



COWLITZ Tribal News

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"One who calls"

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Our architects, Wormer and Associates, provided an artists rendering of the new Cowlitz C-Store.

Cowlitz Tribe Breaks Ground on Latest Addition to Reservation: Gas Station & Convenience Store

On Thursday, September 6, 2018 the Cowlitz Tribe and *ilani* is hosted a ground-breaking ceremony for the newest addition to our reservation and the *ilani* entertainment complex. A Tribally owned convenience store and gas station will be located just off I-5 at Exit 16. The property will feature a 5,500-square-foot convenience store offering travelers and visitors to the property an opportunity to refuel while filling up their tanks at one of 18 hoses for passenger vehicles or at the dedicated diesel bays for semi-trucks. The community was invited to view artist renderings of the new store and all enjoyed a continental breakfast and observed the ground-breaking.

Chairman Bill Iyall welcomed Cowlitz tribal leaders, members, dozens of guests and employees of *ilani* and the tribe. Plans for the new store and gas station were displayed, the architects were introduced and spoke about the features of the new facility and a groundbreaking ceremony was completed by members of the CTGA. Expected opening will be Spring of 2019 and we will be posting updates on the tribal and *ilani* websites as construction progresses. This will be another economic boost to the Cowlitz tribe as our fuel compact with the State of Washington returns a large percentage of the gas tax collected to the tribe.

Chairman's Corner

KLAHOWYA,

We enter an exciting new era in our tribal history with the success of *ilani*. We are very pleased to report the continued solid performance of *ilani*. We continue the positive momentum in our gaming volumes and have hosted several big-name entertainers in the new Meeting and Entertainment Center after the celebration of *ilani*'s one year anniversary. We continue to grow our top and bottom-line performance. We are also well into the next phase of our master planning review efforts, which we believe will help drive future growth through expanded amenities and services at *ilani*.

Many thanks to Kara Fox-LaRose, President and General Manager, who leads our operations team. We are beginning a master plan for the enterprise, including a hotel, parking structure, and additional food, beverage, and retail amenities. As a product of this success and the underlying robust operating and financial performance, we have made substantial efforts toward refinancing the remaining debt. We believe the potential recapitalization will be an important factor providing for the long-term success of *ilani* and provide the funding necessary to complete future development plans. It is bittersweet for me to announce the retirement of

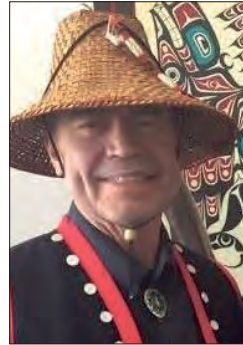
Peter Schultz, our longtime friend and lead contact with the Mohegan Tribe. Peter spent a lot of time working on our behalf over the last 14 years. We wish him well.

For anyone coming to a show at *ilani*, these are the hotel/motel partnerships offering discount rates: Best Western-Woodland (360) 225-1000, Heathman Lodge (360) 254-3100, Springhill Suites (360) 258-5904, Townplace Suites (360) 258-5904, Best Western-Battle Ground Inn (360) 687-8881, Hampton Inn and Suites (360) 891-3000, Hilton-Downtown Vancouver (360) 993-4500, and Sonesta Suites (360) 253-4800.

Strategic Planning

We are planning the Tribe's future with the completion of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe 2018 Comprehensive Plan. It includes services to all Cowlitz members, such as increased access to health care, by identifying resources and critical needs. The Plan also will

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Chairman Bill Iyall

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Chairman

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provide convenience for members to receive preventive care, reimbursement to Elders for their Medicare premiums, and improved health benefits for members. We value our Elders and other members, and we must serve all. Also, we must continue to exercise our sovereignty to maintain and restore our inherent rights in our homelands, to preserve, protect, recover and grow tradition, culture, and language to preserve our cultural identity.

The Tribal Council has approved the Comprehensive Plan for the Cowlitz Tribe to guide the Tribe for years to come. Our goal is and has always been to create a better Cowlitz Indian Tribe that benefits all of the membership.

We will be developing a Cowlitz Tribal General Welfare Program Plan under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, to deliver tax exemption to tribal members for housing, education, Elders and disabled, cultural

and religious and others as appropriate. The program will be subject to budgetary constraints or annual tribal appropriations.

At the November General Council meeting, we will have copies of the Cowlitz Mission, Vision, Values and the Comprehensive Plan available for all who attend. These documents will also be posted on www.cowlitz.org

Thanks to the strategic planning committee members: Debbie Hassler, Dan Meyer, Phil Harju, and the committee chair, Jerry Iyall. I also want to thank Tribal Planner, Christine Myers, Kim Stube, and Abriel Johnny-Rodriguez—staff who worked hard on the plan.

Public Safety

Congratulations to our public safety department and Public Safety Director Don Walkinshaw (a tribal member), Emergency Coordinator Bill Elliott and Tribal Planner, Christine Myers on being awarded \$1.2 million in 2018 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program funds. The department earned the grant through a competitive process that demonstrates a strong commitment to improving our Tribe's resilience.

Health and Human Services

Our health and human services department is growing faster than that of any other tribe in the Pacific Northwest, thanks to capable management and guidance by the health board. We have purchased new buildings in Washington's Clark County and Tukwila (King County) to house vital services and programs. Our Elder nutrition program now serves meals five days a week.

Natural Resources

Our natural resource department is rapidly growing and expanding our capabilities to protect our critical natural resources, including adding conservation lands under the control and ownership of the Tribe. We now have four new parcels on the Cowlitz River, two parcels near Toledo, and we own a large habitat parcel in Oregon, near Astoria. Many important issues are before us including sea lions eating salmon in the Columbia River, the fish passage in the Lewis River, the Toutle River Sediment Retention Structure Final Environmental Impact Statement, and cultural resource management. We are planning a Cowlitz Tribal

History Project to update, document, and better preserve our history with proper archiving, Elders interviews, and (eventually) a Cowlitz museum on the reservation.

Housing

Our housing department has efficiency apartment units at Saint Mary's Center and rental condominium-style units as well. College students enrolled in a minimum 12 credits per quarter may be eligible to receive student rental assistance. Housing staff and the housing board work hard to maintain programs as funding from the U.S. Department of Housing, and Urban Development was reduced.

Education is essential for the future of our Tribe, and we must invest in our youth. With new gaming revenues, we have increased the funding for higher education tuition assistance. We have nearly 150 students this year receiving tuition assistance. Thanks to the education committee for their hard work.

Veterans

Veterans, please fill out the veterans sign up form on our website or in this newspaper. Once complete mail in or deliver to the tribal office.

Election Reform

The Tribal Council is forwarding to the General Council, constitutional amendments to implement the new elections code which passed Tribal Council overwhelmingly last month. The first reading of the elections code will be at the upcoming November General Council meeting.

Cowlitz Powwow –

The Cowlitz powwow was held on October 20th at the Clark County Convention Center. As a testament to the quality of the event and the hospitality of our Cowlitz people, due to the popularity of the event by both dancers and spectators, our powwow had outgrown the Toledo High School gymnasium. The committee chose to move the location south, closer to the Cowlitz reservation. I would like to thank the powwow committee for all the hard work they put into making the event a success. Thanks to Nathan Hooton, powwow committee chair, Cheryl Wilcox, Jane Meyer, Kris Dillehay, and Abriel Johnny. I would also like to thank the Cowlitz Transit program for planning shuttles from St. Mary's and Longview to the Powwow.

AMR,
Chairman Bill Iyall

Cowlitz Tribal News YOYOOLAH

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe News 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.

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Cowlitz Tribal Department of Public Safety

Greetings Cowlitz family and friends. For those who don't me, my name is Donald Walkinshaw Sr. and I'm the new Director of Public Safety for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. I'm a member of the Cowlitz Tribe and have had numerous family members working for the Tribe for many years. I retired from the Tacoma Police Department after 25 years of service in May of 2018. A week later, I accepted a job offer from Chairman Iyall to become the new Police Chief, replacing Jay Goss Jr. who retired after doing a fantastic job of setting up the base for a brand-new department. The Cowlitz people should be very grateful for his contribution to better our Tribe and the Public Safety Department. Chairman Iyall has provided us with everything we have asked for and is a great supporter of our cause to become a first-class organization the Tribe can be proud of. My entire family made the move to Southwest Washington to pursue a new life and new careers with the Tribe. I have 4 children, 3 of which work for the Tribe in Tribal Gaming Agency at our beautiful casino and the 4th is a Sophomore at Skyview High School. It was a difficult decision to leave a very secure job and our life in Graham, Washington, but felt compelled to fulfill my Grandmother, Ruthie Crum's dream of having a reservation to call home and contribute to the greater good of Tribe and our people.

I would like to introduce our Public Safety staff and our vision for the future. We currently have 6 Officers on staff and 3 support personnel. Susan Andersen assists as our para-legal, Christine Duitman works as our Tribal Court Coordinator and Jennifer Jackson works as our Office Administrator. Duane Garvais-Lawrence is our Assistant Chief, Bill Elliott is our Emergency Management Coordinator, and we have 3 Senior Patrol Officers, Brandon Molett, Sean Cook and Joe Higgs. Vice Chairman Phil Harju has worked harder than anyone on setting up the Public Safety Department and we frankly may not exist without his relentless pursuit of excellence and vision for the Cowlitz



Cowlitz Tribal Police Chief,
Don Walkinshaw

people. This is a great start, but we envision growing the Department as the Tribe, Casino and property expands to include a 4-star hotel, Tribal Center, convenience store, etc.

Our vision is to have at least one Officer on duty 24/7. We believe this is an absolute minimum given the fact we operate a very lucrative and busy casino. We will be asking Tribal Council for an increase in our budget to attain this goal. We intend on hiring at least 2 or more Cowlitz Tribal members as entry level Officers that will attend Police academy's and be the future leaders of this organization. We also want to be responsive to other Tribal needs and properties such as the Tukwila, Longview, Vancouver, St Mary's and numerous other Tribal sites spread out over many Counties and into Oregon. We wish to grant all requests from Tribal members involving cultural sites and natural resources. At this time, we cannot provide service to all interested parties as we simply do not have the staffing. We believe that nothing demonstrates Tribal sovereignty

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NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 3, 2018

AT 10 AM:
ILANI CASINO'S
COWLITZ BALLROOM

Our General Council Meeting will be held at the Cowlitz Ballroom at the *ilani* casino, 1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield, WA 98642 on Saturday November 3, 2018 starting at 10 am. Please bring your enrollment card and photo ID to sign-in. If you have questions call (360) 577-8140.

Vice-Chair News

2018 has been another great year for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. We continue our efforts to obtain more trust land in our traditional area, develop our reservation, expand our many tribal programs, and work on our hunting and fishing rights.

Our public safety department continues to move forward, with Police Chief and Director of Public Safety Don Walkinshaw a member of our Tribe. We are working with the federal government and our neighboring governments to get more funding for public safety, emergency management, and our tribal court. The Tribe has recently been awarded a significant grant for emergency management and another for our tribal court from the federal agencies.

Tribal Council will be reviewing and updating our tribal codes to allow for jurisdiction and criminal prosecution for cases on the Cowlitz Reservation. There is also work being readied for General Council to possibly amend our constitution and change our election rules. It looks like those amendments will come to the General

Council meeting in November for first reading.

The great team we have assembled at *ilani* have been doing an exceptional job operating and expanding our casino and event center. Our Cowlitz members deserve credit for never giving up and now can take credit for the praise, goodwill, recognition, and excitement generated by development on our reservation. Also, we all can be proud of the great work done every day by our tribal employees and volunteers.

The November General Council meeting is set for November 3rd and will be held at the meetings and entertainment center at *ilani*. I look forward to seeing many of you there. It continues to be an honor and privilege to serve and work for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.



