



COWLITZ Tribal News

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"One who calls"

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Ready to open! An aerial view of the *ilani* casino resort looking east taken a few days before the grand opening.

Let's *ilani*!

On Monday, April 24, 2017, thousands of patrons waited anxiously as songs were sung, gifts were exchanged, the speeches delivered and finally the ribbon was cut. The doors of the *ilani* Casino Resort were opened to the public for the first time and the people streamed in. The Cowlitz people now have a world class casino resort destination to be proud of. Words cannot

adequately describe this experience so you will find a special section inside this issue of our newspaper dedicated to *ilani*. Our June General Council meeting will be held at the Clark County Events Center, just a few miles south of our reservation. We hope you all will be able to attend and then visit and see for yourself this magnificent place... and *ilani*!

Welcome to *ilani*...and Tribal Blankets!!

After 18 years of telling you it's going to happen soon, I am honored to tell you these three words "Welcome to *ilani*!"

I founded this project and risked everything I had so that this dream of ours could become a reality, and I couldn't have done it without your support, encouragement and pats on the back. I know my father, former Chairman John Barnett thanks you as well.

Among other design features, I wanted you to feel like this was yours, so I came up with the idea for the giant floor map of our aboriginal area in the

main entrance and the photos on the walls of tribal members. Send your own photos to the tribal office as we will be rotating them out every few months. Then yours can be on the wall too! I tried my best to make this feel uniquely Cowlitz. I hope I haven't let you down.

I am still shell-shocked that its actually opened and judging by the nine mile back-ups on I-5 on opening day, this is going to be the economic generator that I believe will provide every tribal member with better access

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Chairman's Corner

Klahowya!

It's time for our Cowlitz family to come together in celebration at our June 3, 2017. General Council meeting. I am pleased we can all share the joy of the opening of the Cowlitz Tribe's *ilani* casino.

We must thank David Barnett, the Mohegan Tribe and then a long list of other contributors, our architect Friedmutter and Associates, our contractor Swinerton Builders, and our operating team lead by Kara Fox La Rose, the Board of the Gaming Authority, the Gaming Commission and of course our Tribal Council. Our *ilani* casino was completed on time and on budget, and opened in a spectacular public opening that was heralded across the West coast as one of the best gaming facilities with the finest entertainment and customer service.

At the grand opening of *ilani* on April 24th, Mohegan Chairman Kevin Brown and David Barnett joined me in the cutting of the ribbon. The soft openings on Saturday, April 22nd for tribal members welcomed Cowlitz people and our families from all over the nation. It was amazing to see so many tribal members at this exclusive preview. The evening event welcomed VIP's from across the country. These included Tribal leaders from other Washington Tribes and our Cowlitz employees, all reflecting the spirit of the *ilani* culture.

We will forever be grateful for our partnerships with Salishan Mohegan, David Barnett and the Mohegan Tribe, and the lending groups as we embark on a new chapter in Cowlitz history.

With the opening of *ilani* casino resort, we created more than 1,500 new permanent jobs, paid for and delivered improved local infrastructure, constructed a new \$39 million freeway interchange by partnering with federal, state and local governments.

The Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Commission and Tribal Gaming Agency did a fantastic job preparing for the opening of *ilani*, as they licensed all our vendors and team members. Thanks to the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority and our Operation Board, the *ilani* casino opened its doors with one of the most experienced Tribal Gaming Agency staffs in Washington state.

The development on the reservation continues to progress. Now that the *ilani* casino doors have opened, construction on the event center will resume. A new *ilani* Resort Hotel and parking garage are planned for Phase Two.

We also thank the new Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who continues the good work of his Department. Standing by our Tribe after 150 years of landlessness so that we now have a reservation. Governor Inslee deserves many thanks for the honorable way he has dealt with our Tribe in supporting our tribal-state gaming compact, this comes after many years with little or no chance of significant economic development with the prior state leadership. Because of the great work the BIA, both Regional and in DC, has done over the last 15 years, through three presidential administrations, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe opened the doors to our *ilani* casino.

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Chairman

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On April 3rd, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Cowlitz Tribe by denying any further appeal. We can rejoice that litigation at the United States Supreme Court has now been completed and becomes an important landmark in our history. The Supreme Court allowed our historic 2016 decision by the D.C. Court of Appeals to stand, which said the Cowlitz Tribe was “under federal jurisdiction” in 1934. Judge Rothstein’s DC District court in its decision recognized that the Cowlitz Tribe had a strong record of dealing with the federal government going back to the mid-1800s. They all affirmed what we already knew, that the tribe had obviously been under federal jurisdiction by the United States long before Interior finalized our recognition paperwork 140 years later. For many tribes around the country similarly recognized by the federal government after the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, the Supreme Court’s denial of cert here is significant because it upholds the rule that protects Interior’s ability to take lands into trust.

President Trump’s Justice Department supported the Cowlitz Tribe, asking the high court not to hear the case because the Department of Interior appropriately took land into trust for the tribe. The Trump Justice Department wrote in their March brief to the Supreme Court, “The BIA officially acknowledged the Cowlitz Tribe...only after a rigorous historical, anthropological, and genealogical investigation, which demonstrated that the tribe was officially recognized in the late 1800s and maintained tribal relations through the present.” Many years ago, after expressing interest as a developer and meeting with David Barnett and his fa-

ther, the late chairman John Barnett, future President Trump wrote in a letter to him, “I want to assure you and all of the members of the tribe that I do now, and always have, supported the sovereignty of Native Americans and their right to pursue all lawful opportunities.”

We were represented in Washington, DC by our legal team, including Heather Sibbison and Suzy Schaefer, Dentons and our litigator for the Appeal Court victory, Bob Luskin, Paul Hastings. Bob Luskin shared this comment after the ruling, “Bill, I can’t tell you how delighted I am with the result and all that we have accomplished. I could not have had a better, more supportive, or more deserving client. I am so glad it worked out the right way.”

We continue the process of creating a strategic plan. The Strategic Planning Team has been meeting with the Tribal Council and boards, committees and departments to focus on program organizational needs. We must direct resources to restore our hunting and fishing rights. We must deliver equal benefits to all tribal members no matter where they live.

We continue working on a Reservation Master Plan with a focus on a vision for our Community and Government Center. We are currently planning for future development and expansion of the reservation. Along with the new Tribal Administration building will come development of a Cultural Community Center, and more diverse economic development.

Randy King, Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park is working with us on an agreement for a “Cowlitz Tribe Designated Use Area” at Ohanapecosh Campground southwest of Mount Rainier National Park. The Designated Use Area would allow Cowlitz people to have three improved camp spaces and two separate areas, including an area at the important cultural and spiritual resource,

the hot springs, for our designated use. The agreement would allow up to six vehicles and 20 people without additional coordination, or more with minimal advance agreement. Also, we may complete site improvements with Park Service input. This is an exciting development in our Cowlitz homelands; the restoration of a Cowlitz Campsite near Mount Tahoma at the Hot Springs. This is an opportunity to enhance tribal access to the Park; enriches educational opportunities of our tribal youth and tribal members; and educates the public about our tribal culture and history. Anticipated Tribal uses of the designated area include spiritual and educational activities. Tribal use may involve day use and small-group overnight camping within the lower designated use area; and with Park permission, overnight camping by larger groups, or use of the amphitheater or other facilities in the general Ohanapecosh Campground area.

Taylor Aalvik and our Natural Resource Department, continue to protect our past, present, and future well-being. The Cowlitz Tribe have been working for our interests in the major projects in our area, Millennium Coal Terminal, Mount Saint Helens Copper Mine, Tesoro Oil Terminal and the Kalama Methanol Plant.

We all thank all the volunteers for their work on the Pow Wow, Huckleberry Camp, at Youth Camp and other cultural events and programs. The First Salmon Ceremony falls on June 4 at the Sweat Lodge property. Our volunteers work hard on all the boards and committees to improve our services and preserve our traditions and culture, including the Housing Board, Audit Committee, Health Board, Youth Board, Cultural Resource Board, Drum Group and Canoe Family. We look forward to all the cultural and spiritual events throughout the year.

Devon Reck heads up the Canoe



Chairman Bill Iyall

Family on the annual journey on the river and the Salish Sea. Thanks to the skippers, the pullers and the ground crews for this important cultural event. This year’s journey will be to Campbell River, BC on Vancouver Island.

This year we honor Nathan Hooton, new chair of the Pow Wow Committee, Headwoman Dancer, Abriel Johnny-Rodrigues and Headman Dancer, JC Tackett.

This is a triumphant time for The Cowlitz Indian Tribe because it marks the end of a 160-year journey back to our homeland, and the beginning of a new journey, where centuries of Cowlitz Tribal heritage and traditions will unite and thrive, here, on our own reservation. The Cowlitz, The Forever People, are forever home.

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Chairman Bill Iyall

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to health care, free prescription benefits, full scholarships for education, housing assistance for those in need and per capita payments! I will strongly support these goals and use all of my efforts to see that they are realized.

Most importantly I will fight for you to make sure that the benefits from *ilani* will be distributed equally to each and every tribal member no matter where you live!

Seeing over one thousand of you attend our soft opening brought tears to my eyes. I could feel our ancestors beaming their approval knowing we never gave up because they never gave up! On April 22nd, over one thousand of us told the world what we already knew, “The Cowlitz never give up!” This is our tradition.

As a gift and at my personal expense, I am delighted to honor every tribal member over the age of 18 with a beautiful custom designed Cowlitz Tribal Blanket by Pendleton. I designed it and the artwork was done by our amazing tribal member artist Jeanne St.

Dave Barnett wraps Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens with gifted blanket in *ilani*.

Martin. By the time you read this article I will have gifted out 500 of them and will have an order in for 500 more. Nothing is more rewarding to me than wrapping each and every one of you in your own blanket. You can call the tribal office and give them your name and phone number and be put on the list!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our General Council meeting in June as together we embark on our next journey!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dave Barnett, (206) 707-5765.



Letter from the Vice-Chairman



Philip Harju, General Council Vice-Chairman

What an exciting year this has been for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. I can finally say that our 15-year legal battle to get a Cowlitz Reservation is over. On April 3, 2017, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that all of the appeals are over and the decision to take land into trust for the Cowlitz People is finally affirmed. This historic event is the direct result of the hard work and perseverance of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe. I am proud to say I was part of the leadership and the legal team we put together for this important decision.

By the time you read this newsletter, our *ilani* Casino will be open. This is truly another great accomplishment for the

Cowlitz Indian Tribe. We now have inter-governmental agreements for fire and police services for our Reservation. Just this month, the Tribal Council approved a Department of Public Safety for the Tribe. We have hired our first Public Safety Director. His name is John Goss, and he is an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Nation. He has over 45 years in law enforcement experience and retired as the Police Chief for the Tulalip Tribe. We will be working to obtain additional funding from the federal government to expand our Department of Public Safety to better serve our Cowlitz People.

Work continues on our Reservation at

a fast pace. At this time, our waste water treatment plant, freeway intersection, and road alignments are completed. We will need suggestions to rename 31st Ave and the new frontage road around the casino. The old 319th street thru the Reservation has been realigned and renamed Cowlitz Way. The address for the *ilani* Casino is 1 Cowlitz Way!

It is exciting to see that many of the elected and political leaders of southwest Washington have now recognized the Cowlitz Indian Tribe as a historic, strong, and sovereign nation. While we still have many battles to fight, when we stand together, we will not be stopped. I look for-

ward to seeing many of you at our General Council meeting on June 3, 2017, and at the First Salmon Ceremony, held on the following day. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

Philip Harju is the general council vice-chairman

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JUNE 2017 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 3, 2017 AT 10 AM
HELD AT CLARK COUNTY EVENT CENTER
AT THE FAIRGROUNDS, HALL "A"
17402 NE DELFEL RD., RIDGEFIELD, WA 98642
JUST OFF I-5 AT EXIT 9

PLEASE BRING YOUR ENROLLMENT
CARD AND PHOTO ID TO SIGN-IN.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

COME JOIN THE COWLITZ TRIBAL ENCAMPMENT!
ALL ARE WELCOME, JUNE 2-4.

FIRST SALMON CEREMONY ON JUNE 4TH.
CEREMONY STARTS AT 10:00 AT
THE COWLITZ LANDING PROPERTY.



Thanks to all the Cowlitz Tribal members
who completed the Tribal Census by April 10th!



The Tribal Census is still OPEN!

We would like for all tribal households to fill one out.

- Please visit the website at www.cowlitz.org,
- Log in with your tribal enrollment number, and
- Fill out the questionnaire for everyone in your household.



CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

All responses to the Cowlitz Tribal Census will be held in the strictest confidence at all times and will only be accessible by a limited number of authorized staff. After the data has been electronically entered into our secured database specifically designed for the Tribal Census, it will be aggregated for planning purposes and personal information will not be available or included in that data. All personal data will be stored on secure, password-protected computers accessible only by authorized staff.

