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I-5 Casino sneak peek: Take a look inside the new Emerald Queen Casino's amazing restaurants.

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Traditional foods

Culture Department leads local camas gathering field trips.

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Commercial Dungeness crabbing returns after two-year absence.

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Spreading joy

Tribal Council leads a social distance parade.

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GRAD SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating CLS seniors – and grads of all ages!

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EQC in Fife reopens

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News editor

After nearly two months of darkness, the Emerald Queen Casino in Fife lit up on Monday, May 18.

Its first two hours of operation were reserved exclusively for Puyallup Tribal members.

Both of the tribe's casinos closed in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It wasn't the easy thing to do, but it was the right thing to do," Vice Chair Bill Sterud said in a Tribal Council video message.

The phased reopening includes new health and safety measures such as limited occupancy, temperature scans, and the requirement of face coverings for guests and staff members.

The tribe's brand-new casino is scheduled to open in June.

"Our casinos are so important to the well-being of our people," Sterud said.


"They're our economic engine. Their revenue helps us care for our elders and fund direct benefits like per capita, emergency housing assistance, college programs and so much, much more. Our casinos help fund our government."



Puyallup Tribal Administration offices

CLOSED
June 15

Herman Dillon Sr. Day



PUYALLUP
TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal elections postponed to June 6 and Aug. 1

By Puyallup Tribal News staff

Tribal Council postponed its primary election to June 6, and general election to Aug. 1.

The primary election will feature drive-thru voting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi Schools, 5625 52nd St. E., Puyallup.

The primary election usually takes place the first Saturday in April, and the general election usually takes place on the first Saturday in June. Council took the action two months ago in light of the COVID-19 crisis. For election updates, go to www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.

Tribal Council candidates: Advertise in the Puyallup Tribal News!

The Puyallup Tribal News is offering paid advertisements for Tribal Council candidates during the 2020 election season.

Here's how it works:

- Submit payment of \$150 (10" x 7") for a half-page or \$300 (10" x 14") for a full-page to the Accounting Department. The price will pay for an ad to run once.
- Accounting will send proof of payment to the news staff.

- Send a PDF of your ad to news@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.

Ads must be submitted by noon on the following dates:

- June 5 for the June edition
- July 10 for July edition

Ads will be displayed in alphabetical order by last name in the paper.

Candidates will have a chance to view a proof of their ad before it is published.

Is your address up to date with Enrollment?

It's election season, and the Election Board would like to remind tribal members that it's important to keep contact information current with the Enrollment Department.

An updated address will ensure that election materials, such as the voters' guide and mail-in ballots, arrive at the correct place. For more information, contact the Enrollment Department at **253-573-7849** or Enrollment@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.



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To sign up, please call
253-593-0232



Dr. Katrina Iiams-Hauser, ND, is now seeing patients with social distancing measures in place at Qwibil.

Cultural Isolation can get us all down during the pandemic. We need our songs, drums, prayers, traditional foods, family, and our greatest strength, which is our community.

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- Puyallup Tribal Member Charlene Matheson

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'A nice piece of land for the traditions/customs of the First People'

Puyallup Tribe Culture Center

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Words of our Elders

"Elders teach the younger people that the salmon, deer and elk are our brothers and the roots and berries are our sisters and we should treat them as such—with respect and caring for them."

As the spring season arrives, we were raised and taught to continue to gather our traditional foods. We travel to our mother's homeland to dig our roots.

Our chief requested because of the COVID-19 virus that each family have their own family feast to give thanks. We dug our first roots for our family feast, the feast marks the end of the winter and the return of life. Our teachings of our songs are still being sung, while the food gatherers set the table, the foods is called in our language by their Indian name and is eaten in a very specific order for us to taste, then we drink our "choosh" (water), the meal is eaten. A closing song is sung and final call of "choosh" (water) to take one drink of water.

We do this to give thanks to the Creator and Mother Earth for our traditional foods and know we can gather our traditional foods for our families to provide for the rest of the year.

We just wanted to share some of our traditional teachings from our mother Edith Kanine-McCloud, Walla-Walla Band.

—From the McCloud family

Canoe Family

The annual canoe journey to Nanaimo 2020, has been canceled for the safety of our communities and Elders.

As the restrictions ease for social distancing, we will be putting our canoes back in the water.

Traditional Medicine

Contact us if you have questions about Traditional Healing.

