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Nothing but Day light

By Micheal Rios

Multi-sport athlete and Tulalip tribal member, Tucker Day, has taken up the grid iron challenge. Having already found early success on the baseball diamond as both a pitcher and hitter, the inspiring 11-year-old has swapped his glove and baseball for shoulder pads, a helmet, and a nifty forearm play sheet as a two-way player for the Concrete Lions youth football program.

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Paddling Forward: Over 100 TELA students take next step in educational journey



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Membership Financial Meeting

WHEN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
5:00PM DINNER
5:30PM MEETING BEGINS


WHERE

Tulip Gathering Hall

DETAILS

The meeting will be broadcast live on **iAmTulalip.com**

Financial booklets will be available for membership pick up at the BOD reception from Tuesday, October 15 to Thursday, October 17 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

 Q&A available while watching on **iAmTulalip**

Paddling Forward from front page



By Calvin Valdillez

Standing in line amongst their classmates, a cohort of Tulalip’s youngest learners patiently waited for DJ Auntie Monie to call their name. After receiving a cedar paddle necklace, they took a symbolic step into the future as they passed under an archway of cedar branches to the applause of hundreds. At that moment, a flash of each of their personalities shined bright as many students either took the time to strike a pose or hurry out of the limelight. But without fail, you could see their confidence and pride grow as they found their loved ones cheering them on in the crowd.

Held at the Tulalip Amphitheater on the morning August 16, the Paddling Forward ceremony was the Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy’s official return to an in-person celebration. Although the drive-thru style graduation was a hit during the pandemic, the excitement about this year’s event was electric among the families and staff, and especially the graduates who couldn’t wait for the festivities that would follow the ceremony. Altogether, there were over 100 graduates, with nearly 40 students moving up to preschool and about 70 kids transitioning to kindergarten this fall.

Beautiful regalia was on display as the kiddos rocked cedar caps or wool woven headbands for their big day. These were handmade by their families as a part of

the Academy’s family culture nights. Each graduate also received a giftbag with their very own hand drum to take with them on their educational journey.

TELA excels in both introducing and instilling Tulalip’s culture and traditions to their students at a young age. This ultimately helps establish a foundation where they can continue learning and practicing the lifeways of their people throughout their lifetime. And in turn, pass the teachings on to the next generation.

TELA Director, Sheryl Fryberg, shared, “We have a new assessment called the LOVIT Way. So, teachers are always paying attention and thinking how they can integrate more culture and language, on a daily basis, into their classrooms, beyond what the Lushootseed teachers bring to us. It’s really enriching all of our children. A few years ago, we brought the Lushootseed teachers to birth-to-three and it’s making a huge impact. Our next step is getting it to the prenatal, because how do we learn English? When we’re in utero. We want them to have that because that’s where our language will live on. And for our culture, we have such great plans for this coming year because we have more people that are going to be working with Lushootseed. They’re called the Rediscovery Program, and it’s amazing that’s happening.”



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Once each graduate received their paddle pendants, the students rushed toward the outer edges of the amphitheater where fun awaited them in the form of bouncy houses, a bubble station, and numerous carnival-style games and activities.

When asked if she could impart one final message to the recent graduates, Sheryl shared, "Reach for the stars and learn to love to learn. That's the most important thing. I think that when we instill that in our babies, that sense of wonder, that's where they'll grow and find that thing that they love to do in their lives."



TELA from front page



“After I saw Tucker’s athletic potential and grittiness displayed playing baseball, I asked his parents if he could play football,” explained Lions head coach Arthur Sanchez. “He never played organized football before, but both he and his parents were on board with him playing. He’s shown a lot of potential already. He’s our starting wide receiver on offense and starting cornerback on defense.

“He’s got great hands. He’s got speed. He’s got height. All things any coach would love to have in a pass catcher,” added the longtime football coach. “On defense, he doesn’t shy away from contact, he’s a great tackler. Having never played before, there is still so much for him to learn, but it’s obvious he’s a willing learner and wants to develop his technique on both sides of the ball to benefit his team.”

Tucker’s innate skill and ability on the football field was on full display during a recent jamboree hosted outside Burlington-Edison High School. Youth programs from across Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom counties were invited to the fast-paced football extravaganza. Games typically lasted only 15-20 minutes before teams would rotate and immediately begin playing a new opponent.