Vice Chairman,
Philip Harju

Every Tribal Member Should Be Allowed To Vote

By David Barnett, General Council Secretary and Elections Committee Chairman

Currently, enrolled members who are unable to attend General Council meetings in-person are denied the opportunity to cast ballots in the General Election and are unable to vote on amendments to the Tribe's Constitution and By-laws. Consequently, only a small fraction of the Tribe's eligible voters are actually voting in General Elections and on Constitutional amendments. For example, in the last General Election, only 13% of tribal members over the age of 18 cast ballots. It is now time to remedy this problem and ensure that all tribal members are afforded the opportunity to participate in General Elections and vote on amendments to the Tribe's Constitution and By-laws.

Over the past 16 months, the Election Committee (a temporary committee created by Tribal Council) has been working hard to address the limitations associated with in-person voting. The committee believes that this is important because some tribal members are unable to attend in-person meetings for financial reason and, for some members, due to

physical conditions that prevent them from travelling. And don't forget those Cowlitz who are serving in the military overseas. The Committee, in consultation with Tribal Council, has now finished preparing an amendment to the Constitution and By-laws, an amendment that would establish voting-by-mail for General Elections and for voting on amendments to the Constitution and By-laws. If this amendment is passed, then all tribal members over the age of 18 will be afforded the opportunity to participate in General Elections and vote on amendments to the Tribe's Constitution and By-laws, regardless of whether they may be geographically located. The amendment will ensure that no tribal members are denied the opportunity to vote on Tribal leadership or on the Tribe's founding documents. The hope is that this amendment will not only increase voter participation, but that it will also encourage all tribal members to be more involved in Tribal governance. In the next few weeks, you will receive more information about the proposed amendment in the mail. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns about the proposed amendments.

Veterans Contact information

In the November Cowlitz newsletter, we had said that Cowlitz Veterans would be able to go to our website and enter their name, branch of service, date of discharge, address, email address and phone number. Those changes have now been completed on the Cowlitz.org web site to accommodate this information. I am sorry were unable to complete the necessary work on our web site before now.

The following is a Veterans Sign Up form that you can complete and mail or deliver to the Tribal Office at: Cowlitz Indian Tribe, PO Box 2547, Longview, WA 98632.

Calling All Cowlitz Veterans

Please go to the Cowlitz web site (Cowlitz.org) and click on the “Cowlitz Veterans Sign Up” link on the right side of the web page. Or complete the sign-up form below and mail it to the Cowlitz Tribal Office at 1055 9th Avenue Suite B, Longview, WA 98632.

This information will be used to create a record of Cowlitz Tribal Veterans. Veterans’ records will be kept confidential and will only be used as authorized by the Tribal Council. We will use Veterans’ records to notify veterans of upcoming events, and veterans news and services that may be available to veterans. We may also use the complete Veterans data base to apply for grants and funding opportunities that may come up.

This sign-up is optional but we hope Cowlitz Veterans will sign up.

VETERANS SIGN UP

Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Date of Discharge _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Email address _____

Phone Number – Area Code (_____) _____ --- _____

If you have any questions about this form or its use, you can contact Jerry Iyall by email at jiyall@cowlitz.org

Tribal Planning – Success!

The Tribal Council has approved the comprehensive plan for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. We have been working on the plan over a year, and hired RedW to advise us. We believe that this plan will guide the Tribe for years to come. It will also be updated as things change. The Tribe’s program directors will be working on department strategic plans to develop

and carry out goals. At the November General Council, we will have copies of our mission, vision, values and the comprehensive plan for those who attend. These will also be posted on www.cowlitz.org website.

A special thanks to committee members; Phil Harju, Debbie Hassler, Dan Meyer, and Kim Stube. We also want to thank Tribal Planner,

Christine Myers and Abriel Johnny who were vital to this project. Contact me with any questions or comments, Jerry Iyall: jiyall@cowlitz.org.

If you have questions or comments, you can contact me or any of the Strategic Planning Committee members. Jerry Iyall Strategic Planning Committee Chair, email jiyall@cowlitz.org

Safety

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more than a responsive and professional Police Department to handle our Tribal business and calls for service.

We recently received a Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant for \$329,176.00 to establish our Tribal Court system. This grant was attained by the very hard work of our Tribal Court Coordinator Christine Duitman. We also received a Tribal Homeland Security Grant in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. This grant was the result of Bill Elliott and Christine Meyers very hard work. This grant will greatly improve public safety for our reservation and the surrounding communities. We are providing through a mutual lending agreement, the Clark County Fire Department with a new \$600,000.00 fire engine carrying the Cowlitz Indian Tribe’s logo that will be based in La Center. It will be used to service the casino and new hotel in the future. We are making great strides with the local community and doing our very best to be great neighbors. The grant also includes a position at the Police dispatch center (CRESA) for a Cowlitz Tribal member to become a 911 dispatcher.

We are currently enrolled in the CALEA certification process that is considered the “Gold” standard across the county. The CALEA Accreditation program ensures we are utilizing best practices and procedures from across the Country. This program will propel the Cowlitz Indian Reservation and the Law Enforcement Agency to the forefront of policing as the Cowlitz Public Safety Tribal Police Department will make history as the first Tribal Police Law Enforcement program on the West Coast to attain the “Gold” standard of Accreditation. Every aspect of the CALEA process will enhance and promote tribal Sovereignty. We will be the second Police agency in Southwest Washington to achieve this goal behind only the Clark County Sheriff’s Office. Assistant Chief Garvais-Lawrence is the driving force behind this project and it is very detailed and time consuming. We will be Nationally recognized around the Country and become the “Flagship” of West Coast Tribal Law Enforcement.

Please be patient as we are growing and learning every day. We promise the Cowlitz people will have a Public Safety Department we can all be proud of and a model of what a Tribal Police Department can become. Thank you for taking the time to allow us to introduce ourselves.

Enrollment Department Update

Our current enrolled population as of Sept 2018 is 4139. Since May 2018, we have enrolled 48 new tribal members.

Our current enrollment criteria is as follows: (applicants must meet ALL three)

- 1) Applicant must be a direct lineal descendant of a Cowlitz Indian;
- 2) Applicant must have a parent (mother or father) on the Cowlitz Tribal Roll
- 3) 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 constitutional change made in June 2015 allows descendants whose parent did not enroll them by their first birthday to enroll themselves as an adult between their 18th and 19th birthdays.

If you know of any tribal member or their families that are not receiving mailed tribal

information or the newspaper, please have them notify us. Most likely they are on our Unknown Address List or the address is not correct. Please have members contact the Enrollment Office to verify the address we have on file for them.

We sadly report the following tribal members have either crossed over since the last newspaper or we were recently notified of their death:

Clifford C Bouchard
Arthur Douglas Brown
Robert Ronald Brown
Carl Alvin Bloomfield
William Dexter Crosby
Penny Ellen East
George Daniel Lenz
Allen Eugene Mason
Teela Michelle McGraw-Jordan
Sharral Lynne McDonald

Elizabeth Jean Millner
Kevin J Moriarty
Ruben Chuco Olney
Edward Ray Smith
Yvonne Chere Ward
Anna Elizabeth Wintermute
Ladell Lee Youckton

Discover Pass and Annual Northwest Forest Passes are available from the enrollment office, only one per household. The Discover Pass does not expire and is good in the State of Washington only. The NW Forest Pass expires one year from date of issue and is good in Washington and Oregon for day use only.
For information contact Cathy Raphael, Enrollment Officer by calling 360-575-3310 or email: cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org.

Unknown Addresses

We do not have any contact information for the following tribal members as of September 14, 2018. If you know any of these people, please have them contact the Enrollment Office or let us know how we can reach them:

Alvin E Abbott
Shelly Christine Albrecht
Ethan Michael Asbach
David Bradley Baker
Jannette Joan Beam
Jamie Paige Beltran
Jerry Norman Bennett
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Robert Neill Criss
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Barbara Ann Davis
Maurice R Dawson
Gary L Dawson
Deborah Leigh DeCamps
Cyndi Raven Rayn Dill
Tazzmen Justice Dill
Craig Martin Dominick
Pailsey Rain Fay Doneyson
Brittaney Anne Doolittle
Brad Lee Dunckel
Dustin Dean Dunckel
Thomas Gerard Duprey
Meryl Wayne Duprey
Suzanne Marie Duprey
Nicholas Sean Duvall
Aaron Dean Easley
Makayla Ann Easley
Heather Dawn Fisher
Barbara Jane Galloway
John Baxter Galloway III
Buddy Gene Gilbert
Darrell John Gilbert
Kelly LaDon Gilbert
William David Gilbert Jr
Lola Jean Gillespie
Taylor Rene Gillespie
Jean Louise Glasgow
Leslie Ervin Harris
Shane Robert Hause
Steven Lynn Hawn
Christy Anona Henry
Savannah Love Henry
Lisa Marie Hiebert
Jonathan Charles Hogue
Kathleen Nicole Howe

Andrea Marie Huereca
Anita Marie Huereca
Andrew James Iyall
Kristen Patrice Iyall
Jennifer Sue Iyall
Zachary David Lee Jackson
Judith Ann James
Jacqueline Marie James
William Julius James
Zada Mae Jones
Janet LaVerne Judge
Benjamin James Kacmarcik
Robert William Keener
Jordann Brianna Keener
Ronald Jay Kemp
Edgar Lewis Kennedy
Brooklyn Sonny King
Arnold Boyd King
Courtney Rose King
Sandra Lee Kniss
Joshua Douglas Koch
David Mark Lane
Lynnette Marlene Lane
Richard Stanely Lane
Stephanie Marie Lane
Gayle Darlene Lang
Sheryl Diane Link
Kaden John Ludwick
Heidi Pearl Ludwick
Gwendolyn Marie Lund
Kimberly Ann Mabry
Kristopher Austin Marquis
Ronald Ellery Mason
Philip Scott McConnell
Micheal Allen McMillon II
Kimberly Michelle Mefford
Reece Andrew Miller
Nellie Rusan Miller
Cierra Lerae Miller
Vincent William Miller
Glenn William Minkel

Helen May Morrill
Sharon Anne Morrill
Paul Christopher Morrill
Sandra Lee Morrill
Terry Dean Morrill
Lee Hoyt Morrison
Patricia Frances Morrison
Robert Wilson Mullins
Shayna Lynn Mullins
Patti Lynn Murphy
Jason Ross Myers
Daniel Lee Myers
Stephanie Ann Myers
Steven Ross Myers
Ricky Dean Neilsen
Pepper Jean Nelson
Raymond Russell Newbaker
Dorothea Agnes Nickerson
Daniel Thomas Pace
Betty Rose Pardee
Ellen Grace Pearson
Elizabeth Anne Pearson
Mark Stephen Pellegrini
Lori Louise Perez
Donald Arthur Pfohlman
Kimberly Dawn Phillips
Dalene Kay Pineda
Caleb Donovan Powell
Anthony Micheal Putas
Joshua Zenos Ramsey
Jeremy Lewis Rayman
Debra Ann Richards
Sheila Marie Riggles
Travis Edward Wilson Riggles
Diane Rose Riley
Cassie Michelle Robertson
Kristen Jamie Robertson
Stephanie Lynn Robinson
Michael James Rockwood
Nicholas Andrew Ruemker
Lena Maureen Ruemker

Isabella Joann Ryan
Trinity Marie Ryan
Joshua Patrick Ryan
Troy Allen Saunders
Alison Claire Scholtz
Tracy Arthur Schwanz
Dayle Marie Shaffer
Racquel Anne Shaffer
Ashley Page Shaw
Kimberly Michelle Sherin
Sarah Ruby Simmons
Caryl Annette Simmons
Karen Joyce Sims
Evan Danielle Sims
Keaton Vaughn Jaeger Smith
Andrew Edward Smith
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Daia Denise Swearingen
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Eric V Thomas
Gwenith Christine Tucker
Jill Marie Usher
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Jeffrey John Wilson
Hannah Elyse Wilson
William Paul Wilson II
Lauren Michelle Zander

Plans Blossom for a Cowlitz Tribe Community Garden

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Wellness and Diabetes Program, in partnership with the Elder's Nutrition and Natural Resources Departments, is currently in the planning phases for a Cowlitz Tribe community garden. The garden, which will be located at St. Mary's in Toledo, is being developed to promote the physical, mental, spiritual and cultural wellness of Cowlitz Tribal members and the clients served by tribal programs.

