Athletes honored after historical winter sports campaign



By Micheal Rios

This past winter sports season, spanning from December March, dozens of Tulalip youth showcased their athletic prowess on the highest stages of amateur competition. Marysville Pilchuck wrestling and Tulalip Heritage basketball both garnered state-wide recognition enroute to making school history, while other Tulalip high schoolers and middle schoolers showed out in their respective sports and postseason tournaments.

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Federal judges view Tulalip as restorative justice leaders



Tribal Court executive director Tate London with Tlingit & Haida Supreme Court judge Cheryl Demmert Fairbanks.

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In a historic visit, federal judges from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals Committee on Tribal and Native Relations recently visited Tulalip Tribal Court. The purpose of their visit was to inquire about and observe firsthand how holistic justice is practiced within a

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Athletes from front page







Past generations crawled and walked so the current generation could run.

To honor all those athletes who contributed to making the winter campaign unforgettable, the Youth Enrichment division hosted a stirring event at the Youth Center on March 28.

"We had a bunch of local athletes make it to the State level in their sport and thought we would come together to make that good medicine by hosting an honoring and coastal jam," explained outreach advocate Odessa Flores. "It's important we, as a community, take the time to hold space for these athletes and their accomplishments."

Churning out accomplished athletes

is something the Reservation has no difficulty doing. It seems like every family has that legendary uncle or auntie who embellishes only slightly when recounting their on-court or on-field domination. You know the ones. They aren't bashful and will take as much credit as they can for teaching the current crop of players everything they know.

How much impact those old heads have actually had on the amazing athletes of 2025 is somewhere between incalculable and immeasurable. Past generations crawled and walked so the current generation could run. No longer forced to play just on the Reservation, proud Tulalip culture bearers now are fixtures on school teams all around Snohomish County.

Whether attending home school, public school or private school, our Tulalip athletes are excelling in the classroom and keeping themselves eligible to play sports in the fall, winter and spring seasons. More opportunity equals increased exposure and more playing time for youth who dream of playing on the college level.

During the Youth Enrichment event, each attending athlete was wrapped in a blanket before taking to center court. Then the mic came out. One by one, the athletes stated their name, age, and sports played. As they bashfully introduced themselves in front of the large audience, the sentiment was not lost that among them could be the next RaeQuan



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Battle (men's college hooper turned pro), Mikail Montez (women's college hooper), Zues Echevarria (college footballer) or Milo Jones (college wrestler).

Often times, what separates the dreamers from the believers is simple support. Thankfully, the Youth Enrichment division is full of devoted staff members who are committed to supporting Tulalip's youth and helping turn dreams into reality.

"It makes my heart so full to witness the results of all the hard work our kids put in to better themselves and better their families," said Odessa. "We created a gratitude tree just for this event so each athlete could add their own leaf that states what they are grateful for. It really represents the deep-rooted impact each of us has on the larger community."







Court from front page



Tulalip Chief Judge Meredith Drent and U.S. District Judge Diane Humetawa.

tribal legal system. This rare and significant event highlighted the growing recognition of tribal justice systems and their potential impact on broader judicial practices.

"The Ninth Circuit has by far the largest populations of Indigenous peoples and Indian nations as compared to other circuits in the nation," said Judge Diane Humetewa, Chair of the Tribal and Native Relations Committee. Judge Humetewa (Hopi) made history in 2014 when she became the first Native American woman to ever serve as a federal judge. "Eighty percent of Indian Nations' tribal population is within the 15 districts of the Ninth Circuit. As one of the objectives in the Committee's

charter states, we seek to better understand the common concerns related to judicial functions and open communication."

The well-respected judicial visitors were welcomed by Chairwoman Teri Gobin, special projects manager Patti Gobin, Tribal Court executive director Tate London, and Tulalip's current presiding judges, the honorable Meredith Drent, Christine Frausto, Peter Boome, Mark Pouley and Thomas Miller.

