

Per Capita checks delayed

Tribal members who went to the post office to pick up their monthly per capita checks on Monday, February 25 found that the checks were not in the mail. In the past the checks appeared in the mail like clock work. The delay in the checks was attributed to the fact that the checks are no longer written at the agency, but instead at the Portland Area Office.

Earlier this year, Warm Springs superintendent Bernie Topash announced that the Individual Indian Monies (IIM) accounts would be entered in the computer at the Portland Area office. The checks are now written in Portland and mailed from there.

The IIM staff had been encoding all IIM accounts, the Land Claims monies and states monies into the computer as of last week. On Friday, February 22 the staff began encoding the per capita. The staff worked Friday and Saturday. The biggest problem encountered by the staff was that not all people

on the per capita list had an IIM account so the staff had to set up accounts for those not having one.

The per capita checks were printed by Saturday and in the mail by Monday, February 25, the catch being that they were in the mail in Portland. It takes approximately two days of mail time from Portland to Warm

Support groups meet

For people in the Warm Springs area who are in need of support groups the following schedules with time and location could offer assistance.

The Women's Support Group, Alcohol building on Mondays 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Springs. The checks were in the mail at Warm Springs on Wednesday, February 27.

According to Topash, now that the accounts have been encoded there should not be any problems in getting the checks on a regular schedule.

Topash stated Tribal Council is at this time considering having the checks written in-house.

Open AA Group, Assembly Plant, Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Open AA Group, Alcohol building, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Sobriety on the Move (SOM), Margaret Buckland's home; R109 Elk Loop (553-1686), Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Title IV, Part A meeting March 12

The next Title IV, Part A Parent Advisory committee meeting will be Tuesday March

12 beginning at 7 p.m. in the southeast Head Start room.

Sweetheart baby contest held

The annual Sweetheart Baby contest was held at the Warm Springs Community Center on Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. Proud parents, grandparents and of course the stars of the evening, the babies, gathered for the

evening's events.

Twelve categories were judged by Debbie Yahtin, C.R. Squiemphen Danelle Barbrielle.

Candice Miller, won the "baby with the least hair" and "youngest chubby baby" titles. Candice is the daughter of Vesta

and Whitney Miller. Lucinda Stwyer, daughter of Madine Meanus won the "baby with the most hair" title. Delilah Heath took the title for the "chubbiest baby." Tianna Greene proved to be the fastest in the "crawlers race."

Grandmother Margaret Buckland competed in the "fastest diaperer" contest, showing that she remembered how to do the job. Ellen Johnson was the "grandparent with the most grandchildren" present for the evening events. Jeannie Danzuka was the "mother with the most children." The "youngest mother" award was given to Veronica Smith. Christine Tom and Beverly Smith tied for the title of "foster parent with the most foster children."

Even though not all the babies received a title, it was very evident that each baby was a special valentine to parent and grandparents.



Sheryl Courtney and her daughter, Sheena participated in the basket throwing contest held during the annual Sweetheart Baby contest at the Community Center February 14.

Land consolidation act changes heirship

Because Section 207, as amended, constitutes a change in Indian heirship succession. Area Offices and Agencies are urged to provide all Indian landowners under their jurisdiction with notice of its effects.

For any Indian dying after October 30, 1984, possessed of an undivided trust and/or re-

stricted interest in a given tract of land, such interest may escheat to the Tribe if: (1) the tract is within the Indian reservation or within an area subject to the civil jurisdiction of an Indian tribe; (2) the decedent's undivided interest amounted to two percent or 1/50th or less; (3) such interest is incapable of earning \$100 in

any one of the five one-year periods after the date of the decedent's death; (4) the decedent had failed to devise such specific interest to any other tract; and (5) there was no tribal code of law, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, in effect at the time of the decedent's death which would preclude the escheat provisions of Section 207 (a).

To assure the effectiveness of a will or heirship succession under state law, any Indian owner within the above category (if he or she is concerned that the tribe rather than his or her heirs or devisees will take these interests) may purchase additional interests from co-owners, pursuant to 25 CFR 151.7, and thereby increase his/her ownership interest to more than two percent. Another alternative is for such an owner to convey his/her interest to co-owners, pursuant to 25 CFR 152.25 and 151.7, and reserve a life estate, thus retaining the benefits of the interest while assuring its continued individual, rather than tribal, ownership. A third alternative, if feasible, is to partition the tract in such a way as to enlarge the owner's interest in a portion of said tract.

If any landowner has questions regarding the above Act, please contact the Branch of Realty, Warm Springs Agency.

New Judge rapping gavel in tribal court

Mexico for about a year-and-a-half. There were also two associate judges and one juvenile judge assisting him with the case load.

Frederick also worked for his own tribe as chief judge for about 12 years. "I was probably their youngest judge," said Frederick. "I was 23." While serving as chief judge for his tribe, he also served as chief appellate judge for the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Fort Totten Sioux, Standing Rock Sioux, three affiliated tribes of Fort Berthold and Wagner, South Dakota.

