

# Heritage Hawks soar into Regionals

By Micheal Rios

Ok, Hawks fans. For those of you who have journeyed with the team from as far north as Lummi and as far south as Tacoma, then major props to your dedication to fill the bleachers and cheer on the boys getting buckets. For everyone else, here's your much-awaited playoff update.

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By Kalvin Valdillez

Off the coast of Vancouver Island, only accessible by boat or plane, is the home of the Ahousaht First Nation band, an island community where close to 40% of its 2,224 enrolled membership reside. culture and traditional ways are strong within this band and many travel hundreds of miles to witness and partake in Ahousaht events and family potlatches.

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## Journey Delayed: Ahousaht calls off Canoe Journey 2024



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#### **VETERAN'S DINNER**

#### MARCH 21



5:00 - 7:00 PM

#### HIBULB CULTURAL CENTER

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For more information, contact Angela Tait 425-760-5526 or <u>angeladtait@icloud.com</u> or Bill McLean wmcleanii@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov

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5:00pm light dinner | 5:30pm start time

Tulalip Gathering Hall, 7512 Totem Beach Road

Info:

Malory Simpson, 360.716.4399 Edith Nagle, 360.716.4401



#### Hawks from front page



The last two weeks whizzed by at a frenetic pace that resembles the high-octane offense that fuels the Tulalip Hawks deep playoff run. Last we checked in, Tulalip had just claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the NW1B District tournament. Falling to their inner-league rival and fellow tribal school, the Lummi BlackHawks. The silver showing punched Heritage's ticket into the Tri-District tournament, and with it the right to host a 1<sup>st</sup> round home game.

#### 1st Round:

Tulalip hosted Concordia Christian Academy at Francy J. Sheldon gymnasium on February 10. Friends and family who filled the bleachers were treated to a good ol' fashioned Christian beatdown. Adrian Jefferson got the party started with a transition layup, followed by Tokala Black Tomahawk hitting a midrange jumper to put the home team up 4-0. Then the boys got to work on defense; trapping ill-prepared ball handlers, coming up with one steal after another, and preventing Concordia from any quality shot attempts. Their 4-0 lead ballooned to 20-2 late in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Both offense and defense continued to fire on all cylinders well into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when the boys were up 61-30. Doubling up their opponent, Coach Sanchey made the most of the moment by putting in a full unit of bench players. One by one, the bench got buckets to the delight of their fans and teammates who actively cheered them on through each 3-point attempt. Mercy finally



came to those Concordia Christians in the form of the game-ending buzzer.

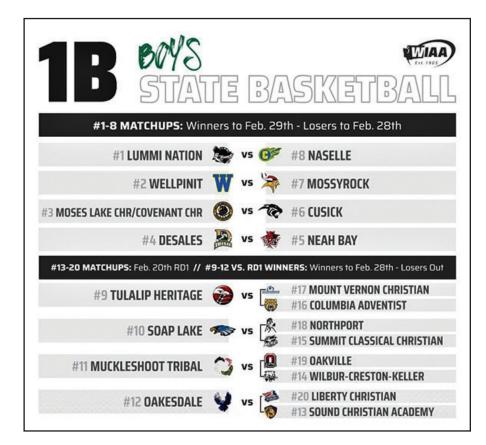
The 75-38 blowout W was an ideal way to get their Tri-District tournament started. Freshman guard J.J. Gray led all scorers with 23 points to go with his 10 rebounds and 13 steals...that's a tripledouble with steals! Amare Hatch added 13 points. Notably, Tulalip had 10 players score a bucket and, as a team, amassed a whopping 29 steals.

"Being this is Tri-Districts, we told our team pregame to view this as a whole new season. The regular season is behind us, Districts is behind us. Each team is reset and all our records go to 0-0," said Coach Sanchey after the home

W. "Now, after this win, we're 1-0 and have to focus on keeping up the momentum and continue to play this energy on each possession moving forward. So long as we play our game like we know how, then I like our chances no matter who the opponent."

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Round:

The Hawks ventured south to take on the Sound Christian Lions in Tacoma on February 13. It was a slow start for the boys as their shots just weren't falling in the early going. Meanwhile, the Lions were feasting on offensive rebounds and getting high percentage shots at the rim. End of one, Tulalip trailed 11-15



In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, J.J. and Tokala started to sizzle. Both players made a 3-pointer, connected on a running floater and made a free-throw, which sparked a dominant 23-11 run by their team, resulting in a 34-26 halftime lead. The remainder of the game would be a near equal battle, with the Lions continuing to pursue buckets in the painted area while the Hawks used their athleticism and shooting touch to execute their offense from the perimeter.

