



COWLITZ Tribal News

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"One who calls"

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Chairman's Corner

Bill Iyall

General Council Chairman

Klahowya. It's time for our fall gathering of the year, Saturday, November 5th. The semi-annual General Council meeting starts at 10 a.m. at St Mary's. It is a time that we can all look forward to. The Youth Board hosts the Youth Day Gathering at St. Mary's so that parents can be in the meeting. The Canoe Honoring Dinner will be held after the meeting at the potluck.

The Comprehensive Plan: This is a tool that will be used by tribal members, tribal staff, and the Tribal Council. It will allow us to understand what needs to be done for the Tribe to be successful. By understanding the plan, everyone can participate in reaching our goals; everyone can play a part in the success of the Tribe.

The Cowlitz Tribe recognizes that this is a rapidly changing world, one that requires the ability to adapt readily to new issues and new opportunities. The comprehensive plan will map out a destination that allows for multiple paths as well as new road building. The plan is being developed with input from tribal citizens, advisory committees, tribal staff, and by the Tribal Council and Executive

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These aerial photos show a time lapse of progress from September 2015 grading to a recent August 2016 photo of the ilani casino.

Emerging...The Cowlitz Indian Reservation

By Whitney Devlin

Construction continues on the reservation projects with five Cowlitz tribal members now employed in various jobs helping to build up the casino and reservation infrastructure. They are: Beth Ward the Executive Administrative Assistant for ilani, Katherine Stone the Administrative Assistant at Harder Mechanical, Anita Foreman an Electrician and Foreman of the Fire Alarm Crew (the first Journeyman on the project), Shannon Ford Schuetze the Administrative Assistant to the CTGC and Whitney Devlin the Executive Management Associate for ilani. In the October edition of Ridgefield Living magazine, the Cowlitz ladies express their excitement to have the opportunity to work

on the reservation for the future of the Cowlitz People.

ilani will be a world-class meeting and entertainment venue in the heart of the Pacific Northwest. A getaway from the everyday with 15 restaurants, bars, and retail shops offering everything from casual to gourmet dining and exciting nightlife. Our 100,000 square-foot gaming floor elevates the gaming experience and features the latest and most popular games including 2,500 slot machines, 75 table games, a high limit gaming room and VIP Lounge with spectacular views.

Interested in joining the team? Attend an upcoming Career Interest Fair to learn about career paths and types of jobs that will be available. Check **ilani-**

resort.com for a schedule of upcoming career fairs hosted by Director of Human Resources Al Muma or sign up to become a vendor. The majority of hiring at ilani will begin in December and January. Future consideration applications are accepted and a handful of positions

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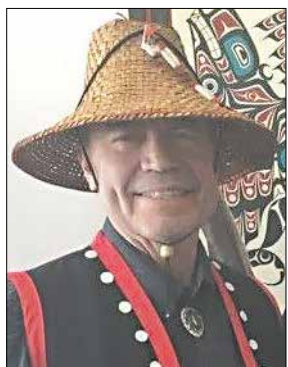
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Chairman Bill Iyall

Committee to reflect new needs and opportunities.

We are working on a reservation master plan with a focus on a vision for our Community

and Government Center.

ilani Casino: It's going to be the top entertainment destination in the Pacific Northwest. We are scheduled to open our doors next spring. We want to bring tribal members in for a "soft opening" before the public opening.

It will be offering some of the finest food and dining along with the best games around. We will take great pleasure in knowing we do everything we can to ensure our visitors' experiences are both fun and rewarding. There will be 2,600 terminals on our gaming floor. Gourmet food, hot new slots, blackjack tables, or live entertainment will be there for our customers to enjoy. There will be exciting events like gaming tournaments, live entertainment, promotions, dining specials and more—a little something for everybody!

Casino operations planning and development: Planning for casino operations continues forward on schedule. We will be holding local vendor fairs on three days, September 20-22. Chief Executive Officer Kara Fox and the team continue to work on hiring staff, finaliz-

ing proposals for food services, and getting ready for next year. Last month, two tribal members were added to the casino management team, Elizabeth Ward and Whitney Devlin.

The Grand Ronde Tribe has stated publicly that it will appeal the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, to the United States Supreme Court. However, as of the date of this report, they have not filed. The appeal, called a writ of certiorari, is discretionary with the Court. Four of the Supreme Court justices must vote to review the appeals court's decision, and they only take a few of all the appeals presented to them. The most common reason for the Court to take a case is because there is a split in the decisions of the lower courts, which is not present in our case. We do not expect that the Supreme Court will grant a review.

Casino and interchange construction: Casino construction continues on schedule for opening next April. Interchange construction is now well underway and scheduled to be ready for opening day. The treatment plant is also on schedule. The main portions of Cowlitz Way and the new NW 31st Avenue are open to traffic.

Visit the ilani website at www.ilani-resort.com for updates and information.

Dakota Access Pipeline Protests: A company called Energy Transfer Partners wants to put a pipeline through Native territories. It's called the Dakota Access Pipeline. The original proposed pipeline route crossed the Missouri River just north of Bismarck, North Dakota. The route was changed to cross north of Standing Rock instead. The Standing Rock Sioux tribal government has been fighting the Energy Transfer Partners (owners of the pipeline) in court since 2014. To support their efforts in a grass-

roots fashion, activists (local Hunkpapa Lakota and now many others) set up the prayer camp so that those who oppose the pipeline would have a place to gather near its construction site. Organizers estimate that now, nearly 4,000 people are camping on the ground in tipis and tents. Many Cowlitz have traveled there to join the peaceful protest.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency that federal law requires to confer with affected Native nations, failed to obey the law. They did not consult with the Hunkpapa Nation. The Energy Transfer Company used attack dogs on Native people to try to stop peaceful protest. That's, no doubt, led to the most recent judicial decision.

The federal government has now temporarily halted work on federal lands. There are sacred sites in the path of the project and the order gives the Hunkpapa Nation a chance to prove its case that there are sacred objects/burial sites in harm's way.

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe supports the Standing Rock Sioux tribal government's opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. We know all too well what the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is going through with the deleterious influences of corporate interests on tribes and their sacred grounds. All tribes and First Nations have been pushed aside for over a century with total disregard for our cultural values and way of life. While there have been laws enacted that are intended to protect tribal interests, facilitative regulators and big business are still out there working to diminish our people's concerns and continuing to desecrate sacred lands and our way of life.

It is an unrelenting challenge to have to deal with the numerous initiatives that aim to continue paving over our people and our lands. It is more troublesome

when we continue to be challenged with governmental influences that undermine tribal interests. We continue to be infringed upon and constantly need to stay on our guard to protect our past and rightful existence again, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe commends the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's stand in protecting the past, present, and future well-being. The Cowlitz Tribe has been on the front lines protecting our interests in responding to major projects in our area, including the Millennium coal terminal, Mount St. Helens copper mine, Tesoro oil terminal and the Kalama methanol plant, as well as other projects in Oregon.

Volunteers: We all thank all the volunteers for their work on the Pow Wow, Huckleberry Camp, at Youth Camp, and all the other cultural events and programs. We also thank all our volunteers for their work on all the boards and committees that do the hard work for our services. Housing Board, Health Board, Youth Board, Audit Review Committee, Cultural Board, Drum Group, and Canoe Family are integral to our continued growth and vitality. We look forward to all the cultural and spiritual events throughout the year.

Devin Reck heads up the Canoe Family on the journey on the river and the Salish Sea. Thanks to the skippers, the pullers and the ground crews for this important cultural event. This year's journey was to Nisqually.

This year we especially honor Suzanne Donaldson, retiring chair of the Pow Wow committee, for her 14 years of service. Good things are happening now with all these important volunteer activities and more good will follow, with the patience and good will of the Cowlitz people.