The Data Team preparing the Cowlitz Tribal Census seeks to produce accurate, relevant statistics about the Tribal membership which will be comparable to existing United States Census datasets. We understand that we are ethically, legally, and morally obligated to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the Cowlitz people. All data collected is collected for statistical purposes only and will never be used for the purpose of identifying individuals.



If you have any questions please call us at 1(855) 577-8140.

Strategic Planning

Recently, we started work on Strategic Planning for the Tribe. Because of his extensive experience with Strategic Planning, tribal council member Jerry Iyall was asked to lead the team. Other members of the team are Christine Myers, Abriel Johnny-Rodriguez, Dan Meyer, Debbie Hassler, Kim Stube and Phil Harju. They have been active participants and leaders in our early meetings and this process.

We began our process by meeting with Tribal Council to get direction and support. The Tribal Council agreed with the strategy of including all parts of the Tribal organization in the Strategic Planning.

This includes Boards, Committees, Departments, Program units, etc. As a result, we will work with each to develop its own Strategic Plan. Those Strategic Plans will be used by each individual group and will also be brought to the Tribal Council to be included in the Tribal Council's Strategic Plan for the Tribe. This is a big effort and will take several months.

We will use a traditional methodology to develop the Strategic Plans, which includes development of Mission and Vision Statements and identification of our values. We will also do extensive work identifying and analyzing our Strengths, Weaknesses,

Opportunities and Threats (SWOT analysis). We will look to establish key performance indicators that tell us how well we are doing. As part of this work, Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall has asked all participants to step out of their usual roles and look at how we can better serve all Tribal members no matter where they live.

Based on the SWOT Analysis, we will develop goals and objectives to identify how the Tribe will operate and identify areas that we want to improve. We will also develop strategic initiatives to improve our operations to better deliver tribal services.

We have talked with Peter Schultz and

Jeannette Ziegler of the Mohegan Tribe to learn from their experiences. They started their Strategic Planning 15 years ago and have faced many of the same challenges we are facing. It has been very valuable to be able to learn from their experiences.

To keep the General Council informed of our progress, we will present you with copies of the Mission and Vision Statements recently developed by the Tribal Council.

For more information and to check on our progress, please contact the tribal office, check out the website at www.cowlitz.org or contact Jerry Iyall.

“Grandfather” Roy Wilson Turns 90

In his decades of life, Roy Wilson, aka Grandfather Roy, has worn many hats: Pastor, teacher, Cowlitz tribal honorary chief and spiritual leader.

Soon, he will add a new one to the collection: Nonagenarian. On July 17, Roy turns 90 years old. His greatest love: the Cowlitz Tribe and sharing Native American spirituality and tradition. Like the winding gravel path of the spiral medicine wheel near his home that he dug and graveled all on his own, Roy's life has been a circular journey, from the Yakama Indian Reservation, to California, Missouri, British Columbia, Oregon and back to Washington state.

He was born in 1927 on the Yakama reservation, in a one-room cabin that had no insulation and a corrugated steel roof. “Mom and Dad had a double bed, and my bed was a cardboard box,” he recalled. His mother cooked on a one-burner kerosene stove and hauled water in by the bucketful. “It was very primitive and that's how my life started.”

With the Great Depression just starting, his father could not find work, so, when Roy was eight months old, the family moved to the Los Angeles area where his father worked with the Goodyear Tire Co. Growing up in 1930s Southern California was very different from nowadays. The family lived in a town of about 600 people, surrounded by open hills, where Roy would chase rabbits and pick mushrooms. The streets were gravel, and freeways were non-existent. With no refrigerators, people relied on ice boxes to keep food cold. Ice blocks were delivered once a week to homes.

In seventh grade, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, and Roy's life changed. His school created an acceleration program so that the young men could get some college before they had to serve in the war. Because of spiritual experiences in his young

life, Roy had set his mind on becoming a minister. His father was adamantly opposed to the idea, “He wanted me to be a structural engineer, and I was obedient to my Dad.” One day, a chief engineer at The National Supply Co., expressed an interest in Roy, who was 16, coming to work there as a junior engineer. “He thought he could use an advanced high school student for a junior engineer, and that would relieve the more experienced engineers to do the more difficult tasks,” Roy took the job. Each day, after one high school class, he hopped in his 1929 Model A Ford and went to work. “I made more than my father did,” he said, smiling.

It wasn't long before his true path was shown to him again. He was preparing for work in the company parking lot, when a voice within reminded him that he was meant to be a religious teacher, not an engineer. “I knew in that moment that I would never be an engineer. I was to be a minister, to be a teacher,” he said. He went to a seminary school in Missouri and, at age 17, pastored his first church there. After a bad automobile accident left Roy hospitalized and one of his friends dead, Roy went back to his parents in California and attended a Bible college in Pasadena. After he and his first wife and mother of his three children married, Roy spoke at several churches in Southern Oregon and pastored at Interdenominational Community Churches in that area.

As he had done many times in his younger years, Roy went back to visit relatives on the Yakama Indian Reservation and in the Cowlitz Tribe. He is deeply proud of his Native American heritage, which includes ancestry of not only Cowlitz and Yakama, but also Chinook and Iroquois, all from his father's side. In the early 1970s, after his wife passed away



The spirit of the eagle symbolizes the Great Spirit. This carved eagle stands on the sacred alter of the Spiral Medicine wheel.

at the age of 47, he was visiting his Cowlitz family. The tribe was in the process of electing a new tribal chairman and Roy's aunt nominated him for the job. “I had no idea I would ever be an officer in this tribe,” he said. To his disbelief, he won the office. When he attended meetings prior to his election, he often questioned business decisions, encouraging leaders to perform feasibility studies of some ventures. Later, some of the tribal members explained that they thought he had been fighting against everything they wanted to do. But when the election came, many of the things he had predicted came true. The years that followed were exciting and arduous, as the

tribe worked to win its land claim settlement from the government, and then federal recognition, which came in 2000.

Roy has served as Chairman of the Tribal Council and General Council, and in other leadership roles. After he retired in 2004, the late John Barnett, then Cowlitz Tribal Chairman, named Roy spiritual leader of the tribe. He continues to serve in that position, along with Tanna Engdahl, his spiritual co-leader. He teaches the old inter-tribal trade language, is Chairman of the Cultural Resources Board and works in the Cowlitz Tribe's Chemical

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Enrollment Department Update

As of March 2017 our current enrollment population is 4079. In Sept 2016 we enrolled 26 new tribal members and in Jan 2017 we enrolled another 27 new tribal members. Our current enrollment criteria are as follows (applicant must meet all three):

Applicant must be a direct lineal descendant of a Cowlitz Indian and applicant must have a parent (mother/father) on Cowlitz Tribal Roll. Applicant shall be no older than 12 months of age (effective 01/01/2006)

or applicant is 18 years of age and no more than 19 years of age (effective 06/06/2015). The change made in June of 2015 allows descendants whose parent did not enroll them by their first birthday to enroll as an adult between their 18th and 19th birthdays.

If you know of tribal member families or friends that are not receiving the tribal mailings it is most likely because they are on our Unknown Address List or the address we do have is not current. If you hear from or know

of any of these tribal members, please ask them to contact the Enrollment Office to verify the address we have on file for them.

We sadly report that the following Tribal Members have crossed over since our last newspaper:

Caruso, Franklin George
Hill, Angela Hilda
Lange, Antonette Gertrude
Carpenter, Ailene Theresia
Knowles, Gertrude Mae
O'Neal, Nena Louise

Littleton, Lois Marie
Garcia, Regina Ruth
Daubenberger, Donna Jean
Larson, Lorraine Betty
Schultz-Crisp, Jacqueline Barbara
Wallin, Gary Laverne
Holycross, James

For more information, please contact your Enrollment Officer, Cathy Raphael, at the Enrollment Office by calling 360-575-3310 or email to cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org.

