

Council discussion on Proclamation, priorities

The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes is setting its priorities—through an upcoming Proclamation—for 2020 and beyond.

Working with governmental affairs director Lewis Pitt and Secretary-Treasurer Michele Stacona, Council members have reviewed the Proclamations of the previous several tribal councils; and they discussed last week their initial impressions and goals.

An overall questions is, “What would success look like for this Tribal Council?” said Louie Pitt. Some priorities of Tribal Council are not open for negotiation—Protection of Treaty rights, for instance—Mr. Pitt said. Beyond that the priorities are up to Council discretion, based on talks with the people.

At a strategy meeting last week the Council members were in agreement on an initial approach to the Proclamation: This statement of priorities should be concise and direct.

The 2016 Proclamation of the previous Tribal Council contains praise-worthy goals, Council members said. Issues, though, are the length of the 2016 document, and the sheer number of goals:

Budget and revenue growth, education, enterprise accountability, health care, protections of assets, Our People, infrastructure, economic development and comprehensive planning, tribal member employment, housing, public safety and communications.

These are goals that all members and the leadership support. Available funding, though, means that not all of them can be met within a single term of a Tribal Council. The Twenty-Seventh Council, for instance, addressed several points of the 2016 Proclamation, said Councilwoman Brigitte McConville. They passed balanced budgets, for instance, and re-established the Education Branch.

Some items though—long-standing reform of the tribal incarceration facility, through the BIA, for example—were not within the scope of a three-year Council term.

The Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council will be working with the membership and staff during the coming weeks on their Proclamation of goals and priorities. Some particular items mentioned so far:

Councilwoman Anita Jackson said the tribes need

to have good working relationships with state and federal agencies and policy makers. Implementing the cannabis referendum is another priority, Ms. Jackson said. Finishing the broadband project on the reservation through the Warm Springs Telecom is another priority, she added.

Councilman Wilson Wewa emphasized education, as the younger generations are the future of the tribes.

Tribal employment and education, and government-to-government relations with the state and federal governments, are priorities, Wasco Chief JR Smith said.

Council Chairman Raymond Tsumpti said the infrastructure needs of the reservation—water, wastewater and landfill concerns—are among immediate priorities. More comments from the Council members:

Councilman Captain Moody mentioned the department, enterprise and management teams must be accountable, in responding to concise directives of Council. For priorities and goals, he said, the tribes should avoid the ‘All thunder and no rain’ analogy: this

happens when there are stated goals without follow-up of actually getting things done.

Paiute Chief Joseph Moses commented the enterprises must function better in generating revenue for the general fund. Settlement of lawsuits is having the result of taking the place of enterprise revenue, which should be the driving force of the general fund, Chief Moses said.

Councilman Lincoln Jay Suppah referred to Tribal Councils of past generations, when they took strong and direct action, benefiting the membership. “They had a no-nonsense approach, holding people accountable,” Councilman Suppah said.

Warm Springs Chief Delvis Heath encouraged the Council members to work together with the membership. “It’s up to the Tribal Council to take up the concerns of the people, and work on getting new jobs on the reservation,” Chief Heath said.

As the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council develops its Proclamation for 2020-2022, council members first of all agreed the statement should be concise, direct and not confusing.

First items of 2020 at Tribal Council

The first Tribal Council meeting of the new decade—held January 6, 2020—included approval of a realty item, a BIA update, a report from the Indian Health Service, and other business.

The realty item, presented by James Halliday of Tribal Lands, passed unanimously. Two other realty proposals—grazing lease applications—were rescheduled to allow more Range and Ag input.

Councilman Captain Moody mentioned that there are likely grazing leases that are outdated or expired, as this issue has not had full attention. Mr. Halliday, who is still relatively new to the position, agreed. Council then heard and update from Hyllis Dauphinais, IHS clinic director, and staff.

Mr. Dauphinais began with an update on the flu season. There has been an increase of visits to the clinic for flu- and flu-like symptoms, he said. This is similar to the statewide trend. There have been close to 1,600 reported flu cases in Oregon, with 120-plus in Jefferson County. One child in Oregon is has died from the flu this season, Mr. Dauphinais said.

