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Yes, there are Native American republicans. Navajo VP speaks on their behalf during Republican National Convention



Navajo Nation vice-president, Myron Lizer, gave the opening remarks on day two of Republican National Convention.

By Micheal Rios

Following night two of the Republican National Convention, many across Coast Salish territory were vexed, truly vexed, when they witnessed vice-president of Navajo Nation, Myron Lizer, address a largely conservative audience and endorse President Donald Trump for the 2020 election.

“Many of our ancestral leaders sought to govern and lead a nation within a nation,” Lizer said. “They sought to lead their people into the promises of a better way of life for their children’s children. It is also where they have not been as successful as the rest of America.

“Our first nation’s people - the host people of the land - we are still here. Our creator placed us here and he knew that for such a time as this we would have the opportunity for an appeal to heaven. You see our people have never been invited

into the America Dream. We for years fought past battles with congressmen and senators that were part of a broken system that ignored us. That is until President Trump took office.

“President Trump delivered the largest funding package ever to Indian Country. The \$8 billion dollars in CARES Act funding was a great start in alleviated the devastating effects that the Covid-19 pandemic has affected on our tribes because of health disparities that previous administration failed to improve,” he continued. “I’m excited to endorse President Trump’s reelection.”

During Lizer’s eye-opening, two-and-a-half minute speech he praised the President for a number of policies instituted in the last few months that benefit Native American communities. Among them are the \$8 billion dollars in CARES Act funding, \$273 million to improve public safety and support victims of crimes on Native lands, and, most recently, the creation of a task force to address the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women crisis. Dubbed ‘Operation Lady Justice’, this task force intends to dedicate more crucial monies and man power to the MMIW movement by establishing an interagency task force charged with developing an aggressive, government-wide strategy to address the crisis.

“Our Native American people experience violence at a higher rate than any other nationality in the country,” explained Lizer when President Trump signed the executive order creating ‘Operation Lady Justice’. “The lack of reporting and investigation of missing and murdered Indigenous peoples needs to be taken seriously. The executive order gives hope to our tribal nations that justice is being sought and that there is a path

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Tulalip court is open

Submitted by Alicia Horne, Court Director

The court reopened to the public on August 10. Temperatures will be taken prior to access to the building and masks must be worn at all times by the public. Most hearings will remain through video conferencing with some exceptions. The public is welcome to call in to open hearings to listen in. Beginning September 1, we will begin to transition some hearing types to in-person with limits on people within the court room. Wellness Court, certain criminal matters and contested hearings will begin to be in-person. Please check with the court if you have any questions. 360-716-4773.

For criminal matters, we continue to have in-custody hearings, have warrant quashes Monday, and Friday right after the 9 am calendar. If a family member wants to participate and listen to a hearing, we ask that you contact the court clerk at 360-716-4773.

Civil matters: The courthouse resumed filings on August 10, and will continue to allow for electronic filing at court-clerkstaff@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. The filer should use the subject line of “For E-Filing” or via US mail sent to: Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332-31st Ave Ne, Suite B, attn.: Clerk’s Office, Tulalip, WA 98271. Fee payments also resumed August 10.

We thank you all for the grace that you have shown since the beginning of the pandemic, and ask for your patience and assistance during the upcoming months as we undertake a new approach to the court services that takes into account the safety and health of those that use and work at the court.

TULALIP TRIBES Victim Services Program



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You’re Invited to Participate in our Anonymous Survey

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Thank you in advance for your participation.

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ABOUT US

Tulalip Tribes Victim Services Program is designed to provide services to individuals who have been hurt or harmed by crime. Services include advocacy, courtroom support, emergency assistance, resources, referrals, education, information, and more.

CRIME TYPES WE SERVE

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Theft ● Vehicular Assault
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For any additional information, please contact us at 360-716-4555 or JMcCormack@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

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Native Republicans from front page



In 1929, after becoming Vice President, Native Republican Charles Curtis receives a peace pipe from Chief Red Tomahawk. (Library of Congress photo)

for healing of our families, victims, and survivors.”