Unknown Addresses

Aalvik, Aaryn Lee	Cloquet, Patrick Allen	Jazelle Amarie	Jinka, Tiara Terese	Miller, Vincent William	Ramsey, Joshua Zenos	Sturdivant, Linsey Marie
Aalvik, Hayden Rhodes	Cobb, Alexx Hunter	Fisher, Heather Dawn	Monique	Miller, Wesley Hans	Reaume, Deloy Arlene	Sund, Jacqueline Lee
Aalvik, Zakory Dennis	Cobb, Caleb Ryan	Florek, Alexis Lee	Johnson, Tanis	Miller, Zander Michael	Redfield, Nicholas	Swaggard, Jeneen
Abbott, Alvin E	Cobb, Emily Ciera	Florek, Benjamin Kelly	Fisten-Dodlus	Ryan	Thomas	Swain, Scott Tyler
Albrecht, Shelly Christine	Cobb, Gary Lee	Flowers, Kase Miko	Jones, Emmett Jesus	Minkel, Glenn William	Rhodes, David Scott	Swearingen, Daia Denise
Anderson, Gary Ken	Cobb, Megan Nicole	Forespring, Tighe	Jones, Michael Norman	Moriarty, Kevin Joseph	Richards, Debra Ann	Taylor, Patrick Junior
Arthur (Pete), Edwin	Colavito, Anthony Wesley	Forsberg, Kurt Emil	Jones, Zada Mae	Morrill, Helen Mae	Riggles, Sheila Marie	Thayer, Kelsy Dawn
Joseph	Colavito, Victoria Mae	Fox, Franklin Rhodes	Jorgenson, Gary D	Morrill, Paul Christopher	Riggles, Travis Edward	Thomas, Elizabeth Ann
Baker, David Bradley	Coleman, Michael	Galloway III, John Baxter	Judge, Janet LaVerne	Morrill, Sandra Lee	Wilson	Thomas, Eric V
Barker, April Marie	Anthoney	Galloway, Barbara Jane	Kacmarcik, Benjamin	Morrill, Sharon Anne	Riley, Diane Rose	Thrasher, Hailey
Barnett, Nigel Elliot	Cornett, Michelle Lee	Gilbert Jr, William David	James	Morrill, Terry Dean	Robertson, Cassie	Elizabeth
Taesoo	Corpuz, Deborah Kelleen	Gilbert, Buddy Gene	Keener, Jordann Brianne	Morris, Alexis Rain	Michelle	Thrasher, Krista Kaylynn
Barnett, Nonni NMN	Cota, Shelly Rae	Gilbert, Darrell John	Keener, Robert William	Morris, Holly Marie	Robertson, Kristen Jamie	Tucker, Gwenith
Beam, Jannette Joan	Cottenoir, Scott Eugene	Gilbert, Kelly LaDon	Kemp, Ronald Jay	Morris, Kany Zachary	Robinson, Stephanie Lynn	Christine
Bellamy, Loretta Lori"	Cottonware, Dustin James	Gillespie, Lola Jean	Kennedy, Edgar Lewis	Morris, Zachariah Hunter	Rockwood, Michael James	Tuttle, Joshua Matthew
Marlene"	Crabtree, Rebecca Lynn	Gillespie, Taylor Rene	Kinswa, Victor Perry	Morrison, Lee Hoyt	Roney, David Anthony	Unger, Chelsea Ann
Beltran, Jamie Paige	Craighead, Makayla	Glasgow, Jean Louise	Kniss, Sandra Lee	Morrison, Patricia	Ruemker, Lena Maureen	Usher, Jill Marie
Bennett, Casse Allen	Maree	Goodwin, James Hubert	Koch, Joshua Douglas	Frances	Ruemker, Nicholas	Villalva-Weaver, Natalia
Jacob	Crosby, Charles Patrick	Graham, Richard Leon	Koob, Christina Marie	Mullins, Robert Wilson	Andrew	Lynn
Bennett, Jerry Norman	Crosby, William Dexter	Green, Brittany Nicole	Kramer, Justina Leslie	Mullins, Shayna Lynn	Russell, Debra Marie	Warriner, Gabriel David
Bloomfield, Brian Walter	Cualio, Yohana Gabryella	Groendyke, Adam Perry	Kubacki, Nicholas Lee	Murphy, Patti Lynn	Ryan, Andrew Dewayne	Watkins, Beau Matthew
Boles, Nancy Jane	Cunningham, Jason	Groendyke, Demeree	Lane, Jennifer Ann	Myers, Daniel Lee	Ryan, Isabella Joann	Weaver Jr., Tyree Henry
Boles, William George	Robert	Ingrid	Lane, Lynnette Marlene	Myers, Jason Ross	Ryan, Joshua Patrick	Dizon
Bouchard, Jeffrey Lee	Daily, Byron Otis	Groendyke, Gage Michael	Lane, Richard Stanely	Myers, Stephanie Ann	Ryan, Cannon Brodie	Weaver, Gary Wayne
Bowman, Marcus Luis	Dawson, Gary L	Groendyke, Morgan	Leahy, Monica Lynn	Myers, Steven Ross	Ryan, Timothy Edmund	Weaver, Tanala Lynn
Bowman, Sean Aaron	Dawson, Maurice R	Marlene	Leo-Weaver, Faranika	Neilsen, Deanne Reshae	Ryan, Trinity Marie	Weaver, Tyree Wayne
Braley, Tia Evelyn	DeCamps, Deborah Leigh	Harris, Carolee Kay	Kristina	Neilsen, Ricky Dean	Saunders, Troy Allen	Wetzel, John Marlan
Brandow, Erin Jessica	DeNobrega, Nio Arcenio	Harris, Kisa Marie	Link, Sheryl Diane	Nelson, Dalene Annette	Schwanz, Tracy Arthur	Wiggins, Brent LeRoy
Bridges, L. Jacob Eli	DeNobrega, Peter NMN	Harris, Leslie Ervin	Ludwick, Heidi Pearl	Nelson, Pamela Ruth	Shaffer, Dayle Marie	Wiggins, Kim Tyler
Brien, Erica Love	Didier, Bridget Louise	Harris, Rachael Michelle	Ludwick, Kaden John	Newbaker, Raymond	Shaffer, Racquel Anne	Williams, Jesse Hall
Brown, Hunter Reshae	Dietz, Dalton Duane	Helton, Brent Thomas	Lund, Gwendolyn Marie	Russell	Shaw, Ashley Page	Williams, Joshua Roy
Brown, Matthew Seth	Dietz, Jessie Rae	Henry, Savannah Love	Mabry, Kimberly Ann	Newbaker, William Lee	Silkett, Kaitlyn Ila	Williams, Raelene Ruth
Buchmann, David Lee	Dietz, Lorrae Von	Herrera Fernandez,	Mackey, Brian David	Nickerson, Dorothea	Simmons, Sarah Ruby	Williams, Robert Dale
Burns, Charles Eric	Dill, Cyndi Raven Rayn	Christian Xavier	Mackey, Rhiannon Arlene	Agnes	Sims, Evan Danielle	Williams, Timothy Alan
Cahill, Brenyn Dawsen	Dill, Tazzmen Justice	Herrera, M. Christopher	Manley, Heather Marie	Otton Gillespie, Jessica	Sims, Karen Joyce	Lee
Campbell, Carla Stacia	Dominick, Craig Martin	Garcia	Marthaller, Alexander	Ryan	Smalley, Eric Ray	Williamson, Kay Evelyn
Campbell, William	Dominick, Garrett Edwin	Hiebert, Lisa Marie	Howard	Ozier, Jordan Rayfield	Smith, Andrew Edward	Wilson II, William Paul
Bradley	Dominick, Jackson	Hodges, Michelle Lynn	Mason, Ronald Ellery	Ozier, Sierra Victoria	Smith, Esther Maria	Wilson, Hannah Elyse
Carnes Jr, Ryan Richard	Richard	Hodges, Victoria Anne	McCabe, April May	Pace, Daniel Thomas	Smith, James R	Wilson, Jeffrey John
Carnes, Ryan Richard	Dominick, Richard Edwin	Hoptowitz, Tenisha Danyel	McConnell, Philip Scott	Pardee, Betty Rose	Smith, Keaton Vaughn	Wilson, Jeremy John
Casaw, Robin LeAnn	Donlan, April Ann	Miyette	McFarlin, Tess Elizabeth	Parrish, Elicia Irene	Jaeger	Wilson, Latitia Ann
Casey, Ryan Robert	Doolittle, Brittaney Anne	Howe, Kathleen Nicole	McGinn, Wesley Robert	Pearson, Elizabeth Anne	Smith, Linda Lee	Wilson, Tyson Scott
Castro, Zerrah Lind	Dunckel, Brad Lee	Huereca, Andrea Marie	McMillon II, Micheal	Pearson, Ellen Grace	Smith, Melissa Roxanne	Wilson, William Paul
Castro-Bennett, Amelia	Dunckel, Dustin Dean	Huereca, Anita Marie	Allen	Pellegrini, Mark Stephen	Smith, Sheila Rene	Wilson, Winston Roy
Jane	Dunn Jr, Carl Myron	Humbertson, Gretchen Jo	Medley, Deborah Louise	Perez, Lori Louise	Smith, William Winfield	Young, Ralph Philip
Charvat, Mary Lou	Duprey, Meryl Wayne	Inderbitzin, Robert Allen	Michel, Noah Emerson	Pfohlman, Donald Arthur	Smithlin, Kayleena Gigina	
Ciarfella, David Maitland	Duprey, Suzanne Marie	Iyall, Andrew James	Miller, Brett LeRoy	Phillips, Kimberly Dawn	Smithlin, Korin Brian	
Ciarfella, Michael Andrew	Duprey, Thomas Gerard	Iyall, Deborah Kay	Miller, Cierra Lerae	Pierson, Gabriel Arch	Smithlin, T. Mike"	
Citron, Kimberly Jennifer	DuRussel, Kourtanee	Iyall, Kristen Patrice	Miller, Corbin Michael	Pineda, Dalene Kay	Michael"	
Clark, Andrew John	Madison	Iyall, McKell Ray	James	Putas, Anthony Micheal	Stalcup, Joyce Leslie	
Cloquet, Allen Patrick	Duterrow, Heidi Jonne	Jackson, Zachary David	Miller, Kristina Lea	Ragan, James Robert	Stargel, Casey Kevin	
Cloquet, Caitlin James	Duvall, Nicholas Sean	Lee	Miller, Nellie Rusan	Ragan, John Thomas	Steffen, Donald Anthony	
Cloquet, Chance Michael	Easley, Aaron Dean	James, Judith Ann	Miller, Reece Andrew	Ragan, Timothy John	Stone, Frances Lee	
Cloquet, Crystal Dawn	Fehrenkamp, Levi Dean	James, William Julius	Miller, Shaunna Diane	Brenden	Stone, Xilion Chaos	
Cloquet, Joshua Michael	Fernandez-Herrera,		Marie	Rainford, Michael Lee	Stroyan, Connor James	

Please contact Enrollment Office at 360-575-3310 or email: cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org.



Please join us every weekday for lunch at St. Mary's or on Tuesday in Longview.



Boo Bouchard, left, and Clifford Wilson enjoying lunch at the Muckleshoot Luncheon.



From left, Wendy Kinswa, Marie Saerault and her sister Teresa Saerault at Lucky Eagle with the Chehalis Tribe.



Elders trip March 30, 2017, Welcoming of the Whales with Quileute Tribe at La Push, WA.



Chris Graham and his wife with a cedar fedora at Muckleshoot.



Cowlitz Elder, Dianna Smalley, left, and Lummi Elder, Jennifer Johnson.



Don and Dan Van Mechelen dining at LaPush, WA, for Welcoming the Whales event March 31, 2017.

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

Education News

April 17 was the due date for the 2017-18 school year scholarship applications. Awards will be announced at the June 3 meeting of the General Council following a review by the Education Committee. We want to thank all of you who submitted an application.

We are happy to share some big changes to our Tribe's education program. Beginning in June 2018 for the 2018-19 school year, we will offer tuition assistance for Tribal members enrolled in a course of study leading to a Certificate, Associates, Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate degree from an accredited higher education institution or enrolled in a course of study leading to an Associate's degree in a vocational-technical field or a Certificate from an accredited

vocational-technical institution. This tuition assistance will be available 12 months a year and will replace our current scholarship program. Details regarding the applications process for the 2018-19 school year tuition assistance will be available online in January 2018.

The Education Committee and Tribal Council will continue to develop a strategy that will provide stable funding for education assistance in the future. Details will be made available as they are worked out.

Tribal members who attended the 2016 Town Hall Meetings told us education assistance is very important. Your voice in support of education is critical in this process. Please continue to share with Council members that education is

a priority for you.

I want to thank the Education Committee—Karissa Lowe, Becky Lowe, Celine Cloquet, Dave Reichel, David Iyall, Lenny Bridges, and Suzanne Donaldson—Stephens for their dedication and leadership in helping to develop this plan. Thanks to the Tribal Council for their support of Cowlitz Education. A vote by Tribal Council to support this plan made it possible! To the General Council, we have heard you and work to serve you.

For more information please view our website <http://www.cowlitz.org/index.php/resources/education>. You may also contact Mike Iyall, Education Committee Chair at 360-456-8720 or education@cowlitz.org.

**IF YOU ARE AN
ENROLLED COWLITZ
TRIBAL MEMBER
IN NEED OF THE
FOLLOWING SERVICES:
COMMODITIES,
FOOD VOUCHERS,
BURIAL ASSISTANCE
OR ELECTRICITY
ASSISTANCE, CONTACT
CATHY RAPHAEL OR
RANDY RUSSELL AT
(360) 575-3310.**

**Need help
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Care Costs?**

WE CAN HELP!

Are you enrolled in a federally recognized tribe?

Do you reside in Lewis, Clark, Cowlitz or Skamania County?

Is your child between the age of 4 weeks and 12 years old?

Visit Cowlitz.org

Contact us today!
Ariel Carrillo (360)353-9524 acarrillo@cowlitz.org
Nichole Meyers (360) 353-9528 nmeyers@cowlitz.org

Cowlitz Tribal Mental Health

Crisis services are available 24/7

Clark County
(800) 626-8137

Columbia County
(866) 866-1426

Cowlitz County
(360) 425-6064

King County
(866) 427-4747

Kittitas County
(509) 925-4168

Lewis County
(800) 559-6696

Pierce County
(800) 576-7764

Skamania County
(509) 427-3850

Cowlitz Tribal Mental Health provides culturally relevant outpatient mental health services for American Indians, Alaska Natives and their families. We provide support to clients as they develop and accomplish person-centered goals that are established to help clients find balance between emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental life domains. Our goal is to provide quality services in a holistic manner that emphasizes cultural healing practices.

Cowlitz Tribal Mental Health services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with flexible scheduling available if the need arises.

Services include, but are not limited to:
Individual, Group, and Family Counseling
Education for American Indians and Alaska Natives
Psychiatric Medication Management Services
Youth-Specific Services
Positive Indian Parenting Classes

Services are available at the following locations:
7700 NE 26th Ave., Vancouver, WA 98665
(360) 397-8228
922 Fir St., Longview, WA 98632
(360) 353-9422
15455 65th Ave. S., Tukwila, WA 98188
(206) 721-5170

Suicide Prevention Lifeline
(800) 273-TALK (8255)
www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Native Youth Crisis Hotline
(877) 209-1266



Sandee Spahr at Spring Youth Camp expressing what it is to be Cowlitz and learning the culture.



Winning design for the Summer Camp T-Shirt by 16-year-old Madison Simper.

Cowlitz Youth Program

2017

SAVE THE DATE and PLAN TO ATTEND

CHECK US OUT ON COWLITZ YOUTH FACEBOOK PAGE AND
WWW.COWLITZ.ORG FOR ADDITIONAL YOUTH EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Melody Pfeifer Program Coordinator • P.O. Box 2547 Longview, WA 98632 • (360) 353-9497

<p>YOUTH GATHERINGS FAMILY & YOUTH CULTURE DAY Third Saturday of each month St. Mary's Toledo, WA Language, Drumming, Crafts *Potluck Meal*</p> <p>YOUTH SPRING CAMP Friday to Sunday April 7th-9th St. Mary's Toledo, WA Day trip to Bear Raven Longhouse Ages 7-17 *Register by Tues April 4th*</p> <p>COWLITZ JUNE FAMILY ENCAMPMENT Friday June 2nd to Sunday 4th Cowlitz Landing Property Interstate I-5 Exit 59</p> <p>YOUTH SUMMER CAMP Cedar Ridge Retreat & Conference Center Vernonia, OR / tentative date Thursday June 15th to Sun 18th Youth between age 7-17 Space is limited so register by Friday June 9th!</p> <p>YOUTH & FAMILY Huckleberry Camp Swift School House Cougar, WA Mid to late August, depends on ripeness of berries in Indian Heaven</p> <p>YOUTH & FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY ST. Mary's Toledo, WA December 2017</p>	<p>PROUDLY STAND OUT IN HONOR</p>  <p>I AM INDIAN If you have one drop of Indian blood in your veins, then you are Indian.</p> <p>The Earth does not belong to us...</p>  <p>We belong to the Earth. -Chief Seattle</p>  <p>WATER IS LIFE</p>	<p>YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>YOUTH COUNCIL POSITIONS Youth ages 12-17 are encouraged to apply</p> <p>YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES (Watch for posting)</p> <p>THRIVE CONFERENCE Monday, June 26th to 30th Portland State University Registration opens March 22nd Youth between age 13-17</p> <p>WARRIOR CAMP Monday, June 26th to 30th Grand Ronde, Oregon Registration opens March 22nd Youth between age 13-17</p> <p>CANOE PRINCESS COMPETITION During Youth Spring Camp</p> <p>CULTURE / EVENTS *AND*</p> <p>GATHERING TRIPS Weavers Conference Harvest Cedar Canoe Pullers Practice Salmon, Smelt, Wapato *****</p> <p>Dates and times will be posted on Cowlitz Youth Facebook & Cowlitz Tribe Web Site</p>
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Spring Youth Campers greeting Grandfather Roy Wilson at BearRaven.