All My Relations,
Chairman Bill Iyall

Emerging

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are in the hiring process today. **Cowlitz tribal members be sure to identify yourself on the application for priority employment.**

The water reclamation plant will be one of the most advanced in operation to protect groundwater and the environment. The water reclamation plant's

biological waste treatment is 99% better than conventional onsite septic tanks. The wastewater undergoes an advanced treatment process with screening, nitrogen removal, biological waste removal, MBR technology microfiltration technology and dual disinfection testing.

The existing interchange at Exit 16 off I-5 is in the process of a major overhaul and upgrade to improve safety and efficient access to La Center and ilani. A new overpass will accommodate four

vehicle travel lanes, pedestrians and bicycles. The scope of work also includes multi-lane roundabouts for existing northbound and southbound interchange ramp terminals.

Today's developing areas on the reservation are scheduled to be completed in Spring 2017! **Looking forward to seeing you on Opening Day at ilani!**

CAREER INTEREST FAIR

Saturday, October 29, 2016
Comfort Suites Airport

7200 Fun Center Way
Tukwila, WA 98188
10 am – 3 pm

Career Fair will be reserved for Cowlitz Tribe Members only from 10 am – 1:00 pm.

CAREER INTEREST FAIR

Saturday, November 5, 2016
Open 10 am - 2pm for Cowlitz only
St. Mary's
107 Spencer Road
Toledo, WA 98591

A Message From the Vice Chairman

Philip Harju

General Council Vice Chairman

Lots of exciting happenings are occurring this year for the Cowlitz Tribe. In March, I had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. to watch the oral argument before the Federal Court of Appeals on our Land into Trust case. The Cowlitz Tribe and our legal team have done an outstanding job on this long and complicated case. Our hard work paid off on July 29th of this year when the three Judge panel of the D. C. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed our case. We won on every legal issue!

Work on our Reservation continues at a fast pace. The management team for our ilani Casino is coming together along with the needed infrastructure to support our Reservation. We have signed an intergovernmental agreement with Clark Fire and Rescue for fire and emergency medical services for the Reservation, and are working on a law enforcement agreement.

The Cowlitz Tribe continues to be a leader in Southwest Washington with our many programs, such as, health, education, transportation, housing, elders care, youth, cultural,



General Council Vice Chairman Philip Harju

and natural resources. I hope that many of our Tribal members can attend our General Council Meeting, on November 5, 2016. Please bring your ideas, suggestions, and questions to the meeting.

When I was at the Interior Department in Washington, D.C. in March, I looked for the Cowlitz flag that we presented to the federal government some years ago. I found our flag on display and have included a picture of it in the Hall of Flags at the BIA headquarters. Go Cowlitz!

A Gift To The Tribe

By David Barnett

At the General Council meeting last June, I announced that I was going to create a Pendleton blanket to gift to the Cowlitz Tribe. Over the last four months tribal member Jeanne St. Martin and I worked on the creation, and today I submitted the final design to Pendleton for production. I think you will be blown away by Jeanne's artistry when you see the blanket. Fulfilling a dream of mine, I will be gifting 500 of these blankets to Cowlitz Tribal Members at my cost. I can't wait to wrap you up in one!! The blankets will be finished by the end of the year, and I would like to set up a ceremony to gift them to you shortly after that, maybe at our recognition ceremony in February. I encourage you to attend the November General Council meeting where you will be able to write your name on the list and not be left out. I will limit this initial gifting to Tribal members over the age of 18, and one per household so that as many families get one as possible. Chief Roy and Spiritual Leader Tanna were given a sneak peek at the design and I received amazing responses from them. I am sure you will feel the same way,

so show up at the General Council meeting this November!

Our casino "ilani" is scheduled to open on April 17, 2017 and there will be a day set aside for the Cowlitz to come and celebrate our homeland and our casino, and I will provide a good meal for all!

As I said in the June newsletter, I was very pleased and confident with the oral argument presented by the Tribe in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and on July 29th, The D.C. Circuit "UNANIMOUSLY" ruled in our favor!!! When I heard the decision, I felt a sense of peace and comfort and I could hear our ancestors singing in the sky. All was calm. However I've been taught by my elders and ancestors to never rest on your laurels and to never let down your guard. There is still much work to do as our opponents will stop at nothing to protect their gaming monopoly. But we are Cowlitz, we are the Blue Bloods and we are the Forever People. WE WILL PREVAIL.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN A FEW WEEKS!

Enrollment Department:

Randy Russell

Our current enrollment criteria are as follows (applicant must meet all three):

Applicant must be a direct lineal descendant of a Cowlitz Indian and Applicant must have a parent (mother/father) on Cowlitz Tribal Roll and Applicant shall be no older than 12 months of age (effective 01/01/2006) or applicant is 18 years of age and no more than 19 years of age (effective 06/06/2015). The change made in June of 2015 allows descendants whose parent did not enroll them by their first birthday to enroll as an adult between their 18th and 19th birthdays.

As of Sept 2016 our current total enrolled population is 4039. In May 2016 we enrolled 40 new tribal members and in July we enrolled another 23 new tribal members.

If you have tribal member family or friends that are not receiving the tribal mailings it is most likely

because they are on our Unknown Address List. If you are hearing this from tribal members please ask them to contact the Enrollment Office to verify the address we have on file for them. Enrollment Office direct: 360-575-3310 or email: cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org

I will be retiring the end of September. I am pleased to announce Cathy Raphael has been appointed to be my replacement as Enrollment Officer. Cathy is a tribal member and has been employed by the Tribe in Contract Health Services since 2003; I am sure many of you are familiar with Cathy.

DEATHS REPORTED TO THE OFFICE SINCE OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER:

Bouchard, Ronald L.
Cloquet, Father Victor A.
McKibben, Walter K.
McKnight (Dermanski), Dorothy K.
McTurnal, William W.
Nelson, E. Roger
Rhodes, Dean S.

Town Hall Meetings Concluded, Strategic Planning is the Next Step

Christine Myers

Chairman Iyall and the Cowlitz Tribal Council arranged for the five town hall style meetings in order to engage tribal members across Cowlitz country and solicit their feedback for planning the future of the Cowlitz Tribe. With the exciting new reservation and ilani casino now underway, these meetings were well timed and welcomed by participants.

The Tribe's Communications Team worked with a tribal panel of experts and the consultants to prepare for and facilitate five meetings between February and June of 2016. The meetings were held on Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Washington State cities of Toledo, Fife, Longview, Tukwila, and Ridgefield. Tribal

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Cowlitz Tribal News YOYOOLAH!

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The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Newsletter Team encourages tribal members to submit articles, photographs and events. All submissions of articles need to be in editable form such as Word document. Photos need to be sent in a separate attachment and should be high resolution, original photos. Submissions must contain the writer's name, address and phone contact to be published.

Submitted articles may be edited at the discretion of the editing staff and become the property of the Cowlitz Tribe. This publication does not reflect opinions of editorial staff and should not contain any defamatory, malicious, libelous statements or personal attacks on individuals, staff, tribal organizations, administration or the Cowlitz Indian Tribe as a whole.

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Planning

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members participated actively in all the sessions which produced excellent ideas regarding programs and projects for Tribal Council to consider.

The conversations were themed and structured around the core services that the tribe provides to members: Education, Housing, Health, Natural Resources, and an open-ended "other" category. A draft vision statement was produced from the input.

The next steps for this process will be take the executive summary to the Tribal Council for strategic planning which will refine the results of the Town Hall meetings into an actionable plan for the Tribe's Departments and Programs.



Melody Pfeifer and Linda O'Brien traveled to Standing Rock, ND to deliver Cowlitz Flag and show support for their cause.

