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Three young Warm Springs residents know how to keep cool in above 100 degree weather. (Left to right) Willos Sequan Qunneke, LaDonna Zamora and Trish Tanewasha navigate a rubber kayak at The Cove State Park.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Stroke victims both home now

Councilwoman Karen Wallulatam and Natural Resources Director Gene Greene, both of whom suffered strokes in July, have been released from the hospital and are now home recuperating.

After nearly a month in hospital beds, following two or possibly three strokes, Karen is "thankful to be back home." She was released from St. Charles Medical Center in Bend August 6.

Since paralysis caused by the strokes affected her left arm and left side of her face and mouth, Karen has been doing special exercises to strengthen the muscles in those areas.

She said in a phone interview that at first she couldn't do any of the hand exercises that the therapist had prescribed. Although she still has weakness in her left hand, she can now do all the exercises which she intends to keep doing.

She is also supposed to practice "making ugly faces" to strengthen her face and other

muscles, she said. When asked if she was allowed to smile, she laughed—which is undoubtedly also good therapy. Although she talks quite slowly yet, her speech has improved a great deal and she sounds in good spirits.

In about two weeks Karen will go in for a tread mill test which will help determine how she is progressing. The cause of her strokes was still unknown at the time of the interview, but not all the test results were back yet.

"I had an awful lot of prayers from people," she said, "and I'm very thankful to be back home." Until the upcoming tests, she said she will be sticking pretty much at home, walking around the house and trying to stay cool during the heat wave.

Gene Greene, who was hit by a stroke while at work on July 20, was released from the hospital Saturday, August 1. He said in a phone interview

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Truck wreck spills liquid coolant on highway

Simnasho appeared to be a busy metropolis for several hours on Monday morning, August 10, as all traffic was diverted from Highway 26 in both east and west directions. A tanker had flipped over on the grade approximately five miles west of Warm Springs blocking all through traffic. Those who were in a hurry found it necessary to travel east or west via Simnasho.

The truck causing the rerouting of traffic was a tanker and trailer driven by 25 year-old Kenneth James Akerill of Vancouver, Washington for Asbury Transportation Company of Portland. The truck was heading east down the grade and around a curve when the trailer turned over then causing the truck to flip.

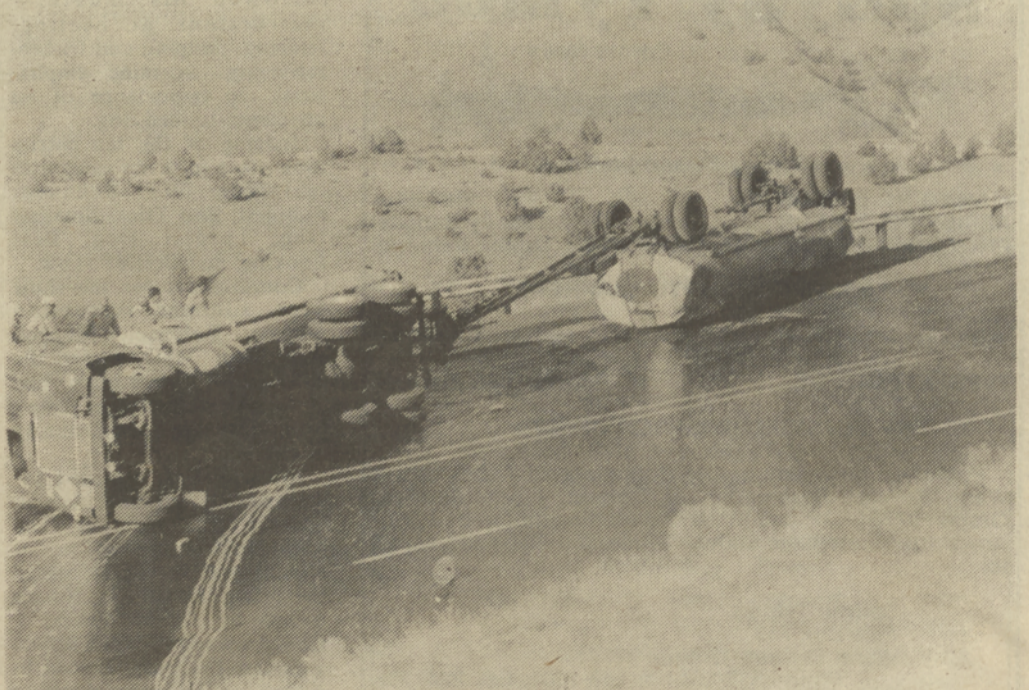
The call for assistance came at 7:20 a.m. and was answered by the Warm Springs Fire and Safety department and the Warm Springs Police department. They were assisted by the North Unit Fire Department from Madras.

According to firefighter Fred

Muniz the driver explained that he wasn't watching his rear view mirror. "He looked back and saw his trailer going off the road. He tried to correct it but it was already too late. The trailer hit the rail and just flipped him over."

Both the truck and trailer were filled with a liquid coolant for electrical transformers on its way to Redmond. Diesel fuel from both the truck and the trailer had leaked out and was flowing down the highway while the truck was on its side. And for a while there was concern that the stream of coolant would enter a nearby water supply system. However firefighters diverted the flow of coolant to the roadside, later covering it with straw and sand.

Traffic resumed its normal flow after the slippery coolant had been covered and the truck had been set back on its wheels. It'll probably be a while before Simnasho will once again see so many trucks and automobiles on its streets again in such a short period of time.



Coolant Spill—Coolant flows from a tanker and trailer after they overturned on the grade heading east on highway 26 five miles from Warm Springs. No one was injured.

Photo by Don Gold