



# COWLITZ Tribal News

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Cowlitz Indian Reservation on April 20, 2016.

## Building Up the Cowlitz Indian Tribe

By Whitney Devlin

Communications Team Lead

Cowlitz Indian Tribe was welcomed home at the Casino Ceremonial Groundbreaking and Beam Signing Event on Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day, February 14, 2016. Representatives from the state, local tribes, surrounding cities and counties celebrated the coming Cowlitz Indian Tribe's premier gaming, dining, entertainment, and meeting destination. Our spectacular new casino is being built in southwest Washington (at Exit 16 on Interstate 5) just 16 miles north of Portland, Oregon.

Many teams of established leaders are committed to The Cowlitz Project including a Salishan-Mohegan, Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority, Operations Board, and Property Operations. These Teams work to fulfill the commitment of preserving tribal heritage by featuring indigenous Pacific Northwest elements and improving the community for generations to come.

The casino doors are slated to open in late spring 2017. Today the local economy grows through partnerships with neighboring services, businesses and construction labor unions.

We are proud to announce that on February 10, 2016 a historic three-year agreement was signed for Clark County Fire & Rescue to provide fire and emergency medical services to the reserva-



A tribal member signed the beam that was installed at the casino.

tion. This government-to-government relationship has been established to enhance critical fire and life safety services benefiting all citizens in the region.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Cowlitz Tribe! Our new reservation and business ventures will make the Tribe stronger than ever before, bringing opportunities and prosperity for years to come.

## Spiritual Land Blessing

Cowlitz Tribal Spiritual Leaders Tanna Engdahl and Roy Wilson blessed reservation land on August 4, 2015, leaving a trail of sage at the perimeter of where our casino is today. Chairman Bill Iyall led the way with Vice-Chair Phil Harju, Debbie Hassler and Whitney Devlin following his path, individually sharing a prayer at each corner turned. The Spiritual Leaders called the Ancestors to join in the Blessing and



Cowlitz Tribal Spiritual Leaders, Tanna Engdahl and Roy Wilson, bless reservation land by walking the borders of where our casino is today.

emphasized that Cowlitz people ask the Creator's Blessing in every aspect of living with the land, water and sky.

## Chairman's Corner Summer 2016

We Cowlitz are bound together as family by our shared tribal history and culture. While much of the news and talk lately, in the press and even amongst Tribal Members, has been about Cowlitz Casino & Resort, we should never lose sight of the goal of preserving the ancient traditions and way of life of those who came before us. Our songs, drumming and dancing; our language; the education of our youth; caring for our Elders; the preservation of our natural resources; sharing good with others are what we value. In today's world we will thrive as a people with these critical resources, infrastructure and the historic investment we can see materializing before our eyes

on the reservation.

Thank you to all who have been able to attend our gatherings at town hall meetings over the last several months. As we build toward an amazing future, our Tribal government - the Tribal Council and each administrative department - continue to provide an array of growing services and programs. Input from tribal members is critical as we plan for our future growth to ensure prosperity for all future generation as we fulfill the dreams of the ancestors.

The Cowlitz Casino & Resort will be essential to our government, and will help fuel our future. It will serve

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## Chairman

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as an economic engine to not only fully fund our government and provide for an expansion of services and programs for our people, but to also generate seed money to grow the emerging economy of the Cowlitz Tribe. It took generations for us to get to where we are, and it will take more time before we reach complete self-reliance. It is a future for our tribe that is worth waiting for. We remain persistent against oppression and we will persevere forever.

Tribal members have likely heard about the aggressive construction schedule for Cowlitz Resort & Casino. It was truly a joy to see the delight of tribal members and the standing-room only crowd in attendance at Ceremonial Ground Breaking, where dignitaries and tribal members were told to expect Phase One of the casino to open for business by the summer of 2017. Since our lands were declared a reservation by the U.S. Department of Interior earlier last year, the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority has been working hard to manage many moving pieces as we move construction toward completion, on what will be a first-class resort destination. Details on the design of the project will be shared through a video of renderings of the in-

terior and exterior of the buildings done by our world class architect Friedmutter Group, at the General Council meeting.

The Cowlitz Resort & Casino will not only help sustain our Tribe on the land our ancestors have lived on for the past 12,000 years, it will also help revitalize the regional economy and provide up to 1000 jobs in Phase One and add revenues for the growth of the local communities. When you consider the 500 construction jobs and 1000 permanent jobs this will create to start off, as well as the millions of dollars in additional revenues it will provide, this is truly a watershed moment for the region. The economic multiplier effects are enormous. The Cowlitz Casino and Resort will be on the map as a magnificent destination to visit, and that's something we can all take pride in.

The Mohegan Tribe has never stopped believing in our goal. The Cowlitz Indian Tribal Gaming Authority, in collaboration with our partners, Salishan Mohegan, David Barnett and the Mohegan Sun, appointed Mohegan Tribal member Kara Fox-LaRose as General Manager of the Cowlitz Casino Project. Kara will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the facility once it opens spring 2017. Kara joins the project with over 20 years of experience in the gaming and hospitality industry. She is a highly accomplished tribal leader with deep experience in the gaming and en-

tertainment industry, and we're looking forward to having her leadership. Her expertise in entertainment marketing, operational leadership and community building will be an incredible asset to our work here to advance the economy and vitality of the community. Kara's most recent role was as Assistant General Manager of Mohegan Sun Pocono, which was named one of 'America's Best Employers, 2015' by Forbes magazine. In that position, she was directly responsible for the planning and execution of the opening of a large expansion, including a hotel, convention center, spa and lobby bar. She has been working at Mohegan Sun since its inception in 1996, where she began as marketing administrator. For the next few months, efforts will be focused on branding, hiring for senior positions, securing retail and dining vendors and connecting with the community. Once the casino opens, Kara will oversee all business functions and ensure the success of our premier entertainment and meeting destination.

The operations board, under the authority of the operations agreement with Salishan Mohegan, will operate the tribal casino on behalf of the Cowlitz Tribe; while helping to build-up the capacity of the tribe to operate it ourselves. The Cowlitz Indian Tribal Gaming Authority's role is to build the needed capacity on the operations team on behalf of the Tribe, to fulfill a long-term vision



Chairman Bill Iyall

of having the Cowlitz Resort & Casino managed and led by Cowlitz people, for the benefit of all of our members.

I look forward to seeing you all at the general membership meeting on Saturday, June 4.

