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all the way

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\$1.32 Million raised at Tulalip-hosted Festival of Trees holiday gala

By Micheal Rios

Extravagantly festive Christmas trees and wreaths adorned the Orca Ballroom at the Tulalip Resort Casino during the 38th annual Festival of Trees. The multi-day holiday fundraiser kicked off November 29 with a free community day and teddy bear celebration. Opportunities to give generously via an online auction accompanied the much anticipated, excitement-filled Holiday Gala and Live Auction held in person on December 1.

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syacab holiday schedule

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.



2024 General Council Gift Art

Letter of Interest

Board of Directors

Office Staff

Address: 6406 Marine Dr
Tulalip, WA 98271
360.716.4500

December 14, 2023

Santana Thompson Sheldon

Office Director

The Tulalip Tribes BOD Office is asking our tribal artists for a letter of interest for the preparation of the 2024 General Council gift.

Laura Enick

Office Admin Assistance

Please submit a letter of interest and a digital design (artwork) by Friday, January 5th at noon. Letter of Interest and digital design must be emailed (ssheldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov) or delivered to Santana T. Sheldon at the Tulalip Admin Building (Board Reception).

Katie L. Jones

Recording Secretary

THE CHOSEN DESIGN WILL BE USED FOR THE 2024 GENERAL COUNCIL GIFT AND MAY BE USED IN OTHER FORMS BY THE TULALIP TRIBES.

Ratina Hatch

Recording Secretary

Tisha McLean

Legislative Board Assistant

THE LETTER OF INTEREST MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Name, email, and phone number of artist.
- The design needs to be Coast Salish Artwork.
- The design must have a water aspect in it.
- A description of the design to best describe it.
- The design needs to remain unsigned for selection.

The Tulalip Tribes will be purchasing the intellectual property (artwork) that includes the copyright of the design in the amount of \$1,000.00.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

Santana T. Sheldon
BOD Office Director
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Media Release

Tulalip Tribal Police

Drug Task Force Narcotics Investigation

On December 12th, 2023, the Tulalip Tribal Police Department Drug Task Force Detectives made a significant drug seizure while conducting narcotics interdiction on the Tulalip Reservation. Detectives observed a parked vehicle associated with a prior drug trafficking investigation. Detectives observed illicit narcotics inside the vehicle and located the driver of the vehicle which led to further investigation and the discovery of a substantial amount of narcotics and related items. During a consent search of the vehicle and a hotel room, the following items were located:



- 1180 counterfeit fentanyl pills**
- 12.01 grams of suspected methamphetamines**
- 3.480 grams of suspected heroin**
- 8.01 grams of suspected crack cocaine**
- 15 Xanax bars**
- \$939.00 in cash**

The Tulalip Police Department Drug Task Force is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our Tribal Community and visitors work tirelessly to identify and apprehend those involved in drug trafficking and distribution. We urge anyone with information related to drug activity or other criminal behavior to contact the Tulalip Police Department or submit an anonymous tip through our dedicated hotline. To report suspected drug activity, you are encouraged to call the drug tip hotline at [360-716-5990](tel:360-716-5990) or text "TPD Tips" to [30644](tel:360-644) and then submit your tip. To submit a tip online, [click here](#).



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Chris Sutter, Chief of Police

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Festival of Trees from front page



Each year, thousands of community members take part in the Festival of Trees – including volunteers, sponsors, and attendees – to raise funds for Children’s Services at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett. For more than three decades, Providence Children’s Center has been providing comprehensive, family-oriented care and highly specialized therapies; such as physical, occupational, speech and feeding therapy for children with a wide variety of special needs.

When asked to explain the importance of Tulalip hosting high-impact, community-changing events at our flagship Resort Casino, Marilyn Sheldon said, “Tulalip Tribes has so much to offer our community all times of the year, but Christmas time it becomes magical. Showcasing our Resort Casino in this manner brings to light what Tulalip has: shopping, gaming, restaurants, recreation, and an amazing holiday light display for families to enjoy. It gives Tulalip a different perspective in the eyes of our community. We need that to encourage others to want to visit each and every year. We want to be that traditional Christmas event every year!”