We continue to gather, process and prepare our Traditional Medicines. If you are interested receiving a packet, please contact Connie McCloud at 253-389-8729.

Camas and cedar gathering

The Culture Department is making arrangements to gather camas and cedar bark. Please contact Angeline Totus at 253-320-8361 or Connie McCloud at 253-389-8729 for dates, times and places if you would like to join us.

Here is some good information for gathering and harvesting. Living in a urban area, we want to know that our foods are clean and healthy. Our same foods and plants can be gathered by others for commercial reasons. They do not respect the lessons our ancestors have learned to honor the medicine and purpose of our foods and plants.

Several years ago, we found a load of "bear grass" a beautiful plant used in basket making, which commercial harvesters had dumped.

It was a gold mine to find and share with our basket makers. Raffia is a plant from Asia, and it was a packaging material for goods shipped here by boat. The raffia was dumped, but our women picked it up and used it in their basket making.

Excerpt from "Feeding 7 Generations" A Salish Cookbook

By Elise Krohn and Valerie Segrest

Ethics of harvesting. Good harvest ethics are a hallmark of native teachings. Consider these guidelines when harvesting your own foods:

Build plant identification skills. Never eat something if you are identifying it for the first time. If possible, learn from an experienced harvester so you feel confident that you have the right plant.

Harvest from clean land and waters. Wild foods can pick up toxins from the environment. If you are harvesting from the waters, make sure the area is clean and far away from runoff from a town or industrial site. Avoid harvesting plants along roadsides, in industrial areas, or in agricultural areas.

Gather in the right season. Learn the best time to harvest wild foods. For example, spawning chum salmon are not preferred for baking because their meat is soft, but they make good smoked salmon. Dandelion greens are tasty in spring, but become very bitter in summer. Shellfish should never be gathered during a red tide.

Processing and preparation techniques are important. How a food is processed, stored and prepared can make the

difference between some being nourished or getting sick.

Take only what the land can give. Wise gatherers, hunters and fishers remind us to take only what the land can handle and leave enough so that plant or animal communities continue to thrive.

Likewise, it is essential to give back to the land so it will not become depleted. For

example, we can return shell to beaches and compost food scraps.

Honor Your Commitment. Sometimes harvesting is the easy part. The real work comes when you process your food. Evergreen huckleberry branches are easy to cut, but picking the tiny berries off the stems and cleaning them can take hours. Honor the foods you harvest by using them all.

Generations join together to harvest camas

Photos and story by Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

In an area surrounded by pavement and industrial warehouses, a large plot of vacant land in Frederickson appeared overgrown with trees, weeds and a grassy meadow of wildflowers.

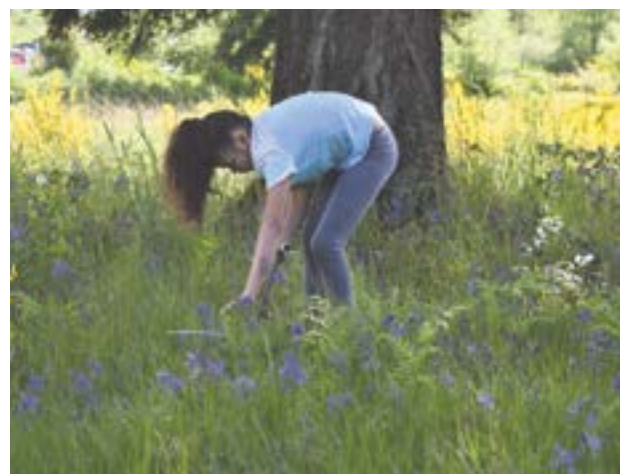
But those bright bluish purple star-shaped flowers with a kiss of yellow in the middle were more than eye-candy. They were camas, a traditional food and medicinal plant for the Puyallup people.

The Culture Department recently led a series of local field trips to harvest camas bulbs, which can be eaten or steamed fresh or dried and saved for later. Camas bulbs have a mild flavor and make a delicious addition to soup, salmon and other meat, said Culture Director Connie McCloud.

The prairie plant was once widely available and traded in Puyallup territory. In fact, the community of Lacamas, which is near Spanaway and Roy, was named after the plant by early non-Native settlers, McCloud said.

“Some of the undeveloped areas still have camas growing,” McCloud said.

