



# COWLITZ Tribal News

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"One who calls"

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For the first time in 160 years the Cowlitz Tribe flag was raised over its land in a poignant ceremony.

## ilani's New Meeting & Entertainment Center Opens with Salute to Cowlitz Tribe

### Ceremony Highlights Include Tribal Drums and Flag Raising

*ilani* in Ridgefield, Washington, has attracted clientele for premier gaming, entertainment and dining since its 2017 opening.

On April 5, the property added a new draw: the 30,000-square-foot Meeting & Entertainment Center, complete with the Cowlitz Ballroom entertainment venue accommodating up to 2,500. The center's opening ceremony reiterated the destination's focus on the heritage of the Cowlitz Tribe, incorporating elements of tribal culture while launching a dynamic entertainment schedule.

#### Opening Ceremony Honors Cowlitz Tribe

Just as *ilani* pays tribute to the Cowlitz Tribe and Northwest sensibilities through

design elements, the opening ceremony of the Meeting & Entertainment Center honored the Native American tribe by centering on elements of cultural significance. Cowlitz drummers gathered to accompany dignitaries, tribal members and guests, while spiritual leader Tanna Engdahl conferred a blessing in English and Chinook. She was joined by Roy Wilson, fellow spiritual leader and honorary chief, and Bill Iyall, tribal chairman. And, for the first time in 160 years, the Cowlitz Tribe flag was raised over its land in a poignant ceremony.

#### Entertainment Schedule Takes Form

After the ribbon cutting, as guests

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## Chairman's Corner

*Klahowya*, it is time for our Cowlitz family to come together for the June General Council meeting. Thank you for continuing to entrust me with the wellbeing of the Tribe. It is an honor to serve as the Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe as we look to our bright future and open a new chapter in serving tribal members. We had many challenges in the past that seemed insurmountable, but we have prevailed. As we grow and prosper together, we should expect to face new challenges. We must come together as a tribal family, now more than ever, for the benefit of future generations.

We must honor and pay tribute to those who have helped us reach this point of growth. Words cannot explain the loss we feel as a Tribe from the untimely passing of Councilman Lenny Bridges. He will be greatly missed as a warrior and champion for education, housing, and economic development. We must carry-on his spirit of dedication and service as we work for the betterment of our tribe.

*ilani Casino* - Sonny Bridges serves as chair of the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority. As part of my responsibilities, I serve as vice-chairman of the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority. After the opening of *ilani Casino* on April 24, 2017, it has become our single largest asset and the largest source of

revenue for the Tribe and our members. I will always work to ensure that *ilani* is the premier gaming, dining, meeting and entertainment destination in the Pacific Northwest.

The *ilani Casino* doors have been open for over a year and we look forward to greater returns for the Tribe with the *meeting and event center* and the *Cowlitz Ballroom* now open. We have also opened the *Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet* and it has been very productive in yielding returns on our investment. We have improved access to the self-park lot by widening Cowlitz Way to three lanes and have added a new overflow parking lot to serve our customers during high demand events. We are designing a gas station and convenience store which is scheduled to open next year. Phase II construction could take place as soon as 2019, subject to availability of financing. We are beginning a Market Evaluation and Demand Study for a new hotel to be built adjacent to our *ilani* casino. This study will be used for predicting traffic needs, designing the hotel, and support financing of the project. We are in the early stages of planning the new hotel addition and related conference facilities. This next phase is planning to include a 4-diamond hotel building of up to 400 rooms, with conference facilities,

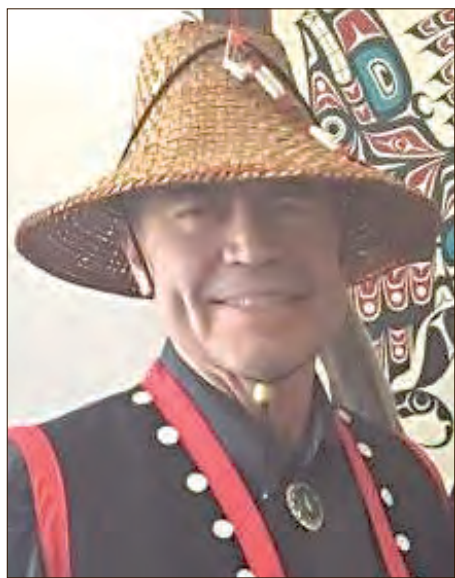
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# Chairman

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Chairman Bill Iyall

additional restaurants, and up to 2,000-car capacity parking garage. Recent meetings for the refinancing of the reservation and casino development loans show the benefits of early refinancing and beginning the process of restructuring this debt.

Tribal members seeking employment at *ilani* can apply online or contact Kara Fox-LaRose, President and General Manager or Al Muma, Vice President for Human Resources. *ilani* is a good opportunity for tribal members to match their skill set directly to work opportunities for the Tribe. We are implementing a Cowlitz tribal member development program at *ilani* for all employed tribal members to gain the needed basic prerequisites for advancement. Management Associate Whitney Mosback is coordinating regular meetings with tribal member employees and the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority board and casino management as part of the program. We hope to partner with the University of Washington's Foster School of Business, Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management Certificate Program, to help prepare the next generation of leaders for *ilani Casino*. The UW's American Indian Studies course combines business education specifically for employees of Tribal casinos and resorts, with a peer-to-peer network and on-site learning at a variety of tribal casinos. The Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Commission did a fantastic job with the regulatory oversight of *ilani*, as they licensed all our vendors and team members. The Tribe created more than 1,500

new permanent jobs with the opening of *ilani* Resort Casino. We look forward to continuing a positive relationship with federal, state, and local governments, and with our local neighbors.

**Community and Government Center** – We continue working on a Reservation Master Plan to bring focus to a vision for our Cowlitz Community and Government Center. Planning for the reservation includes the new tribal administration building, a future cultural community center/museum, an RV park, potential Elders housing, and more diverse economic development. We are planning to build the Cowlitz Community and Government Center on the reservation. The new building is planned for the southwest corner of the reservation. It could house tribal administration, natural resources, tribal court, enrollment, IT, transportation, child care development program, youth services, benefits services, Elders services and meals, planning, facilities, economic development, and legal affairs. It could also allow growing space for programs and a multi-use gym/assembly hall with a full commercial kitchen. As we build the physical infrastructure on the reservation, we are building vital tribal government infrastructure for health, housing, economic diversification, education, culture and now our tribal police department, led by Public Safety Director Donald Walkinshaw (see details, below). The public safety trailer is on the reservation, just south of Cowlitz Way, next to the new **Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet**. We are planning a permanent public safety building and a transit and maintenance facility on the south end of the reservation, near the water reclamation plant. We have purchased an adjacent 8.5-acre parcel that currently has a home and a barn that can be added to the reservation through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Fee-to-Trust process. We stand to protect our resources and preserve our traditions through the strength of our Tribe. The reservation is positioned for growth and development with critical infrastructure.

**Cowlitz Tribal Police** are now on duty patrol assignments as of March 1, 2018. I am proud of our new officers, who will enforce tribal, federal and state laws relating to operations within the reservation. Each of our new officers will be working with a Security staff, Surveillance, TGA staff to assist one another on roles and responsibilities and partnership development to protect the Cowlitz Tribe's best interests on the reservation.

Please welcome our new Chief Don Walkinshaw (Cowlitz tribal member), Sergeant Duane Gervais, Senior Officer

Brandon Molett, and Administrator-Investigator William (Bill) Elliott. Cowlitz Tribal police will also support public safety needs at all tribal facilities. We thank retired Chief Public Safety Officer J.A. Goss, Jr., for his leadership in building such an experienced team.

**Strategic Planning** – We continue to work on the strategic planning process for the Tribe, led by Jerry Iyall, Christine Myers, Kim Stube, Abriel Johnny-Rodriguez, Dan Meyer, Debbie Hassler, and Phil Harju. We began our process, after our previous extensive town hall meetings, meeting with Tribal Council and all parts of the tribal organization, including boards, committees, departments, and programs. This is a big effort and will take several months to develop a long-term plan. Tribal Council will be evaluating and prioritizing services through this strategic planning process. We will adopt a Mission Statement, a Vision Statement and identification of our values. We will develop strategic initiatives to improve our operations to better deliver services to all tribal members. We must take initial steps for Elders and for youth. Elders, education, housing, and health care all weigh in as needs as priorities for the council to evaluate. Strategic planning and financial planning are highly interrelated and interdependent disciplines that are the cornerstones of effective organization and financial management. The Tribal Council will be preparing a Revenue Allocation Plan to meet federal requirements so funds can be distributed to tribal members, subject to available funding goals. This could enable an initial one-time \$5,000 distribution to Elders aged 62 years and over, once the plan is approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The information gathered will be molded into a plan which will serve as a guiding tool for the Tribe.

**Education** - We continue to improve our education program by providing tuition assistance for Tribal members, available 12 months a year, and will replace our current scholarship program. Education is a priority for our youth. I want to thank the Education Committee- Karissa Lowe, Mike Iyall, Becky Lowe, Celine Cloquet, Dave Reichel, David Iyall, and Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens for their hard work to provide education assistance that works for all tribal members.

**Health and Human Services** – We are establishing a Medicare assistance program, for Elders' Plan B coverage cost. The Tribe's medical clinic in Longview has expanded hours on Wednesdays. Patients can make appointments between 7 am and 7 pm. This helps to accommodate those 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. We are integrating services for Pathways to Healing (PTH), Mental Health, and Indian Child Welfare (ICW) programs, to expand our efforts to help people heal after their traumatic experiences and lessen the risk of harm to vulnerable children, and improve coverage in the state. HHS is committed to the elimination of health disparities, to promote physical, mental, and emotional wellness that strengthens, and empowers our Native community, while honoring our Creator, Mother Earth, our Elders, and our children. Thank you to the Health Board, our staff and active Tribal leaders for their important work in HHS.

**Natural Resources** – The Natural Resources Department (NRD), led by Taylor Aalvik, continues to work to protect and restore our homelands with the numerous projects and programs that we do. Our Tribe has been engaged for over a year addressing much concern associated with a proposed methanol facility near Kalama, Washington. In addition, there are significant findings in the environmental impact statement (EIS) associated with the Millennium Coal proposal for Longview, Washington, where there is no offsetting mitigation possible to curtail impacts to our environment. Tribal leadership adamantly opposes this proposed development by Millennium Coal and the NRD will work to keep this proposal out of Tribal homelands. The Washington Department of Ecology has denied the project's water quality permit. We have worked hard for an increased role regarding decision-making authority on this and other proposals in the region that may impact important resources. We advocate for resources in our homelands with Washington Governor Jay Inslee, as well as our tribal neighbors upstream on the Columbia. The Gathering Program in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest allows us to collect huckleberries, mushrooms, and firewood for personal use with the free permit. Amy Boyd, the Tribe's Forest Land Steward, will assist you with additional specialty items. We are also working on Lewis River Fish Passage to ensure full fish passage. A new EIS for the operation of hydro-projects within the Columbia Basin is under way. We can be a party to this process in the drafting of this document before release to the public, to push to benefit culturally significant species. We are working with the U.S. State Department to update

## Chairman

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the Columbia River Treaty, which is a treaty between the U.S. and Canada that governs the flow of water in the Columbia River. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries is overseeing a new biological opinion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers flood control project on the Toutle River Sediment Retention Structure. We are working on the process to restore our hunting and fishing rights. We are gathering historic-use information. We now have a "Cowlitz Tribe Designated Use Area" at Ohanapecosh Campground, southwest of Mount Rainier National Park. We can 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. Tribal Council member John O'Brien is working with Washington Department of Natural Resources staff on the restoration of a Cowlitz campsite near

Mount Takoma at the hot springs.

