

Truck rear-ends van, six people transported

One tribal member, Zelma Smith, and four other people suffered injuries in an accident that happened Thursday, March 25, on Highway 26.

The wreck occurred when a semi-truck rear-ended the mini van that Smith and her friends were riding in.

They were traveling northbound at the time. Their vehicle came to rest facing southbound on the other side of the road. The truck caused major damage to the rear of the van.

Four of the passengers in the van were transported by ambulance to the hospital. And one, who was pinned in the back seat, was transported by Air Life.

Warm Springs Fire and Safety responded to the wreck. At the time, one Fire and

Safety ambulance was responding to a report of an accident near the fish hatchery, while another of the department's ambulances was already en route to Redmond on an unrelated incident. Jefferson County Emergency Medical Services assisted with the transports.

Rescue workers at the scene had to use the Jaws of Life device to extract the passenger who was pinned in the left-side passenger seat.

The driver of the truck also had to be transported, said Dan Martinez, chief of Fire and Safety.

The highway was partially closed for about three hours during the response.

The truck was a tanker, but fortunately at the time the tanks were not filled with fuel.



Emergency rescue workers use the Jaws of Life to extract an injured passenger.

Powwow at Celilo

The Celilo Wyam Salmon Feast and Powwow is set for Friday through Sunday, April 9-11.

There will be contests, with specials to be announced, plus arts and crafts.

The powwow is seeking royalty candidates, senior and junior queen and lil' brave are welcome to apply. Contact (541) 296-8031.

Spring is clean-up time

April 2004 is community trash pick-up time. Together we can make a difference. Enter to win prizes at the Housing Department BBQ on April 30.

For more information call the Housing Department at 553-3250. Remember, April is spring clean-up and environmental month.

Twenty-five years ago this week

From the March 30, 1979 edition of the Spilyay.

Full-time fire department gets nod from Council

In response to community concern for improved fire protection on the reservation, the Tribal Council has given its okay to the concept of a full-time, paid fire department.

The Council has authorized the tribal grants office to go after CETA funds for the initial hiring and training of 12 full-time fire fighters. Up to this point, fire department personnel have worked on a volunteer basis.

Grants specialist Art Tassie said that \$85,719 in CETA funds would cover the first six months of the program, which would include basic training and turnout gear for the full-time firemen.

Long-awaited story reaches National Geographic pages

The few local subscribers to National Geographic already have well-worn copies of the April 1979 edition. It is in this issue that the Warm Springs Reservation is featured with 12 pages of photographs and narrative entitled, "Warm Springs Indians Carve Out a Future."

It has been a long wait since author-photographer David Boyer packed up his cameras in the fall of 1976 after several months of investigating every nook and cranny of the reservation. Nearly three years later, readers look up from the closing photos of Jimmy Macy and Ken Smith and comment with a touch of disappointment, "Is that all?"

That, in the view of general manager Ken Smith, is a lot. "Anytime we get a positive article in a national magazine, that's good public relations for the tribes."

Strange sighting stir Sasquatch story

Skepticism and nervous chuckles greet most Big Foot or Sasquatch stories. But it was no laughing matter Saturday, March 17, when Russell Charley and his wife rushed to Kah-Nee-Ta Village to report that some kind of monster had thrown a 30-pound rock at their car.

"They were both very shaken up and scared," agreed Jim McDonald and Ted Nisley, who were on duty that night. The Charleys arrived at the Village at about 8:30 p.m., and reported their frightening encounter to Kah-Nee-Ta security guard Ed Fortson, who in turn notified the

Warm Springs police.

Referring to the thing as "a monster," Charley said that it had thrown a 30-pound rock, about one-foot in diameter, at his car as he was driving through Russell Charley Canyon to his home.

Charley explained that he has seen and heard the monster before. He described it as being very big and tall, and said when it got close enough he could detect a very bad odor.

Referendum likely on powerhouse

It appears likely that the Tribal Council will call for a referendum sometime in May to ask the people if they want to go ahead with the tribes' hydroelectric project at the Pelton Reregulating Dam.

Council will meet to set the referendum date and to schedule district meetings and a General Council.

"This is a sound project," said

Jerry Dibble, engineering consultant. "It puts to use a productive resource that will not harm the environment, and it will provide energy equivalent to 135,000 barrels of oil per year."

Support shown for rural fire protection

The first of two public hearings to discuss the location of a rural fire station was held March 20 at the Simnasho Longhouse. And not surprisingly, the Simnasho area was the favored site by those at the meeting.

The three proposed locations under consideration are West Island Road, the Simnasho-Highway 26 junction, and Simnasho. A need for fire protection at Kah-Nee-Ta has already been identified. Tribal planner Uren Leonard explained that, if approved by HUD, a maximum grant in the amount of \$250,000 would be allocated for the development of a rural fire station and alarm system.

Learn beading at the museum

The museum will be hosting a cultural enrichment class, beading patlapahs.

The classes are Mondays and Tuesdays, starting April 5 through April 27.

Call the museum, 553-3331, to reserve a space. Classes are from 5 to 8 p.m. Beading patlapahs will be taught by Gery Jim. Class fee is \$10 per individual.

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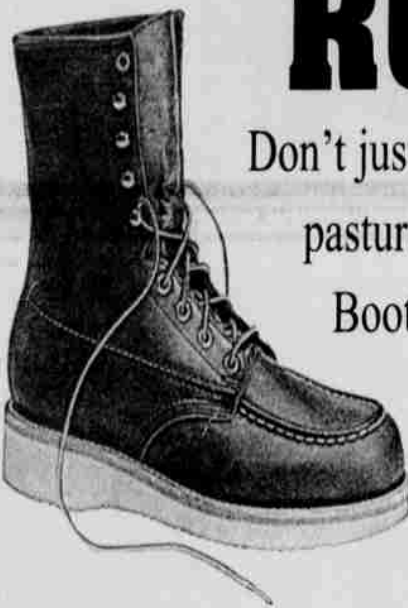
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