Tribal gardens not only serve as a source of fresh produce, traditional foods and medicinal plants, they can also act as a hands-on classroom for education about nutrition, food preservation, medicine making, gardening and harvesting. It is anticipated that individuals of all ages, from youth to elders, will find an activity that allows them to learn, enhance their wellbeing, and have fun.

We anticipate creating the community garden by expanding and enhancing the gardens currently on the grounds at St. Mary's that are being maintained by staff and residential volunteers. Cowlitz Tribal Housing has already granted permission for this transformation.

Some garden supplies have already been purchased with grant money obtained from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB), and additional grant applications are in the review process.



Elder's Garden at St. Mary's.

NPAIHB will also be helping conduct focus groups with Cowlitz Tribal members and staff to ensure the garden meets the wants and needs of the community.

The Wellness and Diabetes Program is so excited about this service expansion and the improvements to health that we believe will result.

If you wish to share your ideas or vision for the garden, or simply want to know more, please contact Alyssa at (360)575-8275 ext. 2261 or diabetes@cowlitz.org.

The 4th annual Elders Fishing Trip took place August 29 - 31, 2018

Providing elders with the opportunity to get out on the water and potentially reel in a catch is a job anyone would want. This year, eleven elders went out on the river over the three days. Bear Neal, Dalton Fry, and Stu Freitas assisted the group. Natural Resources Department is thankful for Deb Mizner and Nancy Cleaver with the Elders for their outreach this year. We look forward to continuing this event in the future and hope we can recruit more Elders to become involved.

For more information, please contact Deb Mizner: dmizner@cowlitz.org or 360-864-7006.



4th Annual Elders Fishing Trip (L-R) Tony DeNobrega, Jim Hollingsworth and Stuart Freitas (Senior Lands Steward)



(L-R) Elders Gwen Drummond and Arlene Selchert painting drums at St Mary's.



The Elders were guests at the Quinault Nation's hospitality and Senior Luncheons, July 25-27, 2018.

(L-R) Sandy Marinsik, Judy Almquist, Kathy Wilson, Carol Shafer, Deb Mizner, Linda Sayers, Jan Landahl, Carol Luther, Don Dunckel, Nancy McKinnon, James Baker and Mike Baker



Cowlitz Elder, Gwendolyn Drummond creates gifts at St. Mary's.

Education Committee Fall 2018 Update

By Mike Iyall, Tribal Education Committee Chair

On May 19, the Education Committee met and elected officers for the 2018-19 academic year—Mike Iyall, Chair; Gregg Ford, Vice-Chair; and Becky Lowe, Secretary. We are proud to be serving with Education Committee members: Karissa Lowe, Suzanne Donaldson Stephens, Celine Cloquet, David Iyall, Dave Reichel, Dave Littleton, and Joan Iyall.

On July 11, Carol Burnison, Tuition Assistance Coordinator, joined the staff at the Cowlitz Longview office. The response of Tribal members to the 2018-19 Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award program made it clear; we had outgrown what a group of volunteers could manage. Carol is a wonderful addition to our program and we are glad to have her. Carol recently said, “I like giving good news. This is the first job I have had where I have gotten to do that. People come first here.”

160 Cowlitz students have received awards for the 2018-19 academic year. We have reached across 17 states supporting a broad spectrum of ages, from 17 and 18 year olds just out of high school to 40 through 60 years old returning to school to open doors of career opportunities.

Award funding for the 2018-19 academic year was exhausted on July 21, 2018. We are now accepting applications for a 2018-19 Waiting List. Experience tells us education plans and financial aid needs change. When an award recipient notifies us they will not need all or part of their 2018-19 academic year award, we re-assign their unused funds to another Cowlitz member from the waiting list.

As you read this, the Education Committee has submitted our 2019-20 academic year funding request to Tribal Council. We have requested enough funds to provide support for tuition and tuition related fees to 200 Cowlitz students in full-time or part-time vocational, undergraduate, and graduate programs.

We will post the 2019-20 Tuition Assistance Award application on the Cowlitz.org website in early January 2019. We encourage you to apply early as funding will be limited. An approved application will help you firm up your 2019-20 education plans.

If you have questions or comments, please e-mail education@cowlitz.org or call Carol, Tuition Assistance Coordinator, at 360-353-9588. Check out the Cowlitz.org website for updates on our application process and to investigate the many scholarships and learning opportunities available. In 2018-19, 5 Cowlitz students received scholarships from the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA). Congratulations Angela Barnick, Emma Johnson, Randle Kinswa, Samuel Reimertz, and Cody Torstvet!

Cowlitz people have always sought education. We have taken pride in delivering the scholarships and Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Awards to hundreds of our Cowlitz families for well over ten years. The Education Committee and those who have received this award appreciate the support of the Cowlitz Tribal Council and the members of the Cowlitz Tribe.

We have been asked by many of the 2018-19 Cowlitz Tuition Assistance Award recipients to share their appreciation and thanks for this award. Following are a few:

- My sincere thanks to all of you, my Cowlitz people.
- I will forever be grateful for what my Tribe has done for me and every other student who needs help.
- Thank you so much! I can't tell you how incredibly helpful this award is for my family and me.
- The support of the Tribe has allowed me to design the future I want. I am grateful for your continued assistance to me and the other Cowlitz students!
- Currently, I am working full-time and carrying 15 credits per quarter. So far, my goal of a debt-free college education is being realized. This is in no small way due to the financial help provided by the Cowlitz Tribe. Thank you!
- Thank you for your assistance in this exciting journey.
- We certainly appreciate the educational opportunity the Cowlitz have provided our son through this tuition assistance. We have seen him grow as a young man, not only educationally but also as a person.
- Thank you for all the support you continue to provide for all the Cowlitz students...life changing!!

It's NEVER Too Late....

It was that time of year when parents were frantically running through the aisles getting last minute school supplies: five boxes of Kleenex, 30 glue sticks, five packs of dry erase pens, and headphones... HEADPHONES? As if the average parent wasn't already broke after buying school clothes and food. My favorite thing about this time of year is seeing all the back-to-school photos! I thought it would be funny to have a photo of my own taken on my first day “Back-to-School”. It was funny...until I was asked to write an article for the tribal newspaper.

After I hung up the phone, several thoughts ran through my mind: It's always good to hear from my mom; why would she even ask me to do this, when certainly there are many tribal members who have actually ‘done something’? I made a mental list of others' accomplishments, plus, “How can I get out of this?” and “How can I spin this and shift it to somebody else?” Then I decided to pause and reflect on Mom's words and to focus on what her actual request was. She'd asked that I write about it not being too late to go back to school, about my business and why I am doing it. That's it! It is a motivational story not an accomplishment story.

I have owned my own business for over 16 years. I am fulfilling my own dream and a promise to my beloved Elder, respected community member, and the last full-blooded Cowlitz Indian, David Ike. During my last conversation with him, he had me promise that I would finish my education. He was so proud of me. At the time, I had my Associates of Arts Degree (AA) and was the only member of our fam-



New student, Suzanne Donaldson attending the starting day of college.

ily to have a degree of any kind. Now, on to my Bachelor of Science in Business Management!

Several very successful business owners recently told me I don't need a degree and that they consider real-world experience far more valuable than what may be learned in college. I understand that, but I also know that I have a goal and when I complete it, I will have an even higher sense of accomplishment. In my business as a diversity consultant, facilitator, small business coach, and program manager, I sit side-by-side with engineers, architects and Ph.D.s who are all wonderful people. However, at times I feel “less than” because I do not yet have my degree, but then I pull myself together and I hold my head up high because I actually HAVE a seat at the table

It's NEVER too late, you can do it too!

Suzanne Donaldson Stephens
suzanne@donaldson-enterprises.com

Michaela Guerra Continues Studies

Michaela Guerra, a proud member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, is a student at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. She is working on her bachelor's degree in baking and pastry. The support from the Tribe over the years has helped tremendously towards her goal of being a master pastry chef, an aspiration she's had since high school. She spent two years at New Market Skills Center in Tumwater, Washington then graduated with honors from the Skagit Valley College baking and pastry program. While fundraising at home this summer, she was fortunate to be hired as pastry chef at Dawn's Delectables in Centralia, Washington.

Michaela recently had a fundraiser at the Tribe's June General Council meeting to raise money to study abroad. We want to thank everyone who supported her—she



Michaela Guerra is realizing her dream of becoming a baking and pastry chef.

has been officially accepted into the program and will be traveling to Florence, Italy, for a semester!

Michaela is in her final year at Johnson & Wales and will graduate in May 2019.

Cultural Resources Department Update

The Cowlitz Tribe's Cultural Resources Department (CRD) strives to increase capacity, improve services and assist the many cultural programs that benefit Cowlitz citizens. In 2018, CRD staffers worked in support of many cultural and educational programs in the region, and partnered with the Cultural Resources Board (CRB) to ensure programs were developed and implemented in a traditionally appropriate manner.

Programming:

In 2018, culture programming has included monthly "Culture Days" organized by the Drum/Weaving Group where people can learn songs, drumming skills and make drums. Attendees are called on to sing, drum and represent the Cowlitz at many ceremonial events throughout the year. On the weaving side, people attending Culture Days also learn to harvest cedar bark at the right time of year, process the bark, and weave simple baskets or more complex traditional hats.

The First Salmon Ceremony was held June 3rd, on the Sunday following the General Council meeting. The people gathered at the river to welcome the returning Salmon People and thank them for the gifts they bring from the ocean. The Salmon was delivered in the Cowlitz Canoe, skippered by Ty Koch, and was given to carver Robert Harju for preparation and cooking.

Canoe Family/Canoe Journey has been an important part of Cowlitz Identity for several years and this summer's journey was a strong showing for the Cowlitz in July and August, including a canoe landing at Fort Vancouver hosted by the Cowlitz.

Huckleberry Camp was held in late August at the Tribe's Lewis River School property near Swift Reservoir and was well-attended. 2018 was a particularly good year for huckleberry production and many people brought home buckets of berries for making jam and pies.

The Cowlitz Powwow is planned for October 20th and will be held at the Clark County Events center. This is a new location! Hold the date and plan to attend!

Progress is being made on the special Baby Blanket project for newborn

Cowlitz members. CRD and CRB both hope this project will be unveiled soon so that all Cowlitz can see the beautiful artwork, and learn the story of how a powerful dream of "wrapping children with the Tribe" is coming into reality.

Representation:

The Culture Resources Department continues to review and comment on development projects and proposals in the region, in order to protect both the hard culture of archaeology, and secure the opportunity to access traditional cultural resources on lands that have previously been inaccessible to the Tribe. The department comments on new development projects of all sizes and impacts, as well as upholds long-term obligations and consultation commitments, such as the FERC-license terms of hydropower dams on the Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers.

Access:

CRD also continues to partner with the National Park Service to provide benefit and access for Cowlitz Members to NPS Mount Rainier National Park. The department partners with the USFS Gifford Pinchot National Forest and the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument to ensure access to land and resources with the national forest system. We have been continuously developing our relationships with the USFWS Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge and Julia Butler Hansen NWR. In most instances, these access relationships and negotiations are in parallel with the Cowlitz Natural Resources Dept.