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Bill Iyall, Chairman

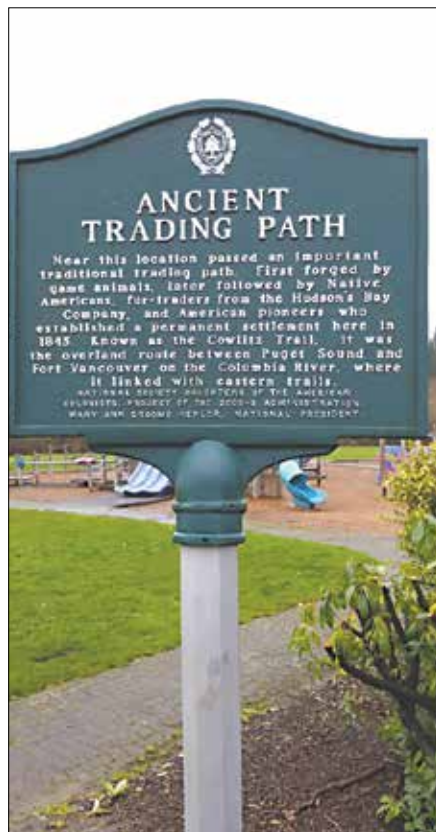
## A Message From the Vice Chairman

I am pleased and excited that our new newspaper format is now in use. I thank our Communications Team for taking this big step forward. While this is a new work in progress, I am sure that with input from everyone, it will continue to grow and get better and better.

2016 will be another big year for the Cowlitz tribe. Work on our reservation is proceeding at a fast pace. The tribe continues to move forward in health, education, transportation, housing, elders care, youth, cultural, and natural resource activities. I again encourage all Cowlitz Members to bring their ideas, suggestions, and questions to our General Council Meeting on June 4, 2016. Also, our annual First Salmon Ceremony will be the next day on June 5, 2016.

My hope is that we can have more pictures of Cowlitz events in our newspaper. To that end, I have included a picture of a sign at the Historical Park in Tumwater, Washington. It documents to the public, this area, one of many, of the historic Cowlitz Trails. Go Cowlitz!

Philip Harju  
General Council Vice-Chairman



## Thanks to all Cowlitz Over the Last 160 Years

By David Barnett

Next year at this time I would like to welcome all of you to your new casino located on our Cowlitz Indian Reservation. I will be scheduling a day for all Cowlitz to come and celebrate our homeland and our casino, and I will provide the meal.

My father (late Cowlitz Chairman John Barnett) worked for 27 years on helping the Cowlitz Tribe gain Federal Acknowledgement, and I watched him make over 70 trips to Washington, D.C. at his own expense. Wanting to follow in his footsteps of service to the tribe, I started on the reservation and casino project in 1999, thinking that there is no way this will take nearly that long, and I will get it done real quick. I was a little impatient and I was a little bit wrong.

When we officially open next year, it will have taken 18 years. But in actuality this process began after we were forced

from our land over 160 years ago and the fight to get it back. I honor each and every living Cowlitz member, Cowlitz elders and especially our Cowlitz ancestors who lived, fought and died for our rights during the last 160 years. Thank you for never giving up. We are only here today because of you and the memories of your struggles and efforts burn inside of me every day.

Chairman Iyall and I are very blessed and proud to have successfully led us on the last part of this journey to regain land within our aboriginal territory, land which we can call home. It took more than everything I had financially and we had to lean heavily on the Mohegan Tribe, but our brothers and sisters from back east came through, and all Cowlitz should be deeply grateful for their assistance.

# Years

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Last March, I was back in Washington, D.C. for the oral argument in the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. I was very pleased with the tough questions the Panel of Judges had for our opponents and the lame and factually wrong answers they gave. Many times I wanted to stand up in the courtroom and high-five Chairman Iyall. It felt a lot like a crushing Seahawks win over the 49ers. I even heard from one of our opponent's attorneys that Ben Sharp (the cardroom's attorney) was complaining after the oral argument that they knew they lost and wished they had filed the lawsuit in the 9th Circuit. Sharp's performance in the courtroom was embarrassing to watch, even for us. The Panel of Judges still have to decide the case, but I feel very confident we will prevail.

The Chairman of the Grande Ronde Tribe was recently quoted saying that Spirit Mountain Casino will be prepared when we open our casino in 2017. It's nice for him to finally concede defeat, and it's too bad he misled his own tribal membership into thinking they would win, and most importantly, it's too bad that they tried to make an argument that they had ties to this land, or any land in



Former Chairman, John Barnett, and General Council Secretary, Nancy Osborne, view the reservation property in 2008.

Washington State. We know what our rightful land is and we will fight to keep it and protect it. I will forgive them, but I will never forget.

Although Clark County and the cardrooms are still trying to delay us in any way possible, many of those who were opposed are now supporting the

project, such as the former mayor of Vancouver. One of the attorneys for our opponents told me he actually supported the project. He asked if he could "come to the casino for the \$1.99 breakfast." I told him "Absolutely, but it'll cost more than \$1.99!"

The Tribe now has an Intergovernmental Agreement with La Center. My hat is off to the Mayor and La Center City Council for recognizing our reservation and casino project and entering into a formal government to government relationship which will benefit us both greatly as we move forward together.

My work for the tribe is far from done as I want to increase the size of our reservation to over 1,000 acres within the next five years.

I would like to thank Carolyn Medeiros, Carolee Morris, Sonny Bridges and Chairman Iyall for their solid commitment and service on the reservation and casino project over the last 18 years. I would especially like to thank all of you tribal members who have shown up at the General Council meetings every June and November! This would never have been done without your faith, support and words of encouragement!

This success belongs to every Cowlitz Tribal member!

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## Cowlitz Reservation Blessing Attendees 2011

AJ Moore	Coleen Bridges	Helen Russell	Kirk Russell	Nancy Clark	Santosh Kuruvilla
Aaron Workman	Colleene Armstrong	Holden Hartman	Kristine Carmona	Nancy Osborne	Shannon Ford
Al	Curt Stephens	Jack Ford	Lara Ramsey	Nathan Van Mechelen	Sharon Morris Rogers
Alan Engstrom	Cynthia Reck	Jacob Van Mechelen	Larry Knutson	Nelda Perryman	Sheila Thorngren
Allison Ford	Cynthia Fisher	Jadyn Byrd	Lenny Bridges	Nio DeNobrega	Sheril Dea
Arnold L. Byrd	Damion Wilson	James St. Germain	Lenore Monohon	Noah Reck	Shirley Ward
Ashleigh Marie Ryan	Dan Meyer	Dan Meyer	Leta Meyer	Noel Johnson	Sonny Bridges
Audrey Taylor	Dave Barnett	Jeff Taucher	Lindsay Ford	Norman Clark	Stephen Byrd
Benjamin Reck	David Smith	Jennifer Johnson	Lloyd R. Ballantyne	Pat Iyall Barnes	Stephen Kutz
Benjamin Vasquez	Debbie Medeiros	Jenny Van Mechelen	Lynn Engdahl	Patsy Ware	Sully Bratton
Beth Ward	Debra Eagle	Jeremy Harris	Margaret Thomas	Patti Grady	Susan L. Guizzetti
Betty Edwards	Delores Stock	Jess Groll	Marie Dancing Star LaMere	Patty Kinswa Gaiser	Suzanne Donaldson Stephens
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Bryan Smith	Don Hawkins	Jim C. Mason	Mark Buckner	Raeanne Braley	Ted Danton
Bryce Ford	Don Ryan	Jim Irish	Mark Knighten	Randy Russell	Teresa Miller
Bryn Ford Hartman	Don Van Mechelen	Joe Wodaage	Mary Ann Lewis	Rex Braley	Todd Bratton
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Caleb Yates	E.H."Chip" Laizure	Josh Grady	Melody Pfeifer	Richard Clark Sr.	Tom Ramsey
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Charlin Holmes	Father Victor Cloquet	Julia Morris	Michelle Buckner	Rod Van Mechelen	Virginia Johnson
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The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Communications 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. Submissions must contain the writer's name, address, and phone contact to be published.

