



**A week ago residents woke up to a white world—much better than the brown air from the previous week when wind, dirt and wildfires struck. Several inches of wintry rain/snow mix freshened the air Wednesday night and early morning Thursday, Oct. 24-25, which calculated to only .31 of moisture. The much-needed moisture which brought the year's total to only 6.74 inches is barely a start, but nonetheless beats the dirt blowing. (Photo by Jan Rahn)**