

# Storm shut down many departments

The snow storm that began Feb. 6 forced many people on the reservation to remain home-bound for several days.

During the most part of the storm, 18 inches of snow fell in 17 hours, said Fire Chief Dan Martinez, who was incident commander during the storm and its aftermath.

The icy roads caused several minor vehicle accidents, mainly involving cars and trucks sliding off the side of the road.

There were no serious injuries, though a couple of close calls. In one incident, a person walking from a stuck vehicle became trapped in a cattle guard that had been hidden in the snow.

The person's leg was caught, and it took seven emergency response workers to free the person, Martinez said.

In another case, a person in an outlying area made an emergency call reporting shortness of breath. The response vehicle had to take some extra time getting there, as three feet of snow were on the roadway.

Because of the road conditions, the Lincoln's Birthday Powwow in Simnasho had to



The icy roadway caused this vehicle to jack-knife near the museum, Feb. 13.

be cancelled.

The tribal organization was shut down on Friday, Feb. 7. Parking lots were still covered in snow on Monday, Feb. 10. The organization resumed normal operations on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Fire and Safety, the Police Department, Utilities, Natural Resources and Fire Management worked together in responding to the various situations, mainly involving stuck vehicles.

The last time this kind of snow event happened in February was in 1996, said Dan Martinez, when a major flood damaged Kah-Nee-Ta Village and some buildings along the Deschutes.

Into last week, emergency response personnel were on high alert, and 24-hour watch, because of the possibility of flooding or mudslides, Martinez said.

He met with the museum and casino managers, as these

buildings are in areas that could be effected by flooding.

On Thursday of last week, a large rig jack-knifed on the highway near the museum. The vehicle missed the main power grid serving Warm Springs, Martinez said, though it did strike a telephone pole.

Forty-three to 44 gallons of diesel spilled.

- Dave McMechan

## Heart Smart Dinner today

The Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center Model Diabetes Program would like to invite you to attend the Twenty-First Annual Heart Smart Dinner and Health Fair.

The dinner and health fair will be this Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the Agency Longhouse.

This year's event will be held in honor of Michael E. Spaulding for his many years of dedication to the Heart Smart Dinner and the Warm Springs community.

The health fair will be held from 4-6 p.m., and will include educational booths from a large number of IHS, tribal and community groups. Blood

sugar and other health screenings will be provided free of charge.

Several turkey breasts will be raffled off to those who attend the health fair.

The Heart Smart staff will begin serving a traditional salmon dinner at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment will be by the Sacred Winds Flute Group, beginning at 6 p.m.

"We look forward to seeing you all there for a great evening of education, food, raffles and entertainment," said Eric Bradford. For more information, contact Eric or Kat Spaulding. Call 541-553-2478 for information.

## W.S. Credit announces \$7,500 home repair grants available

USDA Rural Development has a program that can provide up to a \$7,500 grant to pay for repairs and improvements resulting in removal of health and safety hazards from the home of very low income homeowners who are 62 years or older and who cannot afford other financing.

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Leaky roof, unsafe wiring, faulty plumbing, poor heating, siding, windows and doors, handicap accessibility issues, among others

The Warm Springs Reservation is within an approved area for these grants.

Your home may qualify if your family income is below 50 percent of the area median county income.

Interested in getting started with this program?

If yes, then please call Bruce Engle at Warm Springs Tribal Credit, 541-553-3201 for more information and some help. Or go on-line at: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

Or call 866-923-5626 extension 2.

## New location for Go kart, paint ball park

Wayne Miller and family have decided on a new location for their Go kart track and outdoor paintball facility.

The new location is off Highway 3 near the industrial park and rodeo grounds, on the opposite side of the road.

The original development site was off Highway 26. The Highway 3 site will have better traffic access, Wayne said.

He and his family are in the process of acquiring the Go karts for the facility, called the Asylum.

The construction of the track, and paint-ball field, will

not take long to build, Wayne said. He is expecting to spend about \$50,000 on the project, which is made possible by a loan from the tribes' Private Business Revolving Loan fund.

The hope is to open in the spring, Wayne said.

With Go karts and paintball, there eventually could be baseball batting cages. The plan is to cover the outdoor areas of the devel-

opment with a protective "camo" netting.

There will also be a building including a gaming room with big screen TVs and video games, vending machines and snacks.

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## Expanded Telecom service

The Warm Springs Telecom now offers phone and internet services in the Seekseequa, Simnasho and Sidwalter areas of the Reservation.

That is in addition to the existing service in the Agency, Sunnyside and Wolfe Point areas. To learn more about costs and services you can stop by their office in the Warm Springs Industrial Park, or call 541-615-0555.

The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is open 3-5:30 after school, and on no-school days from 10-5.

The club is located in the Vern Jackson home. All school age youth can attend the club.

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