

Behavioral Health advocate joins Development Council

The Youth Development Council support the state's education system by developing state policy, and administering funding to community and school-based youth development programs, services and initiatives.

The goal of the Council is to support educational success, and career and workforce development with a focus on positive youth development.

The newest member of the Oregon Youth Development Council is Andy Leonard, of Warm Springs Behavioral Health.

Mr. Leonard is the ado-



Andy Leonard

lescent after-care specialist, certified recovery mentor, and prevention support specialist at Behavioral Health.

He has been with the department for nine years.

Because of its mission, the Youth Development Council truly requires a Native youth advocate among the membership. This became clear earlier this year at a Prevention meeting of the Nine Oregon Tribes.

Mr. Leonard then submitted his application, and was soon asked to join the Council. He took the oath of office November, and his first meeting with the Council will be later this month.

The Oregon Legislature created the Youth Development Council in 2012-13.

The Council's mandate:

To help youth who face barriers to education and the workforce get back on the path to high school graduation, college and a career.

The Council ensures implementation of best practices that are evidence based.

These practices are to be culturally, gender and age appropriate; address individual risk factors, and build upon factors that improve the health and well-being of children and youth.

Tribal best practices are a specific factor. Mr. Leonard's appointment to the Council is a great step toward achieving this mandate.

Continued geothermal energy research near KNT

The geology around Kah-Nee-Ta may support a moderate sized geothermal energy plant.

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises for the past few years has successfully pursued two grants that have confirmed this assessment. The grants—through Department of Interior energy exploration programs—have been substantial:

The first in 2014 was for \$340,000, and was used for an initial study of surface features of the area to determine the likelihood of finding a geothermal source.

The second grant last year was for \$760,000 to drill test wells to better research the potential sites.

The results show that an area near near Kah-Nee-Ta could be suitable for a geothermal energy plant of 3 to 5 megawatts, said Jim Manion, Power and Water general manager.

There was discussion last year of using the energy to power the resort, bringing a significant savings on electricity.

Mr. Manion last week updated Tribal Council on the project. He was seeking approval to pursue a third Department of Interior grant to develop a more detailed assessment of the geothermal potential. Council approved the request, asking for updates every couple of months.

CP Enterprises: New approach as market is changing



Dave McMechan/Spilyay

Ventures and CP Enterprise hosted input meetings last week at the Greeley Heights community building.

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“Phase 1 will include the construction of a greenhouse, a 10-acre outdoor (hemp) grow area, and purchase of an extraction machine.” Some other points in the summary:

The goal is to develop a 100-percent tribally owned, operated and

regulated tribal cannabis cultivation and extraction facility for medical and hemp product.

The proposal says that 10 percent of net profits would be dedicated to tribal member public health, safety and welfare.

Site development: The project will consist of one 2,160 square-foot

greenhouse, a storage container for drying and packaging, a storage container for extraction services, and a modular office space.

What does the change from recreational to hemp production mean? The licensing requirements are not as strict. There are no special banking

requirements. Growing hemp is less labor intensive. Security requirements are reduced. Regulation is reduced.

The tribes have their own regulatory body, the Cannabis Commission, that would provide the oversight. Employment: Four full-time positions, plus six seasonal.

Water pipeline project delayed

The Dog River—a clear water tributary of the East Ford Hood River—is within the Ceded Lands of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

A few years ago the tribes' Natural Resources Branch re-introduced spring chinook salmon into the Dog River. Maintaining a healthy river—with adequate in-stream flow—is a priority of the tribes.

The Dog River also is a source of domestic water for The Dalles. The Dalles has proposed the construction of a pipeline to replace

the current delivery system. The current system is a ditch, a century old, made of wood and leaking.

The proposed new system—on Forest Service land within the Ceded territory—would conserve water. The Confederated Tribes have commented that water saved from leakage should be maintained in-stream, as provided in state law, restoring some flow to the Dog River.

The Dalles applied for \$1 million grant to construct the pipeline. The state last month delayed the funding, setting a final decision for 2019.

Meeting proposed on KNT

Tribal leaders have suggested a community meeting soon on the future of Kah-Nee-Ta Resort.

The tribes have received three proposals from outside investor-partners. Details of the proposals are subject to confidentiality agree-

ments, common business practice under the circumstances.

Kah-Nee-Ta shut down in early September, with the loss of many local jobs. And there is an ongoing cost of keeping the resort secure and maintained during its closure.

Sentencing: factors leading to the policy

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As an example: The Agency Longhouse was found to be contaminated with methamphetamine residue. Decontamination was very expensive. Other departments, and the Housing Authority in particular, contend with meth contamination of buildings.

This led to the formation of the Meth and Opioid Task Force. From the task force, Council requested data regarding the incidence of drug use in criminal cases at Tribal Court.

The conclusion is that an overwhelming number of crimes on the reservation involve illegal drugs or alcohol.

Council then requested a proposal regarding sentencing for drug cases, prompting the work by the Justice Team on the mandatory sentencing guidelines.

This would be similar to the provisions that currently exist for cases of DUII on the reservation, adopted five years ago.

The draft resolution includes a summary of how the mandatory sentencing proposal came about:

“Whereas Tribal Council has already taken active efforts to promote more positive prevention and intervention for health, safety and stability for all drug related issues, specifically methamphetamine on the reservation...

“Whereas Tribal Council identified the need to better support the membership and community through housing, healthcare, reduction of substance abuse and improvement of public and community safety...

“Whereas on April 8, 2018 Tribal Council by motion approved funding to

clean up and abate damages to the Agency Longhouse related to methamphetamine contaminations, and...

“Whereas Tribal Council has already implemented mandatory sentencing for offenders who commit violations of... Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants, and...

“Whereas Tribal Council has identified that all controlled substances defined (in the Tribal Code) are believed to a current and ongoing issue that poses a threat to the health, safety, sustainability and future of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, its members, structures, resources and assets....”

The Council directs the development of mandatory minimum sentencing for illegal drug violations on the reservation.

Summary of Tribal Council

December 3, 2018

1. Roll call: Chief Delvis Heath, Chairman Eugene Greene, Jr., Raymond Tsumpti, Valerie Switzler, and Lee Tom. Alfredine Smith, recorder.

2. Bureau of Indian Affairs update, and Office of Special Trustee update. Realty items. Oregon Department of Transportation memorandum of understanding.

Legislative update conference calls. Tribal attorney update with John Ogan.

3. Meeting is cancelled due to lack of quorum.

4. Adjournment at 10:13 a.m.



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ~ from Warm Springs artist Travis Bobb.