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Secure Your Prescription: Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy now offering free lock bags to its patients



By *Kalvin Valdillez*

Sixteen pharmacies across the region are taking part in a new campaign led by the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA). This includes the Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy, one of two reservation-based pharmacies, the other is Kirk’s Pharmacy in Puyallup. The campaign is known as ‘Starts with One’ and is part of the HCA’s new Pharmacy

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Fern Lodge from front page



By Micheal Rios

“It’s with an appreciative heart that we are here today to celebrate the completion of Fern Lodge,” said Chairwoman Teri Gobin at June 6’s ribbon-cutting ceremony. “This behavioral wellness center is a model of collaboration and is intended to increase access to much-needed health care for our Snohomish County communities. There is a lack of mental health resources nationwide. Facilities, like Fern Lodge, are important tools to help those in need during a mental health crisis.”

Fern Lodge Behavior Wellness is a 16-bed in-patient facility that will offer around-the-clock care to its court-ordered residents during their 90- or 180-day treatment plans. This rehabilitative treatment facility will serve individuals who are not involved in the criminal court system and do not need to be hospitalized, but still require additional support to prepare for living independently in their communities.

Built by Tulalip, on land owned by Tulalip in Stanwood (kitty-corner from

the Healing Lodge), this \$35 million qualified capital investment will be operated and maintained by the Washington Health Care Authority. Fern Lodge’s completion represents completion of the final legally required step by the Tribe in order to collect 100% of taxes generated on the Reservation beginning July 1, 2027.

“The Fern Lodge conversation started from negotiations to settle litigation on a tax-sharing lawsuit between the Tulalip Tribes and the federal government versus the State

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**- Deborah Parker,
Board of Director**

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of Washington and Snohomish County,” explained Chairwoman Gobin. “This dates back to 2019 when then-Governor Jay Inslee requested we negotiate via mediated settlement. A tax-sharing compact was developed that covers the Tribe’s business developments created on our lands. And so today, we celebrate a win-win for Tulalip, Washington State, and the people in our local community.”

A first-of-its-kind facility in Snohomish County, Fern Lodge comes as a response to not only

Jay Inslee’s 2018 behavioral health transformation plan, but also to meet the demand for accessible, non-hospitalized inpatient care options, particularly beyond urban hubs.

Snohomish County is one of the largest counties in the state, yet does not have adequate capacity to serve community members with behavioral health needs. As of November 2023, there were only six beds in the county contracted to provide this type of treatment. Now, thanks to Tulalip, there are

16 additional beds committed to the cause.

In attendance to celebrate Fern Lodge’s completion and his 1-month anniversary on Tulalip’s Tribal Council was Ryan Miller. In his previous role as Director of Treaty Rights, he played an instrumental role in getting state law changed and House Bill 2803 passed so that the Governor could enter into tax-sharing compacts with the Tribe.

“I want to acknowledge all the past leaders who committed

so much time and energy, really putting their hearts into making this possible. It took decades and decades of fight to get to where we are today, and even this was a compromise,” reflected Ryan. “Ultimately, this is a great example of government-to-government relations and reflects forward-thinking leaders from both the State and the Tribe who came up with this great idea to help deal with the mental health crisis that our communities and country as a whole is facing.”

This facility is for all Snohomish County residents, 18 years and older. However, Tulalip tribal members will be given admission priority. Treatment interventions can vary based on an individual’s need, but in general may consist of one-on-one and group therapy, peer counseling, case management, medication management, and skill building.

“There is a tremendous need for resources to help us heal from intergenerational trauma, so that we, as a people and a society, can embody health and wellness in truly a good way,” said Board of Director Deborah Parker. “Any day we can come together to wrap a relative in care, in love, in deep respect, is a good day. I hope the development of Fern Lodge becomes a model for others to come and visit and to learn from as our Tribe, county, state, and nation continue to address mental health for the benefit of all our relatives.”



Pharmacy from front page

Safe Storage program. Starts with One aims to prevent the misuse of prescription drugs and opioid overdose by providing lockable canvas bags to patients of the participating pharmacies.

