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## Recycling takes off on the rez

By Selena Boise  
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The Sanitation and Landfill department has undergone a lot of changes over the years. The department has made changes in order to implement the recycle program, and to increase recycling among residents of Warm Springs.

The recycling program has been moved from the garage behind the clubhouse on Wasco Street to their new building at the landfill, where they now have office space.

There are two recycle technicians using this space, Roger Stwyer and Phillip David. Three garbage truck drivers are also employed and assist with recycling, along with their other duties.

Nancy Collins, sanitarian, has been working with the technicians and truck drivers to increase recycling numbers in Warm Springs.

Last year the recycle programs collected 42.26 tons of paper (newspaper and office paper), 13.01 tons of cardboard, 21.36 tons of tires, one ton of batteries, and 147 tons of miscellaneous metals.

The percentage of recycling in Warm Springs is at about 5 percent, which is lower than the 15 percent that the program would like it to become. With the higher percentage the landfill can last longer than it is expected to last, which is 50 years.

The recycled materials are baled and transported to Clayton-Ward, which is a family owned recycling business in operation since 1969 located at Salem. Recyclables accepted include paper, cardboard, batteries for cars, used oil, newspapers, tires, and appliances.

All types of paper are accepted - copy paper, envelopes, post its, magazines, etc. - everything except waxed paper. Batteries and used oil can be picked up at your home when they are placed alongside your household garbage. It is important that these items are separated and not thrown in with garbage, because it could possibly contaminate the groundwater.

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## Suspects arrested in break-in

Three people, including two juveniles, were arrested in connection with the Nov. 8 break-in and burglary of the Warm Springs Market, Nov. 18 and 19, Warm Springs Police Chief Jim Soules said last Friday.

Logan Hammond, 19, of Warm Springs was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property, along with two juvenile males, ages 16 and 14.

Hammond was arrested Friday along with one of the juveniles, while the other juvenile was arrested the day prior.

"We have identified others whom we're in the process of seeking at this time," Soules said. "We have received a portion of the stolen property. There's still property out there, and we ask anyone in possession of the property to bring it to us."

About \$8,000 in product was taken from the market the morning of Nov. 8. Among the items missing were packs of name-brand cigarettes and chewing tobacco, BBs, and binoculars.

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## Community discusses problem of gangs

By Brian Mortensen  
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Gangs steal the lives of young people, and the Warm Springs Police Department will take unprecedented steps to stopping gang activity on the reservation, police chief Jim Soules said last week.

Soules was among the speakers at the Imperative Gang Intervention seminar at the Warm Springs Community Center Nov. 16-17.

Soules, who became police chief in July, said a four-officer task force of Warm Springs Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation officers is being formed to combat a group of "30 to 40 known gang

members" who may be part of one of at least five different gangs on the Warm Springs reservation.

Soules said the aggressive stance his department will take may be at issue with some residents of Warm Springs.

"As we become more aggressive, people will accuse us of harassment," he said. "I've told Tribal Council, 'You will be overwhelmed with complaints about us.'"

The gangs can recruit members as young as elementary-school age. The gangs are armed, and they are tied into the drug trade, particularly methamphetamine, along with alcohol and marijuana, he said.

"There is truly a connection between

the meth on the reservation and these gangs," he said Nov. 16 at the seminar.

"The kids are getting it from town (Madras). The highway goes through here, up to Yakima, all the way down through Klamath Falls to California, and drugs come through here in quantities," Carmen Smith, assistant chief of police, said. "When they come through here, they drop off the drugs to a certain person here or a dealer here. What they do here is cut and disperse it among the people who sell for them."

"It is very difficult for us to catch the same load that comes through because they come through at night, distribute it and leave, and in no more

than an hour, they're gone."

Local dealers sell the drug in quantities of an ounce to a quarter-ounce.

"We have four or five here who really deal, and they can make a total of \$5,000 to \$6,000 a week

Soules, in his Tuesday morning presentation, identified five gangs present on the reservation, the Native Mob, the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Gang, West Side, Native Gangster Tribe and the Cowboys. He said known members of the Native Mob and the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Gang have aligned to fight members of another gang. "We don't know if they've joined into one gang or if they're just cooperating (with one another)," he said.

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Leanna Blueback photo/courtesy of the Museum at Warm Springs

Warm Springs Color Guard at the dedication of the Korean War plaque.

## Honoring veterans of the Korean War

Veterans Day in Warm Springs saw the unveiling of a bronze plaque at the museum, honoring veterans of the Korean War. The plaque is located by a grove of Ponderosa pine trees that the Lions Club planted ten years ago, also honoring Korean War veterans. The Lions Club also donated the plaque.

Warm Springs Color Guard and other veterans were on hand for the dedication of the plaque. Washut Ceremony opened the occasion.

