

Highway accident takes two lives

Two people—a Warm Springs woman, and a 5-year-old girl—were killed in a three-vehicle accident Friday evening on Highway 26.

A 10-year-old boy was seriously injured in the crash, according to Warm Springs Police.

Police and Fire and Warm Springs Fire and Safety responded around 7:30 p.m., August 21 to the accident, near milepost 81.

They found a 2019 Nissan Sentra in the middle of the road with severe front-end damage. A 2018 Ford Edge



Scene of accident with SUV in flames. Courtesy Chris Dimmick

had flipped onto its top, police said.

A third vehicle, a 2005 Chevy Suburban, was in flames on the highway.

The driver of the Nissan, a Warm Springs resident,

and one of her passengers, the 5-year-old girl, died at the scene, police said.

Also in the Nissan, the 10-year-old boy was taken to St. Charles Madras, then flown in serious condition to

a Portland-area hospital.

Oregon State Police are doing a crash reconstruction. Warm Springs Police gave the following statement:

“Due to the increase in the amount of traffic on the roadways during the summer months—and the number of recent motor vehicle crashes in and around the Warm Springs Reservation—the Warm Springs Tribal Police are enhancing traffic enforcement by increasing traffic patrols, and issuing more citations for speeding and unsafe driving.”

Off rez hunting

The Confederated Tribes have adopted the off-reservation hunting seasons and regulations. Current Seasons for off-reservation are:

Pronghorn antelope: Now through October 31.
Archery, deer and elk: Through October 2.
Off reservation buck and deer, rifle: September through October 31.

Early elk, cow and spike: September 1 through October 16.

Bull elk: October 17 through November 30.

Late elk, cow and spike: December 1 through January 31, 2021.

Bighorn sheep hunts: September 1 through November 30.

John Day Canyon mule deer buck: November 1 through November 29.

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Safety corridor project moved to next year

The long-planned Warm Springs Highway 26 safety corridor project is scheduled to go to bid in the fall, with construction in early 2021.

The project was scheduled for completion this year, but the Oregon Department of Transportation has moved the project to next year.

The project will include repaving the highway; plus construction of a multi-use path from the Shell station to the Museum at Warm

Springs-Indian Head Casino area.

The paving aspect will be from the Kah-Nee-Ta junction intersection to the museum area.

A focus of the project is pedestrian safety.

The highway from Hollywood Boulevard to the museum can be hazardous for people walking or riding a bike. The pathway along the side of the highway will help address the problem.

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