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New Longhouse honored

Circling the new addition to the Simnasho Longhouse community members and visitors join in the blessing and dedication ceremonies.

Air crash claims Dibble

Long-time friend and associate of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Jerry Dibble was remembered and eulogized at the Agency Longhouse December 6. Jerry was killed late Wednesday evening, December 4, when the plane which he was flying crashed into a walnut orchard near the Sacramento Municipal Airport.

Jerry was making a "textbook" landing on instruments for refueling, when about a quarter of a mile from the runway, Jerry's plane made a sudden sharp veer to the right, traveled across the Sacramento River and crashed, burning instantly.

According to newspaper reports, there was dense fog and heavy rain at the time of the accident. Because of poor visibility, Jerry was making an instrument landing. He regularly made refueling stops in Sacramento on his way to Oregon on business. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the accident.

Jerry's association with the Tribes was a long and fruitful one which began in 1959. He

proved, through the years, that he was indeed a true friend and comrade of the Tribes'. He was always interested in the advancement and improvement of economic conditions on the reservation.

Said Tribal Council chairman Zane Jackson, "We have lost a good friend. Not only was he a good friend, but he cared for us...the reservation and everyone here." Jackson continued, "He befriended everyone. He made us all feel good when we'd see him."

On behalf of the tribal staff, acting secretary/treasurer Larry Calica said, "We can't believe we won't have the opportunity to work with this man again." Calica also stated that Jerry was one man that people wished to emulate. "He was a gentleman. He also knew how to fight. He wouldn't give up if he knew the Tribe was right."

Jerry had many friends. He was just as comfortable visiting with U.S. presidents as he was visiting with Warm Springs

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Voters defeat budget in Nov. 26 referendum

With nearly a 48 percent voter turnout, eligible tribal member voters defeated the November 26, 1985 referendum election on the 1986 tribal operating budget. The results, adopted in resolution #7036 November 27, were 359 against and 314 for.

To ensure counting accuracy,

the "ballots were counted four different times," said counting board judge Woodrow Smith, Sr.

Since the election, Tribal Council, management and department heads have all been evaluating the budget and discussing available options. A final decision is expected to be made during the week of December 9.

Mankiller sworn in as Chief

The first woman to head a major U.S. Indian Tribe was sworn in December 5. Wilma Mankiller became the principal chief of the 68,000 member Cherokee nation of Oklahoma.

Mankiller succeeds Ross Swimmer who, after ten years as chief, resigned to become head of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. She had been Swimmer's deputy.

In 1983 Mankiller was elected deputy principal chief after four years as the tribe's top economic developer and planner. She heads

the 15-member Tribal Council, the ruling body of the Cherokee Nation.

The 40-year-old Mankiller becomes the spokeswoman and overseer of a \$30 million annual budget which includes small businesses, manufacturing ventures and social and community services and an annual payroll of \$9 million a year.

Mankiller will complete the two years remaining of Swimmer's term. She intends to run for her own four year term in 1987.

Fundraising evening planned

The Tribal Education Department is sponsoring a special scholarship project, the "Christmas Art Gala," aimed at raising funds to finance Indian students who wish to study one of the many forms of art from painting to dancing.

The fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, December 14 at Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge begins with a reception from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner is set for 7:30 p.m. and entertainment begins at 8:30 with an auction, drawing and prizes. A dance will be held from 9:45 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The cost of the scholarship fundraiser is \$25.00 per person. Please make checks payable to the Special Scholarship Project Tribal Education Department no later than December 12. For more information call 553-1161, ext. 228.

Attention hunters! Please drop off tags

The Natural Resources Department is requesting deer and elk hunt information. Please drop your reservation and Ceded Area hunting tags off at their office. Notice, they are now located in the old white Commissary Building.

Fuel bill assistance may be available

Low Income residents in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties may be eligible to receive federal aid to help pay their fuel bill this winter.

According to Joyce Embery, COCOA Outreach Director, the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) will be administered in the tri-county area by the Central Oregon Community Action Agency Network (COCAAN).

Applications will be taken at seven (7) midstate locations starting Monday, December 2, 1985. The highest priority will be given to the elderly and persons with handicaps.

LIEAP provides assistance to households in which total

income is 125 percent of the poverty level.

For instance, a one-person household may be eligible when income is no more than \$6563.00 per year after medical deductions. For each additional household member add \$2250.00.

Applicants must furnish a number of items, including proof of household income, Social Security numbers, at least one electric bill, proof of any medical and health insurance payments you paid out of your pocket; and Food Stamp notification letters.

Nearly \$913,292.00 will be allocated this year to Central Oregon thru LIEAP in comparison to \$964,776.00 last year.

COCAAN's allocation is \$70,743.00 for this year's program in Central Oregon, in comparison to \$77,103.00 last year.

Central Oregon Council on Aging will administer the Project Help program.

Project Help, which is funded by the customers and shareholders of Pacific Power and Light Co., along with the company, helps PPL customers to pay a variety of fuel bills.

Project Help assists households in which total income is 150 percent higher than the poverty guidelines. For instance, a one person household figure is \$7,875.00 a year. For each additional household member add \$2,700.00 per year.

Appointments are required to submit applications for LIEAP and Project Help at the following sites: Bend Armory 104 N.W. Kansas 389-3323, Lapine I and R mobile next to post office 536-3207, Redmond Senior Center 835 E. Highway 126. 548-8817 and Sisters I and R 301 So. Elm 549-4112.

No appointments are needed at the following sites: Prineville Senior Center, 180 No. Belknap, 447-6835, Madras 1191 No. Highway 26, 1 mile No. of Safeway on Depot Rd., 475-7103, and Warm Springs, the Vern Jackson Building, 553-1161, ext. 291.

Heavy snowfall covers area

The winter season was upon the Warm Springs area while people were still cutting their Thanksgiving turkey. Even before people were able to get sick of turkey the snows of winter had covered the surrounding communities and highways. Some people even checked their calendars to make sure when the first day of winter really was—December 21 and by November 21 the area had already had several snow storms.

By the end of November, 1985 a total of 19 inches of snow had been recorded. The average high temperature in Warm Springs at 35 F was 12 degrees lower than November, 1984 average high temperature of 47 F. During the same periods the average low for 1985 was 18 F and the average low for 1984 was 33 F with a difference of 15 degrees.

During the snow fall of the last week of November this year, a number of main highways in the state were closed until the heavy snow fall could be removed. The tire companies were doing "a land office business." For many people the fall of the first snow on November 10 meant that they spent most of the next day waiting at one of the tire companies until their number was called to have snow tires mounted on their cars. "It was a heck of a way to spend Veterans Day." In some cases it took five

to six hours of waiting with the tire changers working constantly.

People can be heard asking each other—"If November was

like this just what are December and January going to be like."



Here's a snow job for you

Wilfred Jim spent most of Monday clearing Warm Springs sidewalks of nearly 18 inches of snow. Sub-freezing temperatures and the abundant snow fall kept roads slick for days and the outdoors uncomfortable, to say the least. Temperatures warmed by mid-week which helped clear the roads of snow, but created a new mess all of its own kind. The first day of winter, December 21 is still over two weeks away.

WEATHER		
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21	31	11
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27	34	6
28	14	7
29	12	6
30	15	9
DEC.		
1	11	9
2	11	4
3	43	7
4	36	25
5	36	22