Published articles may be edited at the discretion of the editing staff. The 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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*The Cowlitz Casino Ceremonial Groundbreaking and Beam Signing Event was Held on February 14, 2016*

Photography by Megan DeVries Photography



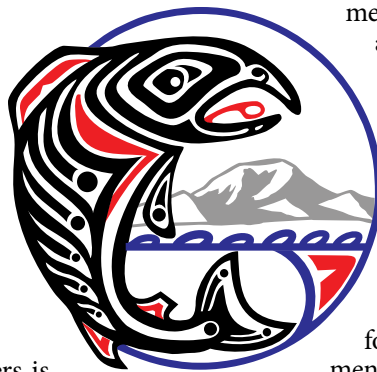
**Visions For Our Future!**

By Whitney Devlin

The Administration Department hired a Tribal Planner! The tribe acquired properties located in several counties within Washington where an administrative need has been identified to prioritize and plan cultural, governmental, natural resources, health, transportation, and housing services for members of the Tribe.

The Tribal Planner, Christine Myers is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. She completed her undergraduate degree in Native American and Indigenous Studies at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. Christine did her undergraduate internship with Indian Land Tenure Foundation in Minnesota where she compiled their Indian Land Database. She holds a paralegal certification and most recently attended Eastern Washington University's Urban & Regional Planning Program where she specialized in Tribal Executive Planning. Her Master's research on tribal traffic safety law and order codes analysis was conducted under a grant from the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission.

Christine's research interests include edible and

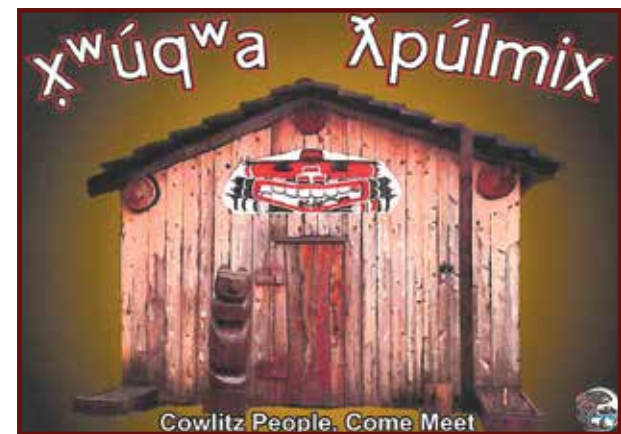


medicinal crops production strategies and in restoring a sense of Indigeneity by addressing health, ecological, and economic concerns on a bioregional scale. Her interests are inspired by her time spent in the woods with her grandmother Mable gathering wild mushrooms and berries, and fishing in the Colorado mountain streams as a youth.

Primarily, Christine is responsible for developing, proposing, and implementing projects and planning activities.

She will be guiding a master planning process for community and government visioning. Planning for our people is now proceeding at town hall meetings managed by the Communications Team.

This series of town hall meetings have been designed to generate ideas from members of the Tribe on four primary topics: education, housing, health, and natural resources. Communications Team members successfully completed three meetings so far, one in Peirce, Lewis, and Cowlitz counties. Cowlitz Tribal members are welcome to share needs, wishes and innovative ideas on how to move forward within the Tribe's resources. We hope you join us for the last two gatherings this year!



**Saturday, June 18, 2016,**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**  
**Clark County Fire & Rescue**  
**911 N 65th Ave**  
**Ridgefield, WA 98642**  
*Cowlitz Indian Reservation*  
*is only 3.2 miles away!*

# Cowlitz Elders Program Has a lot to Offer Members

All elders are invited to participate in the Cowlitz Elders Program. We provide transportation for monthly excursions and overnight accommodations as needed. Elders are offered arts and crafts, ukulele lessons and other activities on a regular basis. Recently we have been clam digging, fishing, picnicking and eating at buffets. We also visited a museum, have enjoyed lunch with other tribes and walked on the beach.

An outing including a train ride to Elbe is coming soon!

Lunch is served 5 days a week in the dining room at St. Mary's in Toledo and also on Wednesdays in the Ernie Donovan Wellness Center in the Longview Clinic. Meals are delivered as requested to those who are homebound.

Our second annual Cowlitz Elders Luncheon is scheduled on Friday, October 7, 2016!



Picnicking in Longbeach, WA.

We are here to help you and would love to have you join us. Please contact: Deb Mizner, Elders Program Manager, to discuss your needs at (360) 864-7006 or e-mail [dmizner.health@cowlitz.org](mailto:dmizner.health@cowlitz.org).



Standing on Longbeach, left to right, Doug Mahar, Juanita Clark, Deb Mizner, Alvie Bouchard, Wendy Kinswa, Katherine Thompson, Clayton Gish, Don Van Mechelen, Jean Mahar, Boo Bouchard and Dan Van Mechelen.



Juanita Clark (6th on the left wearing a visor) was honored to give the blessing at the Samish Elders luncheon held in Anacortes, WA.

# Education Committee Update June 2016

In the 2016-17 school year, we hope to distribute about \$150,000 in scholarships from Docket 218 and Gaming Machine Leasing monies. As the casino is open for business, the leasing monies will end and will be replaced by casino earnings.

Committee members are attending the Tribe's Town Hall meetings to explain educational opportunities and services our Tribe currently offers to members.

Cowlitz scholarships are available to enrolled Tribal members and may be used for vocational/trade, undergraduate, and graduate schools. At the February 27, 2016, Cowlitz Town Hall Meeting, David Barnett announced that he is donating \$10,000 in his father's name to our 2016-17 scholarship fund. The John

Barnett Scholarship funds will be divided among all scholarship recipients. The 2016-17 Cowlitz scholarship recipients will be announced at the June 4th 2016 General Council meeting.

The education website at [cowlitz.org](http://cowlitz.org) has been updated and now lists many scholarships and scholarship search engines to help you find ways to fund your education. If you have questions about education/scholarship opportunities, e-mail [education@cowlitz.org](mailto:education@cowlitz.org) or call Mike Iyall at (360) 456-8720.

Mike Iyall  
Chair Education Committee  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe



## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Na-ha-shnee Native American Health Science Institute June 19<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**What is Na-ha-shnee?** Na-ha-shnee is a 13 day summer program designed to encourage Na American and Alaska Native students to pursue health science degrees and health-related careers. The program is held on the WSU Spokane Campus and housing is in nearby dorms.

