

"Sacred Ground" reveals past of Klamath area

"Sacred Ground" is said to be a virtual reincarnation of the actual people, places and events of 1861 where it was filmed in southeastern Oregon. Filmed with exceptional historic integrity, it depicts a mountain man's dramatic encounter with fierce Paiute Indians.

The Paiutes dominated a huge territory north of Upper Klamath Lake along the Williamson and Sprague Rivers. "Sacred Ground" was filmed on the Sprague River two miles above its union with the Williamson. The burial mound in the film is within sight of the ancient Plaikni Village, where Medicine Rock, a sacred Indian landmark, watches over the original ancestor's grave. The village is now a cultural reserve administered by Plaikni Chief Edison Chiloquin, who dedicated over six years of his life to preserve the ancient site of land sacred to his people.

The location site itself is surrounded by pioneer history. Fifteen miles away is the original Fort Klamath, now an historic landmark. An hour to the west is Table Rock, site of

the 1852 Table Rock massacre of the Rogue Indians. An hour to the northeast is Captain Jack's stronghold, where a siege by the U.S. Cavalry in 1873 forced the Modocs to end their resistance and relocate to an Oklahoma reservation.

Mountain Man Matt Colter refers to the cabin as "Williamson's". It might have belonged to the original Captain Williamson, 1855 surveyor, for whom the river is named. When Colter takes his baby to Fort Klamath, he will meet Captain Sprague, the man for whom that river is named.

Even the uneasiness of Little Doe recreates the feelings of an Apache woman brought by a white man over the treacherous Rockies into "foreign" territory. The entire movie creates a deja vu sense of reality from a century ago. As one viewer commented, "I feel like I'm eavesdropping on history."

"Sacred Ground" was produced by the producers of "Windwalker", Pacific International Enterprises, Inc. The film is due to open at a theatre near you starting Friday, February 11.



Geo-Quiz

Each rock formation has its own unique characteristics. Correctly identify the location of this rock formation and win a year's subscription to Spilyay Tymoo for your self or a friend. Call 553-1644 with your answer.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Indian Taco Luncheon

Tribal Group Home
Friday, February 11, 1983
11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A taco and drink for \$2.50

Meeting

The next meeting of the Warm Springs chapter of Toastmasters will be held February 10, 1983 in conference room 3 at the administration building from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in increasing his or her speaking ability is encouraged to attend.

Notice

Flag contest contestants—please pick up your pens by February 11. If you don't, they will be returned to stock and will be unavailable.

See Winona at the Administration Building.

Seeking applicants

Not all committee appointments were filled when last scheduled by Tribal Council, mainly because there were no applicants. Therefore, if you are interested in serving on any of the following and can commit your time, please bring

in your resume, name, address and phone number to the Tribal Council office. Those committees with vacancies are: Celilo Wyam Board, Water Board and Credit Committee. Deadline for submitting your name is February 21, 1983.

Correction

In the last issue of Spilyay Tymoo, surviving family members of Edwin Thomas were incorrectly identified. The following information, which was supplied by Thomas' wife, Illon, is correct.

Brothers surviving are Ronald Thomas of Warm Springs, Larry Picard, Jr. and John Wahwassuck, Jr., of Topeka, Kansas, Stephen Lucei, Pasco, Washington and

Joshua Thomas, Northbend, Oregon.

Surviving sisters are Sandra and Farrel Thomas of Portland, Pamela Picard, Audra Wahwassuck, Lorrie Wahwassuck and Ahnah Wahwassuck, all of Topeka, Kansas.

Also surviving at the time of Thomas' death was Debra Lucei of Yakima, Washington. She died on January 19, 1983.



SURPLUS FISH

Excess hatchery returns at Round Butte Fish Hatchery resulted in the distribution of steelhead to tribal members. This season's return has resulted in over 335 steelhead being given to the Tribe. Natural Resources Department fisheries aide Earl Miller waits while PGE fish biologist Zeke Madden separates wild stock from hatchery stock. Wild steelhead are returned to the river.

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ADOPTEE PARENT'S MEETING

Feb. 9 Conference Room I
12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

This is the last meeting before the dinner.

Howlak Tichum Michael Melchor Santos

Michael Melchor Santos, grandfathers Mabel and Bill Eyle of Warm Springs; four residence in Vancouver, Washington on February 4.

Michael was born August 10, 1953. He attended schools in the Portland area. He was an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes. He was employed as a carpenter for Drake Construction of Portland. He was a member of the Portland Carpenters Union.

Surviving are his wife Cecilia Santos of Vancouver, Washington; his mother Lena Santos of Warm Springs; his

Services will be held at the Madras Evergreen Chapel on February 9 at 1 p.m. with burial following at the Simnasho Cemetery.