**2018 Canoe Journey** - The Cowlitz Canoe Family is preparing for the 2018 Canoe Journey, *Paddle to Puyallup*. As many as 100 canoes from more than 50 tribes and Canadian First Nation Tribes and First Nations from the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Canada, participate in the annual event.

**19th Annual Cowlitz Pow Wow** - The 2018 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow is planned for the Clark County Event Center near the reservation. Thanks to our Pow Wow Committee, chair Nathan Hooton, and members who make our Pow Wow a success

The Cowlitz Indian Tribe's 160-year journey back to our homeland marks the beginning of a new journey, where centuries of Cowlitz tribal heritage and traditions will unite and thrive here, on our own reservation. We Cowlitz, The Forever People, are forever home.

**Together, we continue a new chapter in Cowlitz history.**

A.M.R.

**Chairman Bill Iyall**

## ilani

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explored the new Meeting & Entertainment Center, thoughts turned to plans underway, as the Cowlitz Ballroom is already drawing nationally known names in entertainment. Opening night welcomed Grammy-award winner Little Big Town, and on April 22, I Love the 90's — featuring Vanilla Ice, Salt N Pepa with Spinderella, Young MC, Tone Loc and C&C Music Factory featuring Freedom Williams – takes the stage. Plus, Jay Leno hosted ilani's first anniversary celebration with an exclusive, invite-only party in the Cowlitz Ballroom on Sunday, April 29.

### Gaming, Dining & Entertainment Steps Away

Inside ilani, 100,000 square feet are dedicated to providing visitors with the latest state-of-the-art slot and table games offerings to suit nearly any preference and any level of experience. With 2,500 of the latest slots and 75 gaming tables, including a spectacular high-limit room, guests can test their luck at blackjack, craps, roulette, and so much more. ilani was awarded 10 prizes from Casino Player Magazine's Best of Gaming edition and 13 awards from Strictly Slots Magazine, including the most coveted prize of Best Casino in both.

When ready to step away from gaming, guests can recharge at inspired restaurants, boutique shops and a live entertainment lounge. Chef Jet, smash-burger, i.talia and Taco Cantina offer delectable bites, while more sumptuous meals can be found at Michael Jordan's Steakhouse, Line & Lure, Rose & Thorn, Longhouse or Tom's Urban. Guests can celebrate winnings with fashions from Marshall Rousso or jewelry and gifts at Ruby Blue, capping an evening with cocktails and live music at Muze Lounge.

*For inquiries please contact:*

*Rosemary Arruda Cooke at rcooke@ilaniresort.com or 360-887-6565.*

*To learn more, visit <https://ilaniresort.com/poi/venues/meeting-entertainment-center.html>.*

## My Gifting of Blankets Continues!

Dear Tribal members,

I have personally gifted over 1,300 Cowlitz Pendleton Blankets to many of you over the last 18 months, and I have another 500 of them ordered and being made as I write this letter. I am hopeful they will be ready in the next couple months and if I don't have them by the time of the General Council meeting on June 2nd I will mail them to you!

I want to thank many of you for your incredible responses to receiving the blankets, especially the pictures!! This adorable picture shows tribal member Quinn Gillis getting ready to do some drumming!! I love it!

Send me your best picture of you or a tribal member in the Cowlitz Blanket and win prize money! I don't know if anyone can ever out do Quinn, but you are welcome to try!

First prize \$300

Second prize \$200

Third prize \$100

Most creative picture using blanket prize \$200

If you want to participate please email your picture to Dave Barnett at [jakeyelle@aol.com](mailto:jakeyelle@aol.com). Winners will be announced at the June 2nd Tribal Council meeting.



Tribal member Quinn Gillis sitting on a Cowlitz tribal blanket

If you haven't signed up for a blanket, you can get on the list by contacting me at:

Phone: (206)707-5765 or [jakeyelle@aol.com](mailto:jakeyelle@aol.com)

Thank you for all of your support and appreciation of efforts in leading the way to our reservation and ilani  
Dave Barnett



### JUNE 2018 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 2, 2018

AT 10AM:

ILANI CASINO'S  
COWLITZ BALLROOM

Our General Council Meeting will be held at the Cowlitz Ballroom at the ilani casino, 1 Cowlitz Way, Ridgefield, WA 98642 on Saturday June 2, 2018 starting at 10am. Please bring your enrollment card and photo ID to sign-in. If you have questions call (360) 577-8140.

### Cowlitz Tribal News YOYOOLAH

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

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Philip Harju, General Council Vice-Chairman

## Vice-Chair News

We continue our work to acquire more land in trust in our traditional area and we have assembled a team that includes tribal elders and tribal leaders to work on our hunting and fishing rights.

Our Public Safety Department development is progressing. We are in the process of negotiating a number of intergovernmental agreements with Clark County and the State for law enforcement, fire protection, emergency planning, and emergency services on and near the reservation. At our March Tribal Council meeting we swore in three new Tribal police officers. We now have Chief John Goss and four tribal police officers to work on our Reservation. Chief Goss has just announced he will be retiring at the end of April of this year. There is still much to be done to further build our Public Safety Department, exert our rights, and maintain our tribal sovereignty.

In April we hired our first Tribal Court clerk. We are in the planning and implementation phase for our first Tribal Court. My staff has been working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and their contracted consultants for technical assistance. The contractors did an assessment report for our future tribal court system which will hopefully help us get much needed funding, further technical assistance and training from the BIA and the Justice Department.

As a member of the Planning Committee, we have been involved with the Strategic Planning efforts going on across the Tribal organization. We are doing focused comprehensive planning with Tribal Council which the Tribal Council began during a two-day comprehensive planning session. As a member of the Cultural Resources Board, we are also going through strategic planning exercises and working on a philosophy statement and an updated Tribal Code.

I look forward to meeting and talking to many of you at our June General Council Meeting. Please plan to be there. This will be a historic event, our first General Council Meeting on the Cowlitz Indian Reservation! As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.



Police Officer Mollet, Officer Bengaard and Chief Safety Officer J.A. Goss.

# Cowlitz Tribal Department of Public Safety

The Cowlitz Tribal Police Department of Public Safety has taken on a new face with the addition of two black and white patrol cars, which were donated to Cowlitz by the Tulalip Tribes through the Tulalip Tribal Police Department in a hand of friendship and welcoming the birth of the Cowlitz Department of Public Safety. Since the patrol cars arrival, we have placed the Cowlitz Tribal Logo on each patrol vehicle and these patrol cars now patrol the Cowlitz Reservation in a demonstration of the Cowlitz Sovereignty and governance as a tribal nation.

The Cowlitz Reservation is patrolled by Sergeant Duane Garvais Lawrence and Senior Officer Brandon Molett, both veteran police officers with many years of experience, and graduates of the Washington State Police Academy and multiple other law enforcement training courses, which include the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Academy. The Officers uniform displays the Cowlitz Tribal Badge with the Cowlitz Logo proudly displayed in the center of the badge, and the official shoulder patch with the wording in gold lettering "Cowlitz Tribal Police Public Safety" on each shoulder of the uniform.

The Cowlitz Reservation and ilani



One of two patrol cars donated to the Cowlitz Tribe by The Tulalip Police Department.

Casino business enterprises have been operational for approximately eleven months with an average daily visitor population of an estimated ten thousand visitors per day. There is a law enforcement and security presence for the casino and reservation consisting of ilani Security Department, Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Agency, Clark County Sheriff contract, and Cowlitz Department of Public Safety.

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360-353-8633 or 360-727-2119



Cowlitz Tribal Police badge.



Cowlitz Tribal Councilwoman Debbie Hassler, Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnery-Ogle and Chairman Iyall meet in Vancouver Tribal Offices.

## Vancouver Mayor Visits

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018, The Honorable Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver came to visit the Cowlitz Tribal Health and Human Services office in Clark County. Mayor McEnery-Ogle met with Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall, Debbie Hassler tribal council member and Program Manager for Pathways to Healing, Karyn Kameroff, Community Coordinator for Pathways to Healing, and Abriel Johnny, Government Relations and Affairs. Mayor McEnery-Ogle was given a tour of the

facility while being provided information on services offered at the Vancouver office. She was also provided information on projects the tribe is developing, natural resource projects, historical and current events and discussions on partnership opportunities with the tribe and the City of Vancouver. Mayor McEnery-Ogle is Vancouver's first ever female Mayor of the city and has shown a commitment to tribal communities through her engagement and support to local events in the area.

## Where Are We With Strategic Planning?

By Jerry Iyall

We have made good progress with strategic planning since the last Newsletter. At the last General Council meeting, the Tribe's Mission, Vision and Values were approved. Since that time, the Child Care and Development Program has completed their strategic planning and our Health Board and Health and Human Services have nearly completed theirs. The Housing Board, Cultural Resources Board, Youth Board, and the Tribal Transportation Department are moving right along and should be finishing in the next few months.

Our next big planning effort will be with the Tribal Council. We have an exciting two-day planning retreat scheduled with the Tribal Council to focus on big picture topics, and will schedule follow up sessions as needed. There are lots of important topics to discuss.

We have contracted with REDW, a native-owned consulting firm out of Arizona and New Mexico, to facilitate our planning efforts with Tribal Council. REDW works with tribes (nationally as well as several Washington Tribes), facilitating strategic planning efforts and doing other consultation work. The Committee has developed a good plan with REDW to work with the Tribal Council to take our planning efforts to the next level.

Our Strategic Planning Committee includes Debbie Hassler, Dan Meyer, Phil Harju, Kim Stube, Abriel Johnny-Rodriguez, Christine Myers, and I am the Chair. Christine Dupres, Whitney Mosback, and Robin Torner have also participated with the Strategic Planning Committee.

*If you have any questions about the strategic planning process, you can contact me by email at [jiyall@cowlitz.org](mailto:jiyall@cowlitz.org).*

## Restoring Wetlands with Beavers

The Wildlife Program is currently in the planning stages of a cooperative project, with the Cascade Forest Conservancy, that will reintroduce beaver to areas of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest. The intention of the project is to allow beaver to occupy vacant but historically occupied habitat so beavers can provide ecological benefits. Beavers, as nature's ecosystem engineers, produce long term benefits which include mitigating impacts due to climate change (like holding water in headwater areas longer), improving water quality (by trapping sediment from the water column), and improving salmon rearing habitat. Project implementation will begin this upcoming fall and continue through 2019.

The Wildlife Program is also coordinating on a couple of high level planning efforts. One effort is a Population and Habitat Viability Analysis, which is being performed to set policy and future management actions for ESA-listed Columbia white-tailed deer. The Wildlife Program is also participating in the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Statewide Beaver Working Group. The group is working to develop and codify new regulations related to the management of beaver in the State of Washington. Much of this group's effort is a result of new legislation that was recently passed which allows relocation of beaver to occur in Western Washington.

## COLOR ME!



# Elders Program Digs Clams

The Elders Program transported an adventurous group to Copalis Beach, Washington, for the final clam digging as the season ends. Each person was allowed a limit of 15 clams.



Soozy Bridges is close to the 15 clam limit at Copalis Beach.



Lummi Elder, Jennifer Johnson showing her first clam.



