

## Howlak Tichum

Leah Joan Conner ~ 1932-2018

Leah Joan Conner died November 15, 2018 in Pendleton, surrounded by loved ones.

She was born June 29, 1932 to Gilbert Edward and Elsie Spokane Conner in the family home on the Umatilla Reservation. Midwives to her delivery were Vera Spokane Jones and Winnie Young Chief Crane.

Leah attended District 44 on the reservation and graduated from Pendleton High, where she was vice president of the school band, playing saxophone. She was active in drama and Bachelor Girls, and was a basketball princess and Junior Altrusan.

Leah was an avid tennis player and swimmer, along with dancing and riding horses, including racing for her brother Norman. She began driving harvest trucks for local pea and wheat farmers at age 15.

Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, wife of the BIA Superintendent for whom Leah babysat, encouraged Leah to save for college. She attended Willamette University her freshman and sophomore years. At Willamette she worked at the State School for the



Blind to earn room and board.

In Salem, she also clerked in the Woolworth stockroom and worked at the Ice Arena. While a student at Willamette, Leah was selected to serve as Queen of the All-Indian 1952 Pendleton Round-Up Court. This was her second stint as rodeo royalty.

With Loretta Pinkham, Leah served as a 1948 Chief Joseph Days Indian Princess, the first time such a selection was made.

In various capacities, she met Averill Harriman, Robert Taft, Dwight Eisenhower, Harry Truman, Jeff Chandler, Dorothy Malone, Ward Bond, Lee Marvin, Eddy Little Sky, Jonathon Winters, and Peter Fonda.

Leah transferred to the



Pendleton Round Up Court Queen, 1952.

University of New Mexico for her junior year as a Physical Education major, and studied Dance under modern dancer and choreographer Elizabeth Waters.

As an officer of the University of New Mexico Kiva Club, Leah remembered one time being the only woman permitted to attend a Kiva ceremony with her fellow male delegates—she wore boots and jeans.

She graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in 1966 with an emphasis in Health and Physical Education. She taught, counseled

and coached at Coulee Dam High School; District 16 R Hawthorne, Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools; and Warm Springs Elementary and Madras High School.

Meanwhile, she attained her Master of Education from Oregon State University in 1973, and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Washington in 1980, focusing on education and studio art. She also worked in Parks and Recreation for the City of Roses, Chemawa Indian School, and for the Confederated Tribes of

Umatilla.

She became the Umatilla's first tribal member to direct the Education Department in 1981 until 1983. Prior to that, she had served as Certified Teacher in the tribes' Early Childhood education program.

She worked at the circulation desk of the Pendleton Public Library from 1984 to 1992.

Leah was the founding president of the Tiimutla Arts Council from 1981-1989. She served on the Resources and Research Committee in the planning stages of Tamástslit Cultural Institute. Leah was devoted to the annual Tamkaliks Celebration in Wallowa, and served on the committee since its inception in 1991.

She assisted the Idaho State Commission on Arts Services, Eastern Oregon Regional Arts Council, Oregon Commission for the Humanities, Umatilla County ESD, BMCC, the design committee of the the Clock Tower Restoration, and on the boards of directors of the Nez Perce Trail Foundation and the Wallowa Homeland Project. She was honored as a Happy Canyon Volunteer of the Year in 1993.

Leah is predeceased by her parents; siblings Duane Elliott, Gilbert Cecil, Antoinette, Norman Joseph, Etta Leona, Earl Erwin and Naomi Shepherd; and chil-

dren Robert Hibbs, Norma Nanette Manta, and Kimberly Conner Coleman. She is survived by her children Roberta, Brian and Dana Conner of Pendleton and Chuck Warren, Alpine, California; grandchildren Raven and Michael Manta, Pendleton; Monece and Kanim Moses Conner, Pendleton; Jonas Moses Conner, Seattle; Cody, Sierra, and Austin Warren, California; Ashley Valdez, Portland; Eliot and Gilberta Gottfriedson, Pendleton; Blake Stohr, Corvallis; Wyatt Stohr, Bonney Lake, Washington.

Among her greatest blessings were her seven great grandchildren: Kiana Manta, Michael Manta Jr., Robert Anthony Manta, Lillian Grace Wickert, Marcelline Garcia Gottfriedson, Cylus James Wickert, and Luna Love Garcia Gottfriedson.

Celebration of Life was held at the Pendleton Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 20. Burial followed at Olney Cemetery. In Ms. Conner's memory, donations may be made to the Tamkaliks Celebration, PO Box 15, Wallowa, OR 97885

## Employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with the Warm Springs Human Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to attach cover letter and resume with completed application.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Questions regarding application process can be directed to 541-553-3262. For full job descriptions see: warmsprings-nsn.gov

### Education

Culture and Heritage - Language Pro-

gram Coordinator - Deanie Smith 541-553-3290.