Spanning the morning of March 28, the visit took place at Tulalip Tribal Court, a courthouse within the jurisdiction of the Tribe's 22,000-acre reservation that is governed by its own laws



and justice system. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals plays a crucial role in legal matters affecting tribal communities. By engaging directly with Indigenous legal practitioners, the Ninth Circuit judges sought to better understand the nuances of tribal justice systems and how they differ from the conventional colonial model.

Unlike the traditional U.S. court system, which often prioritizes punishment and incarceration, many tribal courts emphasize restorative justice – an approach that seeks to heal relationships, rehabilitate offenders, and restore balance within the community. The visiting judges learned of Tulalip Court's procedures that incorporate mediation, community involvement, and cultural traditions,

such as talking circles and elder guidance.

"Restorative justice is about addressing harm, not just punishing crime," explained Chief Judge Meredith Drent of the tribal court. "Tulalip Court's services to the community include Healing to Wellness, Mental Wellness, and Family Wellness Court, Tulalip Office of Civil Legal Aid (TOCLA), Probation, and Tribal Court Elders Panel. These services are dependent upon judges, case managers, and service providers who are well-versed in cultural sensitivity and are driven to collaborate and partner with other necessary programs in order to heal the individual and mitigate future harm."

For the Ninth Circuit committee members, the experience provided valuable

insight into a justice system that is both effective and culturally grounded. In many Tulalip Court cases, holistic practices have led to lower recidivism rates and stronger community ties, outcomes that have drawn increasing interest from legal scholars and policymakers.

With increasing discussions on criminal justice reform, restorative justice models, such as those seen in tribal courts, are attracting national attention. Some advocates argue that restorative justice principles could be integrated into the U.S. legal system to address issues like mass incarceration, youth rehabilitation, and community healing.

As the Ninth Circuit's visit concluded, both tribal and federal judges expressed optimism about future collaboration and dialogue. "We're hopeful for the opportunity to develop a collaboration with the Federal District Court for Western Washington," said Tulalip Chief Judge Drent. "A collaboration where we can share resources and knowledge, but also develop methods so that when people interact with the federal system, they have ways to come home and put their best foot forward if there is an opportunity to do so."

The honorable Judge Humetawa added, "Meeting with the Tulalip Chief Judge, Tribal Judges and court staff provided a rare opportunity for federal judges in the Western District Court of Washington and members of the Ninth Circuits Committee on Tribal and Native Relations. Identifying areas of mutual concern in adjudicating cases that arise from tribal communities, such as Tulalip, can only happen when we meet in this way."

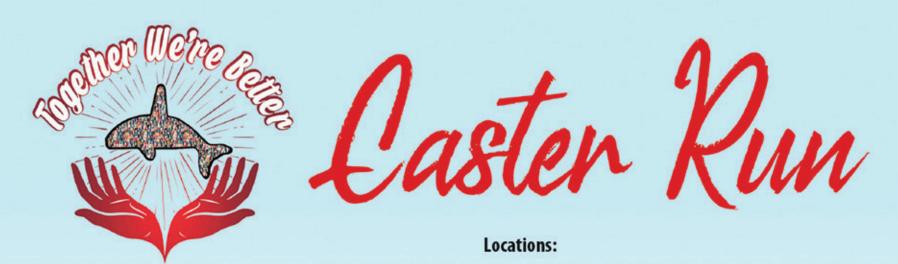


Tulalip elder Patti Gobin welcomes the federal judges and magistrates by offering up a song created by ancestor Martha Lamont.



Honorable Chief Judge Drent conversing with 9th Circuit Committee member Lloyd Miller.

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Together We're Better **Easter Bunny Run**

In partnership with Tulalip Bay Fire

Saturday, April 19th Beginning at 11:00 AM

- Tulalip Dining Hall or Tulalip Gathering Hall (Hermosa Area Residents including new Hermosa Heights homes) - 11:00 AM
- Mission Highlands 11:20 AM
- Silver Village 11:50 AM
- Church Site / Larry Price Loop Road 12: 20 PM
- Walter Moses Jr. Drive 12:50 PM
- Battle Creek 1:10 PM
- Y-Site 1:40 PM
- Village of Hope / Homeless Shelter 2:00 PM
- Quil I / Quil II (27th Ave) 2:40 PM
- John Sam Lake 3:15

Please note, the times are estimates and may vary for each stop.

