

Walking On...

Carl Robert Gregg

Nov. 13, 1926 – Dec. 18, 2013

Tribal Elder Carl Robert “Bob” Gregg was born Nov. 13, 1926, in Bend, Ore., to Earl and Eva Gregg. He was the youngest of five children. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; three brothers, Clarence, Kenneth and Earl Gregg; sister, Edith Arriaga; and his wife of 31 years, Darlene Y. Gregg. He had seven children, 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Growing up in Bend and going to a Catholic school run by nuns, Bob left home at age 13. He worked at a gas station and put himself through school. At age 17, he joined the U.S. Navy and he made this a 27-year career as an electrician by land and a cook by sea.

When he returned to Bend after his first deployment, Bob became half owner of the gas station he had worked at while in school. He married his first wife, Ruthie M. Bond, and she brought two children, Ruthie Rose and Cleone Gregg, into the marriage. He adopted them as his own, and they had two children together, Bobbie Baize and Eva Weaver. He then married Darlene, bringing three children with her into their marriage. Bob also adopted all three, Mike, John and April Gregg, raising them as his own. Because of Bob’s career, they moved every two to three years. He and his wife Darlene were often called “gypsies” by their friends.

Bob retired from the service in 1975, bought five acres in Elmira, Ore., where he lived for three years before moving to Troy, Mont. There, he and his wife ran the Golden Nugget Bar up the Yaak River Road. It has been 30 years and people still talk about Bob, what kind of person he was and how much fun they all had while Bob and Darlene managed the bar. In Helena, Mont., he and wife managed apartments.

Bob moved to Cape Coral, Fla., where he delivered yachts at the marina. He lived there until 2004, when he moved closer to family to McMinnville, Ore., and bought a house to remodel and flip. He almost had it flipped when his health started failing. He lived the rest of his days at Elk Lodge and FirCrest.

Bob was a member of the VFW Post 10097, which he joined in 1946. He was a lifetime member since the early 1970s. He was a member of Elks’ clubs throughout his adult life in Eugene and Willamina, Ore., and in Helena, Mont., and served as kitchen chairman, treasurer and junior and senior vice commander. Bob was stationed in California, the Philippines, Alaska and Hawaii. He enjoyed watching NASCAR and terrorizing cats with a laser flashlight. Bob lived a full life. He loved socializing, dancing, music, cooking, the ocean and making others laugh.

He is survived by all seven children; nieces, Candy Biehl and Lori Lanstrom; nephews, Donny Thomas, Doug Wilson and Stacey Wilson; several cousins; 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Chapel of Macy & Son, 135 N.E. Evans St., McMinnville. To leave online condolences, visit www.macyandson.com.

Kathy Ann Bentow

Dec. 17, 1956 – Feb. 1, 2014

Tribal Elder Kathy Ann Bentow, 57, a resident of Dallas, Ore., walked on at her home on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014.

She was born Dec. 17, 1956, in Roseburg, Ore., the daughter of Elmer James and Cecelia Rose Porter Sell. She lived in many areas of the West Coast, including places in Oregon, California and Washington. She lived in Montesano, Wash., for 20 years where she worked at the Moose Lodge. She came to live in Dallas in 2009.

She is survived by her husband, Alan; sons, Raymond and Frank Newton; sisters, Iva, Nancy and Louise; brother, Elmer Jr.; and many grandchildren.

A private committal will be held in Greencrest Memorial Park in Sheridan. Dallas Mortuary Center handled the arrangements and cared for the family. To leave a message or memory for the family, visit www.dallastrIBUTE.com.



Flows and temperatures changed to benefit fish

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“In contrast to high-profile species such as the Pacific salmon and the grey wolf, most of the recovery activities have occurred under the radar screen with little impact to the local communities,” Scheerer said.

He said the Army Corps of Engineers managed flows and temperatures to benefit native fish, including the Oregon chub. The McKenzie River Trust identified high-quality habitats for land acquisition and the Middle Fork Willamette, Santiam and Long Tom watershed councils identified private landowners willing to enhance and protect chub habitats.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, state Parks and Recreation Department and Oregon Department of Transportation protected, enhanced and created habitat on lands that they manage.

Recovery also was aided by introducing the Oregon chub into 21 suitable, unoccupied habitats, many of which occurred on private lands.

“These help reduce the threat of extinction by expanding the species range and providing backup populations that can be used in the event of loss of local populations,” Scheerer said. “This community effort is what made Oregon chub recovery possible.”

Grand Ronde Fish and Wildlife Program Manager Kelly Dirksen said that Tribal Hydrosystems Compliance Specialist Lawrence Schwabe contributed to the effort by evaluating how the existence and operation of hydrosystem dams in the Willamette Basin affect natural resources.

“He regularly meets with the Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, NOAA Fisheries, ODFW and non-profits to weigh in on and influence the operation of these dams,” Dirksen said. “The Natural Resources Department will

have a larger role in the future with managing the Chahalpam property and the chubs that reside there.”

Schwabe said the Tribe’s acquisition of the Chahalpam property on the North Santiam River in 2013 made the delisting possible.

“The criteria to delist would not have been met without the protection and data from Chahalpam,” he said. “The Chahalpam abundance estimate (2,430 chubs) met the criteria defined in the Oregon Chub Recovery Plan for delisting in 2013.

“The Chahalpam estimate is awesome. For nearly a decade in the mid-1990s, we were lucky to find a couple of chub at the site. The highest abundance estimate before 2013 was 700 in 2006. Without acquisition, the data would not have been collected and Oregon chub would still be listed.”

Schwabe added that he participates in various forums that influence the Army Corps of Engineers’ flow releases.

“The Tribe participated in the Nature Conservancy’s Santiam River Environmental Flows Workshop that developed environmental flow recommendations for the North and South Santiam rivers,” he said. “The Tribe also participates in the Willamette Action Team for Ecosystem Restoration Flow Team.”

“Minor changes in the release schedules and volumes have had a notable effect in maintaining side channel habitats that are critical to chub,” Dirksen said.

Scheerer estimated that the state spent \$2 million, most of it federal funds, over the last two decades on monitoring, research and in-ground improvements to help the recovery effort.

The decision becomes final with approval of a plan for the ongoing monitoring of the Oregon chub. The plan was listed on the Federal Register on Feb. 6, which starts the required 60-day public comment period before it can be amended and approved. ■

PUBLIC NOTICE

Agency: USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service

Meeting: Polk County Local Work Group Meeting

Date: Feb. 26, 2014

Time: 3 p.m.

Location: Oregon State University Extension Service Office, 289 E. Ellendale, Suite 301, Dallas, Oregon 97338
Conference Room

Contact: Tom Finegan, 503-623-5534, ext. 109

Purpose: NRCS is holding a local work group meeting to gather input from farmers, ranchers, state and federal agencies, agriculture and conservation organizations regarding natural resources conservation priorities and opportunities to invest collaboratively in Polk County. All input will be discussed at the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, submit your written input to Tom Finegan at 580 Main, Suite A, Dallas, Oregon 97338 or via e-mail tom.finegan@or.usda.gov prior to the meeting for inclusion.

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A request for accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to tom.finegan@or.usda.gov or by calling Tom Finegan at 503-623-5534, ext. 109.

Education offers Chinuk Wawa classes

The Tribe’s Cultural Education Department offers adult Chinuk Wawa language classes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in Room 207 in the Tribal Adult Education Building.

Language classes can be taken for college credit or fun.

For more information, call 503-879-2249 or 503-437-4599. ■