Our Youth program is for children ages 7 through 17. For more information, contact Melody Pfiefer at (360) 353-9497, or check www.cowlitz.org for upcoming events and “Like” us on Facebook at Cowlitz Youth.



Kambriah Simper with the drum she made during Cultural Day.



Malachi and Bailey Simper making drums February 2017.



Paisley Simper posing with a drum created during Culture Day, February 2017.

2017 Cowlitz Canoe Princesses

The Cowlitz Canoe Family had their annual Canoe Princess crowning during the Cowlitz Youth Spring Break Camp. The contestants are required to fillet and prepare salmon with Skipper John O'Brien. The girls also answer questions from Elders and members of the Canoe Family and sing and dance with the Drum Group. This year Cynthia Reck is the Cowlitz Canoe Princess, Gracie Graves is the Cowlitz Canoe Junior Princess and Lydia Hodges is Little Miss. The princesses will travel with their families by canoe to Campbell River this summer.



Left to right are Lydia Hodges, Gracie Graves and Cynthia Recks.



Listening to Grandfather Roy tell the history of the longhouse.

Cowlitz Tribe Trivia Questions:

1. How many members does the Cowlitz Tribal Council have?
2. Can anyone run for Cowlitz Tribal Council?
3. How long is a Tribal Council term?
4. Cowlitz Federal Recognition was established on what date and year?
5. How many Tribal Council officers are there? What are the Officer titles?

Answers:
 1. There are twenty-two Cowlitz Tribal Council members, 4 General Council Officers and 18 councilors.
 2. No. Tribal Council candidates must be an enrolled citizen of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, with no felonies and older than age 18.
 3. A Tribal Council term is three years.
 4. February 14, 2000
 5. There are 3 Tribal council officers, the Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Tribal Council officers elected by the council for annual terms at the July meeting.

Memories

I am Taidnapaum, Upper Cowlitz, born in Morton, Washington while my family lived in Packwood. I was blessed enough to have been raised in a family community, taught life lessons by my Ulla, grandmother. Her name was Martha Satanas Ike Kinswa, my Pusha, grandfather, was John Ike Kinswa, leader of the Cowlitz Tribe long before I was born.

My father was Isaac Ike Kinswa, my Mother was Josephine Hadley Kinswa. There were four sisters and two brothers in the family, now three sisters and one brother.

When I was young, I thought everyone lived as we did, living off the land, growing a huge garden, hunting whenever meat was needed.

My Dad set a huge net across the Cowlitz River, a few miles downriver from where the barrier is now. We would go to the river near sunset, and return before daylight to retrieve our treasures of salmon. The salmon was hard smoked or canned. We also canned venison, as we did not have electricity or any indoor plumbing. Later we were excited to have electricity.

My Ulla was a woman of few words, and spoke quietly. She spoke to very few white people, sometimes pretending she did not understand English, and then quietly giggling as they drove away.

Our mornings began well before daylight, walking the four miles to the banks of the Cowlitz River. We would climb down the banks where the cedar

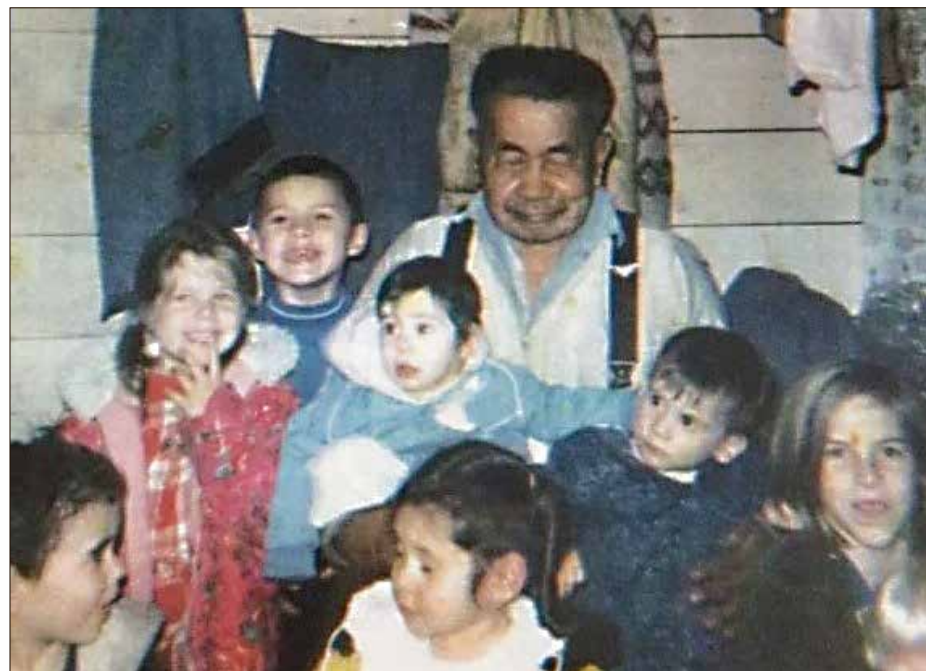


Left to right: Wendy Kinswa, Barb Lindholm, Patty Kinswa (back), Dianna Smalley, David Kinswa Sr. and dog Bologna.

tree roots dangled out of the dirt. We would cut off the straightest ones, leaving some to grow. We would be out in the woods all day returning before dusk. Then the processing began, peeling the outside bark off the roots, splitting them, all the while keeping them in water. Ulla taught me how to make cedar root coil baskets.

We had a huge family. Five uncles and their families would descend upon our little community for holidays and other occasions. We would cook on our old wood stove, creating a feast. Now all the uncles and aunts are on the other side, we still honor them.

I remember going to the old Cowlitz Prairie Grange for General Council meetings, playing outside with all the other kids. I remember it being so cold in November, even with the old wood



From left: Dave Burlingame, Brenda Dresen, William Kinswa, Isaac Ike Kinswa holding Mike Donaldson, Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens (with ponytail), Ron Kinswa and Cindy Swenson.

stove lit. Boy, those meetings were sometimes so heated it seems that should have warmed the grange! As I grew older, I began to volunteer where ever I could, usually at the General Council meetings twice a year, which was about the only time tribal members saw each other.

As I grew older, I was required to help with the meals and cleanup, taking care of Elders. I remember always wanting to have a job where I could take care of them, and I achieved that dream. I was employed at the Cowlitz Tribal Elders program manager for eleven years, retiring when I turned 66 years old. Even though

I'm retired I still volunteer in many areas, finding great pleasure in this.

I have two adult children, Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens 49, and Michael James Donaldson, 48, three granddaughters, two grandsons and eight great-grand children! It has been a blessing to have served on many committees, boards and Tribal Council. Thank you all for being supportive during the loss of my sister and brother.

We are a fighting people, The Forever People, Seekers of the Medicine Spirit!
Patty Kinswa-Gaiser is current Tribal Council chairperson.

A HISTORY OF NIKE'S



Nike's N7 Fund

The Nike N7 Fund was designed as a way to create positive experiences in sports and physical activities for Native American communities. This was the vision of Sam McCracken a member of the Fort Peck Sioux Tribe who joined with Nike in 1997. Sam's idea was to sell Nike products directly to the tribes and Native communities. All proceeds would be returned to the tribes to promote health and disease prevention. Seven years after Nike's Native American division began experts and tribal leaders created footwear called Nike Air Native N7. The collection has been expanded and is available for purchase to anyone inspired by Native athletes and the N7 Fund. It more recently has partnered with Pendleton Woolen Mills

and has a wide range of native patterns on clothing and shoes. Organizations that support Native American and Aboriginal communities through sport and physical activity can apply for a grant.

"Your footprint is inevitable. Your responsibility lies in how it affects future generations." said Sam McCracken.

N7 is inspired by Native American wisdom of the Seven Generations: In every deliberation we must consider the impact of our decisions on the 7th generation.

The ultimate goal of N7 is to consider this footprint and to help Native American youth recognize their proud history and build on it for the future, the next generation, the 7th generation.



Members of the Cowlitz Tribal council stand on the newly blessed bridge crossing over I-5.



Chairman Bill Iyall leads Spiritual Leaders Tanna Engdahl and Roy Wilson in the casino blessing walk.



Cowlitz Spiritual Leader Opens State Senate with Prayer

Tanna Engdahl gave the opening prayer January 09, 2017, at the Washington State Senate chamber in the capitol building in Olympia, WA. In her prayer she reminded the senators that they occupied a borrowed seat, with a loaned title, for which the owners of those elected seats had paid a high price. She told the senators that in Indian country, Elders made decisions based on how it would affect people they would never know, grandchildren

they would never see to the Seventh Generation. She said that by some calculations, the senators were the Seventh Generation since Statehood in 1889! Tanna then called upon the ancestors to guide the senators stating: "Through these hard months to come as your link to the past, to give you strength, to give us a good foundation for the future, to the 7th Generation. So we pray, by all that is Holy, for you to have WISDOM and GRACE to know how to use it."

A Blessing for the History Books

For the Cowlitz, spirituality plays a key role in the everyday life. When something important to our people is made, a cleansing and blessing must occur. This not only honors and provides acknowledgment to the ground and the ancestors who are ever present, but also cleanses the land of the bad spirits and energy.

Two major events occurred in the past few weeks where a blessing occurred. One was the opening of the newly constructed bridge off exit 16 on I-5; the other was to prepare for the soft opening the coming Saturday, April 24

Due to the sensitivity of the water sprinkler systems, the blessing of the property began outside near the west entrance with the burning of sage embers in an abalone shell, which, according to Spiritual Leader Tanna Engdahl, is used to "smudge" themselves and the area for clarity, energy cleansing, and increased spiritual awareness.

Once inside, the tribe gathered to discuss cultural significance of the ceremony to the team members who were new to Cowlitz ways.

"Our drummers and singers are not just musical performers to be called forward to events," noted Tanna Engdahl. "The music that they play is spiritual; no different than when people sing gospels in the house of the Lord."

Once Chairman Bill Iyall led the blessing walk, the Cowlitz Drum Group began to drum and sing. The crowd of team members watching from the sidelines could feel an intense sense of spirituality and sincerity from their music as they sang around the gaming floor concourse.

Immediately following Chairman Iyall, a Cedar sweep was completed by Spiritual Leader Tanna Engdahl and

Honorary Chief Roy Wilson. "The Cedar pushes out any hold over of dark energy and replaces it with positive energy," expressed Tanna. "The songs and prayers... enable the positive energy to flood the area and take hold. In a sense, it is a 'healing.'"

At the halfway point, they sang & drummed the Cowlitz Anthem "One People, One Voice," which was written and gifted by Steve Purcell. Teri Graves mentioned that the song contained five pushups, a complete run through of the song, which mirrors the tribe's sacred number five.

The song takes a modern approach by adding some English lyrics. One of the most profound lyrics in the song was "The Spirits they whisper; my child never roam; come back to the Cowlitz; the Cowlitz is home."

After the song, Roy Wilson gave a "Coming Home" story using the tale of the Trickster Coyote. Afterwards, Kelly McKinney, Swinerton Superintendent, was gifted a paddle by Robert Harju, the Cowlitz Carver to honor his hard work, dedication, and helpful hand to the Cowlitz People. This paddle was carved to resemble the paddle skippers use when directing the canoe.

At the end of the walk, Tanna and Roy gave their Cedars to Cowlitz tribal member Whitney Devling, an *ilani* employee, to keep on the property in honor of this moment.

In a final statement, Tanna stated. "Starting fresh in a 'clean' building is our Cowlitz tribal gift to all who work at *ilani*, and all who come there."

Submission by David Doucette, a Cowlitz tribal member employed by ilani as a Training and Communications Specialist.

Standing Together Tribal Journey 2017

Paddle to We Wai Kai/Wei Wai Kum-Campbell River, Canada

The Cowlitz Canoe family will be traveling to Canada on approximately July 27, 2017 through August 10, 2017 to Campbell River, Canada, for the 2017 Canoe Journey.

Tribes and First Nations have traveled by canoe and gathered for celebrations for thousands of years. Canoe journey is an opportunity to bring tribes together to travel on the waters of our Ancestors and travel from one nation to another. It is a journey of healing and recovery of culture, traditional knowledge and spirituality. Families from the Pacific Northwest, including Alaska and Canada participate in the annual events.

