



Charles Tailfeathers addresses the middle school assembly.

Tailfeathers: parade honors veterans

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"I grew up to really appreciate what we have in the

United States."

He then led the middle school assemblage in a spirited chant of "U-S-A." Following the assembly, which included several

local veterans in attendance, the students and adult observers formed a parade around the school grounds to honor the veterans.

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Gangs: victims include the elderly

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"We do know of a major meth dealer who's the primary dealer for both of those gangs and members of both gangs are running drugs for him."

The gangs are armed, Soules said.

"As a gang member, if you carry a firearm, that gives you respect from the other gang members," he said. "And in gangs, respect is very important. They have kind of a warped sense of what respect is. It's their own code of respect, but 'respect' is everything.

"Are we seeing guns in the local community? Holy cow, yes. Just about every time we have an interaction with them, one of them has a gun."

He described a high-speed pursuit Warm Springs officers had with a known gang member.

"He fired a minimum of five shots out of a .380 caliber handgun at police officers during the chase," he said. "He was able to escape and run. We know who he was, and we're in the process of scientifically investigating, so we can charge him through DNA and other forensic evidence, to prove who he is and prosecute him through the federal system."

During the weekend of Nov. 13-14, police had impounded 10 vehicles from gang members who ran away. With those vacated cars come weapons.

The initiation to gang life starts early, Soules said, even with children as young as eight years old.

"Third-, fourth-, fifth-graders, they're vulnerable. You see everything on the movies in the last many, many years, glamorizing gangs, making gangs look cool," he said. "Kids see that and they're vulnerable and if the right people pay attention to them, these people can introduce

them to drugs or alcohol."

The most at-risk gang members, Smith said, are between 16 and 22 years old.

On the same note, Soules said there is no such thing as a "wannabe" gang member.

"If you call yourself a gang member, you commit crimes like a gang member, and you do it with other people who all call themselves members of a gang, you're a gang," he said. "And to minimize that, it's not 'respecting' the gang member. If you call him a 'wannabe,' when he's being the real thing, what's that gang member likely to do? Go out and commit more crimes to prove to you, the community, that this gang is for real."

Gang-related crime also affects innocent victims on the reservation, particularly tribal elders, the police chief said.

"It breaks my heart to hear about people being afraid in their own home, to be afraid to leave their homes because, one, they might get assaulted when they leave, and two, someone might burglarize their home when they are gone," he said. "Is that happening in Warm Springs? Yes, it is."

He said an elderly woman called his office and said her own grandchildren were stealing her belongings. Another said she is afraid to wash her dishes.

While the Warm Springs Police Department uses its manpower and resources in attempting to stop gang activity, citizens can help by providing information to the authorities when they're aware of crimes about to occur or when they are victims of crimes.

Soules assured the small assembly that his officers would do their best to aggressively pursue individuals who commit gang-related crime yet remain courteous when dealing with tribal members.

"We don't want to mistreat anybody," he said. "I've told my

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Jim Soules
Police chief

officers to treat people with respect, but 'You go after people who are hurting other people.'"

Smith admitted potential witnesses are sometimes afraid to help police for fear of reprisals from gang members. "Here, we're trying to change that to get people to come up and help us."

Soules said he has asked tribal utility entities to paint over spray-painted gang markings, known as "tags".

Tyler Barlowe, a traditional counselor from the Klamath Tribes, was also part of the workshop. In his capacity, he provides counseling and prevention, combining traditional Native methods with Western healing methods.

"What's going to save us is already here," he said. "It's our heritage. It's our birthright."

Recycling: recently collected 1,100 old vehicles

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Currently a groundwater monitor is in use, to help prevent contamination of ground water.

The landfill is located off of Highway 3 and has been there since the 1970s. Since the recycle program came into effect in 1997, the landfill has been arranged to help residents sort recycled tires, appliances and cars.

Recently, the transfer stations were arranged for residents to make a one-stop drop of recyclables and garbage.

There are four transfer stations. They are located at Seekseequa, Simnasho, Sidwalter and Agency areas. It is the goal of the program to

recycle more materials and become consistent with their pick-up schedules throughout the community. Becoming consistent in turn further encourages those who already do recycle. It is believed that without this consistency people will tend to just throw away their paper or other materials.

