

Hard work turns to smooth sailing

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A lot of hard work, a rough beginning, busy schedule, and the joy of fly-fishing brought Al Bagley into the spotlight at the recent Minorities in Business Awards luncheon. Bagley owns the River Bend Guide Service in Warm Springs. He was presented as the Service Business of the Year, and was awarded the 2002 Minority Enterprise Development Award.

River Bend Guide Service is a 13-mile boat trip along the Deschutes River for fly-fishing. These waters are a prime location for fly-fishing, for both Bagley and his clientele. The fishermen launch at the old homestead and fly fish along the Deschutes until they reach Whiskey Dicks.

After 30 years of fly-fishing for enjoyment Bagley challenged himself to go farther and start a business. His success supports his passion for angling and sharing a special rapport with his clients for the past five years.

Upon completion of the Starting Your Own Business classes, through ONABEN, he developed a business plan, and armed with that he acquired a loan from Credit and a matching grant from Business and Economic Development to start his home-based business. "I presented my plan with a five-year projection," said Bagley.

He purchased two boats, rods and reels, and flies. He continues to purchase flies from five different companies in the

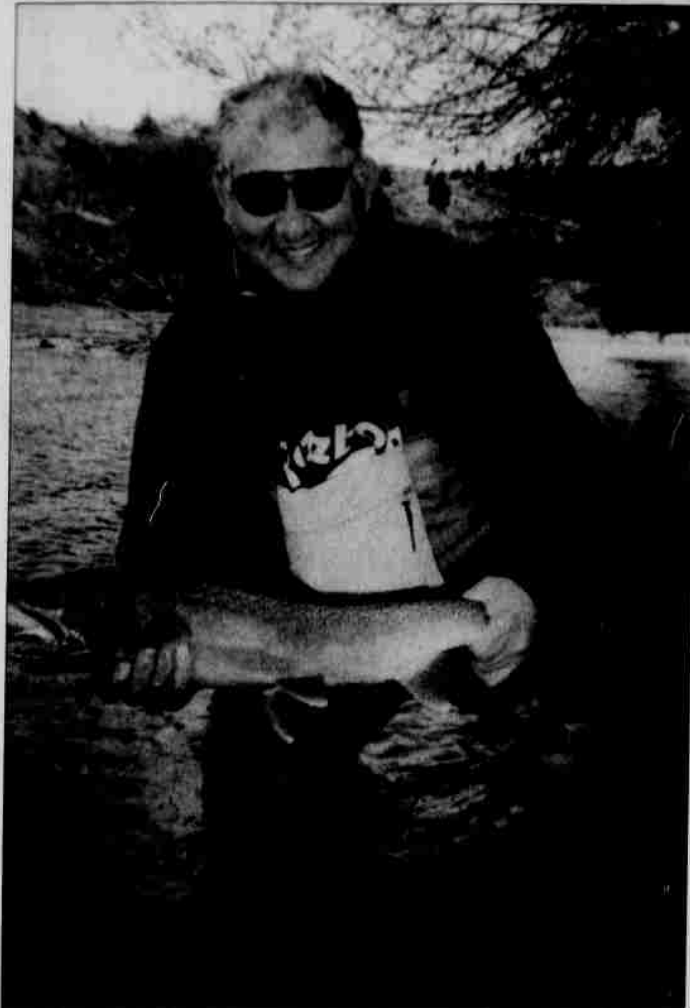
Northwest. His home is his office and he operates through the use of telephone and computer.

The beginning was the biggest challenge for Bagley, as he needed the approval of Tribal Council and the Fish and Wildlife Department to allow his clients to fish on the reservation side of the Deschutes River. Many tribal members were against this but Bagley continued forward because he saw tourism as the key to businesses of this area. Today River Bend Guide Service is the only service authorized by Tribal Council to fish on the tribal side.

At the start of his business he was featured in The Oregonian and from that point his business has taken off and become a popular day trip for fly-fishing enjoyment. He has also appeared on news station Channel 8, an outdoor show called Backroads, and another station out of Seattle.

Fly fishermen come to Central Oregon for two to three days at a time. Many are returning clients to River Bend Guide Service and stay overnight at Kah-Nee-Ta. There are about 300 clients from 13 states, with the farthest distance being from Scotland. These clients return yearly and stay at Kah-Nee-Ta at a special rate for fisherman to River Bend Guide Service. It is at Kah-Nee-Ta where fishermen learn of River Bend Guide Service by word of mouth.

Many return clients take interest in the reservation and ask questions about Kah-Nee-Ta



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Bagley on one of his many trips along the Deschutes, with one of many catches.

and the surrounding area. It has been a learning experience for Bagley as he has become informed of these areas to provide accurate answers.

Bagley was raised at Sweet Home, where his father was employed, and came to the reservation 30 years ago. It was at that time he started fly-fishing. He usually releases what is caught, but at times takes fish to elders.

Bagley has seven guides un-

der his employment. They are not tribal members, but he hopes that will change soon. He hopes to receive funding for training on the aspects of tying flies, hitching a boat, and casting a fly.

Bagley himself learned on the river by fly-fishing daily. He would hit trees and didn't know how to row, but now he looks back at the rough beginning and is confident that his business will continue successfully.

Calendar

Flu shots available 2-4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, at WSFPI. And 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The Title VII Parent Advisory Committee will meet at the Warm Springs Elementary Library at 7 p.m., Tuesday Nov. 12. Title VII meetings are open to all members of the public. The Committee meets at 7 p.m. at the Warm Springs Elementary Library on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have a disability, please advise the District 509-J Support Services office about special arrangements that may allow you to fully participate in the meeting. Please call Georgia Sosa at 475-6192.

