

Warm Springs Hot Shot Crew....

**Fires, contracts keep members busy**



Hot Shot crew member Tony Thompson cleans up behind sawyers. Crew constructs a hand line to help keep controlled burns contained in reservation forest.

The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew was home briefly before they were called to help fight another fire. This time it was in the Wenatchee National Forest in Washington.

"They've been every place but here," says acting fire management officer Mike Cunningham. For three days in May they were fighting a fire in the Deschutes National Forest. From June 22 to July 6

they were working in Ontario, Canada. In July and August it was Galena, South Dakota, Mark's Creek, Wyoming and Warm Springs Creek, Montana.

While on location crews are generally sent into the fire at critical areas where the "most training and most experience" is necessary, says Cunningham.

When they're home the crew isn't idle. Contracts with Warm Springs Forest Products Industries and Fire Management keep the crew working nine months out of the year. They build hand lines on clear cut units to prepare the area for controlled burns. They also plant trees, work on the Bureau of Indian Affairs superior seed program, do field inventories to determine fire hazards, work on prescribed burns and help maintain reservation trails.

The crew, members must take 80 hours of fire training in basic fire behavior, chainsaws, and firing methods and devices. They must also meet a physical fitness requirement. Training is sponsored by the Warm Springs Fire Management office over a two-week period each year.

The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew is not solely a local firefighting crew but through selection it has become a national resource for fighting fires. The Boise, Idaho Interagency Fire Center directs movement of the crew. The Warm Springs Hot Shot crew consists of superintendent Mike Gomez, squad leaders Luther Clements, George Williams and Jim Surface, crew members Emerson Culpus, John Culpus, Mina Estimo, Jolene Johnson, Morris Johnson, Sam Kentura, David Lucei, Larry Scott, Nadine Scott, Glenn Smith, Ryan Smith, Lincoln Suppah, Jim Surface, Tony Thompson, Vernon Tias, William Wilson and Omar Winishut, Jr.



Vernon Tias cleans and repairs saws for both contract work and on fires.

**Alder agreement being finalized**

Work on an agreement has entered its final stages regarding the acquisition of alder for use by tribal members. Alder is in demand for use in smoke houses.

The tree is scarce on the reservation. It grows along streambanks and is necessary in riparian areas to provide shade, prevent erosion and maintain the ecological commun-

ity. It is illegal to remove an alder tree from riparian areas on the reservation.

Working together, the Warm Springs Natural Resources Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Department have located a source of alder near Zig Zag, Oregon.

"The Forest Service wants us to

buy 100 cords" of the wood, says assistant forest manager Bill Donaghu. Unfortunately the BIA cannot allocate money for that purpose. A tribal department, however, would be able to purchase the wood.

Once the purchase is made, tribal members will be able to purchase a permit locally and then cut alder for their own use. When a solution to the purchase problem is reached tribal members will be notified regarding purchase of a permit.

**Additional sewing class set**

If you missed the first class of Power Machine Sewing offered through Central Oregon Community College, you're in luck! A second session will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 at the Warm Springs Apparel building in the Industrial Park. Instructor Dorothy Pedersen will teach you

the fine art of lockstitching, over-stitching and other power machine techniques. Cost for the class is \$15. Community education director Geoff Bury suggests early registration for this popular class. Contact Bury at the Community Education office in the Old Boys Dorm. Or call him at 553-1428.

**Forum to discuss dependencies**

To register or arrange two graduate or undergraduate college credits (HEP 410G), contact Jan Hildreth or Vivian Simon Brown at 385-5503 or 1-800-422-3041, ext. 503 at Central Oregon Community College. If you need further information, contact Eva McFarland in

Bend at 389-7045, Lois Peters, Education Manager at St. Charles, 382-4321, ext. 7026, Sam Graves (SL) or Mike Goldrick (SHARP). This forum is a series of free public programs co-sponsored by St. Charles Medical Center, Central Oregon Community College, Sacred

Heart Adolescent Recovery Program (SHARP) and Serenity Lane, Inc. (SL). The forum meets in the Bend High School, room C-8. Pre-registration is encouraged. Drop-ins for individual sessions will be accommodated as space allows.