After a prayer of gratitude for the plants, the gathering began. Although the bulbs can be carefully dug out by hand, it’s much quicker and easier to use a pronged root digging tool. Much like gardening, camas gathering requires a strong back and willingness to get your hands dirty.



A couple of moms and young girls joined in one of the events. One of the girls tasted a camas bulb. She said she was surprised it didn’t taste like an onion. The girl described the bulb as crunchy and sweet, similar to an apple.

That multi-generational sharing of the experience is important to ensure camas gathering continues, McCloud said.

Gathering traditional foods in the tribe’s home territory can have a healing effect for the entire community, she said.



“We’re always in prayer and always using our traditional foods and medicine to help our community, and to remember these were ways of our people,” McCloud said. “(The traditions) weren’t lost – they’ve been growing here. We just need to pick it up.”

Elect
danelle reed
TRIBAL COUNCIL



I would like to express my **HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** to our frontline workers at CBC, EQC, Tahoma Markets, healthcare workers, first responders, mental health providers, fisherman, hunters, grocery, delivery, public safety, Tribal Council, business owners, Military, and everyone who is keeping

us fed, supplied, safe and healthy.

Everyone is essential as we all work together to eradicate covid-19 from our community! We will get through this

TOGETHER! ʔəsk'wədiitubuʔəd čəd \o/  Danelle

Elect **DANELLE REED** 2020

thank you!



DANELLE REED
ʔəswələx'w čəl ʔəsq'wuʔ (We are stonger together)

*Paid advertisement

Grandview teachers find ways to stay connected with families

Photos and story by Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Grandview Early Learning Center staff members handed out educational activity packets to students and their families during the week of April 28. The

drive-thru event gave teachers, kids and parents a chance to reconnect through car windows.

The school is closed until further notice, due to COVID-19 precautions. Staff members said they miss their students, and hope to reopen soon.

Some of the teachers wiped away tears as families drove away from the school. "We are missing them a lot," said preschool teacher Kimberly VanSickle.

During the event, staff members also recorded a video of the "Puyallup Gathering Song" composed by Puyallup Tribal member Ty Satiacum. The video can be viewed on the Puyallup Tribe of Indians' YouTube channel.

"It's one of the kids' favorite songs from our weekly Grandview Circle," said GELC director David Turnipseed. "We just felt like singing it for the kids to enjoy, and hopefully they will join in and start dancing, too. We miss and love you all!"



Now Enrolling!

Puyallup Tribal Preschool



Requirements of PTP:

- ✓ Must be 3 years old by August 31st
- ✓ Must be a Puyallup Tribal Member
- ✓ Application must be complete for each child in need of services.

FAQ:

Transportation? No, children will need to be self-transported.

How long is the program? Sept-June. We follow the Chief Leschi School schedule.

When? M,T,Th,Fri 8:00am to 3:00pm (no school Wed)

Where? Grandview Early Learning Center

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- And more....



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To APPLY: <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/gelc/res/APPLICATION-PTP.pdf>



CONGRATULATIONS!



Puyallup Tribal News congratulates Chief Leschi High School's Class of 2020. Even though your senior year didn't go the way anyone expected, we are incredibly proud of your accomplishments and hard work. Your senior year will certainly go down in history!



**Kristen
Covington**



**Miguel
Santiago-Dillon**



**Jonah
Satiacum Billie**



**Austin
Vigil**



**Mikayla
Malatare**



**Justin
Tupuola**



**Nikia
Tejano**



**Robert
Nunez**



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**Hayes
McCloud**



**Alicia
Pluff**



**Mia
Stegman**



**Ezekiel
Mowat**



**Annika
Stafford**



**Gabriel
Davis**



**Aliyana Cortes-
Shippentower**



**Delshae
Gower**



CONGRATULATIONS!



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Satiacum**



**Dakota
White**



**Damien
Roy**



**Isabel
Cruz**



**Hannah
Maki**



**Sienna
Smith**



**Kaylani
Jones**



**Julyssa
Coats**



**McKayla
Mills**



**Tristan
Brown**



**Melissa
Willand**



**Elsie
Sampson**



**Yesinia
Jackson**



**Analysa
Adams**



**Christian
Durr-Schaffer**

CLS announces tentative dates for the Class of 2020's prom and graduation

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Chief Leschi Schools announced that it has tentatively scheduled a senior prom and a graduation ceremony in August for its Class of 2020. The school closed in March as a precaution due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is operating with online support for students through the remainder of the school year.