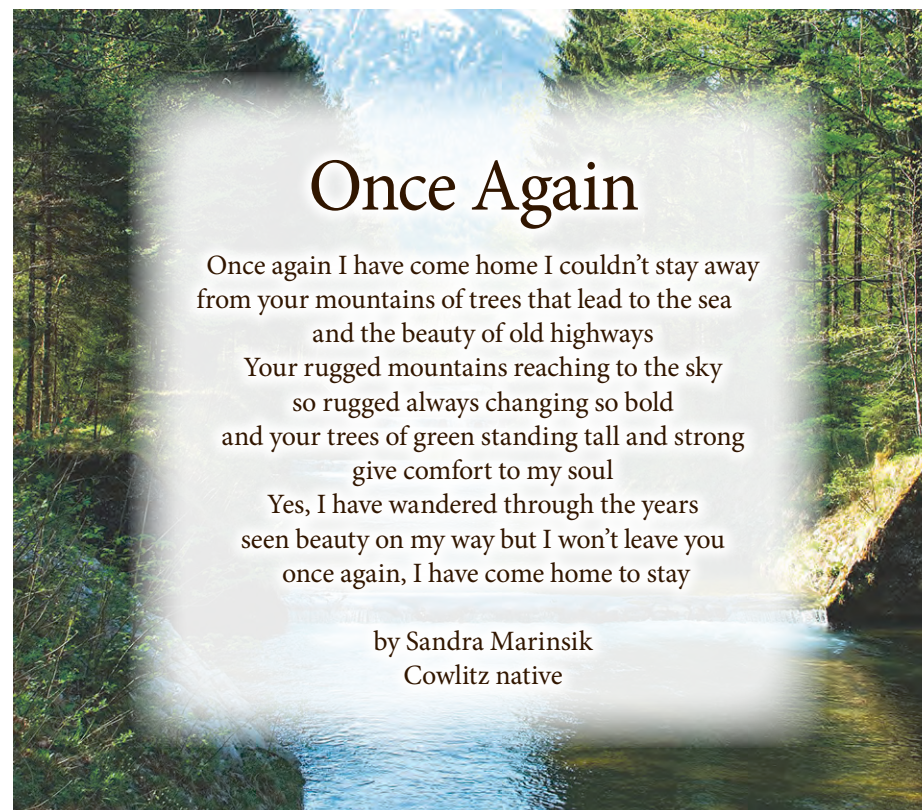
Razor clams.



Don Dunkel and Nancy Cleaver enjoy the April clam dig.



Sandy Miller and Doug Mahar relaxing after a brisk day on the beach.



## Once Again

Once again I have come home I couldn't stay away  
 from your mountains of trees that lead to the sea  
 and the beauty of old highways  
 Your rugged mountains reaching to the sky  
 so rugged always changing so bold  
 and your trees of green standing tall and strong  
 — give comfort to my soul  
 Yes, I have wandered through the years  
 seen beauty on my way but I won't leave you  
 once again, I have come home to stay

by Sandra Marinsik  
 Cowlitz native

## Calling All Cowlitz Veterans

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

This information will be used to create a record of Cowlitz Tribal Veterans. Veterans' records will be kept

confidential and will only be used as authorized by the Tribal Council. We will use Veterans' records to notify veterans of upcoming events, and veterans news and services that may be available to veterans. We may also use the complete Veterans data base to apply for grants and funding opportunities that may come up. This sign-up is optional but we hope Cowlitz Veterans will sign up.

### Veterans Sign Up

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number – Area Code ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about this form or its use, you can contact me by email at [jiyall@cowlitz.org](mailto:jiyall@cowlitz.org)

Jerry Iyall  
 Tribal Council Veteran's Rep

# Enrollment Department Update

Our current enrolled population as of March 2018 is 4117. Since September 2017 we have enrolled 39 new tribal members.

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

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

If you know of any tribal member or their families

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

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

Anderson, Gary Ken  
Burlingame, David Lee  
Byrd, Arnold Lewis  
Chambers, Cheryl Ann  
Clark, Andrew John  
Daily, Roger Edward  
Donlan, Lance Joseph  
Farnsworth, Toni Lee  
Glaze, Kirk Dale

Haworth, Mary Ann  
Kimble, Judith Pauline  
Lee, Stanley Leroy  
Meyer, Robert Arthur  
Thayer, Bruce Allan  
Williams, Robert Dale  
Wilson, Eldon Ray

**Discover Pass and Annual Northwest Forest Passes** are available from the enrollment office, only one per household. The Discover Pass does not expire and is good in the State of Washington only. The NW Forest Pass expires one year from date of issue and is good in Washington and Oregon for day use only.

*For more information please contact Cathy Raphael, Enrollment Officer by calling 360-575-3310 or email: [cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org](mailto:cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org).*

## Unknown Addresses

*We do not have any contact information for the following 206 tribal members. If you know any of these people, please have them contact the Enrollment Office or let us know how we can reach them:*

Aalvik, Zakory Dennis  
Abbott, Alvin E  
Albrecht, Shelly Christine  
Arthur (Pete), Edwin Joseph  
Asbach, Ethan Michael  
Baker, David Bradley  
Beltran, Jamie Paige  
Bennett, Casse Allen Jacob  
Bennett, Jerry Norman  
Boles, Nancy Jane  
Boles, William George  
Bouchard, Adam Oliver  
Bowman, Sean Aaron  
Brandow, Erin Jessica  
Bridges, L. Jacob Eli  
Brown, Hunter Reshae  
Buchmann, David Lee  
Burns, Charles Eric  
Byrd, Robert Lawrence  
Cahill, Brenyn Dawsen  
Campbell, William Bradley  
Carnes Jr, Ryan Richard  
Carnes, Ryan Richard  
Casaw, Robin LeAnn  
Charvat, Cory Lawrence  
Charvat, Mary Lou  
Ciarfella, David Maitland  
Ciarfella, Michael Andrew  
Clark, Kenneth Virgil  
Cloquet, Chance Michael  
Cobb, Alexx Hunter  
Cobb, Caleb Ryan  
Cobb, Emily Ciera  
Cobb, Gary Lee  
Cobb, Megan Nicole  
Cornett, Michelle Lee

Corpuz, Deborah Kelleen  
Cota, Shelly Rae  
Crabtree, Rebecca Lynn  
Craighead, Makayla Maree  
Cualio, Yohana Gabryella  
Dawson, Gary L  
Dawson, Maurice R  
DeCamps, Deborah Leigh  
DeNobrega, Nio Arcenio  
DeNobrega, Peter NMN  
Dill, Cyndi Raven Rayn  
Dill, Tazzmen Justice  
Dominick, Craig Martin  
Doneyson, Pailsey Rain Fay  
Doolittle, Brittaney Anne  
Dunckel, Brad Lee  
Dunckel, Dustin Dean  
Duprey, Meryl Wayne  
Duprey, Suzanne Marie  
Duprey, Thomas Gerard  
Duvall, Nicholas Sean  
Easley, Aaron Dean  
Easley, Makayla Ann  
Fisher, Heather Dawn  
Florek, Alexis Lee  
Fox, Franklin Rhodes  
Galloway III, John Baxter  
Galloway, Barbara Jane  
Gilbert Jr, William David  
Gilbert, Buddy Gene  
Gilbert, Darrell John  
Gilbert, Kelly LaDon  
Gillespie, Lola Jean  
Gillespie, Taylor Rene  
Glasgow, Jean Louise  
Hadley, Delaus James  
Harris, Leslie Ervin  
Henry, Savannah Love  
Hiebert, Lisa Marie  
Hogue, Jonathan Charles  
Howe, Kathleen Nicole  
Huereca, Andrea Marie  
Huereca, Anita Marie  
Iyall, Andrew James

Iyall, Jennifer Sue  
Iyall, Kristen Patrice  
Jackson, Zachary David Lee  
James, Jacqueline Marie  
James, Judith Ann  
James, William Julius  
Jones, Zada Mae  
Jorgenson, Gary D  
Judge, Janet LaVerne  
Kacmarcik, Benjamin James  
Keener, Jordann Brianne  
Keener, Robert William  
Kemp, Ronald Jay  
Kennedy, Edgar Lewis  
King, Arnold Boyd  
King, Brooklyn Sonny  
King, Courtney Rose  
Kniss, Sandra Lee  
Koch, Joshua Douglas  
Lane, Lynnette Marlene  
Lane, Richard Stanely  
Lang, Gayle Darlene  
Link, Sheryl Diane  
Lund, Gwendolyn Marie  
Mabry, Kimberly Ann  
Marquis, Kristopher Austin  
Mason, Ronald Ellery  
McCabe, April May  
McConnell, Philip Scott  
McGinn, Wesley Robert  
McMillon II, Micheal Allen  
Medley, Deborrah Louise  
Mefford, Kimberly Michelle  
Melvin, Raleigh Scott  
Michel, Noah Emerson  
Miller, Brett LeRoy  
Miller, Cierra Lerae  
Miller, Kristina Lea  
Miller, Nellie Rusan  
Miller, Reece Andrew  
Miller, Vincent William  
Miller, Wesley Hans  
Minkel, Glenn William  
Morrill, Helen May

Morrill, Paul Christopher  
Morrill, Sandra Lee  
Morrill, Sharon Anne  
Morrill, Terry Dean  
Morrison, Lee Hoyt  
Morrison, Patricia Frances  
Mullins, Robert Wilson  
Murphy, Patti Lynn  
Myers, Daniel Lee  
Myers, Jason Ross  
Myers, Stephanie Ann  
Myers, Steven Ross  
Neilsen, Ricky Dean  
Nelson, Pepper Jean  
Newbaker, Raymond Russell  
Nickerson, Dorothea Agnes  
Pace, Daniel Thomas  
Pardee, Betty Rose  
Pearson, Elizabeth Anne  
Pearson, Ellen Grace  
Pellegrini, Mark Stephen  
Perez, Lori Louise  
Pfohlman Jr., Donald Arthur  
Phillips, Kimberly Dawn  
Pineda, Dalene Kay  
Putas, Anthony Micheal  
Ramsey, Joshua Zenos  
Reed, Morgana Ashley  
Rhodes, Darlene Jo  
Rhodes, David Scott  
Richards, Debra Ann  
Riggles, Sheila Marie  
Riggles, Travis Edward Wilson  
Riley, Diane Rose  
Robertson, Cassie Michelle  
Robertson, Kristen Jamie  
Robinson, Stephanie Lynn  
Rockwood, Michael James  
Ruemker, Lena Maureen  
Ruemker, Nicholas Andrew  
Ryan, Isabella Joann  
Ryan, Joshua Patrick  
Ryan, Trinity Marie  
Saunders, Troy Allen

Schwanz, Tracy Arthur  
Shaffer, Dayle Marie  
Shaffer, Racquel Anne  
Shaw, Ashley Page  
Simmons, Sarah Ruby  
Sims, Evan Danielle  
Sims, Karen Joyce  
Smith III, Elmer NMN  
Smith, Andrew Edward  
Smith, Esther Maria  
Smith, James R  
Smith, Keaton Vaughn Jaeger  
Smith, Linda Lee  
Smith, Melissa Roxanne  
Smith, William Winfield  
Smithlin, Kayleena Gigina  
Smithlin, Korin Brian  
Smithlin, T. Mike" Michael"  
Stalcup, Joyce Leslie  
Steffen, Donald Anthony  
Stroyan, Connor James  
Swaggard, Jeneen  
Swanson, Tara Ann  
Swearingen, Daia Denise  
Thayer, Kelsy Dawn  
Thomas, Eric V  
Thrasher, Hailey Elizabeth  
Tucker, Gwenith Christine  
Usher, Jill Marie  
Watkins, Beau Matthew  
Weaver, Gary Wayne  
Wiggins, Brent LeRoy  
Williamson, Kay Evelyn  
Wilson II, William Paul  
Wilson, Hannah Elyse  
Wilson, Jeffrey John  
Wilson, Jeremy John  
Wilson, William Paul

Please contact the Enrollment Office: [cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org](mailto:cowlitzenrollment@cowlitz.org), or 360-575-3310.

# Tribal Education Committee Update: New Tuition Assistance Program, Updated Bylaws, and More

By Karissa Lowe, Tribal Education Committee Chairman

The Tribal Education Committee has had a busy year, as we retire our Tribal Scholarship program and launch our new Tuition Assistance program. The final fiscal year of the Cowlitz Tribal Scholarship program will conclude in June 2018. In the final year of this program we awarded \$321,150 in scholarship funds to 86 Tribal members.

