

On patrol



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Community Policing Update:

Over the last two weeks, there have been a number of people contacted about their interest in starting Neighborhood Watch programs. Perhaps you have already been contacted but if you haven't and are interested, please contact Lt. Stoney Miller. Arrangements will be made to provide you with information on what is needed to get a Neighborhood Watch program started in your neighborhood.

There have been several meetings in different areas on community volunteer activities as well as Neighborhood Watch. Watch the bulletin board at the Post Office for scheduled meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of the area the meeting is being held in.

The areas that have had contacts done at this time include: Simnasho, parts of West Hills, the Tenino Apartments, the Senior Citizens, County / Miller Flats, the Trailer park, Greeley Heights, and the Sunnyside sub-division. Once the residents of an area have been contacted, then a date is set to hold a meeting for them. The Neighborhood Watch program is then explained, material is handed out, and then people decide who will do what. At this time, the folks in the County line / Miller flat area are doing quite well on their program.

Officer Charles Tailfeathers has been working with the folks in the Kalish street area of West Hills on a spring clean up drive. This has been spreading to include other parts of the agency area. The clean up will start with a meeting of volunteers where assignments will be given out and then the work begins. This is an ongoing project to spread out over the next two months. If anyone is interested, please contact the Warm Springs Police Department.

There have been a number of questions at the meetings we have had regarding the stray dogs, dog bites, and other dog related problems. This is an area that needs attention. We are currently looking and working at this.

This past Thursday, all the COPS staff attended a workshop in

Redmond on Gang Prevention. This was sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Central Oregon. It was a very informative program and was well attended by representatives from throughout Central Oregon. The Boys & Girls Club is probably the most active organization in the country for working with youth in today's society.

There have been a number of people who have participated in doing a survey during these meetings and at other locations. To those who have taken part in filling this survey out, Lt. Miller would like to thank you for your time and valuable input. The information gathered is being carefully reviewed and studied for resolving different issues and as a means to providing a better quality of service to our membership.

Crime Stoppers Hotline:
See a crime happen? Are you a witness? Do you know about a crime that people are bragging about? Do your part in putting a stop to the senseless acts those few are committing...Dial the Hotline TODAY at 553-2202.

Quality / Response assurance:
Another avenue for appropriate feedback and follow-up; the police department now sends out a letter and questionnaire following a complaint for breaking & entering, theft, malicious mischief, and motor vehicle thefts. Community members are then asked to rate the quality of service provided by staff. If no response follows within a ten day period, the Community Policing division will then make contact with the victim or complainant.

McGruff Speaks:
Please don't make yourself vulnerable to those who are committing senseless acts of vandalism, breaking & entering, and theft. Secure your valuables appropriately. Have a responsible person watching out for your property while you are away from your home. Perhaps it's a neighbor, a friend, or another family member that will help be your eyes while you are away.

Take a look at your property or valuables. Are they marked with proper identification that can be later identified by the police or pawn shop, etc.? In most cases where property is recovered, the police might not be able to identify the items as stolen if all we have is generic or a general identification. Take inventory of your items with the appropriate serial numbers, model numbers, etc.

With homes, examine your house from the outside. Think like the criminal. Can you get into your home with little effort. Consider putting dowels or wooden strips in the windows. Take a look at the lighting around the outside, is it adequate. Check your door locks or dead bolts and door frames. Are they adequate to withstand an intruder's attempt?

When it comes to personal safety, stay in pairs or with friends. For those subjected to Curfew, know these times and if the hour is late, get a ride from someone reliable who will take you home. Think smart when out and about during night time hours. If you can secure a ride with a friend, great. Better yet, get your parents to take you where you need to be.