STANDING ROCK



Shana and Kari Lombard hold the Cowlitz flag at Standing Rock Reservation, ND.



Melody Pfeifer, with Danielle Ta'Sheena Finn, Miss Indian World 2016-2017.

Cowlitz Tribe Represented at Standing Rock, North Dakota

Cowlitz Tribal member Melody Pfeifer and Linda O'Brien, wife of Council member John O'Brien, drove thirteen hundred miles over the Labor Day weekend to join the Sacred Stone camp and to support the opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock, North Dakota. Linda donated a double sided buffalo Pow Wow drum to the camp and felt honored that it would be used as the official drum for the encampment. Members of the camp also raised the Cowlitz flag to join many

other Indian Nations flags flying above the sacred land. Melody and Linda volunteered time cooking in several kitchens and on the front line of the camp for the scouts and warriors. Both women said the experience was life-changing and a spiritual awakening. Melody stated, "This is bigger than just the pipeline". The camp will need donations to get through the cold North Dakota winter. **For a list of supplies, please see the Standing Rock Facebook page or www.sacredstonecamp.org.**



Cowlitz Indian Tribe Declares Data Sovereignty, Conducts Tribal Census

Christine Myers
Tribal Planner

Tribal Council put a call out for a census to be conducted so that tribal government services can be planned using actual tribal citizen data. As the Tribal Planner, I am working with the Census Data Team to develop the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Census.

The Census Data Team needs your help. We need tribal citizens to update their contact information (emails, phone numbers, and addresses) with the Enrollment Office. We want to encourage you to respond to the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Census online because that will help save the tribe time and

money. Updating your contact information will also help us understand the best way to contact you so we can engage you in the planning process.

Completing the Tribal Census should take an average of 45 minutes to an hour, but may take longer depending on how many people live with you. The head of household should complete the forms and they may need to have certain information on hand. This could include the enrollment numbers of all Cowlitz Indians in the household, information about income of any sort for everyone over age 15, and documents related to common household expenses. There are many other questions on the Census but

those should be easily answered with basic knowledge.

After the Tribal Census data has been collected and analyzed, we may conduct some follow-up surveys to determine specific priorities and to better address tribal member needs. Data from the different sections of the Tribal Census will be used to design programs to serve the needs of Cowlitz people. Just like with the U.S. Census, your responses will be confidential and the data used for planning will not identify people personally.

Every household that submits their Tribal Census will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

TRIBAL ELDERS FISHING TRIP



Doug Mahar fishing on the Columbia River.

Bill Miller fishing on the Columbia River.

Left to right: Dan Van Mechelen, Alvie Bouchard, Natural Resources Scientific Tech, Dalton Fry, Barrett "Bear" Neal, Juanita Clark and Don Van Mechelen

Alvie Bouchard fishing on the Columbia River.

Jim Posey had a good day on the Columbia.



Elders Going to the 49er Restaurant for Lunch. **Left to right:** Quinn Anderson, Steve Smith, Dan Van Mechelen, Leticia Smiley, Carol Seholm, Deb Mizner, Eileen Stewart, Sandra Marinsik, Patty LaMere, Sandy Miller, Boo Bouchard, Jean Mahar, Juanita Clark and Bill Miller. Photo by John Forespring Jr.



Lynn and Tanna Engdahl gifting beef to the Elders Program



Left: Siblings left to right, Don Van Mechelen, Juanita Clark and Dan Van Mechelen enjoy ice cream in Long Beach, WA

**3RD ANNUAL COWLITZ ELDERS
HOLIDAY POTLATCH
BAZAAR**


**HOLIDAY
Bazaar**

For more information contact,
Sandy Marinsik (360)864-4057
or Deb Mizner (360)864-7006

DATE: DECEMBER 3, 2016

TIME: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION: ST. MARY'S



The Elders program provides transportation for native Elders as needed and serves lunch on weekdays at St. Marys, Toledo, WA. We also serve lunch on Tuesday at our Longview location.

For more information contact: Deb Mizner, 360-864-7006, dmizner.health@cowlitz.org or Leticia Smiley: 360-864-7003.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Congratulation to Joshua Lancaster!



Joshua Lancaster, son of Jennifer Neal graduated from Toutle Lake High School in January 2016 and entered the US Navy in August 2016. After boot camp in Chicago, he will train in Texas to become a Master of Arms officer. Josh your family is so proud of you and the choices you have made for your future!

Army Sgt. Bleu Hazel Serves 2nd Tour



in Olympia, where he graduated from North Thurston High School in 2013.

The idea of her son joining the military was hard on Bobbi.

“I cried a lot when, at 16, Bleu told me that he wanted to join the Army as soon as he graduated from high school,” she said. “I didn’t want him to go to Afghanistan ... (I was) so afraid that something would happen to him.”

But the earnest high-schooler explained his decision.

“He looked at me seriously and with the demeanor of someone much older and told me that he wanted to go because he wants to help people,” Bobbi said. “I’m afraid for him every day that he’s there, but it’s tempered with a mother’s pride.”

Bleu, whose skill with firearms bolstered him in his role as infantry fire team leader, will be back stateside sometime in late November, joining his wife, Nikkie. He and Nikkie married in 2014, and she is studying to be a nurse practitioner at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, where Bleu is stationed at Fort Carson.

Army Sgt. Bleu Hazel is serving his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Bleu is the son of Mark and Barbara “Bobbi” Kinswa Cox and grandson to Barbara Kinswa Lindholm.

His mother said that Bleu wanted to be in the military since he was 14 years old. The young man was born in Federal Way, Washington, and grew up

Jerry’s Veteran’s Corner

We are trying to arrange a recognition ceremony for veterans. We need as many Veterans as possible to attend the General Council meeting November 5. Unfortunately, we will not know if we will have the recognition ceremony until after this newsletter is published.

Look for more articles in this corner in the future. If you have an idea for a story about veterans, email me at j.iyall@ctgc.cowlitz.org Jerry Iyall, USMC veteran.

**YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE**

Don't Forget to Vote!
November 8, 2016
Every Vote Counts!

Holes in My Life

By Sandra Cloquet Marinsik, Cowlitz Elder

I've got holes in my pockets, no soles on my shoes
 My coat is worn and dirty, my heart is tattered thru
 In this endless sea of faces, no one sends a smile my way
 I can't say I really blame them, they never knew me in my day
 I once had money in my pockets, no holes that needed bound
 My shoes were shiny, on my uniform no dirt was found
 Now each day is like the other, surviving always on my mind
 walk these miles of crowded pavement hoping I might find,
 a place to lay my blanket far from cold, wind and rain,
 a piece of day old bread to ease my stomach of its pang
 Yes I've got holes in my pockets no soles left on these shoes
 But, I'd gladly sing a song of sunshine if I knew how to shake these blues
 I went off to serve my country, wore the uniform proud
 came back to face my demons, got lost in a storm of clouds...

Previously published in Tidepools Magazine



Left: Cowlitz Veteran and Chairman Bill Iyall, center, carrying the colors and leading the veterans at the 2016 Cowlitz Pow Wow Grand Entry.

Fall 2016 Education Committee Update

We are well into the 2016-17 school year. This year the Cowlitz Tribe awarded 66 scholarships totaling \$138,800.

Now is the time to check out the list of scholarships on the www.cowlitz.org Education page to help you plan your 2017-18 school year. Check back often for updates and new scholarship postings.

In January 2017, the Cowlitz Tribal Scholarship application will be posted

on our website. The Cowlitz Scholarship may be used for vocational training, full or part-time college, undergraduate and graduate degrees. The deadline to apply for a Cowlitz Tribal Scholarship will be Monday, April 17, 2017. All scholarship funds will be awarded at the June General Council Meeting.