Curriculum:

CRD continues to work with Washington State University Vancouver and the WA Office of Native Education to develop Cowlitz Tribal curriculum for the school districts in the region as required by the 2015 Washington State Legislature. The Cowlitz Tribe is the nearest federally recognized Tribe to 21 the school districts, and this curriculum and delivery of Tribal heritage is a significant need in the region.

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The Puyallup Tribe recently acquired acreage along the Salish Sea for canoe landing, camping and protocol.

Cowlitz Canoe 2018

The 2018 Cowlitz Canoe Journey began with a Cowlitz delegation going to Nez Perce to see their first canoe launched on Wallowa Lake in 113 years. Juanita Clark, Don VanMechelen, Rourk Monohon, Joseph Monohon, Jeramiah Wallace, Nio DeNobrega, Nick Brown, all Cowlitz Tribal Members, along with Shannon and Milli Joseph were present. They had a sunrise ceremony on the lake with a meal afterwards. This was a monumental event for Nez Perce.

The canoe family gathered ready for the journey to Beacon Rock. We came together to prep our gear, finish gift making and regalia. It was very hot, as it usually is on journey, so it was important to watch our Elders and children to prevent heat sickness.

We were joined by Warm Springs and Portland All Nations at Beacon Rock. The canoe pulled in the Columbia working their way slowly to Ft. Vancouver. This was the first time the Cowlitz and Cascade families were able to greet the canoes on ancestral lands. Singing our songs on that land and watching the canoe come in was powerful. Our Elders and children were on the shore enjoying the day was beautiful. Thanks to Chairman Iyall and Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, who partnered with *ilani* to provide an amazing lunch for the canoe families and the community. Patty made dinner of elk stew, rolls, salads and strawberry short cake. Everyone was grateful for the wonderful food.

From Ft. Vancouver we traveled to Puyallup to camp for the "Power Paddle to Puyallup". The Puyallup Tribe bought a beautiful piece of land for the canoe families to land their canoes, camp and perform protocol. One of the richest experiences was being a part of, and watching the different tribes share their songs and culture.

Kara Fox-LaRose, President of *ilani*,



Taking a break in the shade are (L-R) Ellie Hodges, Melody Pfeifer, Donna Bagley, Lydia Hodges and Cassie Reck during the Intertribal Canoe Journey.



2018 Canoe Family Kia (Grandmother)

provided many gifts to share with other canoe families. Don VanMechelen carved canoe clappers that were stained and branded with the Cowlitz logo. John O'Brien cut canoe dance paddles that were sanded by Ron Sellards, stained and branded with the Cowlitz logo. Drums were made and gifted as were many other items. It was an honor to have many of our people stand with the Cowlitz.

For 2019 the Lummi Nation is hosting the Canoe Journey. We will have information on the Cowlitz website and/or Cowlitz Culture and Canoe on Facebook. For more information please contact Devin Reck 360-513-5886 or Ty Koch at 1-253-882-7592.

This is a yearly event that all Tribal members should come and enjoy.

Ohanapecosh Campground at Mount Rainier National Park



McCauley and Williams Cousins. (L-R) Braeden McCauley, Asher Doehne and Hunter Williams



Silver Falls Hike with (L-R) Cowlitz Tribal members, Nikki and Maylee Meyers and Max Meyers.

In May of 2018, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe announced the opening of dedicated campsites at the Ohanapecosh Campground in the southeast corner of National Park Service's Mount Rainier National Park. These three campsites are designated by a special use permit for exclusive use by Cowlitz Tribal Citizens. In the Upper Cowlitz/Taytnapam language, Ohanapecosh (áwxanapayk-ash) means "standing at the edge-place". The campground closes in the winter season because

of heavy snows, and in 2018 was open from May 25th through October 7th. The season is not yet complete, but at this point the Cowlitz Cultural Resources Dept. processed 61 reservations totaling 142 camping nights reserved. Special Thanks is due to John O'Brien, who serves as a local contact to NPS and caretaker for the campsites. If you are interested in camping at Ohanapecosh during 2019, watch the main Cowlitz Indian Tribe Facebook page for May 2019's reservation announcement!



Tribal Carver Robert Harju brings the ceremonial salmon ashore from the canoe during the First Salmon Ceremony in June 2018.

Huckleberry Camp 2018

Every year we harvest Huckleberries, a native traditional food. Rhonda Grantham provided an excellent teaching on traditional plants at Huckleberry Camp this year. These natural berries, plants and roots are known to be the most powerful and can heal us in many ways. She shared their healing properties and how we used them in the past. Many could be eaten, some had nutritional value and others were made into healing teas. She was able to gather fresh examples and give them to people to use. At the end of the teaching, each participant was able to pick a custom glycerin herbal mixture that would help them.

We enjoyed wonderful meals provided by the Cowlitz Tribe. The camp is a dry camp so there is no running water. Showers were provided at store about a mile away. This year we had more Cowlitz than in the past. It's amazing to get together and sing our



Huckleberry camper, Kruz Lopez is ready to pick berries.

songs and share together.

If you would like to attend Huckleberry Camp in 2019 "like" us on the Cowlitz Culture and Canoe Facebook pages or on the Cowlitz website. For questions or info, please call Cassandra Sellards Reck: 360-513-1243 or csellardsreck@hotmail.com.



Spiritual Leader, Tanna Engdahl and the Cowlitz Drum Group open the Scout Camporee at Fort Vancouver, April 2018.

Cowlitz Drum Group Report 2018

It's always a pleasure to represent the Cowlitz Tribe and share our songs and culture. There are gatherings that are open to Cowlitz Tribal members.

We have a Cowlitz CD with songs that will be available for free at the November meeting. There are protocols to drumming and singing that are important to learn.

There are upcoming drumming events that we always welcome our Tribal members to join. Please feel free to join us:

- November 17, 2018 — Thanksgiving Gathering at St. Mary's- crafts, drumming and Thanksgiving dinner
- December 8, 2018 — Christmas Celebration at St. Mary's

- January 26, 2019 — Drum Group Culture Day starts at 10am- location to be announced
- February 23, 2019 — Drum Group Culture Day
- March 23, 2019 — Drum Group Culture Day
- April 20, 2019 — Drum Group Culture day
- May 18, 2019 — Drum Group Culture Day

All are welcome to come to gatherings. We announce on Cowlitz Culture and Canoe Facebook page or please contact Cassandra Sellards-Reck at csellardsreck@hotmail.com or 360-513-1243.

Pow Wow Committee

Amazingly, this year marks the 19th annual event, and we are thrilled about this coming year's pow wow. We are excited to announce a location and date change to this year's event. As a testament to the quality of event and the hospitality of our Cowlitz people, due to the popularity of the event by both dancers and spectators, we have outgrown the Toledo High School gymnasium. We are very thankful and appreciative for the years of love and support we have received from the Toledo School District, its employees, and students as each of them have played a significant role in the success of our pow wow.

This 2018 Cowlitz Pow Wow will be held on October 20, 2018 at the Clark County Convention Center. As the committee discussed the necessity to expand to a new location, we have found that the convention center offers an outstanding facility that will accommodate everyone in an expansive and safe location. We are happy to announce that not only will we be improving safety for our Elders and visitors, we will be adding additional parking, and event security. There will be bleachers for spectators, a dedicated seating area on the floor for our Elders, we will have all of our wonderful vendors selling their goods indoors and out of the elements. Most importantly, this move will allow us to continue to provide our

famous salmon dinner following the afternoon dance session in an indoor environment. In what has become a Cowlitz Pow Wow tradition, we will honor all Veterans in attendance with a handmade gift following the afternoon grand entry. There will be various dance contests and many opportunities for all spectators to dance together throughout the day.

We offer gratitude to the Pow Wow Committee members who spend countless hours preparing for this event throughout the year, and during the event itself: Nathan Hooton, Jessica Eyle, Cheryl Wilcox, Jane Meyer, Kris Dillehay, Dave Littleton, Mai Littleton, Maddie Littleton, and Abriel Johnny-Rodriguez. We are always looking for additional committee members and welcome any and all volunteers. Without the love and support from volunteers this wonderful event cannot take place. Mark your calendars and be sure not to miss the 2018 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow! Come prepared to enjoy the day reconnecting with friends and family and sharing this day of celebration with song and dance in this outstanding event!

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

Cowlitz Cultural Resources Board

Chair: Roy Wilson

The Cowlitz Cultural Resources Board (CRB) meets at 7 a.m. before the Tribal Council meeting every month. The CRB addresses issues involving culture and upcoming events. The need for a Cowlitz Long House has come to discussion.

Upcoming Culture events:

Thanksgiving Drum Group and Culture Day, 10:00 am, November 17, 2018. at St. Mary's

December 8, 2018, Drum Group, Christmas gift making and Culture Day. We have crafts for everyone and a dice game with presents to take home.

2019 Spring-look for the announcement of the Smelt Ceremony. This will be announced on the

website. It is usually on short-notice and occurs in March or April. This is an opportunity to dip for smelt, enjoy smoked smelt and learn about traditional ways.

The Salmon Ceremony is being discussed. Times might change to honor the first foods and the time salmon begin the Spring run.

The Canoe Family is open to all Tribal members. It follows the Canoe Journey protocols and the Canoe rules. We offer sober, clean events for families. For more information please contact Devin Reck: 360-513-5886 or Ty Koch: 253-882-7592.

The Cowlitz language is being taught by Michael Hubbs. If you have a desire to learn please contact him: 360-219-3214.

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CRD Development:

Throughout 2018, CRD has continued to work with the Strategic Planning efforts to develop and refine roles of the Culture Department and Culture Board going forward. We hope to finalize planning and begin working on cooperatively redrafting the Title 11 Code that specifies how the Department and Board jointly operate.

Looking forward through 2019:

In preparing for 2019 and beyond, your Cowlitz Cultural Resources Department is looking to better serve the Cowlitz People and the region in mul-

iple ways. We want to get better and timelier information out into the world. We hope to enhance our abilities and effectiveness in all the program areas listed above. We remain committed to working with heritage partners, artists, and educators in the community to make sure the Cowlitz story is strongly presented. We therefore intend to expand our 2019 budget proposals in order to add staff and increase capacity. Most importantly, we constantly strive to develop opportunities for the Cowlitz People to celebrate and blend their heritage traditions and modern identity as Tribal citizens on this ancestral landscape.

For more information, please contact the Cultural Resources Department via the main switchboard at 360.577.8140, or email: culture@cowlitz.org

Bicycle Pedestrian Safety

The American Indian/Alaska Native traffic fatality rate is three times higher than other demographics in Washington State. Pedestrian safety is a significant issue for Natives in Washington, both on and off reservation. Whether it is rural or urban living, there are several factors that create unsafe conditions for those who walk and bicycle. Roadways in rural community's usually lack sidewalks, crosswalks and street lights. Risk factors in rural and urban areas include; impaired drivers, distracted drivers, unlicensed drivers, drowsy drivers and high rates of speed. Tribes across Washington State are putting forth efforts to reduce the traffic fatality and serious injury rate among their communities. The Cowlitz Tribe Department of Transportation identified the vulnerability of school age children in our community who walk or bicycle to school. This led us to hold our first Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Event.

Through positive and proactive education, including hands-on activities, participants received education on; crosswalk safety, entering roadways and crossing intersections while biking, hand signals, accessing bicycle lanes, dangers of distracted biking and walking as well as several safety tips. To emphasize safety the Department of Transportation gave away bicycle helmets, knee/elbow pads, and reflective flashing lights for walking or biking in dim lighting.

The event was held in the parking lot of the Cowlitz Tribal Offices in Longview. Staff from the Department of Transportation, Facilities and Maintenance, Childcare and Development as well as their family members volunteered time to facilitate the event. In a collaborative effort to address the importance of roadway safety Assistant Chief Duane Garvais Lawrence from the Cowlitz Tribe Public Safety Office also joined us.