Before the dedication the plaque had been covered by a Pendleton blanket, which was later presented Chesley Yahtin Sr., a Korean War veteran.

The plaque is set in a cedar log, which

had been donated and prepared by Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

"The ceremony was beautiful and touching. It was a special occasion," said museum director Carol Leone. She said that appreciation also goes to the Warm Springs VFW and Auxiliary.

## Vietnam vet shares his experiences

By Brian Mortensen  
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Charlie Tailfeathers graduated from high school in 1967, and a year later, he was in Viet Nam. Though he's close to 60 years old now, he said that if he were young enough, he would go to Iraq, or Afghanistan, where five of his nephews are today.

Tailfeathers, of the Simnasho area, was one of three veterans who spoke in a Veteran's Day assembly at Jefferson County Middle School Nov. 11. Other speakers were Darryl Smith, the principal at Madras Elementary School, and Mike Gardner, an eighth grade teacher at Jefferson County.

Tailfeathers said he had been "taught to be a warrior since I was a little kid," growing up in Montana.

"Since we don't scalp or go on war-paths anymore, there was only one alternative," he said.

He joined the Navy just after he graduated from high school in 1967. He graduated from an American Native high school in Oklahoma, where 85 percent of his class of 78 students served in Viet Nam.

Tailfeathers said he was one of them. He went through eight weeks of training to be part of the underwater demolition team. By August of 1960, he was ready to go to Viet Nam, where he spent about a year, he said.

Tailfeathers said the Viet Nam conflict was similar to the current conflict in Iraq in that "we fought an enemy we cannot find."

He said he does not regret serving in Viet Nam, though, and expressed pride that four of his nephews are now either in Iraq or Afghanistan. One has recently returned to Iraq.

"I wish I was young enough, (because) I'd be in Iraq today," he said.

When he was in junior high school, about the same age as the students listening to him at the assembly, he said he remembered what President John F. Kennedy said.

"He said, 'Don't ask what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country,'" he said. "You must do something for your country, not for me, but for your children."

Of the people with whom he graduated from high school, 5 percent, he said, died in action.

"They died for what they believed in when they joined," he said.

He said the legacy of those he served with lives on, as their children are also serving.

Gardner graduated from Baker High School in 1964 and joined the Marine Corps. He went to Viet Nam in 1969 and "dropped bombs."

He said that, reflective of the attitudes during the Viet Nam era, "I

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waited two decades for someone to formally thank me (for serving)."

He praised the change in attitude in this country to one that has stood behind servicemen and -women in spite of the different feelings on American involvement in war itself.

"Lately, we have been able to separate the political from the service," he said.

Smith joined the U.S. Air Force in 1980 and later joined the Air National Guard. He was able to list a great litany of nations he visited during his service, including the Azores Islands, Portugal, Germany, Spain, England, Ireland, Cyprus, Egypt and Kuwait.

"In some places, it's against the law to have an X-box or Playstation," he said. "The only vehicles in Afghanistan are taxis. Students walked or rode a cart to go to school."

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## Wireless Internet available in 2005

By Brian Mortensen  
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Residents of many areas of the reservation can have wireless broadband Internet in early 2005 - but it won't be free.

Access will be available to residents and businesses that can see the radio tower on Eagle Butte soon after the start of the new year. If expected funding comes through, businesses and residents in the Dry Creek, Sunnyside, and Wolf Point areas, along with Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, will have access in the spring of 2005.

The Internet access has been made possible thanks to a \$695,832 grant the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant, part of a \$20 million Rural Utilities Service grant, of which \$8.2 million benefits 13 Native American and Native Alaskan communities, allows communities to install high-speed broadband Internet.

In addition to making broadband Internet available to homes and businesses in Warm Springs, the grant allows for the construction of a community telecommunications center, where local residents can check their email, perform research for homework projects on the Internet, or check on the latest news - for no charge.

Having broadband Internet access at home, though, is a different story. To access the service, an individual user will need to have an antenna installed outside that connects to a computer inside. The installation will cost around \$500, and with a monthly charge of \$29 and \$69, depending on the level of service each user desires.

"A lot of people have said, 'Great! We get free Internet,' but it's not free," said Lloyd Phillips, general manager of Eagle Tech Systems, who has overseen the creation of a network of fiber optics within the Warm Springs community and the installation of a microwave link from Madras - the infrastructure for the wireless access to Warm Springs.

"The infrastructure is paid for, but the bandwidth is not paid for. We have to buy that and we're going to pass that on to each subscriber," Phillips said.

The quoted monthly fee is an estimate, and Phillips said he hoped to have wireless access at a bargain rate of \$29 for minimum service to a stronger business-class service at \$69.

"In Redmond, I pay \$46 (per month), so (Internet access) is typically in the 40s. You can pay in the 30s in some places, some places 50s and 60s," Phillips said. "So it's comparably priced."

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