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Warming Up the Community

Local group of friends organize Winter Warmth Drive for the homeless



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Dancing through time: Inaugural Wisdom Keepers' gathering

By Wade Sheldon

It was a rainy and windy day on Saturday, December 2, creating the perfect atmosphere for seniors to gather inside the Gathering Hall for the inaugural Honoring our Wisdom Keepers event. More than 200 people attended the ceremony, paying tribute to the eldest Tulalip tribal members. The gathering featured heartfelt speeches and an entertaining dance contest.

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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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Due to the holidays, there will be no December 30 and January 6 issues. The first issue of 2024 will be January 13, and the deadline for that issue is Monday, January 8.

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ABOUT US

We are a team of researchers from the Research for Indigenous Social Action and Equity (RISE) Center, an organization founded by Tulalip Tribal member Dr. Stephanie Fryberg. The RISE team has a longstanding history of collaborating with tribes and schools, and we are uniquely positioned to amplify Native voices and perspectives. Email cawang@umich.edu with questions.

Wisdom Keepers from front page



Handmade gifts crafted by Tulalip artists, such as sachets, cedar hats, clackers, and a beautiful drum, added a touch of tradition to the occasion. The eldest tribal female, Dale LaMont, aged 94, born on February 1st, 1929, and the eldest tribal male, Herman Williams Sr., born on February 13, 1929, were celebrated with eloquent words from their friends and family members.

Following the recognition, a lunch was served, providing an opportunity to share stories and pay tribute to Herman for his many years of dedicated service to his tribe and his people.

“My life has been dedicated to the Tribe

for 45 years on the council,” Herman said. “Many things have happened, and there are a lot of people sitting here who were a part of this life that we tried to accomplish. They never get congratulated or complimented or anything like that. I’m proud of everybody that’s here. I was conversing with people who talk about what they did, and people don’t realize it takes people to create our world here.”

“First of all, I want to thank Herman for being in my life,” tribal member Rhonda Gobin said. “I go down memory lane, and I feel so honored to be standing here at his age of 94. When I think back, I think of Herman. I know

all the things he’s done for our people, where his heart is today, and why it’s where it is. His true feelings have come out, and he expresses how he felt about it because that’s Herman. That’s his job to continue while he’s here, and we’ll take all we can get because he has given me a lot.”

The day’s festivities concluded with a dance party, where contestants competed for cash prizes.



Warmth Drive from front page



By Calvin Valdillez, photos courtesy of the Tulalip Caring Warriors

According to Snohomish County's 2023 Point-in-Time Count of Homelessness, there was an 8.5 percent increase of unhoused citizens since 2022. The yearly count identified an additional 101 unhoused citizens, bringing the total count to 1,285, the highest it's been in over a decade.

To help combat this growing issue and assist their members who are experiencing homelessness, the Tulalip Tribes recently established a pallet shelter on the reservation, while also revamping the Village of Hope and adding several more tiny homes to their site.

But even with the Tribe's support and the extra resources, there are numerous Tulalip citizens who do not have a home to lay their head at night. And although it's still technically fall, we've already encountered our share of nights with temperatures close to or below freezing. While many are enjoying celebrating the 'most wonderful time of the year' with the promise of opening gifts on Christmas day, there is a large population of people who are experiencing difficult times and are just looking to survive the winter.

Enter a group of local friends with hearts of compassion who were looking to do nothing

more than provide the homeless with a Thanksgiving meal following their annual 'friendsgiving' gathering. Comprised of both tribal members and Tulalip citizens, the group wishes to be officially known as the Tulalip Caring Warriors. Its members include Angelica Trinidad, Kayla Joseph, Odessa Flores, Melissa Young, Kylee Sohapp, and Janae Zackuse. It was through this act of kindness and selflessness that inspired the collective to continue with this work, and they now have monthly donation drives planned for the foreseeable future.

Said Angelica, "When we were passing out food on Thanksgiving, people kept mentioning that they needed to find ways to stay warm and that they weren't sure how they were going to make it through the winter with how cold it is. I was like 'guys, we should get some ideas on how to keep these people warm out there the next time we do this,'."

What makes this story even more beautiful is that they are not embarking on this journey for social media content, comments, or reactions. In fact, they are extremely humble and were willing to share the details about their new endeavor only to spread the word that they are still accepting donations and to also invite others

to help out with their upcoming donation drives. And though they all played major roles in getting this project up and running, the ladies were quick to credit Kayla with the idea of helping out those individuals currently experiencing homelessness.

Kayla expressed, "It's important for me to lead by example and show my kids that we are very blessed with clothes, food, a home to keep warm in, and that there are people out there who don't have a warm meal to go home to. So, let's giveback whenever we can."

Not only did the Tulalip Caring Warriors distribute food to the unhoused citizens on the reservation, but they also took the time to travel to nearby areas in Marysville and Everett as well. After a successful Thanksgiving distribution, the ladies wanted to keep the ball rolling and immediately began planning for December's Winter Warmth Drive, and opened up donations for a 19-day stretch.