Press Release

April 16, 1999
Federal Conviction
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The United States Attorney's Office recently furnished information concerning the felony conviction of Wallace LeClaire, of Warm Springs. LeClaire was charged with the July 1996 Arson of a residence in the West Hills housing area in Warm Springs. After an extensive investigation by the Warm Springs Police Department, the case was referred to the United States Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon, for prosecution. Mr. LeClaire was convicted of the Arson charge and sentenced to 55 months in a Federal Penitentiary in addition to pay \$59,820.00 restitution and will be placed on post prison supervision for a term of five years after completing his prison term.

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The United States Attorney's Office recently furnished information concerning the felony conviction of Juan Joaquin-Marcello aka Antonio Sanchez Lopez.

In June of 1994 Mr. Joaquin-Marcello was charged as the driver of a vehicle which struck a tractor trailer along Highway 26 on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. As a result of the accident Warm Springs Tribal Member Nellie McKinley lost her life.

Mr. Joaquin-Marcello was transported by Air Life of Oregon to St.

Charles Medical Center where he was treated and later released. After a lengthy investigation involving the Warm Springs Police Department, Oregon State Police, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the true identity of Joaquin-Marcello was determined and he was indicted by a federal Grand Jury for the crime of manslaughter.

Following a fugitive investigation which led to Mr. Joaquin-Marcello's arrest, he entered a plea of guilty in United States District Court, Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Joaquin-Marcello was sentenced to serve 364 days in federal prison.

Federal Conviction
The United States Attorney's Office recently furnished information concerning the conviction of Mildred Shielyn Adams, formerly of Warm Springs.

Ms. Adams was initially indicted on a felony assault charge after the 1996 beating of Tana Hamilton with a hammer and knife. In a plea agreement between the federal prosecutor and Ms. Adams attorney, she plead guilty to two counts of simple assault.

On February 4, 1999 United States District Judge Ancer Haggerty placed Adams on three years probation for each count, to run concurrent.

Federal Conviction
The United States Attorney's Office recently furnished information concerning the felony conviction of Amanda Renee Robinson of Warm Springs.

Following a joint investigation by the Warm Springs Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Ms. Robinson was indicted by the federal Grand Jury in Portland, Oregon on two counts of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Ms. Robinson was convicted for the April 1997, stabbing of her boyfriend, Regino Ascencio, also of Warm Springs. Mr. Ascencio was transported to St. Charles Medical Center where he was treated for a collapsed lung.

On March 29, 1999 United States District Court Judge Ancer Haggerty sentenced Ms. Robinson, who initially failed to appear for sentencing and was arrested on a federal warrant for failure to appear, to 31 months in federal prison. In addition Ms. Robinson was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$16,387.03, and upon her release from imprisonment shall be on supervised release for three years.

Spilyay I'nawa Mishk'aau— (Spilyay asks "What's Up?") What are your feelings regarding the speed limit raised to 75 MPH on Oregon Highways?



Joe Corolla, "I feel that they shouldn't raise the speed limit because of highway problems we face now. It's up to the people, if they choose to raise it or to keep it where it is now, it wouldn't bother me at all. As far as I'm concerned, they can just keep it as it is for the safety of communities and safety on the highway's."

Dena Thurby, "I feel that it's not a good thing for people to be traveling in that high rate of speed because it could cause too many accidents. It's also not a good idea for some teenagers to be able to go that fast. I think the speed limit should be kept the same as they are 55 MPH on the Highway's and 65 on the Freeway's. There are many families with children who live along Oregon Highway's that have to walk across them. A good example would be Highway 26 and Campus area where the speed limit is already designated but not always obeyed."



Gordon Cannon, "Well, it would make a lot of drivers on the freeway's more legal cause they're going 75 mph already anyway. I think the highway's will bare that traffic here in Oregon because our highway's seem to be kept in good conditions. I have no problem with it if they do decide to raise the speed limit. That just means everyone will get to their destination faster."