Chief Leschi's prom is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8. Graduation rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 14, with the graduation ceremony scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 15.

"These dates have been chosen based upon the phased in plan provided by Gov. Inslee, in which August would

likely be a time the current restrictions would allow for gatherings of 50 or more people," school officials wrote in a message sent to families on May 6. "These dates are subject to the successful phase in of the Governor's Phase In Plan. Please stay tuned for additional updates and information."



GRAD SPOTLIGHT 2020

*Tia Joanne Barnes
Graham-Kapowsin High School*



Family: Parents Daryle & Christine Barnes, and grandparents Mary & Calvin Barnett, Howard & Diane Benson, and Lori Varbel

Tia received numerous scholarships from different colleges and has decided to attend the University of Oregon and begin her studies in Law. We are so proud of our daughter and the woman she has become. We look forward to all of the challenges and achievements to come for you.

*We couldn't be more proud of you.. Off to the University of Oregon.. Always dream BIG! Enjoy the small things.. Give back more than you take..
WE LOVE YOU. GO DUCKS!!*

*I would also like to thank my wife Christine Barnes for giving me the most precious gifts in my life... My daughters.
— Love your Mom & Dad*

Tianna Gottfriedson



*Congratulations Tianna! We are so proud of you!!! Always remember, there is no limit to what you can achieve!
Love you Always*

*Christian Cameron Durr-Schaffer "CJ"
Chief Leschi School*



Mother Angela Tate, and Grandmother JoAnne Webb

CJ, it seems unfair that you won't have your traditional graduation ceremony that you expected but nonetheless, it doesn't shadow all the hard work and strides you accomplished getting this far. "It's time to follow your dreams and live the life you have imagined."

You make me a very proud Grandma and I love you so much!

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2020.

*Michael Young Jr
Chief Leschi senior
Puyallup tribal member*



Congratulations Michael! We are so proud of you! The world is yours! Love always, your family!

Timothy Gettman



*Bobby Clark
Kelso High School*



Family: Franklin & Christine Clark & Samantha Clark & Myrna-Marie Clark

Good luck Bobby Clark on the next stage of life!

*Camdyn J. Melendez
Naches Trail Elementary*



*Momma Cina Melendez,
Kiya Lisa Melendez*

*Happy Kinder Graduation, my sweet boy. Mommy is so proud of how smart you already are! I can't wait to watch you grow and learn.
We love you Bugga C/O 2032.*

— Mommy, Kiya, ALLLLL of your uncles, Sapa

*Maliah Murrietta
Franklin Pierce High School*





GRAD SPOTLIGHT 2020

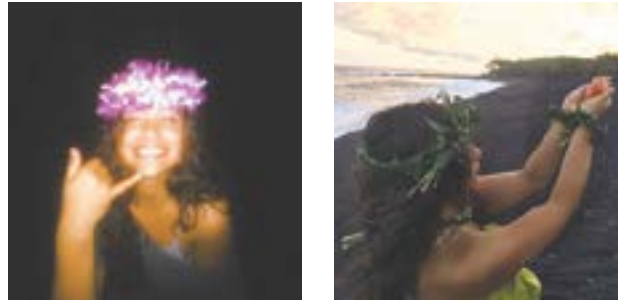
*Alicia Pluff, Puyallup Tribal member
Chief Leschi High School*



Alicia committed to Green River to play basketball and go to college.

Congrats Alicia all of us are so proud of you in all of your accomplishments. Keep reaching for the stars and never give up we love you so much. –Mom

Kelsey Bunting



We are so proud of you! For not wanting to go to college, you rocked it!

You studied hard, you took maximum credits, and you earned a double major in Philosophy and Physics! Wow.

You've embraced & learned more about your Native cultures - Native with BIA internship related to climate change and Hawaiian with hula in a hālau & lei making etc.. You were still able to travel to amazing places. You've learned to seek happiness. You're a yoga instructor! Made and kept some really cool friends. And now you can add a graduate of University of Hawaii - Hilo -Vulcans to your list of accomplishments.

May your dreams in sustainability/farming, creative endeavors, traveling and so much more come true.

Stay healthy! So sad to not be celebrating aloha with you right now with hugs & kisses. May you be covered in leis, laughter and love.

