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The beauty of winter

Accompanying snowfall are many idyllic scenes throughout the Warm Springs reservation. Shitike Creek looks serene with its new cover.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Miller

White visitor falls

by Pat Leno and other tattletales

What can put the community of Warm Springs at a near standstill? Tons and tons of snow dropped within hours was what did it on January 4 and 5.

Following the year of 1982, which had been identified as a drought year for the area, the year of 1982 has already begun as a year of moisture.

The people of Warm Springs awoke to find inch upon inch of snow covering the area. Then the real work of winter began for many residents—clearing driveways, chaining up vehicles and trying to get to work.

Even after two weeks of Christmas vacation, kids listened with glee to reports of school closures on the radio. The heavy snowfall and slippery roads "forced" an extra two days off for the youngsters.

In a snowstorm that hit the Northwest, Warm Springs was not spared. On January 4 the community woke to find that during the night "Old Man Winter" had dropped enough snow to answer the dreams of many of skier.

For nearly a week the weather conditions continued to be forecast as snow showers in the Central Oregon area.

Warm Springs, even though it had a good 4-5 inches for an evening's fall, was luckier than surrounding areas. The

Sidwalter Flat area was reported to have accumulated nearly 2 feet of snow.

Mike Clements, Tribal Councilman, spent an entire morning digging out his long driveway so he could get to work. He arrived at work shortly after lunch.

Marsha Shewczyk, Spilyay reporter, found out the hard way that it is best to have adequate snow tires or chains after being stuck between Prineville and Madras when her car, a Volkswagen, went off the highway. It took an 18-wheeler Les Schwab tire truck with a full load to pull her "bug" back on the road. (And she's the one who wrote all those "Be prepared for winter" articles!)

Simnasho school teacher Rich Little was "forced" to stay at the Kah-Nee-Ta resort because his small foreign car was unable to travel the snowy roads.

Many residents and tribal employees were forced to spend an unplanned holiday across the mountain after the unrelenting snows had forced the highway department to close Highway 26 for nearly a day.

So the year of 1982 has begun with plenty of snow. Only time will tell just what else lies in store for this area. One visitor from the coast, trying to get home, was overheard saying, "It's hell over here."

Credit/housing referendum set for Feb. 25

Tribal Council has set the date for the Credit and Housing referendum for Thursday, February 25.

Last Wednesday Council passed Resolutions 6136 and 6137 designating Feb. 25 as the election date for the following questions: No. 6136 — Shall the Tribal Council appropriate \$2 million for the purpose of

increasing the money available for loans to tribal members through the Credit Department?

No. 6137 — Shall the Tribal Council appropriate \$2 million for the purpose of establishing a revolving fund for the construction of tribal housing and for development costs such as roads and utilities, to be

reduced by any available federal funds?

District meetings were held Nov. 17 and Nov. 19, 1981 to discuss the items which will appear on the referendum ballot.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25.

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Oregon Indian writers share staff award

Two Oregon writers have recently been commended along with other members of the *Spawning the Medicine River* staff for their production of the "an excellent journal."

Spawning the Medicine River has received an honorable mention citation from the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines based in New York. The college contest for undergraduate literary magazines drew 132 entries from 35 states.

Spawning the Medicine River was the only Indian magazine entered in the contest, according to staff writer Elizabeth Woody. The magazine is published by the students. Phillip Minthorn is the other Oregon writer besides Woody involved in the production of the magazine.

The judges' comments on

Spawning the Medicine River emphasized the excellence of writing. One judge's comment reads, "I would like to score this magazine higher simply on the basis of the writing which was excellent."

Winning entries include: 1st- *Plum Creek Review* of Oberline College; 2nd- *Juggler*, the literary magazine of Notre Dame University and *Amherst Review* of Amherst College; 3rd- *Columbia College's Hair Trigger*, Boise State University's *Cold Drill* and New York City's *School of Visual Arts Words*.

Because of the great number of entries in the competition an honorable mention category was used. In addition to *Spawning the Medicine River*, published by the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico,

honorable mentions were also awarded to the University of California at Santa Barbara *Spectrum*, the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque *Conceptions Southwest* and the *Nassau Literary Review* from Princeton University.

Spawning the Medicine River, edited and founded by Phillip Foss, Jr., is the literary magazine produced by the Institute's Creative Writing Program. It features primarily the work of students enrolled in the Institute, but also includes in each issue a guest author of national reputation. The publication also sponsors the annual Native American High School Creative Writing Awards.

The award of an honorable mention places *Spawning the Medicine River* as one of the top ten college magazines in the United States.

Meeting Notice

from Columbia River Inter-Tribal
Fish Commission

Compact Meeting
January 14
9 a.m.

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife

506 SW Mill

Portland, Oregon

Agenda includes regulations for winter season

New Year's baby waits

The first Warm Springs baby of 1982 is apparently waiting until the weather improves to be born. No expectant mothers have had to race over snowy, icy roads to the hospital so far this year.

Spilyay Tymoo had planned to do a small feature story on the first local baby born, but we too will have to wait.

Temperatures

JAN.	HI	LOW
1	35	14
2	36	16
3	36	30
4	35	27
5	30	15
6	17	0
7	22	4
8	36	18
9	36	14
10	29	14
11	39	19
12	37	18