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Vietnam Vets from front page



By Micheal Rios

A truly heartfelt and emotional event took place recently that brought together veterans, families, and community members from all walks of life. The event, named “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans,” was organized by respected Tulalip elder and Vietnam veteran, Andy James.

Andy, now 69, served in

the U.S. Marine Corps from 1975 to 1977 where he earned the rank of Private First Class. After returning home nearly five decades ago, he, like many others who served their country during the tumultuous Vietnam War, was not met with gratitude. Instead, they returned home to resounding hostility or even worse, spirit piercing silence.

For the past 12 years, he’s

made it his mission to ensure that the sacrifices of Vietnam veterans are acknowledged, honored, and remembered. Since 2013, Andy has organized a veteran-led gathering at Tulalip to bring the Native community together with compassionate individuals and local organizations who wish to give those past warriors the welcome home they were previously denied.

“That first gathering in 2013 was achieved by word of mouth alone. I roamed around Snohomish, Skagit and Whatcom Counties letting people know what my intentions were,” Andy explained during the 2025 event, held at the Tulalip Youth Center. “That first year 40 veterans showed up. They were impressed, the non-Indians in particular, and shared with me they wished they had something similar in their respective communities. Most don’t get to experience the love our Indian people extend to our veterans and elders.”

The morning-long gathering blended traditional

Native ceremonies with modern tributes. It opened with a smudging ritual and drum circle, followed by a 13-student color guard from Marysville School District, which included an honorary bugle player.

Chief Kathleen Wilde, naval science instructor for Marysville School District, led the color guard. “When we were invited to participate, the kids were very excited and considered it a great honor,” she shared. “It’s so important for veterans of every branch and community to be able to teach the students what it meant to serve and what it still means to serve our country. These lessons that only veterans can teach and share are invaluable. I’m humbled to be here and just so grateful that the students were included. This is something they’ll never forget.”

The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans events included tear-evoking testimonials from vets willing to share their experiences of war and their return, as well as intertribal dances, flute music,



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songs from two drum circles, and a communal meal. A true sight to behold was a solo powwow dancer fortified by a wolf headdress and full-bodied eagle staff. He summoned the warrior spirit within that shared space and managed to radiate healing medicine for all who needed it.

Andy emphasized that one of his goals was to use the event to share Native traditions with the wider

community. “We’ve always had ceremonies for returning warriors,” he said. “This is our way of showing gratitude and helping the spirit return home. I want all people, all veterans, Indian and non-Indian, to experience the power of our culture.”

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Native Americans serve in the Armed Forces at five times the

national average, having the highest per-capita involvement of any other ethnic group. Yet, those stories are often left out of the broader narrative. Events like Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans aim to change that by platforming the voice and experiences of Native vets.

One of Tulalip’s oldest living tribal members, 94-year-old Hank Williams Sr., attended the

event and praised Andy’s continued efforts. “This is powerful. Shows one person can bring us together,” the proud U.S. Army veteran (1952-1954 Korean War) said before taking to center floor during a ceremonial salute to vets.



Protecting children and empowering families



By Wade Sheldon

Each year, hundreds of thousands of children in the United States experience the trauma of abuse and neglect. According to the National Children's Alliance, one in four girls and one in 13 boys will experience child sexual abuse. This devastating reality underscores the importance of community action and support. In 2022 alone, 558,899 children were identified as victims of abuse and neglect, and by 2024, Child Advocacy Centers across the nation had served over 372,000 children facing allegations of abuse.

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, Tulalip's Children's Advocacy Center held a community awareness event at the Hibulb Cultural Center on Thursday, April 3. This gathering brought together representatives from various tribal departments to showcase a plethora of resources aimed at supporting children facing abuse and adversity. The event underscored the critical importance of vigilance and compassion within our community, encouraging attendees to become more aware

and active in protecting our youth.