**Who should apply?** Native American and Alaska Native students that are currently in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 or 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Applicants should have a GPA of 3.0 or above and an interest in health science careers (nursing, medical research, nutrition, physical therapy, medicine, pharmacy, etc.) This year we will be selecting 25 students to attend Na-ha-shnee.

**Where is the application?** Applications can be filled out and submitted online. The application will be up-to-date and available in January 2016. This application can be found online at: <https://spokane.wsu.edu/about/community-outreach/native-american-health-sciences/> (C google WSU Native American Health Sciences to find it).

**What does it cost?** FREE! The only cost that we cannot cover is transportation to and from the program.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 5PM, MONDAY, APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Questions?** Feel free to contact Emma Noyes, Native American Health Science Outreach Coordinator. Phone: 509.324.7215 Email: [emma.noyes@wsu.edu](mailto:emma.noyes@wsu.edu) Fax: 509.324.7341

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## Economic Development Committee Meetings

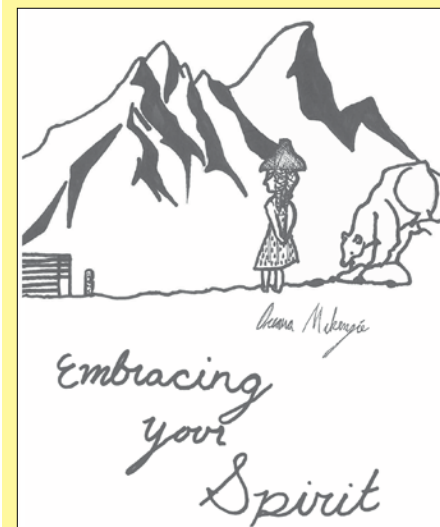
Economic Development Committee meetings are between 4:30-6:00 PM and rotate each month from Longview, Toledo, and Olympia. Contact Committee Secretary, Whitney Devlin at (360) 353-6461 or visit [Cowlitz.org](http://Cowlitz.org) for details.

May 19, 2016  
June 16, 2016  
August 18, 2016  
September 15, 2016  
October 20, 2016  
November 17, 2016



Youth campers ready for fun at the Great Wolf Lodge in Grand Mound, WA.

**A contest was held to create a design for T-shirts that will be worn at Summer Camp at Cispus**



The winner is Oceana McKenzie called "Embracing Your Spirit." Good job everyone!

## Cowlitz Youth Attend Spring Camp in Toledo

Forty children attended the Cowlitz Youth Spring Camp in April, hosted at St. Mary's Mission at Toledo, WA. Campers and 16 volunteers spent a day at the Great Wolf Lodge. Northwest Storytell-

ers Association's Toby Joseph (Ute and Apache) presented traditional storytelling. Cowlitz Tribal Treatment counselors explained the curriculum and cultural importance of Healing of the Canoe. Our

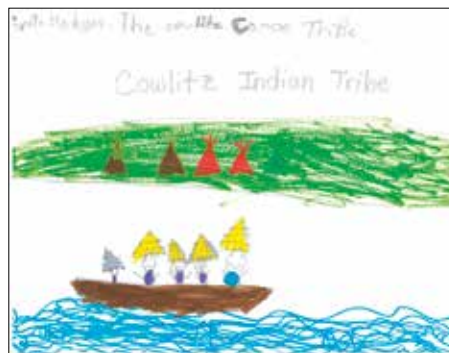
next camp will be at Cispus. Thank you Chehalis Indian Tribe and our supporters for the donations that helped make our Spring Camp a success. For more information contact Melody at (360) 577-8140.

## Cowlitz Canoe Princess



The 2016-2017 Cowlitz Canoe Princess is Sandee Spahr, second from the left, daughter of Steve and Jacqui Spahr of Toledo, WA, Junior Princess is Sophia Cox, daughter of Bobbi and Mark Cox of Montessano, WA and Little Miss is Gracie Graves, daughter of Teri Graves of Carbonado, WA. Joining the princesses are (left) 2014-2015 princess, Cynthia Reck and 2014-2015 Little Miss, Lydia Hodges.

The girls competed for their title by meeting with the Elders, carving, singing and dancing, and learned to prepare salmon in addition to an interview. The princesses will be presented at the General Council Meeting in June 4, 2016



# 2016 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow

We are excited as we kick off the 2016 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow. Head positions are: Headman Dancer, Mark Sison (Nisqually) and Headwoman Dancer, Tanna Engdahl (Cowlitz.). Ed Wulf (Yupik-Athabaskan) is Arena Director and Don Ryan (Cowlitz) is Master of Ceremonies. The Allen Family Singers will serve as Host Drum and Grey Eagle as Honor Drum. To access information about vendors, registration, contacts, and updates related to our Pow Wow, go to our website: [www.cowlitz.org/events](http://www.cowlitz.org/events) or "Like" us on Facebook: Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow.

For many of us, 2016 will be our last year on the Pow Wow Committee. Most of us are retired, continuing our education, or busy with work. To ensure a smooth transition, we will share our experience and guide new committee members. We welcome volunteers throughout the year, especially the day of the Pow Wow. Thank you for all your support over the years.

Last but not least: a shout out to Pow Wow Committee members who volunteer all year long to make the largest ongoing cultural event for the tribe a success: Larry Knutson, Vice Chair; Linda Foley, Secretary; Jane Meyer, Treasurer; Lindsey Foley, Merchandising; Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Food and Beverage; Curt Stephens, Vendor Coordinator; Jennifer Johnson, Kitchen; Lenny Bridges, Smoked Salmon and Pizza, and Don Ryan, Master of Ceremonies. A special thank you to their families for the time spent away to make this event a success.

We hope you'll plan on attending the 2016 Cowlitz Pow Wow, the 3rd Saturday in September. Please contact Suzanne Donaldson Stephens with questions, or if you're interested in being part of the future Pow Wow Committee.

Suzanne Donaldson Stephens  
Pow Wow Committee Chairwoman  
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Honoring The Spirit of All Cowlitz People

Seventeenth Annual

## Pow Wow

at Toledo High School

1242 State Route 505 • Toledo, Washington 98591

September 17, 2016

Grand Entry: 1pm, 7pm

Salmon Dinner: 5pm

Dance Competition with cash prizes

Head Woman Dancer: Tanna Engdahl - Cowlitz  
Head Man Dancer: Mark Sison - Nisqually  
Host Drum: The Allen Family Singers  
Honor Drum: Grey Eagle  
MC: Don Ryan - Cowlitz  
Arena Director: Ed Wulf - Yupik-Athabaskan

For more information:  
PowWow Committee Chair: Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens  
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Vendor Information: Curt Stephens  
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Volunteers: Linda Foley  
call: 206-364-6757 or email: [lsfoley@comcast.net](mailto:lsfoley@comcast.net)  
Updates: Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow Facebook page and [www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org)



This is a drug and alcohol free event.

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe is not responsible for loss or stolen articles or short funded travelers.



# First Salmon Ceremony

Sunday, June 5, 2016

The First Salmon Ceremony will be held at the Cowlitz Landing.