- September 26** — The Psychology of Addiction: "Merry-Go-Round Called Denial" Randy Bryson, National President of NCCDN, Nurse Manager—SHARP
- October 3** — Early Signs of Addiction: "Can We Detect if it is Addiction?" Jim Creasey, Assessment Director—SHARP
- October 10** — The Dynamics of Families: "What Happens to a Family Caught in the Addiction Trap" Mike Goldrick, Program Director—SHARP
- October 17** — Treatment for Families: "From Co-dependence to Healthy Dependence" Joann Breeden, CAC, Director of Alumni Education—SL
- October 24** — Eating Disorders: "The Food Addict" Judith Clements, PhD—Private practice in Bend Pam DiDente, R.N., M.N. Nancy Gertler, R.C.S.W.
- October 31** — Intervention: "Learning to Break the Addictive Cycle" Mike Goldrick, SHARP and Eve McFarland, MSW, RCSW, private practice, Bend
- November 7** — Treatment of Addiction: "What's It All About" Joe Steiner, Sr., M.S., CADC, Director of Treatment Programs SL Karen Likens, M.S., Case Manager, SHARP
- November 14** — Adult Children of Alcoholics: "Healing the Wounded Child" Jo Hodgson, Director of Family Program SL

**CAT test levels lower district-wide**

New California Achievement Tests administered last May to District students resulted in lower overall scores. Warm Springs students scored within the 20th-30th percentile.

The test which challenges students with higher level questions than previous CAT tests proved to be more difficult for students. "We expected the kids to do better than that," says Warm Springs Elementary principal Jane Westergaard-Nimocks. "We were disappointed." The new test may have caused some difficulty the principal explains, but regardless, "We're taking a different approach" this school year. The CAT tests will be

analyzed to determine particular problem areas. Emphasis, though, will be on developing thinking skills. "We need to boost overall exposure." Thinking skills will be taught at all levels in all areas.

The Warm Springs Elementary teaching staff has "always been the most positive group of people to be around," says Westergaard-Nimocks. Although they express disappointment at the test results, "They know the ability is there." The kids "are wonderful" in the classroom, Westergaard-Nimocks adds. "They do better in the classroom than in group testing."

Parents can help. "Westergaard-Nimocks says, "We're going to be asking for more help." Parents

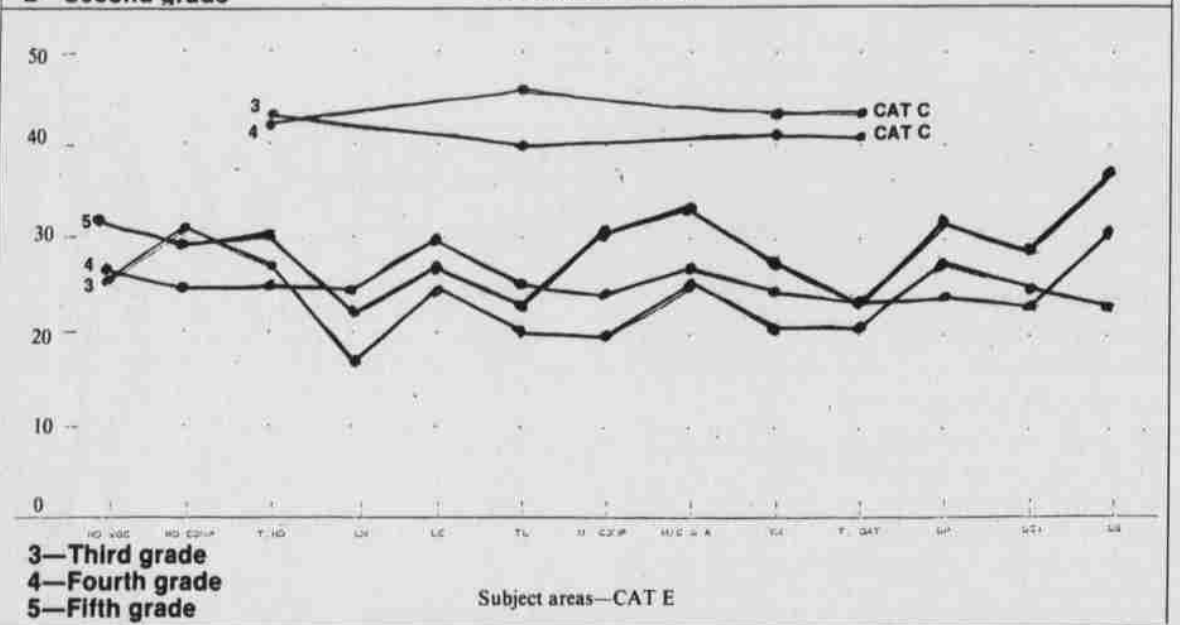
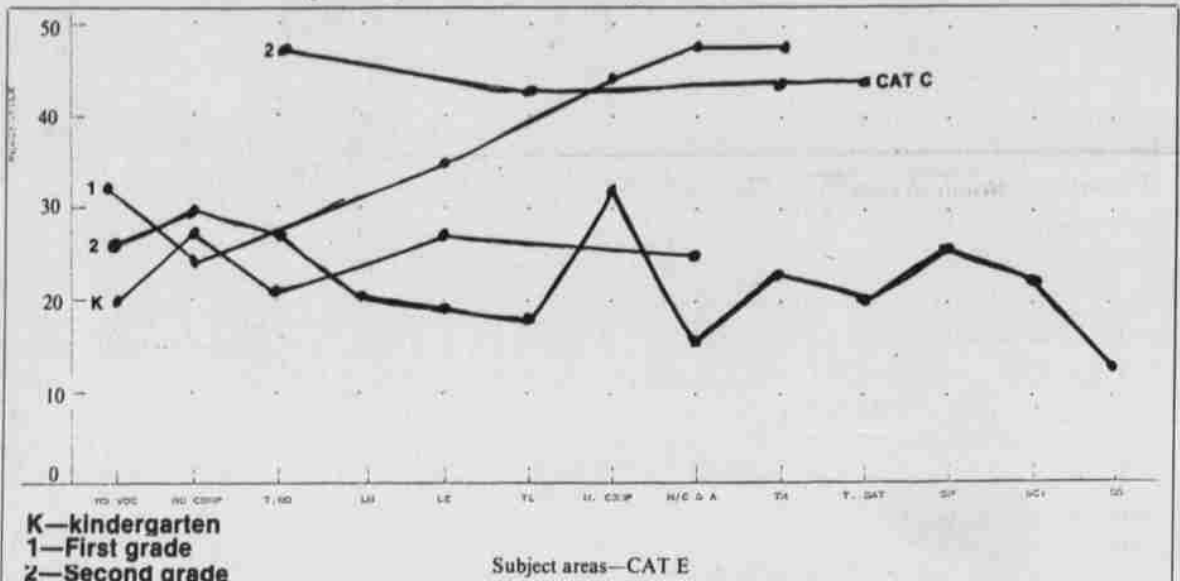
must expect more from students. Students should be getting "B" grades, she emphasizes.

