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Repair work nearly done at Kah-Nee-Ta

Work is nearly complete on a \$1.5 million repair project at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

Last summer, a fire started in the kitchen area. The flames caused some damage, but water from the emergency sprinklers also was a problem. In the lodge the floor had to be replaced, as it was damaged by the water.

Insurance is covering the cost of the repairs, said Carlos Smith, Kah-Nee-Ta general manager.

The resort is open, as the repair work is nearing completion.



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

A recent addition to the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Gift Shop is a gourmet coffee stand. The stand is proving to be very popular with the guests, said gift shop manager Amanda Smith (at right by coffee stand).

Council backs Veterans Highway

Tribal Council endorsed the designation of Highway 26 on the reservation as a Tribal Veterans Memorial Highway.

Veterans Jody Calica and Charles Tailfeathers—representing VFW Elliot Palmer Post 4217, and American Legion Eugene A. “Cougar” Greene Post 47—made the presentation to Tribal Council.

The Council was unanimous in its support of the proposal. “You have our support all the way,” said Council Chairman Eugene Austin Greene Jr.

The level of service by veterans of the Confederated Tribes is not widely known off the reservation, said Charles Tailfeathers, Commander of the Warm Springs American Legion Post. The memorial highway would help correct this, he said. At least 499 Warm Springs veterans are listed as having served with honor, dedication and selfless conviction, said Jody Calica.

The current tribal list shows 97 veterans of Early Oregon Wars; fourteen veterans of World War I; 114 veterans of World War II; 97 veterans of the Korean War; 107 veterans of the Vietnam War; and 70 veterans of the present Global War on Terror.

Thirty-five miles of Highway 26 are located on the reservation. This part of the highway is not currently otherwise named or dedicated. Dedication of the highway as a Tribal Veterans Memorial Highway would require no changes to maps or the highway name.

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Carbon sequestration a potential project

Tribal Council has been reviewing the possibility of the tribes entering the carbon sequestration market. The hope is that this could provide a new source of revenue—possibly a very good source—to the tribes.

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. Certain forestry practices can be a method of capturing and storing carbon dioxide, and the reservation includes extensive forest land.

The Natural Resources Branch and legal staff have been studying the carbon sequestration market, and have made three presentations on the subject to Tribal Council.

“I think this could be a very good project for the tribes,” said Bobby

Brunoe, general manager of the Natural Resources Branch.

For tribal purposes, the state of California is the location of the carbon sequestration market. This is a new market, and is still developing.

Emissions trading, or “cap and trade” regulations took effect in California in 2013. By regulation there is a cap on the amount of greenhouse gases that a company in California can emit during the year.

There is flexibility in the regulation in that a company can exceed the cap limit by obtaining an allowance or an offset.

By purchasing an allowance, a company can exceed the emissions cap by a specified amount, said Warm Springs Ventures chief executive officer Jeff Anspach, representing the Geo Visions enterprise at a recent Tribal Council meeting.

Geo Visions is involved in the project, as an enterprise could facilitate the marketing process, said Bobby Brunoe.

Along with the allowance, a company might exceed the emissions cap through an offset.

An offset means the company demonstrates that, through its initiative, an amount of carbon is being captured and stored that otherwise would have gone into the atmosphere.

By managing the forest to promote added tree growth, additional carbon is being captured and stored, said Brunoe. This added growth, above the base line of growth, could be marketed as an offset.

The Natural Resources Branch

this year is developing a potential forestry plan for the market. Actual sales of the offsets could happen next year, Brunoe said.

To enter this market, the land manager must have a large amount of forested land. Public lands do not qualify. Only large private landowners, or tribes with large forested reservations, would qualify.

An initial study of carbon sequestration offsets showed a “high potential” on the Warm Springs Reservation.

There are many questions about this subject, and the answers will become clear during the year, as Natural Resources conducts its studies, Brunoe said.

— Dave McMechan

Success through tradition at Salmon King Fisheries

Salmon King Fisheries is unique: It is the only Native owned and operated business that markets salmon that is Native caught.

Brigette Scott and fiancé Sean McConville catch the salmon and steelhead at the Columbia River. They take the fish to a cannery in Portland, and then market them from their shop at the Warm Springs Plaza, located next door to the casino.

Brigette opened the shop two years ago. “We opened on the same day the casino opened,” Brigette says.

Salmon Kings Fisheries will host a two-year anniversary celebration on Saturday, February 8. There will be Native flute players on hand, and a discount on some of the store items. The community is invited to stop by for the anniversary.

The main product is the fish, sold



Sean McConville and Brigette Scott at Salmon King Fisheries.

in cans or vacuum-sealed. The most popular item is the smoked salmon, Brigette says. There are five differ-

ent kinds of canned fish at Salmon King Fisheries.

The store also has beading sup-

plies for sale, and some regalia and artwork by local artists. The shop is open from noon till 6 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

The location by the casino is great for business, Brigette says. There is a steady flow of traffic past the shop, she said.

She has sold items to clients from all over the world. Just recently she sold two vests and shipped them to Sweden.

She has shipped salmon to people in New Zealand, Australia, Canada and many places in the U.S. She has shipped canned salmon, and vacuum sealed salmon packed in dry ice.

You can visit the website at: salmonkingfisheries.com

Or go to Facebook and type in “salmon king fisheries.”

Some success with insurance sign-ups

About 700 tribal members have signed up for health insurance since the start of the Cover Oregon campaign. There are still an estimated 1,400 community members who would qualify for coverage through the Affordable Health Care Act.

People have been using paper forms to sign up for insurance, as the Cover Oregon website has been experiencing problems. In Warm Springs there are people at the Indian Health Services clinic who can help individuals with the paperwork. There are also trained assistants at the Health Resource Center and Library, located in the Family Resource Center.

Tribal members who sign up for health insurance will have more choices for their health-care needs. Having members who are covered by insurance will also help the tribes with billing, said Caroline Cruz, general manager of the Health and Human Services Branch.



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