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King County Search Dogs support ongoing mission to bring Officer Cortez home



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Tulalip Tribal Court introduces ODMAP to combat drug overdose rates in the community

By *Kalvin Valdillez*

“There are a lot of overdoses during bonus and Christmas time,” said ODMAP (Overdose Detection Mapping & Application Program) Outreach Specialist, Tashena Hill. “People are feeling sad because they can’t be with their families or they are reminded of family members who passed on. ODs really spike during this time of year, so it is very important for us to get this information out.”

As overdose rates continue to climb nationwide, the Tulalip Tribal Court is taking action in an attempt to

address the opioid epidemic on the reservation. Multiple studies from the likes of the CDC and the Washington Post report that Indian Country has been hit the hardest, claiming that from 2006-2014 Natives were 50% more likely to die from an opioid overdose than any other race in the country. Those reputable sources also released a disclaimer stating those statistics are more than likely under reported due to a number of factors. Most misreporting stems from hospitals and coroners indicating the incorrect race on the death certificates of overdose

victims.

The numbers reported on a national level are still staggering. After approximately 70,000 overdose related deaths occurred in 2017, the United States saw that number decrease to 67,000 in 2018. Unfortunately, in 2019, the CDC reports that the drug overdose rate rose by 4.6% in the course of a year to nearly 71,000 deaths nationwide. Early projections indicate that those numbers may have spiked yet again in 2020, citing the novel coronavirus as a key contributor to several overdoses throughout the year.

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Oscar Carl Jones, Sr. Tulalip Tribal Court 2020 Warrant Amnesty Week

**The Tulalip Tribal Court is offering Warrant Amnesty
Week from Monday, December 14 through Friday,
December 18, at the following times:**

Monday, December 14 – 11:00 am
Tuesday, December 15 – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, December 16 – 11:00 am
Thursday, December 17 – 3:00 pm
Friday, December 18 – 10:00 am

Call the conference line # (224) 501-3412,
then enter Access Code 460-893-421

Warrant Amnesty means that on the above scheduled days and times, a community member who has a warrant out of the Tulalip Tribal Court can call into the Court and quash their warrant without a quash fee. You will not be taken into custody regardless of case charge(s). You will be issued a new court hearing date to review your case.

YOU MUST CALL AT THE TIMES ABOVE OR YOU MAY NOT GET A HEARING, AND YOUR WARRANT WILL STILL BE ACTIVE. There are currently over 300 active warrants in the system which are costing not only police officer time, but judicial and clerk time, and increasing jail costs. Therefore, the Tribal Court is offering Warrant Amnesty Week.

If you have any further questions regarding our upcoming Warrant Amnesty Week, please contact the Court Administrator or Court Director at Tulalip Tribal Court.

Stephanie Ancheta, Court Administrator at 360-722-1697

Alicia Horne, Court Director at 360-926-4538

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Search from front page



By Micheal Rios

The tragic loss of police officer Charlie Cortez, who died in the line of duty on November 17 after his patrol boat capsized, has been felt near and far. A 29-year-old hero and father of two young children, his family and friends offer prayers and well wishes to the recovery teams who depart Tulalip Marina shortly after sunrise every day in search of the fallen Tulalip tribal member.

“To date, we’ve used some of the best technology in the world to aid in our search and recovery mission,” explained Chris Sutter, Tulalip Police Chief. “Advanced underwater sonar imaging of the ocean floor, underwater drones, air resources including fixed wing aircrafts, helicopters, and unmanned drones, and, our most important resource of all, thousands of hours of manpower by dedicated first responders, fishermen, and civilian

volunteers.

“We’ve done our best to cover all relevant search areas, from north of Tulalip, Port Susan area to Camano Island, top end of Whidbey Island, both sides of Hat Island, up the Snohomish River system, and all the way down past Mukilteo looking for our lost officer,” he continued. “We have not turned away any resources, as we’ve had many vessels and specialized search teams on the water searching far and wide.”

One such resource is the King County Search Dogs. A part of the King County Search and Rescue Association, the highly specialized canine unit assists law enforcement agencies with missing person searches and human recovery in the wilderness and urban settings. A team of ten (four dogs, four handlers and two support) joined Tulalip’s recovery efforts for Officer Cortez on December 5.

The search dog unit were briefed by Chief Sutter

and Commander Robert Myers at the local marina before being transported to the primary search area by Fish and Wildlife boat operator supervisor Bernie Edge and Tulalip citizen Sam Davis.

The extraordinary dog-handler teams are trained for effective and efficient searches thanks to the four-legged companions’ possession of up to 300 million olfactory receptors in their noses, compared to about six million in people. The part of a dog’s brain that is devoted to analyzing smells is, proportionally speaking, 40 times greater than the average human.

