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## Quil Ceda teacher caravan brings positive energy to rez students



*By Micheal Rios*

School is out for all Washington State students for the rest of the academic year because of Governor Inslee's stay-at-home order aimed at minimizing the coronavirus contagion. It's been nearly two months since the devoted teachers of Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary (QCT) experienced the rambunctious youth they are normally responsible for educating on a daily basis. Over that span, both teacher and student have grown quite restless from their powerful bond being swiftly taken away thanks to an unforeseen global pandemic.

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## Treasury to begin distribution of COVID-19 relief monies to Indian tribes consistent with court order

May 5, 2020

The Tulalip Tribes and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation in Washington state, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in Maine, three Alaska Tribes, and other Plaintiff Tribes from across the country filed suit on April 16, 2020, after the Secretary of Treasury indicated that he would use monies intended for Tribal governments to fund Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs). In a joint press release, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt today announced that \$4.8 billion in funds from the COVID-19 Relief Fund will be made available to Tribal governments beginning today, exclusive of ANCs.

On April 27, 2020, in *Chehalis v. Mnuchin*, District Judge Amit Mehta granted the Plaintiff Tribes' motion for injunctive relief and prohibited the Department from distributing funds Congress intended for Tribal governments to for-profit Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs). The Court held that "presently, no ANC satisfies the definition of 'Tribal government' under the CARES Act and therefore no ANC is eligible for any share of the \$8B billion allocated by Congress for Tribal Governments."

Plaintiff Tribes and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, filed a Joint Status Report Friday May 1, 2020, as required by the Court. The Court had ordered Treasury to "update the court on any developments in the disbursement of Title V funds to federally recognized Indian tribes, as well as any funds withheld from ANCs pursuant to the court's preliminary injunction order." The Plaintiff Tribes continued to demand that Treasury distribute coronavirus relief funding to federally recognized Indian tribes without further delay. The Tribes told the Court last Friday that they will take additional legal action if the payments were not immediately forthcoming this week.

"We are pleased that Treasury will begin to release relief funds to tribal governments starting today, consistent with the Court Order," Tulalip Chairwoman Teri Gobin says. "Federally recognized Indian tribes from every corner of the United States have been in critical need of the CARES Act funds that Treasury has been inexplicably withholding," stated Gobin. "Without these funds, Tribal governments cannot provide essential government services necessary to protect their communities from the virus. Every day wasted jeopardizes the health and economies of the communities Tribal governments serve."

Chehalis Chairman Harry Pickernell Sr. adds, "The Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation is pleased that the Secretary of the Treasury has finally begun disbursement of CARES Act funds to federally recognized Indian tribes. However, the need in Indian Country is great, and Tribal governments need all of the \$8 billion Congress set aside for them now. The Secretary should immediately reverse his decision to withhold CARES Act funds for for-profit ANCs."

The three Alaska co-plaintiffs are the Akiak Native Community, the Asa'carsarmiut Tribe, and the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island. The Plaintiffs subsequently filed an amended complaint to add the Navajo Nation, Quinault Indian Nation, Pueblo of Picuris, Elk Valley Rancheria, and San Carlos Apache Tribe. Two other lawsuits followed and have been consolidated with the original case.

### Caravan from front page



That student-teacher connection was briefly reestablished on the afternoon of Tuesday, April 28, when QCT educators eagerly assembled for a positivity-filled parade through the Tulalip Reservation. Over 70+ vehicles, many of which were decorated with loving messages to their students like 'We miss you!', 'You are amazing' or 'Stay safe!', formed a caravan that was escorted by a bright yellow school bus to the reservation's many residential neighborhoods.

"We're Quil Ceda Tulalip

Elementary and we do everything together," explained caravan coordinator Toni Otto. She also serves as a family support liaison at QCT. "As most people know, we are a crazy bunch of people who really love our students and there's nothing we wouldn't do for them.

"Our biggest message for our kids is that just because we aren't in school together doesn't mean we're not here for you," continued Toni. "We are very much here for you still and can't wait to have you all back in school."

As the caravan maneuvered through the reservation, going from neighborhood to neighborhood, it was greeted by eagerly awaiting students beaming with smiles and continuous waving once they caught glimpses of the familiar faces. Several students made their own signs to proudly display as the caravan rolled through.

