

Proposed law helps tribes in federal funding

Would prevent consideration of cannabis policy

A Congressman in Washington, D.C., last week introduced the Tribal Marijuana Sovereignty Act.

This proposed law would prohibit federal agencies from considering a tribe's marijuana policy when disbursing federal dollars to sovereign tribes.

"I strongly believe states should be allowed to enact their own marijuana laws, and have consistently supported attempts to ensure

federal laws do not interfere with them," said Rep. Mark Pocan, from Wisconsin, who introduced the bill.

"I'm also an ardent supporter of tribal sovereignty, which is why I introduced this bill forbidding the federal government from considering marijuana production, possession, or sale as an adverse factor when disbursing federal funds."

Despite Congressional efforts to prevent federal interference in state marijuana programs, federal agencies have enacted policies that do not reflect this directive.

As an example, after Con-

gress passed the 2014 Farm Bill, the USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service issued a directive that prohibits any USDA-NRCS funding to agriculture producers who cultivate marijuana on any land, even if legal under state law.

Many tribes are dependent upon federal assistance, and this heavy-handed approach could severely impact tribes that need federal assistance the most, Rep. Pocan said.

Provisions on IHS, Housing

Due to federal guidelines,

doctors and nurses in federally-funded health centers are prohibited from discussing marijuana with their patients.

They are prohibited from advising patients against self-medicating with marijuana, in addition to prescribing it for medical purposes.

The bill reforms these guidelines and allows Indian Health Service doctors to discuss marijuana with their patients.

Additionally, the bill also ensures that individual members utilizing Indian Housing won't be evicted for minor possession of marijuana.

Annual Spring Yard Sale

The Community Center and Warm Springs Recreation will host the 2016 Spring Yard Sale in May.

The sale is set for May

14, all day at the Community Center front lawn. For information call the center at 541-553-3243.

Alcohol education Thursdays

The Community Counseling Center is hosting Alcohol Education classes every Thursday from 1:15-2:30

p.m. at the center. For more information, contact Flint Scott or Robert Main Jr., at 541-553-3205.

Register for art camp by May 1

The Journey's In Creativity art camp is a free pre-college artist in residence camp at the Oregon College of Arts & Crafts in Portland. It is specifically designed for Native American youth ages

15-19. This year's camp dates are August 5-18.

The deadline to apply is May 1. Twelve students are accepted. Visit the website ocac.edu

Greenhouse: first crop of 10,000 plants

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The building schedule calls for completion of the greenhouse in October. The facility will be 36,000 square feet in size, with 16,400 square feet dedicated to the plants.

The water source will be a well, with a 20,000-gallon storage tank. The water treatment plant will serve as a back-up source.

The facility will be energy efficient, with LED lighting. Ventures is looking at ways to incorporate solar power into the operation, Mr. Sampson said.

The first crop of plants will come from local growers, he said. This will be a one-time purchase, as the enterprise can use these plants to create the future

Groundbreaking

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Speaking on behalf of the tribes will be Tribal Council Chairman Austin Greene, and Alyssa Macy, chief operations manager. The architects and engineers, and enterprise partners Sentinel and Strainwise will be on hand.

There will be an honor song and blessing, food, and commemorative t-shirts for the first 100 people who arrive at the groundbreaking.

generations.

The initial crop will include 10,000 plants, about six to eight inches tall, which can mature in about five weeks.

There will be job fairs and trainings coming up in June and July, Sampson said.

For the retail stores, Ventures is looking at Portland,

Bend, Hood River, Eugene, Salem, and Government Camp. The transport of the finished product to the retail stores will be by secured vehicle.

Ventures was planning to meet this week with Tribal Council to create the cannabis commission, the oversight body of the enterprise.

Other details—the lease of the land, and a change in the tribal code to allow the cultivation project—are also on the agenda.

The Confederated Tribes will be the only tribe in the nation with this kind of operation, involving cultivation and extraction, and retail cannabis sales.

The membership in December approved the cannabis project by a vote of 1,252 in favor to 198 against.

Ventures has since worked with federal and state agencies—the Department of Justice, BIA, and OLCC, for instance—to ensure the operation will meet or exceed all applicable laws and regulations.

COCC hosts 'Getting Started' in Madras

Central Oregon Community College is offering a 'Getting Started' presentation at 2 p.m. on May 3, in Room 105 on the COCC Madras Campus.