Canoe Journeys are one of the largest gatherings of indigenous people anywhere in the world with Native peoples traveling from Hawaii, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand and South America. As

many as 100 canoes from more than 50 tribes and Canadian First Nation groups have participated in recent journeys. Host tribes have fed and accommodated over 10,000 people in the final week of welcoming ceremonies known as protocol. This year the host tribes are the villages of We Wai Kai/Wei Wai Kum, Canada. It is customary for visiting tribes to show their appreciation and respect to the host tribe by the sharing of drumming, dancing, songs, culture, and gifting.

If you are interested in joining the canoe family in this year's spiritual and cultural journey please visit <https://www.tribaljournays2017.com> . You may also contact Devin Reck (360) 513-5886.



Canoe Skipper Jeremiah Wallace leads his crew in pulling the canoe out of the water.

Upcoming Culture Events in 2017

May 26-28 - Canoe Campout and Canoe weekend. We will be making giveaways for the Paddle to Campbell River.

June 2-4 - Cowlitz Encampment at the Cowlitz Landing Property, General Council week, at the exit 59 property. Learn cultural crafts, renew friendships, sing and dance. Food is provided by the Cowlitz Tribe. This is also a good time to share your specialty dish.

June 4, 2017 - First Salmon Ceremony & dinner. Ceremony at 10 a.m. Dinner Approx. Noon.

June 15-18 - Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp more information to be posted.

July 15 - Culture Day at St. Mary's: Learn to bead, cedar creations, herbs, weaving and how to create other cultural items. Also learn our language with Michael Hubbs.

July 25 - Cowlitz Canoe Landing and Ft. Vancouver Protocol. Canoe landing will be between 11 a.m. and noon just east of Who Song & Larry's restaurant, off

SE Columbia Way. Lunch will be served around noon followed by protocol at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 1001 E. Fifth St.

July 27/28 - Cowlitz Canoe Journey is being planned. The Pull to Campbell River 2017 Canoe Journey is the largest event in which the Cowlitz People participate in. Interested? Contact Devin Reck, Canoe Chairman: reckdevin@gmail.com.

August 24-27 - Huckleberry Camp is at Swift School House Property, near Cougar, WA. Bring your camping supplies, the Cowlitz Tribe provides food, bring your specialty dish.

September 1-4 - Spiritual River Float.

September 23 - Culture Day at St. Mary's at 10am.

October 21 - Culture Day at St. Mary's at 10am.

For more information on events please visit the Cowlitz Web site at www.cowlitz.org or Facebook page.

Cowlitz Hunting and Fishing Rights

Tribal Council is beginning the process to restore our hunting and fishing rights. We need your help. The first step is to gather as much information as possible. If you or a family member ever hunted or fished with a "blue card or Tribal ID card", please write us about your experience.

- When did you hunt or fish?
- Where did you hunt or fish?
- Were you checked by enforcement?

Please enclose copies of any letters or blue cards that you might have. If your card has been misplaced, we still need your story. Help us save this history that will be used in the effort to restore our hunting and fishing rights.

Submit your letter to the Tribal Office at PO Box 2547, Longview, WA 98632 to the attention of Mike Iyall or e-mail to mikenjoan@comcast.net.

Nature's News: Stinging Nettles

Stinging nettles are considered a 'superfood' but they're also a useful fiber when mature. To eat, gather leaves early, ideally when the plants are less than 12 inches tall. They are similar to a wild spinach. To use as a fiber, wait until August when stalks are mature.

Nettle-Mushroom Pie with Pine Nuts

Boil 1 pound nettles for about 10 seconds, until bright green. Drain and shock in cold water. Drain. Chop finely.

Combine 1 lb. cottage cheese, lemon zest, fresh nutmeg, 1/4 cup grated Parmesan, pinch salt and pepper, one egg, 2 tbsp. feta. Blend until smooth.

Saute butter and a little olive oil or bacon fat with one cup chopped onion s, a few s mashed garlic cloves, and a handful sliced mushrooms. Add a couple pinches dill and thyme as it begins to caramelize.

Turn off heat, stir in the chopped nettles and blended mixture. Pour into a prepared pie tin with crust. Add pine nut garnish. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes, cool for 10, and enjoy! - *Voodoo and Sauce*, <http://voodooandsauce.com/?p=3503>

Honoring the Spirit of All Cowlitz People 18th Annual Cowlitz Pow Wow



In what is shaping up to be historic year for our Cowlitz People, we are excited about our line-up for the 2017

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Pow Wow. We are pleased to announce Rockin Horse will serve as our Host drum. J.C. Tackett and Abriel Johnny will honor us by serving as our Head Man and Woman Dancers. Charles Eaglespeaker will serve as our Arena Director and Ken Gofer will keep the day's events going as our Master of Ceremonies.

Want to be involved? Anybody is welcome to serve on the committee. Responsibilities include attending and participating in committee meetings throughout the year, day before pow wow and all day and night of pow wow. If you can't commit to the meetings and still want to help out we are always looking for volunteers.

Updates related to our pow wow can be found at the Cowlitz tribal website (cowlitz.org/events) or "Like" us at Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow on Facebook to keep posted on our activities! There you can find information about vendor details and registration forms as well as contact information for some of the Committee members. Take ownership in this significant cultural event by being a part of our Pow Wow Committee or become a volunteer! We welcome your interest, your

help, and your support throughout the year, including the day of the pow wow.

Last but not least...a shout out to the Pow Wow Committee who works all year long without stipends or per diems to make the largest cultural event for the tribe a success. Jessica Eyle, Cheryl Wilcox, Lenny Bridges, Jane Meyer, Kris Dellihay, and William Branson are the newest members of the Committee. We would also like to thank Jane Meyer, Lindsey Foley, Linda Foley, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, and Suzanne Donaldson Stephens for continuing to mentor



Head Lady Dancer Abriel Johnny and Head Man Dancer, JC Tackett.

Head Lady Dancer, Abriel Johnny.

and train our new committee. It would simply be impossible to make this year's pow wow a success without their years of experience and assistance they have provided. See you on September 16th!

For information on how to help your tribe present this annual successful event is located on our website www.cowlitz.org or contact Pow Wow chair Nathan Hooton at Cowlitz1@gmail.com.



18th Annual
HONORING THE SPIRIT OF ALL COWLITZ PEOPLE
POW WOW

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

TOLEDO HIGH SCHOOL
 TOLEDO WASHINGTON 98391

GRAND ENTRIES AT 1 AND 7 PM

SALMON DINNER 5PM

CONTACTS
 GENERAL INFO: cowlitz1@gmail.com
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MC - KEN GOFER
 AD - CHARLES EAGLESPEAKER
 HEAD MAN - JC TACKETT
 HEAD LADY - ABRIEL JOHNNY
 HEAD JUDGE - WILLIAM BRANSON
 HOST DRUM - ROCKIN' HORSE

ALL DRUMS WELCOME
 PAYOUTS TO FIRST & DRUMS REGISTERED

DANCE CONTEST
 WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL
 MEN'S TRADITIONAL
 WOMEN'S FANCY / JINGLE
 MEN'S FANCY / GRASS
 JR BOYS COMBINED 8-17
 JR GIRLS COMBINED 8-17
 TINY TOTS

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe or Toledo High School are not responsible for thefts, injuries or short funded travelers. No pets, drugs, alcohol, or firearms allowed



2017 Head Man Dancer, JC Tackett and 2016 Head Man Dancer Mark Sison.

Healing of the Canoe



Cowlitz tribal culture, tradition, and values as compass to guide them, and an anchor to ground them.

We deliver the curriculum in sessions based on the needs of the school and time allowed in our offsite sessions. During the session we provide life skills and drug and alcohol prevention tools that youth can use in their everyday life so they will have a “no” and be confident in it. We provide a safe place to have peer to peer mentoring and discussions that allow them to realize they are not the only person going through these things. We have provided services to 7 local elementary, middle and high schools, along with 2 on site and 4 offsite sessions. This has allowed us to serve 71 native and non-native youth in Cowlitz County, connecting with them for a year after they have completed the program. We are gearing up for summer sessions that will be held starting in July with guest speakers, crafts, and field trips:

- July 10th - July 21st: ages 9-12
- July 24th - Aug 4th: ages 13-17
- Aug 7th - Aug 18th: ages 9-12
- Aug 21st - Aug 25th: ages 13-17

For more information please call *Vashti Langford* @ 360-575-3316 or email: vlangford.health@cowlitz.org

The Healing of the Canoe Program is a collaborative project between the Suquamish Tribe, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, and the University of Washington. The tribes have identified the need for the prevention of youth substance abuse, a need for cultural belonging, life skills, and cultural revitalization among our youth. The Healing of the Canoe program has sought to address these issues through a community based, culturally grounded prevention and intervention life skills curriculum for native and non-native youth that builds on the strengths and resources in Cowlitz County.

The curriculum uses the Canoe Journey as a metaphor, providing youth the skills needed to navigate their journey through life without being pulled off course by alcohol or drugs with



Cowlitz Tribal Treatment

In the last four years we have focused on expanding our services in order to meet the needs of the tribal and local community and have increased our staff, allowing us to offer more groups and quicker appointment times. We reach out to individuals to offer support, addressing any barriers that may prevent them from accessing care. As a result of this expansion and the additional services we offer, the Longview Substance Use Program has grown to a staff of 22. Due to this substantial growth, our pro-

gram began looking for another building. The tribe signed the lease on the 900 Fir Street building across the parking lot from the Longview campus. We expect to relocate our services in June or July 2017. We hope to host a “Community Welcome Celebration” a month or so after we’ve settled in.

For more information check www.cowlitz.org or contact *Sybil Iverson*, Program Manager at siverson.health@cowlitz.org.

Medical Clinic Expands Hours to Meet Patients Needs

Great news! The medical clinic has expanded hours on Wednesdays. Patients can schedule between 7 am and 7 pm. This helps to accommodate our patients who are unable to take off work for health care visits. We are seeing more people take advantage of these hours and hope that we can expand to other days with increased use of the clinic.

New Health Director

We would like to welcome our new Tribal Health Director, Kay Culbertson. Kay is an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux Tribes from Poplar, Montana. She has a bachelor of science in Human Services from Metropolitan State University in Denver, CO and a master of Public Administration/Health Administration from Portland State University. She has worked over

30 years in the Indian Health field as an urban Indian health director and for Indian Health Service. She has served on Budget Formulation Committee, Indian Health Care Improvement Act Steering Committee, Information Systems Advisory Committee, Special Diabetes Project for Indians, National Marrow Donor Indian Recruitment Committee, among others. Kay moved here from Nevada where she worked for the Indian Health Service as the program director of the Youth Regional Treatment Center on the Pyramid Lake Indian reservation. Kay is married with 3 children and 4 granddaughters.

For more information contact www.cowlitz.org or the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Facebook page or call the Health and Human Services clinic at 360-575-8275

COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

JOURNEY TO POSSIBILITIES

Program Eligibility

- ◆ Be a American Indian / Alaska native enrolled with a federally recognized tribe.
- ◆ Have a physical, mental, learning or substance use disorder that is diagnosed by a licensed clinician.
- ◆ Live in our service area: Cowlitz, Clark or Lewis Counties.
- ◆ The disability must create a barrier to obtaining or maintaining employment.
- ◆ You must be able to benefit from VR services.

Services

- Vocational Counseling & Guidance
- Resume Development
- Job Readiness Skills
- Educational Opportunities
- Person Centered
- High School Transition
- Assessments/Evaluations
- Re-Entry Services

The following are a few examples of common disabilities that may qualify you to access TVR services:

Physical health disabilities: back injury, limb amputation, vision or hearing impairment, heart conditions, diabetes, asthma, arthritis, neurological conditions, cancer, lupus, cerebral palsy.

Mental Health disabilities: depression, social anxiety, PTSD, OCD, autism bipolar & schizophrenia, oppositional defiant disorder.

Learning disabilities: dyslexia, auditory processing disorder, visual processing disorder, ADD, ADHD, developmental delayed disorder, fetal alcohol syndrome.

Substance use disorder: Alcohol or drug dependency.

Our program offers cultural classes, including traditional arts & crafts. We provide several job readiness and personal finance classes. We also have resource rooms with computers and books that may be utilized at each location.

HOLISTIC APPROACH

TO PROVIDE CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE AND HOLISTIC SERVICES BY UTILIZING TRADITIONAL AND SPIRITUAL INFLUENCES.

COWLITZ INDIAN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

WEBSITE: WWW.COWLITZ.ORG



News from the Cowlitz Tribal Health Board

The Health Board advocates for better healthcare coverage and services for tribal members. Recently we increased the Contract Health benefits for eye glasses, hearing aids and added more drugs to the formulary, including all insulins.

The Cowlitz Health Board's long term goal is to fund health insurance for all Cowlitz tribal members. Please feel free to attend the Health Board meetings, the first Saturday after Tribal Council. We welcome your participation. More information is included in your

June 2017 General Council packet

Please visit our Cowlitz Tribal Health Clinic. We offer services in: Mental Health, Alcohol/Chemical Dependency, Vocational Rehabilitation, and Pathways to Healing, a domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy program.