Without a doubt, self-identifying liberal, progressive, or Democrat tribal citizens may very well disagree with Lizer’s political allegiance and endorsement of President Trump for re-election. They may even go as far to call the recent legislative policies aimed at benefitting Native communities nothing more than political hogwash and moves only intended to garner political support. Even if that’s true, shouldn’t the mere

spotlight on tribal issues and voices be considered a win? Regardless of which political party wrote or passed a particular policy, shouldn’t every resource gained by Indian Country be viewed as a step forward?

When legislative policies are deemed good or bad, right or wrong, favorable or unfavorable simply based on whether they were created by team blue (Democrats) or team red (Republicans) then it only succeeds in dismissing the actions of half the voting electorate. In



Surrounded by Native leaders, President Trump signs an executive order establishing ‘Operation Lady Justice’ to address MMIW crisis. (Official White House photo)

doing so, the voices of Native conservatives go unheard by Native progressives and vice-versa.

Quick piece of history trivia: Did you know a Native American has served as the Vice President of the United States? If you’re in disbelief, don’t be. It’s a super cool part of history that is often neglected or forgotten altogether because Charles Curtis (Kaw), the 31st VP who served from 1929-1933 under President Herbert Hoover, was a Republican.

Currently, there are only four Native Americans members in Congress. Representatives Sharice Davids (Ho-Chunk) and Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) both made history in 2018 when they won their seats and became the first Native women to reach the House of Representatives. They both are Democrats. They joined their fellow Native politicians Representative Tom Cole (Chickasaw) and Representative Markwayne Mullin (Cherokee), both Republicans, to bring the Native voice to each major political party.

“If you look at our people nationally, there is no party who universally supports us,” explained O.J. Semans (Rosebud Sioux), executive director of the Native voter engagement organization

Four Directions. “It really is dependent on region and the particulars of local state governments. I can guarantee you that you can have Democrats within your area and if the local Native interests are different from theirs, then you won’t have their support.

“I think we should support Native candidates running for both parties. There needs to be Native republicans and Native democrats in order to work together in advancing Native issues,” he added. “It’s never going to be about a particular party issue, it’s always going to be about our peoples’ issues. As Native Americans, let us not look at a party above our own issues, above our treaties and above our sovereignty.”

Today, Native voters represent an influential and unique population of voters in the United States. The Native vote influences outcomes of presidential and congressional elections, as well as state and local elections. While Native issues are complex and vary by region, tribe, and culture, most tribal citizens agree supporting tribal sovereignty and self-determination is the foundation to any successful Native platform, regardless of political affiliation.

Tulalip Tribal Court introduces Tulalip Community Give Back program



By *Kalvin Valdillez*

With the late August weather reaching the mid-70's on a Friday afternoon, cars zoomed across the recently widened bridge that spans across Quil Ceda Creek, windows down and music blaring. On the side of the bridge, nearest to 27th street, a group of volunteers were hard at work. With yellow vests and extendable trash grabbers, the crew spent four hours cleaning an area that is often frequented by the homeless and addicted populace. Once their blue bucket was filled to the top with rubbish, they transferred the trash to a large dumpster and began working on a new area.

The members of the working crew are the very first participants of a new program called Tulalip Community Give Back, organized by the Tulalip Probation Office. And despite the physical work and warm weather, the participants wore smiles and shared stories and jokes while they worked.

"We're picking up around the bridge on both sides, just cleaning up and picking up all the garbage and debris," said volunteer, Yessenia Vega-Simpson. "This is the

first day of the program and so far it's a pretty cool program. There's two groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, so you can pick and choose your time. I'm doing the full eight hours so I can hurry up and get my community service done."

Like many new or redesigned programs, Tulalip Give Back was created in response to the novel coronavirus disease when clients of the Tulalip Justice Center could not fulfill their community service hours.

"Our only structure pre-COVID was community service, essays, court observation, and unfortunately warrants or jail time," said Tulalip Probation Officer, Angel Sotomayor. "Post-COVID (outbreak), of course we don't want to put anyone behind bars if we can prevent it, but community service work is limited within the communities we used to send them to. So we wanted to try something different, a method of community service that is Tulalip specific and includes community involvement and interaction with other departments within the Tribe."