Parents also must get more involved with the students. Including students in discussions, working with them on school work, insisting they work after school with teachers on subjects in which they are experiencing difficulty is important.

"It's not too late," says the principal. Parents must "be right there" for their students. They must expect the students to do well and expect them to work hard.

Working together, parents, students and the Warm Springs Elementary staff can improve the performance of students.

**Warm Springs Elementary CAT test results**



**Tapedo gains full-time employment after training**

What would you do if you lost your job after seven years? Well, for Yvonne Tapedo, being a single

mother with two dependent children and losing a job was indeed an obstacle. But, Yvonne just got herself together and started looking

for work. She had worked for seven years in the Assembly Plant before it was closed. It was a job she enjoyed. She entered the Womens' Program through the Tribal Employment Office with hopes of being retrained for a new job.

Yvonne was raised in Warm Springs. She said when she was young and still in school she had not worried about having a career. She soon learned after she got out of school that perhaps it was something she should have given some serious thought. Yvonne got a job at the Assembly Plant putting together components for Textronics. She was paid for the amount of work she turned out and it was a job she liked. The plant employed many women who were untrained for secretarial work or other kinds of jobs. The pay at the plant was not the greatest but Yvonne managed to live on her wages.

She gives a lot of credit to her two daughters, Jolene, 14, and Joy, 13. Both girls were aware of how much she made and they pitched in and started their own projects to help with income. Both girls baby sat to earn money.

Yvonne was placed at the Tribal Information and Gift Shop by the

program. Her supervisor, Faye Waheneka, said it is hard to find good dependable help who are willing to work with the public often times answering questions that are repetitious. Yvonne found she enjoyed the new job of being a clerk. Faye said Yvonne is a "real gem" because she is so industrious. She looks for things that need to be taken care of and she does them. She also enjoys meeting new people and answering questions about the reservation, culture, people and the artwork of the local people.

She was hired as a full-time employee the day after Labor Day this year. She said the benefits she receives are great—insurance, sick leave, annual leave and, of course, a wage higher than entry level of \$3.35 an hour.

Her daughter, Jolene is on contract to bead caps for the Gift Shop and last spring one of her caps was selected to be given to Jessie Jackson during his campaign visit to Central Oregon.

Yvonne said that she is really stressing to her girls to get the benefit of an education so after they are out of school they will be able to work. "A person cannot tell when the skills will be of value."



Yvonne Tapedo, after completing several months of training, has become a full-time employee at the Information Center.

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