

Walking On...

Charlene R. McManis

Aug. 22, 1953 – May 1, 2018

Tribal Elder Charlene Rose (Willing) McManis, 64, of Worcester, Vt., walked on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at her home surrounded by family.

She was born in Portland, Ore., the daughter of Charles S. and Kathleen (Sarmiento) Willing on Aug. 22, 1953. She was a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.

She graduated from Inglewood High School in Inglewood, Calif., in the Class of 1971. After graduating high school, Charlene worked in banking. She then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served honorably for eight years until being discharged in 1986. While serving, she met the love of her life, Roger A. McManis, and his four children in Guam. They were married on Dec. 30, 1983, with five children.

Charlene spent more than 30 years in central Vermont as a homemaker and volunteering her time to serve the community. She created the Doty Memorial School breakfast program, which paved the way for the hot lunch program. She organized the “all you can eat pie breakfast” fundraiser for the Doty lunch program.

She directed musicals for the Main Street Middle School Dinner Theater. She coached little tots gymnastics and also was involved with the Girl Scouts, Barre Players, Barre Opera House, Lost Nation Theater, Resurrection Baptist Church and various local children’s camps. While in Guam, she coached the Naval Air Station youth swim team.

She was a member of the American Legion Post No. 3, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post No. 792 and the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. She served on the Vermont Commission of Native American Affairs for three years. Charlene earned her bachelor’s degree in Native American Education on May 2, 2011, from Vermont College.

She enjoyed many crafts, especially sewing, Native bead work and crocheting mittens and hats for the homeless. She crafted Native dolls and fashioned a jingle dancer doll, which appeared in an issue of Country Woman. She had articles published in Kids VT, Highlights for Children and a cartoon strip, “Umpqua County,” in Indian Country Today. Her book, “Indian No More,” is scheduled to be published in the fall of 2019.

Charlene will be lovingly remembered by her husband, Roger McManis of Worcester, Vt.; children, Christopher McManis and his wife Catherine of Portsmouth, R.I., Veronica McManis of Montpelier, Vt., Angela Mabini and her husband Michael of Waipahu, Hawaii, Patrick McManis and his wife Jenny of Middletown, R.I., and Sarah Ferriss and her husband Greg of Worcester, Vt.; grandchildren, Christopher Jr., Alissa, Michael, Logan, Amaiah, Hemera and Oliver; brother, George Collier of Belfair, Wash.; sisters-in-law, Patricia Huckins of Stuart, Fla., and Rosalie McManis of Richardson, Texas; and brother-in-law, Willard McManis of Vine Grove, Ky.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, May 5, at Guare and Sons Funeral Home, 30 School St., Montpelier, Vt.

Memorial contributions may be made to Doty Memorial School, Resurrection Baptist Church or Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice. To express condolences, visit www.guareandsons.com.



Spirit Mountain voted best casino by readers

SALEM – Spirit Mountain Casino was once again voted the best casino by readers of the Salem Statesman Journal for its 2018 Best of the Mid-Valley special section published on Sunday, April 29.

Spirit Mountain received the coveted gold medal.

“Located in scenic Polk County, Spirit Mountain Casino offers a wide variety of table games, slots, keno, bingo and a beautiful poker room for recreational and serious players,” the section stated. “Those looking for rooming options can take advantage of Spirit Mountain’s prestigious hotel, featuring modern furnishing and luxurious bedding and décor. Enjoy the Cedar Plank Buffet, Mountain View Sports Bar, gift shop and on-site arcade, or catch a comedy show in one of the casino’s lounges.”

The silver medal went to Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City, which is operated by the Siletz Tribe, and the bronze medal went to Ilani in Ridgefield, Wash., which is operated by the Cowlitz Tribe. ■

When: First Thursday of each month 10:00 am-11:30 am

Where: CTGR – Community Service Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347

Who: Parents and caregivers of children under 5 years.

Why: Come to play, have a snack and have fun!

Portland arts center seeks Standing Rock art

PORTLAND — The Elisabeth Jones Art Center, a new art space that opened in March, is seeking artist submissions for a show that will be about Standing Rock two years later.

Chosen artists will receive from \$500 to \$1,500 to participate. The arts center is especially interested in hearing from artists who were at Standing Rock, as well as themes that address sacred land and water.

Applications also are being accepted for a visiting artist residency that would run from June 1-6.

For the visiting artist, the arts center is interested in an installation or performance piece that is community involved and developed through that five-day period.

Deadline for proposals is Thursday, May 17, with an exhibit date of Thursday, June 7. The show is open to all mediums, which includes installation, performance and community interactive work.

For applications, include no more than 10 images of current work, a resume and clear statement of intent to EJartcenter@gmail.com. There is no entry fee. ■

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-19

CHINUK KINDERGARTEN
IMMERSION

As of May 14th, 2018 we will be accepting registration applications for interested incoming Kindergarteners. We are a half day immersion program offering instruction in Chinuk through our culture and place-based curriculum. Our students attend half day in our program and must be enrolled in Willamina Elementary School as well. No prior language experience required, however we do have language and Tribal preference once we are at capacity.

Applications are available at Adult Education and can be turned in starting May 14

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We enroll families, not just students. It is our belief that the only way for the language to live and flourish is for it to be learned and used in the home by the whole family.