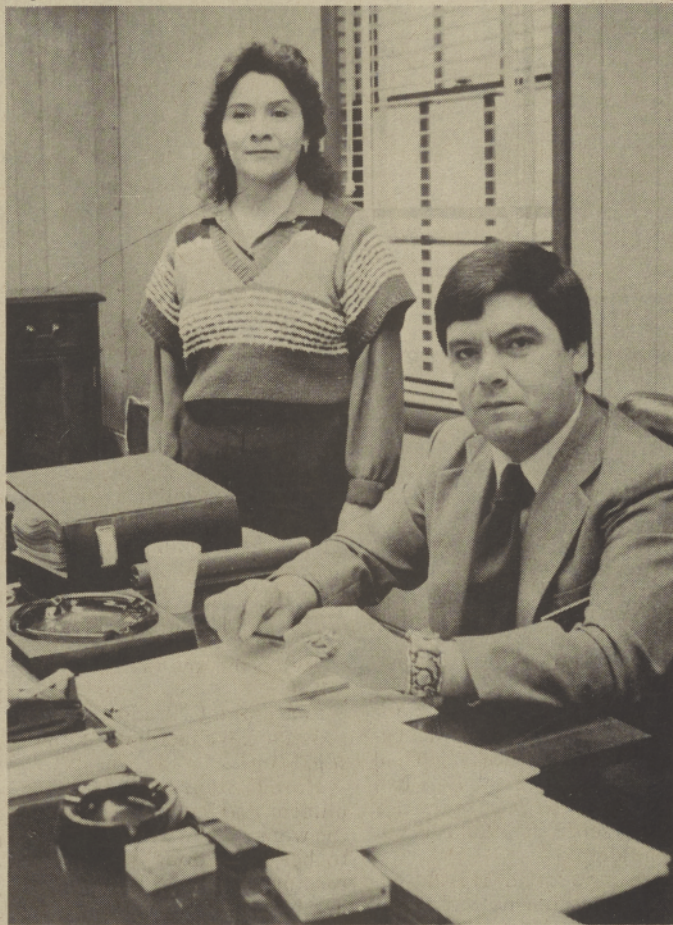
Frederick explained that for the first four years at Turtle Mountain he was the only judge. "I dealt with every problem."

Frederick has no law degree. He is a graduate of the National College of State Judiciary in Reno, Nevada and a graduate of judiciary institutes such as the North Dakota State Judge Association and the National Juvenile Judge Association. He is also a member of the Native American Indian Court Judges Association. He has served as their president and has been a board member for about ten years.

Frederick and his family are living in Warm Springs. He said he has been a long-time friend of Ken Smith's and had always wanted to come to Warm Springs. He found the chief judge's position advertised in the newspaper and applied. He was notified in January that he had been accepted for the job. Frederick joins associate judge Anita Jackson and Judge Dave Harding.

The Warm Springs Tribal Court's newest judge is Richard Frederick, a Chippewa from Turtle Mountain, Belcourt, North Dakota. He brings with him many years' chief judge experience.

Before coming to Warm Springs, Frederick spent about six months studying criminal justice at Bismarck College. Prior to going to college, Frederick served as chief judge for the Mescalero Apache in New



Richard Frederick began working as chief judge for the tribal court in late January. Gloria Chopito serves as Frederick's secretary.

Clements appointed to Scenic Waterways

Governor Vic Atiyeh has appointed Warren R. "Rudy" Clements of Warm Springs to the state Scenic Waterways System Committee.

Clements' term officially began on December 22, 1984 and will end on December 21, 1987. He replaces Delbert Frank, Sr. of Warm Springs whose term has expired.

The nine member Scenic Waterway System Committee advises the Department of

Transportation in matters of policy regarding public recreational use of scenic waterways, the study of rivers which might be added to the system, management plans for those proposed rivers, and legislation regarding scenic waterways.

Clements is the director of the Confederated Tribes Office of Training Services in Warm Springs. From 1970-72, he was the director of the Northwest Regional Educational Labora-

tory, Area Manpower Institute for the Development of Staff.

From 1964-70, he was recreation/education director for the Confederated Tribes and from 1962-64, was a teacher and coach in the David Douglas School District in Portland.

Clements currently chairs the Tribal Land Use Planning Commission. He is a graduate of Madras Union High School (1955) and Eastern Oregon College (Bachelor of Science, 1962).

Bail posting policy changed

It has been determined that it would be beneficial to implement an acknowledgment agreement for anyone posting bail for the release of a defendant.

Attached is the form to be

utilized for this policy/procedure regarding the aforementioned policy on posting of bail.

The form will be kept in the dispatch area of the police department and will be required to be completed by the person posting bail. The defendant does not have to sign the bail release form.

Distribution of copies of the bail release form are: original: court; one copy: defendant; one copy: person posting bail; and one copy: prosecutor's office.

This policy will be effective March 15, 1985. Any questions are to be directed to the Court

regarding this policy.

Notice to anyone posting bail for release of a defendant.

Before you pay any money to obtain the release of a Defendant from custody, you should understand that the law provides as follows:

1. The receipt for the money paid must be made out in the name of defendant, just as if he or she actually paid the money.
2. The receipt must be given to the Defendant.
3. If the Defendant fails to appear at anytime required by

the Court, bail may then be forfeited.

4. The money paid may be applied toward payment of any fine or court costs at the close of the case. If no fine, costs must be paid at the close of the case, then the refundable portion of the money paid by you would be returned to the defendant.

5. The refund, if any, of money paid by you must be paid to the defendant. You must look to the defendant to get your money back.



Warm Springs IHS nutritionist Karen Smith discusses sugar content of foods with senior citizens during lunch. Smith tries to make a nutritional presentation monthly to the seniors.

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