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Zig Zag accident kills one, injures two others

A two-car accident near Zig Zag claimed the life of a tribal member, injured one other tribal member and a man from Portland.

parking lot and was struck broadside by the Miller vehicle. No citations were issued and the accident is still under investigation.

Larry Miller, 27, of Warm Springs was dead on arrival at Gresham General Hospital following the early morning accident April 10. Isaac Mitchell, a passenger in Miller's 1980 Citation, suffered a broken neck and facial cuts. David Fisher, driver of the other vehicle, suffered a broken leg. Both were listed in stable condition.

Mitchell was hospitalized at Gresham General. According to his wife Julie, Mitchell's doctors said he was "born again," since people with similar injuries are usually paralyzed from the neck down. Mitchell is not paralyzed, but doctors are keeping a close eye on the one shattered vertebra and two broken vertebrae in his neck. If the vertebrae move, surgery will be necessary.

According to Oregon State Police reports, the accident occurred near the Barlow Trail Restaurant. Fisher apparently pulled out of the Barlow Trail

Mitchell was asleep at the time of the accident and did not know what happened or where the accident occurred, according to Mitchell's wife.



Root Feast preparations

Two killed as car plunges into lake

Kayak capsizes, floater lost

Warm Springs Police Department and Jefferson County police officers are presently conducting an air and ground search for a man missing on the Deschutes River.

A pickup, which had been parked at the Trout Creek campground for some time, was reported to Jefferson County police by the BLM. The pickup is registered to David Winniford of Parkdale, Oregon. Police contacted Winniford's family and were told he was not home, but floating the Deschutes. Winniford was last seen April 16 by campers at Trout Creek. Winniford put his kayak in at the bridge at Warm Springs on April 16.

A kayak, apparently belonging to Winniford, was spotted April 28 near Trout Creek. Acting Warm Springs Chief of Police Ray Calica said the canvas bottom of the kayak was ripped open "pretty good." Details of the accident are sketchy at this time and the search is continuing.

A single car accident claimed the lives of two Warm Springs residents April 25 at Lake Simtustus on the Pelton Dam Road. Dead are Waylon L. Suppah, age 2 and Christopher Matilton, age 31.

The car left the road and went down a 100 foot embankment and plunged into the lake. Matilton was apparently the driver of the car according to a Jefferson County Sheriff's department spokesman.

Matilton was thrown from the car. His body was recovered by Jefferson County Search and Rescue workers a short distance from the car. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Suppah body was recovered from the car by a North Unit Rural Fire Protection diver.

A third person, identified as Billy Ponder, escaped from the car after it entered the lake. He made his way to shore, climbed the embankment and walked

three miles to the Pelton Dam Store where he called the Jefferson County Sheriff's department of the accident at 11:30 p.m.

The accident is believed to have occurred between 9:30 and 10 p.m., according to a spokesperson for the Sheriff's department. The location of the accident was 13 miles northwest of Madras on the Pelton Dam road, just south of the Willow Creek bridge.

Three injured in single-car accident

Three people were transported to Mountain View Hospital with injuries following an auto accident April 21 at the intersection of highway 3 and E 141 access road, near the Harold Culpus residence, according to Warm Springs police department sergeant Rick Souers.

The accident occurred at 6:46 p.m. There were five occupants in the car at the time of the accident. Excessive speed

was listed as the primary cause of the accident. According to police, the car was traveling at a high rate of speed when it hit the shoulder, went back on the pavement, began swerving and then left the road. The car rolled 500 feet and landed on its top in the ditch where it came to rest. The five occupants were thrown out of the car, according to police. All escaped serious injury.

Identified as driver of the car was Ramona Knight. The occupants were Marisa Cooper, Kendall Arthur, Etta Goodenow and Debbie Brown, all of Warm Springs. Knight, Goodenow and Brown were transported to the hospital by the Warm Springs Fire and Safety Department.

The investigation was conducted by the Warm Springs Police Department.

Weather

April	HI	Low
16	60	22
17	55	31
18	50	25
20	55	25
21	63	24
22	74	25
23	81	30
24	76	39
25	66	40
26	67	49
27	73	39
28	66	47

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for last week's activities in
Spokane, Washington