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H. Greeley winner of tribal flag contest

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FLAG DESIGNER—Hamilton Greeley holds design that made him first place winner in the tribal flag contest.

Warm Springs has an official flag. After much deliberation Tribal Council selected the flag designed by Hamilton Greeley as first choice in the tribal flag contest on November 3. With 30 entries it was a difficult decision.

Acting Tribal Council chairman Olney Patt, Sr. opened the day's council meeting with, "Today we have a responsibility different than any of our other duties." The historic decision of selecting a flag to represent the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation was the responsibility he was speaking of. "A treaty-oriented flag is what I would look for," he added.

The idea of having a tribal

flag came from citizens who thought there should be a flag to represent the reservation. Orthelia Miller and Maxine Clements began organizing the contest with approval from Tribal Council. Winona Strong was recruited as a neutral party, taking the entries and tallying the votes.

Not many entries came in at first, according to Orthelia Miller. But with an extended deadline the number of entries increased. Harry Phillips' sixth grade class at Warm Springs Elementary submitted many entries along with adults in the community.

Judging by the six Tribal Council members present during the meeting was based on design, creativity, visibility

and symbolism. With these in mind, Council members selected Hamilton Greeley's design. He will be awarded \$100 for his entry.

Second-place went to Rosie Tom who will receive \$80 for her entry. A \$60 prize goes to Charles Kirk for his third-place entry. Norma M. Smith placed fourth and wins \$40 for her flag design and \$20 will go to Anne H. Starr for her fifth-place entry.

Others who submitted entries for the contest will receive recognition for their participation in the contest.

Each entrant signed a release for his or her design. The designs may be used at a later date as art work on tribal sponsored calendars or news releases.

Symbolism behind the design

1. The three (3) Stars above Mt. Jefferson represent the Indian People of the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes—The Warm Springs, The Wasco, and The Paiute People of the Warm Springs Indian Nation.
2. The Round Warshield alone represents the Sacred Circle of Life, The Gift of Life, and The Rebirth of Life.
3. The seven (7) Eagle Feathers represent Tribal Religion, Praising of the Great Spirit, Praying for Peace and Forgiveness, and Cleansing of our Souls.
4. The Peace Pipes represent Brotherhood and Peace to all People.
5. The Salmon represent one of the main food sources of our People.
6. The Tepees represent our old Indian way of Life, Rejoicing,

- Singing, Dancing, and Happy Indian Celebrations.
7. Mt. Jefferson's own Great Spirit represents our Beautiful Mother Earth and Our Beautiful Indian Land.
8. The Rainbow represents Hope for the good things in Life, Hope for all future generations of our People.
9. The Pair of Coyote represent the Old Indian Legends of our People.
10. The Crossed Arrows represent the History of Indian Wars, World Wars I and II, The Korean Conflict, The Vietnam War, and Our Pride in being U.S. Soldiers.
11. The one word "Enaimuna" represents and means, "We are all one People."
12. The Year 1855 is for the Year of our Treaty with the United States Government and

- for the exercising of our Sovereignty Powers reserved in our Treaty of June 25, 1855.
13. The Dam represents the first Hydro Project on our Warm Springs Reservation, leading to this Tribe's own Hydro Project.
14. The Outline of the Reservation represents the area of our Warm Springs Indian Country, Zipcode 97761.
15. The Blue Colors represent the Great Spirit Land, and the Water of Life for which People, animal, fish, roots, and birds cannot survive without this blessed gift of water.
16. The Green Color represents our Warm Springs Reservation for as long as the grass should grow.
17. The Pair of Eagles represent our Reservation's wildlife, Freedom for our People and courage for all People as long as the Mountains stand.

Hydro wages—

Union council suit said to be "silly"

by Sandy Rangila

In what appears to be a splashy union play, the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council filed legal action Nov. 3 in an attempt to stop a \$15 million state loan which partially finances the Tribes' hydroelectric project.

The union council is charging that the contractor, A.S.C. Constructors, Inc., is paying \$8 to \$9 an hour less than prevailing area wage rates. Project Manager Jerry Dibble, A.S.C. and tribal sources say the \$8 to \$9 figure is "a gross exaggeration" and that it is incorrect. "We believe that no such figure exists," said Robert

H. Moore, resident engineer for the tribes.

After the state attorney general ruled that state labor laws do not apply on Indian reservations, the trades council filed a petition for an alternative writ of mandamus with the Marion County Circuit Court. A show-cause hearing has been set for Dec. 28.

Five defendants are listed on the petition: the Labor Bureau, the state Department of Energy, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation and A.S.C. Constructors, Inc.

Tribal attorney Dennis Karnopp explained that an alternative writ of mandamus is a proceeding to have an order issued to a public officer to carry out his duty. "The petition has been filed but has not been served on us," said the tribal attorney.

Karnopp said that, although he hasn't seen it yet, he believes the writ is defective and faulty. Such a writ "can only be issued against a public officer. The union council has attempted to direct the writ to non-public agencies," he explained.

"It's just a union attempt to get their foot in the door," Karnopp speculated. "The

union is unhappy that A.S.C. is non-union and, of course, they want all construction contractors to be union."

"I think the thing is kind of silly," Karnopp said, referring to the legal action. He added that the Tribe has no involvement with the union. Although he has not seen it yet, Karnopp said the next step would probably be to file a motion to dismiss the petition in Marion County Circuit Court.

While Tribal and A.S.C. officials are not particularly worried about the legal action, they are upset with misrepresentations and statistical errors

printed in the Oregonian on Nov. 4 and on Nov. 15. (The figures and statements in the Nov. 4 article were presented by the union council and Labor Commissioner at a joint news conference on Nov. 3).

The trades council claims that only 5 percent of the dam workers are Indian. In reality, out of 157 workers currently on the job 20 are Indian. That computes out to 12.7 percent Indians working on the project—not 5 percent.

According to Lizzie Rhoan, tribal employment liaison, about 100 Indians have applied

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