Threes being worth more than twos, Tulalip's shooters connected on 10 deep balls as a team and left Tacoma with another W. This time by the margin of 62-54. J.J. once again led all scorers with 24 points, while Tokala scored 14 points and Chano Guzman added 11 points.

#### 3rd Round:

Next up, the Hawks journeyed north on February 16 for yet another matchup with their version of basketball kryptonite, Lummi Nation. Worth knowing: if we didn't include Lummi games, then Tulalip would be riding a massive 13-game winning streak. But that's not how it works, so over their last 16 games Tulalip had a still impressive 13-3 record, yet all 3 of those losses came at the hands

of the dreaded BlackHawks. Would the fourth time be the charm?

First quarter. Down 0-4, J.J. used a burst of speed to blow by his defender and score on a two-handed scoop shot to give Tulalip their first bucket. After Lummi hit a 3-pointer, Tokala countered with a 3 ball of his own to keep it close, 5-7. Then, Lummi did what Lummi does, which is play the classic Rez ball style better than anyone else around. They took a double-digit lead by the end of the 1st quarter and never relinquished it.

Tulalip would trail 10-25 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 33-48 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and ultimately lost 45-61. Tokala and J.J. both scored 16 points, Chano added 10 points, and Amare chipped in 5 points. With the loss, Tulalip still advanced to the Tri-District 3<sup>rd</sup> place game with significant Regional seeding impact still on the line.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Round (3<sup>rd</sup> place game):

Tulalip had less than 24 hours to shake off the L to Lummi when they again travelled north. This time for a February 17 matchup with Muckleshoot at Mt. Vernon Christian's gym. These two teams previously met way back on December 4 in Tulalip, when the Hawks were defeated 52-69.

The second time around did



not start off well. In fact, the boys trailed 0-12 midway through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter before senior forward Hazen Shopbell put his team on the board with a tough transition bucket. Moments later, now trailing 4-16, J.J. corralled an offensive rebound and found a wide-open Hazen in the corner. Hazen splashed a 3 ball that gave his team new life.

Tulalip would start clicking on both sides of the ball and managed to claw their way back to tie the game 36-36 late in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. With the pressure clearly on Muckleshoot after blowing their big lead, all their players except one would buckle in the game's decisive 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

In the final frame, Muckleshoot could only muster consistent offense from their senior forward. Meanwhile, Hazen continued his hot shooting and welcomed the added offense of the team's freshman phenom. J.J. Gray would explode for 12 points in the game's biggest moment to cap off the comeback victory. With eager chants of "Tulalip Power!" echoing from the Mt. Vernon bleachers, the boys basked in the 65-59 W knowing they had claimed 3<sup>rd</sup> place

in the Tri-District tournament and punched their ticket to Regionals.

The Hawks were led by J.J.'s 20 points and Hazen's 19 points. Tokala chipped in 13 points, 11 of which came in the 1st quarter to keep his team competitive.

#### Looking ahead:

After adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in Tri-Districts to their inseason resume, Tulalip now soars into the Regional tournament with one simple goal: win and move on to State. They've been designated the #9 seed and will play the winner of #16 Columbia Adventist vs #17 Mount Vernon Christian.

Mark your calendars. Tulalip's one and only regional game will be played on Saturday, February 24, at 8pm at Arlington High School. Win and their season continues at State. Lose and their memorable run comes to a sudden end.

#### **Journey** from front page

Whenever Ahousaht singers and dancers are offering their medicine, they captivate the crowd with the execution of their songs and chants. And wherever they have the floor, whether at Thunderbird Hall in Ahousaht or at protocol during canoe journey, onlookers can count on Ahousaht to bring plenty of energy for hours on end, as their singers are known to perform well into the early morning of the next day.

While each tribe is a must-see during protocol at canoe journey, Ahousaht is a fan favorite for many people, who will go as far as to plan their day according to when Ahousaht will be hitting the floor, to ensure they won't miss their set.

If you were to ask lifelong canoe journey men and women, you will find that many will fondly recollect on the 1999 paddle to Ahousaht - it's remoteness from the busy world, the natural scenery of the sea and nearby uninhabited islands, as well as the people's hospitality and their connection to their teachings and traditions.

With a great reputation for their showmanship and remarkable

performances at canoe journey, there was much excitement when a handful of Ahousaht members shared that the band would be hosting the summertime cultural sharing event in 2024. As soon as that announcement was made on the Tribal Journeys Facebook page last August, anticipation immediately began to build, and social media was buzzing as people started planning for a long pull to Ahousaht.