Dogs’ sense of smell overpowers our own by orders of magnitude – it’s 10,000 to 100,000 times as acute, scientists say. “Let’s suppose they’re just 10,000 times better,” says James Walker, former director of the Sensory Research Institute at Florida State University, who came up with that jaw-dropping estimate during a rigorously designed, oft-cited study. “If you make the analogy to vision, what you and I can see at a third of a mile, a dog could see more than 3,000 miles away.”*

Three super powered snouts actively worked the waters of Pos-

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session Sound, between Port of Everett, Priest Point and Hat Island, while a fourth roamed on land in search of any possible leads. Dog handler Joan Hitchner, an 18-year vet with search and rescue, trailed 7-year-old R2 as he traversed nearly six miles of sand dunes, boulders, a horde of driftwood, and wetland sniffing for viable scent trails on Jetty Island.

On water, the search dogs literally stood on bow and stern of two separate boats while being taxied back and forth along the coastal waters for hour after hour. With noses held high, they processed the Possession Sound environment for any trace of Officer Cortez.

“Recovery efforts from water, especially the ocean, is inherently challenging

because water is in a constantly changing state,” said dog handler Josh Gerstman, a 23-year vet with search and rescue, while beside his 8-year-old chocolate Labrador, Natick. “Fluctuating water temperatures, ocean depths, wind currents, turbidity and tidal impacts are all variables that cannot be understated. Our dogs’ sense of smell is incredible and they adhered to their training admirably under these conditions.”

After their day on the water and along the coast, the search and recovery teams reconvened at the Tulalip Marina to debrief. Information received from the search dogs will be further analyzed with all other search effort information logged to date.

“Each day for the past three weeks, we’ve had different teams from a variety of local, regional and state agencies participate in our search and recovery mission,” reflected Chief Sutter.

“Having the canine search team out today really gives us hope as we continue to bring in as many resources as we can to help locate and recover Officer Cortez. We are grateful to receive support from our neighboring King County Sheriff’s Office and every other community partner who has dedicated time and resources to support us.”

In the three weeks since Tulalip lost its first ever officer in the line of duty, the Tulalip Police Department, in partnership with Fish and Wildlife staff and countless fishermen, remain committed to bringing Officer Cortez home. Their exhaustive efforts show the depth of this community’s love for each other and of the brotherhood of law enforcement. The search continues.

*Source - <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/article/dogs-sense-of-smell/>

ODMP from front page

“Every last person matters. That is our way, huyadad, to care for every one of our members. At least that’s what my grandfather Stan Jones Sr. taught me - to care for everyone.”

**- Tashena Hill,
ODMAP Outreach Specialist**

In 2017, roughly 30% of deaths in Washington State were attributed to overdose with a large percentage occurring in Snohomish county, particularly the Marysville, Everett and Tulalip region. It would be extremely challenging, however, if you wanted to gather and analyze data regarding the number of overdoses and overdose related deaths at Tulalip alone, as reportings tend to vary based on jurisdictions and which emergency response team answers the call of distress.

Tulalip Tribal Court Director Alicia Horne explained, “Right now, Tulalip has no central data to utilize to determine OD. This new program is going to create the database to track those statistics, that’s one of the

objectives of this program. And prevention. If an emergency response team is responding to a 9-1-1 call and they issue Narcan, having that information will help this program go out to do intervention services and provide detoxing treatments, getting them set-up on a Suboxone or Methadone program. This will help us collect data to see what the overdose rate is in the Tulalip community and how we can provide prevention and intervention services.”

ODMAP, or the Overdose Detection Mapping & Application Program, is a service utilized by communities across the nation. Counties that have elected to use the company’s database have been able to significantly reduce

the number of overdoses in their region.

“ODMAP is a system that emergency response personnel like the fire department, EMTs, and the police department can enter real-time data regarding an overdose,” said ODMAP Project Coordinator, Kali Joseph. “That includes a general location of the overdose, whether Naloxone was administered, how much Naloxone was administered, and whether the overdose was fatal or not. And then we have our outreach workers deploy the resources to those people who are susceptible to overdose or are suffering with substance abuse disorder.”

Having access to those reports is a major step in addressing the opioid and heroin epidemic

on the reservation. Now TPD and other emergency response teams can pinpoint specific neighborhoods and areas that are affected most by drug overdose and can thereby, in theory, disrupt any activity when the numbers are on the rise.

“Using the ODMAP app we can see a spike happen in real-time,” expressed ODMAP Social Worker, Cara McCoy. “When we have all these spikes and overdoses, we can warn the community that maybe there’s a bad drug and to be careful. The app is really easy to use so the officer or whoever has the app will be able to capture it immediately so we have more accurate numbers.”

