# Remembering a legend: Jerry Jones, master carver



By Wade Sheldon; photos courtesy of Linda Smith

In the serene embrace of Tulalip Bay, the legacy of Tulalip tribal member Jerry Jones, a master carver, teacher, and king of home runs, is revealed with time and grace. Since his passing in 2003, the echoes of his artistic brilliance, passionate instruction, and unwavering commitment to the cultural tapestry of the Tulalip Tribes continue to resonate.

Jerry Jones, a luminary figure in the heart of Tulalip, carved more than just wood; he cut a legacy that embraced the essence of his people. His skilled hands breathed life into the timber,

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# Spirit of giving:

# \$260,000 raised at end-of-year gala

By Micheal Rios; photos courtesy Potlatch Fund

'Tis the season of giving. Whether it be Thanksgiving, Christmas, or a family-specific tradition newly created, Tulalip families will gather in celebration over the coming weeks to give thanks, share food, and strengthen kinship bonds with those they hold dearest.

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The Tulalip Tribes are successors in interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie and Skykomish Tribe and other tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliot, January 22, 1855

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**DOORS AT 10:30 AM** 

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

TULALIP GATHERING HALL

LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

Dance contest with three categories consisting of the 50s, 60s, and 70s eras. Each category will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners. There will also be a photo booth for capturing memories.

This event is exclusively for Tulalip tribal member elders aged 57+, along with one guest who must be 18+ and can be either a caretaker, spouse, or significant other.

### **Planning Commissioner Position**

The Tulalip Tribes is seeking applications to fill one non-Tulalip Tribal member position for a 3 year term.

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 longrange plans.



Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, have resided 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 rtopaum@tulaliptribesnsn.gov by 4 pm, December 1st, 2023. For questions e-mail permits@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

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creating masterpieces that became living artifacts of cultural heritage. The classrooms under his guidance transformed into sanctuaries of wisdom, where the art of carving transcended mere technique, delving into the spiritual and historical dimensions embedded in each creation.

In an article by Cathy Logg titled "Tulalip Master Carver Dies at 62," published in The Everett Herald on November 19, 2003, the author recounts the significance of Jerry Jones within the Tulalip community. Logg notes that in 1984, as Washington tribes geared up for the state centennial in 1989, a group of Indian tribes orchestrated the "Paddle to Seattle" to revive interest in ocean canoes and their traditional journeys. The article reflects on Jerry Jones' pivotal role in leading this effort and highlights his contributions as a master carver and teacher within the Tulalip Tribes.

Guiding the efforts to create the tribe's two canoes, Big Sister and Lil' Sis, and constructing a third from cedar strips, Jerry Jones left an indelible mark on the Salish Sea. The lines of these canoes, crafted with precision and beauty, became a testament to Jerry's artistry. His role expanded beyond a mere craftsman; he became a teacher, sharing not only the technicalities of carving, but also the cultural significance embedded in every stroke of the carving knife.

In the summer of '69, the Tulalip Chiefs, a championship baseball team led by Tulalip tribal member Cy Fryberg, featured the remarkable presence of Jerry Jones, known as the Babe Ruth of Indian

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Baseball. With Jerry Jones among their standout players, the Chiefs secured victories at Native tournaments, earning a spot in the final tournament in Tacoma. Overcoming challenges, the Chiefs emerged triumphant in the championship game.

Beyond Tulalip, Jerry Jones traveled the Northwest, lending his expertise to other tribal carvers working on their canoes. His craftsmanship became renowned from Oregon to Canada, and his legacy as a teacher and mentor expanded with each journey. Whether it was hats, baskets, drums, wooden paddles, masks, bowls, or totem poles, Jerry Jones left a lasting imprint on the artistic landscape, enriching the cultural heritage of the Tulalip Tribes

"He worked for the Tulalip tribes

for several years. He was in the military and was tasked with being the lead carver on the canoes for Paddle to Seattle," said Linda Smith, younger sister to Jerry Jones. "Because my brother was always willing to share, he would teach other tribes how to carve canoes. Recently, the Suquamish tribe honored him this year during the canoe journey for helping teach their carvers. I want people to know how sharing he was."

Linda continued, "In the summers, he would have youth assigned to him at the carving shed. He would also participate in culture nights and share his knowledge and the stories he had learned in his life. He contributed a lot to Tulalip and other tribes, and when he had students learning from him, he expected a lot from them. Sometimes, we

need that discipline; we must do our best. It's something he believed."

