

# Life lessons from serious accident

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Something happened on January 1, 2002, that changed Warm Springs Tribal Officer David Endicott forever.

But before that day, there came a spark. "It started when I went on a ride-along with Jefferson County police," Endicott was saying recently. "I just loved it. I knew that this was something that I had to do."

Endicott sold his share of a carbide cutting tool industry and set out on his goal of becoming a police officer.

"Not long after that, I came to Warm Springs to assist during the big powwow. I liked it, instantly, and I got hooked up with Sergeant McEwen. He and I got to be best friends. He told me to come on up. So I applied and got in. That was my life then, and I just fell in love!"

For four years, David served the public in his dream job. He remembers the January day in 2002 when it changed. "I got choked up," he said.

Driving conditions that day were wild. "A Big storm was moving in and the highway turned into a sheet of ice. I was up patrolling the north section of highway 26. People were sliding off the road. There as no cell phone service, so I was



Officer David Endicott

that's how it was. I know that I was moving around a lot."

"Don Courtney and I extracted the officer," Fire Chief Danny Martinez recalls. "I was the smallest one, so I crawled into the patrol unit to cut away the radio, the dash, the brake pedal that was rapped around his ankle. It took about 45 minutes to an hour to remove him."

David remained calm during that time. He spoke with Martinez. "He was worried about the folks that ran into him. He asked me to call his wife."

Earlier that day, on highway 97, an EMT had been struck and killed while at the scene of another accident.

Air Life was grounded that day, so Endicott had to be transported almost 70 miles to St. Charles in Bend by ambulance.

In a heart-wrenching gesture, police and medics all across Central Oregon cleared the roads to make way for the ambulance.

"My wife said it was pretty amazing," David said. "She heard one of the emergency personnel comment that the President himself would have been proud to have an escort like the one I got. There were reds and blues flying past on the highway."

Officer Endicott spent two months in the hospital, with extensive injuries. He had up to

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12 surgeries, and there's more on the way.

Eric Nufer, the driver of the Silverado, was tried and convicted. He received 30 days in jail and his insurance settled out of court. Eventually, after pleading guilty to assault, he told the judge that he was sorry. "The judge told him that at that time, it was meaningless."

Endicott has learned to live life with an artificial knee, an artificial hip, cortisone injections and constant pain. But he has learned to live.

"You know, my outlook now is that every day is a gift," he says. "You have to make the most of it. I think back and I remember the EMT that lost his life on the road. It was a bad day on the road. I might be in chronic pain and constant meds... but I'm here. I'm still here."

Today, Endicott lives in Redmond. He spends his time in his wood shop, making clocks and toys for his one year-old grandson, Ukiah.

# Pictographs damaged

The U.S. Forest Service is trying to find out who vandalized a popular cave in Central Oregon.

Authorities say extensive damage was done to the cave's natural and cultural features.

The vandalism occurred sometime in late April at the Hidden Forest Cave in the Deschutes National Forest.

Vandals chopped down trees and set a fire inside the cave. They also spray-painted extensively both outside and inside the cave, covering Native American pictographs.

Penni Borghi, archeologist with the Deschutes National, says the paintings were likely made by Warm Springs or

Klamath Tribe members, although exactly when remains a mystery.

"I would imagine that because they're exposed to the elements that they're probably not 10,000 years old, but they were probably created before any Euro-Americans were living in the area."

The national forest has called in an expert to examine the pictographs and see whether they can be restored.

The vandals could face misdemeanor or felony charges under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. A local caving group has started a reward fund for information leading to an arrest.

# Visit from youth symphony



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

The elementary school students enjoy the concert.

The Interlude Orchestra of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in Portland took a day trip and visited several schools in Jefferson County. Their first stop was at Warm Springs Elementary.

The Metropolitan Youth

Symphony, lead by conductor Nita Van Pelt, is a non-profit organization that provides musical training to young musicians with thirteen performing groups. Yearly enrollment is more than 500 students, from six years through college age.

# Warm Springs Community Calendar

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**  
Water aerobics class will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta this morning from 9:15 to 10:15.

Project reports are due today for recipients of Cultural Trust Grants. Reports may be submitted at the Museum.

Kiksht language class will be this evening from 5:30 to 7:30.

Scholarship night will begin in the Madras High School Commons with dessert at 6:45 p.m. The presentation will start at 7:00.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2**  
N.A. will meet at the Family Resource Center at 7:00 p.m.

Madras High School will have its all-school awards ceremony at 7:00 p.m. in the Commons.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**  
Madras High School graduation practice will begin in the gym lobby at 8:30 a.m.

"The Spirit of the Sacred Flute" gathering will take place this weekend at HeHe. there is no fee for vendors. The welcome fire will begin at 6 p.m. For more information, call Foster Kalama at 541-325-3797.

The Nez Perce Tribal Elder Day will go from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Clearwater River Casino Event Center in Lewiston, ID.

Parents of WS Elementary students may return blue folders by Monday.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
Today is water delivery day in Simnasho.

Madras High School Graduation Day. The gates will open at 2:00 p.m. The ceremony begins at 3. Buses leave for the all-night party at 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, JUNE 6**  
There is a 2-hour late start for 509-J.

There will be a glucometer class from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Health and Wellness Center kitchen conference room.

Women's Support Group will meet at Victims of Crime at 6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7**  
A.A. will meet at noon upstairs in the Community Counseling Center.

A driver's license preparation class will be held from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at Madras High School for students ages 15 to 18. Cost is \$25 per person and space is limited. For more information, please call 541-553-3591.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8**  
Water aerobics class will be held at Kah-Nee-Ta this morning from 9:15 to 10:15.

Kiksht language class will be this evening from 5:30 to 7:30.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**  
There will be an open

hearing on the child Care Development Fund today at ECE, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to comment.

There's a food handler's class from 2-4:00 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center atrium.

N.A. will meet at the Family Resource Center at 7:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**  
"Spring into Action" will be held today from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Center and Elmer Quinn Park. This event is sponsored by the

Warm Springs Prevention Coalition.

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**  
Today in Carol's Room, there will be board games and work on the pumpkin patch from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Glucometer class is from 2:00 to 3:00 this afternoon at the Health and Wellness Center kitchen conference room.

Victims of Crime will hold its weekly Women's Support Meeting this evening from 6:00 to 8:00.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 14**

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