A special thanks to Tribal members who offered comments on Cowlitz Education and the Scholarship Program

at our Town Hall meetings. We were listening to you and will work to include your thoughts and suggestions in planning for the future of Cowlitz education. It is exciting to consider what Cowlitz education's future might be with the 2017 opening of ilani and the possibility of additional funds.

One more group to thank for their dedication to our Tribe is the Education Committee: Lenny Bridges, Ce-

line Cloquet, Suzanne Donaldson, David Iyall, Becky Lowe, Karissa Lowe, and Dave Reichel.

Our Tribe is proud of all the Cowlitz scholars!

Mike Iyall
Chair Education Committee
Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Scholarship Recipients Share Their Expressions of Gratitude

Many of the scholarship recipients expressed their gratitude for the funds provided by the tribe. This is a sampling of some of the expressions of gratitude:

- "Thank you so much for the scholarship. The gratitude I have for your generosity is unspeakable. As I continue within the major Business Management at Western Washington University, the scholarship I received from you helps more than I can put into words."

- "I would like to most sincerely thank the educational committee ... for allowing me the chance to make the Tribe proud of my actions as I proudly represent them everywhere I go in live and in everything I do. I do not take this gift lightly and promise to make the best of it."

- "I just want to say thank you for the continued support. It makes a huge difference to my family and me."

- "I would like to thank you for awarding me with a scholarship of \$1,900 this school year of 2016-17. The tribe's help is making this next school year possible for me."

- "I would like to thank the Cowlitz Tribe for awarding me this scholarship. I am grateful and excited to be the first person in my family to graduate with my Associate's Degree. I am looking forward to a brighter future."

- "Thank you so much for choosing me for the Cowlitz Scholarship. It means the world in regards to my ability to pursue a further education!"

- "I am so humbled and grateful for being selected as a scholarship recipient. My wife and I are extreme-

ly thankful for your support and look forward to giving back to the Cowlitz community in the near future."

- "I wanted to thank you for awarding me another scholarship that helps and allows me to continue my education. For all that you have done for me, I hope to continue to expand

my knowledge and grow. I cannot wait to give back one day and hopefully be able to benefit the tribe the way it has been here for me."

- "Please let the scholarship committee and the larger Cowlitz family know how appreciative and honored I am to receive this scholarship."



NOVEMBER GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our General Council Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Mission, 107 Spencer Rd., Toledo, WA, on Saturday November 5, 2016 starting at 10:00am Please bring your enrollment card and photo ID to sign-in. See housing website for directions.

NOVEMBER 5, 2016 AT 10AM

HELD AT ST. MARY'S

THE CANOE FAMILY WILL BE HONORED

DURING THE LUNCHEON

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING FOR THE LUNCHEON ACCORDING TO THE FIRST LETTER OF YOUR LAST NAME

A-G SALAD, H-N HOT DISH, O-U DESSERT, V-Z BEVERAGE



WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY



For information about applying for scholarships, visit the website at cowlitz.org.

In January 2017, the application will be posted there. The scholarship may be used for vocational training, full or part-time college, undergraduate and graduate degrees.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR COWLITZ YOUTH

Cowlitz Youth Experienced Many Opportunities This Year

Native Youth Leadership Athletic Camp: This camp was chaperoned by Cowlitz counselors Chris Lange and Marissa Moore. The Youth participated with the Native Wellness Institute, hosted at Lewis & Clark College, promoting healthy lifestyle, leadership, exercise and feeding their warrior spirit.

THRIVE Conference: Cowlitz youth attended the 6th annual Thrive conference at Portland State University. The Youth were introduced to film production, digital storytelling and toured OHSU for those interested in a career in medicine. The goal of this conference was to increase knowledge and awareness about suicide among tribal communities, develop creative outlets and build protective factors, such as education for youth.

Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp: The Cispus Learning Center in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest is a camper's dream and this summer had fifty Cowlitz youth bunked in the cabins. Many activities and lessons were enjoyed by the participants during their weekend stay.

These activities and sessions included identifying Native plants and trees indigenous to our aboriginal land. This was conducted by the



Youth summer camp at Cispus.

Cowlitz Natural Resources Department's Amy Boyd and Nathan Reynolds who wowed the kids with their knowledge of the forest.

In another groups session, Cowlitz counselor Celia Delaney discussed anger and how to cope. Pathways to Healing Program's Amanda Workman and Penney Wilson talked with the teens about dating and healthy relationships. Healing of the Canoe's Vashti Langford and Christine Hilts encouraged the youth to stay away from drugs and alcohol.

John O'Brien and wife Linda took two groups of youth on a 10 mile hike and to Laysen cave. This cave was discovered in the 1970's by a forestry department worker. Our ancestors used the cave for shelter during spring and summer for the hunting and gathering season. Evidence of a fire pit still

remains from where meals might have been prepared few artifacts were found upon discovery.

Cowlitz Tribal Carver Robert Harju gave a class on making clappers and 30 hand drums were created with the help of our volunteers and elders.

Cowlitz Tribal Health helped prepare healthy alternative snack foods and also grouped the youth together by age and put them through a physical fitness challenge. They also donated Nike backpacks and school supplies.

Language Director Michael Hubbs gave a lesson on learning the lower Cowlitz language which was really fun. Mike made each youth a personal genealogy chart with their tribal heritage then shared information about each family tree. Several youth were surprised to learn they had many relatives participating in the camp.

We would like to express a deep appreciation to all our volunteers and elders who inspire us.

Are you interested in volunteering? Do you have a craft, hobby or profession you would like to share with the youth? Please sign up to Volunteer! Volunteers must pass a background check processed by tribal administration.

Please view our website: www.Cowlitz.org for further events and information. You may also contact Melody Pfeifer at 360-353-9497 or at mpfeifer@cowlitz.org

COWLITZ YOUTH AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

GOOD TIMES, FOOD & CHRISTMAS CHEER!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING, COOKIE DECORATING, PICTURES TAKEN WITH SANTA; HE'S COME ALL THE WAY FROM THE NORTH POLE TO BRING GIFTS FOR OUR YOUTH.

RSVP: Melody Youth Program Coordinator
(360) 353-9497

Where: St Mary's 107 Spencer Rd.
Toledo, WA 98591

When: Saturday, December 10, 2016

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Cynthia Reck holding her cedar bark basket for huckleberry picking at Indian Heaven.



Oceanna McKenzie creating a dream catcher at the 2016 Huckleberry Camp.

COWLITZ CULTURE



2016 Huckleberry Camp attendees at a viewpoint en route to the Indian Heaven berry fields.

Cowlitz Cultural Events

2016 Huckleberry Camp: This is an annual event that takes place on the Swift Schoolhouse property. Camp chefs were Melody Pfeifer and Charity Sabido-Hodges from the new tribal kitchen trailer. Salmon was donated by Tim Van Mechelen. Everyone was invited to participate in activities such as beading, cedar weaving and plant education. There were daily trips to the Huckleberry fields located in Indian Heaven.

We also had bicycle visitors from France, who are traveling for a year around the world. They set up their

tent and shared an evening meal with us. They were even able to make cedar roses, taught by Noah Reck. Charity gifted them with necklaces she made. They were so interesting and grateful to have a place for the night.

Cowlitz Drum Group: Tribal members are invited to participate in the drum group. A Thanksgiving cultural day will be held November 19, 2016 at St Mary's where activities will include beading, language, cedar weaving, drumming, crafts, and dinner with a White Elephant Bingo to follow. On December 10, 2016 there will be an afternoon of drumming,

followed by Christmas dinner. Patty Kinswa-Gaiser will introduce a new dice game. Prizes will be awarded to all who participate.