So grateful to call you ours. We love you always, pumpkin! Mama Bear, and all of your family, Foremans and Buntings.

Debbie Lee Hartsell



I graduated with an Associates of Arts/Visual Arts from Oklahoma City Community College in May 2019, and am now working on my Bachelor's at Oklahoma City University.

I plan to teach art to children. Using art and art therapy to teach them the tools to combat generational trauma and addiction. My dream is start a non-profit for Native children who have suffered trauma and/ or loss, with incarcerated parents and/or addicted parents. To teach them to not follow in their parents footsteps. That is my little emotional support Chihuahua, Sheila E. She went to school with me every day and also walked with me in ceremony so I made her her own cap.

Kiya Kalama

Lake Quinault High School.



Keenan and Paula Kalama

We love our daughter very much, she is such an inspiration to those around her. Just being in her presence alone, one can tell she's gonna be a leader someday in the near future. Good luck on starting your journey!!

*Robert Lillico Jr - Kindergarten
Member of The Puyallup Tribe*



Submit photos for PTOI's Grad Spotlight



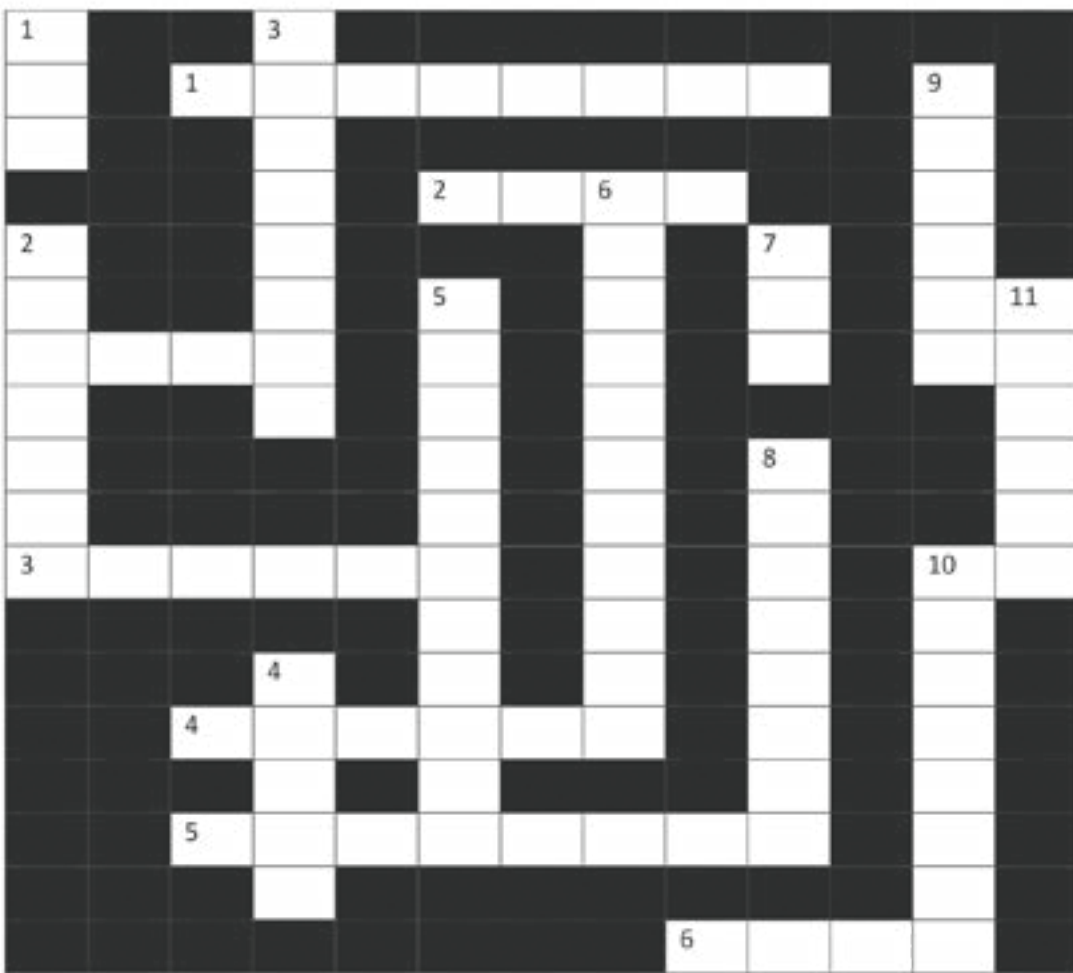
If you have a grad in your life (preschool, high school, trade school, college, etc.), submit their photo and a congratulatory message to news@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov with the subject line "Grad Spotlight."