However, it appears that that announcement was made prematurely and the request to host the 2024 canoe journey did not go through the proper channels or follow the band's traditional protocols or procedures.

This is according to a February 6, media release shared by Ahousaht's leadership which informed their fellow tribes that they will not be hosting this upcoming journey. Since the Ahousaht community is located on an island, event goers would need to park their vehicles in the small tourist town of Tofino, which has limited parking space as it is, and arrange a ride via water taxi to Ahousaht. Additionally, the band

does not yet have the space to host an event of such a large scale, as canoe journey has gradually grown over the years since Ahousaht last hosted 25 years ago.

The release stated, "... Ahousaht and the surrounding region, including the District of Tofino, are not prepared to host the 2024 Canoe Journeys. Ahousaht and Tofino currently lack the necessary infrastructure (ex. parking. accommodations, food services, washroom facilities, medical and security services, etc.) to effectively and safely host the volume of canoe families that participate in Canoe Journeys. Ahousaht are currently in the development stages of several key infrastructure projects that are due to be completed in the coming years."

At the bottom of the media release, Ahousaht did promise that they would host canoe journey once they have the capacity to do so, which they estimated would be in about five years or so.

The release was initially met with a bit dismay, but also an overall understanding, given the band's reasoning to not host this year. Many were supportive and commended Ahousaht's leadership for making the hard but necessary choice to hold off until they are able to safely host a weeklong gathering for hundreds of people.

When asked how this decision will affect Tulalip and the canoes that sail under its banner, Skipper Andrew Gobin said that the canoe family has yet to meet to discuss whether or not they will awaken Big Brother, Big Sister, and Little Sister this year. Andrew did note that the Tribe organized a pull to Lopez Island during the canoe journey's last gap year in 2020, and also mentioned that participation in Puyallup's youth paddle could be a possibility for local kids and teens. But he quickly followed with the reiteration that a decision has not yet been made in regard to the Tulalip canoes following Ahousaht's media release. So, keep an eye out for any future updates by following the Tulalip Canoes Facebook page.

The next canoe journey is set for the summer of 2025, which will be hosted on the Olympic Peninsula by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe.



## Valentine's Day Social







#### unites community for joyful celebration

By Wade Sheldon

On February 14, the Greg Williams Memorial Gym became a hub of delight and celebration as 477-TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) hosted a lively Valentine's Day Social in collaboration with Child Support Enforcement. As a heartfelt way to express gratitude to their clients, the memorable occasion brought together supporting staff, clients, and their families in an informal and lighthearted setting.

The atmosphere was brimming with excitement as parents and kids alike reveled in various activities, games and face painting, to pizza, cookie decorating, and a cakewalk. Tulalip tribal member Aiden Leora, who was having a blast running around and playing games with his mom, said, "my favorite part was the skatepark and painting cookies."

"It was a wonderful event," tribal member Rosemarie Runningwater said. "I have five grandkids and live in a one-bedroom apartment, which means a lot. The kids get to be themselves, and grandma gets a little break. It's wonderful."

"The highlights of this event are collaborating with the other departments and seeing all the kids run around and enjoy themselves," 477-TANF manager

Laura Wiggins said. "That's what we live for. We are here for the children and keeping families together. As the saying goes, it takes a village, and following that, it takes all our departments and community members to enable a great path forward for our tribe."

Laura continued, "With staff turnover and new clients coming in, this event gives the clients and the staff a chance to meet one another in a not-so-formal event. It's a great way to show our appreciation for our clients. We wouldn't have a job if we didn't have them."

As the Valentine's Day Social ended, the lively

atmosphere lingered, echoing the successful efforts of 477-TANF, Child Services, and our community. Laughter smiles, and meaningful connections defined the day, reinforcing the essence of our tribe. A special thanks to all who contributed, and as a parting gesture, each attendee left with a gift bag—a token of appreciation. Stay tuned for upcoming events and initiatives.

If you have any questions or want to know more about 477-TANF, call (360) 716-4719 or email TANF3@tulaliptribes-nsn. gov.





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#### MEMBERSHIP FINANCIAL MEETINGS

The purpose of these meetings is to present the financial information for the fourth quarter 2023



Thursday March 14, 2024



Lunch Meeting

12:00 pm, lunch served at 11:30 am

**Dinner Meeting** 

5:30 pm, dinner served at 5:00 pm

Tulalip Resort Casino, Orca Ballroom 1

\*The meetings will also be broadcast on lamTULALIP.com

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONTUL-CV-CS-2024-0076, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2712 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. SCOTT MUELLER (DOB: 09/24/1982) TO: SCOTT MUELLER: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on February 2, 2024 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 AM. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court and answer on April 15, 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: February 24, 2024.

