

Fire and Safety welcomes new hire

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The Warm Springs Fire and Safety department introduces new hire Alan Hume to their staff. He joins 20 full-time employees, two apprenticeship employees, and nine part-time employees, who are stationed in Simnasho, Seekseequa, and Agency offices, including administrative staff.

Following is the first of a series of introductions of the Fire and Safety employees you may have seen in Warm Springs.

In this edition of the Spilyay we meet Hume, who was born in Redmond and raised in his hometown of Madras. He returned home after his adventure around the U.S., traveling and being to 26 of the 50 states, and the neighboring country of Mexico.

After graduating from the home of the White Buffaloes, Madras High School in 1998, Hume started work at the Les Schwab Tire Center in Madras for his first four years out of high school.

Hume signed up as a volunteer firefighter at the Jefferson County Fire Department for six months, and applied for a position in the student program with the Jefferson County Fire department for two years. As a student with Jefferson County Fire, Hume also worked as a wildland firefighter with Forest Service in the Sister's - Deschutes National Forest. He enjoyed learning a different side to firefighting at the Cache Mountain Fire, Link Fire, and the B & B Complex in the last few years.

Hume has a taste for the para-military style jobs and believes his heart has led him to a career in the fire service. He



Alan Hume

continued to strive for advancement in the field of fire and in addition Emergency Medical Service.

He enrolled into Central Oregon Community College as a full-time student to obtain a two-year Structural Fire Science Degree and an EMT Basic Certification. Like a dream come true, he is now employed as full-time Firefighter/EMT (Fire/Medic) with Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

This being his first job out of school, he is honored to keep involved with community, and public relations. He takes great pride in protecting life and property, and therefore enjoys firefighting and EMS work.

He intends to learn more about the Warm Springs Reservation while working for the tribes and to hopefully have a foundation set in stone somewhere in Central Oregon. His family is and always will be supportive of his decisions.

Hume offers this advice to youth: "Individually you, your-

self hold the key to success and anything can be done with a little faith. There are no limits to what anybody can do, just do it! Go for it - no holds barred! Enit?"

He has other interests and they are: bass fishing, hiking, Nascar racing, volunteering fire and other services, traveling, the greatest game in the world and is his favorite Cribbage.

On the flipside, like all mankind, he likes movies, but says that the movie *Rescue Me* is like a comedy-drama and is hilarious. *Back Draft* is a cheesy Hollywood setup but is still okay, and the latest movie *Ladder 49* is the best and most realistic in the field of firefighting. He said not to tell anybody, but he had a lump in his throat, through the whole movie.

So, being a new face in the department of Warm Springs Fire and Safety and the community of Warm Springs, please give a warm welcome to Alan Hume, also known as "Big Al," "Corn-Stalk," "Windy Whistler" and many other nicknames.

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Teens attacking salmon caught on film

BURNABY, British Columbia (AP) - Salmon that finally returned to Stoney Creek after 50 years have come under attack by teenagers who have been videotaped in the act in this Vancouver suburb.

"I was so, so upset," said Vladimir Soukhatchev, a volunteer streamkeeper and fisheries biologist. "First of all, I started to cry, and then I started to record."

Soukhatchev recorded the kids throwing rocks at fish and spearing them, then took the clip to nearby Burnaby Mountain Secondary School where the principal identified the culprits.

Two are now doing voluntary community service and others are under investigation, fisheries officer Neil Jensen said.

Small explosives were thrown at the salmon, mostly chum and coho, and trees were hacked down to impede their path, Jensen said.

"Kids being kids, it's a fun thing to do," he said.

"Maybe it's not done out of maliciousness, either. A lot of times it's just something fun to

do," he said. "A lot of these kids, once you talk to them and explain that the fish are protected by the Fisheries Act, they feel pretty bad about it, so we're working on a lot of education."

Jensen said voluntary community service is at the low end of the punishment scale. Under the Fisheries Act, the maximum penalty is a \$100,000 (US\$84,500) fine and six months in jail.

Development and pollution over the last 50 years prevented spawning salmon from getting to the upper reaches of Stoney Creek, a tributary of the Brunette River.

For 10 years groups such as the Stoney Creek Environmental Committee and the municipal government have worked to revitalize the stream, which is protected by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The last hurdle was overcome in August when a baffle was installed in a highway culvert, allowing hundreds of chum and coho to splash their way upstream for the first time.

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