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Berry Names

Twulshootseed names for the berries are hidden across or down.

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1. salmonberry – stəgʷəd
2. blackberry – gʷədbixʷ
3. salal berry – t'aqa
4. mountain huckleberry – swədaʔx̄
5. evergreen huckleberry – qʷqʷəl
6. strawberry – t'iləqʷ
7. blackcap/raspberry – čəlqʷubəʔ
8. black currant – p'uqʷ
9. blue elderberry – c'ikʷikʷ
10. red huckleberry – st'it'ixʷ
11. oregon grape – s̄xʷi
12. rose hips – c'ək'apaʔ
13. red salmonberry – qəlitzʷaʔ



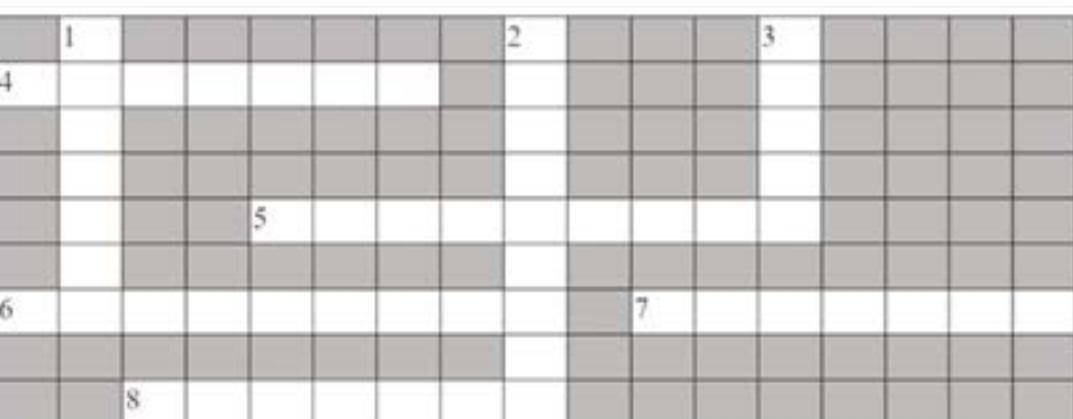
Down

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| 1. ʔəs̄xid ____. | How are you? |
| 2. ____. | Take the hand |
| 3. ____ čəd. | I am joyful. |
| 4. ʔəs ____ čəd. | I am strong. |
| 5. ____ čəd. | I am depressed. |
| 6. ____ čəd. | I love you. |
| 7. ____. | I/me. |
| 8. ____ čəd. | I am fine. |
| 9. haʔt ____ txʷəl dəgʷi | Good day to you. |
| 10. ____ čəd. | I am angry. |
| 11. ____ čəd. | I am full. |

Across

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. ____ čəd. | I am tired. |
| 2. ____ sləxil txʷəl dəgʷi. | Good day to you. |
| 3. ____ čəd. | I am sick. |
| 4. ____ čəxʷ. | How are you? |
| 5. ____ čəd. | I am lazy. |
| 6. haʔt sləxil ____ dəgʷi | Good day to you. |

Washing Hands Domain Puzzle



txʷəlšucid	English
1. <4 across> čəd ti qʷuʔ.	I <u>turn on</u> the water.
2. <1 down> čəd ti <6 across>.	I <u>take</u> the <u>soap</u> .
3. <2 down> čəd.	I <u>wash</u> my <u>hands</u> .
4. <8 across> čəd ti qʷuʔ.	I <u>block</u> the water.
5. kʷadadəxʷ čəd ti <7 across>.	I take the <u>towel</u> .
6. <5 across> čəd.	I <u>dry</u> my <u>hands</u> .
7. <3 down> čəd.	I am <u>finished</u> .

Puzzle Keys located on page 28

The Puyallup Language Department's puzzles are created by Language Teacher Chris Briden.

Tribal Council leads social distance parade

Photos and story by Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Several Tribal Council members hopped aboard the Emerald Queen Casino trolley and led a social distance parade on April 24.

