

# Queahpama races like the wind

by Donna Behrend

Calvin Queahpama is a self-taught mechanic. And it is with that skill that he has built and rebuilt the engines he uses to race his stock cars.

Queahpama just recently set a National Hot Rod Association record in his '66 Chevy Chevelle with the top speed of 97.86 miles per hour. Throughout his 24-year drag racing career, Queahpama has set ten national records. And, as far as he knows, he's the only Indian to set a national record and win a national event.

"I enjoy the competition and the feel of going fast," said the 40-year-old tribal member. "It's something you can't describe. Win or lose, you still have fun doing it." Racers never seem to be quite satisfied with their speeds, said Queahpama. "You're always trying to go faster."

According to Queahpama, racers in the western division accumulate points in five of seven different races in a year's time. The five racers who have accumulated the most points are then qualified to race in the National Event in Pomona, California.

Queahpama races, almost exclusively, Chevrolets—in fact, he started racing in 1961 in a '61 Chevy. And to commemorate 25 years' of racing, he intends to race yet another '61 Chevy in Pomona. He's currently rebuilding a '61 Chevy for that purpose and for his son, Conrad.

When Queahpama wins a race or sets a record, it's not just for himself, but for his family as well. His wife Roberta, sons Conrad and Kyle all share the

honors. All are involved in some way in helping Queahpama race. Son Conrad is also racing the '66 Chevy, possibly following very closely in his father's race tracks.

Queahpama says in order to win, your reaction time has to be very quick. "Reaction time is very important." From the time the green light show, to the time the car is on the move, a mere two-one-hundredths of a second have passed. He also attributes winning to age and experience. "Good racers" are all about his age. "Younger ones are good, but they aren't consistent."

By the way, besides spending a fair amount of time racing, Queahpama works for PGE as an "outside electrician" or lineman. He has been a "working foreman" in that capacity for the past five years.

Queahpama comes to Warm Springs nearly every weekend and if he's racing, his family joins him on the road.

So, if you happen to see a blur pass quickly by, it may very well be Queahpama in his stock car.



Calvin Queahpama has raced stock cars for 24 years. He races almost exclusively Chevrolets. Calvin recently set a National Hot Rod Association record with the '66 Chevelle below.



# Blood pressure clinic set

High blood pressure adds to the workload of the heart and arteries. The heart, forced to work harder become enlarged. It may become so enlarged it has trouble keeping up with the demands placed upon it.

As people grow older their arteries and arterioles become hardened and less elastic. High blood pressure tends to spread up this hardening process.

Uncontrolled high blood pressure can cause a stroke, which is blood vessel damage in the brain, and can also affect heart, kidneys and nervous system.

These effects can be prevented or reduced if high blood pressure is treated early and the only way to find out if blood pressure is high is to have it checked.

In the examination the systolic and diastolic pressures are measured. Systolic is the higher pressure produced when the heart contracts. It measures how hard your heart works to pump blood.

Diastolic is the pressure of the blood on the arteries when the heart is at rest between

beats.

The primary cause of high blood pressure has not yet become known. However, experts agree that heredity is an important factor along with emotional situations, which should be avoided.

Certain steps can be taken for control of high blood pressure. Diet is important. It's helpful to cut down on foods high in cholesterol such as fatty meats, butter and whole dairy products. It's best to stick with fish and poultry cooked in polyunsaturated vegetable oils and margarines and to use skim milk products. Avoiding salty foods is also recommended.

A regular exercise program is valuable along with eliminating tobacco and reduction of alcohol consumption.

A blood pressure clinic is set for June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the lobby of the Administration Building. The free pressure check is offered through the Wellness Office by the Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department. Stop by to have your blood pressure checked.

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ly oppose any change at all, expressing concern that already-built foundations would be torn down. Olney Patt, Sr. stated, "We don't need anything like this." Jacob Frank felt, however, "If we can correct something without putting ourselves in a bad situation," it should be done.

Clements admitted he had no answer to the apportionment question. "I don't have an answer to make it correct but I am willing to work to find the answer to help us all." No one has, as yet, an answer, but workshops

and public meetings regarding apportionment will be held in the future.

Another point of concern brought up at the Simnasho District meeting indicated the need to train and educate children and even adults in government. Many of the reservation youth are unaware of important federal acts that affect them and some have never read the tribal constitution. Some tribal members do not know how tribal representatives are selected.

## (Continued from page 1) Copter crashes on Webster Flat

Mt. Hood to Webster Flat. It was estimated the craft could reach the scene within 45-50 minutes.

The Life Flight crew experienced bad weather over Mt. Hood and had to take an alternate route down the Columbia River. Due to the change in flight plans the estimated time of arrival for the flight was delayed.

Through the efforts of the Warm Springs police and Fire

and Safety and emergency landing area was selected. Car lights were used as reference points for the craft. Floyd was picked up and transported to Emmanuel Hospital at 12:30 a.m.