Said Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy Director, Kelvin Lee, “We enrolled in the department of health’s program where they provide free bags to the pharmacy, because they found that more than half of the people who abuse narcotics start off by using someone else’s prescriptions. So, the whole idea behind the program is to give our patients lock bags so they can secure their prescriptions and protect it from other people’s

kicked off at the beginning of spring and according to the HCA website, there have already been 3,255 patients who were informed about the program, of which 1,877 people pledged to lock up their meds, and a total 1,742 bags have been distributed across all sixteen locations over the past few months.

In the latest research conducted by Snohomish County Overdose Prevention, there were 46.1 opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 population in our county in 2023. That is staggering compared to the statewide average of 33.7 opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 people that same year. However, thanks to an increased effort to

with this campaign.”

In addition to the black lock bags, the pharmacy also received slightly smaller lock bags from the Tulalip Health Clinic. These bags were purchased with grant funding and are meant to be distributed to Tribal members only, whereas the HCA bags can be dispersed to any patient of the Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy. The Health Clinic’s lock bags are white and feature the Tulalip Tribes logo along with a selection of resources printed on the front, such as the phone number to a crisis team and a substance abuse disorder line, as well as the website address to the For Our Native Lives program.

distribution box, which is a success so far and has been utilized regularly throughout its first year.

After thoroughly explaining the campaign and the free lock bags with Tulalip News, Kelvin switched gears before the interview concluded. He used this time to discuss another new program that the pharmacy has recently implemented known as the Over the Counter (OTC) program. Kelvin detailed, “We have a brand-new program for Tulalip members. We had a similar program before called the Nix program. It was like a hidden benefit where we give free lice shampoo treatment to Tulalip members. We just recently



access, so they don’t have the chance to try it. I think it’s a wonderful program.”

Kelvin explained that upon filling an opioid prescription, the patients are given a detailed explanation about the program. The patients then have the option to take part, and if they do decide to participate, they must sign a pledge card before receiving their free bag. The bag itself is a medium-sized black zip-up pouch with a lock in the upper left corner. The patient can simply store their medication in the bag, close it, and lock it up. They are given two keys per bag, one to have on-hand and the other to keep in safe location in case of a misplacement.

The campaign officially

provide education and resources countywide, much like this new campaign, the preliminary data shows Snohomish County’s death rate by opioid overdose of 46.1 per 100,000 population decreased to 40.6 in 2024.

“This program is focused on patients who are taking narcotics because that’s the biggest category,” Kelvin shared. “It’s not just about addiction or abuse; a lot of people die from overdose because they don’t know what they are taking. They’re just taking their grandma’s prescription or their parent’s prescription and have no idea what it is. And they overdose. The lock bags keep everyone safe. And the best part is it’s free. And we can make a really big impact

“We have hundreds of bags, and we are not going to stop providing them until we give them all away,” Kelvin stated. “We want to encourage people to take one, especially elders who are taking a lot of medications so they can secure their prescriptions. We look at this like a community service. We definitely want to offer it to those with a prescription, but also to anybody who needs to secure their medications because any prescription can be dangerous.”

Taking part in the Starts with One campaign is just the latest effort by the Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy to help combat the opioid epidemic on the reservation. Last summer, the pharmacy introduced the first reservation-based Narcan

expanded the program to include six other items: a tablet cutter, 7-day pill organizer, touchless thermometer, acetaminophen (liquid or tablet), antibacterial ointment, and hand sanitizer. Again, this is only for Tulalip members. We think these are safe enough for everyone, that’s how we decided on this list. So, anyone who needs these items, they can come in and those are free of charge.”

For more information about the Starts with One campaign, the free lock bags, or the OTC program, please contact the Tulalip Clinical Pharmacy at (360) 716-2600 or visit within their normal operating hours.

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Summer Fun!

2025 **SUMMER** ISSUE



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Greetings, Tulalip!

As the warm weather arrives, we're all looking forward to enjoying the outdoors. However, this time of year also brings unique safety considerations, from extreme heat and water activities to the potential for wildfire smoke and the excitement of fireworks.

Your Tribal Emergency Management Department is here to ensure our community stays safe and prepared. This newsletter provides essential tips and resources to help you protect yourself, your family, and your home this season.



