



The Warm Springs Emergency Medical Services crew and the helicopter crew meet at the landing field, the grassy lawn across from the courthouse. The chopper was in Warm Springs for about two hours last Tuesday.

Blackhawk helicopter visits for EMS Week

As part of Emergency Medical Services Week a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter, used at times in emergency situations, flew into Warm Springs. The helicopter crew landed the aircraft in the grassy field behind the Fire Department.

Other activities during the week were a Jaws of Life vehicle extraction demonstration by the Warm Springs EMS crew; and an open house at the fire hall. The EMS team also went around the community and provided blood pressure and sugar-level tests to people. And they asked for comments on how the fire and safety department might better serve the community.

The Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department employs 18 full-time and 14 part-time staff,

stationed at the Agency fire hall and Simnasho. The employees are trained in fire-fighting, emergency medical response, and search and rescue. During EMS week, the arrival of the helicopter was probably the event that drew the most interest. The helicopter is used during emergencies only when all other response resources in the region have been exhausted, or during a particularly difficult search and rescue, said Fire Chief Dan Martinez. The helicopter is stationed in Salem. It took the crew about an hour to fly to Warm Springs. The last time the helicopter was used during an actual medical emergency on the reservation was in 2001, when a plane went down in the Simnasho area.

Twenty-five years ago this week

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Voters okay Pelton project

Tribal members voted to approve the funding for construction of a powerhouse at the Pelton Reregulating Dam by a margin of 83 percent at the May 15 referendum. The vote during the exceptionally good turnout was 383 yes, to 73 no.

"This is an amazing testimony to the far-sightedness of the tribal members," said administrative branch manager Doug McClelland. Project engineer Jerry Dibble said, "This is a really good project. I think the tribal members will be pleased over the years."

Housing woes aired at General Council

City-type housing and rents came under fire at last night's General Council meeting, where a handful of people were gathered to discuss the upcoming June 5 referendum. Most favored the Deschutes Domestic Water project, and urged voters to get to the polls on June 5. But there were deep concerns about the direction of housing on the reservation.

People expressed a desire for rural housing, "not West Hills-type homes with nearby neighborhoods."

"We don't like to live like city people," Millie Colwash told the Tribal Council. Bernice Mitchell warned the group, "We've lost a lot of our culture by living on top of each other. Sometimes people are crawling the walls because we're so close to one another."

She feels it is better for families and children in rural areas, and that parents can keep better track of their kids in a rural environment.

Kitchen lured Calica from Simnasho farm

Joe Calica left the Philippines in 1927 to go to school in the states. "I never did go!" he chuckles. But he has accom-

plished a few other things in his 50 years away from home. Earning Kah-Nee-Ta's employee of the month award was just one of them. As a cook in the lodge's main kitchen, 72-year-old Calica employs a trade learned in Tacoma shortly after his arrival in the Northwest. Working his way up from a dishwasher, Calica discovered a skill he could take anywhere, and Kah-Nee-Ta is now benefiting from his talents. Supervisor Norman Yates commended Calica for his "outstanding ability in all phases of kitchen preparation" and his "willingness to take any task given to him and perform it without question."

His 100 percent attendance and "happy go lucky" attitude are also valued in the Juniper kitchen, said Yates.

After marrying tribal member Inez Sumpter in 1943 and finishing a stint in the Navy, Calica came to the Warm Springs Reservation and began farming, as his family had done in the Philippines.

Kah-Nee-Ta hosts Rose Festival Court

Kah-Nee-Ta "put on the dog," as the saying goes, for the 13 members of the Rose Festival Royal Court. The court made its annual press and out-of-town visitation, which included a visit to Bonneville Dam, Kah-Nee-Ta and Timberline Lodge.

Before arriving at Kah-Nee-Ta, the girls, along with chaper-

ones and an Oregon Journal photographer, visited Bonneville Dam and fish hatchery.

Oohs and ahhs could be heard as the princesses were taken on a tour of Kah-Nee-Ta and given a complete history of how Kah-Nee-Ta was named after the famous root digger.

Resort has new assistant manager

The bad news at Kah-Nee-Ta recently was the loss of the assistant manager - who was a tribal member. The good news is that Kah-Nee-Ta has a new assistant manager - who is also a tribal member.

Al Bagley, 35, was promoted from his position as night manager effective May 1, according to resort manager Bill Pauli. Bagley will oversee the operations of the front desk and the related areas of reservations and sales, as well as housekeeping and eventually grounds and maintenance. Two years in Kah-Nee-Ta's management training program have paid off in a big way for Bagley, who succeeds Garland Brunoe in the resort's second highest position.

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Earl to retire after 34 years with the BIA

After 34 years working for the BIA, Clayton Earl has decided that it's "long enough" and time to retire to a life of "who knows what." "It really seems like just the other day that I started work as a Day School Principal-Teacher at the Turtle Mountain Agency in North Dakota in 1945. He came to Warm Springs in 1963.

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