Canoe Journey to Nisqually

Remember the Water was the theme for the 2016 Canoe Journey. This is a revival of the traditional method of transportation and sharing of cultures between tribes. The canoe culture had all but disappeared until the 1989 "Paddle to Seattle" held during the 100th Anniversary of Washington's Statehood. This was also when state and local governments signed the Centennial Accord, recognizing tribal sovereignty. Each canoe family and/or nation presents a protocol of drumming, dancing and sharing of tradition and culture. The Cowlitz Canoe Family paddled from Fort Vancouver to Swinomish, joining others until the final landing at Swan Town at the Port of Olympia. Ninety-five canoes participated in the largest cultural gathering in the Pacific Northwest. Our 2016 Canoe royalty, Canoe Princess,

Sandra Spahr, Junior Princess, Sophia Cox, Little Miss, Gracie Graves and former Princesses, Cynthia Reck and Lydia Hodges prepared for the journey by learning songs, dances, designing their regalia and made gifts to give along the journey route. The Princesses greeted the canoes, danced and sang with the drummers.

Next fall the Canoe Journey will be hosted by the Campbell River Indian Band, Campbell River, British Columbia.

Cowlitz Canoe Family Skin Cancer Prevention Grant: The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board awarded our tribe \$3000.00 to educate tribal members about the causes and prevention of skin cancer. These funds were used to purchase UV resistant shirts, sunscreen and lip protectant for participants of the Canoe Journey.

For further information log on to the Cowlitz website: www.cowlitz.org or contact Cassy Sellards-Reck: 360-513-1243, or e-mail: csellardsreck@hotmail.com.

2016-2017 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Events

2016 November 5th:

General Council Meeting at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA at 10 am followed by canoe honoring dinner and sharing of stories about the canoe journey.

November 19th:

Culture Day at St. Mary's, Toledo, WA starting at 10:00 am.

December 12th:

Youth and Family Christmas Party, 10 am to 1 pm at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA. Pictures with Santa, sing Christmas carols, create ornaments and crafts, decorate Christmas cookies and meet Santa's fitness elf, Kasey.

2017

February 12th :

Cowlitz Recognition Dinner at noon to celebrate the federal recognition of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe at St. Mary's, Toledo, WA.

February/March:

Ceremonial smelt dipping to be held when smelt are running in Cowlitz River. Please contact Patty Kinswa-Gaiser if you would like to be contacted for this. pattygaiser@gmail.com.

March 4th:

Smelt Celebration and potluck at 2pm, Gearhart Gardens boat launch area, Longview, WA.

April 22nd:

Red Heart Band Ceremony, 10 am at Ft. Vancouver, Vancouver, WA. This ceremony memorializes a Nez Perce family's loss of a child during Indian war at Ft. Vancouver.

June 3rd:

General Council Meeting at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA at 10 am.

June 2nd-4th:

Encampment at Cowlitz Landing property. Bring RV or camping gear. Food, beverages and facilities are provided.

June 4th:

First Salmon Ceremony and meal. See the Events calendar on Cowlitz.org for more details on these events. Some dates may be subject to change.

Cowlitz Encounters at the County Historical Museum

By Nathan Reynolds

The Cowlitz County Historical Museum is updating its main gallery with a new long-term exhibit. Cowlitz Encounters looks at how the people of Cowlitz County have used the area's forests, rivers and rustic beauty to make a living and build communities. Museum Director David Freece said, "So many times, artifacts from pre-contact Indian history are the first display encountered at a museum, but then the Indian people are never seen again". We wanted our new exhibits to show the Cowlitz People throughout the entire timeline, and continuing today." Tribal staff from the Cowlitz Cultural Resources Department and Nat-

ural Resources Department worked with Freece and exhibit designer Chris Erlich to review and edit the text and photos in the new displays. The main entry to the new exhibits will feature a mural of a bend on Cowlitz River, with an Indian plankhouse village in the distance. Below the mural will be a traditional shovelnose canoe, commonly poled and paddled by Indians on shallow rivers throughout the Pacific Northwest. This canoe was presented to the museum by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, carved by Tribal Carver Robert Harju. The canoe log was originally donated to the Cowlitz Tribe by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 2011.



The canoe log was donated to the Cowlitz Tribe by the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in 2011.



Left: Tribal Carver Robert Harju carving the shovelnose canoe in the exhibit.



Above: Finished canoe at Cowlitz County Historical Museum.



Medicine Women Circle attendees, Marsha Williams, Marilyn Davis, Claudia Tenney and Judith Bridges cut cedar to use for salve.

Cowlitz Medicine Women Circle

"Everything on earth has a purpose, every disease an herb to cure it, and every person a mission. This is the Indian theory of existence"—Morning Dove (Christal Quintasket), Salish

With the sun leading the way and the wind on my back, I never feel as close to creator as when I am led quietly to a plant medicine that softly restores our physical or emotional selves to a place of balance. I think I have always been drawn to the plants—always looking to my elders and teachers to see if I could gather it, taste it, make something with it. And it is such a joy to do the same with our Cowlitz kids. For several years now, we have been incorporating plant medicine teachings into the kids program. We have played Berry Bingo, gathered herbs for a medicinal salve and had some fun decorating our own tubes of pink herbal chapstick. The kids soak up the teachings and are both willing and capable to learn and to create. I am so proud to see the children slowly becoming teachers to other children as we make our medicines, pointing out plants that they have learned, or offer their healing salve when another child skins their knee. Over the last couple of years, we have expanded to gather seasonally as Cowlitz medicine women. We have made herbal honeys,

delicious elderberry syrups, and cedar oil. We have dug medicinal roots, enjoyed the gift of flowers, and marked the turning of the seasons in our herb walks. Needless to say, it has been both powerful and beautiful. My hope is that more and more of our tribal members will be able to join us for activities in the months to come.

Rhonda Lee Grantham is a Cowlitz tribal member and lives in Olympia, WA. She is a herbalist, midwife, and founder of the Center for Indigenous Midwifery. She has always been drawn to traditional plants, foods, and medicines as the sustainable, truthful medicines of every community. She is thankful for her teachers; which include tribal elders, the Center for World Indigenous Studies and Northwest Indian College. Rhonda spends her days catching babies and teaching, both here at home and globally, attending births in mud huts, jungle shacks, rural island birth centers and disaster relief tents, alongside Indigenous midwives and healers, all over the world.

For information on gatherings or to be added to a Facebook group/ email list on herbal classes & opportunities, please email Rhonda Grantham at WildRoseMidwifery@gmail.com or call 360-742-4764.

Honoring the Spirit of All Cowlitz People

By Linda Foley

The annual Cowlitz Pow Wow was held September 17, 2016 at Toledo High School. Head positions are: Headman Dancer, Mark Sison (Nisqually) and Headwoman Dancer, Tanna Engdahl (Cowlitz). Ed Wulf (Yupik-Athabaskan) was Arena Director and Don Ryan (Cowlitz), Master of Ceremonies. The Allen Family Singers served as Host Drum and Grey Eagle as Honor Drum. In

accordance with Cowlitz Pow Wow tradition, veterans of all ages representing all branches of the military intro-

duced themselves and received handmade cedar rose pins from the committee. The celebration included drumming, competitions and intertribal dances, vendors, raffles, merchandise sales and other offerings.

The event honored not only the tribe's culture, but introduced the new Chairman for the Pow Wow Committee, Nathan Hooten. Two new members in charge of organizing future Cowlitz Pow Wows are Jessica Eyle and Cheryl Wilcox. Lenny Bridges will continue as a committee member. We offer our gratitude and honor those who dedicated many years of volunteer service to the Cowlitz Pow Wow: Suzanne Donaldson Stephens, Linda Foley, Larry Knutson, Jane Meyer, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Curt Stephens, Jennifer Johnson, and Lindsey Foley.