In addition to tracking and monitoring overdoses on the reservation, the ODMAP team is focused on promoting a healthy Tulalip community and will provide outreach work, cultural activities, and endless resources for those ready and willing to leave their addiction in the past.

“We’re working on getting a list of all the things that could be barriers in between someone obtaining their sobriety,” stated Kali. “That could be food, a driving abstract, Washington State ID, duffle bag, clothes, signing up for

insurance, cell phones, or providing them with a ride. Sometimes the fees for a driving abstract or an ID, to be able to get into a detox center or treatment, can be a very big barrier for people trying to get clean and sober so we just want be able to help them break down those barriers.”

Added Tashena, “The biggest obstacle for any of our clients is having a place to go after coming home from treatment or jail. The Tribe doesn’t offer anything for short-term, so we’re working on trying to find a place for them to go in the interim. We need somewhere for them to go so they can be successful on their journey.”

The very first project for the ODMAP team is taking place on December 16, a virtual training session that will inform those who attend how to appropriately and effectively administer Naloxone or Narcan nasal spray, which can potentially save someone’s life in the event of an overdose. According to their research, 690 overdoses in Washington State were reversed with Naloxone in 2016.

“It first started with Cara setting up a meeting with the Swinomish Wellness Center, they have reduced their overdose rate by

50%,” Kali noted. “We asked them what type of things they’re doing to reduce their rate so greatly and they said that a big factor was distributing Narcan to the community members. We thought we should have a Narcan distribution for our community right before the holidays. It was actually Tashena’s idea to do it before the holidays, especially because we all get this big chunk of money. We are here for prevention and we think that sharing information and knowledge is a really good prevention method, as well as distributing the Narcan.”

In total, the ODMAP team will distribute 50 Narcan kits to the community by December 18. Those who wish to receive a kit will be required to sign-up and attend a GoToMeeting session on Wednesday December 16. The trainings will be split into two sessions, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 2:00 p.m., and will be limited to 25 participants per session. After attending the training, the ODMAP team will hand-deliver the Narcan kits to your doorstep, along with other resources, including information about the program as well as some fun holiday gifts. You must be at least 13 years old to attend the training and receive a Narcan kit.

“Our team is driven to reduce the overdose rates here at Tulalip,” expressed Tashena. “This is important to me as a Tribal member who has suffered from this opioid affliction, being able to give back to my people and show them there is hope. If I can overcome such a horrendous obstacle then anyone can. There is help here for people that want it or need it. There are people who care and are more than willing to help our community members if they want it. The upcoming Narcan training is so important because if we can save anyone, even one person, that is a win. Every last person matters. That is our way, huyadad, to care for every one of our members. At least that’s what my grandfather Stan Jones Sr. taught me - to care for everyone.”

For further information and to register for the upcoming Narcan presentation and distribution, please contact Tashena Hill at (360)-913-7897 or tahill@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov, Melissa Gover at (360)-631-2668 or mgover@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov, or Cara McCoy at (360)-631-7443 or cmccoy@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

Quil Ceda Tulalip student honoring

Submitted by *Marysa Sylvester, Trauma Informed School Counselor*

Mission: QCT family actively works to change the story of education for the Tulalip community, while working towards healing and decolonizing educational practices that will continue to empower and motivate every member to learn, grow, and promote our students to be safe, healthy, and positive within the community.

Filling the Cedar Basket: At Quil Ceda Tulalip Elementary (QCT), we believe in “filling a student’s cedar basket”- which means being positive and supportive with our students through a strength-based lens. In the classroom, school-wide spaces, and with students, we lead with kindness and respect.

We believe in connecting to our students and the various cultures they identify with.

At QCT we have 23 extraordinary classes that are all working exceptionally hard to make this year successful, in spite of the additional obstacles that face our community during the pandemic. We have two guiding principles that set the standard for how students interact in our school: they are the Tulalip Tribes’ Tribal Values and the school’s guidelines for success (also known as the GROWS expectations).

Classroom Honorings: QCT classes work together to live these values and guidelines, and when that work is recognized by an adult in our building, those classes earn a “BrainTree.” Classes work together to earn 25 “BrainTrees” and a celebration chosen by the students

follows. Additionally, those classes are honored in the syəcəb, in hopes that the community can take pride in understanding the role we all play in shaping a successful learning community.