Previously, Justice Center

clients would normally volunteer their time at community service programs located in nearby cities such as Marysville and Everett. However, once the Stay Home, Stay Safe mandate went into effect, the need for community service workers decreased significantly to the point that Tulalip members were falling out of compliance due to limited work available.

Angel stated, "We are working with those clients who need that extra structure, who have been out of compliance, who volunteer to opt-in and give back to the community in this aspect instead of warrants, jail time, or writing an essay. The Tulalip Community Give Back program will be two days a week, but at the start of it we're only going to do it one day a week for eight hours. There are two crews, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and a 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Fridays. This way, those who have children obligations during the first part of the day, can come to the second session or vice versa."

A common theme throughout the design of the Give Back program is rebuilding and strengthening that

connection between the clients and the community. Angel and the Justice Center hope that by collaborating with other departments, their clients will become more familiarized with the people in a professional manner and acquire new skills that they could add to their resumes when job hunting. Angel hopes that as word about the Give Back program spreads, more departments will reach out when in need of any general assistance that can be entrusted to their clients.

Out the gate, the program is receiving a huge boost from the Tulalip Public Works department that assigned a 12-passenger van to the program to transport the clients to each worksite every week. Public Works is also providing the Probation Office with work locations as well as any necessary tools or services required to get the job done.

"We teamed up with Sam Davis and his staff and they agreed to provide us with all the tools we need - safety vests, glasses, first aid and training so they know how to properly deal with broken glass, and hazardous things they might



find when cleaning up,” said Angel. “Hopefully down the road, as the program continues to develop, they’ll be able to add these tasks as an acquired skill; leaf blowing, power washing, mowing lawns, scanning documents or shredding documents. That’s our long term goal, to be able to give them the tools to build themselves up, to be a member of the community and not feel that they are different than anyone else. Yes, they are still on probation, but they are still a member of this community.”

It seems that with each day that passes, the program continues to grow. Already, the Tulalip Give Back program is slated to clean up the housing developments built on the reservation including Mission Highlands, Battle Creek, and Silver Village.

“I believe this is very important work

that is being done,” Sam Davis, Public Works Director of Operations stated. “Giving these community members the opportunity to give back in a good way [is] awesome to see. Also the impact these cleanups have in terms of community health, public safety, and environmentally are huge.”

On the first day of the program, the morning of August 28, the Tulalip Tribal Court’s Chief Judge, Michelle Demmert, offered some inspiring words to the morning crew after they received their required COVID screenings. She applauded them for volunteering their time, while also expressing a desire to incorporate more Tulalip culture into the program. And with the possibility of more funding in the near future, the Give Back program is doing some tentative planning with ideas of weaving classes and other traditional teachings in mind.

Angel also stated that the program is in talks with the Tulalip Fish Hatchery to put their volunteers to work and learn more about the salmon, its life cycle and significance to the Salish people. By adding a cultural aspect to the program, the clients get the chance to revisit the traditions and teaching of their people in addition to picking up trash and caring for the land.

“We think that this is going to help build that relationship with the community, where they can interact and gain skills to give back to Tulalip, because most of our clients are Tulalip tribal members,” expressed Angel. “This gives them the opportunity to show that they’re volunteering to do this, they want to be a part of this community, they still want to get through these conditions, pay back those fines, stay out of jail and hopefully find their path.”

Staying true to the theme of strengthening relationships, Angel, and volunteers from the Justice Department, plan on being on site during each community service gathering, lending a hand as well as any guidance needed throughout the day. By rolling up their sleeves and working side-by-side, the court hopes to build trust,

understanding, and meaningful, long-lasting relationships with their clients.

Nine participants showed up in total for the first day of the Tulalip Community Give Back program, many of whom spent the entire eight hours in the field, filling up an extra-large dumpster with garbage that was recovered from both sides of the Quil Ceda Creek bridge. In addition to all the trash collected, the participants flagged over 50 used needles that were scattered about, which Angel safely handled and disposed of.

