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Tavern Fire

Smoke was already pouring out of the Frontier Tavern at 6:26 p.m. last Wednesday night, April 21 (1976) when the Warm Springs Fire Department received a call for assistance. One truck and four men were assembled and sent to the scene. Meanwhile North Unit Fire Department in Madras was rallying men and equipment and help from Kah-Nec-Ta was on its way.

Despite the efforts of many, the fire burned through the night and destroyed all but some important records and ammunition.

Don McInturff, the nephew of the owner Bob McInturff, had noticed smoke originating from the garbage area behind the tavern while he was working at the store. In the tense moments that followed, McInturff and a friend, Bruce Husted, grabbed fire extinguishers and a hose and rushed to the roof in an attempt to halt the already spreading fire. Realizing this was futile, Husted notified the fire departments and Portland General Electric, and McInturff began to carry out the cash register, credits and four years worth of records. Fifteen thousand rounds of ammunition were rescued from approaching flames just in time. The Frontier's credits and records were also saved, although their cash register was consumed.

By the time the Warm Springs Fire Department arrived, the smoke had spread throughout the several roof layers which were the result of years of remodeling, according to Dave Williams of the Warm Springs team. Williams disconnected two of the four electrical circuits and a second truck with additional lengths of hose was sent for. The North Unit department arrived as the ceiling of the Rainbow Market was collapsing and the fire was moving into the Frontier.

Because of the advanced state of the fire, the goal of the fire departments was to contain the fire, letting it burn while protecting the service station and Roxanne's Clothing Store. Roxanne's came away with some smoke damage and disorganized but intact records.

Traffic was tied up in both directions for about three hours as the building blazed. Firefighters worked until 4 a.m. when it was felt that supervision was no longer necessary. However, North Unit was called back to the scene at 8:40 a.m. the same morning because the fire had reignited.

The Oregon State Police arson squad began wading and sifting through garbage and rubble later in the day, looking for evidence of arson. The results of their investigation have not yet been publicized. It is generally believed however, that the fire started in the trash behind the tavern and spread to the power source, igniting a second fire in the market. The Rainbow was consumed first and the Frontier followed.

McInturff reported that there are already plans to rebuild within the next 60-90 days.

Smith Named

Early this year Ken Smith, Wasco Indian and General Manager of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, was named to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. Smith is the first American Indian ever named to a Federal Reserve Bank board. He is a director and the treasurer of the AITC. He is also a member of the American Policy Review Commission task force on reservation development.

It was another Indian, Senator Robert Owen of Oklahoma, a Cherokee, who sponsored in the U.S. Senate the law that set up the reserve system and its 12 member banks in 1913.

Fish Planted

The Natural Resources Department planted 1,000 cutthroat trout on April 20 (1976) at Happy Valley Reservoir in preparation for the opening day of this years fishing season. The fish, ranging around six inches in length, were transported by the Fish and Game Commission of Hagmen, Id.

The truck was being driven continually as drivers stationed at various points along the way relieved each other with the last change being made at Burns, according to Natural Resources Director Eugene Greene.

Mother's Day Revival set

Mother's Day Revival to be held at the Warm Springs Full Gospel church. Services will begin Friday May 11th, at 7 p.m. Saturday May 12th 2 p.m. & 7 p.m. and Sunday May 13th at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Full Gospel Church is located at 2315 Hollywood Blvd. For further information contact Pastor Ernest Hunt at (541) 553-6316 or Agnes Lampmouth (Onte) at (541) 553-2553 (evenings).

Everyone is welcome! John 14:1-Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God believe also in me.

Students' art work on display

Local students are displaying their artwork in one of the Oregon's most popular buildings.

Portland International Airport has created display areas for student art representing the regions of Oregon and 14 central Oregon students will have their artwork displayed there from April 16th through October 6th in concourses D and E. The students represent Jefferson, Crook, Deschutes and Harney counties.

Participating students from this area are third graders Teresa Fuentes and Cecil Yahtin from Warm Springs Elementary, 8th graders Marilou Pedraza and Shane Bowden from Jefferson County Middle School, 11th grader Juan Orozco from Madras High School, and 2nd grader Brandon O'Brian and kindergardener Dalton Rushing from Madras Elementary.

The work is quite exceptional; something you should not miss if you are in the airport between now and October," comments Barbara Williams who has organized the central Oregon art for this exhibit.



Members of the Warm Springs Tribal Council met with the Ute Tribal Council last month to discuss communications and learn more about one-another. The visit included a gift exchange between the chairmen of the councils and a group session



Native art fair at museum

The Museum At Warm Springs will host the 2001 Native American Art Fair on May 19-20, an event which promises to be bigger and better than ever.

This year the fair competition was opened to national and international tribal artists, according to art fair coordinator Rosalind Sampson. "It's been going on for several years now, but in the past it was limited to local artists," said Sampson. "This year our invitation went out to artists in New Mexico, Arizona, Alaska and even Canada."

The fair's purpose is to provide tribal artists with better exposure to tribal markets, the public and to each other. This year's fair will include exhibition powwow dances, stick games, native foods, Indian fry bread and tacos, and presentation of the new documentary film "Hand Game: The Native American Game of Power and Chance."

Awards will be presented for various show categories, but everyone will walk away a winner because the fair will offer a wide range of beautiful objects and delicious foods.

For more information contact Sampson at 553-3331.

Roadside Timber Sale drafted

The Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team has released a draft project assessment covering the Roadside Timber Sale for public review. The document was prepared by the Project Interdisciplinary Team (PIDT) to provide options for timber harvest in Beaver Creek and Coyote Creek watersheds.

Three alternatives were formulated and numerous logging methods were considered for this project, taking into account present resource

conditions, forest health and public input. The Roadside Timber Sale is expected to yield approximately 4 million board feet of timber.

The document is divided into sections explaining the purpose and need for action, resource-based indicators used to help the technical staff analyze and mitigate environmental impacts, and details of the three alternatives. There are maps showing the harvest blocks, quick reference tables to compare the al-

ternatives, a list of measures needed to mitigate environmental consequences, and the PIDT's recommended alternative.

The alternatives would have varying impacts on water, fish, wildlife, cultural, timber, range, soil and economic resources. For more information or copies of the documents contact Rich Lohman in the Forestry Branch, or call 553-2416. Tribal members have 30 days to comment on the proposed sales.

Phone discounts are available

The Tribal Lifeline Program provides reduced monthly charges to qualifying telephone customers. Most qualifying customers can obtain service for as low as \$1 per month.

The Tribal Link Up Program of-

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