This week we would like to honor the following classes for their hard work in earning 25 “BrainTree” tickets:

- Ms. Cullen’s Kindergarten Class**
- Ms. Narag’s Kindergarten Class**
- Mrs. Ferrel’s 5th Grade Class**

Students, we are proud of all of you and your dedication to keeping our school community amazing! Be on the lookout for “Cedar Awards” you earn in class. You’ll receive a certificate in your district student email if you earn one. We will also be mailing out these awards every month!!

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- Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions. Flu vaccination also has been shown in separate studies to be associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes and chronic lung disease.
- Flu vaccination has been shown in several studies to reduce severity of illness in people who get vaccinated but still get sick.
- Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.



For more information, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/vaccines-work/vaccineeffect.htm>

Content source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD)

For more information contact Roni Leahy at 360-716-5642 or vleahy@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov



Robert (Bob) Lee Power

October 15, 1950 -
November 13, 2020



Robert (Bob) Lee Power at the age of 70 passed away peacefully at Providence Hospital in Everett, WA 11/13/2020, with loved ones by his side.

Bob is survived by his mother; Dorothy (Hawkins) Power; brother Paul Power; children: Ivy Guss, Sele-

na Guss, Robert Guss, and Anthony Power. Also many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and numerous other family and close friends.

Bob was preceded in death by his father; Paul Power; brother Bill Power; sons Albert Power, and John Gibson.

Bob was loved and adored by so many and will be greatly missed. He was a kind hearted man, who loved his family and friends beyond words, he showed us in so many ways.

He was somebody who was always willing to help where needed. A man of many talents, from being an amazing mechanic, who also had an extreme love for old muscle cars, to building wood furniture back in his school age years which his mother still has the honor of using in her home today.

Bob was the best father, son, grandpa, brother, uncle, and friend anybody could ask for.


A graveside service was held Saturday, November 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM at Mission Beach Cemetery in Tulalip. Arrangements entrusted to Schaefer-Shipman Funeral Home.

Court Notices

TUL-CV-YI-2012-0519. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: J. E.-C.C. TO: CAMERON NICHOLAS BAKER CRAIG: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth in Need of Care action was re-opened 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 Tuesday, May 04, 2021 at 1:30 PM in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. You should appear in person. However, 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: November 14, 2020.


TUL-CV-YI-2020-0695. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: S. V. R. W. TO: JUSTIN LEE PATRICK: 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 Tuesday, February 02, 2021 at 03:00 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: December 12, 2020.

THE TULALIP COURT Tulalip Indian Reservation Tulalip, WA No. TUL-CR-FI-2020-0729 Notice of Trial Date. THE TULALIP TRIBES, Petitioner vs. Nicholas Edelman, Defendant. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, on November 16, 2020, the Tulalip Tribal Court issued an Order setting a trial date in the above-entitled matter for December 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The date and time of the trial shall be held at the Tulalip Tribal Court located at: 6332 31st Ave. NE, Tulalip, WA 98271. Contact the Clerk's Office at (360) 716-4773 [option 5] to inquire about attending the hearing.



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IN THE MUCKLESHOOT COURT OF JUSTICE FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION AUBURN, WASHINGTON Case No. MUC-PO-08/20-092 In Re the Protection of: M.C., DOB: 09/20/1949, an elder/vulnerable adult vs. RICKY RYAN WILLIAMS, DOB: 06/16/1991, Respondent NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROTECTION ORDER PETITION TO: RICKY RYAN WILLIAMS, DOB: 06/16/1991. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the previously entered protection order remains in full force and effect. In particular:

1. The respondent is Restrained from committing or threatening to commit physical harm, bodily injury, assault, including sexual assault against the vulnerable adult and from molesting, harassing, or stalking the elder/vulnerable adult.
2. Respondent is Restrained from committing or threatening to commit acts of abandonment, abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation against the elder/vulnerable adult.
3. The respondent is Excluded from the elder/vulnerable adult's residence.
4. The respondent is Restrained from coming near and from having any contact with the elder/vulnerable adult, in person or through others, by phone, mail, or any means, directly or indirectly, except through an attorney, or mailing or delivery by a third party of court documents.
5. Respondent is Prohibited from knowingly coming within, or knowingly remaining within 500 feet (distance) of the elder/vulnerable adult and his or her residence.
6. A violation of this order may subject respondent to arrest and criminal prosecution under tribal and/or state law.
7. The protection order expires one week after the next hearing but may be renewed prior to its expiration.
8. Next hearing: January 28, 2021 at 1:00PM
9. Parties are responsible for updating the court as to any change of service address.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of November, 2020. /s/ GARY BASS, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE MUCKLESHOOT COURT OF JUSTICE. Muckleshoot Tribal Court, 39015 172nd Avenue SE, Auburn, WA 98092. Phone: (253) 876-3203 / Fax: (253) 876-2903

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