We encourage all families to come to the see the Easter Bunny & Sparky, they will



FESTIVAL

Thursday, April 3:00PM-7:00PM Greg Williams Court

6700 Totem Beach Rd, Tulalip, WA 98271

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT







ELIGIBILITY

All Tulalip natives in any school district and other natives in the Marysville School District.

GUIDELINES

- Kindergarten-12th grades.
- Students can enter one item per category (must specify).
- Artist name, grade, school, category, and phone number must be on the back of art.
- Artwork must be original piece created by only the student submitting.

DEADLINE

Artwork must be labeled and submitted by Thurday, April 10. Late entries will NOT be accepted!

- Art cannot be previously used in the Art Festival.
- The artwork cannot have explicit or inappropriate content.
- The student or guardian is responsible to submit artwork by the deadline.
- Artwork must be completed (i.e., dry) and secured.

SUBMIT TO

Don Hatch Youth Center (Education Office) or your school liaison/advocate.

CATEGORIES

- Drawing
- Painting
- Sculpture
 Mixed Media
- Writing and Poetry
- Culture (Including Carving, Beadwork, Cedar Weaving, Regalia, Drums, Etc.)
- Digital Art and New Media
- Pure Heart
- For Native students w/ disabilities

Students in the Marysville School District can pick up their art from their Advocate/Liaison between May 7-9.

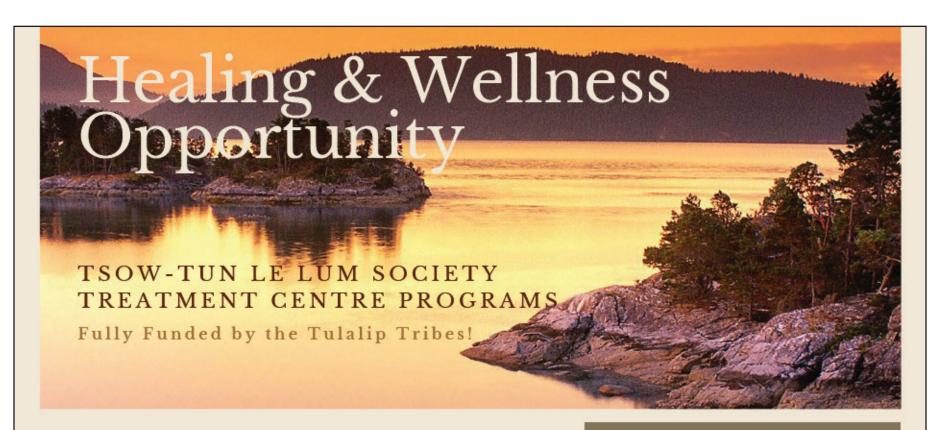
Students outside of the Marysville School District must pick up their art at the Youth Center between May 7-9.











Who is this for?

These programs are for tribal members and their families seeking support in their healing journey. If you or a loved one have been impacted by addiction, intergenerational/historical trauma, grief, or other powerful event, you are not alone - healing is possible.

What the programs cover:

- Substance Use Recovery (Thuy Na Mut): 6-week live-in support for those on a healing journey from substance use.
- Trauma (Kwunatsustul): 3-week support for healing from the affects of trauma and various forms of abuse.
- Honouring Grief: Healing through ceremony and community.
- Family and Aftercare Support: Helping families heal together and sustain progress after treatment.

Spots Available:

 A limited number of spots have been reserved specifically for Tulalip Tribal members. Early Interest and application are encouraged to ensure placement and adequate support.

For more information visit the website: www.tsowtunlelum.org

Upcoming 2025 Program Dates

Substance Use Recovery (Thuy Na Mut "Getting Better") Program

- April 8th May 16th
- April 29th June 6th
- May 20th June 27th
- June 10th July 18th

Trauma (Kwunatsustul, "Holding Hands, Standing Together")

- May 20th June 20th
- June 25th July 25th

Honouring Grief

- April 28th May 16th
- October 14th October 31st

Ready To Begin Your Journey?