For more information visit www.cowlitz.org or contact your health board representative. We would like your feedback so let us know how we are doing! Health Board Chairperson *Cassy Sellards-Reck* can be reached at 360-513-1243 or csellardsreck@hotmail.com.

HHS Programs Secure 1.5 Million Dollar Grant



Last year Washington State's Office of Crime Victims Advocacy announced a grant for increasing services to American Indian and Alaska Native crime victims. The Tribe's health and human services department, including Pathways to Healing (PTH),

Mental Health, and Indian Child Welfare (ICW) programs, came up with a plan to provide more integrated services and secured a 1.5 million dollar grant. The funding will allow the Tribe to expand efforts to help people heal after their traumatic experiences.

The Tribe will be able to hire an additional mental health therapist. This will expedite urgent mental health therapy as daily appointments will be reserved for this purpose. The grant includes

hiring a second Indian Child Welfare social worker, reducing high caseloads, promoting stability, and reducing the risk of harm to vulnerable children, and improving our coverage in the state. We will also be offering Positive Indian Parenting classes.

Pathways to Healing will be the lead program for the grant adding advocates at the Tukwila office and one to move between the Vancouver and Longview offices. In addition, PTH will be able

to help more clients find safe and secure housing, and provide gas cards, bus passes, providing cultural supplies, such as sage, lavender, cedar, and abalone shells to clients for spiritual healing. The grant will enhance the Tribe's culturally-rooted services for years to come.

Emily Gardner is the Cowlitz Tribal Mental Health Program Manager and Debbie Hassler is Pathways to Healing Program Manager."

Greater Clark County Kennel Club Donates to Pathways to Healing

Pathways to Healing has received a donation of \$6,500 from the Greater Clark County Kennel Club (GCCCKC) in Vancouver, WA. GCCCKC wishes to recognize the need of those in domestic violence relationships who struggle with keeping pets safe. When an individual is in an abusive relationship, pets can be impacted by the victimization also. Finding a place to live that accepts pets, and paying pet fees can be a barrier for some in-

dividuals. We will use these donations for pet deposits, emergent pet care and other fees that are acquired in keeping pets safe from violence.

For more information on Pathways to Healing contact www.cowlitz.org or the Cowlitz Indian Tribe Facebook page or call the Vancouver office at 360-397-8228.

4th Annual Summer Safety

The Cowlitz Tribe is hosting the 4th Annual Summer Safety Saturday June 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Longview. The event has expanded over the years and previously was a combined safety/back to school event. Our Summer Safety needed to be presented at or before summer break. Our back to school event will be held in August for school supplies. Prior years we have seen more than 100 kids take part in the activity with learning booths by Cowlitz County Poison Control, Longview Fire Dept., Longview Police Dept., Water Rescue, Peace Health, YMCA, Longview Parks & Rec, Bob's Sporting Goods, Molina Healthcare, Fibre Federal Credit Union and Goodwill. This year we anticipate doubling our numbers by holding the event on a weekend. Kids will have loads of fun with

a very important underlying message: have a safe summer. Children engage in healthy activities and are taught about potential consequences of our beautiful surroundings here in Washington. No child leaves empty handed. The Tribe has given away multiple bikes and activity items in the past, while Bob's Sporting Goods has given away life jackets fitted to the child. Snacks and lunch are included. We also have Molina Healthcare's famous smoothie bike for a little extra exercise that makes a fresh, healthy smoothie while you peddle. Hope to see you there!

For more information on contact www.cowlitz.org or call the Cowlitz Tribal Health Clinic at 360-353-9201 or email rallen.health@cowlitz.org.

Protect the Wolves



Roger Dobson, a Cowlitz tribal member, and his life partner, Patricia Herman, founded a Native American wildlife conservation organization called Protect The Wolves®. The organization stands with the Creator and all living creatures we hold sacred in the

circle of life.

We at Protect The Wolves® are striving to become the voice for the wolves, bison, grizzlies, cougars, and wild horses need to help ensure their safety and Creator-given right to live wild and free. With the research we are doing, we have discovered the necessary tools available to us through not only the Indian Trust, but also the Public Trust Doctrine. We are incorporating the mandates of these trusts with our

religious and treaty rights. Our mission statement promotes not only education, but outspoken advocacy for wolves and other wildlife across North America as well as across the globe. Education of the younger generations is important as they will be the keepers of our sacred species for coming generations. A primary goal is to make full use of our given Native American religious treaty rights as they

can be applied to wildlife protection.

We invite you to visit our website, *Protect The Wolves®*, to follow our activities. You may email us at: roger@protectthewolves.com or follow us on Facebook at "Protect the Wolves"

The opinion expressed by Roger Dobson are his alone, and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe or any employee thereof.

Beloved Cowlitz Ka'y

Beloved Cowlitz Ka'y (grandmother) Juanita Clark turned another year wiser on April 13, 2017 becoming 90 years old. Juanita was born in the old St. Peter's Hospital "up on the hill" in Olympia, five miles from her home, followed by bothers Dan and Don. Her brother Don describes their home as "Little House on the Prairie", a small house with a hand operated water pump, wood cook stove and a wood burning stove to keep the house warm. She attended Black Lake School, a one room schoolhouse. Juanita's Mother, Helen (Brown) Van Mechelen, grew vegetables and raised their own beef while Dad Maurice Van Mechelen worked in the logging industry.

Juanita married her husband Al Clark in May of 1947. While they were dating, he was in the Air Force and was a Belly turret Gunner on a B-17 over Germany during WWII. They owned and operated Clark's Locksmith Shop in Olympia, Washington. They have a daughter Linda of Texas and two sons, Mike and Norm who live in the Olympia, WA area.

Ka'y Juanita enjoys all things Cowlitz.



She sews shawls for the youth dance regalia for the Canoe Family and maintains them, is gifted at beading, basket and pine needle weaving, sharing her knowledge with our youth at Cowlitz Culture Day.

Juanita is very active with the youth, Intertribal Canoe Journey, Drum Group, participating in all ceremonies and events with her beloved tribe.

Brandon Hunt Graduation



Brandon Hunt of Tacoma, Washington graduated, with a major in Graphic Design from Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma.

The son of Terri and Rick Hunt of Tacoma

is proud of his Cowlitz heritage and enjoys learning about the ancestral ways. Brandon has a passion for the outdoors and donating his time to help others. His family is very proud of his accomplishments as he is the first in his family to attend college.

Brandon and his family are grateful to both the Tribe and the Education Committee for his scholarships.



Coweeman Middle School Honor Roll



Carli Williams and her cousin Michael Hause were on the Coweeman Middle School Honor roll for March 2017 with GPA's of 3.25-3.99.

Carli, an 8th grader is the daughter of Jill and Charles Williams of Kelso. She enjoys playing softball, basketball, football and recently attended a national archery tournament.

Michael is in the 7th grade and is the son of Michael and Heather Hause of Kelso. He plays baseball, football, and is on the wrestling



team.

Both students are the grandchildren of Diane and Michael Hause also from Kelso.



Santa Monica's Ellen Harju Named As 2016 Native American "40 Under 40" Award Recipient

Harju among winners of prestigious award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

MESA, AZ – The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is pleased to announce its 2016 class of "Native American 40 Under 40" award recipients. This prestigious award is bestowed upon individuals under the age of 40, nominated by members of their communities, who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and their community. Ellen Harju, a resident of Santa Monica, UCLA graduate, and member of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, is among the 40 under 40 award winners that were honored during the 40th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards (INPRO) Gala at the Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Wednesday, November 16th. The awards are part of the Reservation Economic Summit New Mexico (RES New Mexico), which is a regional event for the premier economic development gathering in Indian Country. National RES in Las Vegas will celebrate its 31st year this coming March.

"The 40 Under 40 award recipients are a diverse group of young men and women from across Indian Country who have all made invaluable contributions to their communities," said Derrick Watchman, Chairman of the National Center for American Indi-

an Enterprise Development. "We are proud to honor this extraordinary group of leaders. I have no doubt our 40 Under 40 winners will help define our future."

Ellen Harju completed her Ph.D. in Geochemistry from UCLA in 2015 and she is currently the Interim Director of Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Chemistry at East Los Angeles College. She majored in Chemical Engineering and Chemistry at the University of Washington prior to completing her Ph.D. Among her many awards and honors include being named the 2015 Alumni of the Year by the UCLA American Indian Student Association and the 2014 Excellence in Teaching Award by the UCLA Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences Department.

ABOUT NCAIED: The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. With over 40 years of assisting American Indian Tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development – we have evolved into the largest national Indian specific business organization in the nation. Our motto is: "We Mean Business For Indian Country" as we are actively engaged in helping Tribal Nations and Native business people realize their business goals and are dedicated to putting the whole of Indian Country to work to better the lives of American Indian people- both now... and for generations to come.

For more information contact Lewis Lowe, 706-302-8404, lewisl@strategies360.com

Celebration Calendar

May

Eric Smalley May 19th
Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens May 19

June

Happy Anniversary Fred and Patty
Gaiser June 25th
Vabessa Gabbard June 29th

July

Kyle Donaldson July 30th

August

Andreas Smiley Aug. 11th
Letecia Smiley Aug. 11th
Holly Jorgenson Aug. 12th
Kenyi Barr Aug. 12th
Dianna Smalley Aug. 16th
Crystal Leigh Aug. 22nd
Carolee Morris Aug. 23rd
Jennifer Neal Aug. 27th
Maylee Meyers Aug. 26th

September

Nichole Meyers Sept. 5th
Patrick Morris Sept. 11th
Leonidas Barr Sept. 12th
Happy Anniversary Jolynne and
Patrick Morris Sept. 12th
Sarah Aff Sept. 13th
Brett Morris Sept. 14
Happy 9th Anniversary Don
& Cassandra Desrosier Sept. 22nd
Skye Morris Sept. 26th

Whitney Devlin Sept. 29th
Isaac Hamm Sept. 30th

October

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

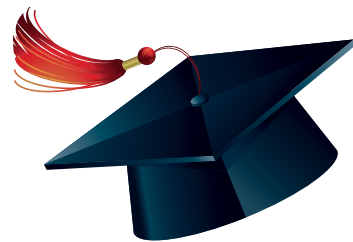


Kylee Lancaster graduation

Kylee Lancaster graduates from Toutle Lake High School on June 3, 2017. She plans to attend Lower Columbia College to obtain her RN while working as a CNA in the Longview area. Upon completing her RN, she wants to continue her education by earning her Masters degree in pediatric nursing. Kylee I am so proud of all your accomplishments while growing in to a beautiful, talented young lady! I can't wait to see your future success. I love you, Mom!



Kylee has been drawing since she was 5 years old. She enjoys drawing animated characters, tribal designs and designing clothing. Even though she does not want to make it a career, she will never stop drawing! She says it helps her feel happy!



Emerson Baby born

Teona Marie Kinswa-Emerson and Michael Emerson welcomed the arrival of their son, Syrus Wayne Joseph Emerson on March 12, 2017. The babe weighed 8 lbs 3.6 ounces.

Syrus' Grandmother is Tonya Kinswa of Toledo, WA. He is the great-grandson of the late David J. Kinswa Sr. and Carmella Kinswa.



Cynthia Reck Wins State Title

Congratulations to Cynthia Reck! Cynthia won the Washington State Gymnastics first Place Excel Bronze. She has worked hard over the years and competed at Bothel High School on March 25, 2017. Cynthia scored 9.375 on Vault, 9.325 on Bars, 9.5 on Beam, and 9.3 on Floor.

For her age division, she had the highest all-around Score of Senior B. She is the daughter of Cassy Sellards-Reck and Devin Reck.



Cowlitz Brothers Working for You

The grandsons of Duane and Shirley Ward are making an impact in the policy world in Washington, DC. Cowlitz Tribal members Ryan and Ben Ward, along with their older brother Andrew, grew up in Salem, OR but spent their summers and holidays visiting their grandparents in Hoodspport with their father, Benny Ward.

Now, Ryan and Ben are out in DC working to improve Indian Country for the better. Ryan recently took a position with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, where he oversees youth policy and programs under the BIA Director in the Central Office. Before moving to BIA, he served as a Senior Policy Associate at the Center for Native American Youth, where he led CNAY's national advocacy efforts and was very involved in the creation of the President Obama's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative.

Ben works on Capitol Hill as a Policy Advisor for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley from Oregon, where he handles the Senator's Indian affairs, natural resources, and appropriations portfolio. Before joining Senator Merkley's office, he worked for Congresswoman Norma



Torres of California and Senator John Walsh of Montana, and spent several years working for the Governor of Oregon.