Beyond hosting the always astounding Festival featuring towering Christmas trees and festive fervor, the Tribe was this year’s presenting sponsor as well. “An event of this scale brings all the movers and shakers of Snohomish County to our house where we can showcase how much we care and want to be a part of the solution; helping youth in their most trying times. But also, being vested in such a worthy organization, like Providence Hospital Medical Center, provides immeasurable goodwill back to Tulalip. We can always use this kind of support for our future endeavors,” added Marilyn, Charitable Contributions Director.

A highlight of the holiday season, the Festival of Trees provides opportunities for local families and organizations to make a significant contribution to benefit their community neighbors. Not to mention the festive,

memory-making opportunities for those seeking a post-Covid experience in a heart-warming atmosphere. Whether it’s a decadent black-tie gala or an afternoon with cookies and Santa, the Festival’s variety of events offer holiday cheer for all.

The tremendously decorated Christmas trees won’t soon be forgotten as their specialized themes like ‘A Night at the Nutcracker’ and ‘All Aboard the Polar Express’ to ‘Candy Land Delight’ and ‘Wintery Dreamscape’ capture the imagination.

During an elegant gala, the dazzling Christmas trees and wreaths were sold to the highest bidders during a frenetic live auction that saw auctioneer Mark Schenfeld’s contagious energy get table after table to lift bidding paddles. Of course, all proceeds raised at Festival of Trees goes directly to Providence to aid, invest in, and expand programs and infrastructure related to Children’s Services.

The Children’s Services Fund is designed to provide a full spectrum of support for services that benefit children at Providence. Funding supports programs and services such as Pediatrics, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Children’s Center, Boyden Family Autism Center, and Camp Prov, a summer camp for children with special needs. Several of the trees lining the Orca Ballroom were reserved to be put on display throughout the Children’s Center as a special treat for hospitalized kids this holiday season.

Because of the great generosity of various donors, table sponsors, and an astounding 525 gala guests, this year’s Festival of Trees raised a whopping \$1.32 Million. This enormous amount of financial support allows Providence to continue growing and expanding



specialized therapies, equipment, and educational classes that make miracles happen for children and families every day.

Worth mentioning, during the live auction there were two trees bid on and won with the intention of keeping them right here on the reservation. Both trees have been installed and are on display for the local community to enjoy through the holiday season; one is at the Senior Center, while the other is at the Health Clinic.

For over two decades now, the Tulalip Tribes has been an important partner to Providence in the Northwest Washington Region by helping provide critical funding and support needed to care for the health of our growing community. Contributions made by Tulalip to Providence General Foundation since 2002 have totaled over one million dollars. For their dedication to the Festival of Trees, the Tulalip Tribes were honored with the Spirit of Festival Award during 2018's Festival.

"The lives of thousands of children, including Tulalip tribal children, will be helped thanks to the generosity received from the Festival of Trees fundraising efforts," said Board of Director Mel Sheldon, an eighteen-year member of the Providence General Foundation. "We are very fortunate to have a relationship with Providence Medical Center and to support such an amazing opportunity that really looks at the bigger picture. We all want to do our part to create a sustainable and healthy community."

One of Snohomish County's largest and most well-attended holiday events, the Festival of Trees has been a beloved community tradition for 38 years. The annual outpouring of community spirit, combined with such a magical setting, delivered a wonderful event that united so many during the holiday season.



JINGLE ALL THE WAY



By *Kalvin Valdillez*

Christmas came early for numerous Indigenous families as hundreds gathered at the Francy J. Sheldon Gymnasium for the annual holiday powwow at Tulalip. Holiday cheer was spread through the deep and rhythmic beats from the round drum this year, and also through the captivating and intricate steps of a number of Native dancers. Whether the dance was traditional, fancy shawl, or jingle dress, the gym was rocking throughout the entire three-hour event.