The application for our new Tuition Assistance program was posted to cowlitz.org in January. Funds for this new program are available for tuition expenses incurred on or after June 1st, 2018. There is no application deadline for this new program, and applications are approved as they are received. Tribal members are encouraged to apply as

soon as possible, as demand is high and our funds are not unlimited.

Tribal members who submit incomplete or ineligible applications will be contacted by the committee and will be given the chance to correct and resubmit their application. The committee has approved 67 applications for tuition assistance thus far. Tuition assistance recipients represent a broad swath of our membership, and include Tribal youth who will graduate high school this spring as well as Tribal members who are returning to school after spending time in the workforce. Support is available for vocational, undergraduate, and graduate education, and students may be enrolled full time or part time.

We are hiring a part-time coordinator to support the Tuition Assistance

program. We are working with the Tribe's Human Resources department to finalize the job description and to determine whether our part-time position will be combined with another part-time position to create one full-time position. When the job description is finalized it will be posted on cowlitz.org.

The education committee updated our bylaws and our policies and procedures to reflect our new program. Tribal Council ratified these documents, which are posted on our website. In addition to our own tuition assistance application, our website features a page listing Additional Education Opportunities and Internships and a "Looking for Scholarships?" page that lists other scholarships that might be of interest to Tribal members.

The education committee members are: Celine Cloquet, Dave Littleton, David Iyall, David Reichel, Gregg Ford, Joan Iyall, and Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens. The committee chairman is Karissa Lowe, the vice chairman is Mike Iyall, and the secretary is Becky Lowe. The education committee extends special thanks to Mike and Joan Iyall, who are processing tuition assistance applications until we hire a program coordinator.

Please stay tuned to <http://cowlitz.org/index.php/resources/education> for updates on our application process. Please email committee chairman Karissa Lowe and vice chairman Mike Iyall with any questions or comments at [education@cowlitz.org](mailto:education@cowlitz.org) or call Karissa at (360) 261-4683.

**Need Help With Child Care Payments?**

**Cowlitz Indian Tribe Child Care and Development Program**

Child care assistance is based upon your family's size and monthly income that is at or below 85% Median Income. **You Qualify if your family's income falls between the following ranges:**

⇒ Family Size of 1:	\$0-3,195
⇒ Family Size of 2:	\$0-4,177
⇒ Family Size of 3:	\$0-5,161
⇒ Family Size of 4:	\$0-6,144
⇒ Family Size of 5:	\$0-7,127
⇒ Family Size of 6:	\$0-8,110
⇒ Family Size of 7:	\$0-8,295
⇒ Family Size of 8:	\$0-8,479

\*Must reside in Lewis, Cowlitz, Clark or Skamania County.

**Apply Online**  
[www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org)

**NOW ENROLLING**  
AGES 4 WEEKS TO 12 YEARS

- Employed?
- Enrolled in school?
- Job training or searching?

**Enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe?**

Kera Burke  
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Anna Williams  
Phone: 360-353-9559  
Email: [awilliams@cowlitz.org](mailto:awilliams@cowlitz.org)

## Client Story

By Kera Burke

My name is Kera Burke and I joined Vocational Rehabilitation August 03, 2017. From the moment I joined VR immediately started my process to employment. Coming into VR was hard for me, I was out of the work force for a few years, but Jen and Kryss helped me to build a resume and cover letter. They helped me to see my strengths and work on my weakness, they provided me with tools to use to go out and look for work. Not only did they help with my employment process but they helped me with gas cards once a week, interview clothes so I would be ready and dressed accordingly. TVR also assisted me with rent, rent was a big one. If it wasn't for VR my family and I would probably have ended up homeless. It still brings tears to my eyes just thinking about it. On Oct 23, 2017 I became employed with Cowlitz Indian Tribe's Child Care and Development Program. I am so thankful for this program and for the ladies that go above and beyond to help me become better and stronger. I know I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for the help of VR.

Kera's supervisor, Anna Williams



stated, "The program was looking for an individual that had prior relationships with tribal families and daycare providers and when we hired Kera, she was a perfect fit." Anna went on to state, "Kera is an incredible employee that has a creative mind, is thoughtful & loves children, she is always early for work and is a person that is interested in assisting the CCPD program grow."

THANK YOU VOC REHAB STAFF FOR REFERRING A GREAT CANDIDATE TO OUR PROGRAM!

Build upon your strengths and your weaknesses will gradually take care of themselves.

*If you believe in yourself anything is possible*



# Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp June 21-24, 2018

Cascade Camp & Conference Center is located near Yelm, Washington. Cowlitz Youth Program has reserved the unique train-themed boxcar cabins at Brightwood Station nestled in the valley near Mount Rainier. Brightwood Station is situated in a clearing amid tall timbers, setting the stage for a quaint railroad scene with Mount Rainer in the background. We have scheduled fun programs for our youth at no cost to Tribal members.



Box car themed cabins at Brightwood Station.



Pictured atop Coxcombe Hill, the Astoria Column, Astoria, Oregon, which overlooks the mouth of the Columbia River and gives an expansive view of trade routes of our ancestors as well as the Chinook, Clatskanie, Nehalem and Clatsop Tribes. Cowlitz Teens pictured from L-R: Kambriah Simper, Myrihe Rohbock, Meya Rohbock, Cynthia Reck in green sweatshirt, Sandee Spahr, Stacie Spahr, Carli Williams, Noah Reck, Malachi Simper, and Madison Simper.



Teen Youth at Officer's Quarters, back row L-R: Sandee Spahr, Stacie Spahr, Carli Williams. Middle row L-R: Myrihe and Meya Rohbock, Madison and Cambria Simper. Front row L-R: Malachi Simper, Noah and Cynthia Reck with Youth Coordinator, Melody Pfeifer.



The newly elected Cowlitz Youth Council. Pictured l-r: Alexandria Guerra, Youth Council Advisor, Stacie Spahr, Noah Reck, Myrihe Rohbock, Sandee Spahr, Meya Rohbock, Cynthia Reck, Kambriah Simper and Melody Pfeifer, Youth Program Coordinator. Not pictured was Malachi Simper.

## Cowlitz Youth Council

The future leaders of our great Tribe have been in workgroups preparing for their commitment as representatives of the Cowlitz Tribe Youth. Tribal council has sworn in our first ever Youth Council

who will act as a voice for the youth while modeling positive attitudes and behaviors and speaking to youth issues. The 8 inaugural members are listed in the photo. They will be electing their

own officers and begin regular Youth Council meetings in addition to attending Tribal Council meetings. Please check the Cowlitz Tribal website and Facebook pages for the schedule.

FRESH FISH

**Are you interested in receiving fish ?**

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

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

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

(360) 772-9935

# Major Seattle Art Museum Exhibition Explores Legacy Of Photographer Edward S. Curtis From 21st-Century Perspectives

**Double Exposure: Edward S. Curtis, Marianne Nicolson, Tracy Rector, Will Wilson present historic Curtis photographs alongside work by three contemporary indigenous artists**

The Seattle Art Museum presents Double Exposure: Edward S. Curtis, Marianne Nicolson, Tracy Rector, Will Wilson (June 14–September 9, 2018), featuring iconic early 20th-century photographs by American photographer Edward S. Curtis (1868–1952) alongside contemporary works—including photography, video, and installation—by indigenous artists Marianne Nicolson, Tracy Rector, and Will Wilson. Held in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Curtis's birth, the exhibition ex-

plores the legacy of his historic portraits of Native Americans from 21st-century perspectives, focusing attention on Native and First Nations voices.

Edward S. Curtis is one of the most well-known photographers of Native people and the American West. Establishing a photography studio in Seattle in 1891, he made his first portrait of a Native American in 1895 of Princess Angeline (Kikisoblu), daughter of Chief Seattle. In 1906, funded by financier JP Morgan, he embarked on a decades-long project to photograph and document Native Americans and their traditional lifeways, resulting in *The North American Indian*, 20 volumes published between 1907 and 1930.

Double Exposure features over 150 iconic photographs by Edward S. Curtis, including famed portraits of historical figures such as Chief Joseph, Geronimo, and Princess Angeline. On view are rarely seen examples of his photos across many media: sepia-toned photogravures, platinum prints, sliver gelatin prints, cyanotypes, and orotones (goldtones), a process perfected by Curtis. The exhibition also includes one of Curtis's cameras, lantern slides he used in multimedia lectures promoting his project, audio field recordings of languages and songs made on wax cylinders, and a projection of his docu-drama feature-length film made in British Columbia, *In the Land of the Head Hunters*

(1914).

Threaded throughout the galleries of Curtis works are multimedia installations by three contemporary indigenous artists: Marianne Nicolson, Tracy Rector, and Will Wilson. Their work provides a crucial framework for a critical reassessment and understanding of Curtis's representations of Native peoples and the complex response that Natives and others have to those representations today.

*The Seattle Art Museum is located at 1300 First Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101 and at [www.seattleartmuseum.org](http://www.seattleartmuseum.org)*

## Cowlitz Drum Group

The Cowlitz Drum Group hosts a Culture Day every month.

We have partnered with Michael Hubbs to have language classes. This is helping bring back and support our need for language the heart of our culture. Cedar weaving, beading and

medicine classes have been taught.

Every month we feature different teachers. Rhonda Grantham is going to have gathering of herbs and medicine. It's time we learn and use our first foods which can heal us. Most importantly, we offer the teachings of our Cowlitz songs and dances.

*Each of us can learn and teach our future generations our songs. If you would like to learn our songs, please let us know. They are available on CD. Please contact: Cassy Sellards Reck*

at [cellardsreck@hotmail.com](mailto:cellardsreck@hotmail.com) or 360-513-1243, Steve Kutz: 360-731-2885 or

Melody Pfeifer: 360-562-5185 for more information.

Forest and Lands Program

### Food, Fiber, Firewood and Forest Gathering Program

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

## Gatherer



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.

**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](mailto:aboyd@cowlitz.org).

## Cowlitz Tribe Department of Transportation's Youth Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Event



**Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Ages 5 - 15**  
 Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
 Administration Parking Lot  
 1055 9<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
 Longview, WA 98632

Free resources!



Safety

Free safety gear!





Awareness



Helmet fittings, bicycle and pedestrian safety education, sharing the roadway rules, resources, safety equipment, freebies and much more!

Registration is **REQUIRED** to ensure availability of supplies.

Registration is available via:

- Cowlitz Indian Tribe Website at <https://www.cowlitz.org/>
- Email Amanda Workman, Project Coordinator at [aworkman@cowlitz.org](mailto:aworkman@cowlitz.org)
- Phone Amanda Workman, Project Coordinator at 360-353-9522
- Registration will also be available during the June 2<sup>nd</sup> General Council meeting at the Department of Transportation table.

Deadline for registration is June 6<sup>th</sup>





## Tribal Canoe Journey Is Largest Gathering In Western Washington

The Intertribal Canoe Journey has grown to be the largest gathering of Native Americans in western Washington. Nations and Tribes from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, California and as far away as Australia have come together to celebrate. The Canoe Journey began in

1989, when the "Paddle to Seattle" took place as part of the 100th anniversary of Washington Statehood.

The 2018 Canoe Journey is called the Power Paddle to Puyallup, with the theme being Honoring our Medicine. Practices have started for learning songs, dances and pulling in the

Canoe. The Canoe culture is focused on sobriety and restoring our strength as a people. The Canoe will be pulling in our aboriginal area on the Columbia River up to Puyallup. The planning and details are still being coordinated. The Ft. Vancouver celebration during the Cowlitz Canoe Journey protocol

is being planned for July 26, 2018. Updates will be on the Cowlitz web page and Facebook Cowlitz Culture & Canoe page.

