Sincerely:  
Her surviving children Nicole, Tricia and Sheilina Charley, her Kutblabs Liliana Bugarin, Kevin and Jordan Jackson, her siblings Melissa Tanewasha, Rosalind Sampson, Merilda Charley, Judith Charley, Frank Charley, and Russell V. Charley Jr.

### Impressive

I would like to comment on some positive news, and compliment and give recognition of our young leadership performing with new technology, impressively.

I attended a meeting on April 28 at the Community Center. Presenting were the Ventures business enterprise and the Telecom.

I was very impressed with the formal greetings from the tribal members, by Don Sampson and the Telecom staff. They were very professional manner and inviting. This act of respect did set the tone and organization for the meeting.

The process showed excellence, with up-front data on documents that were well prepared and easy to read, very accountable work practices.

I was impressed with the progressive advancement in a very short period of time of these two enterprises. Yes, there were costs with development, which were disclosed to the tribal members, openly.

These two groups invited tribal member comments, which means active inclusion of ownership, participation and support.

Finally, Tribal Councilman Kahseuss Jackson commented and opened invitation to all tribal enterprises to present data for tribal members. This is how operations used to be.

Tribal Council supported our total operations, of tribal departments and enterprises, which was a measure of effort to keep tribal members well informed; by the sources charged with specific duties.

Yes, professional order does produce merits of consistent and smooth flow of communications. Again, I would like to give recognition to Don Sampson. The tribes brought in the finest in the Northwest. Don brings years of recognized successful experiences and results to Warm Springs. The progressive quality of immediate re-

sults with 'jet set forward' approach.

Don introduced his entire staff and board in such a respectful manner. I admired the quality of teamwork of our business operation of these enterprises. (Full force teams move mountains.)

I support and recognize our young leadership coming forward in positive trends in today's world. The education, life experiences and positive recognition and support will guide these young people forward. Young people are teachers to elders and co-workers, a two-way flow. Commitment and determination are your assets.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Priscilla Frank.**

### New chapter

Dear Warm Springs community,

There is a song that goes:  
*Walk softly through the desert sand ~ Old dreams lead the way.*

*Nothing new in the sands of time ~ Just changes every day.*

As I close this chapter of my life, and look forward to the next, it is these lyrics that seem to fit.

I am and always have been in pursuit of the American Dream, and so the time has come to part ways with KWSO, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and Central Oregon, and go after that dream.

I want you to know that I did not reach this decision easily. Over the past 15 years you have shared and taught me many things about life, living and reaching for the sky.

I have learned from several of you that no mountain is too high and no valley too low, and all things are possible with a dedicated effort.

It is the Elders of this community that have forever instilled in me a sense of how to be, and how to take care of the things that matter most. I have listened to them and have had my eyes open to a new kind of way.

When I arrived in central Oregon in 1999 I was nothing and had nothing. But all that changed when I was hired by KWSO.

The radio station gave me an opportunity to succeed and become something.

Though I am not originally from here, I feel like Warm Springs is a place I can call home. And when I am asked about where I'm from I will note this chapter in my history as a significant experience that changed my life for the better.

I wish I had room to list the names of so many of you who inspired me, or provided an avenue of growth, or the ones I would call friends.

But I will simply say that if we spoke in person, or hung out, it was because you are my friend and we had a special connection.

I also want to say from my whole heart (because the bottom just doesn't seem like enough): Thank you for your kindness, friendship and love, and the respect that you have always shown me.

I will never forget any of you, and promise to return someday as a visitor. As for my future, look for updates

### 2015 Language Bowl



Courtesy photo.

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Culture and Heritage Department made a great showing at the Language Bowl this year. Team members included Mildred Quaempts, Keeyana Yellowman, Tashina Eastman and Merle Kirk (from left); and Kaiwin Clements (seated). The Language Bowl this year was held at the Wildhorse Resort at Umatilla.

on Facebook, as I am often updating my travels and status.

I want to also remind all of you: You don't just have a story, you are a story in the making, and you never know what the next chapter's going to be. That's what makes it exciting.

In closing I want to say I love you all and wish you the best. Until we meet again, farewell my friends...

Sincerely,  
**Will "Tha Wilman" Robbins**

### A fond memory

Sorry to read of the passing of Robert Macy. Brought back a memory dating back to our high school days at Madras Union High School. Believe it was my junior or senior year, and the class was Algebra I. For me this class was like a foreign language. We were having a test one day, and I was so sure my upcoming grade would be an F.

Bob, sitting directly in front of me, turned around and in a quiet voice said something like, "Don't worry, I'll get your through this."

Somehow he did, and I was always thankful for his assistance. Can't remember my grade but at least it wasn't an F.

Also have one of Robert's pen and ink drawings hanging on a bedroom wall. A true work of art, the drawing is of the Carl Herring house, which stood at the northeast corner of Madras.

Always enjoyed visiting with Bob at our class reunions. He will be missed.

**Duane C. Anderson,** Class of '56, Madras Union High School.

### Head Start

Warm Springs Head Start will be closed for in-service day on Friday, May 22.

Head Start will also be

closed on Monday, May 25, Memorial Day.

Warm Springs Head Start graduation is set for June 19 at the Community Center.

### Fall 2015

Warm Springs Head Start is in full recruitment for the fall of 2015. Apply now at the Early Childhood Education Center, or contact the staff at 541-553-3242.

Eligibility for Head Start is based on the child's age, family need and income. Priority gives to those with a household income below the federal poverty level.

Children with documented disabilities or special needs are encouraged to apply.

Head Start is a free preschool program for children 3 (by September 1) to 5 years old. There are part-day and full-day classrooms.

### Stone Setting

There will be a Stone Setting for **Myron C. Northrup** on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 11 a.m. at the Simnasho Cemetery.

Dinner to follow at 3 p.m. - Northrup residents, Upper Dry Creek Road, 4327 Tommie St., Warm Springs.

### Remembering when...

**Twenty-Five Years Ago**—from the May 18, 1990 edition of the Spilyay Tymoo:

Tribal Council adopted an organization-wide smoke-free workplace policy. Smoking has been banned from all tribal administrative buildings and vehicles. In other news:

A new health center and 20 additional single-dwelling homes will be in Warm

Springs' future should eligible tribal voters cast approving ballots in the upcoming June 5 referendum. Elsewhere:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Middle Oregon Indian Historical Society have scheduled the tribal museum groundbreaking and cornerstone setting ceremonies for Sunday, June 3.

**Twenty Years Ago**—from the May 11, 1995 Spilyay Tymoo:

The tribes held the grand opening of the Indian Head Casino at Kah-Nee-Ta. Chief Delvis Heath, Council Chairman Mickey Brunoe, and Councilman Jacob Frank cut the ribbon opening the casino. Elsewhere:

As part of its annual Meyer Memorial Trust/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program, the Oregon Symphony will visit Warm Springs for a performance at the Community Center.

**Fifteen Years Ago**—from the May 18, 2000 edition of the Spilyay:

The Tribes celebrated the Tenth Annual Honor Seniors Day. In other news:

Some tribal leaders are hoping a gaming facility in Madras will help resolve financial issues facing the tribes. They set May 23 for the referendum.

The proposal is aimed at adding an average of \$9 million a year to the tribal revenue base to meet future costs of schools, public safety and other programs.

Tribal officials say the Madras proposal is based entirely on economic gain and on creating economic stability for the benefit of the tribes.

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### Inspiring words

*"Don't be afraid to go after what you want to do, and what you want to be. But don't be afraid to be willing to pay the price."*

**Lane Frost,** champion bull rider

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