Jerry Jones, shared artistry, wisdom, discipline, will forever remembered contributions preserving Indigenous traditions and nurturing generations to come. In the embrace of Tulalip Bay, his spirit lives on, an enduring beacon guiding the canoe of tradition into the limitless waters of the future.

Left: Photo by Wade Sheldon



# MAPping an alternative journey

New Mental Health
Alternatives Program
celebrates first graduate

By Kalvin Valdillez

November 9 was a historic day for Tulalip's court system. We will have more on this big news in a few paragraphs, but first we want to introduce you to the court's new alternative program that was implemented in October of 2022, which aims to assist tribal members involved with the courts and are in

need of mental health care.

The Mental Health Alternatives Program (MAP) is designed to reduce recidivism in misdemeanor cases by providing those who qualify with a detailed 12-month plan that includes mental health treatment, community give back hours, as well as frequent court appearances, peer support group





participation and phone check-ins.

According to the program's literature, "MAP is a problemsolving approach to pending nonfelony criminal cases, designed to hold offenders accountable and address underlying issues. The participants are connected to services that already exist in our community with the ultimate goal of keeping them from future criminal conduct. Participants have the opportunity to obtain services to address particular issues that may have contributed to criminal conduct, assisting them to achieve long term stability, become lawabiding citizens, and become successful family/community members."

The program is a joint partnership between three parties, the tribal court system of course, and also Tulalip Family Services which is where the participants go for both their mental health assessments and treatment throughout the duration of the program. The third party is a local manufacturing company called Bridgeways, a social enterprise that is dedicated to assisting people living with mental illnesses whether it's in regard to gaining or maintaining employment, housing support, or through their therapeutic courts program.

Bridgeways previously established two MAP programs at the Marysville and Everett municipal courts. And when the Tulalip court reached out to them about bringing a mental health focused program to the

reservation, they were happy to lend their expertise. Now, with a trifecta of MAPs located in the heart of the Snohomish County region, Bridgeways is actively addressing an issue that may be the root of many reoffenders' criminal behavior.

Moreover, they are doing this work in a highly effective manner that is concurrent to their mission statement of 'providing services that promote quality of life for individuals living with a mental health concern in a manner that facilitates growth, independence, and a sense of community.' In fact, according to the Bridgeways website, and with data collected by their judges, 93% of their graduates have experienced a reduction of recidivism.

Cathy Wheatcroft, Bridgeways Therapeutic Courts Program Manager, spoke about their partnership with the tribe, "Over a year and a half ago, Brian Kilgore, one of the prosecutors here, reached out to Bridgeways because we have Mental Health Alternatives Program courts in Marysville in Everett. And we've been doing MAP in those two courts - in Everett since 2014, and in Marysville since 2018.

"A few similarities – they all have three phases and are designed to be about a year long. It's always the same core team, not from court to court, but it is always the same defense attorney, same prosecutor, same judge. And our liaison Jessica Barker also [works closely with participants] so they know the



participants pretty well, it's not like new people always coming in and out. And all three have the peer support group that they are required to participate in. Some differences are Tulalip holds court weekly and Everett and Marysville hold court every other week. Tulalip also does random UAs, which I feel holds the participants more accountable. But we all do this to help people and to see all their successes, they're doing the work and I get to witness it and I think that's amazing."

Bridgeways' successful program served as the framework to Tulalip's MAP program. Drawing inspiration from the Tulalip Healing to Wellness and Family Wellness Court programs, MAP also has a certain requirement of giveback hours where the participants must volunteer some of their time to working local events and

gatherings. Community giveback hours has helped numerous people get reacclimated into the tribal community and reacquainted with the people over the years.

With the MAP team supporting them along their 12-month journey, the participants set and define their life goals and immediately start working toward achieving them while in the program. Split into three, 4-month phases, the participants begin phase one with weekly court hearings, in phase two they attended bi-weekly court sessions, and in the final phase they meet with the judge on a monthly basis. If the participants follow their personalized plans that they put together with the MAP team, and remain in compliance each visit to the courthouse, they get to pick an item from a large basket of incentives to bring home.



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However, if they fall out of compliance, there are some sanctions that could range from an essay assigned by the judge to the termination from the program altogether.