*For more information please feel free to contact Devin Reck: 360-513-5886 or Vice Chair Ty Koch: 253-882-7592.*

## Cultural Resources Department Update

The Cowlitz Tribe's Cultural Resources Department (CRD) is working to increase capacity, improve services, and assist the many cultural programs that benefit Cowlitz citizens. In late 2017, CRD worked with the Cultural Resources Board (CRB) to get approval for several revenue budgets through Tribal Council for 2018.

Culture programming for 2018 includes Drum/Weaving Group, Canoe Family/Canoe Journey, Powwow, Huckleberry Camp and a special Baby Blasket project for Cowlitz members. CRB also provided Docket 218 funding to support events such as the Q'áleæsti? (eulachon smelt) celebration held March 3rd in 2018, the First Salmon Ceremony scheduled for June 3rd, and a Wapato harvest ceremony that is planned

for mid-fall. CRB-allocated funding also supports the Elders, Language, and Carving Programs. Other cultural opportunities include possible camas root harvests and a summer trip to Elk Mountain near Mount St. Helens.

In November of 2017, the CRB, many Council Members, and Tribal members, also met for a Culture strategic planning session. This work aimed to gain insight into what specific focus areas the Cowlitz People would like the Culture Department and Culture Board to prioritize in upcoming years. Future Culture planning meetings are anticipated in 2018, and we hope to finalize planning and begin working on cooperatively redrafting the Title 11 Code that specifies how the Department and Board jointly operate.

The CRD is pleased to announce the hiring of Cowlitz member Nichole Meyers as Program Assistant for the Culture Department. Nichole previously worked in the Child Care and Development Program, and is excited by the opportunity in CRD to meet more people, learn more about traditional culture, and assist Tribal members. Please welcome her to the department!

Archaeological staff in the CRD continue to review and comment on projects and proposals in the region, in order to protect both the hard culture of archaeology, and secure the opportunity to access traditional cultural resources on lands that have previously been inaccessible to the Tribe. This includes agreements to be able to access areas on the Columbia River floodplain for wap-

ato harvest. The Tribe has advertised for a registered professional archaeologist to join the CRD, in order to increase our effectiveness in consultation and representation. We anticipate filling that position soon.

The 2018 Culture Department is looking to better serve the Cowlitz People and the region in multiple ways. We will enhance the cultural events calendar on the website -- please contact us with any information and dates that needs posting. We are looking to develop the Culture page on the Cowlitz website with additional information and heritage material. We are developing educational curriculum partnerships with Master's in Teaching educators at WSU Vancouver that will eventually

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# Cultural Opportunities for the Cowlitz Tribal Members

By **Cassandra Sellards Reck**

The Cultural Resource Board (CRB) meets in the morning before Tribal Council at 7am. It is open to all Cowlitz Tribal member. The CRB is currently looking for a Cowlitz youth to become a CRB member. The requirement is a commitment to attend, ages 13-17 and an interest in Cowlitz culture. The following list is cultural opportunities for all Cowlitz Tribal members.

**May 24-27** Canoe Campout

**June 1-3** Cowlitz Encampment at the Cowlitz Landing Property

**June 3** Cowlitz Salmon Ceremony at the Cowlitz Landing Property, First Salmon Dinner at noon at St. Mary's

**June 8** Youth Board Meeting at the Longview Ernie Donovan Wellness Center at HHS at 6pm

**June 10** Cowlitz Canoe Pull

**June 21-24** Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp

**July 6-8** Canoe Camp Out

**July 13-** Cowlitz Youth Board at the Longview Ernie Donovan Wellness Center

**July 19- August 6** Cowlitz Canoe Journey

**Tentative Plan July 19** Travel to Nez Perce to participate in the awakening for their first carved canoe

**July 20** Nez Perce Pow Wow

**July 21** New Perce Canoe Awakening

**July 22** Travel to Beacon Rock

**July 23** Dallesport to Hood River

**July 24** Hood River to Cascade Locks

**July 25** Bonneville to Camas

**July 26** Camas to Ft. Vancouver- Protocol and camp at Ft. Vancouver

**July 27** Travel to Puyallup- Camp at Puyallup

**July 28-** Nisqually to Puyallup

**July 28- August 4** Protocol at Puyallup

**August 5** Travel to Cowlitz

**August 23-26** Huckleberry Camp at Swift River School House

**September 14** Youth Board at Longview Ernie Donovan Wellness Center

**September 15** Culture Day

**October 20** Culture Day and Drumming at 10am

**November 17** Culture Day and Drumming Thanksgiving at 10am

**December 15** Youth Christmas Party then the Cowlitz Culture Drum Day

The information for these events are available on the Cowlitz tribal website, Cowlitz Culture and Canoe Facebook which is open to all Cowlitz tribal members and by phone to the leads of the groups/events. For Canoe info, Devin Reck Canoe Chair: 360-513-5886, Ty Koch Vice Chair: 253-882-7592, Steve Kutz Lead Skipper: 360-731-2885. For Culture Day/Drum Group, and/or Huckleberry Camp, contact Youth Board Chair, Cassy Sellards Reck: 360-513-1243. You may also contact Melody Pfeifer Youth Program Coordinator: 360-562-5185.

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serve the 20-plus Washington school districts in Cowlitz Tribe's region. We are committed to working with heritage partners, artists, and educators in the community to make sure the Cowlitz story is strongly presented. We are writing both general and technical articles to strengthen Cowlitz identity in the region. Most importantly, we are developing opportunities for the Cowlitz People to celebrate and blend their heritage traditions and modern identity as Tribal citizens on this ancestral landscape.

Finally, we must sadly report that former long-term CRD Director dAVE Burlingame passed away in late 2017. Dave

was honored with moments of silence at the beginning of the January 2018 Tribal Council Meeting, by the Washington State Lands Commissioner and Tribal Leaders at a lands summit on February 7th, and at the Northwest Anthropological Conference in Boise on March 30th. Natural Resources Department Director Taylor Aalvik is serving as Acting Director of the Cultural Resources Dept., and Tribal Ecologist Nathan Reynolds is temporarily serving as Interim Cultural Program Manager. We are working with leadership to finalize future plans on CRD direction within the coming months.

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

## Pow Wow Committee



As another spring has arrived, the Pow Wow Committee has had a busy winter planning the 2018 Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow. Amazingly, this year marks the 19th annual event, and we are thrilled about this coming year's pow wow. We are excited to announce a location and date change to this year's event. As a testament to the quality of event and the hospitality of our Cowlitz people, due to the popularity of the event by both dancers and spectators, we have outgrown the Toledo High School gymnasium. We are very thankful and appreciative for the years of love and support we have received from the Toledo School District, its employees, and students as each of them have played a significant role in the success of our pow wow.

This year's Cowlitz Pow Wow will be held on October 20, 2018 at the Clark County Convention Center. As the committee discussed the necessity to expand to a new location, we have found that the convention center offers an outstanding facility that will accommodate everyone in an expansive and safe location. We are happy to announce that not only will we be improving safety for our Elders and visitors, we will be adding additional parking, and event security. There will be bleachers for spectators, a dedicated seating area on the floor for our Elders,

we will have all of our wonderful vendors selling their goods indoors and out of the elements. Most importantly, this move will allow us to continue to provide our famous salmon dinner following the afternoon dance session in an indoor environment. In what has become a Cowlitz Pow Wow tradition, we will honor all Veterans in attendance with a handmade gift following the afternoon grand entry. There will be various dance contests and many opportunities for all spectators to dance together throughout the day.

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

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

### OHANAPECOSH!! COWLITZ CAMPING

One of the more exciting things coming in 2018 is camping at Ohanapecosh Campground southwest of the Mount Rainier National Park. Chairman Iyall signed a special use permit in May 2017, which designates three campsites for Cowlitz use.

We have set up the first-come, first-served on-line reservation system at [www.webreserv.com/cowlitzindiantribe](http://www.webreserv.com/cowlitzindiantribe)

Each family may reserve up to one week in 2018.

Small RVs are welcome in site B7.

Check it out!

Reservation system will also be posted on

[www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org). Call (360) 577-8140 for assistance.



Jim Sherrill honored upon his retirement from Health and Human Services.

## Jim Sherrill Retires After 14 Years of Service

Recognizing 14 years of service to the HHS Department, we honor Jim Sherrill and wish him farewell and a happy retirement.

Jim began work as the Health & Human Services Director in 2004 with a mere four person



Jim Sherrill.

staff. Jim's achievements are many and include the growth of several new programs, the addition of 2 other locations with over 150 staff and so much more. Jim's vision for the department inspired and motivated. His compassion and leadership have touched all who worked with him.

Working with someone who inspires, teaches and motivates is a gift! Thank you Jim Sherrill for the many gifts you've bestowed upon us.

## Ohanapecosh Campsites!

*Tribal campsites now available!*

Cowlitz Tribal members may now book reservations for tribal campsites in our own special section of the campground.

Ohanapecosh, or *áwxanapayk-ash* in Taytnapam Upper Cowlitz language, translates as "standing at the edge-place", and refers to the cliff edges of the bedrock gorge through which the Ohanapecosh river flows.

Ohanapecosh Campground, on the southeast side of Mount Rainier National Park, is surrounded by old growth forest and crossed by an exceptionally beautiful snow-fed river. Close to Ohanapecosh are popular hikes to Silver Falls and the Grove of the Patriarchs.

The main attraction at Mount Rainier National Park is the mountain itself, a glacier-clad volcano of immense proportions. At 14,411 ft., it dominates the

skyline for hundreds of miles. Visitors travel through majestic old-growth forests, past tumbling waterfalls and historic buildings to reach sub-alpine meadows, where world-famous wild-flower displays are seen in July and August. Popular activities in the park include sight-seeing, hiking, climbing and camping.

Ohanapecosh campground has an elevation of 1,914 feet. Weather is dry, cool and sunny in the summer with daytime temperatures in the 60 to 80-degree range. Even though the eastern side of the park can be sunnier than other areas, weather can be variable and visitors should come prepared.

Book through [www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org) by clicking on Cultural Resources link on bottom of main page or use this link to go to full website: <https://www.weserv.com/cowlitzindiantribe>



Skloutwout Family Picnic circa 2015.

## 2018 Skloutwout Family Reunion

"Skloot Wout" is the Indian name of Lucy Weiser. Lucy Skloot Wout was born in 1821 in the area now known as Longview. Her Father was Oh-Ne-Quat-Nan and her Mother was Haquitz. Both parents were full blooded Cowlitz, so she was as well. Her first husband was Louis Gerand and her second husband was John Weiser. She had children by both so our reunion is open to all descendants. Lucy died in 1908 and is buried at the Cowlitz Prairie Catholic Cemetery on the same property as St. Mary's. Her name on the gravestone is Lucy Weiser. [please note that in times past, spellings varied, so I have used the spellings that we have commonly adopted in the family]. I believe that she lived in the Vader area, but cannot prove it.

Among the family lines that are descended from Skloutwout are Reynolds (including Williams, Miller, and Aalvik), Wilson as in Roy Wilson, descendants of Julian Bernier (including Roney, Hoerling, Smith, Duprey, Nelson, and Ragan), Sophie & Joseph LeGarde, (Earl, Baker, and Reed), Brandle and Charles. The closer you get to the present, more names get added. Listed above are the major forebears of the Skloutwout Families.