2023 marked the tenth year of the annual powwow which is a community favorite looked forward to each holiday season. The powwow is a collaboration between the Marysville School District Indian Education department and

the Tulalip Education Division and features dance competitions for cash prizes. You often hear that this is the season of giving, and this was on full display as several young dancers forewent their cash prizes during the evening and instead gifted the money to elders in the crowd.

In addition to the drumming, singing, and display of astonishing regalia, the people were also treated to a meal and had an opportunity to peruse and purchase last minute gifts at the mini bazaar located across campus at the Marysville Mountain View Arts and Technology High School. Dozens of vendors set up shop and sold items such as beadwork, clothing, blankets, and cedar weavings.

Down the corridor of



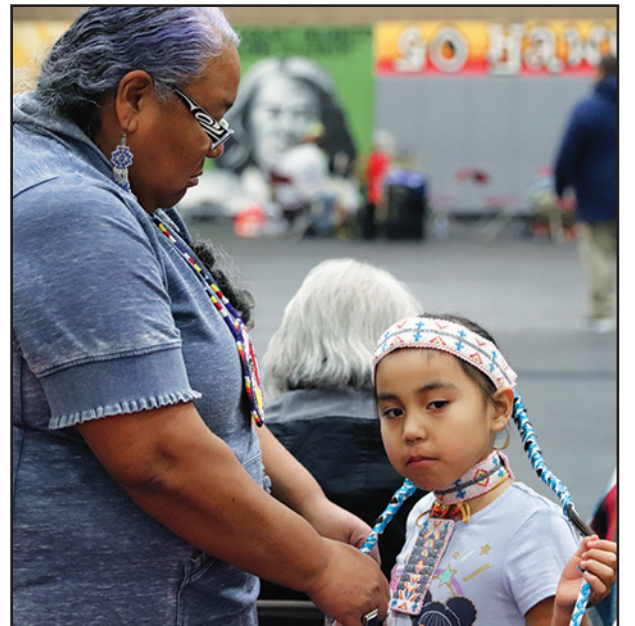


Marysville Arts and Tech, Santa Claus worked his magic and turned a common area of the school into his workshop for the night. Each kid in attendance received a toy of their choosing. There were Nerf guns galore, board games in abundance, puzzles o' plenty, and countless plastic characters up for grabs. And that's not to mention the large selection of books that included everything from picture books to graphic novels.

Once it was confirmed that each child had picked out a toy, there was still a plethora of gifts left over from Santa's visit. The kids were once again invited to the workshop to add more items to their powwow haul. The event closed with the ever-popular cake walk

in which all of the cakes were decorated with Christmas themes such as Santa's suit, Christmas trees, and Frosty the Snowman.

Following the wonderful clash of culture and Christmas, MSD Indian Education Dept. Coordinator, Matt Remle, shared in a Facebook post, "Lila wopila tanka to all the families, drummers, singers, dancers, volunteers, cooks, staff, and janitors that came out and together for our annual holiday powwow wachipi. Can't believe we just held our 10th annual! As always, our only goal is to bring some smiles and joy to the community. Waste po."



Make it a movie night with Frybread Face and Me

By Wade Sheldon

A tapestry of tradition, beauty, and heartfelt storytelling unfolds in the latest cinematic gem, 'Frybread Face and Me.' Crafted by writer and director Billy Luther, the film narrates the compelling journey of a young Native child thrust from the bustling cityscape into the heart of the Navajo reservation under the care of his grandmother.

As the young protagonist navigates this cultural shift, 'Frybread Face and Me' delves deep into themes of identity, family, and the enriching power of heritage. Luther weaves a poignant tale that resonates with audiences, exploring the ties that bind us to our roots. In embracing the Navajo reservation, the young character discovers the beauty of his culture and finds a profound connection to his family and heritage.

Recently, Tulalip News spoke with writer/director Billy Luther about his latest film and what it means to create an authentic Native cinema.