Want to get involved? Find us at www.Cowlitz.org or on Facebook: Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow. Please consider serving the Cowlitz people in this rewarding way.



Head Woman dancer, Cowlitz member, Tanna Engdahl and Head Man dancer, Mark Sison, Nisqually Tribal member.



Left to right: Linda Foley, Pow Wow Committee secretary from 2002-2016, MC Don Ryan. New Pow Wow Committee Chairman Nathan Hooten, Lindsay Foley, raffle and merchandise sales, Susan Donaldson Stephens Pow Wow Chairwoman 2005-2016 wrapped in an honorary Pendleton blanket. Cheryl Wilcox, Bill Iyall, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Chairman, and Tanna Engdahl, Spiritual leader.



Traditional cultural teachings in action.



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT INDIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM

ARE YOU AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE, LIVE WITHIN THE KELSO, WA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ARE INTERESTED IN INDIAN EDUCATION SERVICES FOR YOUR CHILD? IF SO, CONTACT SHELLEY HAMRICK AT (360) 501-1655

INDIAN EDUCATION PROVIDES ACADEMIC SUPPORT TO 380 KELSO STUDENTS IN THE TUTORING PROGRAM AT 5 ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL LOCATIONS. STUDENTS ARE SELECTED FOR TUTORING BASED ON ACADEMIC NEED, PRINCIPAL & TEACHER INPUT AND STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE.



KELSO INDIAN EDUCATION ALSO HOSTS THE KELSO POWWOW "IN HONOR OF OUR CHILDREN". IT IS HELD AT THE KELSO HIGH SCHOOL, THE 3RD SATURDAY OF MAY. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE POWWOW GO TOWARD FUNDING OUR AMERICAN INDIAN HAND IN HAND SCHOLARSHIP THAT OUR STUDENTS OUR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS THAT ATTEND LCC ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE.

FAMILY CULTURE CLASSES

SEPTEMBER 13TH - DECEMBER 6TH
TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 4-6PM
THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT WALLACE SCHOOL IN KELSO. 410 ELM ST.
THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON OCTOBER 18TH
AWARDS DINNER WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 6TH 5-8PM



Elders Garden at Cowlitz Village with Nancy Cleaver



Brian Smithlin constructing raised garden beds.

Cowlitz Village News

By **Sandra Coquet Marinsik**

Cowlitz Elder

It was the spring of 2015 when a former Cowlitz resident, Mary Anne Beals strolled out to our then-defunct greenhouse and began clearing a path thru the clutter. Mary Ann began planting flower and vegetable seeds and the rest, as they say, is history. Her enthusiasm spread to others and with help from Deb's nutrition program and Housing we planted our first community garden. Although we were

beginners with limited knowledge we were successful enough to attempt a second larger garden the following spring with the help from Dan VanMechelen who hauled his tractor and tiller down from Olympia.

New grounds projects were spurred on by many of our residents this summer and with the continued support from Housing we have been happy to see the amazing transformation of our outdoor social areas. We now have new handicap accessible walkways to the out



Cowlitz Village paved a new sidewalk to their fish house. It is now accessible to all Elders.

buildings making it possible for all tribal members and guests to enjoy many futures events here at St Mary's.

We recently received a private cash donation from a tribal member that will help us create a fully functioning shop and greenhouse for Elders projects. Thank you to our Culture Board for the donation of tools, fencing and soil enhancing products. Village chairwoman Gwendolyn Drummond encourages all Elders to be involved in the planning, events, and any concerns that need addressed through the Cowlitz Village tenant association

We appreciate the hard work and dedication from the following:

Pat Boydston, Executive Director and Sheryl Bertucci, Deputy Director of Housing,

Tom Childs, Steve Jones, Quinn Anderson, Holly Wallace and Brian Smithlin for designing construction projects.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!



Left to right: Jennifer Neal, Jolynne Morris, Shari Parker and Kris Rister

More Than Just a Job

The Cowlitz Vocational Rehabilitation Program (CITVR) is about more than just getting a job.

Cultural and art classes are offered such as beading, painting, drum-making, herbal lotion creation while clients work on resume writing, job search and personal finance.

With these offerings, staff members hope to provide an atmosphere for employment success that makes sense socially and culturally. "All of our services are provided in a holistic and caring way. We work with you to become ready for employment however long that journey may be."

CITVR has received federal funding since 2004, with monies covering the costs through 2019. From 2004-2014 CITVR provided services to 920 clients and placed 353 in successful employment. Of those helped, 196

clients were Cowlitz Tribal members.

Twelve percent of all Cowlitz Tribal employees were-once CITVR clients, all but two of which are of Cowlitz lineage. With all of those clients, staff members take time to address each person's needs.

"We work with each client on an individual basis, meaning that no two clients services will look alike"

To find out more about the program, including eligibility, visit the website, www.cowlitz.org or call the CITVR office at Longview, 360-575-3318 or Vancouver, 360-397-8228, Staff include counselors Jennifer Neal and Kris Rister, program manager Shari Hughes and program assistant Jolynne Morris.



2016 Health Walk

One hundred sixty-eight souls braved the soggy weather to participate in the Health Walk this year. The walk was started by Will Hooten from Missouri, pictured with his Mother, Norma Hooten. Will and Norma are the brother and Mother of new Pow Wow chairman, Nathan Hooten.

Celebration Calendar Fall 2016 Edition

August

Holly Jorgenson Aug 12th
Kenyi Barr Aug 12th
Dianna Smalley Aug 16th
Crystal Leigh Aug 22nd
Carolee Morris Aug 23rd
Jennifer Neal Aug 27th

Logan Donaldson Dec 20th
Britney Sorensen Dec 20th
Happy 93rd Birthday Verna Thomas Dec 25
Dave Kinswa Sr. Dec 26th
Jane Meyer Dec 29th
Nick McCord Dec 28th

September

Patrick Morris Sept 11th
Leonidas Barr Sept 12th
Happy Anniversary Jolynne and Patrick Morris Sept 12th
Sarah Aff Sept 13th
Brett Morris Sept 14
Happy 9th Anniversary Don & Cassandra Desrosier Sept 22nd
Skye Morris Sept 26th
Whitney Devlin Sept 29th

January

Patty Kinswa-Gaiser Jan 4th
Kyle Lopez Jan 6th
Justin Allan VanRiper Jan 22nd
Jeanne Copenhaver Jan 23rd

February

Jackson Gabbard Feb 7th
Michael Donaldson Feb 17th

March

McCoy Gabbard March 2nd
Wendy Lee Kinswa March 3rd
Happy Anniversary Deena and Greg Aff March 22nd
Dan Meyer March 27th
Ken Meyer March 28th

October

Taylor Gabbard Oct 2nd
Sheril Dea Oct 11th
Denise Kay VanRiper Oct 23rd
Elainah Salazar Oct 24th
Morgan LeAnn VanRiper Oct 27th

April

Mark Meyer April 1
Happy 90th Birthday Juanita Clark April 13th
Deena Aff April 23rd

November

Bobbie Kinswa Cox Nov 14th
Sabrina Boyer Nov 17th
Kruz Lopez Nov 17th

December

Savannah Kostick Dec 8th
Kasey Jorgenson Dec 13th
Ashley Lancaster Dec 16
Matt Brown Dec 17th
Nic Brown Dec 17th
Jose Lopez Jr. Dec 17th

All are birthdays unless stated otherwise.

COMMUNITY



Terry and Sandy Helton Celebrating 50 Years

Terry and Sandy Helton of Lacey, Washington celebrated their 50th Anniversary on June 19, 2016 with a Fabulous 50's party hosted by their children.

