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Rare view of history at Archives

The Smithsonian Archives collection is extraordinary. They have a Wasco wedding veil from the 1850s, adorned with Chinese coins dating from sometime between 1664 and 1774.

There is a dark wooden bowl with an ancient design of faces with no mouths. And a horse whip with elk and other engravings that appear to tell a story.

There are very old beaded items, rare baskets, baby boards and moccasins, tools, arrow heads, regalia and photographs.

The collection includes hundreds of pages of 19th century written documents of Kiksh translations.

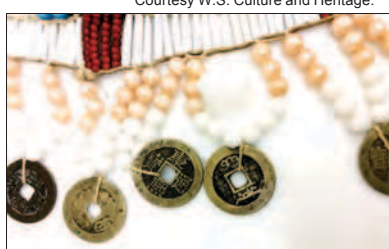
In September a team from Warm Springs Culture and Heritage visited the Smithsonian Archives in Washington, D.C. They spent a week making an inventory of the Archives' Native American high plateau items.

Culture and Heritage director Val Switzler, language teacher Pam Cardenas, Lori



Pam Cardenas examines a saddle at the Smithsonian Archive; at right, very old Chinese coins adorn a Wasco wedding veil.

Courtesy W.S. Culture and Heritage.



Switzler and Shayleen Macy made the trip, with linguist Nariyo Kono.

When they first arrived at the Archives, the curator brought out one box of items that were identified as Wasco.

a half cartloads of boxes.

Val explains that part of the Smithsonian collection is a legacy from the mid- to late-19th Century, when people were thinking the Indian culture might soon disappear. Museum collectors, anthropologists, photographers and linguists visited the tribes on the reservation, at the river and other areas, purchasing and trading for items from the tribal members.

Now the Smithsonian Archives collection is an endless source of interest. The Warm Springs team spent eight hours a day for a week going through the boxes.

They helped the Smithsonian archives staff identify some of items. The kupn handles, for instance, were a mystery, as was the horse head regalia.

At one point Pam was going through old photographs when she recognized a picture of her grandmother's sister Emma. In the picture Emma, born in 1865, is 8 or 9 years old.

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Study to look at water situation

The Confederated Tribes are getting ready to conduct an assessment of the domestic water system on the reservation. The study will be funded through a grant from the USDA.

The hope is that the assessment will be done by the end of this year, said Lonny Macy, tribal planner.

The goal of this project is eventually to install water meters at all residential and commercial buildings on the reservation.

This would create a great savings in water usage on the reservation. The meters will allow tribal Utilities to identify where the leaks are in the system, and which households may be over-using water.

And the amount of leakage and over-use is significant. A study last year looked at the amount of water produced at the water treatment plant, in comparison to the number of water hook-ups on the reservation.

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Justice grant helps police, VOCS

The Confederated Tribes will receive a grant of more than \$830,000, to be used for Public Safety and the Victims of Crime Services.

The Warm Springs Police Department will use some of the funding to buy new police cars, said Stan Suenaga, general manager of tribal Public Safety.

Some of the current police cars have many miles on them, he said. The budget limit at Public Safety

would make purchasing new vehicles difficult; so news of the grant award was especially welcome, Suenaga said.

More than \$300,000 of the total grant award will go to the Victims of Crime Services. This will help fund positions at VOCS, and services to crime victims.

The grant process was a coordinated effort, Suenaga said. Public Safety worked with Caroline Cruz at Health and Human Services,

tribal prosecutor Nancy Seyler, and Janelle Wallulatum at VOCS. The team submitted the grant request back in January.

The grant comes from the U.S. Justice Department, which awarded more than \$97 million to Native American tribes during the latest grant cycle.

Five tribes in Oregon received funding under this program. The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indi-

ans received more than \$1.2 million. Warm Springs received the second largest grant among the Oregon tribes.

The Coquilles received \$683,439; the Klamath Tribes received \$450,000; and the Grand Ronde received \$101,969.

This grant program is to address disproportionate rates of violence and victimization in Native Americans communities.

Funding for geothermal research

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises is beginning the second phase of a geothermal research project.

Power and Water, and the Confederated Tribes learned last week they have received a grant in the amount of \$580,000 to pursue the research.

The grant comes from the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development.

Jim Manion, general manager of Power and Water, explains that the research area is near Kah-Nee-Ta and the Mutton Mountains.

The first phase of the project involved analysis of soil and other features of the area, to determine whether a geothermal resource may exist.

This study proved positive, leading to the second phase, which will involve drilling a deeper well and more detailed analysis.

Eventually, Power and Water could develop a small or moderate sized generating facility. The facility would be in the 3 to 15 watt range, compared to, for instance, the tribes' Re-Reg dam, which is 20 megawatts.

A state energy policy requires utilities to include a certain amount of renewable energy sources in their portfolios, which makes the Warm Springs geothermal project potentially lucrative for the tribes.

Chamber's Senior of the Year

The Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce named Warm Springs language teacher Suzie Slockish the Senior Citizen of the Year at their awards banquet, held at the Erickson Aircraft Collection museum.

Suzie has been a language teacher at Culture and Heritage for more than 20 years.

She learned the Ichishkeen language growing up from her parents, Ellen and Sam Squiempfen, and from grandparents. She grew up and lives in Simnasho.

Warm Springs businesswoman Aurolyn Stwyer nominated Suzie to the Chamber for



Wilbur Slockish, Councilman Raymond and Beulah Tsumpti, Councilwoman Evaline Patt and Wilson Wewa (from left) with Suzie at the awards banquet.

the recognition.

"A long time preserver of the culture of her people," is the dedi-

cation statement on the Senior Citizen of the Year award.

Suzie shares her time, and

knowledge of traditional language and foods, beadwork and sewing.

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