The garbage trucks have been modified to receive and separate recycled batteries and used oil, these items need to be placed next to garbage and labeled as used batteries, or used oil.

In the past ceremonial burning took place in the landfill and it created a smoldering that went on for days. So to prevent this from happening, there is a section for ceremonial burning and

it is properly marked.

During the past year, 1,100 cars were crushed and recycled. That is a lot of cars, but it barely put a dent into the amount of cars needing to be disposed of. There will be an opportunity in the future to do this again. Residents will be informed on the process it will take place.

Also in the future of recycling, the program would like to purchase a small baler for smaller items like milk cartons, and providing composting to produce a good soil.

Recycling is something that takes that little extra time, but in the long run the landfill will be there for a longer amount of time for the tribes' use.

Break-in: near duplicate to one several months ago

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Robert Macy said he first noticed something wasn't right when he and his wife Rosa came to the store to catch up on some work Nov. 7.

They noticed the store's telephone wires and communication lines to a security system had been cut. The wires, Robert Macy said, are exposed on the outside of the building.

He said he called the police to investigate the cut wires, but he hadn't yet considered the possibility of a break-in.

One of his employees noticed the break-in when she reported for work at 6:30 a.m. to open the store at 7 a.m. She entered the building through the office door, the only access to the store available without tripping the store's alarm.

"She noticed as soon as she stepped inside," Robert Macy said. "She saw all of the (cigarette) lighter boxes and no lighters."

In addition to lighters, the burglars took an assortment of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, BBs, carbon dioxide cartridges, and shoe polish.

The burglars, Robert Macy said, were rather particular, taking name brands like Marlboro and Camel cigarettes and Kodiak chewing tobacco, but leaving generic brands.

Though the burglars apparently took BBs, Macy said it did not appear as if rifle or handgun cartridges or shotgun shells had been taken.

The burglars broke in, Macy said, through a locked door to an unused Laundromat in the basement of the building.

They then broke through a door adjoining the Laundromat to the rest of the basement and then through a door from the basement to the store area upstairs.

He said the door between the Laundromat and rest of the basement was much more secure than the door to the store area and thus took more effort.

"They had to kick the lock off and the plate (in the jamb) around it," he said. "The door leading into the store was not strong. It was just an interior door."

Robert Macy said the crime was "damn near a duplicate" to

when the store was broken into several months ago, as far as the way they got inside the building, the way the wires were cut, the items taken, down to the brand of cigarettes taken.

He said the earlier break-in resulted in a loss of about \$6,000, "about a thousand (dollars) less than this time."

"We've now lost about \$14,000 in retail value," he said.

Soules, who said others are still being investigated in connection to the crime, would not reveal any more details about the case, including how Hammond and the two juveniles were caught.

"We arrested them after thorough investigation and hard work, and by making contacts with people and following leads," he said.

Robert Macy said he and his wife had not contacted his insurance company regarding the loss.

The Warm Springs Market, Macy said, was purchased by his father in 1944, when Robert Macy was six years old and has been in the family since then.

Cold medicine restrictions take effect

(AP) - If you catch a cold this winter, remember your driver's license.

As of last week, pharmacies are no longer allowed to stock pseudoephedrine-based cold tablets on open shelves, or sell them to people without acceptable photo identification. Grocery stores and convenience markets will be barred from carrying certain cold remedies.

The rules, approved last month by the state Board of

Pharmacy, are designed to slow the state's methamphetamine problem. Cold remedies such as Sudafed contain the main ingredients in the manufacture of the powerfully addictive and cheap street drug.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski's Methamphetamine Task Force recommended the restrictions, which are modeled on those at work in Oklahoma.

Methamphetamine fuels 85 percent of the state's property

and identity-theft crimes, and is the leading reason Oregon children are removed from their homes and placed in long-term foster care, the governor said when announcing the plan.

Moreover, Oregon treats more people for meth addiction per capita than any other state in the country. Many stores and pharmacies were rearranging their stock this weekend to get the affected drugs into secure locations behind the counter.

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