At Emmanuel doctors diagnosed that Floyd sustained, three fractures to the lower back. At this time, he is at Portland Adventist Hospital and his condition is fair and stable, according to Huff.

# "Our Sacred Way" preserved

by Lenora Starr

Prompted by a survey in 1981 in which the Indian students of the 509-J district stated that they would like to learn more of their Indian culture, various tribal members and school administrators began to organize what is now known as the Nami Tamanwit Culture Camp.

The Nami Tamanwit Culture Camp is organized to help maintain the cultural richness of the Native American Heritage by teaching the children some of the arts and crafts and preparation of the various traditional foods. The very words "Nami Tamanwit," carries a special meaning—"Our Sacred Way."

According to director Geneva Charley, one of the goals of conducting such a camp is to "help the Indian students gain some self-esteem and pride in their heritage and knowing who they are." Charley also stated that there is evidence that in areas where the people speak their native tongue and where programs such as the culture camp is conducted, there is a

greater promotion in preserving the traditional customs of the Indian heritage.

The staff this year consists of eight women and three men along with several summer workers. They'll be offering lessons in beadwork, drum and shawl making, basket weaving and possibly traditional food preparation of "Koonch" and deermeat. If supplies are available a class will be taught on how to make corn husk bags.

In the past there has been a slight drop in attendance, possibly due to the fact that some of those students who have been regularly attending the camp have already learned the basics. However, this year advanced stages in some of the workshops will be offered in hopes that it will keep the students interested.

Children ages 7 to 13 can begin registering for the Nami Tamanwit Culture Camp to be held adjacent to the Community Center. The registration forms can be obtained at the Cultural and Heritage department located in the Community Center. The

camp is not restricted to just those age groups, essentially anyone who is interested could attend, but the primary target is geared toward those students in the first through eighth grades.

The first session will begin June 24, ending July 12 while the second session will start

July 15 and run through August 2. Both sessions will be conducted in the afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information contact Geneva Charley or Nina Rowe in the Cultural and Heritage Department.

# Boys discover injured bald eagle

by Donna Behrend

It was a warm summer day, a perfect day for two young boys to go swimming.

Keith Charley, Jr. and Johnathan Smith probably never expected to find an injured bald eagle while trying to cool summer's heat last Thursday afternoon.

But find a bald eagle they did. While swimming in Shitike Creek the two boys saw an eagle trying to fly and fall into the water or possibly diving after a fish. Apparently unable to fly, the bird swam to shore. Upon investigation, the boys found the eagle with a stick or limb in the patagium band in its right wing.

The boys reported their find to the Warm Springs Police Department and tribal investigator Chuck McKay and Oliver Kirk went to the rescue. Kirk stated they found the bird in the brush about two miles upstream from Thompson Bridge on Shitike Creek.

"We draped a towel over its head, tied its wings and feet together and wrapped it in a shi..." said Kirk. When they arrived at the police station they unwrapped the bird and called the Oregon State Police who in turn called the Sunriver Nature Center. The Sunriver facility was unable to pick up the bird immediately, so Kirk called the Madras Veterinarian Clinic where Dr. Heidi Smith agreed to attend the bird.

Dispatcher Brenda Yordy volunteered to take the bird to Smith's office. Smith put the bird under anesthetic to determine the exact injuries and then administered

antibiotics. She removed the stick at the same time. She transported the eagle to the Sunriver Center, Saturday, where Jeff Cooney was put in charge of the bird.

Cooney said that the limb caught in the band on the bird's wing twisted and acted like a tourniquet, possibly cutting off circulation to the wing. "There is massive sluffing of skin on both sides of the wing. All that's showing is muscle." Treatment of the eagle is a bit touchy and due to the injury, there could be a "lot of complications," said Cooney. The injury is being treated like a burn and "packs have to be changed two times a day."

Even though two veterinarians have looked at the bird and he is receiving intensive care, Cooney said that the prognosis is "really poor. At best, full recovery could take several months." The bird was tube-fed Gatorade, chicken, yeast, warm water and vitamins, twice, said Cooney. He then force-fed the bird deer meat and now, said Cooney, "he's eating like a pig." Because his appetite has increased and he's eating on his own, the chances for survival have improved.

The patagium band number showed that Richard Frenzel of Oregon State University tagged the eagle in 1979 at Suttle Lake as a nestling. The bird was one of two eagles that were banded at that time. Oregon is one of seven states in which the bald eagle is a threatened species. It is endangered in the 43 remaining states.



Johnathan Smith, left, and Keith Charley, Jr. found an injured bald eagle near Shitike Creek and reported their find to the Warm Springs Police Department. The bird was taken to Madras Veterinary Clinic and later taken to Sunriver Nature Center.

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