A salmon meal will follow at St. Mary's Mission, 107 Spencer Road, Toledo, WA.



Mark and Tanna at the Pow Wow in 2015.

# The Spiritual Leaders Bless the VA Fisher House

The Portland Veterans Administration Health Care System celebrated Veterans & their families with the Grand Opening of the Fisher House March 23rd Located in Vancouver, WA. The Fisher House program, established in 1990 provides a “home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. The Cowlitz Tribe is the first tribe in the nation to be invited to Bless a Fisher House, the beginning of a trend according to VA officials. Spiritual Leaders Roy Wilson and Tanna Engdahl provided a Blessing Ceremony several days before the Grand Opening.



**Above:** Spiritual Leaders Tanna Engdahl and Roy Wilson conducting a Blessing at the VA Fisher House in Vancouver, Washington.

**Left:** Jerry Iyall Veterans Coordinator for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe & Tanna Engdahl Spiritual Leader holding the Cowlitz Flag below the busts of Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher at the Grand Opening. Jerry, a Veteran and Cowlitz Tribal Council member gifted the Cowlitz flag to the Vancouver Fisher House.

## 2016 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Events

### May 27th-30th:

Canoe Journey Campout at John O'Brien's property, 839-9 Cline Rd., Randle, WA 98377. Bring your camping gear. Tents may be provided at first come first serve basis. Food and beverages provided.

### June 4th:

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

### June 3rd-5th:

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

### June 5th:

First Salmon Ceremony and meal at the Cowlitz Landing Property with a traditional Salmon Bake.

### June 18th:

Canoe Journey practice to be announced.

See Cowlitz Culture and Canoe on Facebook for updated information or call John O'Brien at (360) 880-4560.

### June 25th:

Canoe Journey practice to be announced.

### July 17th:

Canoe Journey Protocol- Canoes land at 11:00 am at 111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA, just east of Who Song and Larry's Restaurant. Protocol begins shortly after and a light lunch is provided at Fort Vancouver- East 5th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661.

### July 23rd:

The Cowlitz Canoe Journey meets at St. Mary's.

### July 30th:

Canoe Journey Protocol at Port of Olympia Landing.

### August 1st-6th:

Canoe Journey Protocol at Nisqually.

### August 18th-21st:

Youth Cispus Summer Camp- Contact Melody at the Tribal Administration (360) 577-8140 extension 2201 for registration applications.

### August 25th-28th:

Huckleberry Camp at Swift School, next to the Pine Creek Ranger Station. Bring RV or camping gear. Food, beverages and facilities are provided. Limited daily transportation to the berry fields at Indian Heaven (Mt. Adams).

### September 2nd-5th:

Cowlitz River Float. Contact Melody at the Tribal Administration (360) 577-8140 extension 2201 for details.

### September 17th:

Cowlitz Pow Wow at Toledo High

School — Grand Entry at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

### September 30th-October 1st:

Northwest Native American Basketry Weavers Association hosts a Cedar and Traditional Materials weaving gathering. Contact Cassandra S. Reck at (360) 513-1243 for details.

### October 15th:

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

### November 4th:

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

### November 19th:

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

*See Cowlitz.org for more details on events.*



# The Forest and Lands Program is Growing Rapidly

By the Natural Resources Department

Last year the Tribe's Natural Resources Department began building upon a Forest and Lands program after successfully working with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) on updating our agreement with them. The changes detail additional opportunities available for the Tribe and Tribal Members on the Forest in regards to our ability to acquire botanical products such as huckleberries and firewood.

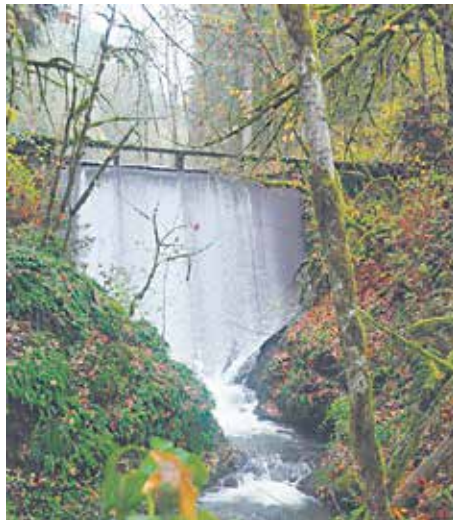
We recently sent a Forest and Lands Needs Assessment Survey to tribal member households to gain an understanding on use and desires regarding products, access, and other interests regarding the forest and its resources. The survey was answered by 166 people so far. The survey revealed three major interest areas. First, people want more access to natural resource lands. Second, people would like more information on where to go harvest various products. Third, some people find that getting to the forest is challenging.

We would like to note that Cowlitz members may receive free Forest Passes and Washington State Recreational passes through the Cowlitz Tribal office at: 360-577-8140. Also, anyone who has not taken the survey, but would like to, can still take it at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cowlitzforest>.

In addition to the survey, Cowlitz staff is working with Forest Service staff to increase access and information for Tribal members. We are also embarking upon a pilot program on the development of notification, outreach, procedures, and other steps in regards to maximize opportunities for the membership as well as building upon managerial skills. We are working alongside Forest Service staff in implementing best management practices for sustaining and enhancing resources for the future.

## Proposed Oil Terminal at the Port of Vancouver

Cowlitz Tribal Leadership recently weighed in on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding a proposed oil terminal at the Port of Vancouver, WA. In summary, the DEIS revealed alarming information as to the real risks that goes along with such a development within the Lower Columbia River area. Just one major spill from the proposed terminal or from a shipwrecked oil vessel could wipe out the considerable resources spent towards



Colvin Dam (on a tributary off the Lewis River, WA). Removal would provide restoration for salmon habitat upstream.

salmon recovery in the Columbia River. The DEIS states in many areas where there are risks associated with this development with little to no mitigation measures identified. So much risk, it would be hard to believe that regulators would ever approve this sort of development.

Recent news shows that the City of Vancouver is re-thinking this development and is now coming out in opposition to this proposal. One statement in the DEIS says: "...Such a spill could spread inland to other Port facilities, nearby wetlands and neighborhoods and could reach the Columbia River. Impacts from such an event could result in significant adverse impacts to environmental resources and would require a major response effort." The DEIS falls short in regards to who would pay for such a spill if it even would be possible to do so.

The Tribe's Natural Resources Department (NRD) will continue to do whatever they can in regards to protecting tribal homelands from significant environmental threats such as this. Another proposed development is a Coal terminal at the Port of Longview which also poses a significant threat to the area. Their Draft Environmental Impact Statement is currently out for comments. We plan to review and comment on their documentation and schedule government-to-government meetings in this regard. The website for reviewing material is at: [www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov](http://www.millenniumbulkeiswa.gov)

Our restoration crew has been hard at work with permitting activities associated with many salmon restoration projects coming up this summer. Of



Proposed FloodPlain by Design Project Area near Lexington, WA, next to the Cowlitz River.

note, we are forging ahead in regards to a large restoration project for removing a Dam on Colvin Creek, which is a tributary off of the Lewis River. We are also getting ready to breach the levee for our tideland restoration project called the Wallooski project near Astoria. In this case, we are working through logistics to do a blessing ceremony in the near future. More information on logistics is planned to be posted through the Tribe's website, Facebook page, and other communication opportunities.

