

# Separate accidents claim lives of tribal members

Three separate accidents in the last two weeks have claimed the lives of two Warm Springs tribal members and one Yakima tribal member.

### The Saluskin Accident

The first accident occurred at approximately 4:00 p.m. January 21, ten miles west of Maupin just off highway 216 near Wapanitia. The driver, Sandra Saluskin, 17, of Toppenish, Washington and Ron Suppah were thrown from the vehicle as it failed to negotiate a curve. Saluskin was killed instantly.

Suppah was taken to The Dalles General Hospital and later transferred to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland with neck, head and

facial injuries. He is listed in good condition.

The other passengers, Vernon and Lincoln Jay Suppah, both of Warm Springs, were taken to Mt. View Hospital in Madras where they were treated and released.

Excessive speed has been attributed as the cause of the accident.

### Charley Accident

Another accident on January 21 at 6:10 p.m. claimed the life of Gerald Charley, 40, of Madras. Charley apparently lost control of his vehicle when he struck the rear wheels of a truck/trailer rig driven by Larry Rackeweg of Federal Way, Washington.

After striking the truck, Charley then sideswiped a car driven by Duane Peterson of Wilsonville, California. He then swerved and collided head-on with a compact pickup driven by William Applebe of Portland. Applebe was taken to Mt. View hospital and treated for a broken leg and later released.

Charley was pinned in his pickup for nearly an hour as Warm Springs Ambulance crew members worked to remove him. Elvis Frank, a passenger in Charley's vehicle, was also taken to Mt. View Hospital and treated and released.

Charley was taken immediately into surgery at Mt.

View, where doctors worked for nearly four hours to repair his badly ruptured liver. Once partially stabilized, the Warm Springs ambulance then transported him to St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. Charley died en route to Bend at 2 a.m.

Cause of the accident is still under investigation, but according to Warm Springs Chief of Police Jeff Sanders the primary cause has been attributed to alcohol.

### The Goodlance Accident

The third accident, which occurred January 23, took the life of Felicia Tewee, 14.

Brenda Goodlance, 18, driver of the southbound vehicle attempted to pass

another vehicle on a curve near Metolius and lost control. A northbound car, driven by Marvin Richards of Metolius, struck the rear end of the Goodlance car.

Also passengers in the Goodlance vehicle were Rhonda Chocktoot, 20, and Floyd Tewee Jr., 13. Goodlance and Chocktoot were taken to Mt. View Hospital and were treated and released, as were Richards and his passenger Norma Richards. Floyd Tewee was also taken to Mt. View and later transferred to St. Charles Medical Center where he is listed in fair condition and ambulatory.

The accident is still under investigation.

# Simnasho homes moving right along

The older Simnasho homes which at one time were located close to Highway 9 are being moved up the hill away from the highway in an area adjoining the newly constructed senior citizen homes area.

The houses are being moved "to clean up the area and make room for more parking for the longhouse and fire station," according to construction manager, Ray Elkins. The area where the houses were located, "will be filled in and leveled off," Elkins says and "we're going to add garages and remodel the houses."

Allstate Housemoving Company of Bend is in charge of getting the homes relocated. It is no easy task. Johnny Gogenola and Jim Karns have been working on the project since November. They anticipate the project to be complete in two to three more weeks.

The Simnasho students at school located across the highway from the house-

moving project out of curiosity visited the site. They had the housemoving method explained to them by the housemovers.

Before anything else "all power and water has to be turned off," explained Gogenola. The power lines and water pipes then have to be disconnected. The next step is to take a sledge hammer to the foundation making an opening where steel beams can be slid under the house. The house is jacked up by means of hydraulic jacks and wheels are rolled under the structure. A tow truck then tows the house to its new location.

When moving, the house travels at about five miles per hour. If travel is by highway speed can get up to 25 miles per hour Gogenola said. The housemoving company has moved houses empty or with all the furnishings still inside. They seldom break even a window. Between Christmas and New Years Allstate housemoving company



Grounds Eye View—Simnasho school students get an underview of housemoving. Spillyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

relocated the Sisters library with all the books still on the shelf.