"MAP is specifically designed to help people who have special mental health needs,' explained Judge Joshua Heath. "As a part of the program, they have to take their meds, if they're supposed to be taking medication. They have to go to their mental health appointments. If they've got a cooccurring substance abuse disorder, we'll help with that also. The Mental Health Alternatives Program is less punitive, probably the least punitive out of our programs because we're just trying to understand where people are coming from. And we want them to be able to live a lifestyle that's crime-free. Ultimately, that's the goal of the Mental Health Alternatives Program is to live a crime free lifestyle. We want to give them whatever the help it is that they need, whether it's getting a job or finding certain kinds of skills, even life skills, how to do basic things around the house – laundry and cooking, and so on. We want people to be able to graduate from a program and be able to be successful."

Now that you have an understanding about the MAP court program, we can get back to the headlining news. But first, we'd be remiss to mention that this is the only tribal court Mental Health Alternatives Program to ever exist, so far at least, throughout all of Native America. Alright, so with that being said, it's time for the big news: this November, Tulalip tribal member Jason Joseph became the very first graduate of a tribal MAP court program in all of history!

After confirming that he remained compliant through the last leg of the program, Judge Heath handed Jason a certificate of completion before he wrapped him in an Eighth Generation blanket and embraced him in a hug. Jason wore a smile as he was cheered on by a packed courthouse. Tears filled his eyes as his parent's beamed with pride and his mom graciously thanked the MAP team for assisting in her son's life transformation.

This was a momentous occasion for Jason, his family, the Tulalip MAP court program and its entire team, as it opens up a muchneeded discussion about mental health within tribal nations. It also provides a new approach to addressing those mental health issues that many of our people are suffering from and have inherited from previous generations of trauma. Jason is the proof that cycles can be broken and that with the proper guidance and assistance, people living with a mental illness can turn their lives around and get set back on track in their own personal journey.

Several tribal members opted into the program prior to Jason's ceremony, and a handful of individuals who were already in the program shared their progress. Jason's accomplishment was equally important for them to witness because they were able to see that the program does indeed work, and hopefully they were able to envision themselves in Jason's moccs, receiving a certificate of their own in about a year or so.

Jason shared, "It feels like it was a long time coming. It was like a yearlong process, but it was worthwhile. I learned a lot about myself and about people with mental health issues what we need to do to get through the day, to get through life. This is important because tribal members with mental health issues have their own place to go to court now, and they can be represented openly and clearly in the right way."

For additional details about the program, please contact the Tulalip tribal court system or MAP court liaison Jessica Barker. The following information was provided by the Tulalip Mental Health Alternatives Program:

#### **Mental Health Alternatives Program**

#### **Requirements:**

- Only misdemeanor charges can be referred to MAP. Charges not eligible: DUI, sexual offense, serious violent offense, offense which defendant used a firearm
- Participant must be amenable to mental health and/or chemical dependency treatment as appropriate
- Participant must not have been deemed incompetent to assist in their own defense and must not pose a risk to the MAP team
- Willing to sign agreement to follow program requirements

#### **How to Refer:**

Contact: MAP court liaison Jessica Barker Email: j.barker@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov or

j.barker@bridgeways.org

Phone: 360-716-4718, Cell: 425-499-8051

Contact: Wellness Court Manager

Email: Wellnesscourt@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Phone: 360-716-4764

#### **Gala** from front page

These end-of-year gatherings typically involve gift-giving, which is a modern twist of traditional teachings that can be traced back to potlatches. Potlach giftgiving feasts were held by many Northwest Coast tribes pre-contact, and their legacy continues to be celebrated today.

A perfect example of enduring potlatch principles is the aptly named Potlatch Fund. It's a native-led nonprofit this month only, Potlatch

that provides grants and leadership development to tribal nations in the Pacific Northwest region. They recently held their much-anticipated annual gala at the Tulalip Gathering Hall.

"November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich and diverse histories and cultures of the 7+ million Native American people. While many celebrate Natives during





of giving. Compelled by the spirit, a whopping \$260,000 was raised!

Beyond gifting of material possessions and cold hard currency, traditional teachings of giving extend to the sharing of knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual insights. Elders, who are highly revered within our community, play a crucial role in passing down these teachings to younger generations.

During the eventful gala, Sheryl Fryberg, a Tulalip elder and Early Learning Academy director, was announced as the Spirit of Reciprocity award recipient. She was described as a longtime supporter of the Potlatch Fund, fostering a genuine sense of outreach and inclusion, creating change with a vision towards the future, and demonstrating significant promise of leadership.