TUL-CV-YG-2024-0029. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In re the Guardianship of: C.V. C.-T. TO: AMOS RICHARD CARPENTER and LAURALEE ANGEL TOM: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Guardianship of Youth case has been filed and an IN PERSON Guardianship of Youth Hearing has been set in the above-named 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 this Guardianship of Youth Hearing on THURSDAY, MAY 16, 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: February 24, 2024.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-CS-2023-0580, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA, TCSP #2777 TULALIP CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM, Petitioner, vs. FORREST FENNELL (DOB: 01/21/1984) TO: FORREST FENNELL: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on September 5, 2023, a Summons and Petition for Full Faith and Credit Recognition of a Foreign Order for 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 JF. You are hereby summoned to defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court by filing a written request for a hearing on the summons within 30 days of the sixth time this notice has been published, 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 SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR HEARING TO CHALLENGE THE FOREIGN ORDER, JUDGMENT RECOGNIZING THE FOREIGN ORDER WILL BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: February 10, 2024.

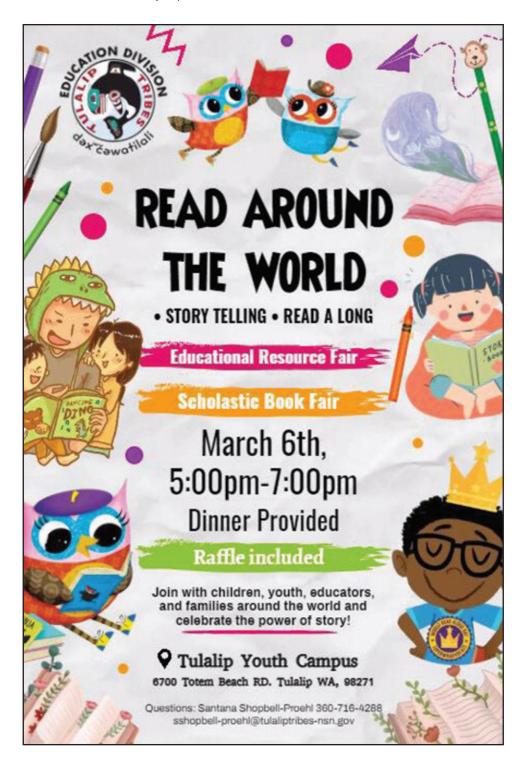
TUL-CV-CU-2017-0293. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. Terri Lynn Grant, Petitioner vs Jay Ray Ortiz Grove, Respondent. T0: Jay Ray Ortiz Grove: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Notice of Hearing for Modification of Parenting Plan has been filed and a Hearing has been set in the above-named Court. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend regarding the above entitled action at this Hearing on March 6, 2024 at 10:30 A.M. at the 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: January 27, 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, March 14, 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: January 27, 2024.

TUL-CV-P0-2023-0779. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA. TO: SHAYNA BREEDLOVE (DOB: 08/23/1985). You are hereby notified that a petition for a Domestic Violence Protection Order was filed in the above-entitled court pursuant to TTC 4.25. You are hereby summoned to appear regarding the above-entitled action at a hearing on TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM, 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 MAY BE RENDERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: February 3, 2024.

TUL-CV-YI-2024-0027. SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip WA. In Re the Welfare of: C. I. M. TO: NORISHA LEE MCLEAN: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the above-named Youth in Need of Care dependency action was filed in the above-named Court under the above-listed case-number pursuant to TTC 4.05 regarding the above mentioned youth. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend at an in-person Adjudicatory Hearing on 03/19/2024 at 9:00 A.M. - IN PERSON. This hearing will take place IN PERSON at 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: January 27, 2024.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TUL-CV-EL-2023-0803, Tulalip Tribal Court, Tulalip, WA, In RE PROTECTION OF: Linda Jean Hill, Tulalip Elder/Vulnerable Adult, vs. Ricki Rose King. TO: RICKI ROSE KING: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ON December 21, 2023, A Petition for an Elder/Vulnerable Adult Order for Protection and an Ex Parte Temporary Order for Protection (Elder/Vulnerable Adult) was filed in the above-entitled Court Pursuant to Chapter 4.30 of the Tulalip Tribal Code. This is to protect Linda Hill. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court and answer on March 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM in Tulalip Tribal Court. IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER AND/OR APPEAR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU. Date first published: January 20, 2024.



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MARCH 11



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