The event, organized by Danielle Deuel, Michelle Lawrence and Josh Helton was held at the Lacey Community Center. 200 friends and family helped the couple celebrate their golden anniversary. They enjoyed barbeque, shared fond memories and listened to 1950's and 1960's rock n' roll.

The Heltons were high school sweethearts and have lived in Lacey all their married life with the exception for the two years that Terry spent serving in the military at Fort Hood, Texas.

In addition to their three children, the Heltons have a daughter-in-law, Jodi; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Seventeen other Cowlitz tribal members were at the celebration. All are descendants of Emma Simmons Lund and her daughters, Mabel and Helen.

"It was a wonderful day," Sandy wrote. "It's been a wonderful 50 years!"

Madelynn Grace Dubert



born September 1st,
2016 at 3:03 pm

**Proud parents
are
Michael Dubert
and tribal
member Sarah
Dubert**

Sedalia, Mo.



Obituary

Dorothy Karl (Dermanoski) McKnight "Grandma D," passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family June 8, 2016, at the age of 71, after a courageous battle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Congestive Heart Failure. She was born in Chehalis, WA., to Francis (Frank) George and Anna Marie (Catlin) Dermanoski and she was raised in Vader. After completing Vader Elementary, she graduated from Toledo High School in 1962. Upon graduation, she worked in the secretarial field in Seattle, WA., until returning to Vader.

Dorothy married Gary Mathew McKnight Sept. 7, 1968 and together, they raised four children, Mitchel James, Richard Frank, Cindy Ann and Jill Amelia. They lived on the family farm and raised beef cattle, rabbits, chickens and pigs. Dorothy spent the summer preparing food for the hay crew and kept the family books in order. She was a homemaker for many years and enjoyed attending all of her children's school events and was also an active Parent Teacher Student Association member. Many memories were made shuttling her kids to sporting events, including cheerleading camps and Future Farmers of America activities. She spent countless hours sitting on bleachers and in grandstands, supporting her children and later, her grandchildren. She started working at Cedar Village IGA in Winlock in 1988 and spent the next 24 1/2 years there, finally retiring due to health reasons. The employees at Cedar Village became her second family and she made lifelong friends through work. Her annual spaghetti dinner became a tradition with the ladies. Dorothy was a descendant of Simon Plomondon and was a Cowlitz Indian Tribe member.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Mitch (Cathy), Rich (Carla), Cindy and Jill, all of Winlock, WA. The lights of her life were her grandchildren, Mathew (Amber) McKnight of Silver Creek, WA., Michael of Winlock, Mark of Eugene, OR. and Anthony of Berea, OH, Conner Allender (USMC) Quantico, VA., Kaitlyn McKnight of Staten Island, N.Y. and Kendall, Brady and Kelsey Steveson, all from Winlock. Her biggest smiles came from her great-grandchildren, Christopher, Timothy and Avalynn McKnight of Silver Creek, WA. and Karlee Ward-Steveson of Winlock. She is also survived by her very special sister, Judy (Clifford) Letts (enrolled Cowlitz) of Toledo, Wash. and her dearest old friend, Audrey Marsyla of Winlock, Wash.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gary, in 1992 as well as her parents.

Colton James Schuetze

Born January 27, 2016 at 6:14 PM

9 lbs 3 oz 21 inches long

Proud parents are Justin & Shannon Schuetze

Proud grandparents are Gregg & Mary Ford



Honoring a friend of the Cowlitz People

A Remembrance Ceremony was held in the evening session during the 2016 Cowlitz Pow Wow, to honor the memory of Kathy Brineman. She was a true friend of the Cowlitz People, an avid supporter of the Pow Wow, and a member of the drum Group, One People, One Voice. The drum group gifted the Cowlitz Honor Song to the Cowlitz People, December 15, 1998 during the First Salmon Ceremony held at the Wannassey Family boathouse on the Cowlitz River where the Hall of Justice is located today. Kathy faithfully attended Cowlitz Pow Wow events until her health began to decline. She passed shortly before the 2015 Pow Wow. She is survived by her husband, Scott and daughter Tammy.

Cowlitz Honor Song

Written by Steve Purcell

Way ya way ya hoo way oh
Yeah way ah way ya hoo way
Way ah way ho yeah way ah hoo way
(twice)

Horse people riding
This river so free
The land of the Cowlitz is calling to me

Way ah way ah hoo way oh
Yeah way ah way ah hoo way
Way ah way ho yah way ah hoo way

The spirits they whisper
My child never roam
Come back to the Cowlitz
The Cowlitz is home

Way ah way ah hoo way oh
Yeah way ah way ah hoo way
Way ah way ho yah way ah hoo way

My brothers and sisters
Stand now with me
We are united
A Nation that's free!

Way ah way oh yeah way ah hoo way
Way ah hoo way oh yeah way ah hoo way

Way ah way oh yeah way ah hoo way
Way ah way oh yeah way as hoo way

Engagement

Ty Koch and Kasey Hathon became engaged during the 2016 Canoe Journey. Ty is a member of the Cowlitz Tribe and is attending Northwest Indian College. Kasey is a member of the Red Cliff Band of Chipewa from Lake Superior. Ty and Kasey have a common bond in their love for native culture, beading and cedar crafting. They plan to be married at the Cowlitz Landing in the summer.



Shana Lombard

Shana Lombard is a sophomore from Haskell Indian Nations University, earning her Associate of Arts in Media Communications. She is also a member of the university's cheerleading squad and secretary of The Indian Leader. Shana is a member of the Cowlitz Tribe. Shana found her love for video production in high school when she took a video production class. She excelled so well, that she was asked to transfer to the Warrior News class. She wrote and

recorded stories, anchored for the daily, live newscast and spent her senior year being the newscast's producer.

She plans to move onto the University of Kansas. Shana one day hopes to work for national sport league stadiums, concert venues and represent Native Americans in major media outlets. She also plans to use her video skills to revitalize her tribal language.

Tarri Lee

Tarri Lee graduated in September from Bellevue University, Bellevue, Nebraska with a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice. She was in the Air Force 29 years, specializing in Logistics planning. Her parents are Gary and Penny Baker of Tacoma, and Sandra Mazingo of Spanaway, WA. Tarri stated "It would have been more difficult to pay for my education if it was not for the scholarship I received from the Tribe, I am very grateful. I would like to share this news with everyone!"

Sandra Langford Baker

Sandra Langford Baker recently graduated from University of Washington, Tacoma, with a Bachelor degree in Social Work. She is continuing towards her Master degree as this is her passion. She was a stay-at-home Mom and decided at age 47 to start college courses. She is the daughter of Gary and Penny Baker of Tacoma, and Sandra Mazingo of Spanaway, WA. Her daughter Lindsay Langford graduated in 2014 with her Bachelor degree in Environmental Science. Sandra expressed her gratitude with the ease of working with Mike Iyall and the process to secure a scholarship. Sandra hopes her story will encourage others, at any age to pursue education. Go Cowlitz!



Ted Gagner

Cowlitz Tribe member Ted Gagner's connection to gardening began decades ago on the 2.5-acre farm where he grew up in Friday Harbor, Washington.

That early start undoubtedly has helped Ted over the years, including the recent growing season. That's when the Anacortes man grew a baseball-sized radish.

Ted said that he and his family devoured the radish in thick slices.

Grandpa Ted and his three and a half inch radish.

"It was good," he said in a story about the giant vegetable in goanacortes.com. "It (the radish) wasn't hot like some can be."

JoJo, Ted's wife, said that Ted is lucky to be able to garden at all. In 2013, he had a stroke. After four months of speech therapy, he is now able to talk. As for gardening, he can't get on his knees, so JoJo built him a raised garden so that he could enjoy the hobby while standing.