"I think Sheryl has a very innovative way of giving," said Director of Philanthropic Partnerships, Brian Tanner. "It's one that we wish to offer to donors for Potlatch Fund. Sheryl is able to calculate how much she would have paid in federal tax and give that portion to Potlatch Fund. The way Sheryl gives is

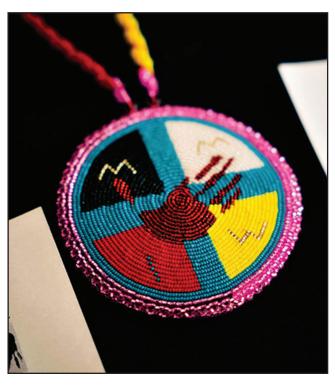
intentional. She gets to decide where her hard-earned money is spent, and she chooses Potlatch Fund."

After receiving the award, Sheryl said, "I look at this money as an investment. An investment in my community, and yours. A way to support the future generations. I believe that language, culture, song, and dance are part of what is going to heal our communities. It is by having the opportunity to participate in Tribal Journey and other community-driven activities that are funded by Potlatch Fund that our children and families reconnect with their traditional ways of being."

During this season of giving, there are quite a few Tulalip-based events that are open to the greater community and offer plenty of opportunities to support local artisans. Most notable is the upcoming Holiday Bazaar happening November 17 and 18 at the Gathering Hall. Followed by Lights & Ice's holiday market hosted near the Quil Ceda Village amphitheater November 24-26. And then the annual holiday Pow Wow hosted at the Marysville-Tulalip campus gym on December 16.







ership development services to tribes and Native nonprofits; educate the non-Native and funding communities about the needs, issues, and structures that exist within Indian Country; run grant programs that support emerging and innovative initiatives; and advocate for our communities. We have graduated over 100 emerging leaders through our capacity-building program cohorts, distributed over \$8 million through our grantmaking program, and

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### **Tulalip Bay Affordable Work Rental**

6020 Mission Ave., Tulalip WA 98271 - \$1,250.00/Month











**Tulalip Tribal Members Only!** 

Open House on Thursday 11/16/2023 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Complete Applications are due by Monday 11/27/2023 at 3:30 p.m. - No Exceptions

Tulalip Tribes Housing & Community Development Department is currently accepting rental applications for a 1-Bedroom, 1-Bath Tulalip Bay Waterfront View Home. Rent is \$1,250.00 per month - does not include utilities.

Tulalip Tribes Housing & Community Development follows HUD guidelines on Occupancy Standards.

This 1 bedroom, 1 Bath home features New Flooring, New Appliances, Washer and Dryer Hookups, and 1,108 sq. ft. of Living Space and Waterfront Views.

Tenant will be selected through a **lottery selection on Wednesday November 29 at 11:30 a.m.** at the Tulalip Administration Building. Applications must be turned in to the Asset & Real Estate Department by **11/27/2023 at 3:30 p.m.** A security deposit of **\$1,250.00** and first month's rent of **\$1,250.00** are due before move in, by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Tulalip Tribes. Applicant cannot be delinquent on any debt to the Tribe. Must provide income verification to qualify. To be income eligible your household must have gross monthly income of **\$3,750.00**. **Non-refundable Pet Fee of \$200.00** for approved pets only. **Must complete and pass background check and UA screening**. Please read and follow instructions on the first page of the application as we cannot process any incomplete applications. **\$51 application fee per adult**. Applicants are not required to attend the lottery drawing, however all are welcome to attend.

Please call Joe at 360-547-2625 with any questions or if you need assistance with the application. Thank you.

Disclaimer: Zone A Property; Rental Agreement and Occupancy will not extend beyond December 31, 2032



Jackpot dancing • Cake walk • Payout for first 10 drums

# Saturday, December 16th

4:00pm-8:00pm • FREE dinner Grand Entry at 6:00pm

Marysville-Tulalip Campus Gym 7204 27th Ave NE, Tulalip, WA 98271

#### Vendor Info.

\$40 fee. No food vendors. One 6ft table limit. Must bring own table. Contact: Zee Jimicum at zenitha jimicum@msvl.k12.wa.us or 425-232-0116

#### **Ouestions**

Matt Remle • 360-965-2100 matthew remle@msvl.k12.wa.us

**Terrance Sabbas** • 360-618-9239 terrace sabbas@msvl.k12.wa.us

#### Powwow MC Arlie Neskahi

**Arena Director** Scott Rehaume

**Head Boy** 



## Santa's Workshop

4:00pm-8:00pm

FREE holiday photos with Santa





Tobacco, drug, and alcohol use prohibited on premises





Native art, beaded jewelry, drums, cedar baskets, native prints, clothing, carvings, crafts, and more!