We have been working on a large

family tree on poster board which will be on display at the picnic. Additional names are always needed to make it more complete. If you think that you may be a Skloutwout descendant but are not sure, come and find out. Please bring pictures, written family histories, and memories to share, plus a potluck dish to contribute to the meal. All Skloutwout descendants are welcome to attend; the gathering is not limited to Cowlitz tribal members

**When:** Sunday, August 26th, 2018 - 11am until mid-afternoon

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

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

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

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Lucy (Skloot wout) Weiser, Cowlitz (1828-1899)

## Walking On dAVE Burlingame

May 9, 1966 — December 8, 2017

dAVE was an exceptional person. He was the first child that could read and write when he went to kindergarten at Napavine. There was a big write up about it in the local newspaper, I was so proud! He won many excellence awards throughout his school years such as; Knowledge Bowl Competition, Most Creative, Spelling, Art Awards, Outstanding Junior Art, Artistic Excellence in Regional High School Art Show, and achieving a rating of Excellent in Expository from Evergreen College for the year 1984, while he was still in high school. dAVE began collecting comic books when he was about 12 years old. These were #1 certified collector items. He also enjoyed his Match Box collection. He attended Centralia College. When the Tribe went to Washington, DC, for the signing of the federal acknowledgement documents, he was able to attend.

dAVE worked at the Chehalis library for a number of years before moving to Renton to work at the Seattle Public Li-



brary. He then moved to Salkum, Washington and dAVE started working for the Tribe shortly thereafter, in his dream job as Director of the Cultural Resources Department. He knew a lot about culture from family teachings.

dAVE had one daughter, Olivia Burlingame, who was his pride and joy. He was also a member of the huge Ike Kinswa Family. I shall miss him and love him always and my life has been changed forever...

dAVE's Mom,  
Wendy Kinswa

## Former Intern Studies Abroad

Cowlitz Tribal member and former Natural Resources Department Intern Emma Johnson, decided to continue her studies abroad. Emma was recently awarded the prestigious Udall Scholarship. The Udall Foundation awards scholarships to college sophomores and juniors for leadership, public service, and commitment to issues related to Native American nations or to the environment.

Emma has toured Fiordland National Park, Mt. Cook in New Zealand, and the Kuranda Rainforest in Australia. She has also taken a cruise through Milford Sound in New Zealand, and did some scuba diving in the Great Barrier Reef near Australia. When asked about her travels and how it has impacted her chosen profession, Emma said this:

"One of the key aspects of being an anthropologist is being non-ethnocentric, meaning trying your best to not compare your culture with others. It's human nature; everyone is biased to their own cultures. But while studying other cultures and conducting field research it is vital for anthropologists to immerse themselves into said culture and do their best to portray the culture from the peoples' perspective, sharing its true identity and not an outsiders view. Studying abroad has pushed me to be unbiased. I witness new cultures (what feels like every day). I live in a very di-



Emma Johnson scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef.

verse city with endless cultures. Not only have I been able to expand my anthropological skills, I have also been able to learn about the Maori, the indigenous peoples of New Zealand. I am currently in a Maori song and dance class and I absolutely love it. It honestly makes me feel like I'm home, their language is absolutely beautiful. This experience has not only benefited me academically, it has taught me an immense amount about myself. I have met so many wonderful people from all over the world and look forward to the rest of my time here on this beautiful island."

## Spring Celebration Calendar

### January

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

### February

Jackson Gabbard Feb 7th  
Michael Donaldson Feb 17th

### March

McCoy Gabbard March 2nd  
Wendy Lee Kinswa March 3rd  
Happy Anniversary Deena and Greg Aff March 22nd

### April

Happy 91st Birthday Juanita Clark April 13th  
Deena Aff April 23rd  
Debbie Hassler April 25th  
Nancy Osborne April 29th

### May

Richard Allan VanRiper May 5th  
Kayla Kay VanRiper May 18th  
Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens May 19th  
Eric Smalley May 19th  
Jacob Aff May 28th

### June

Michaela Guerra June 2nd  
David "Buzz" Dean Russell June 3rd  
Randy Russell June 23rd

19<sup>TH</sup> Annual  
Honoring The Spirit Of All Cowlitz People

POW  WOW

October 20, 2018  
Clark County Fairgrounds  
Ridgefield, Washington

New location, New date, Same Cowlitz hospitality  
All under one roof!

~ Singing      ~ Craft vendors  
~ Dancing      ~ Salmon Dinner

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Facebook – Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow

  
CLARK COUNTY  
EVENT CENTER  
*at the fairgrounds*



Photo of the Cottenoir Family parents: Eugene David and Mary Josephine Plamondon, daughters Dollie, Sadie, son Leo, and daughter Rose, all born and raised on the Cowlitz Prairie. They traveled throughout Washington as Eugene was a donkey tender in the logging industry. Photo circa early 1940's.

**Will Hooton**, son of Nathan and Tonja Hooton, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the Boy Scouts of America's highest rank, in December 2017. To achieve this rank, he was required to complete a service project for his community. He built an informational kiosk on the Missouri State Fairgrounds that holds information on the local area, as well as the history and influence of Native Americans in the county and state. Will recently was accepted into the Missouri Scholars Academy, a summer academic program for the top 330 high school sophomores in the state of Missouri. This academy helps students who strive for excellence to have an opportunity to find their full potential. Throughout his life, Will has represented his Cowlitz heritage with pride and honor. He attributes his success to his faith in the Creator and support of his family and community.



### Whitey Devlin and Matt Mosback Wed

Sunday, August 20, 2017, Spiritual Leader Tanna Engdahl blessed the union of Matt Mosback and Whitney Devlin. Whitney is the daughter of Cowlitz Tribal member, Sheril Dea. The ceremony was held Saturday, October 7, 2017 at the Pearson Air Museum in Vancouver, WA. The wedding was officiated by Pastor Giovanni and followed by a reception with Cowlitz Spiritual Leader, Tribal leadership, friends and family.



Left to right: Honor roll students Amellia McCauley, Braeden McCauley, Carli Williams, Mike and Diane Hause, grandparents of the Williams, Hause and McCauley honor students, Hunter Williams, and Michael Hause. Mike Hause's Cowlitz family are the Wannassays.

### Honor Students

**Hunter Williams**, 6th grade student at Coweeman Middle School, Kelso, Washington made a perfect 4.0 GPA. He loves all sports, participating in football, wrestling and is a pitcher, catcher and 2nd baseman with Kelso Youth's Major's Baseball team.

**Carli Williams** is a freshman at Kelso High School and has earned a 3.88 GPA. She recently lettered, as a freshman, on the Varsity swim team. She went to districts competition and placed in the 200m Individual Medley and 100m backstroke. Carli is a Scholar Athlete for the Greater St. Helens League and Kelso High School. She has recently enrolled in Driver's Ed. Hunter and Carli are the children of Jill and Charles Williams of Kelso, Washington.

**Michael Hause** earned a 3.5 GPA. He is in 8th grade at Coweeman Middle School in Kelso. He participates in football, wrestling and plays for Babe Ruth Baseball as a pitcher, catcher and 1st baseman. He enjoys riding his 4-wheeler on the Oregon sand dunes.

**Chloe Hause** is a junior at Kelso High School in Kelso. She has earned a 3.6 GPA and has lettered in Varsity swimming. She is an artist, specializing in Charcoal and water colors. She is in her 2nd year of American Sign Language and became a peer tutor this year. Chloe will graduate next year and plans on becoming a labor and delivery nurse.

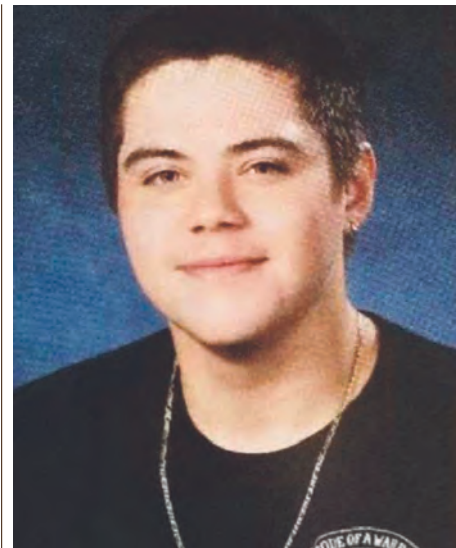
Michael and Chloe are the children of Michael and Heather Hause of Kelso, Washington.

**Braeden McCauley** is in the 6th grade at Coweeman Middle School in Kelso, and has earned a 3.24 GPA. He participates in football and enjoys baseball. Braeden is a catcher, pitcher and 1st baseman. He is a motorcycle enthusiast and loves to ride.

His parents are Brad McCauley of Kelso and Jennifer McCauley also of Kelso.

**Amelia McCauley** attends Kelso High School and earned a 3.4 GPA. She recently enrolled in Driver's Ed and is known as a friendly, kind person.

Proud Grandparents of the children are Diane and Michael Hause of Kelso.



Cowlitz Tribal member **Kyle Lopez**, who participated in the Cowlitz Youth Program and Tribal Canoe Journey, graduated from Kelso High School, April 2018. Kyle attended Kelso public schools throughout his education. Kyle is the son of Tribal member Jose Lopez Jr and Britney Sorensen, and the oldest grandson of Melody Pfeifer. He is employed with Foster Farms and plans to attend a trade school this fall. Kyle's family is extremely proud and honored to have this young man rise up and let nothing stand in the way of his dreams "THE FUTURE IS YOURS KYLE" we love you!



## Congratulations Kayla Mae Aalvik

Cowlitz Tribal member Kayla Mae Aalvik has made it on the Honor Roll for the second trimester at Coweeman Middle school in Kelso, Washington. She demonstrates impeccable perseverance and dedication to succeed, with numerous talents in which she strives to excel. Last year Kayla was given the President's award for her outstanding academic achievements and recently was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. She is also in the Hi-CAP program for Washington State. This highly capable program is for students who perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments. She also received the Bronze Award as a Girl Scout, which is the highest achievement she can make for her activities and excellence in serving the community and learning to become a strong young lady.



Kayla also strives to excel in the Arts of Ballet and Singing. She has recently been in the leading role as Clara in the "The Nutcracker" performance at Columbia Theatre in Longview, WA through the Evergreen Dance Center. She has attended summer ballet programs at Oregon Ballet Theatre two years in a row, and was recently selected to attend the American Ballet Theatre summer intensive program this summer in Alabama. Only about 25% of young ladies who try out for the program ever make it in. Way to Go Kayla! She has also received an honorable mention from the State for her singing abilities. Kayla is the daughter of Tracy and Taylor Aalvik. They are very proud of her achievements and work hard to support her activities in helping her to achieve her full potential.

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**Mariah Vogler**, daughter of Celine Cloquet, will be graduating from North Beach High School with a diploma and an Associate's Degree from Grays Harbor College this June. Her desire is to emulate her tribal ancestors and family members' commitment to military service and follow their footsteps in serving her country. Due to her outstanding grades, athletic ability and display in leadership, throughout her middle and high School career, Mariah has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy Preparatory School – class of 2019 and will matriculate to the United States Naval Academy, class of 2023. Her goal is to graduate as a commissioned officer serving in the Marine Corps.



Cowlitz Tribal members getting snacks at the opening of the Cowlitz Ballroom



Ribbon is cut at Event Center Grand Opening. L-R is Kathy Regan-Pyne, Mohegan Council, Jess Groll, Cowlitz CTGA, Tom Burke, Mohegan G&E COO, Kara Fox-LaRose, ilani General Manager, Bill Iyall, Cowlitz Chairman, Sonny Bridges, Cowlitz CTGA, Carolyn Medeiros, Cowlitz CTGA and Dave Barnett, ilani Founder.



Cowlitz Tribal council members, Mohegan Council members, Cowlitz CTGA members and ilani Sr Management staff at the grand opening of the Cowlitz Ballroom. Front row l-r: Tim Van Mechelen Cowlitz TC, Steve Kutz, Cowlitz TC, Sonny Bridges, Cowlitz CTGA, Cowlitz Chairman Bill Iyall, Carolyn Medeiros, Cowlitz CTGA, Carolee Morris, Cowlitz TC, Kathryn Iyall-Vasquez, Cowlitz TC. Back row l-r: Tom Teesdale, ilani Marketing VP, Kara Fox-LaRose, ilani General Manager, Jeff Walker, ilani VP Gaming, Dan Meyer, Cowlitz TC, Philip Harju, Cowlitz TC, Kathy Regan-Pyne, Mohegan TC, Joseph Smith, Mohegan TC, Jim Dougherty, ilani Assistant General Manager, Tom Burke, Mohegan G&E COO, Al Muma, ilani VP Human Resources, Dave Barnett, ilani Founder, Mike Iyall, Cowlitz TC



Cowlitz Spiritual Leaders Roy Willson and Tanna Engdahl lead the drum group procession to open new Event Center.