**Governmental Affairs**  
Community and Economic Development Planner - Louie Pitt 541-615-0140.

### Health and Human Services

Early Childhood Education Manager - Caroline Cruz 541-615-0140.

Behavioral Health Center Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Darryl Scott 541-553-3205.  
Behavioral Health

Children's Mental Health Specialist - Darryl.

Children's Protective Services Protective Care Provider - Reona Trimble 541-553-3209.

Recreation Sports Athletic II - Austin Greene 541-553-3243.

Recreation (limited duration) Bus driver - Austin Greene 541-553-3243.

Community Health Services Maternal Child Health Nurse - Katie Russell 541-553-2460.

Community Health Services Medical Social Worker - Katie.

### Public Safety Branch

WSPD Communications - Communications Officer - Ron Gregory 541-553-3272.

Corrections Officer - Ron.

Security Officer - Casey Lockety 541-553-3272.

The Plateau Travel Plaza and Indian Head Casino are advertising for the following positions:

Indian Head Casino Maintenance/Custodian - Contact Rod Durfee 541-460-7777 ext 7722.

Slot keyperson -

Kyle/Jason 541-460-7777 ext 7724.

Sous chef - Peggy Faria 541-460-7777 ext 7726.

Busser (part time) - Heather Cody 541-460-7777 ext 7725.

Tule Grill cook (part time) - Alex Manzano/Heather Cody 541-460-7777 ext 7725 / 7710

Coffee stations attendant (2 part time) - Heather.

Food and beverage supervisor - Peggy.

Tule Grill attendant - (full and part time positions) - Heather.

Main bank cashier - Wyval Rosamilia 541-460-7777 ext 7731.

Cage cashier - Wyval.

Security officer - Tim Kerr 541-460-7777 ext 7749.

IT support technician - Donovan Todacheene 541-460-7777 ext 7674.

Guest services operator - Naomi Shy 541-460-7777 ext 7734.

Players Club host - Naomi.

Plateau Travel Plaza Security officer - Doug Super 541-777-2818.

Lead Line Cook - Esten.

## In the Tribal Court of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Please note: All hearings are conducted at the Warm Springs Tribal Court.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs KAYLYN WOFLE, Respondent; Case No. JV145;146-16. TO: KAYLYN WOLFE, S A L B A D O R ROBINSON, JV PROS, CPS, P&P:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a PERMANENCY HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 8<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2019 @ 3:00 PM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs LEAH RAPPE, Respondent; Case No. JV124;

125-16. TO: LEAH RAPPE, CPS, JV PROS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a ASSISTED GUARDIANSHIP HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2019 @ 10:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs ELEANOR WILLIAMS, Respondent; Case No. JV113-05. TO: ELEANOR WILLIAMS, LEI CALICA, JV PROS, CPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a REVIEW HEARING has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal

Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of JANUARY, 2019 @ 9:00 AM

CTWS, Petitioner, vs MYNTORA AGUILAR, Respondent; Case No. J V 2 7 , 2 8 - 1 7 , JV54A,55A-12. TO: MYNTORA AGUILAR, WILLIAM NAPIER SR., JV PROS, CPS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a CUSTODY REVIEW has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 14<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2018 @ 9:00 AM Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Petitioner, vs Joel Santos Sr., Respondent; Case No. CR468-18. TO: Joel Santos Sr.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Show Cause Hearing has been scheduled with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for December 12, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m.

CTWS, Petitioner, vs GLENDA FISHER & DAVID LECLAIRE SR., RESPONDENT; Case No. JV54;55-17; DO159-09; JV308-02. TO: GLENDA FISHER, DAVID LECLAIRE SR.:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an SUPERVISED PROBATION REVIEW has been filed

with the Warm Springs Tribal Court. By this notice you are summoned to appear in this matter at a hearing scheduled for the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2018 @ 9:00 AM

### PROBATE

In the matter of the estate of Katie W. Allen, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2018-PR29. Notice is hereby given that Katie W. Allen, who at the time of her death last known residence was 2357 Oitz Loop, Warm Springs, OR, died on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, and the court has appointed Karla Bagley-Tias as the public administrator to administer the decedent's estate.

In the matter of the estate of Jacob Frank Sr., W.S., U/A, deceased. Es-

tate no. 2012-PR28. To Jeffery Frank, Melinda Frank, Yahteen Frank and Shayla Stwyer: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 11 a.m.

In the matter of the estate of Janet M. Billey, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2016-PR17. To Ada Billey, Wilhemina Hill and Rochelle Tom: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2018 at 11:30 p.m.

In the matter of the estate of Davis Y. Boise, W.S., U/A, deceased. Estate no. 2015-PR40. To Gloria Brown: You are hereby notified that an informal probate hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.