# Event is **FREE** and open to public

Food vendors, Indian tacos, frybread, and baked goods



**Gathering Hall –** 7512 Totem Beach Rd (I-5 Exit 199, follow signs to Tulalip)

Vendor information: Tammy Taylor (425) 501-4141
Tulalip Tribal Member Vendors ONLY – Set up 8:00am–9:00am

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#### Elizabeth Margaret Penn

December 17, 1934 - November 4, 2023

Elizabeth "Liz" Penn was born December 17, 1934 in Monroe, WA to Minnie Jimicum of Tulalip and Paul Raymond Cagey of Swinomish and passed away on November 4, 2023. She graduated Chemawa Indian School and worked in La Push for the Quileute Tribe. Liz was very intelligent worked a lot within the court system as a Native Children's Advocate she had the potential to go far

supporting families.

A passion of hers was sports, she supported the Native hard ball teams and players. Liz loved the Mariners and new all the players names and stats. She loved to read finishing a book in 3 days cover to cover and crocheting. Liz had two favorite Casinos and enjoyed gambling at The Tulalip QCC Casino and The Muckleshoot Casino. Liz was active in Winter ceremonies since 1986.

She is survived by Richard (Teena) Muir Jr., grandchildren Warren (Betty) King George, Nicole Muir, Great-Grandchildren

Cierra (Trevor), Dalton (Brittney), Aneeta, Alysianna, Adayez, Anthony, Avalyn, Malu, Kristina, Matt, Gene, Nathaniel, Vincent, Vernon, Angela, Cecilia, Mary, Roman, Great-Great-Grandchildren Violet, Madex, and Dylan. Liz is survived by numerous family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas "Ribs" Penn, sisters Juanita, Roberta, Naomi. Grandchildren Carla Cheer, Jr Shay, and Justin Jones.

At her request no services will be held.

#### **Court notices**

TUL-CV-YG-2023-0577. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: T. C. A. TO: WILLA CHERYL MCLEAN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Youth Guardianship 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 at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing regarding the above entitled action on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 at 10:30 A.M. – IN PERSON in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. 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: October 21, 2023.

TUL-CV-YG-2018-0002. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Guardianship of: M. R. R.-S. TO: FELICIA MARIE ROA: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion for Judicial Review was filed in this above-listed Youth Guardianship action in the above-entitled Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend at an IN PERSON Guardianship Hearing regarding the above entitled action on THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. – IN PERSON in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. 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 11, 2023.

TUL-CV-CU-2023-0678. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. Makyla Marissa Garcoa, Petitioner vs Michael A.S. Hatch, Respondent. TO: Michael A.S. Hatch: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Notice of Hearing for Custody, Child Support and Parenting Plan has been filed and an IN PERSON Hearing has been set in the above-named Court. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at this Hearing on January 10, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. – IN PERSON in Tulalip Tribal Court, 6332 31st Ave NE, Suite B, Tulalip, WA 98271. 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 11, 2023.



#### TUTORIAL/HOMEWORK SUPPORT PROGRAM 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR

FREE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING/HOMEWORK SUPPORT PROGRAM

Grades K-5 – Portable "F-2" – Shana Simpson, Alondra Alvador, Joe Boon and Tad

Grades 6-12 - Portable "F-3" - Eli Blauser

Applications are available in Portable "F", which is located across from B&G club and at Schools in the Marysville School District with 30 or more Native students.

Our afterschool Program operates Monday-Thursday until 5:30 PM

The application asks where and who will be picking up your student or if they are to go to the Boys and Girls Club –make sure that you answer this question, we want to ensure your child's safety.

Dawn Simpson, Manager

Homework Support/Tutorial Program-dsimpson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

Shana, Alondra and Joe work at Quil/Tulalip Elementary

Tad works at Totem Middle School

Eli covers all High Schools, but works out of the Tulalip campus





**TULALIP TRIBAL MEMBERS** 

# FREE SKATE NIGHT



#### WHEN

Wed., November 29 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM

### WHERE

Tulalip Amphitheatre 10400 34th Ave NE



Santa & Mrs. Claus from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Light snacks provided