## Complete Your College Internship At ilani

We are dedicated in partnering with outstanding individuals who share in our commitment and passion in serving our guests. Ambition, dedication, attention to detail, and a warm smile are all winning characteristics that lead to the spirit of who we are. As an intern you are also a team member, and part of your experience will be representing ilani with our mission, vision, and values. It is with the spirit of Tâlicn "to help" that we welcome you.

Applications for summer 2018 in-

ternships will be accepted from April 30, 2018 until May 31, 2018.

For this opportunity or other open jobs please apply online at <https://ilani-resort.com/about-ilani/jobs-careers.html/>

Please note the application for Internship will be available starting on April 30, 2018. For consideration you must apply online. For questions and / or assistance please call Molly Maloney, Employment Manager at 360-887-6590.



Cowlitz Drum group pictured after blessing new Meeting and Event Center.





Cowlitz Tribal members Whitney Mosback, ilani Executive Management Associate, and Gregg Ford, newest member of the Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Commission, socialize at the Cowlitz Meet and Greet.



Cowlitz Tribal members and ilani employees (L-R) Austin Moore, Laken Ehrhorn, Kattie Stone, Elizabeth Moore, Shawn Moore, and Alex Marthaller seated in chair, socialize at the Cowlitz Meet and Greet.

# Cowlitz Tribal Member Employees At ilani

Based on an observed need for more tribal information, Cowlitz members working on the property can now attend meetings that have been setup. Many team members asked about resources available and expressed a desire to learn about our culture. They also wanted development opportunities and to connect with committees. In January, with the support of Chairman Iyall and President and General Manager, Kara Fox-Larose, ilani employee and Cowlitz liaison Whitney Mosback implemented Cowlitz Socials and Cowlitz Meet and Greets. All Cowlitz working at ilani, tenants, and commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Each month, tribal members have the opportunity attend Cowlitz Socials to get to know each other and learn about resources available in Tribal Government, Health and Human Services, and ilani. Socials are informal to provide a comfortable space for conversations and inquiries. Tribal members discuss professional development opportunities, upcoming events, and tribal amenities. In these roundtable discussions, all are learning from each other's experiences. Team members share knowledge gained from involvement in tribal government, committees, tribal council, as well as their respected employment. In March, ilani President and General Manag-



Kayla VanRiper introduces herself as fellow Cowlitz members (L-R) Rourk Monohon, Vice-Chairman, Phil Harju, Don Sr., Don Jr., and Tessa Walkingshaw look on.

er, Kara Fox-Larose provided a general overview of past, present, and the future of ilani. Also in March, Vice-President of Human Resources and Guest Services, Al Muma joined to give insight into an upcoming development program. Tribal members inquired about business operations, career development opportunities, and the next meet and greet.

Four times a year, Cowlitz Tribal Members gather in the VIP Lounge for Cowlitz Meet and Greets. Representa-



Andreas and Leticia Mancilla-Smiley introduce themselves at the Cowlitz Meet and Greet. Listening to the introductions are Whitney Mosback and Cowlitz Chairman, Bill Iyall.

tives of our Tribal Government, Health and Human Services, Spiritual Leaders, Cowlitz Tribal Department of Safety Police, Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Authority, Cowlitz Tribal Gaming Commission, and ilani will attend. The purpose is to provide team members the opportunity to meet representatives in person and hear firsthand about resources that are available, learn about our culture, and understand how to get involved.

Tribal Members who participate in

the socials and meet and greet gatherings said they had not attended a Tribal meeting before. "This is my first Cowlitz meeting!" announced one tribal member. They are now involved in committees and utilizing resources. One tribal member was even elected as an official on one of our government committees. All are inspired to continue attending events, learning about career development opportunities and getting involved in our culture.

# Health and Human Services

## New Diabetes/Health Educator

Cowlitz Department of Health is happy to introduce our new Diabetes/Health Educator, Lieutenant Alyssa Fine. Alyssa is an officer in the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). She has a Bachelor's Degree in African Studies and a Masters in Nursing. She is also completing her hours to become a certified diabetes educator. Alyssa began working with us December 2017, and has already implemented diabetes prevention classes in Longview and Vancouver, weekly fitness classes during the lunch hour, employee wellness activities and has been working in the community to make others aware of Tribal activities. You can find out what activities are planned by joining the Cowlitz Tribal Health and Services Page on Facebook.

## Clinic Donation

It's always nice to hear that your work is appreciated. Dr. Eng recently received a \$5,000 donation from a grateful patient. It is intended to be used for equipment for the Longview Cowlitz Indian Tribe Medical Clinic. We have already purchased a new scale and an automatic blood pressure machine. We are honored and humbled by this act of generosity.

## Workplace Wellness Award

Cowlitz Indian Tribe received an award from the Washington State Health Care Authority. We were acknowledged for our continued commitment to employee wellness. Special thanks to the efforts of Melissa Kirk, Dietician, who has provided opportunities and education to employees in improving and maintaining our wellness.

# Overdose Kits Acquired for Cowlitz Tribal Clinic in Tukwila

We would like to thank Manny Pablo, RN, for his work to collaborate with King Co Behavioral Health and Addictions Division, to acquire 50 two dose Narcan overdose kits for the Cowlitz Tribal Health Clinic in Tukwila, Washington. This medication is one small but critical piece in helping slow the devastating effects of our current opioid epidemic. Manny along with Ross Wiebe, ARNP, are growing our MAT program. Patients and their family members are grateful for the services.



Manny Pablo, RN, poses with the 50 two dose Narcan overdose kits he acquired for the Cowlitz Tribal Health Clinic in Tukwila. This medication will help our current opioid epidemic.

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Youth helping each other complete a rope course.

# Healing of the Canoe

## What Is The Healing of the Canoe Program:

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. Identifying the need for the prevention of youth substance abuse, the need for a sense of cultural belonging and cultural revitalization and life skills for Cowlitz County youth. The Healing of the Canoe program has sought to address these issues through a community based, culturally grounded prevention and 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. We use a mix of lecture, discussion, dialogue, multi-media, student presentations, cultural activities, field trips, team building and group activities. Emphasis is placed on active participation and a commitment to the course. This course is customized around the Cowlitz Indi-

an Tribe with a host of guest speakers from Tribal members and other community members that share on a wide variety of topics to increase exposure to the culture, resilience and teaching Cowlitz tribal traditions.

## Up and Coming Gatherings:

- **Longview** — June 18th- July 13th (no classes the week of the 4th of July) ages 9-12 years old

- **July 16th** — Aug 3rd ages 13-17 yrs old

- **Vancouver** — June 25th- July 13th (no classes the week of the 4th of July) grades 6th-8th  
July 25th — Aug 3rd grades 9th-12th

## Did You Know?

2017-2018: 60 Youth enrolled and 53 Youth completed this program successfully!

*Want to learn more? Contact Program Coordinator, Vashiti Langford: [vlangford.health@cowlitz.org](mailto:vlangford.health@cowlitz.org),*

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# Steven Kutz Awarded The Adeline Garcia Community Service Award

It is our pleasure to announce that Steven Kutz, our Executive Director of Health and Human Services and Council Member for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, was awarded an Adeline Garcia Community Service Award. This award from the Seattle Indian Health Board, honors leaders who have made significant contributions to the Seattle Indian community and continued dedication toward the health of Native people. Steven Kutz has worked to include the Urban Indian voice through his work as the Chairperson of the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State. We congratulate Steven on his continued efforts to promote health for Native people.



Adeline Garcia Community Service Award recipients L-R: Coleen Echohawk-Hayashi, Director of the Chief Seattle Club, Seattle, Washington, Steve Kutz, Chairperson of the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State and Director of Health and Human Services for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Marilyn Scott, Vice Chairperson of the Upper Skagit Tribe and Health Director of Health and Human Services, and Ester Lucero, Director of Seattle Indian Health Board which is the Seattle Urban Indian Health Program who presented the awards.

## Cowlitz Health Board – Medicare Part B and D Reimbursement

By *Cassy Sellards Reck*

The Health Board tirelessly strives to offer comprehensive healthcare for our Cowlitz Tribal members. Recently the Health Board approved and forwarded to Tribal Council a plan to pay for Medicare Part B and D deductibles for our Elders 65 years and older.

Many of the tribes in the Pacific Northwest are able to reimburse their Elders for the money taken out of their Social Security. We wanted to do the same. Our Elders have fought and stood for our Nation while many of us were just growing. It's with great honor that the Health Board, with our Executive Director Steve Kutz, could put together a comprehensive plan. It was approved unanimously by the Health Board in November 2017. It was then forwarded to the Tribal Council in December 2017 and approved.

Through our work with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, we have developed many allies. In early March, the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua shared with us their written policies and procedures for their Medicare reimbursement program. We're so grateful for these collaborative relationships that build up and benefit each Tribe.

Currently, the Tribe is creating and posting for the position of benefits coun-

selor. When the staff member is hired, they will create the policy which will be used for reimbursement. At the last Tribal Council meeting when it was discussed, it was talked about going retroactively to January 2017 for reimbursement, giving tribal members over age 65 time to collect the needed information to be able to be ready when it is time to submit applications for their reimbursement.

### Medication Assisted Treatment

With the impressive work of the Tukwila (Seattle) Health and Human Services office, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) was approved. There was a business plan and presentation to Health Board and Tribal Council. They brought in Medical providers to educate leadership about the growing need in our community to help our tribal members with opioid addiction. This program does same-day assessments, offering Suboxone and other medications to assist with substance abuse treatment. There are wraparound services including case management, mental health therapy, family support, and assistance getting insurance and healthcare services that are needed for success in staying substance-free. Director Elizabeth Tail is continuing to expand services, including looking for housing to help

people in crisis.

Under the leadership of Debbie Hassler, Pathways to Healing Program Manager, the program now has staff in the Tukwila facility. The PTH advocates can provide a range of assistance to Tribal members and other American Indians and Alaska Natives who have been victimized by crime, including domestic and/or sexual abuse or Elders abuse. They can offer help with legal, housing, and other challenges. Services in Tukwila are growing and open to all Cowlitz Tribal members and other American Indians and Alaska Natives in the area. The services are culturally based and focused on the wellness of our people.

### Contract Health Services (CHS) New Benefits

- There are new benefits that continue to increase as we can afford them. The goal is comprehensive health, dental, pharmacy, and human services care for all tribal members. Another example of our benefits expansion is coverage of massage and chiropractic services (personal choice, with physician referral), for up to 12 visits a year and/or \$900, utilizing insurance first and CHS as the payer of last resort. Drug prescriptions are being added, too, and assessed based upon need.
- The latest prescription topical pain

medication, Voltaren, was approved to address the needs of our members. The Health Board can review and approve medications based on our budget and the need for medications.

- Fitness (gym) membership reimbursement continues to be used by tribal members. We cover the costs of sign-up and monthly membership, with proof of twice-weekly attendance. This is a great benefit for our members who want to improve their physical fitness and reduce the burden of diseases due to obesity.

- We now cover cataract lens surgery with intraocular lens placement. This benefit is for enrolled Tribal members who live in the CHS Delivery Area of Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Thurston, Pierce, King, Kittitas, and Wahkiakum counties in Washington, and Columbia County, Oregon.