The event provided the Department of Transportation an excellent opportunity to engage with our Tribal community and bring awareness to pedestrian and bicycle safety. We would like to thank those who supported, volunteered and participated in the event.

If you didn't hear about the event, or would like to learn more about the Department of Transportation and Cowlitz Tribal Transit Services check-out our page on the Cowlitz Tribal website at <https://www.cowlitz.org/>, click on Resources then Transportation. We also use Facebook as a form of communication, you can "Like" the Cowlitz Tribe Transportation and Transit Services page at <https://www.facebook.com/cowlitztribedotandtransitservices/>

- Washington State Strategic Highway Safety Plan 2016. "Target Zero". Washington State Department of Transportation. April 2016



Cowlitz Tribal Transit driver Diane Hause educating participants of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Event about the importance of wearing bicycle helmets that fit properly.

Cowlitz Youth Council

Tribal Council appointed the first Cowlitz Indian Tribe Youth Council March 3, 2018. The Youth Council elected officers and members are: Myrihe Rohbock, Chair; Stacie Spahr, Vice Chair; Meya Rohbock, Secretary; Noah Reck, Treasurer; and Cynthia Reck, Sandee Spahr, Kambriah Simper, and Malachi Simper.

Since their election, the Youth Council has engaged in several leadership training opportunities, such as the THRIVE conference in Portland, Oregon, the National Unity

Conference in San Diego, and our Youth Council retreat in Vancouver, Washington. During the retreat, we were blessed to have several Tribal Council members discuss tribal leadership, roles, and responsibilities. Program staff coordinated a trip to *ilani* Casino and Resort and, after meeting with officers and staff in the public safety department, the Youth Council was honored to spend time with the executive leadership of *ilani*. This was a great learning experience for our young leaders!

The Youth Council meets from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, every third Saturday of the month, at the Tribe's Vancouver office (7700 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665). Currently, the Youth Council is developing bylaws and deciding on a community service project. All Youth Council

meetings are open to our community.

For more information on the Youth Council please contact: Youth Council Advisor Alexandra Guerra at (360)605-6116 or aguerra@cowlitz.org and "like" us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Cowlitz-Tribe-Youth-Program-63123330666319/>



The first Youth Council for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe has been formed. Members are: (L-R) Malachi Simper, Kambriah Simper, Noah Reck, Treasurer; Cynthia Reck, and Myrihe Rohback, Chair. Back row: Stacie Spahr, Vice Chair; Meya Rohback, Secretary and Sandee Spahr.





(L-R) Madison, Myrihe, Noah, Malachi, Kambriah, Meya, Stacie and Cynthia having a great time at Elbow Lake.



Our artist-at-large, Kasey Jorgenson, a very talented 11 year old.



Rhonda Grantham teaching about native plants, and their restorative properties.



Listening to stories around the Camp Fire. At right, Learning skills of drum making at Youth Camp.



Youth Camp

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Cowlitz Health Walk

On Saturday, September 15, 2018, the Cowlitz 14th Annual Health Walk took place at Lake Sacajawea in Longview, Washington. It was a great turn out with 343 participants. Fourteen vendors participated this year! The Cowlitz Health Walk celebrates health, culture, and community. It promotes wellness by walking, engaging in social and cultural circles and awareness of issues such as Diabetes and other preventative measures.

At right, Spirit Runner Jose Castro joined the Cowlitz Health Walk.

Above, a great turn out for the Cowlitz Health Walk.

Below, Cowlitz Health and the community join to promote health and wellness.



Cowlitz Tribe Purchases Tukwila Commercial Building

The Health and Human Services Department of the Tribe operates three clinics, one in Vancouver, WA, the headquarters clinic in Longview and a third site in Tukwila serving the Seattle and King County Cowlitz Tribal members and other American Indians and Alaska Natives. With funds earned from the health care services provided at our Tukwila clinic the Tribe was able to leverage a bank loan to purchase the commercial property adjacent to our existing clinic for \$3.2 million. Cowlitz Tribal Health Seattle will expand programming for adults – mental health, substance use disorder and Medically-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in the new building.



6450 Southcenter Blvd., Tukwila, WA – site of expanded programming for Cowlitz Tribal Health Seattle

The new site will maintain close access to the programming in the existing clinic, including child care for clients receiving services on the clinic campus as well as Pathways to Healing and case management services.

There are four long term commercial tenants maintaining their leases in

the new building. The lease payments provide steady income which goes toward paying down the loan used to purchase the building. A blessing of the new building was conducted by Cowlitz spiritual leaders Tanna Engdahl and Roy Wilson with help from the Cowlitz Drum Group.



Grandfather Roy Wilson and Tanna Engdahl lead the procession to bless the new building

Health Care Internships for Cowlitz Tribal Members

- Are you a Cowlitz Tribal Member above the age of 16?
- Are you interested in learning about the Health Care Industry?
- Are you able to commute to the Cowlitz Tribal Health Clinic located in Tukwila, WA?

Cowlitz Tribal Health Tukwila has two part time internship positions available exclusively to Cowlitz Tribal members. The internships pay \$15.00/hour for 20 – 30 hours/week.

Come learn about how your Tribe provides behavioral health and related services to its members and to other American Indians and Alaska Natives in the Seattle metropolitan area.

For more information call or email:
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It only takes two feet to be successful.

Human Services Welcomes Nadja Jones

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe Health and Human Services would like to introduce our new Human Services Director, Nadja Jones.



Our new Human Services Director, Nadja Jones.

Nadja is an enrolled tribal member from the Comanche tribe and received her MSW from Arizona State University in 1997 with specialized concentration in the policy and administration of ICWA. She worked as a Senior Community Development Specialist at the National Indian Child Welfare Association for 11 years. She served as the Tribal Affairs Director for the state or Oregon DHS programs (child welfare, vocational rehabilitation, Aging and People with Disabilities, Self Sufficiency) for 5 years. She is a strong voice for tribal sovereignty and the government to government relationship. She is an avid supporter for tribal best practices in serving tribal communities and is a member of tribal cultural groups focused on healing and helping others. She is married to a Cayuse tribal member and they have 3 children in college.

PTH International Visitors

The Pathways to Healing program had five dignitaries from the State of Qatar (on the northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula) visit on July 31. They work with the U.S. State Department on combating human trafficking. They came with three Arabic language interpreters and a manager from the World Affairs Council of Seattle. -

In January 2018, Qatar and the United States signed a memorandum about the challenges of such trafficking. The delegation will take decisions back to their ministry for follow-up. Before coming to Washington State, the visitors had been to Washington, D.C. for meetings with many federal departments to learn of their work combating trafficking. In Washington State, they had meetings with a variety of public agencies and nonprofit groups, including the Seattle Indian Center's Project Beacon and the Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network. They wanted to meet with the Cowlitz Indian Tribe to discuss American Indian-specific victim services and the Pathways to Healing program.



International visitors pose with members of the Tukwila staff.

Our visitors said that within their delegation they had two tribes of Qatar represented and that they were working together to find better ways to end human trafficking. They found our program to be well-rounded. They noted that, if we welcome

our community and clients as we welcomed them, that our community is very fortunate. It was a pleasure to meet with them and discussing similarities and differences in providing services and helping people in our countries.

More Pathways to Healing Visitors

The Pathways to Healing program had visitors again! This time we joined with the behavioral health programs at the Health and Human Services Tukwila building to welcome another delegation invited to the United States through the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership program. The nonprofit organization, World Learning, arranged their program.

The participants came to ask us about ways to better serve women and children. They focused on identifying gender-based discriminatory practices and methods of addressing and resolving them within the U.S. social, political, and legal sectors. In addition, they were looking at other issues about the rule of law and the U.S. judicial system, with special emphasis on the legal structures in place to protect women and children,

as well as examining the American juvenile justice system. They were very interested in learning how we create linkages among legal professionals who work to promote international cooperation in strengthening access to justice for women and children.

Our distinguished visitors hold legal or medical positions with organizations and agencies in Albania, Barbados, Cambodia, Egypt, The Palestinian Territories, and South Africa:

- Ms. Ina V-erzivolli**, Child Protection Officer at UNICEF, Tirana office, Albania, -
- Mr. Shane Antonio Thompson**, Attorney at Law, Capital Law, Barbados,
- Ms. Sotheary Chun**, Legal and Protection Officer, Hagar International, Cambodia,

- Mr. Mohammed Hassan Mohammed Ibraheim Gaballah**, Member of the Technical Office of the Chief of the Egyptian Forensic Authority, Egyptian Forensic Medicine Authority, Egypt,

- Mr. Hamza Daana**, Director, Office of the Supreme Sharia Judge, The Palestinian Territories,
- Ms. Kgaogelo Josephine Peta**, Senior Legal Administration Officer, Office of the Family Advocate, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, South Africa



FRESH FISH

Are you interested in receiving fish?

Cowlitz citizens who are interested in receiving fish through this program must call NRD Fresh Fish Program Manager to be put on the distribution request list.

The NRD also manages a small frozen fish program at the Longview office for those who have low food security.

The NRD's Fresh Fish Program Manager is Kirk Russell: Cell phone (360) 772-9935, or contact Tiffini Alexander at the NRD offices at (360) 353-9509.

(360) 772-9935

Cowlitz Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation

This summer has been a busy one for the Cowlitz Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation (CITVR) staff! Our staff is composed of Shari Parker, Program Manager, Jennifer Neal, Lead VR Counselor (LV), Kris Rister, VR Counselor (VAN) and Krys Ramirez, Program Assistant. One of the best things about our staff is that we don't stay "siloe" in our titles, rather we work together as a team, so each client knows they can come to any one of us for assistance.

Besides the day to day outreach and presentations in the community, services to clients; Intake, Orientation Job Readiness and Guidance and Counseling, other HHS meetings; Care Coordination, meeting with other programs, community partners and employers, attending staff and manager meetings etc. we managed to get some interesting and fun things in. This is a quick overview of the summer for CITVR:

Jennifer Neal, Kris Rister and Krys Ramirez enrolled in an on-line class through Northwest Indian College. They learned the history and foundations of Tribal VR. Each staff have been with CITVR for different lengths of time, but all three reported that they learned helpful information and especially liked interacting with the other students.

CITVR Staff attended the Interstate Disability Employment Alliance (IDEA) Fair; a group of community partners, stakeholders and state organizations. Cowlitz VR, particularly Kris Rister, worked to make this event happen and it was well received. Businesses from Clark County and the Portland area came together to discuss the advantages of hiring people with disabilities. We also hosted an information table.

Shari Parker and Jen Neal attended the Annual CANAR Conference in Prior Lake, MN. The conference always has a variety of interesting break out sessions and Keynote speakers, and we always leave with new knowledge, revived energy and ideas as well as the pleasure of seeing TVR friends from across the nation. This year the conference honored the life and passing of a longtime friend and Director of the Apache Tribe VR; DeLorna Strong. The theme was CANAR STRONG and there



VR clients top row, (L-R) Loretta, Elijah, Jani, Billy, Jeremiah, Debbie, Matt. Bottom row, (L-R) Nio and Danielle.

were several touching tributes to her and her family.

Shari also attended the WA State Tribal VR Directors Meeting held in Plummer, Idaho, hosted by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. These are great opportunities to share successes, talk about concerns and help each other with ideas to help each other's programs. We also set the date for our annual Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) meeting with the WA State DVR for October.

Kris attended a Behavior Health Conference in Bow, WA and came back excited! It had information on mental health, two-spirited teachings and self-care. Many have said this is the best conference they have ever been to; which is why Kris was chosen to attend. Hopefully more staff can attend next year.

Shari went to Fountain Hills, AZ for an Evidence for Success Combined Disability Conference. There were several tracks to choose from and sessions included assistive technology; physical disability issues including sensory needs, customized employment and self-advocacy. On Sunday, the day was spent with AIVRTTAC, a Tribal VR technical and assistance program out of Northern Arizona University. The day was focused on Program Evaluation Strategies and Implementation. It was a very helpful training, giving better insight to the overall picture of Program Evaluation.