"I miss school," shared 6-year-old Keenan Sicade as he waited curbside for the chance to show his teachers his bright green sign. "I miss my friends, I miss school, and I miss getting my brain bigger."

A group of QCT students ranging from kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Michael, Mackenzie, Aubrey and Andrea could barely contain their excitement while



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waiting in their parent's van to see their teachers. "I miss math and homework!" yelled out one of the super enthusiastic foursome, while another admitted to "missing recess more than anything."

The teacher-led caravan lasted over 2-hours and created countless memories for everyone involved. From hand written messages on vehicle windows ranging from classroom rosters, like that of Ms. Cawley and Miss Breezy,

to Lushootseed inspiration, like Ms. Sablan's hand crafted roof ornament, the QCT educators brought joy, positivity, and air hugs galore to their home-bound students.

"My heart is bursting!" exclaimed Tony after the caravan's conclusion. "We have the most energetic, dedicated, and loving staff. Thank you to everyone for making this a great success.

"Seeing our students and their families

is exactly the medicine we all needed. As professionals who work in the education field, we need our students. Would we rather have them in our classrooms and in our school? Absolutely! Does this minor substitution help to ease the heartache of not being able to have them with us? Totally! I believe we made memories today that will last a lifetime in our hearts as well as our students' hearts."



## National Museum of the American Indian highlights



### Pontiac hood ornament, 1951

Pontiac was an Ottawa war chief who defeated the British in the 1760s. The city near Detroit is named for him, as was the General Motors brand of cars, which featured a hood ornament in the form of an Indian-head profile. During the 1950s its design was meant to suggest jet planes and rockets. The last Pontiac rolled off the assembly line in 2010.

By Micheal Rios

In the heart of Washington D.C. is the world's largest museum complex, known as the Smithsonian Institution. Among the many museums, libraries and research centers that make up this diverse information paradise is the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI).

According to the museum's website, NMAI cares for one of the world's most expansive collections of Native artifacts, including culturally significant objects, photographs, treaties, and media covering the entire Western Hemisphere. From its indigenous landscaping to its wide-ranging exhibitions, everything is designed in collaboration with tribes and tribal communities, giving visitors from around the world the sense and spirit of Native America.

"I feel a profound and increasing gratitude to the founders of this museum," said museum director Kevin Gover (Pawnee). "We are here as a result of the farsighted and tireless efforts of Native culture warriors who demanded that the nation respect and celebrate the contributions that Native people have made to this country and to the world."



**Tribal flags across Native America**

There are currently 574 federally recognized tribes. Hanging proudly from the vaulted ceilings of NMAI are the illustrative flags from each tribe, including the iconic killer whale representing the Tulalip Tribes.

**Below: Pipe tomahawk, ca. 1788**

This pipe tomahawk bears two incised British flags and the names “Bowles” and “Tustonackjajo.” It is thought that William Augustus Bowles, the self-appointed director-general of the Muscogee Nation, presented the tomahawk to Muscogee leader Tustenuggee Hajo.



**Left: Muscogee bandolier bag, ca. 1814**

This bandolier bag is said to have been captured at the Battle of Horseshoe Bend, the climatic clash of the Muscogee civil war of 1813. An estimated eight-hundred men died.



**Left: Bald eagle feather and flute, ca. 2000**

In November 2002, U.S. Navy Commander John Bennett Harrington – a member of the Chickasaw Nation – made history as the first Native American to board the Space Shuttle Endeavour. On his journey, Commander Harrington carried a flute made by Cherokee tribal member Jim Gilliland, a decorated eagle feather beaded by a Yankton Sioux citizen Philip Lane, and a Chickasaw Nation flag.

Both significant cultural items, the flute and eagle feather travelled to space with Commander Harrington. After arriving at the International Space Station, he placed both items within the airlock where they floated together in the zero gravity environment.