We continue to partner with WA Department of Natural Resources on projects on Abernathy Creek. The crew is also preparing applications for additional projects in hopes of them getting funded. The outlook for our restoration program has been very bright. Thanks go out to the dedicated and motivated staff that has been doing a very professional job on forging ahead to restore a significant part of our culture.

## FloodPlain by Design

Recently, we submitted a pre-proposal under the Floodplains by Design program. Floodplains by Design (FbD) is a partnership of local, state, tribal, federal and private organizations focused on coordinating investment in and strengthening the integrated management of floodplain areas throughout Washington State. Floodplains are vital to the ecological health for many spe-

cies, including salmon. They are critical to the economic vitality, cultural heritage and quality of life provided by our region—from salmon to farmland and commercial development, and recreational opportunities.

The Floodplains by Design grant program provides State funds to projects that advance FbD objectives. Based on biennial budgets adopted by the State Legislature, WA Department of Ecology awards grants on a competitive basis that support the integration of flood hazard reduction with ecological preservation and restoration. Proposed projects may also address other community needs, such as preservation of agriculture, improvements in water quality, or increased recreational opportunities provided they are part of a larger strategy to restore ecological functions and reduce flood hazards.

The good news is that the program managers have accepted our pre-proposal and are asking for a full proposal to be submitted. We are looking at potential acquisition back to the Tribe of approximately 460 acres along the lower Cowlitz River near Lexington.

## Mt. Rainier Agreement

The Chairman recently signed an Agreement with the National Park Service in regards to our relationship with the Mt. Rainier National Park. The Agreement sets forth acknowledgement of our positive working relationship and is a prelude to additional projects we could partner with them on. We are currently looking at the potential for a set aside camping area that would be exclusive to tribal members. We may also look into other activities surrounding cultural preservation and potential huckleberry restoration similar in regards to the relationship we are establishing with the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

## Other

The NRD has and continues to develop in many areas and engage in numerous resource issues. From forest and mountain landscapes to important water resources, we work with both on the ground restoration efforts and large policy issues that have impact towards the health and wellbeing of the membership. Please contact me if you would like to understand more about the projects and programs we implement for the Tribe.

Taylor Aalvik  
Director for Natural Resources Dept.  
[taylor.a@cowlitz.org](mailto:taylor.a@cowlitz.org) or 360-577-8140

# Shay Workman

Shay Workman graduated from WSU at Pullman, May 7, 2016, with a Bachelor's Degree, in Earth and Environmental Sciences. Her major is in Environmental and Ecosystems Sciences.

Shay graduated from Southwestern Oregon Community College in 2013, where she won the All American Collegiate Women's Wrestling title in her category. She joined our Natural Resources Department as a summer intern for four seasons.

Upon graduation, she will be working for the Upper Columbia United Tribes as wildlife Biological Technician and plans to attend graduate school. Ultimately, Shay plans to work for the Cowlitz Natural Resources Department.



# Jenna Vogler

Tribal member Jenna Vogler, daughter of Celine Cloquet, has been awarded an appointment to the United States Naval Academy. "To serve our country has always been my ambition. I desire to protect those who cannot serve, and defend the rights and freedoms Americans honorably sacrificed their lives for," Jenna stated in her application to the Academy.

She will attend the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island starting in the fall of 2016 and then transfer to the Academy in Annapolis, Maryland by fall 2017, with a graduation date in May of 2021. Overall, this is a \$500,000 educational value, in addition to free room and board, books, clothing, food, health care and a monthly stipend. Ms. Vogler has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA since middle school. She is graduating from North Beach High School in Ocean Shores, Washington in June.

Although hundreds of Washington students vie for a military service nom-



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**Love Mom**



# Adelynn Rae Scrivner



**Born April 12th, 2016 at 12:17p.m.**  
6 lbs. 14 ounces  
19 inches long

**Proud parents are Andrew and Alesha Scrivner**

Grandparents are  
Jeff and Pam Schulz,  
Gil and Susan Scrivner and  
Del and Beth Hunnicutt

ination and state representatives can only pick ten per academy, she was successful in securing two nominations: one from US Senator Patty Murray and another from US Congressman Derek Kilmer. Deciding factors were based on her scholastic aptitude, leadership potential, character and a demonstration of athletic ability. Once she secured her nominations, she competed for a scholarship at the Naval Academy. The acceptance rate is 7%. As a Cowlitz Native American, she will represent 0.44% of the student population.

She has held leadership roles throughout her school career in student government and has represented her school at state level in track and powerlifting. We wish her the best in her studies of becoming a U.S. Marine Corps Officer!

# Ron Welch

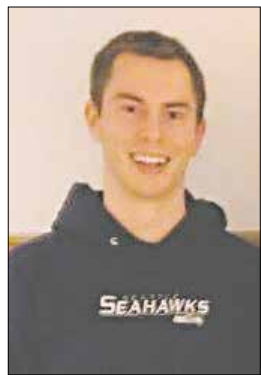


Ron Welch would like everyone to know he was recently transferred by Amazon from the Centralia and Rochester area to Mesa. He is the son of Jeannie and Ernie Welch of Centralia. His Mother is from Mary Robert's family, granddaughter of Simon Plamondon.

# Celebration Calendar

<b>January 6<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Phil Harju	<b>January 19<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 62 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday to twin sisters Pat & Pam Iyall	<b>January 28<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 5 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Seth & Amie Devlin	<b>February 14<sup>th</sup></b> Cowlitz Federal Recognition and Casino Groundbreaking Day	<b>February 19<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Kathleen Jorgenson
<b>March 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Happy 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Greg & Deena Aff	<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b> Happy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday Teagan Devlin	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Donna West	<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday Gracelyn Maye Taylor	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Anna Williams
<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b> Happy Birthday Chairman Bill Iyall	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Happy 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Deena Aff	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Debbie Hassler	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Donivan Jorgenson	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 18 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Aaron & Amanda Workman
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Richard Allan Van Riper	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Mother's Day Sheril Dea & Crystal Leigh	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Kayla K. Van Riper	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 6 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Samantha Jorgenson	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Happy Birthday Amanda Workman
<b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b> Happy 28 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Jacob Aff	<b>June 17<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Blake Devlin	<b>June 20<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Birthday Rachael Aff	<b>June 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Happy 4 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Donivan & Kathleen Jorgenson	<b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b> Happy Wedding Anniversary Debbie & Richard Hassler

## Brian Iyall



Brian Iyall graduated from Boise State University with a Bachelors of Finance and Accounting on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He is currently employed with Clearwater Analytics in Boise, Idaho.”



## 2016 SKLOUTWOUT FAMILY REUNION

“Skloutwout” is the Indian name of Lucy Weiser. All Skloutwout descendents are welcome to attend; the gathering is not limited to Cowlitz tribal members. Please bring pictures, written family histories, and memories to share, plus a potluck dish to contribute to the meal.