Coinciding with Hibulb's free admission day, which takes place on the first Thursday of every month, the event featured engaging activities such as a drum-making class and a beaded bracelet workshop. Attendees also had the opportunity to visit booths from Family Services, beda?chelh, Tulalip Bay Fire Department, Tulalip Office of Civil Legal Aid, and Child, Youth, and Family Mental Wellness, which provided valuable information and resources to enhance community support for children in need.

Sue-Mei Slogar, Social Worker for beda?chelh said, "Essentially, CPS can be scary, and people don't really understand our role and think we are just coming in and taking kids away. A lot of what we do is provide resources for families that need help getting connected to resources in the community and giving them resources we have at our end. We aim to keep kids and their guardians together and strengthen their relationship. And to stop child abuse and child neglect. Also, to help parents be there for their kids."



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Explaining her perspective on the importance of these events, Slogar emphasized that many individuals in need of assistance often feel lost regarding where to seek help. She stated, “A lot of time when people need help, they don’t know where to go and turn to.” Slogar believes that making the community aware of the services available enables those in need to reach out before a crisis occurs. She added that it is essential for the community to understand

that support is accessible, saying, “I think that’s helpful for the community to know our presence and build those relationships before something negative happens.” This proactive approach fosters strong connections and ensures a supportive environment instead of waiting until problems escalate.

The Child, Youth, and Family Mental Wellness booth offered resources on grief, stress relief, and self-care tips. They provided fun gifts for children,

such as beach balls, to help them practice healthy breathing techniques. Clinical Supervisor Sarah Wright explained, “We are here to bring some awareness to mental health and creative ways to calm ourselves and bring our stress down.”

The Tulalip community’s dedication to preventing child abuse and supporting families was reflected in the heartfelt collaboration and meaningful activities at the awareness event. As

these efforts continue, it is vital to remember that help is always within reach. Whether you are a child, parent, or community member seeking guidance, remember that you are not alone. For support and resources or to learn more, contact the Tulalip Children’s Advocacy Center at (360) 716-5437 or email childadvocates@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Celebrate Autism Acceptance Month with bubbles!

By Calvin Valdillez

A certain cartoon sponge once famously said, “We’re not just blowing bubbles, we’re making bubble art!” He quickly backed up this statement by using his special technique to conjure a butterfly from his bubble wand, while also unintentionally annoying his underwater neighbor.

As hilarity ensued in the bubble-centered *Spongebob Squarepants* episode, *Spongebob*’s unwavering fondness for sudsy orbs shined a bit of light on the important role bubbles play in brain development and cognitive function. Examples of this include patience, perception, creativity, sensory integration, visual tracking, hand-eye coordination, cause and effect, social interaction/skills, and even motor skills.

Now, though bubbles are beloved by people of all ages, children who are diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) take a particular shine to bubble play. This is most likely because it helps fulfill so many of their sensory needs by offering an engaging and calming experience.

A few years back, in April 2012, a nonprofit called Faces 4 Autism embarked on an initiative to set a Guinness World Record for the most people blowing bubbles at the same time and invited schools and families across the nation to participate. After achieving this amazing feat, bubble play became a staple at Autism Awareness/Acceptance Month events throughout the country. And this year, the

Tulalip Family Haven’s IDD program is hosting a bubble-themed gathering on April 25, to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month on the rez. Or as *Spongebob* would say, they are gearing up to ‘bring it around town’.

Autism is a common, yet very complex, intellectual developmental disability that has significantly been on the rise over the past few decades. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in thirty-six children in the United States are diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. That study also shows that Native children are affected at a similar rate as other races and ethnicities, but that does come with a caveat.

Because of a lack of resources on reservations and access to mental health care, many Indigenous kids are diagnosed later on in life, during their pre-teen years. In comparison, non-Native children living with ASD are typically diagnosed by the age of three. Early indicators include language delay, repetitive behavior, obsessive interests, as well as social and communication challenges. The CDC states that children living with ASD have different ways of learning, moving, paying attention, and interacting with the world around them.