The quick turnaround and lack of prep for their opponents made the stakes low and competition high; yielding plenty of moments for Tucker to shine. Casual sideline observers could easily distinguish Tucker from the myriad of other players and teams because of his signature twin braids.

“I’m proud of Tucker for embracing his Native American heritage through his hair,” shared Tucker’s mom, Jerry Davis. “He’s known as the boy with

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- Jerry Davis, Tucker’s mom

the braid by other baseball teams in our area because he’s a pretty good baseball player and having a braid is something that stands out. I thought it would be cool if he went with two braids for football.”

Living in Sedro-Woolley, one could imagine a boy with a braid is a rare sight, let alone two braids. As Tucker continues to develop his athletic potential in multiple sports, traveling near and far, his braids are something that can always serve as his connection to tribe and community.

In fact, that connection will take on an entirely new meaning come September 7. On that summer morning, Tucker’s Concrete Lions will host the Tulalip Hawks.

“Baseball is my favorite sport. I really wanted to try out for football because it’s a cool sport and some of my teammates from baseball play on this team. I also love running and in football I get to run around, a lot,” said Tucker following the jamboree. “Playing wide receiver is fun because I get to run on almost every play. There are so many routes to run, like posts, slants, and go routes.”

Regardless of which route he’s running, the desired result is always the same – a catch in the open field with nothing but day light in front of him.

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 KAREN I. FRYBERG
TULALIP HEALTH CLINIC 

Annual Health Fair

Friday, August 30
Tulalip Gathering Hall
7512 Totem Beach Road

9AM - 3PM





A feast of fun and wisdom at the Elders Potlatch

By Wade Sheldon

Elders from near and far came together at the Tulalip Gathering Hall on August 15 for the Annual Elders Potlatch. With an impressive 898 elders signed in, the event saw over 1,000 attendees who gathered to enjoy camaraderie, delicious food, and thoughtful gifts. The line stretched out the door and down the street as people eagerly arrived to partake in the festivities.

A lively bingo game added to the festive atmosphere and allowed participants to win prizes, enhancing everyone's enjoyment of the celebration.

The event began with tribal member Tony Hatch welcoming everyone. Following his introduction, the Tulalip Canoe Family performed traditional songs, enriching the atmosphere with their powerful voices. Reigning King and Queen Ray and Sheryl Fryberg were honored at the event, drawing smiles and applause from the attendees.

A special moment of the day was the recognition of the two oldest attendees: 96-year-old Donald Smith from Yakima, born on May 28, 1928, and 97-year-old Vera Drake (Charity) from Campbell River, born on June 6,



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1927. Both elders were celebrated with handmade gifts donated by local artists, including a wool skirt, shawl, and handcrafted cedar hats.

Lloyd Belmont from Suquamish shared his reflections on the event, emphasizing the importance of connecting with the elders. “Meeting all the grandmas and grandpas, introducing myself, and getting to know who they are and what territory they come from—Yakima, Elwa, Lummi, Ground Round—is so meaningful. Receiving those blessings and experiencing the hospitality that Tulalip has to offer is something special,” he said.

For Lloyd, the event was more than just a gathering, it was an opportunity to watch, learn, and honor the elders. “Teachings come in many forms, and it’s important to give them that acknowledgment, from the youngest to the oldest,” he continued. “Often, people tend

to leave their elders sitting at home alone. Sitting down with them, sharing a smile, and connecting is essential. We need to remember they blazed the trail that allows us to be doing what we are doing today.”

Stan Manzano from Yakima and Wiley Close from Lindale, Texas, both had high praise for the event. Stan particularly enjoyed the seafood selection, especially the crab, remarking, “It was a good event. I enjoyed it.” Wiley, who traveled back for the second year, added, “I loved the event. I came the first year and had to travel back for the second one. I liked the Canoe Families’ songs.” Both expressed their excitement by stating they would be back next year.

The Annual Elders Potlatch united generations, strengthened connections, and honored the elders. The day’s atmosphere of respect and community left a lasting impression on all who attended.



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TUESDAY
AUGUST **27**
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Tulalip Gathering Hall
7512 Totem Beach Rd
Tulalip, WA 98271

Info: Malory Simpson 360-716-4399 msimpson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov Edith Nagle 360-716-4401 enagle@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov





Rita Elaine Matta March 30, 1951 – August 9, 2024

Rita was born March 30, 1951 and passed away peacefully on August 9, 2024. Rita was a proud member of the Tulalip Tribes and enjoyed playing bingo, casino hopping, shopping, cultural events and the pow-wow trails visiting family and friends.