“We no longer have to rely on Marysville or surrounding communities, we can focus on what Tulalip needs,” Angel said. “It was motivating watching these clients work so hard today. It has given me the drive to continue to do what I am doing. Times have been difficult for everyone during this pandemic, across the entire Tribe we have had to develop new methods to better assist those which we serve. I commend everyone for their efforts during these trying times. Today really reminded me of how important it is to develop alternate methods of engagement with our clients. If anyone has a moment stop by and take a look at the area beside the bridge, adjacent to the QCC Casino, you will notice it looks night and day different. These clients did an outstanding job. I am excited to continue to work towards the growth and further development of this program.”

Eight hours closer to completing her community service hours, Yessenia reflected, “I thought it was just community service, but today I learned that this time could also be used as an opportunity to learn new skills to help people get a job. We’re not just picking up garbage; we’re going to be all over, at the fisheries, helping with housing, shredding papers somewhere. It feels pretty good giving back and helping clean up and take care of our rez.”

For more information, please contact the Tulalip Tribal Court Probation Office at (360) 716-4773.

Education

\$350 school readiness stipend available to Tulalip’s K-12 students

By Micheal Rios

It’s barely been two weeks since the Tulalip Tribes announced the availability of COVID impact funding for its K-12 students, and nearly 800 applications have been submitted already. The \$350 school readiness stipend is made available

as part of the CARES Act, which was signed into law back in March, and is intended to provide critical relief for students as they prepare to start the new school year learning remotely.

“Our tribes are feeling significant strain,” said Senator Martha

McSally. “This legislation provides immediate cash relief and strong assistance to tribal communities impacted by this so workers and families can pay their bills. I will continue to work with the Trump Administration to ensure this relief is administered quickly, efficiently

and in a manner that works best for tribal communities.”

With all Washington State school districts either recently starting or set to start the 2020-2021 academic year, the uncertainty of resuming education is no more. It’s certain that the routine of daily education is

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purchase items that really don't prioritize our kids' education."

To create a highly effective learning environment at home, here are some basic essentials local school districts suggest purchasing: a desk or mini table dedicated for an individual student, a reliable internet or WiFi connection to support multiple devices, a comfortable desk chair, personal headphones, a printer with a decent supply of paper and ink, and a white board to be used as a student planner to manage class schedule, homework assignments, and any broader academic goals. Two items left off this essential list are a cheap laptop and webcam because Marysville School District and local private schools issued their students Chromebooks with built-in webcam and internet access.

"As a mother of two students, one in 5th grade and the other in 10th grade, I plan on using their stipends to make sure they each have their own work stations," said Lisa. "The \$350 can purchase a lot if used sensibly. There's no need to buy everything brand new, at full retail price. I've been searching Facebook Marketplace and other reselling apps to find work station essentials."

With so many applications turned in thus far, and many hundreds more expected in the coming weeks, Youth Services staff request patience and understanding that it takes about two weeks from application processing to stipend mail out. Each check is made out to the individual student and no receipts are required to be submitted after the fact. The deadline to submit a stipend ap-



back, but the details of that routine have changed immensely. As a result of COVID-19, Governor Inslee mandated all K-12 public and private schools remain closed to in-person learning and instead institute distance learning solutions. For the vast majority of Tulalip students this means going all digital, all the time from the comforts of home.

For students and their families lacking in the necessary resources to provide an effective learning environment for distance learning, the unexpected opportunity to receive \$350 per Tulalip student can be a significant morale boost.

"Nobody was expecting this money. We're fortunate the tribe applied for relief funds from a grant to help out our students and it was accepted," explained Lisa Fryberg, positive youth development advocate. "These funds are intended to go towards school supplies and digital resources to make our children's learning experience better."

"Hopefully, all our kids will see this money be used to facilitate a functioning learning environment at their home," added fellow youth advocate Deyamonta Diaz. "What we hope not to see is this money being viewed as supplemental income and used to

\$350 SCHOOL READINESS STIPEND

Open to all K-12 Tribal Member students

Applications available starting
Monday, August 17th at

- www.tulalipyouthservices.com
- Admin Building CSR Desk
- Youth Center
- Email Courtney at courtneysheldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Submit completed applications via email to Courtney or drop off at the Youth Center

Deadline to submit an application is Oct 31, 2020



plication is October 31.