Terri Rodriguez, "I feel it is a bad idea to raise the speed limit up to 75 MPH. That speed limit is to fast for most people now-a-day's in my opinion. Maybe 65 mph on highway's and 75 mph on the freeway's would seem to be able to suit the need of most drivers on the roads. Any faster, I think would cause more reckless driving as well as more traffic accidents which could result in more deaths or injury. Another reason I'm against raising the speed limits higher is because drivers are getting cited into court for speeding already. Now they want to give driver's permission to break a law that is supposed to be enforced. I feel that will only encourage drivers to go even faster because no one likes to follow the rules that come with the privilege of driving."



Judy Fettig, "I would like to see it remain at 55 mph because there's generally a 5 mph lead way given anyway for drivers before they get stopped. This would only encourage drivers to speed up even more. I would hate to see cars traveling at 80 mph after the speed limit is raised, so I would just like the speed limit to stay as it is."



Kelly Langnese, "I'm glad about it because first of all there's too many people that don't even travel the 55 mph speed limit. Instead they travel under the speed limit so maybe this will help boost their speed limit back up to 55 mph when the rest of us are going 75 mph. Half the time when we're heading someplace, we end up being late because we get stuck behind someone who is in no hurry and traveling under the speed limit. I'm all for raising the speed limit to 75 mph on Oregon Highway's."



Maxine Switzer, "They might as well because people travel faster then that anyway. Although I feel it's a safety hazard to travel that fast on the highway, people don't seem to care enough to slow down. The speeding drivers know that no one will do anything about it especially here on reservation roads and on Highway 26. I feel that our police department here in Warm Springs should be patrolling the highway and checking these people out instead of staying in the Agency area harassing the local's."



Randy Boise, "I think raising the speed limit would be a bad idea. Many of today's drivers are at a younger age and don't understand insurance policies and things like that. By raising the speed limit, it seems as if we would be creating more problems on our highways instead of solving them. The speed limit could probably go up to 60 mph just to be reasonable, but with gas prices the way they are, the faster you go the more fuel your car uses. I think 75 mph is just a little too fast to be traveling, especially when there's livestock, and wildlife on many parts of Oregon Highway's."

Domestic violence, abuse comes in many forms



Domestic Violence

Last year in Oregon more than 1 out of every 8 women, that is 132,800 women, were victims of domestic violence. Every 12 seconds somewhere in the U.S. a woman is beaten.

Scary but true, Domestic violence is an epidemic in this country. Women of all ages, races and incomes are affected. Domestic violence occurs in both rural and urban setting, no race, or income group is untouched. In the U.S. a woman is more likely to be assaulted by her male partner than any other type of assailant. This accounts for more injuries requiring medical treatment than rape, auto accidents and muggings combined. The FBI reports that 30% of female homicides victims are killed by their husbands, or boy friends.

Though 95% of victims nationwide are women, men are at times victims of partner battering as well. Abuse also takes place in same sex relationships and it comes in many forms.

Abuse is any behavior that is designed to control and disempower

another human being through fear, humiliation, and verbal or physical assaults. Abuse comes in many forms.

Emotional abuse is often the hardest to identify. This may occur as ridicule of religion, beliefs, values heritage or race. There may be name calling, isolation from family and friends, degrading remarks ("You are so ugly nobody else would have you but me, your lucky to have me."), taking away money, children, pets or transportation.

Abuse may be sexual also. This may come as demeaning anti-woman jokes, treating the woman as a sex object, forced sex or watching of sexual acts or participate in sexual acts not by choice.

Physical abuse is the most difficult abuse for a woman to hide. Pushing shoving, hitting being restrained from leaving, choked punched, raped, subjected to dangerous situations, threatening with a weapon are among the more common methods of abuse that are used to demonstrate power over the victim.

Domestic violence is not a problem of having a "bad temper", or of being a lazy wife who "asks to be hit". These people do not hit because they are drunk or high. There is a definite cycle identified among men who are batterers. This cycle is used to obtain power and control over the woman.

Step one of the cycle is the "Set-up". Here the abuser creates a control situation in which the victim has no choice but to react in a way that will, in his mind, justify the abuse.