Kris began teaching a once a month class at the Clark County Jail. The class focuses on discovering, setting

and achieving goals. We think it is important to work with the Corrections community and we receive many referrals through them.

And for some fun... While I say fun, these activities are always planned with a cultural focus and socialization for clients. We bring clients together to participate in cultural activities they may not have been involved with for some time and they are spiritual and healing for our clients. CITVR staff also walk away with more knowledge and understanding of the clients and their own cultures.

Jennifer and Krys taught Longview VR clients to make hand drums. Everyone had a great time creating their beautiful drums while getting to know each other and enjoying lunch. We had several Cowlitz Tribal members, and individuals from Quinault, Klamath Falls, Choctaw, Shoshone, Tlingit, Keweenaw Bay and Aleut tribes. Krys and Jen said it was truly amazing to watch the unity with all the individuals from different tribes and cultures.

Jennifer and Kris took clients on a day long hike and picnic to Cougar, WA. Getting out, seeing, smelling and touching nature was spiritual and very fulfilling. They saw and played in beautiful waterfalls and streams, climbed to get amazing vantage points to observe the beauty the land has to offer and learned to help and trust each other as they walked across a suspension bridge. It was an amazing day and clients really had a great time.

We are very fortunate to work for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Each year,

employees are given one "Culture Day". This is a paid day to attend or participate in a cultural event of your choice. This year, Shari, Jennifer and Kris chose to visit the Puyallup Arts Center. At the Center was storytelling, vendors, beautiful and interesting artifacts. Leaving there they traveled just a few miles away to the Canoe Journey Protocol where they enjoyed lunch, visiting the vendor booths and watching the dancing, drumming and singing that is protocol. It was a great day to say the least. Krys, a Makah Tribal member, attended a Naming Ceremony at the Makah Reservation. We are very grateful that our tribe appreciates and encourages culture and their employees.

As fall comes and school starts, several of our clients will be attending various educational programs. We are so fortunate to have the Cowlitz Scholarships available for our clients to access, assist in the costs and help lay the path for a successful future.

Each of our staff enjoyed a few vacation days and Holidays to spend with family and friends, using self-care and returning to work re-energized. Rest for our body, mind and soul is important. Not only do we use a holistic approach with our clients, but we must model that behavior as well....

We look forward to a busy and successful Winter. If you have questions or think you or a family member or friend might benefit from our program, please contact us at 360-575-3318 in Longview or in Vancouver at 360-397-8228.

Respectfully submitted by Shari Parker, Program Manager CITVR



Pictured left to right; 1) Giving his best Popeye face. 2) Face paint and fun! 3) A happy family being served by the Cowlitz Tribe. 4) Showing off her new face paint. 5) *ilani* Assistant Police Chief Duane Garvis Lawrence listens to a child's question. 6) Creating new landscapes at the Natural Resources Water table are (right) Emily Fry, Owen Johnson and Cowlitz Tribal member, Maylee Meyers.

Cowlitz Tribe's Annual Back to School Event

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe held its annual Back to School Event in the McClelland Arts Center. The family event was filled to capacity as children had their faces painted, visited with Cowlitz Tribal Police, learned about tribal resources, played in the sand on the Natural Resources River table, were entertained by a balloon artist, and received Flu Vaccines as they waited to collect backpacks and school supplies. The Child Care and Development Program gifted 56 tribal books by Native authors and t-shirts for the children with the logo "I'm Going to College". School supplies were given to 187 children of which 98 were Cowlitz.

Fall Celebration Calendar: July-December

July

Seth Devlin 3rd
Melody Pfeifer 3rd
Elizabeth Guerra 20th
Happy 92nd birthday "Grandfather" Roy Wilson

August

Alexandra Guerra 1st
Holly Jorgenson 12th
Kenyi Barr 12th
Dianna Smalley 16th
Happy 91st birthday Colleen Armstrong 19th
Crystal Leigh 22nd
Carolee Morris 23rd
Jennifer Neal 27th

September

Patrick Morris 11th
Leonidas Barr 12th
Happy Anniversary Jolynne and
Patrick Morris 12th
Sarah Aff 13th
Brett Morris 14th

Happy 11th Anniversary Don and
Cassandra DesRosier 22nd
Skye Morris 26th

Whitney Mossback 29th

October

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

November

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

December

Robert Lawrence Byrd 2nd
Savannah Kostick 8th
Cedar Cottenware Dec 9th
Kasey Jorgenson 13th
Ashley Lancaster 16th
Matt Brown 17th
Jose Lopez 17th
Logan Donaldson 20th
Happy 94th birthday Verna Thomas 25th
Dave Kinswa Sr. 26th
Jane Meyer 29th
Nick McCord 28th

Skloutwout Family Picnic Held In August



Front row, (L-R) Robin Bly, John O'Brien, Candace Davis, Marilyn Davis, Sandi Baker Langford, Rosalie Ragan, Juanita Neitling, MaryAnn Garcia, Tony Aalvik, Sharleen Stroyan Back row, (L-R) Steve Skinner, Jeff Skinner, Barry Stroyan, Linda Foley, Marsha Williams, David Bly, Fred Eckenberg, Roy Wilson, Gary Baker, Dave Neitling, Tom Ragan.

The Skloutwout family met for its annual reunion at Roy Wilson's property near Napavine in late August. Twenty-five members, spouses and friends attended the potluck gathering that included baked salmon that was supplied by the Cowlitz Tribe's fish program.

Roy Wilson is a member of the clan, welcomed those attending into his Bear Raven longhouse, craft room, museum and library for the event. Viewing the continual progress on his projects was a highlight of the day, along with the opportunity to see and share historic photos and records and to find one's place on a large genealogy chart which has been compiled over the years.

Skloutwout, also known as Lucy, was a Cowlitz woman who was first married to Louis Gerand and later to John Weiser. She was buried in 1908 in the churchyard on Cowlitz Prairie

near the current St. Mary's. Her name appears on the gravestone as Lucy Weaser.

Present day family members trace their origins to Lucy's sons Louis Gerand and Peter Gerand/Rochon or her daughters, Celeste Gerand/Bernier, Sophie Weaser/LeGarde/Foster and Sarah Weaser/Brandle.

As one of the largest families originating from the Cowlitz Tribe, Skloutwout members feel a warm kinship and welcome meeting more cousins from the extended family. If you think you may share this lineage, no matter how many generations removed from the common ancestor, Skloutwout, be sure to attend the 2019 event. It will be held the last Sunday of August. Contact Linda Foley, llsfoley@comcast.net or Marsha Williams, mjwms@centurytel.net to have your name added to the contact list.



**Happy Birthday
Cedar Cottenware,
December 9th**



Alfred William Roderick

This picture is of my Mother, Evelyn Le Gard Roderick. I am in her lap, not sure of my age. I will be 87 in December. I live in Eureka, California. I have been at the casino a few times. It is the best of the best.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Cruz Alan Schuetze was born January 14, 2018, 6:18 am at Salmon Legacy Hospital, Vancouver, Washington to **Shannon and Justin Schuetze**.

The babe weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz and was 20 inches long. He joins his brother Colton, age 2.

Cruz's middle name is in honor of his Grandfather, Cowlitz Tribal Member, Gregg Alan Ford.

Grandparents are Gregg and Mary Ford of Ridgefield, Washington. Greg's Cowlitz Mother was Peggy Vatne Ford. Peggy's Cowlitz Mother was Lottie Bouchard.

WEDDING

Shay Workman and **Kasey Way** were married Saturday, August 11th, 2018 at the Brown family Homestead in Leavenworth, Washington.

The bride is a 2016 Graduate of WSU. Shay is a Cowlitz Tribal Member and Former Cowlitz Employee and Intern with the Natural Resources Department. She is a Fisheries Technician with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

The groom is a 2016 Graduate of WSU. He is a Fish Enforcement officer with Columbia River Intertribal Fisheries Enforcement.



Jazper T. Clave

graduated in June 2018, from Oakridge High School in Muskegon MI.

He participated in Varsity Soccer, Cross Country, Track and Field events, and is an avid runner.

Jazper is the son of Crystal Cloquet, Grandson of Richard Cloquet, and Great Grandson to Richard and Melvia Cloquet.

He will be Attending Full Sail University of Florida this fall, working towards a degree in Computer Science and Graphics.



ENGAGEMENT

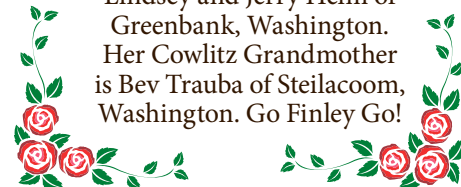
Courtney Andresen to Jeremy Barabe

Michelle Lawrence is excited to announce the engagement of her Daughter, Courtney Andresen to Jeremy Barabe. They are parents to an adorable son Bodi, who turned three years old in June. The couple are planning an August 2019 wedding with close friends and family. Courtney and Jeremy are part owners of a local tow company in Thurston County and plan to make their home in Olympia. Michelle, Courtney and Bodi are all proud members of the Cowlitz tribe!



The parents of **Finley Helm**, 6, are proud to announce her graduation from Kindergarten at Coupeville (Whidbey Island) Elementary School June 11, 2018.

Finley is the daughter of Lindsey and Jerry Helm of Greenbank, Washington. Her Cowlitz Grandmother is Bev Trauba of Steilacoom, Washington. Go Finley Go!



Theodore "Ted" Aurelis Gagner

Ted Gagner, 90 of Anacortes, Washington, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at his residence with his loving wife, Jojo and daughter Sara at his side. He was born on January 16, 1928 in Friday Harbor, the son of Theodore and Mary (McKay) Gagner and was of Cowlitz Native American and European descent. His family lived well from the sea and the land enabling Ted to master skills as a hunter, fisherman, gardener and logger. (You may remember the article published in the Cowlitz Tribal News in 2015, of Ted holding a massive radish from his garden).

After serving two years in the Navy, at the end of WWII, Ted worked the jobs he knew best on the island. In 1958 he began his career with the Washington State Ferries. Ted moved from the San Juans to Anacortes in 1981. He retired as Chief Mate from Washington State Ferries in 1989, after



At left, early picture of Ted. He retired as Chief Mate from Washington State Ferries. At right, Ted Gagner with loving wife Jojo and his Cowlitz blanket.

31 years of service. While he tenured with Sate Ferry, he also continued as a commercial fisherman which he began in 1940; finally retiring in 2004 after accomplishing 64 seasons of fishing.

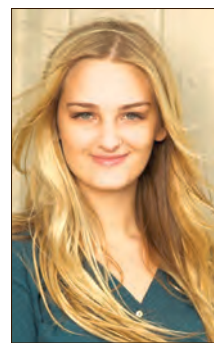
Ted was preceded in death by his parents; and is survived by wife, Jojo, his children and their spouses, Thea Gagner (Mark Bruce) and Sara White (Todd Fifield), granddaughter Katy Bruce, and his beloved cat, Punky. He will be missed terribly.

June 16, 2018 Cowlitz Tribal Member **Mikayla Lawrence**, 22 years old, graduated from Western Washington University, Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Literature. She will be attending Emerson College, Boston, MA in the fall to earn her Master's Degree in Publishing. Mikayla is the proud recipient of a Cowlitz Educational Scholarship as well as a scholarship offered by Emerson College. She has always had a diverse interest in literature but recently found her passion in Native American authors and Historical story telling. Mikayla hopes to be a resource for young Native American writers while working in the publishing industry someday.

Cowlitz Member **Mackenzie Lawrence**, 20 years old, will be entering into her Junior year at the University of Washington in Seattle. She has been accepted into the elite Fosters School of Business within the University and beginning in September she will be studying abroad at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland for three months. In addition to business Mackenzie is studying Art History and had the opportunity to work part time at the Seattle Art Museum this summer.