Furthermore, research conducted by the American Academy of Pediatrics showed that Native youth are 13% less likely to be identified with autism in early childhood, while non-Native kids are 1.5 times as likely to receive an



ASD diagnosis at a young age. And those low statistics and the lack of available knowledge surrounding IDD tends to lead to negative misconceptions, denial, and a feeling of despair once an Indigenous child is diagnosed with any form of IDD.

With the prevalence of ASD on the rise, many communities are slowly transitioning from participating in Autism Awareness Month to celebrating Autism Acceptance Month, including Tulalip.

Said Alayna Helland, IDD Case Manager at Tulalip Family Haven, “Awareness is important, but acceptance is also vital. To show acceptance of individuals with autism, it’s important to focus on everything they can do instead of focusing on what they can’t do. People with autism are often gifted with unique abilities like exceptional memory, heightened attention to detail, strong visual-spatial skills, and unique perspectives on problem solving.”

In preparation for Autism Acceptance Month, Alayna reached out to Tribal member and a parent of a child with ASD, Cara McCoy. Cara spoke on the difficulties Tribal families face with the lack of inclusion when it comes to attending community gatherings. Cara shared, “We rarely go to the events because there are a lot of people and it’s loud. To do more things in the community, offer sensory-friendly events. Have a sensory room at the more significant events.”

The IDD Support for Families program was developed in 2023 to help Tulalip community members with an ASD or IDD diagnosis by bridging the gap between the reservation and the available resources.

The program is referral-based and takes both outside referrals, from other tribal programs and/or the Marysville School District, as well as self-referrals where a family can request services by either in-person appointments or by completing an online application on Family Haven’s Tribal department webpage. They offer their services to Tulalip tribal members as well as to other Natives who live in Snohomish County. IDD services include monthly play groups, weekly support groups, community outreach, connecting families with resources, and assistance with any applications in regard to their child’s needs such as medical, disability, and caregiving.

When asked about the importance of celebrating Autism Acceptance Month, Alayna stated, “It is important to celebrate because Studies have shown that children in Native American communities are less likely to have access to a specialist to receive a diagnosis and are less likely to have an early intervention. Early intervention is crucial for children with autism because it maximizes their potential for positive outcomes by addressing developmental challenges early, improving essential skills like communication and social



interaction, and enhancing independence and overall quality of life.

“The IDD program assists in connecting families with providers that can diagnose Autism and ADHD, and it’s important that our community knows this resource exists so early intervention is possible. The IDD program holds events throughout the year that are accommodating to our community members with Autism. On April 25, we are celebrating Autism Acceptance Month at the Mission

Highlands building. We will have sensory activities for the children, early dinner, and information and resources for anyone interested in the program.”

The Autism Acceptance Month bubble blast bash will take place from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Mission Highlands park on the last Friday of April. For more details about the IDD program or the upcoming gathering, please contact (360) 716-4935.



Child abuse hurts minds, bodies, and futures

Submitted by Malory Simpson

The trauma of child abuse causes children to lose their sense of safety and trust in the world, and harms their relationships. Left untreated, the trauma of child abuse can lead to:

- Mental health problems like depression, anxiety and PTSD symptoms;
- Behavioral changes like substance use disorders, risky sexual behaviors, or increased risk for violence against oneself and others; and/or
- Physical health problems like infections, injuries, or even heart disease or diabetes later in life.

Source: CDC Fast Facts: Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

TULALIP TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

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FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Anthony Hart

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April 23

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9:30 AM to
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LOCATION

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SEMINAR TOPICS:

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- Emergency Preparedness
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Every Wednesday 5:00-8:00 pm



**Beginning
April 16
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**We encourage everyone
to bring tennis shoes to
walk or run before practice.
This will be a requirement
before getting on the canoe.
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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.



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COMMITTEE HAROLD JOSEPH JR. 425-299-0106

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.

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.

TUL-CV-AH-2025-0118. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. To: JOANNE GRACE FRYBERG. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Anti-Harassment Protection Order was filed in the above-entitled Court. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on MAY 7, 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: April 12, 2025.

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