JoJo said that Ted used to enjoy coming to the Cowlitz Tribal Council meetings, but following the stroke, he no longer drives, but he keeps up with the tribe through the Cowlitz Tribal News.

Tribal Councils, Committees, and Boards

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Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Government Services by Site:

- Cowlitz Reservation**
 3710 NW 319th ST
 Ridgefield, WA 98642
- Seattle**
 15455 65th Ave S
 Tukwila, WA 98188
- Longview**
 1055 9th Ave
 Longview, WA 98632
- Toledo**
 107 Spencer Rd
 Toledo, WA 98591
- Vancouver**
 7700 NE 26th Ave
 Vancouver, WA 98665

Washington State

Government Services out of Toledo

- Elders Housing
- *Home Repair & Rehabilitation
- *Energy & Weatherization
- *Well & Sewer Repair or Replacement
- *Standard Rental Assistance
- *Student Rental Assistance
- *Homeowner Counseling
- *Mortgage Assistance
- *Down Payment Assistance
- (* indicates waiting list)

Government Services out of Longview

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| Tribal Council | Health & Human Services |
| Burial Assistance | Human Resources |
| Cultural Resources | Legal |
| Education | LIHEAP |
| Enrollment | Natural Resources |
| Food Commodities | Transportation |

Oregon State



Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Health and Human Services by Site:

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Seattle
15455 65th Ave S
Tukwila, WA 98118

Mental Health
Chemical Dependency
Co-Occurring Disorder
Case Management |
Toledo
107 Spencer Rd
Toledo, WA 98591

Housing
Elders |
Longview
1055 9th Ave
Longview, WA 98632

Primary Care Clinic
Mental Health
Chemical Dependency
Vocational Rehab
Health Education
Dietician |
Vancouver
7700 NE 26th Ave
Vancouver, WA 98665

Mental Health
Chemical Dependency
Domestic Violence/
Sexual Assault
Vocational Rehab |
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Washington State

School District MOU's

For behavioral health services for Native youth

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| Auburn | Federal Way | Renton |
| Battle Ground | Highline | Seattle |
| Castle Rock | Kelso | Toledo |
| Clark | Kent | Vancouver |
| Cowlitz | Longview | Woodland |
| Evergreen | Napavine | |

* The counties depicted comprise the Cowlitz Indian Tribe's HHS service delivery area

Cowlitz Tribal Health also provides
 -Indian Child Welfare Services
 -Contract Health Services
 Throughout Washington State

Oregon State

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Natural Resources

Cowlitz Gathering – Plants and Other Things

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) has been working with the Forest Service for the past year to improve the Cowlitz Tribe access to traditionally gathered natural resources in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. And today, we have a program!

Starting in 2017, all Cowlitz tribal members can collect under the “Food, Fiber, Firewood, and Forest Program.” This program is open for all tribal members. There are 13 items that can be open harvested and any other forest products can be harvested with coordination through your Natural Resource Department. We will negotiate and complete paperwork on your behalf. Firewood can also be collected, although you will need to obtain

a specific, free permit and ticket book from the Tribe prior to going out to the Forest.

To participate in the program, call Amy Boyd, Forest Land Steward, at (360) 353-9202 or email aboyd@cowlitz.org. You will receive a booklet that serves to record how much you’re collecting, and also as a dashboard placard to notify Forest Service law enforcement that you are gathering under Cowlitz tribal authority.

In related news, an updated federal rule allows for the gathering and removal of plants in National Parks. 36 CFR 2.1(c) allows federally recognized tribes to collect in traditionally associated park areas. Cowlitz leaders are talking with the National Park Service about the importance of Mount Rainier. An article was recently published, citing the Cowlitz People’s relationship

to Mount Rainier. Check out the article here: <http://fus.in/2amGk4N>

Coal and Oil Threats in our Homeland

The NRD continues to address concerns and opposition to three major industrial developments being proposed within our homelands along the Lower Columbia River. We have met with several agencies overseeing these proposals for oil and coal terminals; addressing significant concerns of the potential for major negative environmental impacts to the salmon, steelhead, and smelt we are trying to recover in the Lower Columbia. There is another draft Environmental Impact Statement that is connected with the Army Corps that has recently been released in regards to the proposed Coal terminal in Longview, WA. We will do what we can in regards to addressing concerns and opposition associated with these developments. If you wish

to view additional detail, you can visit the following website: <http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov>. We also presented our concerns to the Governor personally at the recent Centennial Accord meeting at Chehalis.

Other Activities

We continue to implement several salmon restoration projects and further develop our forest and lands program. We have built capacity in many areas of resource concerns and work to build additional capacity as we move forward. We envision the Cowlitz Tribe as the leading force in the future in regarding to conservation and recovery.

Please contact me if you would like to know additional information on the work that we do.

Taylor Aalvik, Natural resources Department Director

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Natural Resources Department Intern

Cowlitz tribal member and college student, Andres Smiley, interned for the Natural Resources Department this summer. Andres assisted with lands maintenance on many tribal properties. He participated in the Tribe’s mountain goat survey and worked on fish habitat restoration projects. He also assisted in installing wildlife game cameras.

The Natural Resources Department notes that Andres was a hard worker and diligent employee. We are excited to see what great things he will accomplish in college!

Cowlitz Indian Child Care & Development Program

- Are you an enrolled American Indian or Alaska Native who resides in Lewis, Clark, Cowlitz or Skamania County?
- Is your child between the age of 4 weeks and 12 years old?
- Submit your online application today! Visit our website at www.cowlitz.org

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe has a certified childcare program that assists families with childcare costs.

If you are interested in services and would like to participate in our program, please contact Anna Williams at (360)353-9559 or email awilliams@cowlitz.org



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Time and again our Elders have said that the 12 steps of AA are just the same as the principles that our ancestors lived by, with only one change. When we place the 12 steps in a circle then they come into alignment with the circle teachings that we know from many of our tribal ways. When we think of them in a circle and use them a little differently, then the words will be more familiar to us. -The Red Road to Wellbriety

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Freezer Fish

Throughout the season the Natural Resources Department has reserved fish in the freezer in the event a tribal member may be in need. The intention of this is to keep only enough stock on hand for emergency support purposes as we cannot yet store frozen fish in large quantities. **Please contact Tiffini Alexander for more information: 360-353-9509.**

The Good Fight

When the sun gives way to the rain
and happiness turns to pain
When this life we are living
shows no sign of giving
will we run from ourselves or stay
When our hearts beat a rhythm of sorrow
with no promise of a brighter tomorrow
will we fight the good fight and stay
until the rain gives way to the sun
and a rainbow has begun

*Written for the struggle of the Cowlitz People
by Sandra Cloquet Marinsik, Cowlitz Elder*

Guide Us

by Jacquelyn Bouchard

There is much to learn and much to teach,
Yet often it may feel these lessons can be hard to reach.
The days continue to pass as the glowing sun sets,
But a new day arises and this you should never forget.

The teachings that came before our own birth
Brought lessons and promise to our very own Earth.
We must stand strong next to our brothers and sisters.
We must listen for Creator, listen closely for whispers.

The spirit inside us will help lead our way.
We will fight to unite and continue to pray.
We will do all we can to preserve our traditions.
We will learn from our elders;
We will listen.

Our children are our future, and as are you here today,
Lets work it out together because there is no other way.
Seven generations before us affect seven generations to come.
Remember that always as we look at where we came from.

There is still much to learn, and still more to teach.
There are still many more people to reach.
With the guidance from our ancestors and our Creator above,
Let us continue our growth.
Growing on our own and with the people we love.



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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO
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