The grandmother is the core structure of the family; can you speak a little about that?

Growing up, my grandmother was always the core of the family, and it was a profound and significant part of my life, not just for me but for my entire family. Making this movie was a tribute to her.

Who has been your inspiration?

The film touches on the women in my life: my aunts, grandmother, and mother. They were part of my childhood, all the stories they would share with me and just being the strong matriarchs, they are.

Why is authentic Native representation so crucial in Hollywood right now?

One of the things is we have Natives behind the camera. That makes a massive difference with stories. We don't have to try to be authentic when we have Natives behind the camera. We have these shared and lived experiences as Indigenous people. We weren't trying to get it right, we just knew this world. I think that is so unique and different in Native films by Native peoples because you can tell when there's a movie not made by a Native.

What do you hope the takeaway is for Native families that watch the film?



FRYBREAD
FACE
AND ME



I want people to have fun with it. I think it's something that's not widely available. I think the first time Natives could go to the theatre and laugh and have a shared experience as a family was 30 years ago with 'Smoke Signals.'

experience that resonated with a larger audience. I am meeting a lot of non-Natives who watch the film, and it takes them back to a time in their lives when they were kids. That's an integral part of my daily life and the humor and joy of growing up.

I also wanted to share an

What advice do you have for young people trying to enter the movie industry?

It's tough, it's tough. I have been in this industry for 20 years. It would be best if you were consistent and not give up because it's not easy; it's not easy at all. You must write every day. I'm not saying you need to write a script every day, but you should be writing, reading a lot of books, and watching a lot of films, foreign films, all over in terms of art. That's a lot of what people miss. They want to make blockbusters, but it's complex and challenging. I've seen many people give up, but if you want to do this, you have to stick with it. There's a lot of nos.

What else do you want people to know about 'Frybread Face and Me'?

I hope people are excited about the story, and seeing all the love we are getting is surprising. You work so hard on a film for so many years; it's not like it took us a year to write, cast, film, and edit. It's a long process, and it's been so rewarding. I'm still trying to process how much it resonates with people; it has been a blessing.

Whether you're a fan of heartwarming stories or just looking for a cozy movie night, 'Frybread Face and Me' is ready and waiting for your viewing pleasure. Available for streaming on Netflix today.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

WED 27 | **WEAVING GATHERING**
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
A weekly open forum for those interested in bringing weaving materials to work on projects. A time to visit, share, build skills and complete your beautiful woven art. *Weaving kits available for purchase.*

SAT 30 | **REDUCED HOLIDAY HOURS**
Open 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM

CEDAR & SALMON EDUCATION BOX PRESENTATION
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
Join us for a fun and educational hands-on presentation about cedar and salmon.

KIDS CRAFT: DREAMCATCHER
2:00 PM to 2:30 PM
HCC Assistant, **Braxton Wagner** (Tulalip) will demonstrate making a beautiful dreamcatcher.

SUN 31 | **HOLIDAY CLOSURE**
New Year's Eve

Events are included in the cost of admission, additional fees may apply.

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360.716.4399



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- Transportation for Tulalip tribal members only
- 24-48 hours notice required
- Elders can be transported to specialized appointments outside of Snohomish County



To arrange transportation for your next appointment, please contact Tiffany Robinson at **360-716-5665** or text at **360-722-1635** or email tiffanyrobinson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

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-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.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cable Television Service Rate Increase Coming January 1



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Periodically we review our pricing and update it in response to the rising costs of programming from our providers. An upcoming price increase is due to our rising fees and costs charged by the networks that we offer which we, unfortunately, have to pass along to our customers.

The price of Salish Networks cable television service will increase by \$17.00 on January 1, 2024. The price change will be reflected in your first billing cycle on or after January 1, 2024. Your payment method on file will be charged the new price, so no action is required on your part.

Thank you for being our valued customer. We truly appreciate your business and look forward to serving you.

2023



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- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Parent Rep 1
- Parent Rep 2
- Other Native Parent Rep

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