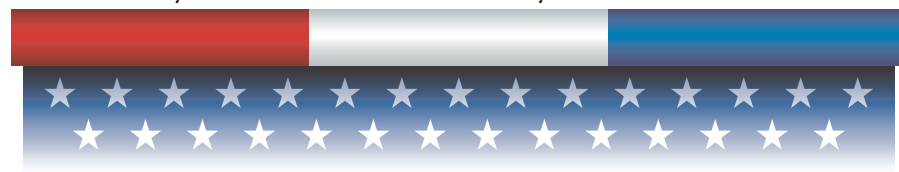
Andrew, the eldest brother, graduated from the Physician's Assistant program at A.T. Still University, where he participated in the Native American program. He currently practices near Salt Lake City.

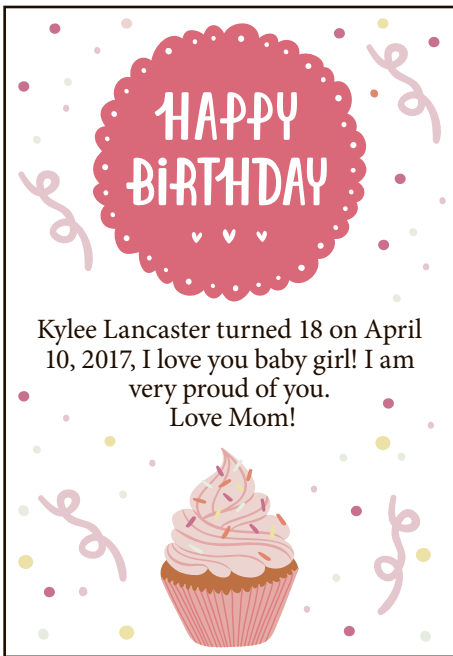
By Ryan Ward, BIA

Happy Birthday

Congratulations to my loving supporting father Ronald Sellards who turned 70 on April 7th. He served his country in Vietnam and then became a Structural Engineer. He supported our education and all our dreams. We are so proud of you as a father.

Love, Cassy, Brian Sellards, Devin, Noah, Cynthia and Ben Reck





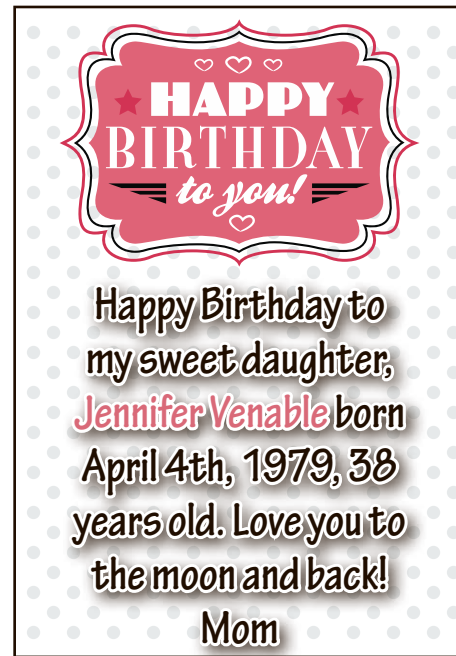
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kylee Lancaster turned 18 on April 10, 2017, I love you baby girl! I am very proud of you.
Love Mom!

Josh Lancaster
turned
20 on
May 1, 2017,
I am so proud
of you son.
Love, Mom

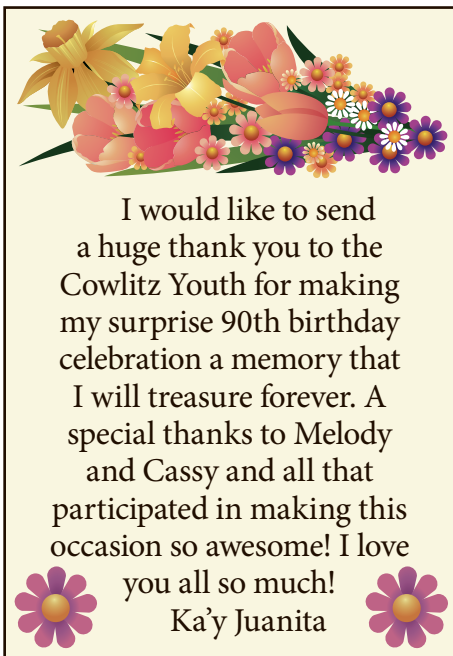


Happy 62nd Birthday Donna Bagley

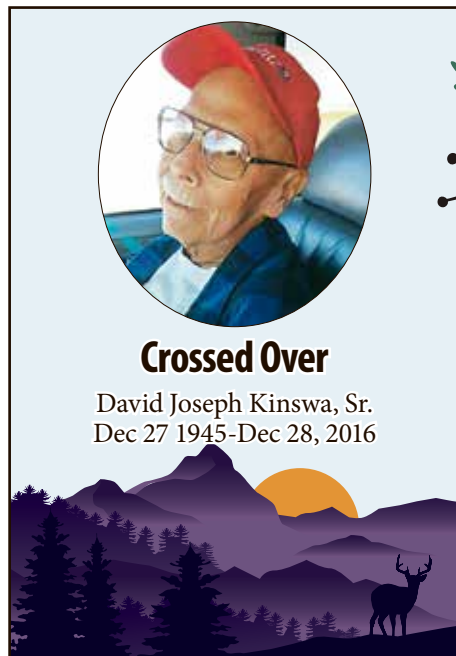


HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!

Happy Birthday to my sweet daughter, **Jennifer Venable** born April 4th, 1979, 38 years old. Love you to the moon and back!
Mom



I would like to send a huge thank you to the Cowlitz Youth for making my surprise 90th birthday celebration a memory that I will treasure forever. A special thanks to Melody and Cassy and all that participated in making this occasion so awesome! I love you all so much!
Ka'y Juanita



Crossed Over
David Joseph Kinswa, Sr.
Dec 27 1945-Dec 28, 2016



Walked On

Casea Danielle Pinard-Little walked on May 4th, 2017 in Longview Washington. She was 35.
Several years ago Casea began her journey of learning and understanding her Cowlitz heritage. Shortly thereafter, she became employed with her tribe as a medical receptionist. She enjoyed bowling and loved all animals.
Casea is survived by her beloved son, Clayton, her parents, Dan and Lisa Pinard, her brother Ty Pinard, her dog Wednesday, and numerous members of the Pinard and Reynolds families. Services were held May 20, 2017 in Toutle, Washington.



Recent Washington State University Shay Workman

The Natural Resources Department had the pleasure of employing Shay Workman. Shay Workman is a recent graduate of Washington State University with a Bachelor's degree in Environmental and Ecosystem Sciences. She has been an asset to the Natural Resource team by assisting with the Eulachon Spawning Stock Biomass surveys, Columbian White-tailed Deer program, and replanting trees and vegetation on fish restoration projects on Abernathy Creek. We all will be sad to see her leave; she was hired by the U.S. Forest Service in Hood River and Starts in May

Cowlitz Tribe Trivia Questions:

6. Cowlitz Tribal Council meets when? Are Cowlitz citizens allowed to attend Tribal Council meetings?
7. Who makes up the Cowlitz General Council? When are General Council meetings held?
8. What is the age criterion for enrollment of new Cowlitz Tribal citizens?
9. Does Cowlitz have blood quantum criteria for enrollment?

Answers:
6. Tribal Council meetings are held the first Saturday of each month, exceptions are June and November or it falls on a holiday weekend. Cowlitz citizens are allowed to attend Tribal Council meetings.
7. The Cowlitz General Council is made up of all Cowlitz citizens attending each General Council meeting. General Council meetings are held the first Saturday of June and November.
8. A new Cowlitz citizen must be enrolled by parents on or before their 1st birthday or from the day of their 18th birthday but BEFORE their 19th birthday.
9. Cowlitz citizenship does not require a specific blood quantum and is based on lineal descent. New citizens must have an eligible parent already on tribal rolls.

Housing Services Offered

Elder Housing Complex

Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing Welcomes you to the tribe's beautiful new low income Elder Housing Complex, located in Toledo, WA. A variety of accommodations are available from efficiency apartments to 1 bedroom condo-type units. Rents are calculated on a sliding scale according to income and unit size. Small pets (dog or cat) are welcome. Must pass background check and drug screen.

Rental and Mortgage Assistance

Your Tribal Housing offers help with rent or mortgage to qualified tribal members for up to 6 months.

Student Rental Assistance

College students enrolled in a minimum 12 credits per quarter may receive rental assistance.

Down Payment Assistance

Tribal housing is thrilled that more and more tribal members are applying for down payment assistance, thereby allowing CITH to help members realize their dream of homeownership. Qualifying members may receive up to \$20,000 for the down payment on a home. Please call and request an application to get placed on the waiting list.

Help to Avoid Foreclosure

Tribal members affected by the current

mortgage crisis should call the following number to avoid foreclosure: 1-888-995-HOPE (4673), or Making Home Affordable Program: www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/. This website is VERY informational and will explain new options such as HARP – Home Affordable Refinance Program and HAMP – Home Affordable Modification Program. It also explains other foreclosure alternatives such as a short sale and a deed-in-lieu.

Well and Sewer Repair or Replacement

In certain geographical areas, Indian Health Services provides help with sanitation facilities such as sewer and water to homeowners. Cowlitz Housing collects applications for this service and forwards them to IHS.

Homeownership or Financial Counseling

For free home buyer education classes conveniently located in your city, go to Washington Homeowners Resource Center <http://www.Homeownership/wa.org>.

Do I Qualify for Assistance? Qualifications are based on family size and income, and are different in each county.

For more information please visit www.cowlitz.org or call Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing at 360-864-8720.

Diversifying our Economy

The Cowlitz Tribe's Economic Development Committee serves as the avenue for new opportunities as it looks to foster economic diversification outside gaming activities. The tribe recently hired two staff to head the effort, Tim Van Mechelen, a Cowlitz Tribal member and business owner is the Economic Development Coordinator. Cody Fuller is our Economic Development Administrative Assistant. Cody is a Siletz Tribal member with a bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics.

The Cowlitz Tribe recently purchased ownership shares in the Squaxin Island Tribe's Skookum Creek Tobacco Company. We are the tenth and final tribe allowed to buy into their company with incentives to sell the Tribe's brand of cigarettes at

a future tobacco retail outlet on the reservation. The Economic Development Committee is establishing relationships with wholesalers for certain tribally sanctioned products that will ultimately serve retailers connected to our casino.

We are currently looking at future land acquisitions for economic activity. This is a priority for the next few years as we look to diversify our economic base, provide opportunities for future employment, revenue sources and new business ventures. The economic future for our Tribe looks very promising.

Please contact Tim Van Mechelen if you would like to learn more: tvanmechelen@cowlitz.org or 360-577-8140.

Welcome Song

This is a vocable social song from our Ancestors, taught to Johnny Moses to return to the Cowlitz People when they were "ready."

OH HO AWAY
HAY HAY AWAY
HO OH HAY
OH OH OH HO AWAY
HO OH HO AWAY
HO HO HO AWAY
HEY HEY HEY HEY AH

HEY HEY HEY HEY AH
OH OH OH OH WHEY
HO OH HO WAY
HEY HEY HEY HEY AH
HEY HEY HEY HEY AH
(Repeat four times)

Roy

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Dependency Program "I come at them with Indian medicine," he said. "Spiritual teachings from the Earth Mother. I have a lot of fun doing that."

He built a smaller version of a Northwest Coast Indian traditional longhouse out of cedar, both alone and with the help of many skilled volunteers. His property is on aboriginal Cowlitz land and he has created a spiritual sanctuary inside the longhouse, which carries the comforting aroma of wood smoke, the walls lined with totem poles and carved images done by Roy's hands and those of friends. One of his most precious possessions is a hand-carved paddle, gifted to him by the Cowlitz Tribe when they named him Honorary Chief in 2008. Next door is a craft room and art gallery in which he and others will teach carving, beading, leatherwork, basket-weaving and other classes. It features blankets, dolls and artwork. Another door

leads to his museum, with artifacts from the Cowlitz Tribe and many other tribes from the U.S. and around the globe.

Some of his personal favorites are a Kiowa tomahawk, gifted to him by a troubled young man he helped while teaching about the medicine wheel on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina, and his paternal great-grandmother's cooking basket, which she wove in the 1800s. "Water-tight," he said, smiling broadly. It also contains his 2,300 volume collection of Native American books, of which he is especially proud. He hopes to grow the collection, which also includes audio and video reference tools. Grandfather Roy, true to his Cowlitz name, Itswoot Wawa Hiyu or "Bear Who Talks Much" is happy to share knowledge and stories.

After all, he's still a teacher. "It has been a journey that I never dreamed of, never planned. It was the journey that Hyas Saghalie Tyee, the Great Chief of the Above, the Creator, had designed for me before I was in my mother's womb," he said. "It is what I was created for."