"We collected hats, scarves, gloves, jackets, sweaters, and we accepted money donations as well, so we could purchase items online too. I was actually super surprised with how many donations we received," Angelica recalled.

Odessa added, "I drove to Mount Vernon, Bellingham,

Marysville, Tulalip, and Everett to pick up donations. We got nine bags in total from different locations, and my family ended up donating two more bags. The day of [the distribution], we kept getting more donations to the point where our vehicles were full, and we ended up having to save those extra donations for the next drive we're doing in January. We appreciate all the handmade donations as well. We had a lot of sets of hats and scarves and gloves that were handmade."

In addition to the piles of warm winter gear, the ladies also gathered all of the monetary donations and purchased a number of items to assemble care packages, which included handwarmers, deodorant, shampoo, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and sleeping bags.

And they didn't stop there. Each member of the Tulalip Caring Warriors expressed that one of the highlights of doing this charitable work is simply spending time with each other. They all spoke fondly of the time they spent cooking in the kitchen together, and how they shared an abundance of laughter while preparing soup and frybread to hand out along with the clothes and care packages. Angelica noted that a handful of their kids joined in on the fun and helped their moms

and aunties make the frybread on distribution day.

“When Kayla asked if I wanted to do this, I was like hell yeah,” voiced Angelica. “I would love the opportunity to teach my son about the importance of giving back because we’re all struggling. In this day and age our economy sucks. We all have different battles and struggles. We don’t know what’s going on in people’s daily lives. I firmly believe that if you want to see change in the world, be the change you want to see. It’s awesome to be able to set that example for my son.”

Odessa estimated that they fed over 100 unhoused individuals on December 10, throughout the Tulalip/Marysville/Everett region. And thanks to the Tulalip Caring Warriors who donated their hard work, time, and compassion when organizing the warmth drive, those approximate 100 people will be a little toastier this holiday season.

“This was healing for my inner child,” shared Odessa. “I went through the *bedaqchelh* system and I was put in a home where food wasn’t guaranteed every night. And being in recovery and on the run, and maybe eating once a day - going through all that in my adolescent years - and being back out there and distributing the donations really brought back a lot of memories, but also brought back a lot of healing for me. It truly meant a lot to see their reactions, their gratefulness and to see their faces light up.”

The art of giving back has seemingly been perfected by the Tulalip Caring Warriors and it’s wonderful to see the difference they are bringing about in the community. As each of them are hardworking and have that go-getter mindset, they were able to quickly establish a non-profit organization on the fly, in order to bring a little comfort to the local homeless population this winter.

Kayla stated, “The first stop, I had about eight people, and it was me and Jenae, and when we gave them the soup and bread, they immediately started eating. And then I told them that we had blankets and coats for them. They were so grateful to get a coat and a warm bowl of soup, they kept saying thank you so much.”

“I always say If I can help one person, that will be good enough for me,” continued Kayla. “I’m just excited that I get to do this monthly now, with friends who want to do it with me. They all have open minds and hearts and love to cook and laugh with each other. I just want my kids to know that we’re very fortunate. And also, that we’re lucky to have a good group of friends who will lift you up, pick you up, stand by your side, and do good to other people because so much in our world isn’t good. If you feel it in your heart to come cook with us and be with us, you’re more than welcome to join!”



The Tulalip Caring Warriors are now accepting donations for next month’s drive until January 14. If you would like to contribute to the cause, you can drop off your donations at the Tulalip Village of Hope at 2819 Mission Hill Road. They are accepting gently used scarves, hats, coats, blankets, and gloves, as well as snacks, canned goods, and dinner rolls. For more information, please feel free to reach out to Angelica Trinidad at (425) 404-1211 or Odessa Flores at (425) 319-4868.

Heroes and Hoops



By Micheal Rios

Tulalip's local law enforcement laced up their sneakers and got charitable buckets during the evening of Saturday, December 9. The Tulalip police officers were cheered on by family and friends who enjoyed the spectacle from the Marysville Getchell gymnasium bleachers.

The charity game was intended to give local families wholesome entertainment while pulling at the holiday heartstrings in order to garner support and donations for an always worthwhile cause – Toys for Tots. Cash donations were accepted on-site and online. However, the preferred currency was excitement-inducing toys that could be gifted to children of families in need.

On the Chargers homecourt, twelve representatives of the Tulalip Police Department (TPD) wore black jerseys with the iconic orca whale. They routinely subbed in multiple players at a time and made an intentioned effort to clap hands or high-five as they swapped court time for the bench. The camaraderie was contagious as they rooted each other on through buckets and bricks, alike.

Sargeant Jeff Jira explained how he and his fellow

officers had about a dozen practices to develop team chemistry and build up the requisite cardio. “We got together on Sunday mornings to shoot around and play against each other in order to see what everyone’s skill set was. There were a lot of laughs during those practices because a lot of us hadn’t even dribbled a basketball for years and years. It was all a necessary part of getting ready for this charity game and just furthering our brotherhood as TPD officers.