“I always felt like we took our public school system for granted. Like, there are those who are consistently critical of what public school doesn’t offer or what they lack, but now we get to experience what it’s like not to have this resource and already a lot of people miss what they took for granted,” reflected Deyamonta, who serves Totem Middle

School as a student advocate. “We need the school districts as much as they need us. At least for the next several months, we’ll see how our families and students are able to adapt to a more independent learning environment.”

With many schools across the country closed and operating under remote learning or a hybrid model to prevent the spread of CO-

VID-19, students and their families alike are bracing themselves for a fall semester unlike any other. This makes for quite the back-to-school shopping shakeup. Fortunately, the school readiness stipend can help curb costs and ease the transition to an all-digital, distance learning landscape.

The school readiness stipend application can be found at: [https://](https://www.tulalipyouthservices.com/uploads/3/9/0/8/39080369/application-_350-stipend.pdf)

www.tulalipyouthservices.com/uploads/3/9/0/8/39080369/application-_350-stipend.pdf

Additional applications can be picked up at the Tulalip Teen Center front desk.

Court Notices

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2020-0304 Summons by Publication and & Notice of Petition for Exclusion. THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. THEODORE DAVID WAKENIGHT, Respondent. On March 6, 2020, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than October 5, 2020 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk’s Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation, Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CV-EX-2020-0419 Summons by Publication and & Notice of Petition for Exclusion THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. MICHAEL ELROD, Respondent. On April 21, 2020, a Petition for Exclusion was filed in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 2.40. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that 1) that you are entitled to be represented by counsel, at your own expense; 2) that you may present testimony of witnesses and other evidence on your own behalf; and 3) that failure to attend the hearing may result in an order of temporary or permanent exclusion or removal; 4) that if you intend to call witnesses, a witness lists shall be filed no later than five judicial days before the hearing. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that if you file an answer to the exclusion petition no later than October 20, 2020 and serve a copy on the Office of the Reservation Attorney within five calendar days after filing with the Court, the matter shall be set for a hearing. The date and time of the hearing shall be set by the Clerk’s Office and shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0503. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: D. T. W. III TO: MARISSA ANDROS and DANIEL WILLIAMS, JR., YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 at 1:30pm 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: August 8, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0561. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: X. H. TO: JOAQUIN MEZA, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. 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: August 29, 2020.

TUL-CV-YI-2020-0560. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: H. R. H. TO: JOSHUAH LLOYD, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action 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 Adjudicatory Hearing on October 6, 2020 at 2:30pm 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: August 29, 2020.

Home for sale

Approximately ½ acre of trust property at 4625 Richard Madison Pl. Three-bedroom home, with an open ceiling, office and den, and 3-car garage, \$800,000 appraised value.

For more information contact Richard Madison at 206-582 9355.

Planning Commissioner Position

The Tulalip Tribes is seeking applications to fill one, three-year, non-Tulalip Tribal member position, term expiring in March 2023.

The Planning Department’s mission is to provide the Tulalip community with the services necessary to achieve the Tribes’ vision for Reservation lands, protecting public health, safety and general welfare, while asserting tribal authority over the Reservation to include land use, and to prepare, update, and implement long-range plans.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have resided on or within the exterior boundaries of the Tulalip Indian Reservation for the past year, not enrolled as a Tulalip Tribal member, and not presently employed by the Tulalip Tribes Planning Department. Commissioners are appointed by the Tulalip Board of Directors.

Interested parties must submit a Letter of Interest and proof of residency to jgold@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov by 4 pm, September 16, 2020.



EVERY NATIVE VOTE COUNTS

GET OUT THE VOTE AT TULALIP

Friday, September 11
11:30 AM
Don Hatch Youth Center

It is critical that Tribal members register to vote in the upcoming presidential election.

Our treaty rights are at stake.
Sign up to be a volunteer, help to canvass
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Food and prizes will be provided!