Red Ribbon Week is this week, through Friday, November 1. Locally, the activities for the rest of the week are as follows: Friday, Nov. 1, Appreciation Day. Hot dog roast at the Community Wellness Center starting at 4 p.m., lasting till 5 p.m.

Principle centered parenting class. Topic: Helping kids help themselves. At the Family Resource Center, Wednesday evenings 6-8 p.m., through Nov. 6.

Are you seeking that special collector's item, gift or tasteful food? Come to The Museum at Warm Springs' First Annual Holiday Bazaar. The museum's lobby, hallways and education room will be filled with the fanfare of holiday community and Native American arts and craft items, food and beverages. The event is set for November 30, from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. Warm Springs community members will have artistic handmade items on display.

The 27th Annual Warm Springs Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday, Dec. 14. The Recreation Department is now accepting vendor registration forms. Pre-registration deadline will be at 5 p.m. on Dec. 11. Contact person: Carol Allison, 553-3243/3244.

Community members are invited to the next Jefferson County Middle School Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meeting, to be held at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the middle school library.

Diabetes education classes are being offered at the Diabetes Breakfast gatherings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The Nov. 12 topic is "Stress and Coping and Living with DM." Following breakfast, there will be a flu shot clinic from 10 a.m. till noon.

Walk-in schedule noted

In order to provide the best possible care to all patients, the Warm Springs Dental Program would like to remind everyone that dental walk-in hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. These times are set aside to treat pa-

tients who have discomfort on a first come first serve basis.

Patients who do not have immediate needs can receive a dental appointment from the dental receptionist.

These appointments are scheduled for dates within six to eight weeks.

Dental study for infants approved by FDA

The Warm Springs Dental Program has been selected to participate in a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) study that has the potential to greatly decrease dental cavities in small children. As a part of this project, the Warm Springs Dental Program will be conducting dental exams and dental treatment on the mothers of newborns.

This is a part of the FDA Project grant, which is targeted at preventing tooth decay in small children. New information shows that most mothers pass cavity-causing germs to their infants.

Starting in February 2003, there will be an option for a special tooth varnish to be applied to the mother's teeth.

This varnish will help prevent cavity causing germs from passing from mothers to their infants.

All mothers who choose this varnish will have their dental work completed prior to having the varnish placed.

Lila Martinez, a lifelong resident of Warm Springs, was chosen to work with this new Program for expecting mothers. She has been an employee of the dental office since 1992.

She received her certification

as a dental assistant, and then spent the last four years as the receptionist for the dental clinic. She will be the liaison for this new project.

Martinez will be setting up appointments for pregnant women and new mothers. She also can arrange transportation for these patients to get to and from dental appointments. Furthermore, she will be available to do home dental visits for pregnant women and new mothers.

For more information regarding this FDA approved study, Dr. Mendoza can be contacted at 553-2462.



Lila Martinez will be working with expectant mothers dental care.

Cuevas plans include college and opening a business

High School senior Monica Cuevas of Warm Springs is on track for graduation in 2003. She is the daughter of Lillian Frank and Eduardo Cuevas.

Cuevas' grandparents are the late Delbert Frank, Sr. and Cecelia Frank, and Leonardo Cuevas and Socorro Cuevas of Mexico City, Mexico.

She comes from a large family, as she has six sisters Janie and Yolanda of Washington, Cecelia Collins, Marta Cuevas, Vanessa Cuevas, and Alma Cuevas, and four brothers Javier Gonzalez, Hector Gonzalez, Leonardo Cuevas and Michael Cuevas.

After school is out for the day she enjoys reading, drawing, hanging out with her family, and kicking back with her friends.

Her plans after high school include college, where she will study art, cosmetology and maybe business management, as she hopes to start her own business. She will miss her friends that she spent time with at high school.

Ten years from now Cuevas sees herself running her own business and living it up. She also leaves this advice for remaining underclassmen, "good luck."



Favorite teacher: Mr. George Talman, "He's a great, fun teacher, and also very fun to be around."
Favorite class: "I liked history and English, because I like reading."
Favorite actor: Vin Diesel, "fine!"
Favorite singer: 2-Pac, "no doubt"

Twenty-five years ago

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Greenville in transition

Change is only apparent to the passerby when he sees the red X's sprayed on the sides of houses and notices a few darkened, gaping windows. But those close to Greenville have seen and felt the subtle but profound changes—growing frustration with needed repairs, fewer children playing in the streets, lifelong neighbors packing their pickups and leaving.

Once teeming with life, the community is being enveloped in a sad, sometimes bitter stillness as people reluctantly gather up their belongings, or with folded arms and set jaws, playing the waiting game with authorities whose mission it is to clear Greenville.

Clearance of the World War II vintage neighborhood, named "Greenville" after one of its original inhabitants Si Green, has been part of the community blueprint for years. The area, which lies in the lush floodplain of Shitike Creek,

has been condemned essentially since the disastrous flood of 1964. The constant danger of flood waters poses a threat to lives and property and makes home insurance nearly impossible to obtain, according to Tribal planners.

Most of the homes in Greenville fail to meet state sanitation standards, which the Tribes use as their code. A high water table does not allow for the proper drainage of sewage and outdoor toilets do not meet zoning standards.

Fire safety standards are not met by most of the structures, a fact that was tragically dramatized by the fire deaths of two Greenville people in early 1976. The houses are "old and dry," said Uren Leonard of the Planning Department. They have also become overcrowded and cursed with faulty or worn electrical wiring.

For these reasons, residents of the aging neighborhood are being asked to vacate their homes. A series of emotional public meetings in 1976 forced homeowners and renters to face the reality of relocation, a specter, which had hung over the community since 1964.

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