Mikayla Lawrence



Mackenzie Lawrence

She has a special interest in Native American art and hopes to work in Marketing or business with museums and/or exhibitions in the future.

MacKenzie, Mikayla and Courtney Andresen are the daughters of Michelle Lawrence, and granddaughters of Sandy and Terry Helton, all of Olympia, Washington. Terry Helton was raised in Olympia Washington by his Mother, Mabel Hunter who was married to Cowlitz member, Charles Simmons. Emma Simmons Lund is Michelle Lawrence's Great Grandmother, Franklin Charles Simmons; Great Great Grandfather and Martha Williams Simmons is her Great Great Grandmother.

ilani Named Best Casino for Second Straight Year

ilani holds true as the Pacific Northwest's premier gaming, dining and entertainment destination, receiving eight Best of Gaming Awards from Casino Player Magazine! *ilani* earned top honors for "Best Players Club," "Best Comps," "Best Video Poker" and most notably, "Best Casino," all for the second year in a row! Located along Interstate 5 (at exit 16) in Ridgefield, Washington, about 20 miles north of Portland, Oregon, *ilani* is a proven force to be reckoned with after claiming 12 Best of Gaming first place wins, and 24 wins overall, in their first 16 months of operation. With the opening of *ilani's* Meeting and Entertainment Center this past April, creating an additional 30,000 square feet of flexible and easily reconfigurable event space for the region, there appears to be no slowing down in sight.

Gaming

Inside *ilani*, 100,000 square feet are dedicated to providing visitors with the latest state-of-the-art slot and table games offerings to suit nearly every preference and every level of experience. With 2,500 of the latest slots and 75 gaming tables, including a spectacular high-limit room, guests can test their luck at blackjack, craps, roulette, and so much more. After a first place win in "Best Video Poker" in 2017, *ilani* doubles down with another finish of top honors in the category, as well as claiming first place for "Best Reel Slots" and "Best Carnival Games" in 2018.

Dining & Entertainment

While *ilani* provides visitors with the ultimate gaming experience, it is the complete *ilani* experience that keeps crowds returning. Inspired

restaurants, boutique shops and free live entertainment combined with gaming create a dynamic getaway. Guests can recharge with some delectable bites from the likes of Smashburger, Chef Jet, i.talia or Taco Cantina, or relax with friends over a sumptuous meal from Michael Jordan's Steakhouse, Line & Lure, Rose & Thorn, Longhouse or Tom's Urban.

After sinking your teeth into award winning cuisine at one of *ilani's* restaurants, guests can celebrate over specialty drinks and free live entertainment at Muze Lounge. If you'd rather relax over craft cocktails, stop by the 360 Bar. If you feel like indulging in some shopping, look for the latest fashions at Marshall Rousso for apparel and accessories and Ruby Blue for jewelry and gift items. *ilani* has something to offer everyone, true to *ilani's* desire to fill life with memorable and lasting experiences.

Meeting & Entertainment Center

The casino's new Meeting and Entertainment Center, opened this past April, serves as a meeting space for groups and conventions, as well as the Cowlitz Ballroom, seating up to 2,500 guests for epic concerts, headlining comedians, world-class entertainers and more. Thus far, the Cowlitz Ballroom is able to boast a fantastic lineup of acts: Pitbull, Third Eye Blind, and Little Big Town headline notable concerts, while names like Amy Schumer and Jay Leno round out the list of performers. The Cowlitz Ballroom is also excited to host acts such as Paul Anka, LeAnn Rimes and NBC's World of Dance Live Tour before the conclusion of 2018.

To learn more about *ilani* and its offerings please visit www.ilaniresort.com.

Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management Graduates

This summer, three of our Cowlitz members who work for *ilani* were graduates in the Certificate in Business Essentials of Tribal Gaming & Hospitality Management program from University of Washington's Department of American Indian Studies, in conjunction with the Foster School of Business. Michael Verchot, the Director of UW Foster School of Business's Consulting & Business Development Center was the host for the TGHM program and has been the faculty to guide this program to fruition.

This 10-credit program involved key principles and concepts of accounting and finance, marketing, and business management and required visits to multiple casino properties, including The Point Casino, Muckleshoot Casino, Snoqualmie Casino, Quinault Beach Resort & Casino, and our very own *ilani*. The courses were held in a series of 3 sessions, each lasting four consecutive days for a total of 12 sessions. The instructors of the Management & Capstone, Accounting & Financial Management, and Marketing courses were Lynn Palmenteer-Holder, Allard Teeple, and Wil Tutol respectively.

David Doucette, Training & Communications Specialist; Whitney

Mosback, Executive Management Associate; and Jill Smith, Table Games Supervisor, were the first Cowlitz members to join and successfully graduate the program. Students were divided into 3 groups and at the end of the program, each presented their own Capstone Project to a board made up of business school professionals, casino general managers and banking executives. Whitney's team, called The Snoopies, designed a service to increase efficiencies in Hotel Management and were chosen as the best proposal in the class.

Whitney Mosback described her feelings about taking the course, "I am thankful for the opportunity to have met great people in the industry and learn from the best of the best!"

This was all possible in great part due to the Cowlitz Education Committee for providing scholarships to pay the tuition fees for this program, as well as the dedication from each *ilani* team member who used their own time and money to travel to and lodge at each location. We hope that more Cowlitz-*ilani* team members will be joining this program next summer to further develop our future *ilani* leaders.

Cowlitz Tribal Transit Services (CTTS)

Cowlitz Tribal Transit Services has grown! We welcomed two new drivers to our team this past spring and purchased a 2017 Toyota Sienna last fall. These additions have proven to be effective in maintaining professional, friendly, safe and reliable transportation services in our community. CTTS is a unique transit service available to the public in Cowlitz and South Lewis Counties. We provide transit services to life sustaining medical appointments such as dialysis, non-emergent medical appointments, shopping trips, social outings and more. Our transit service is personalized by adding the benefit of door-to-door service which allows our drivers to provide a steady arm when needed for those who have difficulty navigating steps or ramps. For those who use mobility devices wheelchair lifts are installed on all vehicles for ease of boarding and disembarking. CTTS encourages individuals to call a week or two in advance to schedule a ride, our distinct service fills quickly.

The Department of Transportation has added a new program! Cowlitz Tribal Transport Program is a non-grant funded program designed to provide Tribal members transportation access to medical appointments north to Olympia and south to Vancouver. The new program has also opened opportunity to provide access to Cowlitz Tribal Events as well. Cowlitz Tribe Transport is working with Tribal leadership, departments and programs

to schedule and promote transport service to events such as, General Council Meetings, the Cowlitz Pow Wow, Cowlitz Canoe Landing on the Columbia. The event transport program operates like a park-and-ride. Pick-up and drop-off locations may vary based on the location of the event and need for services. To ensure the safety of all individuals and adequate vehicle size, individuals who would like to ride with the transport program will need to reserve a seat.

Cowlitz Tribal Transport Program provided rides to the Cowlitz Canoe Landing on the Columbia River in Vancouver this year. Our pick-up and drop-off locations included St. Mary's and the Longview Tribal Offices. As a part of the service we collaborated with the Cowlitz Canoe Family and Culture Department to provide shuttle services between Fort Vancouver and the landing site at Marine Park. The total number of passengers for the day was 166! We had a great time in the hot summer sun and look forward to next year!

For more information about Cowlitz Tribal Transit Services and the Cowlitz Tribal Transport Program check out the Cowlitz Tribal website at <https://www.cowlitz.org/> and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cowlitztribedotandtransitservices/>. Information about the transport program for Tribal events will be posted to both the website and Facebook page as events become available.

2018 Public Works Project of the Year Award

The Interstate 5/Northwest 31st Avenue freeway overpass project to provide access to the Cowlitz Reservation and *ilani* Casino Resort won the 2018 \$25-\$75 Million Transportation Project of the Year award from the American Public Works Association's Washington Chapter. The Tribe fully funded the project, which was completed in just 10 months—a stunning achievement for a complex undertaking that would normally take two years. The award recognizes excellence in management

and administration to successfully complete public works projects. The complex project involved innovative freeway interchange design and multi-lane roundabouts. Mohegan Gaming and Entertainment, the Washington State Department of Transportation, Kittleston & Associates, Inc., and Swinerton Builders were honored, and the Cowlitz Indian Tribe received additional recognition for its funding of this notable public asset. We are honored by the award and proud of this remarkable project.



Receiving the 2018 Public Works Project of the year Award for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe are (L-R) Kim Stube, Director of Transportation, Jess Groll and Carolyn Medeiros from CTGA.

Cowlitz Tribe's Convenience Store FAQs

Q: Where are the gas station and convenience store located?

A: The gas station and convenience store are located off Interstate 5 at Exit 16, with easy access for guests traveling to and from *ilani*.

Q: What are the hours of operation, and starting when?

A: The store and station will be open 24/7 once open in Spring 2019.

Q: What type of fueling options will be available?

A: The station will accommodate a range of traffic, from light passenger vehicles to semi-trucks:

For passenger vehicles, 18 hoses will dispense unleaded gasoline in regular, mid-grade, premium and diesel.

DEF pump dispensing units, which significantly reduce harmful engine emissions, will be installed at the fueling islands for modern diesel engines.

Two dual diesel truck lanes will be available at a separate fast-fueling station for larger semi-trucks.

The property will be one of the few in the area with an ethanol-free or "clear" gasoline option available for boaters and campers passing through.

Q: What will be available in the convenience store?

A: The 5,500-square-foot convenience store will carry all the expected items, such as tobacco products, snacks and beverages. Guests will find bottled drinks, coffee, a beer cave and the latest technology for creating a custom-flavored fountain drink, as well as a few more surprises.



Additionally, the store will offer quick quality foods like hand-breaded fried chicken, grab-and-go sandwiches, fruit cups, whole fruit, yogurts and more.

Q: Is the convenience store and gas station solely for *ilani* guests?

A: No, the store and gas station are for the community and all travelers passing by. We do believe it will be an added convenience for our guests and will honor their patronage with some perks when a Momentum card is shown.

Q: Will parking be available for the convenience store?

A: Yes, approximately 25 parking spaces will be available for convenience store customers in addition to the 20 gas pump positions.

Q: Will it look like *ilani*?

A: The design of the store and station is a state-of-the-art facility that reflects many of the design features of *ilani*, ensuring a cohesive appearance throughout the entertainment complex. It has been designed by local architect Womer and Associates, and the contractor is Swinerton Builders.

Governor Inslee Visits the Cowlitz Reservation

Governor Inslee met Tribal Council members at *ilani* casino and shared lunch at the Line and Lure restaurant. Cowlitz appreciates the honorable way Governor Inslee dealt with the Tribe in supporting our tribal-state gaming compact. Governor Inslee was introduced to fourteen of the Cowlitz Tribal Council members, both the Cowlitz spiritual co-leaders, the public Safety Director, Deputy Chief, and *ilani* executive management staff. The group shared lunch, discussed the future of Cowlitz, and then toured *ilani* facility.



Whitney Mosback and Vice Chairman Phil Harju watch as Governor Jay Inslee speaks with Tribal Council Member Nancy Osborne.



The Department of Transportation in collaboration with Washington State Department of Transportation updated the Cowlitz Reservation Exit signs on I-5, proudly displaying the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Logo.



25 MPH! The Department of Transportation installs speed limit signs on the reservation.

Tribal Council Members

NAME.....	POSITION	TERM.....	EMAIL.....
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New Tribal Council Members

The Swearing-in ceremony of new Tribal Council Members was held July 07, 2018, in the *ilani* ballroom. New members are: (L-R) Justice Rhodes, Whitney Mosback, Dave Barnett, Ty Koch and Nancy Osborne as witnessed by Randy Russell and Chairman Bill Iyall.