Contact:

Recovery Director, Gina Skinner Email: gskinner@tulaliptribes-

Phone: 360-716-4323

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TULALIP BANK FAIR

Join us for a special bank fair during this year's General Council! Key2Prepaid cards have been discontinued. However, 200 people still need to provide their direct deposit details to begin receiving general welfare payments again.

To make this transition easier, we're hosting a bank fair where you can sign up for an account on the spot. Don't forget to bring any guardianship paperwork and an updated picture ID.

Saturday, April 12



(8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



Tulalip Resort Casino

The following banks will be in attendance:





Chase Bank



US Bank



Pacific Premier Bank



For more information, call 360-716-4675





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Charles Edward Comenote Sr., 1957 - 2025



Our beloved dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, uncle and friend, Charles Comenote Sr., was born in Everett, WA to George and Pauline Comenote. He was a lifelong resident of Tulalip. He was a simple, humble man who believed in the lord, loved his children and his family, and would give you the shirt off his back. He was always helping his people when he could, he tried walking this life with no enemies, if he was wrong, he would try and make it right. He worked for The Tulalip Tribes logging crew, he was a lifelong fisherman, crabber and diver. He leaves behind a loving family, friends, fishing buddies, and community who will miss him dearly. He is welcomed by many ancestors who traveled before him.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 29, 2025 at 10 AM with burial following at Mission Beach Cemetery.

Court notices

TUL-CV-EL-2024-0038, SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA. TO: SARA CRUM (D.O.B. 08/04/1995). You are hereby notified that a motion for renewal of an Elder Protection Order was filed in the above entitled court pursuant to TTC 4.30. You are hereby summoned to appear regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on Tuesday, May 6th, 2025 at 9AM, in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and must take steps to protect you interests. RESPONDENT SHALL APPEAR AND ANSWER THE COMPLAINT WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THE SUMMONS, IF YOU FAIL TO REPOND OR SERVE YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF PUBLICATION, THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER OF DEFAULT AGAINST YOU, AND THE COURT MAY, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, ENTER A DECREE AND APPROVE OR PROVIDE FOR THE OTHER RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT. Date first published: March 8, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2025-0079. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. L. F. Jr. Formerly known as A. X.-L. H. TO: JALEECE JOY JAMES, 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, MAY 29, 2025, 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: Mrch 8, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2025-0076. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: M. H. H. TO: HASSAN HUSSIEN HUNDIYE AKA HASSAN JAMIL MOHAMED and TO PATRICE CLAUDETTE HUNDIYE AKA PATRICE CLAUDETTE WILLIAMS, YOU ARE BOTH HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship Petition was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are both hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing on Thursday, JUNE 05, 2025, 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: March 15, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0141. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. R. E. TO: CHRISTOPHER ENICK: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Guardianship (Youth) 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 a guardianship hearing on THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. IN PERSON 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 WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: March 1, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0142. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. P. E. TO: CHRISTOPHER ENICK: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Guardianship (Youth) 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 a guardianship hearing on THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. IN PERSON 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 WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: March 1, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0132. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: V. A. S. M.-W TO: FELIPE A. Z. WILLIAMS: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Guardianship (Youth) 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 a guardianship hearing on THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025, at 10:30 A.M. IN PERSON 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 WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: March 1, 2025.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-CS-2025-0054, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2834 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. MICHAEL PABLO (DOB: 01/30/1978) TO: MICHAEL PABLO: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on January 15, 2025, a Summons and Petition for Establishment of Child Support was filed in the above-entitled Court Pursuant to Chapter 2.10 and 4.10 of the Tulalip Tribal Code; an Amended Summons and Amended Petition was filed on January 24, 2025. This is child support for JP and PP. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court and answer on June 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM in Tulalip Tribal Court. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER AND/OR APPEAR JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: March 22, 2025.

TUL-CV-YG-2025-0126. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: B. M. M. TO: TANYA REE ALEXIS MCCLELLAN and to WILLIAM ALBERT MOSES, YOU ARE BOTH HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship Petition was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05. You are both hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above-entitled action at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing on THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025, 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: March 22, 2025.



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