# Harvesting dandelions for a nutritious spring time tea



By SNAP-Ed Program Coordinator, AnneCherise Jensen

Dandelion plants are often regarded as a common weed or annoyance in one's yard. They are also known for making special wishes when blowing off their whimsical dried petals in the summertime. Believe it or not, dandelions are also one of the oldest nutritive and medicinal plants in the world. Dandelion, or the scientific name *Taraxacum officinale*, first originated in Europe and were brought to the Americas in the early 1600's.

Though this plant is often overlooked, dandelions contain a wide variety of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. If harvested properly, dandelions can be used for a wide variety of health and wellness purposes. The best part about it, is that it's FREE!

One of the most amazing properties about dandelions is the fact all parts of the plant can be used. The flowers are edible, having a semi sweet yet bitter taste. The leaves are also edible, and can be thrown into salads, smoothies and soups. The roots are also frequently used. Often they are dehydrated and used into a tea, vegetable broth or a tincture. Roasted dandelion roots can also be used as a coffee substitute, tasting very similar to regular coffee beans.

## Foraging Tips

- Harvest in areas that are chemical and pesticide free. When consuming a wild edible, you want to make sure its organic properties are free from any harmful compounds.
- Avoid harvesting by popular trails or parks. Don't forage in areas where dogs and other animals frequently visit. You don't want to consume any plants that may have been urinated or defecated on by an animal.
- Be sure to bring a basket, pair of gloves, hand shovel and

scissors. Bring your phone to take some pictures and share your experience to friends and family online as well.

- Only harvest what you will use and never take more than you need.

## Health Benefits

Dandelions are a great source of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. The leaves and root contain high amounts of Vitamins A, C, K and B Vitamins, as well as many minerals including magnesium, zinc, potassium, iron and calcium. Dandelions have a long history of use for problems of the liver, gallbladder, and bile ducts.

Today, Dandelion is a dietary supplement used as a blood "tonic," as a diuretic, for minor digestive problems, and other purposes. Other recorded, but not well studied, uses of dandelion include blood sugar and hormone regulation.

During this time of quarantine, now is the perfect opportunity to try something new. The following recipe is a great way to incorporate dandelions into your diet. Try this at home with your family, use up some of those dandelions that are close to your home, and enjoy a refreshing spring time beverage.

## Recipe

*Dandelion + Honey + Lemon Iced Tea*

### Ingredients:

- 2-3 cups fresh or dried dandelion flowers
- 2-3 Tablespoons honey
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice (4 lemons)
- 1 quart purified water

### Directions:

1. Harvest approximately 2-3 cups of wild dandelion flowers. Place in a strainer and rinse well with cool water. Remove all dirt debris from the plant.
2. Boil 1 quart of water. Then pour into a pitcher and add the honey.
3. Let cool for a few minutes, then add 1 cup of fresh squeezed lemon juice.
4. Add the clean wild dandelion flowers, mix well. Water should be warm so natural infusion can occur. You may also add in a few lemon slices here for extra zest and appeal.
5. Place in the refrigerator and let chill for 2-3 hours, until cold. You can strain the dandelion flowers, or you can pour them into your cup.
6. Enjoy! Use within 36-hours for best taste.

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## Court Notices

TUL-CV-YG-2019-0410. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: C. A. G. G. TO: IVY AUGUSTINE GUSS, 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 hearing on 06/18/2020 at 1:30 p.m. 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 11, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0357. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: K.C. TO: Kerri Deen and Jonathan Christensen: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at a hearing on June 23, 2020 at 3:30 PM in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. Should the Court rooms be closed due to covid-19 you should call in to your hearing via GoToMeeting, phone number: 1-224-501-3412, 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: May 9, 2020.

**Give her roses, daisies  
or everything in between,**



**just don't give her COVID-19.**

Keep mom safe, stay home on Mother's Day.





# SPECIAL ELECTION

**Ballots must be signed and returned by May 11 at 4:00PM**

- Ballots must be mailed or,
- Dropped off at the UPS store (8825 34th Ave NE, Tulalip WA 98271).
- A pre-stamped envelope will be included in the ballots packet, no postage needed

## Election results announced

- May 12, 2020 at 1:00pm through Tribal media and [iAmTULALIP.com](http://iAmTULALIP.com)

## Election of officers

- Officers will be voted on at the rescheduled Annual General Council Meeting