**When:** Sunday, August 28th, 2016—11 am until mid to late afternoon

**What:** A Spiritual Gathering starting at 11 am, with potluck meal to follow at the same location

**Where:** Bear Raven Longhouse at the home of Roy Wilson near Winlock, WA

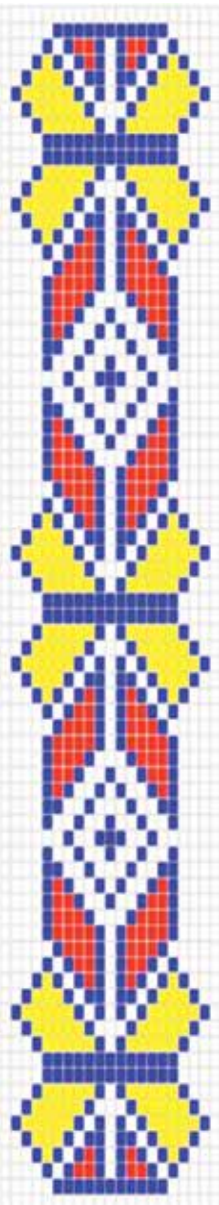
**Directions:** Take exit 68 on I-5 and go west to the signal light. Turn left on N. Military Rd and go south one mile. Turn right on Antrim and go west approximately a mile and a half, turning left on Dorning Rd. Go to the end of the road. Watch for Wilson family sign and turn right. This will take you right onto Roy’s property.

**For further information, contact:**

Linda Foley  
206-364-6757 (home)  
206-276-6010 (cell)  
email: llsfoley@comcast.net

Marsha Williams  
253-857-8832 (home)  
253-355-0368 (cell)  
email: mjlwms@centurytel.net





### The Gathering

By Melanie Mariano

Can you hear them calling?  
Those ancestral voices in the wind,  
Pulling your worn moccasins forward,  
Towards the sacred circle?

They understand your heart's longing  
For the mending of your spirti,  
From those coyotes you once fed,  
That left you blanketed in doubt.

Can you hear them calling?  
The drums which shout out for you,  
Rhythmic as a heartbeat,  
Like lyrical sweet grass for your soul?

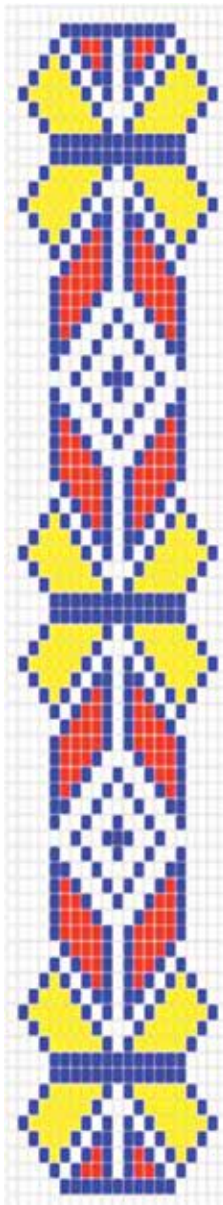
They recognize your deep desires,  
Of breaded ambitions and braided dreams,  
Passed down through generations,  
Which you long to make your legacy.

Can you hear them calling?  
The stomping feet from each nation,  
Adorned with Inter-tribal traditions,  
Eagerly waiting upon your arrival?

They have felt your suffering.  
And dance like prairie lightening,  
Each step a solemn promise,  
Of your bloodline's reawakening.

Can you hear them calling?  
The tobacco prayers of your relations,  
Feathered on wings of freedom,  
Awaiting in honored celebration?

Brave Warrior, on this journey back to self,  
The Grandfathers walk beside you,  
Turquoise footprints scorching the Earth,  
As they lead you home.



## JUNE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our General Council Meeting will be held at St. Mary's Mission, 107 Spencer Road, Toledo, WA, on Saturday, June 4, 2016 starting at 10:00 am. Please bring your enrollment card and photo ID to sign-in.

Directions: I-5 to exit 68, Toledo/Winlock, to St. Please see directions on our housing website. The meal will be potluck.

**Please bring the following to share according to your last name:**

- A-G Salad • H-N Hot dish • O-U Dessert • V-Z Beverage

**There will be a Raffle. Please bring your raffle donations.**



Klahowya,

I'm a Cowlitz member from the East Coast. One of my original poems, "The Gathering", was just published in Native Hoop Magazine's April 2016 Edition (featured above).

Moving forward, I plan to keep sharing my writing in hopes that it might inspire other creative Native minds to do the same.

Melanie Mariano



American Indian Health Commission  
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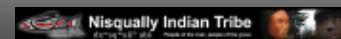
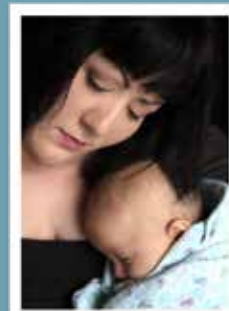
**Monday, June 13, 2016  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

**Hosted by the Tulalip Tribes**

**Honoring Our Natural Helpers  
(Our community Aunties, Uncles,  
Grandmas and Grandpas)**

**More information coming soon!**

**Contact: janolmstead@gmail.com  
360-480-5297**



## Enrollment Department:

By Randy Russell

Enrollment Officer

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.

### THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING:

There is a one-time fix for those descendants who turned 18 years of age on or after 01/01/2006 – June 05, 2015 to enroll as an adult as they did not have the opportunity to enroll at

the age of 18 as other descendants did. These descendants have between June 06, 2015 and June 01, 2016 to request and return an enrollment application. They must be at least 18 years of age and not yet 29 years of age and meet the other two requirements of being a direct lineal descendant and having a parent (mother/father) on Cowlitz Tribal Roll.

### Deaths Reported To The Office Since Our Fall Newsletter:

Bowman, Nicholas R  
Caso, Michael R  
Elowson, Clifford L  
St. Martin, Elena R  
Kinswa, Wayne H  
Lee, Benjamin F  
(Rhodes) Martin, Nadine E  
Meyer, Charles T  
Mustola, Russell G  
Neilsen, Terry G  
Sareault, Thomas E  
Smith, David L  
(Braley) Smith, Tiffany D  
Thomas, Rodney S

### Cowlitz Indian Tribal Government

#### General Council Officers

Chairman: William Iyall	Term expires in 2018	wiyall@cowlitz.org
Vice Chair: Philip Harju	Term expires in 2017	pharju@cowlitz.org
Secretary: Nancy Osborne	Term expires in 2018	cowlitzhr@cowlitz.org
Treasurer: Dan Meyer	Term expires in 2017	treasurer@cowlitz.org