For example, if he tells himself that he hits his wife to teach her to keep the house clean then he will set up a day for her that is so busy she cannot get everything done. He may stop off for a few drinks at the bar if he uses alcohol as an excuse. When he comes home, intoxicated to a messy house his attack of abuse will display power over the victim.

The next step is guilt. This is not normal guilt, for feeling he hurt her, but fear of getting caught. He may apologize, bring flowers, and tell her no one will believe if she tells. He may make threats such as taking the kids away if she tries to tell or leave.

A period of rationalization follows where he makes excuse for his actions, "She knows I want to come home to a clean house, she was acting like she wanted it." The victim may even begin to believe this herself, that she deserved the beating because the house was a mess. When he rationalizes, he completely ignores any personal responsibility or accountability for his actions.

Normal behavior follows; where she holds onto hope of his promises that "it won't happen again, he says he's changed". But in time, he will start the Fantasy step where he will fantasize about past and future beatings. This and the anger, help him to move into the set-up stage of the cycle all over again.

There is no excuse for domestic violence. No racial, cultural or religious traditions make an abusive relationship OK. Beatings are not a just a part of marriage, they do not

come with the wedding ring and they are not a display of love.

Children are also hurt by abusive relationships between parents even if they don't visually witness the abuse; they likely know and are hurt or learn from it. They grow up thinking this is the way you treat a woman and become a batterer.

In order to stop this epidemic everyone must say no, it is not OK! No one deserves to be hit. Everyone deserves to feel safe in their own home.

If someone comes to you for support, listen to them, support them, tell them this is not OK, it happens to others but is not normal, that they are not crazy and they do not deserve to be treated this way. Help them come up with a safety plan. Let them stash a "getaway bag" at your house, give them a ride to a safe place.

If you see yourself in this article, if you are afraid in your own home, if you know someone who is in this situation, please ask for help. There are many resources available to help you regain control of your own life.

For Help Call:
Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center 553-2482, 553-1196; Warm Springs Victims Assistance 553-2293; Warm Springs Police Department 553-1171

Central Oregon Battery and Rape Alliance (COBRA) 1-800-356-2369

National Domestic Violence hotline 1-800-799-SAFE

It takes a whole community to stop domestic violence!

Annual Collage of Culture set for May 15

The 6th annual celebration, the Collage of Culture 99, is set for Saturday, May 15th, 1999, in Friendship Park, Madras, Oregon. This is a free admission day-long event for families to celebrate the richness and variety of the American culture.

On the Main Stage, Linda Hornbuckle's Soul/Jazz/Blues sound will give this year's Collage of Culture a taste of major Funk. Her vocal style has been described as smoky, soulful landscape. Oregon's own Blues Meister, Paul DeLay will perform some great Blues during Saturday's festivities. M-Pact, will add their popular Pop-Jazz vocal styles, and Comfy Chair, San Francisco Sultans of Swing, and returning upbeat Latino Grupo Antifaz, along with other great, culturally influenced entertainment will keep you dancing, singing and smiling all day long.

Local Rocksters, No Dice, will rock the early p.m., after a crowd warms up by the popular Country-Western/Rock local performers, Kick

Back.

On the Dance Stage, Folkloric Mexican dance will be under the direction of Martha Rios. Caroline Keizer's High Desert Dance Group will perform a variety of dances. The High Desert Celtic Society Country Dancers, accompanied by the group A Scottish Heart, will perform the country dances of Scotland. Hokulea will, again, perform dances from the Hawaiian and other islands. Gathering of Eagles, a unique combining of Native American Eagle Dancers, in full regalia, will be spectacular. Portland's Hot Shots, an energetic family-based tap group, will dazzle the eye and ear. And, speaking of ears, get ready for the Taiko Drummers, a Japanese drum group out of Seattle.

In the Arts Tent, Allen Byer, a Redmond singer-songwriter will play his contemporary Folk song trade.

In the Westside Elementary gym, various school instrumental and vocal groups will perform. In addition, the dance troupe Everybody Dance Now, will perform.

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