Beat the Heat: Stay Cool and Hydrated

Summer temperatures can be dangerous. It's crucial to take steps to avoid heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Hydrate Often: Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Skip sugary drinks and alcohol.

Seek Cool Spaces: If available, spend time in air-conditioned buildings, shaded areas, or designated tribal cooling centers.

Dress Lightly: Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing.

Limit Outdoor Time: If you must be outside, do so during the coolest parts of the day (early morning or late evening).

Check on Loved Ones: Ensure elders and vulnerable individuals are staying cool and hydrated.

Never Leave Children or Pets in Vehicles:

Temperatures inside a car can rise rapidly, even on a mild day, leading to tragic consequences.

Recognize the signs of heat illness: Heavy sweating, weakness, cold/clammy skin, nausea, or fainting could indicate heat exhaustion. A high body temperature, hot/red/dry skin, confusion, or unconsciousness signals heatstroke—a medical emergency. Call 911 immediately if you suspect heatstroke!



Water Fun is Safe Fun!

Our beautiful waterways offer incredible opportunities for recreation. Let's make sure everyone enjoys them safely.

Supervise Children Closely: Drowning happens quickly and silently. Maintain constant, active supervision around any body of water.

Wear Life Jackets: Everyone, especially children and those with limited swimming skills, should wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets when on or near the water.

Swim in Designated Areas: If possible, use beaches or pools with lifeguards. Be aware of currents, depths, and underwater hazards.

Never Swim Alone: Always swim with a buddy.

Avoid Alcohol and Drugs: Impaired judgment significantly increases risk.

Learn CPR: Knowing CPR can be a lifesaver in a water emergency.



FAMILY HAVEN
Available Programs

Moms and Dads Support Groups <p>Weekly support group for women, and monthly group for men, raising Tulalip or other Native children.</p>	Teen Outreach <p>Tulalip Tribal members, other Natives and descendants ages 12-24 in Snohomish County who are dealing with suicidal thoughts, depression, anxiety, substance use disorder, and/or other mental/behavioral diagnosis.</p>
Youth in Need of Services (YINS) <p>A program for Tulalip Tribal families with youth ages 13-up to their 18 birthday with a youth who is beyond the management of their parent(s) or guardians and the youths actions behavior endangers the health, safety, or welfare of the youth or any person. This program does involve the court.</p>	Family Visitation <p>Native parents involved with bada?čəł and have visitation with their child(ren). We also provide sibling visits for Tulalip children in bada?čəł care that are in different placements.</p>
Parent Support In-Home Services <p>Supportive services to families involved with bada?čəł to prevent out of home placement or for reunification supports. There are five different programs offered: Incredible Years, Family Preservation Services, Promoting First Relationships, SafeCare and Triple P. Families can also call bada?čəł and request these supportive services.</p>	IDD Program <p>A program for Tulalip families in Snohomish County who have a child with suspected delays due to Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Services provided include assistance with applications and resources, as well as education and emotional support.</p>
Family Spirit Home Visiting <p>Program for Tulalip tribal families who are pregnant up to the child's 5th birthday. Enrolled families receive support, parenting information, and many incentives.</p>	Cultural Parenting Program <p>Tulalip Tribal members or guardians with youth aged 10 and older who want to add to their parenting with practical skills and traditional teachings.</p>





Tulalip Tribes
Available Programs

Family Intervention (FIT) Program:
The Family Intervention Team provides early support to families navigating challenges that may place them at risk of entering the child welfare system. Through short-term case management, referrals, and culturally grounded services, FIT works to strengthen family relationships and prevent deeper system involvement. Services include parenting support, housing resources, school advocacy, and connection to mental health care.

Placement Support Team:
Our Placement Support team excels in identifying suitable family placements, aiding these families in tapping into a broad spectrum of resources, including childcare, TANF, mileage reimbursement, WIC, and healthcare services. This team also facilitates the vital connection between family members and children under bada?čəł care through coordinated visits.