Rita is survived by her 5 children, 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren that she loved and cherished dearly along with her brother Kirk, Sisters- Val, Nancy & Georgia , numerous nieces & nephews, and be-

loved family members & best friend Gayle Jones.

Rita preceded in death by her life time partner Dana Matta, their infant son Firecloud, her parents Lawrence & Etta Jones, Brothers-Buck, BJ & Sisters-Juanita, Bonnie & Peggy.

An evening service will be held at 6 PM at the Tulalip Gathering Hall on Friday, August 16, 2024. A celebration of her life was held, Saturday, August 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the Gathering Hall with burial following at Mission Beach Cemetery.

Appreciation regarding Ginnie Carpenter

Thank you Antina Hudson for everything you did to help during my Mom's last few months of life and thank you Candy Hill for helping us with the Memorial Services. Thank you, Mandy, for always keeping us on track and organized.

Thank you, Sarah, for being Mom's daytime caregiver and keeping her busy. Thank you, Anthony Hart, for helping us with moving.

Thank you, Continuum Care Hospice Services, for your guidance, especially Kaitlynn, RN and Kelly, Social Worker, for your ongoing support.

Thank you, Fieldstone, for being so awesome to my Mom and to our Family.

Thank you, Bernie Stone, and Family from Swinomish, for doing the burning and sending Mom off in a good way. Thank you, Rosie and Grover, for arranging and helping with the burning and always being there when needed.

Thank you, Clarissa Johnny, and Andy James, for blessing the family, the house, and sending my Mom Ginnie off in a good way.

Thank you to my family for standing close when needed - through thick and thin.

It really does take a village when someone is in the process of passing, as well as after they pass.

My deepest respect,
I-Use-Bah
Lou Ann Carter



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TUL-CV-YI-2009-0287. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: D. C. J.-M. TO: SHANE WALTER MOSES, SR., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care (YINC) dependency action was reopened in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a Permanent Plan Review Hearing on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, at 02:30 P.M. REMOTE at a VIRTUAL, TELEPHONIC HEARING in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. TO CALL IN TO YOUR HEARING VIA GOTOMEETING.COM, PLEASE USE TELEPHONE NUMBER 224-501-3412 AND THEN PLEASE USE ACCESS CODE: 212-638-629. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 27, 2024.

TUL-CV-P0-2023-0779, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA. TO: ALLEN WILLIAMS (D.O.B. 08/08/1976). You are hereby notified that a petition for a Domestic Violence Protection Order was filed in the above entitled court pursuant to TTC 4.25. You are hereby summoned to appear regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on Wednesday October 9th, 2024 at 9AM, in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights, and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER, JUDGMENT MAY BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published, August 17, 2024.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0474. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. R. F. TO: SANDY RAY FRYBERG., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship Petition was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing on Thursday, OCTOBER 10, 2024, at 10:30 A.M. IN PERSON in Tulalip Tribal Court; go to: 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: July 27, 2024.



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 Twill Wool Headband with Tillie Jones
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SEPT 14
YARN DOLLS
 with Melissa Gobin
 1:00PM-4:00PM

SEPT 21
CEDAR BASKET WEAVING
 with Jamie Sheldon
 1:00PM-4:00PM

SEPT 28
BEGINNER WOOL WEAVING:
 Twill Wool Headband with Tillie Jones
 10:00AM-4:00PM

WHERE: Hibulb Cultural Center TIME: Varies; see details above

SPEAKER



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 National Native American Boarding School Coalition
Ihanktonwan and Sicangu Oyate



Linzie Crofoot
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Tulalip Education Department
 Honoring boarding school survivors and those who never came home

SEPT 9
WEAVING LOVE BACK INTO OUR LIVES: POST BOARDING SCHOOL ERA

SEPT 16
OUR TRADITIONAL FOODS ARE POWERFUL

SEPT 23
MENTAL & PHYSICAL POWER BEGINS WITH SELF

SEPT 30
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

WHERE: Tulalip Gathering Hall DINNER: 5:00PM WORKSHOP: 6:00PM

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