This is an opportunity for

prospective students, who are seeking a degree or just a few classes, to meet with a COCC admissions representative for guidance through time-sensitive steps for enrollment, including

federal funding, choosing appropriate courses and the use of academic support services.

For information or to RSVP, call 541-550-4100.

In advance of college events, persons needing ac-

commodation or transportation because of a physical or mobility disability, contact Joe Viola: 541-383-7775. For accommodation because of other disability such as hearing impairment, contact Anne Jenkins: 541-383-7743.

Tribal employment

The following jobs were advertised recently with tribal Human Resources:

Tribal Court Deputy Clerk - Contact Elish Sorrelhorse - 541-553-3278.

Gaming - Surveillance Agent I - David Suppah - 541-460-7762.

Surveillance Lead Technician/Observer - David Suppah.

Children's Mental Health Specialist - Caroline Cruz - 541-553-0497.

Adult Mental Health Specialist - Caroline.

Dual Diagnosis Therapist - Caroline.

Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline.

Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist - Caroline.

Sports and Athletics III - Austin Greene - 541-553-3243.

Job Coach Developer - Jolene Estimo-Pitt - 541-553-4952.

Support Services Coordinator - MayAnne Mitchell - 541-553-3241.

Daycare Teacher - MayAnne Mitchell - 541-553-3241.

Teacher Aide - Cheryl Tom - 541-553-3240.

Bus Driver - Jodi Begay - 541-553-3242.

Family Service Advocate - Jodi.

Lookout (Eagle, Sidwaller) - Bob Medina - 541-553-8311/8308.

Assistant Engine Director - Lionel Smith - 541-553-8309.

Squad Boss (2 positions) - Dorian Soliz - 541-553-8198.

Equipment Operator/Operations - Jabbar Davis - 541-553-1146.

Assistant Engine Operator - Vernon Tias Sr. /Lionel Smith - 541-553-8309 /1147.

Engine Operator - Vernon /Lionel.

BNR Conservation Law Enforcement Ranger - Oswald Tias - 541-553-2033.

Fisheries RME supervisor - Brad Houslet - 541-553-2039.

Fish Technician I - Keith Karoglanian - 541-553-2027.

LD Lamprey Project Tech I/Willamette Falls - Cyndi Baker - 541-553-3586.

Fisheries & Wildlife Technician I - Marc Manion - 541-553-2042.

Oxbow F&W Tech II - Stephan Charette - 541-820-4521.

Restoration Crew Boss - Doug Dunlap/Bill Reynolds - 541-553-2001.

Restoration Crew Driver/Member - Doug/Bill.

Police Officer (4 positions) - Lt. Jason Schjoll - 541-553-3272.

(Limited Duration) Communications Officer - Ron Gregory - 541-553-3272.

Corrections Officer (6 positions) - Ron.

HWC-Facility Management / House Keeping (Limited Duration) - Janis Gunshows - 541-553-3246.

Journeyman Plumber - Don Courtney - 541-553-3246.

Gift Shop Clerk - Lucinda Sohapp - 541-3331553.

Parenting class starts Monday

The next Positive Indian Parenting series will start on Monday, May 2. There are 8 classes in the series and they will be held Monday and Friday

from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center. Contact Annie Kalama or Cyrille Mitchell at the Counseling Center.

Week of the Young Child



Jayson Smith photos.



Graduates banquet in June

The Warm Springs Graduation Banquet for the Class of 2016 is coming up in June.

The banquet is set for Friday, June 10, at the Agency Longhouse.

School district 509-J and Wasco High School diplomas go to Carroll Dick at the Higher Education building.

For information call

541-553-3311. Or you can email her a copy: carroll.dick@wstribes.org

Higher education, VOC tech, AA, certificates, BA, MA, boarding school and other high school diplomas go to Becky Picard at the Tribal Council office. Or email: becky.picard@wstribes.org

Play the Game: Intercultural Awareness

Central Oregon Community College ~ Madras Campus ~

Monday, May 2, 12-1:30, Room 116, Lunch will be served.

Enjoy a fun, interactive game that will help us think about cultural differences and how they influence our ability to be successful.

Facilitated by Courtney Snead, Director of Let's Talk Diversity Coalition.

COCC is having a **Nursing Program orientation** session in Redmond from 4-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 28. It will be held in room 306, building 3 on the Redmond campus. The session will review the selection procedure and prerequisites for applying to COCC's Nursing program.