Roy Wilson presents his great grandmother's water-tight cooking basket.

Tribal Council


Name	Position	Term	Contact
William Iyall **	Chair	2018	wiyall@cowlitz.org
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Jerry Iyall **	Council Member	2019	j.iyall@ctgc.cowlitz.org
Tim VanMechelen	Council Member	2019	vtimstow@aol.com

** Denotes Executive Council Member



Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Government Services by Site:

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

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

(* indicates waiting list)

Government Services out of Longview

Tribal Council Burial Assistance Cultural Resources Education Enrollment Food Commodities	Health & Human Services Human Resources Legal LIHEAP Natural Resources Transportation
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School District MOU's

For behavioral health services for Native youth

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

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

Cowlitz Tribal Health also provides

- Indian Child Welfare Services
- Contract Health Services
- Throughout Washington State

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Forest and Lands Program

Gathering Program



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Introducing a new program to improve your forest gathering. We coordinated with the **Gifford Pinchot National Forest** and have a program set up to specifically serve tribal members in the GPNF.

How Does It Work?

Contact Natural Resources to get your Gathering Booklet and Map. It is free, and easy.

Firewood, really?

Yes!

How Do I Get More Information?

Call or email Amy Boyd, Forest Land Steward, at (360) 355-2180 or aboyd@cowlitz.org.

Meet the Cowlitz Tribe Gaming Agency

Hello to Cowlitz Country from your Cowlitz Tribe Gaming Agency (TGA).

For those of you unfamiliar with TGA, we are your regulatory and compliance arm of the Cowlitz Gaming Commission and have oversight of the casino regarding compliance with Tribal, State and Federal gaming laws, rules and regulations. By Compact, TGA is the Primary Regulator and works directly for the tribe to protect Tribal Assets.

Your TGA has continued to work diligently in developing and training staff in preparation of the upcoming Grand Opening of *ilani*. During the last week of March, the Washington State Gaming Commission (WSGC) provided "New Agent Training" for the TGA Floor Agents, Auditors, and Surveillance staff. Representatives from the local law enforcement jurisdictions and prosecutors were also present for the training.

To date, the TGA has filled 28 of 34 available positions. Of these, 9 are members of the Cowlitz Tribe and 4 are members from other tribes. TGA staff has 83 years of law enforcement experience and 235 years of regulatory experience at tribal casinos in Washington State. Your TGA has assembled the most experienced Tribal Regulatory Staff to ever open a casino in the State of Washington.

The Staff is made up of both Enforcement and Technical departments and has responsibility for such things as monitoring the gaming floor, licensing of all em-



"Cowlitz TGA Staff assembled in front of Trailer #2 on the Cowlitz reservation. For more information, contact them at (360) 887- 6805."

ployees for *ilani*, TGA, and all vendors or suppliers to *ilani*. In addition, there are technical functions such as monitoring gaming machines, auditing Casino Internal Controls and Surveillance.

We have spent considerable time working with Operations personnel in developing and approving Internal Controls to meet our State Compact require-

ments. Our goal is to open your casino at the higher "Phase Two" limits. This means we can allow larger wagers at the gaming tables.

TGA has been working with the WSGC on minor revisions to the Tribal Compact to allow operation of more modern amenities such as Ticket Redemption Machines (Kiosks) and Elec-

tronic Check cashing.

Your TGA staff are working hard at building and maintaining strong relationships with *ilani* Operations staff and the WSGC. Together, we are building the best Gaming and Entertainment facility in the State of Washington. Come and enjoy your casino.

Fresh Fish Distribution Program

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Fresh Fish Distribution Program (FFDP) had a successful year in 2016, sending out 8989 fish (totaling over 77,000 lbs) to Cowlitz citizens. Surplus fish are received from Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife hatcheries on the Lewis, Kalama and Cowlitz Rivers. Fish are picked up by the Cowlitz Tribe's Natural Resources Department (NRD) and distributed to Cowlitz citizens at Tribal offices. In 2016, there were 95 distribution days. WDFW's authorization for this program was set to expire in spring of 2017, so NRD staff recently applied for reauthorization, which was received in January 2017.

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. FFDP rules are as follows:

- Only Cowlitz citizens will receive fish. Identification may be checked, please bring your Cowlitz citizenship card.
- Fish will be distributed as equally as practical. Records will be kept to assure equal sharing. (Cowlitz citizens will be put on the distribution list in the order their call is received; citizens are called for distribution in the order they appear on the list. Once fish are received, you must call again to be put back on the list.)
- Families may designate a Tribal citizen to pick up fish for the family (but each ultimate recipient must be identified).
- Fish may not be sold or exchanged for gain. Donations to defray cost will be

accepted but are voluntary. (Expected donation value is \$1.00 per fish.)

- Fish will only be transferred on Tribal properties, or at a Tribal citizen's home (limited to disabled or Tribal elder's home by pre-arrangement).
- Tribal citizens must sign (and provide enrollment number) to acknowledge receipt of fish.
- Fish distributed to Tribal Programs will be recorded as such.
- Records of fish received and distributed will be kept for review by Tribal leadership.
- A copy of these rules will accompany the fish program manager at all distributions.

In addition, Tribal citizens receiving fish must bring coolers, bags and ice as necessary; the NRD cannot currently



provide these materials at all locations.

The NRD also manages a small frozen fish program at the Longview office and keeps a rotating inventory of up to 20 whole frozen fish for distribution only to Cowlitz citizens who are indigent or otherwise have low food security. This frozen fish program is restocked by the fresh fish program, and in 2016 distributed 82 fish.

The NRD's Fresh Fish Program Manager is Kirk Russell: cell phone 360.772.9935, or contact Tiffini Alexander at the NRD offices at 360.577.8140

Cowlitz Tribe Natural Resources

Forest Lands Program

The new Gathering Program is gaining popularity. Thirty-three people have signed up for the gathering packet and we continue to receive calls weekly. The Gathering Program will facilitate your forest products collection in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. You may collect items such as huckleberries, mushrooms, and firewood for your use with the free permit. Amy Boyd, the Forest Land Steward, will assist you with additional specialty items.

Meeting with New DNR Lands Commissioner

On April 5, 2017, the newly elected Commissioner of Public Lands visited the Cowlitz administrative offices. Commissioner Hilary Franz met with Chairman Iyall, Mike Iyall, and Taylor Aalvik and Natural Resources staff. The two hour meeting gave our leadership an opportunity to speak directly to the Commissioner about the Tribe's activities and interests in natural resources. Commissioner Franz noted that we are stronger working together and noted the tribe's science and traditional wisdom are important to the ongoing policy discussions in Olympia. Taylor Aalvik highlighted the Tribe's opposition to Millennium and the Tribe's ongoing concerns about increasing development pressures on the lower Columbia River. Chairman Iyall described the Tribe's long journey through multiple federal administrations and his hopes for our future. The meeting ended with thanks and promises of future field visits to Cowlitz restoration projects as well as future partnerships.

Proposed Kalama Methanol Facility

Our Tribe has been engaged for over a year addressing much concern associated with a proposed Methanol Facility near Kalama, WA. The proposed project recently has been reviewed by the Cowlitz County Shorelines Examiner, and conditionally approved for a shoreline development permit. The Department of Ecology will review the Cowlitz County Shoreline Examiner's findings and make a final ruling on the shoreline permit. It has also received its water quality permit from Washington State. Tribal leaders has taken the official position of not supporting this development within our homelands and to have the Tribe's Natural Resources Department (NRD) work with regulators and others

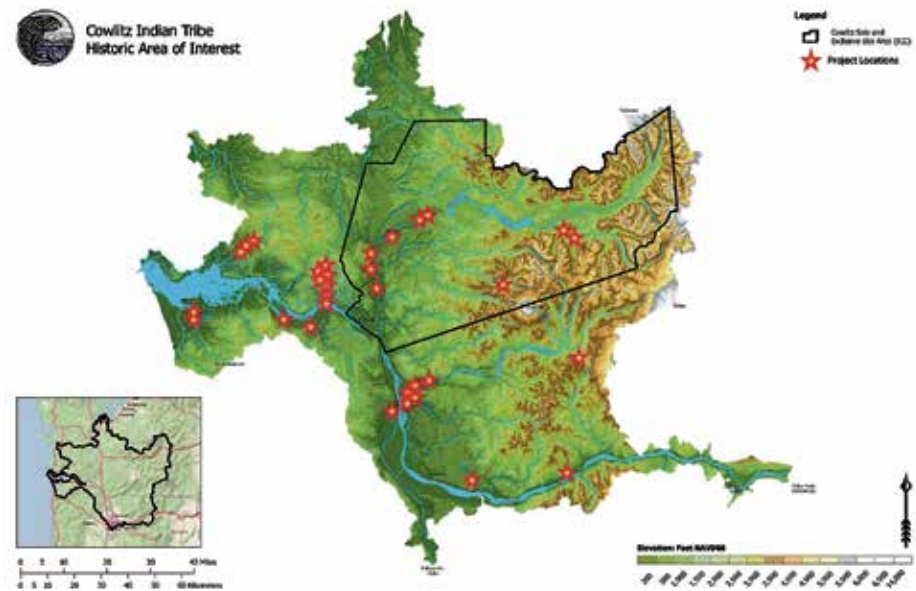
to try and make sure this proposed development doesn't have impacts to sacred resources if it is ultimately approved by State and Federal decision makers. We will continue to look at details of this proposed facility and what potential mitigation is possible to fully offset potential impacts if it is approved. We are also exploring ways where our Tribe can have an increased role in regards to decision making authority on this and other proposals in the region that may carry impacts sacred first food resources.

Proposed Coal Terminal

Outgoing Washington State Department of Natural Resources Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark recently denied Millennium Coal a critical aquatic lease permit for dock expansion. This was a major action against project acceptance. Other signs are favorable to permit denials. The Tribe is engaging at multiple levels to increase agency and public awareness of the project's poor design and ultimate negative impact on the Columbia River and Cowlitz community. Through discussions with the WA Department of Ecology, there are significant findings associated with the proposal where there is no offsetting mitigation possible to curtail impacts to our environment. Tribal leadership adamantly opposes this proposed development and the NRD will work to keep this proposal out of Tribal homelands.

Proposed Anchor Point Water Rights

We recently became aware of a major new water right application at the mouth of the Cowlitz River. If granted, it will permit up to 10% of the Columbia River's flow to an unknown industrial project. Natural Resources has evaluated and submitted comments regarding the proposal and our concerns. This is another example that the Lower Columbia River is witnessing much development pressures currently and in the near future. Leadership and the NRD are exploring ways to try and push back on area Port Authorities and local governments on the current issues and to seek reform to include ethics and environmental responsibility associated with entertaining new businesses into the region. We have also begun addressing concerns of development pressures within our homelands with Governor Inslee; as well as our tribal neighbors upstream on the Columbia. All of the salmon within the Columbia River have to go through our



homelands and it is important to protect our area; as what we have done since time immemorial.

Columbia River Environmental Impact Statement Process

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the US Bureau of Reclamation have been ordered by the Court to conduct a new Environmental Impact Statement regarding the operation of their hydro-projects within the Columbia Basin. We have been invited and are in process to become a coordinating party to this process. This means that we will have opportunities to weigh in on the drafting of this document prior to release to the public. This is a great opportunity for our Tribe to push for better water management within our homelands. Ultimately, we will push for new management regimes that would benefit culturally significant species in our homelands.

Columbia River Treaty

We recently met with the lead negotiator with the US State Department regarding the Columbia River Treaty; which is a treaty that governs the flow of water in the Columbia River. Currently, the flow of water is managed to maximize flood control and power production; and doesn't consider flows needed for salmon to survive. It is anticipated that negotiations of a revised Treaty between the US and Canada is possible at any time. It is our understanding that

we are waiting on Canada at this point in time. We are also concerned that although the State Dept. Is authorized to negotiate, this came under an authorization from the Obama Administration, and that it is likely that the Trump Administration has yet to review and address the issue. It is anticipated that the Columbia Basin tribes need to make plans to go to Washington DC within the next couple of months to meet with the new administration's staff that may be working on this issue. In short, their will likely need to be a considerable amount of education provided on the topic with new staff with the Trump administration. This has caused some concerns and we plan to move forward in a cautious manner.

Lewis River

We are hard at work on addressing concerns around Lewis River Fish Passage. They have been trying to get out of full fish passage and we believe that new evidence doesn't warrant abandoning that effort. We continue to do our best to protect and restore our homelands.

For more information on these and other projects and programs, contact the NR Program Assistant, Tiffini Alexander at 360-577-8140 or talexander@cowlitz.org. Your questions will be directed to the appropriate staff. Taylor Aalvik, Natural Resources Dept. Director is at 360-575-3306 or taylor.a@cowlitz.org. Tel: (360) 575-3306 Email: Taylor.a@cowlitz.org.



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