*The Health Board is dedicated to serving our Tribal members. We are continually assessing the budget and trying to expand services to our tribal members. We attend many state, tribal and federal meetings, striving to learn how we can improve and grow. If you have questions or ideas, please call Chair Cassy Sellards Reck: 360-513-1243 or Vice-Chair Debbie Hassler: 360-397-8228.*

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 Tukwila, WA 98188
- Longview**  
 1055 9th Ave  
 Longview, WA 98632
- Toledo**  
 107 Spencer Rd  
 Toledo, WA 98591
- Vancouver**  
 7700 NE 26th Ave  
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Washington State

### Government Services out of Toledo

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

### Government Services out of Longview

- |                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Tribal Council</b> | Health & Human Services |
| Burial Assistance     | Human Resources         |
| Cultural Resources    | Legal                   |
| Education             | LIHEAP                  |
| Enrollment            | Natural Resources       |
| Food Commodities      | Transportation          |

Oregon State



## Cowlitz Indian Tribe

Health and Human Services  
by Site:

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <b>Seattle</b><br>15455 65th Ave S<br>Tukwila, WA 98118                          | <b>Toledo</b><br>107 Spencer Rd<br>Toledo, WA 98591 | <b>Longview</b><br>1055 9th Ave<br>Longview, WA 98632  | <b>Vancouver</b><br>7700 NE 26th Ave<br>Vancouver, WA 98665                                      |
| Mental Health<br>Chemical Dependency<br>Co-Occurring Disorder<br>Case Management | Housing<br>Elders                                   | Primary Care Clinic<br>Mental Health<br>Chemical Dependency<br>Vocational Rehab<br>Health Education<br>Dietician | Mental Health<br>Chemical Dependency<br>Domestic Violence/<br>Sexual Assault<br>Vocational Rehab |

Washington State

### 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

Oregon State

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# Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet Opens

By **Tim Van Mechelen**

The Economic Development Committee and Economic Development Department celebrated the grand opening of the Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet (CTO) at a ribbon cutting ceremony April 6, 2018 on the Cowlitz Reservation land.

The Outlet, which first opened for business in January 2018, offers a large selection of affordable tobacco products such as cigarettes, loose tobacco, cigars, chewing tobacco and tobacco accessories, and single pack cigarettes. The outlet also offers smoked Salmon, snacks, beverages, and candy.

Cowlitz Tribal Members age 18 and over with Cowlitz Tribal ID, receive a 30% discount on cigarettes. Other tobacco products and items in the store are al-

ready at wholesale prices and are not discounted. Cowlitz Tribe employees and employees of the ilani resort and casino receive a 10% discount on cigarettes.

The Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet employs 5 full-time and 3 part-time employees and is managed by Marie Murray, who comes to the store with over 20 years of experience in retail marketing, including 14 years with the Swinomish Tribe. The Outlet is located under the ilani sign that can be seen from I-5.

Weekday Hours: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Weekend Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Hours are extended during evening events.

For more information, please contact Marie Murray at (360) 727-2161.



Chairman Bill Iyall with members of the Economic Development Committee and Economic Development Department, celebrate the opening of the Cowlitz Tobacco Outlet. L-R Steve Kutz, Chairman Iyall, Taylor Aalvik, Rourk Monohon, Don Van Mechelen, Tim Van Mechelen, Whitney Mosback and Don Walkingshaw J.

## Tribal Housing Services Offered

You must live in Washington state and be an enrolled member of the Cowlitz Tribe.

For applications or info please email us at: [cowlitzhousing@CITH.US](mailto:cowlitzhousing@CITH.US) or call us: (360)864-8720.

### Down Payment Assistance

Your Tribal Housing Department is happy that more and more tribal members are applying for down payment assistance so the tribe can help members realize the American Dream of Homeownership!

### Student Rental Assistance

The Cowlitz Tribe has always encouraged education and is proud to offer Student Rental Assistance to full time college students. HUD rules apply.

### Elder Housing

Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing welcomes you to the Tribe's beautiful 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) welcome. Must pass background check, drug screen, & low-income requirements.

### Rental and Mortgage Payment Assistance

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

### Help to Avoid Foreclosure

Tribal members affected by the current mortgage crisis should call the follow-

ing number to avoid foreclosure: 1-888-995-4673, or explore the Making Home Affordable Program website: [www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/](http://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 short sale and a deed-in-lieu.

### Home Rehab

Tribal Housing will repair qualifying tribal member's homes to provide decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings to our tribal members. HUD low income rules apply to both homes and families.

### Well and Sewer Repair

### or Replacement

In certain geographical areas, Indian Health Services provides help with sanitation facilities such as sewer, septic, and water to Tribal homeowners. Cowlitz Tribal Housing is the designated area representative for Indian Health Scattered Site projects – we issue applications etc.

### Homeownership or Financial Counseling

For free home buyer education classes in your city, go to HUD's free homebuyer counseling in your city:

[www.hud.gov/I\\_want\\_to\\_talk\\_to\\_a\\_housing\\_counselor](http://www.hud.gov/I_want_to_talk_to_a_housing_counselor).

Emergency Assistance: We have a limited amount of emergency funds for qualifying tribal members.

## Global Cooling: Are You Ready for the Real Climate Change?

By **Rod Van Mechelen**

September 2017 Olympia, WA: Truckloads of government money have gone to prove that you are responsible for global warming climate change and, like in the movies, we have to sacrifice virgins to the weather gods to...sorry, wrong epoch. Correction: we have to sacrifice your standard of living to Al Gore to save the planet 100 years from now. Except that they're lying.

The truth is that global warming paused in 1998. Global cooling began in 2015. And within a few years at most the world is likely to experience crop-destroying extreme weather events.

At worst this could be the end of the current interglacial period, also known as the Holocene, and a resumption of the ice age. The middle case is that the solar hiber-

nation will be as extreme as it was during what is called the Little Ice Age, which began around 1645 and ended around 1850.

Whatever the case, the global climate is going to grow dangerously colder. It's not the cold that will pose the danger, however, but the unseasonable weather it will bring.

Some parts of the world, like Cowlitz Country, could actually get milder. East of the Cascades, however, it will probably get much colder. And with increasing frequency, growing seasons around the planet will be interrupted by extreme weather events, like devastating frosts, snow, hail and flooding in late spring or early autumn that will destroy crops and cause food shortages. It has happened before, and it has already started to happen again.

### Not the End of the World

This is the real climate change happening right now. There are no climate change deniers. By definition, climate changes, and nobody denies it. But climate, like the weather, is cyclical. American Indian tribal traditions and oral history reflect that.

This is not the end of the world. But there could be mass hysteria due to food shortages caused by short growing seasons, food prices skyrocketing and people going hungry.

In addition, global cooling is accompanied by an increase in earthquake activity. Like global cooling, this is caused by the sun. When the output of the sun wanes, it allows more cosmic rays into the solar system. An increase in cosmic rays causes an increase in cloud cover, which accelerates

global cooling and coincides with an increase in earthquakes. So John Casey, former NASA scientist, White House adviser and author of Dark Winter, warns that the New Madrid and San Andreas faults, and the southern end of the Cascadia Subduction Zone will be most at risk.

### Making Ready

With risk comes opportunity. Tribal Council can take action to mitigate the risks, help our members to survive and thrive, and to leverage the opportunities. To learn more, read the full version of this article here: [www.cowlitzcountry.com/climatechange/2018](http://www.cowlitzcountry.com/climatechange/2018)

Rod Van Mechelen served on the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Council from 2002 to 2012.



## The Fish Program Moving Along

The fish program within the Natural Resources Department made it a goal to get filleted and sealed fish into the hands of Elders. Over 60 fillets were distributed among elders in the month of February.

We were so often hearing “We would love to get some fish but it is just so hard to fillet.” The Natural Resources Department has teamed up with the Elders kitchen to do just that!

Taylor Aalvik, NRD Director mentioned; “The goal here is to continue to improve our program by establishing fish to be processed and delivered to the Elders program for disbursement on a monthly basis. This is something that has and continues to require a great deal of coordination to make possible.” He also states “Nothing is more rewarding than seeing one of our first foods be placed back into a Cowlitz Household.



Deb Mizner distributing fillets among Elders

We hope to improve and broaden the program as time moves forward.” A big thank you goes to Deb Mizner & Staff in coordinating these efforts.

*For further questions regarding the filleted fish please call Deb Mizner (360) 864-7006.*



Dalton Fry operating the boat to retrieve the fyke net on the Cowlitz River.



Stuart Freitas setting the float after pulling the fyke net.

## 2018 Qwálesti? (eulachon smelt) update

The 2017/2018 Qwálesti? (eulachon smelt) spawning stock biomass survey is almost complete with one month remaining. We are sad to say that the run was very dismal this year. Our fyke net harvests on the lower Cowlitz River have fallen to 0, and have been consistently low all year. We never caught more than a few tens of fish in any week of our survey work. Overall, the return was so poor that the commercial test fishery in the Columbia River only harvested 250 pounds of smelt, and both Washington and Oregon States canceled any chance of a recreational dip net fishery. The Tribe did not have any opportunity for

our annual Qwálesti? ceremonial dip. In place of the usual Smelt Celebration, Cowlitz Spiritual leaders gathered at the Cowlitz River on March 3rd, offering prayers, drumming and a calling to the smelt so the Qwálesti? nation would know they are respected and wanted by the Cowlitz People.

This is the fourth year the Natural Resources Department has conducted this scientific research, and when fieldwork and analysis is complete, we will be able to compare the size of this year's return with that of the previous three years. Our results will let us know specifically how poor this year's return has been.

## Fossil Fuel Proposals Update

### • Millennium Bulk Terminals — Longview

Millennium Bulk Terminals and their parent company, Lighthouse Resources, Inc., have begun a series of court challenges against the State of Washington in both State and Federal Court in regard to their proposed development. This comes as no surprise and tells us that they are serious in making every effort to try and get this coal terminal established. Even Cowlitz County is challenging Ecology over the water quality permit denial. We are planning to meet with project opponents next week and develop strategies moving forward to try and keep this coal project from gaining any traction. We have invested a lot towards recovery of salmon and other species in our homelands. It is challenging

to see these continued threats when we are trying to recover from past environmental damages. We will continue to fight for our first foods from these potentially devastating industrial developments.

### • Tesoro Savage Oil Terminal — Port of Vancouver

The WA State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) submitted a recommendation to the Governor on denying the proposed oil terminal in Vancouver, WA. That was made official on December 20th. Governor Inslee subsequently made a final decision killing the proposal. We were strong opponents of this project; as it could have been a potentially devastating development along the Lower Columbia River. This is

great news, as we were able to keep a potential catastrophic oil spill out of the Columbia.

We are also trying to work with the various Port Authorities along the Lower Columbia, to address our concerns and reasoning for our position regarding certain proposals. We intend to try and work with them to find more environmentally sound economic opportunities for the region that values jobs for the economy, and doing so in a very environmentally conscious manner.

### • Mining Concerns — Goat Mountain Mine Prospecting

The Forest Service is moving forward to allow exploratory drilling on Goat Mountain near our sacred Mt. St. Helens. The next decision comes from the Bureau of Land Management. We have worked hard to keep this “exploratory drilling” from happening because it could then lead to a potentially harm-

ful open pit mine near an important salmon bearing stream. We are now looking at alternatives in the future regarding thwarting any mining establishment in the area. Plans are being initially made on trying to work with our Representatives in Washington, DC to see about changes in laws and other options to prevent this mine on in our Forest. We will also work with the Cascade Forest Conservancy (CFC) organization on considering other options for the future as well.

The NRD continues to do a lot of work and are having a positive impact towards the health of our environment and community.

*For more information on these projects and other programs, Contact the Natural Resources Department, Tiffini Alexander at (360) 353-9509 or [talexander@cowlitz.org](mailto:talexander@cowlitz.org). Taylor Aalvik, Natural Resources Department Director can be reached at (360) 575-3306 or [taylor.a@cowlitz.org](mailto:taylor.a@cowlitz.org).*



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