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## Ladies Auxiliary continues tradition

By Leslie Mitts  
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On Veterans Day and throughout the year, a group of local women do all that they can to support those involved with the military.

The local Ladies Auxiliary has been active in Warm Springs for over 50 years.

Both the VFW post and the Ladies Auxiliary began in 1952 after a VFW member in Bend approached Arlene Graham's parents, Graham said.

They expressed interest in founding a VFW post in Warm Springs and soon started the VFW Elliot Palmer Post and accompanying Ladies Auxiliary.

"They were the first all Indian post and auxiliary in the nation," Graham added.

In fact, the Ladies Auxiliary members have log books dating back to the beginning of the auxiliary in 1952 with lists of members who volunteered their time.

There are 38 members that currently volunteer through the Ladies Auxiliary in Warm Springs. Throughout the nation, Ladies Auxiliaries consist of female family members of veterans who volunteer their time to support the troops and encourage patriotism.

"It's a service organization," Graham said. "We try to assist veterans and their families."



Leminnie Smith, Tamera Kalama, Arlene Graham and Lucy Gadberry are currently involved with the Ladies Auxiliary along with 34 other members.

When the post and auxiliary first began, Graham said, they were incredibly active and travelled to state and district conventions as well as national conventions.

While the VFW post still hosts a local parade on Veteran's Day, Graham said, in the past large parades throughout Oregon communities were common and posts would travel to events in other districts.

Both the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary used to host events like rodeos, dances, bowling teams, and concession stands at Pi-Ume-Sha and the Huckleberry Feast. Several VFW members are even responsible for putting in the baseball fields at the community center.

The women remember being active in contests to sell buddy poppies—disabled veterans still assemble the buddy poppies that are sold to benefit VFW

*"We're trying to pick up and carry on what the World War II and Korean wives and mothers started."*

Arlene Graham

posts around the country.

Throughout the 1960s, Graham said, they had contests to see who could sell the most flowers. The poppy is the official memorial flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

For many of the women involved in the Ladies Auxiliary, their participation began very early on due to encouragement from family members.

Leminnie Smith currently serves as president of the local Ladies Auxiliary.

Smith began volunteering at the age of 14 because of her mother's involvement with the auxiliary.

"My mom was always active in that and we were always helping," Smith explained. As children they would always go to different events to show their support, Smith added, and that was the important thing to her family.

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## ROWDI plans events for heritage month

By Selena Boise  
Spilyay Tymoo

"Honoring the Good in our People" is the theme of Warm Springs Native American Heritage Month.

The Twenty-Fourth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes made the official proclamation, declaring November as Native American Heritage Month. The proclamation prompted the ROWDI group to become active in planning activities to celebrate.

ROWDI stands for Recognizing Our Wonderful, Dedicated Indians. The group is planning events in coordination with community groups or departments.

ROWDI has chosen 10 individuals or groups who depict this sense of achievement in Warm Springs. A display of photographs and biographies of the individuals and groups will be part of a traveling display. The honored people are:

Vernon Jackson and Ken Smith for their achievements; the three Chiefs; the current Tribal Council; elders Gladys Thompson and Olney Patt Sr.; Masters degree recipients Molly Fuentes, Pita Pitt, and Direlle Calica; and Native American teachers Luanne Foltz, Taralee Suppah, Rosa Graybael, Esther Culpus, Ardis Smith, Natalie Mitchell, Arlene Graham, Deannie Smith and Shirley Allen.

The display of these accomplished individuals and groups will travel to Madras High School, Warm Springs Elementary School, and Jefferson County Middle School for students to view throughout the month. Other activities will take place as well.

On Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., there will be a community meal at the Agency Longhouse in honor of Native Americans.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, ROWDI encourages community to become a part of the Veterans Day Parade in Warm Springs. Native Americans have fought in every American war dating back to the Revolutionary War. On this day they will receive acknowledgment at the annual Veterans Day Parade, which will include traditional and contemporary dress as well.

On Thursday, Nov. 13 will be the Native American Heritage Walk. Join the ECE children at the ECE starting at 3 p.m.

A health fair on November 19 will be one of the organized activities. On November 22 a children's powwow is scheduled at the Simnasho Longhouse.

November 28 is national Native American Heritage Day, a day of recognition of Native Americans, encouraging knowledge of Native American accomplishments throughout history and present day.

An essay contest will be held throughout November. Details will be sent to the local schools for students to enter. Winners will be chosen and photographed for an upcoming December Spilyay Tymoo edition.

Still in the planning stages is the art workshop, in coordination with Vocational Rehabilitation. The plan is for teams to work on painting designs on a canvas depicting the theme, "Honoring the good in our People."

There will be a powwow, or Indian Nite Out, still in the planning stages, also a shoot-out basketball tournament. Watch for flyers announcing the dates and times for these events to take place.

## Warm Springs hosts Canada, Montana tribes

By Dave McMechan  
Spilyay Tymoo

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs recently hosted leaders of the Tk'emlups tribe of British Columbia, and the Salish and Kootenai tribes of Montana.

The Tk'emlups, or Kamloops, and Salish and Kootenai leaders stayed at Kah-Ne-Tah. They visited the Museum at Warm Springs, the Eugene Greene Sr. Natural Resources building, administration, and Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

The Kamloops tribe is planning to build a new \$30 million administration building, and the tribal leaders were looking at examples of other tribal buildings.

The Salish and Kootenai are considering acquiring a hydro project, and they wanted to learn from the Warm Springs tribes' experience with the Pelton-Round Butte dams.

At Power and Water Enterprises, Tribal Council Chairman Ron Suppah welcomed the guests. "We need to have this kind of cooperation," he said. "We're facing issues in common, and some of the projects we're working on run parallel." It is important, he said, to share experiences and knowledge in planning for the future.

Secretary-treasurer Jody Calica spoke of some of the fundamental facts of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. The tribes' treaty is one of only two with a unique phrase, said Calica.

The phrase, he said, is that the tribal members reserve rights in common with "the citizens of the United States," while treaties often reserve rights in common with "citizens of the state."

The tribes own 99.7 percent of the land of the reservation, said Calica. The Warm Springs Reserva-



Chief Shane Gottfriedson of the Tk'emlups Indian Band visits with Wasco Chief Nelson Wallulatum at Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

tion is one of three, he said, that is exempt from state jurisdiction, except as allowed by the tribes.

Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises, made the presentation on the tribes' energy projects.

The main project is the Pelton-Round Butte dams, which the tribes co-own

with Portland General Electric.

The tribes also produce a little energy from biomass, and planning to increase biomass generation. Wind generation is a project for the near future, said Manion.

He explained the process by the tribes have acquired part ownership of the dams, after many years of just re-

ceiving lease payments.

The tribes acquired ownership in the two dams during the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dam relicensing process, which has also led to substantial effort to restore anadromous fish above the dams.

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