Child Protective Services (CPS):
Our Child Protective Services employs a blend of evidence-based practices designed to empower parents to mitigate safety risks, ensuring children remain safely within their homes. These offerings are geared toward enhancing parenting skills, overcoming obstacles, and addressing children's behavioral challenges.

Ongoing Child Welfare Services (CWS):
Our Ongoing Child Welfare Services (CWS) adopts a strength-based methodology, guiding parents through the resolution of risk and safety concerns. The CWS team is dedicated to assisting parents in overcoming any hurdle to fulfilling court-ordered services and facilitating the reunion of children with their families. Like, CPS, this program leverages evidenced-based strategies to bolster parenting abilities and manage children's behavioral concerns.

Guardianship Program:
Families or individuals who have cared for a Tulalip Tribal Member within bada?čəł over one year and has a court authorized Guardianship case, will qualify to receive support and services through this program.

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Available Programs

Community Outreach Services: <p>CAC prioritizes community outreach, education, and trainings on topics such as Child Sexual Abuse prevention, Mandated Reporter Trainings, Human Trafficking response, and Healthy Relationships.</p>	Education Outreach Services: <p>LOH offers community outreach, education, and trainings on topics such as Human Trafficking response and prevention, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault 101 Dynamics, and Healthy Relationships.</p>
Resource Referrals: <p>CAC and LOH staff work closely with Tulalip Police Department and Tulalip Tribal Court as well as other local entities as a multi-disciplinary response designed to minimize re-traumatization. Advocates can also provide assistance with basic needs to support and dedicate their healing efforts.</p>	Advocacy: <p>Supportive advocates are available 24/7 for safety-planning, confidential and educational conversations, and emotional support. They can provide resource referrals, and a supportive presence during investigative and legal processes.</p>
Mental Health Therapy: <p>A full-time therapist is available to provide goal-based, acute trauma therapy services, as well as healing modalities, to children.</p>	





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Chad Michael Orr
May 6, 1972 - June 4, 2025

Chad Orr, 53, passed away on June 4, 2025 from a rare and aggressive cancer, leaving behind a legacy of unwavering love, kindness, and strength. He was a devoted husband, loving father, proud Papa, doting son, caring brother, and a loyal friend to many. To know Chad was to know true selflessness, compassion, and joy.

Chad was born and raised in Arlington and graduated from high school there in 1990. He was a proud member of Tulalip Tribes and enjoyed participating in native traditions. Chad's friendships and love for people encompassed all aspects of his life, from those he met as a 33-year member of the Local 32 Plumbers and Pip-

efitters Union to those he was thrilled to see while operating his Boom City fireworks stand. Each and every friendship was special to him.

Chad married the love of his life in 2013, and together they lived a life full of laughter, love, and many adventures. Traveling became one of their favorite pastimes and they were able to explore 25 countries on 6 continents together. He loved his family fiercely, treating his stepchildren as his own and beaming with pride when introducing his grandsons. Being Papa was his greatest joy—he was playful, present, and deeply cherished.

Chad was our rock, our Superman, and our light. He showed us what unconditional love looks like and how to find good even in the dark-

est of times. He will be missed beyond words and loved passed space and more.

He is survived by his wife Tracy, three children Austin (Dawna) Orr, Kayla Land (Jared Elias), Kyle Land, grandsons Cypress, Cayson, Dawson, Liam, Jo, grandma Beverly Gobin, parents Ted (Pam) Orr, Valda Gobin (Herb Spires), brothers Rick (Sherrie) Orr, Caleb (Branda) Orr, Josh (Crystal) Orr and many aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. He is now reunited with his brother Teddy.

A celebration of Chad's life will be held at one of his favorite places, Tulalip Resort Casino on Saturday, June 21st at 5pm in the Orca Ballroom. In lieu of cut flowers, please consider bringing a live plant.



**Court
Notices**

TUL-CV-CU-2021-0201 and TUL-CV-CU-2024-0986. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. Ryan Ervin, Petitioner v. Julene Williams, Respondent. To: Julene Williams YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Custody Hearing was filed in the above-entitled Court. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above-entitled action at an IN PERSON Hearing on Wednesday, AUGUST 6, 2025, at 01:00 P.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: May 24, 2025.

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