After the house is taken to its new location porches have to be rebuilt and utility lines

reconnected. The houses are then ready for new or familiar occupants.

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acute form of E.I.A. is marked by the same symptoms but they recur in cycles. The chronic form of the disease is marked by only a few of the symptoms. Carriers can show no symptoms and yet can carry the virus and infect other animals. This seems to be the case with the horses tested so far.

Unlike reports heard around the state the disease is not passed onto humans. It affects only equine animals.

The advantage of discovering the disease during the winter months according to Warm Springs extension agent Clint Jacks is that the vector season does not begin for a few more months. Flies that spread the virus are inactive during the colder months. Because of this there may be time to work out a program within the reservation boundaries, hopefully with financial assistance through a grant.

Funds for rounding up the horses and testing them is important at this point. Dr. Daly says, "With such a high percentage of animals already proving positive all the horses should be tested." Daly says, "If every horse is not tested it

could leave a carrier and then you've spent a whole bunch of money for nothing." Jacks feels that testing all the horses is necessary as "we don't know about horses that stay on the reservation." They may never have had a Coggins test.

Tribal Council is cooperating with rangestockmen are attempting to work out a program to prevent the disease from going beyond its present status. They are trying to keep the state from putting a quarantine on the entire reservation. Agent Jacks says, "We want to take care of the problem within the reservation. If we don't do it the state will step in and do it for us."

The State of Oregon is not anxious to quarantine the horses. Dr. Daly stated, "As far as we're concerned your method of handling the problem on the reservation is more than we can expect any place else." The state is willing to cooperate in any way. If the problem can be taken care of without state intervention that is the way it will be done. "We will just wait and see and not get shook up about it. We don't feel we have to do anything now, since it is being done."

In an effort to speed things along Tribal Council has approved a revision of Ordinance 55, Animal health, brand inspection, breeding animal quality and disease control ordinance. Revisions in sections 3 and 7 are working toward eradication of E.I.A. on the reservation.

A statement in section 3.1 of the ordinance states that "any or all existing livestock on the reservation may be required to have a certificate of health...issued by a licensed veterinarian."

Tribal attorney Jim Noteboom assisted in revision of Ordinance 55. He changed the amendment giving the tribal administration authority to handle outbreaks of infectious disease among animals on the reservation. Noteboom says, "prior to the revision there was no clear authority to quarantine or test animals."

ordinance gives the Natural Resources department with cooperation of the police department responsibility for and authority to quarantine and to undertake treatment of diseased animals. The director of the Natural Resources department, Noteboom says,

can also order testing where a stock owner will not do so and then can charge the owner for the testing. He also has the power to order a diseased animal destroyed.

According to Noteboom a \$500 fine is imposed for violations of the ordinance. There is no jail penalty making it a civil violation so non-tribal members as well as tribal members are affected by the ruling.

A recent meeting with the horseride bosses outlined their responsibilities when the round-up begins, after some funds have been obtained. They will be responsible for organizing the ride and determining which horses should be eliminated. Horses testing positive will be moved to an isolation area at Schoolie pasture, north of the Warm Springs River and west of the

highway, Jacks says.

Jacks goes on to say, "Our first priority is the wild horses. It may take two to three years to remove the positive horses. We have to test every horse on the reservation."

A consideration which the state is discussing, Dr. Daly said, is one also mentioned by Jacks when he says, "A program on the reservation won't do any good if the horses surrounding the reservation are affected by the disease."

Until E.I.A. is brought under control Dr. Daly feels that any horse owners coming into contact with reservation horses will be reluctant to have dealings involving the reservation stock. Everyone involved is looking for cooperation to eradicate this disease before it gets out of hand.

## Registration papers sought

Vernon Suppah has lost papers for his registered Quarter Horse and is offering a \$50 reward to the person who finds them.

The registered horse is a five year old sorrel gelding named "Tonto Bar Cat." He was sired by Tom cat and the dam is Tonic Time.