LINE & LURE

IS LOOKING FOR YOUR BEST SEAFOOD RECIPE!

The Line & Lure Restaurant at ilani Resort Casino is seeking a new fish recipe from Cowlitz Tribal members. The recipe would be tested in the L&L Kitchen. If it is a dish in which L&L can replicate, it will be put on the menu with the name of the submitting tribal member. The recipe can include any kind of fish, oysters, crab, lobster, trout etc. In other words, the dish will be named after the submitting Cowlitz member or whomever they designate if the dish is from a relative.

For further questions or to submit your recipe please contact Tanna Engidahl at lynnengd@yahoo.com

Use "Recipe" as the subject line.

TRIBAL BUSINESSES

INVITED

The Tribe currently operates its daily business in five main locations; the Cowlitz Indian Reservation, Longview, St. Mary's (Toledo), Vancouver, and Tukwila. Frequently we have the need to contract outside services to complete projects at our facilities. I would like to invite all Tribal Members with businesses in the construction/facilities maintenance industries to send me your business contacts and information on services provided. I will be compiling a contact list to reach out for services as needed. If you would like to be added to this list, please email your information to me at aaronw@cowlitz.org

Aaron Workman,
Tribal Administration
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Cowlitz Tribal Housing

Eligibility for most programs requires living in Washington State and being an enrolled member of the Cowlitz Tribe. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations and Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing (CITH) policies regarding applicants and homes apply to all programs.

For applications or information, please email us: cowlitzhousing@CITH.US or call us: (360) 864-8720

SERVICES:

Down Payment Assistance

We are happy that more and more tribal members are applying for down payment assistance, so the Tribe can help you realize the “American Dream” of homeownership! We now can serve several states, just call us for more information.

Student Rental Assistance

This is available to eligible full-time college students anywhere in the continental U.S. an HUD rules apply.

Elder Housing

We welcome you to the Tribe’s housing complex, located at St. Mary’s, near Toledo, Washington. Housing choices are efficiency apartments and one-bedroom units. Rents are calculated on a sliding scale according to income. When available subsidies

reach the lifetime limit, rents are 30% of the resident’s income. Small pets (dog or cat) are welcome.

Applicants must pass a background check, reference check, and drug screening.

Rental and Mortgage Payment Assistance

Tribal Housing offers this help to qualified tribal members, for up to six months.

Help to Avoid Foreclosure

Tribal members with a mortgage crisis should call the Homeowners Help Hotline: 1-888-995-4673, or explore the HOME AFFORDABLE PROGRAM website: www.makinghomeaffordable.gov. This website is VERY informational and will explain options, including the Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP), which has been extended through December 2018. It also explains other foreclosure alternatives, such as short sale and a deed in lieu of foreclosure.

Home Rehabilitation

Tribal Housing can repair qualifying tribal members’ homes to provide a decent, safe, and sanitary place to live.

Well and Sewer Repair or Replacement

In certain geographical areas, the Indian Health Service (IHS) provides help with sanitation facilities, such



Housing Staff at St. Mary’s (L-R): Dana Ecklund, Director Sheryl Bertucci, Steven Jones and Holly Wallace (kneeling), Tom Childs, Kevin Mason and seated, Brian Smithlin Sr.

as sewer, septic, and water to tribal homeowners. Cowlitz Tribal Housing is the designated area representative for IHS Scattered Site projects—we issue applications and forward them to IHS.

Homeownership or Financial Counseling

For free homebuyer education classes in your city, go to the Washington Homeownership Resource Center. website: <http://www.homeownership-wa.org>.

Supportive Housing:

Coming soon to St. Mary’s: We hope to open a building wing for families with children and who are in crisis. Housing and other tribal departments are working together to

provide human services, as well as small apartments.

School Supplies:

Cowlitz Housing is proud to have provided 192 Cowlitz kids with school supplies! We were able to use funds from our HUD drug prevention program and we received an overwhelming number of warm thank-you’s from grateful students and parents! Many went to the trouble to hand-write notes and mail them to us. We are doing our best to bring services to tribal members in Pierce County, Thurston County, and rural King County.

--Sheryl Bertucci, Interim Executive Director, CITH

Economic Development Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet

The Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet (CTO) has been established for eight solid months. The gross sales have been favorable. We have had an average of 30 % increase in sales each month.

We would like to thank all of our employees for the great work that they are doing for us.

Please stop by with your Tribal ID and get your 30 % discount on tobacco products. We now have Cowlitz Shirts and Hats in stock as well!

We would like to thank all our tribal members for your support and we are looking forward to serving you.



Pictured Left to Right: Patsy Ray, Marie Murray & Denise Hollar-Hambrook

-Tim Van Mechelen, Economic Development Department

History Made:

Alaskan Leader Tara Mac Lean Sweeney Becomes First Female Alaska Native for Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

WASHINGTON – Earlier this month, Tara Mac Lean Sweeney, a prominent Alaskan leader and acclaimed businesswoman with the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation, was sworn in as the Department’s Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Sweeney was nominated by President Donald J. Trump in October 2017. Sweeney, a member of the Native Village of Barrow and the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, is the first Alaska Native and only the second woman in history to hold the position. The Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs oversees

Interior’s manifold responsibilities to enhance the quality of life, promote economic opportunity, and provide quality educational opportunities for American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives, while protecting and improving their trust assets

“I am honored to be able to serve Indian Country in this capacity,” Tara Sweeney said. “My goal is to develop strong relationships with Tribes, Alaska Native corporations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations to work on innovative solutions for lifting up our communities. I am motivated to work with Indian Country to find efficiencies inside the Bureau of Indian Affairs, improve service delivery and culturally relevant curriculum in the Bureau of Indian Education, and create a more effective voice for Tribes throughout the Federal Government. I am humbled by the confidence President Trump and Secretary Zinke have shown in me and ready to serve.”

Huckleberry Heritage Employee Culture Day

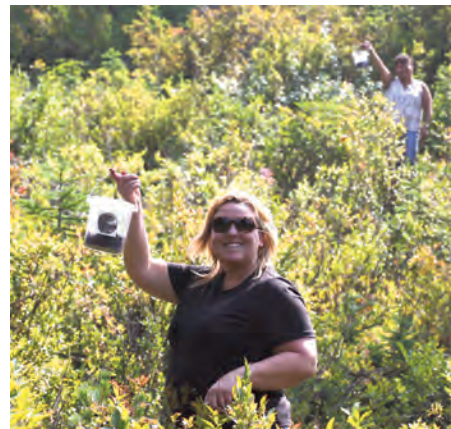
By Nathan Reynolds

On August 21st and 22nd of 2018, Tribal staff took small groups of Cowlitz employees into the Gifford Pinchot National Forest (GPNF) on huckleberry picking trips. The Cowlitz Tribe offers employees an annual "Culture Day" educational benefit, principally used for Tribal employees to attend midweek cultural events such as the Fort Vancouver Canoe Landing or Eulachon ceremonial fishing (at the discretion of the employee's supervisor). This huckleberry educational trip was jointly organized by the Cowlitz Tribe's Employee Wellness Program, Natural Resources Department, and Cultural Resources Department.

Staff used NRD field vehicles and drove attendees to the Pole Patch location, which is an important traditional huckleberry harvest site for Cowlitz citizens, and also for Tribal citizens from other Nations. In 2013, the Cowlitz NRD promoted the idea to the GPNF of implementing huckleberry restoration along the Burley Mountain/French Butte/Mosquito Meadows ridgeline, and particularly in the Pole Patch area. In the years since 2013, the GPNF has implemented several restoration projects on that ridge, ranging from slashing out small trees invading huckleberry fields, to understory thinning of the forest canopy. While on forest roads during travel to Pole Patch, attendees were able



At left, Cowlitz Tribal Employee, Dalton Fry enjoying the huckleberry pick during the 2018 Culture Day. At right, Lori Olsen and Lori Teeters, top of photo enjoying the 2018 Employee Culture Day picking Huckleberries



to see restoration forestry equipment working.

Once arriving at the Pole Patch picking site, attendees were given background information about the traditional Cowlitz cultural history of huckleberry picking, including information about which species are best to pick, who typically picked in the pre-contact era, what season was best, how it was done, how berries were dried and processed after picking, and how hard-sided baskets were made from slabs of cedar bark, then used to carry dried huckleberries back to winter villages at lower elevations.

Attendees were given picking buckets from Cowlitz NRD's Gathering Program and then had approximately

two hours to wander the berry fields. Some people picked in groups, chatting about the process and learning what it was like. Others picked by themselves, moving quietly from bush to bush.

At the end of two hours, which came far too quickly, everyone gathered to show off the berries they had picked. People remarked about how much harder it was to pick huckleberries than blackberries because they are so much smaller. Pickers shared what they experienced, what they heard, and what they thought while picking.

At the close, CRD staff shared that less than one mile away was an archaeological site where artifacts lay beneath a layer of Mount St. Helens eruptive ash and pumice deposited

Summer 2018 Intern

Aaron Cook

(Tsimshian) from the Metlakatla Indian Community came to us through the BIA Pathways Internship Program.



Aaron has been a great asset in the short time he has been with the tribe. He is a junior at University of Alaska- Fairbanks and is moving home to Metlakatla Alaska to work with his tribe in their fish and wildlife department. His willingness to learn and upbeat attitude will serve him well in his upcoming career. We are appreciative of the time he gave our tribe and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

approximately 3500 years ago during the Smith Creek eruptive era. The artifacts lying beneath that layer means that Indian use and occupancy of the Pole Patch area and practices of huckleberry picking are ancient and powerful traditions.

After the closing conversation, attendees got back in to the vehicles and began the trip back out of the mountains. In all, six hours of car ride for two-and-half hours of time in the mountains made for a long trip, but attendees expressed their thanks and appreciation for the opportunity to learn about Cowlitz huckleberry picking heritage. Stay on the lookout for additional Culture Days coming in 2019!

Huckleberries in the Gifford Pinchot

It is critically important to retain access to our first foods. Natural Resources is increasing access to huckleberries, working with partners to increase the total number of berries, and doing research to understand what makes huckleberries fruit more often. As advertised through Facebook, the Polepatch area of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest was closed to all camping except for members of Federally-recognized tribes. This reduced pressure from commercial pickers, who typically like to camp on their picking areas.

Polepatch is a beautiful ridgetop located at over 4500' of elevation. It is also a heavily berried area, and pickers who traveled there to pick berries considered it a good investment to drive way out into the forest. The area was originally thinned, and restored to berry fields, through the actions of the



A traditional first food harvested in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

Pinchot Partners Collaborative. Taylor Aalvik, Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Natural Resource Director and Councilman, chairs the Pinchot Partners. There are several other projects in the works to continue improving berry fields around the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. Our efforts to restore huckleberry access and productivity demonstrate our commitment to future access to material culture.

For more information, please follow our link: <https://youtu.be/Uqle0F5raZo>.

Lands Maintenance

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe manages eleven properties that are maintained by the natural resources department. These parcels are located in Lewis, Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania Counties in Washington State, and Clatsop county, Oregon. Funding for these properties derives from an annually approved budget passed by tribal council. General maintenance of these lands includes: spring or fall field mows, invasive weed management, vegetation restoration projects, monitoring and garbage pickup. As the Cowlitz Indian Tribe continues to grow, future priorities are to acquire more land. The Cowlitz Tribe currently owns 575 acres of natural resource managed land.

Projects completed in the summer of 2018 included; herbicide treatment for Tansy Ragwort on the Gospodor



Emma Johnson (Intern) and Stu Freitas (NRD Senior Lands Steward) Documenting Lupine Growth

property, Scotch broom treatment on Wallace island, and various herbicide applications at the Wallooskee property. All-purpose maintenance and field mowing at Lozier prairie, Swift schoolhouse, Sweatlodge, Gospodor and Headquarters property.



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