“I’m really glad we opted to participate in such a beneficial

cause. We all brought toys to donate before our game. The whole experience brought us closer together, gave us some really good exercise, and hopefully brings some smiles to kids’ faces come Christmas,” added Sgt. Jira.

The actual basketball game turned out to be the best kind of friendly competition. Regardless of the score, opposing players routinely helped each other up and, during one particularly hilarious moment, laughed together after a shooter boldly declared “Kobe!” before shooting an airball.

A back-and-forth affair, that was all tied up at 16-16, eventually saw the TPD officers find their groove offensively. It didn’t hurt that TPD recruit Jay Kupriyanov expressed his desire to join the force by anchoring the basketball team. Jay finished with a game-high 18 points and led the TPD squad to a thrilling 45-38 victory.

After the win, Jay shared, “This is my community. Practicing with them and getting to know each officer even better, just furthers my desire to join the Tulalip Police

Department. These guys have been my mentors, and I want nothing more than to join their team permanently.”

If his Christmas wish comes true, Jay’s recruitment process will result in him getting a shiny, new TPD badge. One can only imagine his excitement and pure joy would be similar to those children who will benefit from the charity game by way of opening a shiny, new toy on Christmas morning.





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Ennette Brumbaugh-Jussero July 18, 1963 - December 4, 2023

We are sad to announce the passing of Ennette Elise Brumbaugh-Jussero of Tulalip Washington. Ennette has passed away at a young age of 60. Ennette was blessed to have passed away surrounded by her loved ones after a long battle with illness.

Ennette was born on July 18, 1963 and passed away on December 4th, 2023. Ennette leaves behind a son Shaun Dale McCurdy (39), a granddaughter Liberty Marie McCurdy (17), a daughter Sheena Shuree McCurdy (38) a grandson Kady J Richards (19), and daughter Kristie Marie Jussero (33).

Ennette enjoyed singing, music and self-teaching of all instruments she could get her hands

on. She also loved and enjoyed her animals, she was proud to be a Tulalip Tribal Member. But her main love in life was spending time with family visiting and laughing.

Ennette leaves behind her brother Terry Roy Parker Sr, sister-in-law Pam Parker, Sister Sherry Joy Guzman and brother-in-law Ponciano (Pete) Guzman and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Ennette is now rejoicing with her Mom Virginia Cepa Brumbaugh, Dad Emmett Brumbaugh, and sister Jodee Brumbaugh Aschenbrenner.

We will be meeting at Schaefer Shipman funeral home in Marysville Washington at 930am on Monday December 11, 2023, and then proceeding to the Tulalip Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for services. Ennette will then be laid to rest at the Mission Beach Cemetery.

Court notices

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-CS-2023-0616, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2481 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. GINGER ALLEN (DOB: 09/30/1982) TO: GINGER ALLEN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 19, 2023 a Summons and Petition for Establishment of Child Support was filed in the above-entitled Court Pursuant to Chapter 2.10 and 4.10 of the Tulalip Tribal Code. This is child support for SM. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer on FEBRUARY 12, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Tulalip Tribal Court. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER AND/OR APPEAR JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: December 16, 2023.

TUL-CV-YI-2012-0013 and TUL-CV-YI-2012-0014. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In re the Welfare of R. W. J.-C.-S. and In Re the Welfare of: M. L. E. J. C. TO: JOSEPH CHRISTOPHER JONES-CHARLES: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that these two Youth in Need of Care (YINC) dependency cases have been reopened and REMOTE, TELEPHONIC, CALL-IN Permanent Plan Review Hearings have been set in the above-named Court pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youths. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled actions at these telephonic Permanent Plan Review Hearings on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 at 02:30 P.M. – REMOTE, via GoToMeeting.com; to call in to these hearings, use Telephone Number: 224-501-3412 and then use Access Code: 212-638-629. 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 9, 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.

TUL-CV-YG-2023-0718. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In re the Guardianship of: A. K. M. TO: WILLIAM ALBERT MOSES: 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-mentioned youth in the above-entitled action on THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. – IN PERSON 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: December 16, 2023.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-CS-2023-0680, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2801 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. RAVON MOSES (DOB: 03/28/1994) TO: RAVON MOSES: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 20, 2023 a Summons and Petition for Establishment of Child Support was filed in the above-entitled Court Pursuant to Chapter 2.10 and 4.10 of the Tulalip Tribal Code. This is child support for EM. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer on JANUARY 22, 2024 at 9:15 AM in Tulalip Tribal Court. NOTICE: You have important legal rights and you must take steps to protect your interests. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER AND/OR APPEAR JUDGMENT WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: December 2, 2023.

TUL-CV-YG-2023-0602. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In re the Guardianship of: J. N. Z. TO: GREGORY ARTHUR ZMUDA: 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-mentioned youth in the above-entitled action on THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024 at 11.00 A.M. – IN PERSON 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: December 2, 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.



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