It is important for people to get a flu vaccination, especially for young people and others at risk. The clinic itself has a policy of mandatory flu vaccination for staff, as a measure to protect the public and the staff. There are exemptions for religious belief, and certain medical conditions.

Of the 120 employees at the clinic, 117 received a vaccination—very good coverage, Dauphinais said.

Mr. Dauphinais and clinic Human Resources liaison Rachel Smith-Nua discussed the recruitment effort at the clinic. There are currently about 25 vacancies at the clinic—nursing positions, dental, administration and other jobs. Recruitment is an ongoing year-round process, he said.

Finding housing for new clinic hires can be a challenge, Mr. Dauphinais said. Rent in the region is high, based on personal experience, said Dauphinais, who joined the clinic two months ago.

Community notes...

Family Night at the Warm Springs Academy is also tonight at the Warm Springs Academy from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 23.

The Warm Springs Academy girls basketball season tips off this Thursday, January 16. They’re traveling to Sisters to take on the Outlaws. The game starts at 4 p.m. The girls then have a home game, hosting Elton Gregory Middle School, on Wednesday, January 22. Game time is 3:45 p.m.

The **Madras High School Native American Student Union** will be meeting in Mr. Jones room during lunch on Wednesday, January 22.

The **Portland Blazers Native American appreciation night** happens at the Moda Center on Wednesday January 29.

Get your Blazers tickets to watch All Star Damien Lillard take on James Harden and the Houston Rockets. There are a limited number of tickets.

Anyone who purchases a ticket will be able to join them on the court after the game to shoot a free throw like the pros! For more information you can visit kwso.org

The Jefferson County 509- J School District is hosting a **Job Fair** on Wednesday, January 29 at the Madras Performing Arts Center.

The district is looking education assistants, secretaries, assistant custodians, food service workers and bus drivers, and licensed teachers. Learn more online at kwso.org (or see page 5 of this publication for details.)

For medical advice outside of Warm Springs IHS

regular hours, you can call the **Registered Nurse Health Advice Hotline** 24-hours a day at 1-866-470-2015.

If you have unused or expired medications you need to get rid of, the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Center now has a **MedSafe drop box**. Bring old meds to the large blue box located in the pharmacy waiting area to safely dispose of them.

Starting in February the Community Health Nutrition Department in collaboration with the Diabetes Program will have a series of classes aimed at educating **about Diabetes**.

The class starts on Friday, February 6, and will continue each Friday during the month.

The class will be held in

the Warm Springs Health and Wellness clinic in the kitchen conference room at noon. Light lunch will be provided. All are welcome! For More Information call 541-553-2478.

As we begin the new year, Warm Springs Fire Management and the Wild Fire Prevention team urge you to get your **2020 burn permits** for 2020.

Make sure to burn safely, and call in all burning to the Warm Springs Police Department at 541-553-1171; and Warm Springs Fire Management at 541-553-1146.

Child Health Task Force

The new year is a great time to do or try new things.

Winter fruits to consider are apples, pears, kiwi and citrus fruits like oranges, grape-

fruit, and clementines.

There is a wide variety of squash available in January, and different kinds will offer different flavors. Acorn, butternut and spaghetti squash are all great options.

Broccoli and cauliflower can be eaten raw, steamed, sautéed or even roasted.

Helpful tips for trying new things:

Utilize samples as often as possible. You can ask the produce manager to try any fresh produce.

Try the new food multiple times: It can take a few tries to begin to like something.

Offer new foods with familiar foods, so there is only one unfamiliar food.

Offer new foods before a familiar one.

Root vegetables are in season this time of year as well, so try some parsnip or turnips. You can mash them with potatoes to mix up the clas-

sic side dish.

Remember

· It can be fun to try new foods together with your child.

· Make sure to have positive reactions to the new foods, to help your child want to try it too. Say things like “I like this” and show enthusiasm for the new food.

· Make it a game to try a new food at least once a week with your child.

· Involve your children in choosing and preparing a new food.

The children also need to try a variety of foods.

Make sure to introduce new foods one at a time, in case there is an allergy.

It may take a few tries for them to like the new food, just like you!

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