#### Tribal Council Members & Terms

Carolee Morris	Term expires in 2016	caroleemorris1@gmail.com
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Jerry Iyall	Term expires in 2016	j.iyall@comcast.net
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Mike Iyall	Term expires in 2017	mikejoan@comcast.net
Lenny Bridges	Term expires in 2017	clbridges@comcast.net
Debbie Hassler	Term expires in 2017	dhassler@cowlitz.org
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Rourk Monohon	Term expires in 2017	rmonohon@live.com
Katherine Iyall-Vasquez	Term expires in 2018	kivasquez@yahoo.com
Steve Kutz	Term expires in 2018	skutz.health@cowlitz.org
Randy Russell	Term expires in 2018	cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org
Patty Kinswa Gaiser	Term expires in 2018	pattygaiser@gmail.com
Cassandra Sellards-Reck	Term expires in 2018	csellardsreck@hotmail.com
John O'Brien	Term expires in 2018	jobrien@toledotel-wb.com

#### Tribal Council Officers (Term expires July 9, 2016)

Chair: Steve Kutz, Vice Chair: Mike Iyall, Secretary: Randy Russell

#### Executive Council Members

Bill Iyall (2018), Phil Harju (2017), Nancy Osborne (2018), Dan Meyer (2017), Steve Kutz (2016), Mike Iyall (2016), Randy Russell (2016), Jerry Iyall (2016), Taylor Aalvik (2016)

## Cowlitz Tribal Facilities

The Tribe currently operates at four main locations: Longview, St. Mary's (Toledo), Vancouver, and Tukwila. As we grow there are ever changing needs at each location, whether it be additional office space, meeting areas, or simply general maintenance. There are always projects going on and here is a brief run-down of them as well as a few that will begin this summer.

- **Longview** – Signs complete with a directory and map of the Longview campus have been ordered and will be installed at various locations on the campus. We will add two additional buildings to accommodate the growing needs of the Tribe. One will house our Accounting department and the other will be for Treatment programs and medical billing. Both buildings are currently being remodeled and will be moved into shortly.
- **Vancouver** – An elevator will be

installed in our two story facility in order to accommodate ADA regulations allowing additional access to the 2nd floor. This area of the building is a large open space which will be used for meetings and gatherings

- **Tukwila** – We are in the process of remodeling a bottom floor room in our Tukwila office. This space will be divided and used to relocate the server room and create a multi-purpose room. The multi-purpose room will be used as day-care service for clients.

- **St. Mary's** – There is a sink hole in the parking lot that has been an ongoing problem. We intend to excavate it and locate the source of the problem and repair it.

If you have any questions about these or other facilities projects, please contact Aaron Workman - Tribal Administration Manager.



## Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Government Services by Site:

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

The Fish Distribution Program is getting back into full swing this spring after a slow winter. All Cowlitz Tribal members are eligible to receive salmon and steelhead from the program. In order to get on the list to receive fish, please call David Russell at: (360) 508-6493. Tribal members are put on the list in the order their call is received. During fishing season, most tribal members receive fish within the week they call, but are subject to fish quality and availability. During off season the deliveries of fish are on the 1st and 3rd weeks of the month to the northern locations (St. Mary and Longview); On the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month fish will be delivered to

the southern locations (Longview and Vancouver). Tribal Elders and people with disabilities may pre-order vacuum packed/frozen fish that are headed and gutted to be picked up at an agreed upon time after contacting David.

Come prepared with either a cooler or bags and ice, as these items are not available on site. The Fish Distribution Program's current delivery schedule is constrained by hatchery operations prior to the tribe receiving any fish (For example: Hatcheries separate steelhead and salmon at different times so an exact arrival at tribal delivery locations is not always available or may vary from the originally agreed upon time).

# Mount Rainier Agreement

On March 21, 2016, Chairman Bill Iyall and Mount Rainier National Park Superintendent Randy King signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that strengthens the government-to-gov-



ernment relationship between the two parties. This historic agreement recognizes the cultural and spiritual connections the Tribe has with the National Park and its resources, and provides a framework for maintaining cooperative interaction. The development of the MOU has been shepherded by the Cowlitz Tribe's Natural and Cultural Resource Departments. The Park Service presented Chairman Iyall and other Tribal staff attending the signing with a framed picture of Mount Rainier taken from the Cowlitz River drainage to the south, showing Cowlitz Cleaver and the Cowlitz Glacier on the southeast slopes of Tahoma.

## Nature's News: Wonderful Weeds

Food abounds in Cowlitz Country. Spring and early summer are full of tasty wildlings in all settings. Starting in your yard, or a nearby park, every part of a dandelion is edible. Leaves can be eaten raw or cooked, flowers are sweet and crunchy, and dried root can be used as a coffee substitute. And, of course, we all know and love blackberries in their various sweet forms. But red huckleberry, salal, and salmon berries will also start showing up in early summer. These berries are not as sweet, but can be canned, dried, or turned into delicious jams.

### Christine's Recipe: Killer Red Huckleberry Sauce

- \*4 cups of wild, red huckleberries \*½ cup cabernet
- \*½ cup organic grape juice \*1 ½ cups raw sugar
- \*1 tsp Saigon cinnamon \*3 tbsp fresh lime juice
- \*Coarsely grated orange peel \*3 tbsp Fig balsamic

Bring everything but the fig balsamic to boil in heavy saucepan. Reduce until natural pectin starts to jell. Stir in the balsamic and cook over low heat until the mixture looks thick enough to spread.



# Interview with Oregon Public Broadcasting



Left to right: Tanna Engdahl, OFG producer  
Jule Gilfillan and OFG cameraman Nick Fisher

## Nature's News: **Fiddlehead Fresh**

This month fresh foods are emerging from cool spring soils. Your backyard or a nearby meadow are the best foraging grounds this time of year. Tender fiddlehead bracken ferns should be eaten cooked, perhaps with oil and garlic. Emerging nettles have many uses, from fresh cooked greens to medicinal tea. Morrel mushrooms hid in plain sight on the lower rivers' floodplains. Always take an experienced mushroomer with you to start. Mushrooms can be deadly.

### Fiddlehead Preparation & Cooking

1. Harvest fiddleheads. If you're not sure what they look like, try Google.
2. Blanch the shoots quickly in salty water.
3. Rinse with cold water.
4. Sautee to your own taste.

*How does it taste?* Think asparagus, almonds, and Tuscan black kale.

Forest and Lands Program. (360) 355-2180 [aboyd@cowlitz.org](mailto:aboyd@cowlitz.org)





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# Cowlitz Indian Tribe

*Columbia River Canoe Landing*

Sunday July 17, 2016



Canoe landing on the banks of the Columbia River-waterfront at Old Apple Tree Park, beach access just east of Who Song & Larry's restaurant, off SE Columbia Way.

Landing at noon, lunch served 1:00-2:00pm at Ft. Vancouver National Historic Site, 1001 E. Fifth St., Vancouver.  
Protocol to follow. Please bring lawn chairs for comfortable seating.

Cowlitz Canoe will start the 2016 Tribal Journey's to Nisqually on Saturday July 23, at Swinomish Indian Tribe (La Conner, WA) arriving Port of Olympia (Swanton) July 30.

More information at [www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org).