The parade began in front of the House of Respect, where residents cheered and watched from lawn chairs along the sidewalk.

House of Respect families were invited to participate — there were a lot of “I love you,” “I miss you Grandma, I miss you Auntie” messages and tears.

It was the first time Elders had seen their family members since House of Respect closed to visitors several weeks ago, said Vernetta Miller, executive director of the Puyallup Tribal Elders Wellness Center.

“The Elders loved it, real mixed emotions, some crying and some so excited,” Miller said. “We actually had all 19 Elders participate. It was a true blessing to see all the Elders’ faces light up.”

Miller and Russ Hanscom, executive director of Elder and Vulnerable Adult Services, rode a tandem bicycle at the end of the parade, and received the loudest cheers.

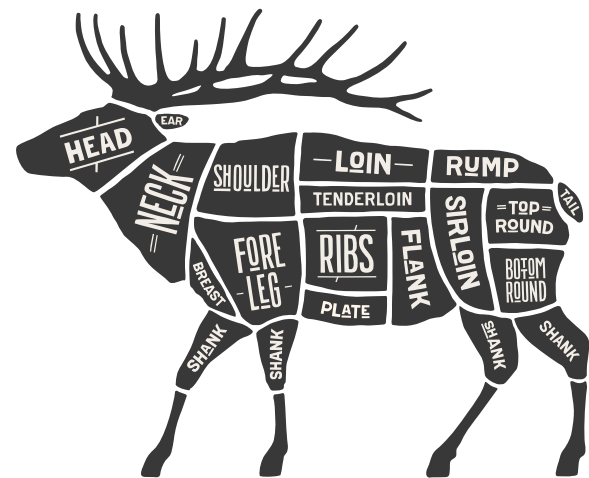
In addition to connecting families, the parade gave Tribal Council a chance to celebrate essential workers. Tribal Council led it past PTHA and the Administration Building, as well.



Elk, deer and other meat available to elders

Puyallup Tribal elders, 55 and older, are eligible to receive elk, deer, buffalo and pork from the Puyallup Tribe’s Hunting and Wildlife Department.

If you are interested in the program, please contact Dan Sandstrom at 253-405-7504 or Alyrecc McCloud at 253-222-5682.



Chefs dish on the restaurants inside the new Emerald Queen Casino

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Food has always been a major part of the Emerald Queen Casino experience. And that tradition will continue in the nearly \$400 million new casino that's set to open in June along I-5 in Tacoma.

Whether it's a seafood dinner, after dinner drinks and appetizers, or espresso and a fresh baked pastry, the casino's five restaurants will provide choices abound.

"We'll have something for everybody," said chef Pasqual Rodriguez.

Each restaurant will have its own character, décor and menu, according to restaurant manager Jimmy Chan. In addition, Puyallup Tribal member artwork is featured throughout each of the venues.

Here's a taste of the offerings:

The Waterway Deli will offer quick service and grab-and-go items, including Vietnamese Pho, deli sandwiches and fresh made soups.

"These days a lot of restaurants and casinos buy the premade stuff -- we cook all of our soups from scratch," Chan said.

The deli will have a casual feeling, and seat up to 54 guests.

Watch for: Coast Salish design on the metal mesh rails by Puyallup Tribal descendent Bruce Berry and a mural by Puyallup Tribal member Karen Reed.

The Summit Sports Bar will offer pub-style food and drinks. The menu items will include salads, appetizers and pub food such as hamburgers and hot wings. Large TV screens are visible are throughout the restaurant.

"This one will be fun during the Seahawks' games," said shift restaurant manager Joanie Nordlund.

The bar also features tabletop slot machines, which are a completely new gaming concept for EQC, Chan said.



The Waterway Deli



The Summit Sports Bar (above and right)

The sports bar will have a casual and party feel, and seat about 250 guests.

Watch for: Coast Salish drink coasters designed by Puyallup Tribal member Chris Duenas.

The Riverbank Buffet will be a completely new experience for EQC guests. It's circular in design, and will offer chef-action stations.

"We'll cook in front of the guests," said Rodriguez said.

The buffet will offer premium meats, Alaskan seafood and lobster twice a week, in addition to side dishes, desserts and an array of beverages.

The eye-catching eatery is sure to become a destination for diners, and will seat up to 208 guests.

Watch for: A mural of salmon, created by Puyallup Tribal member Anthony Duenas.

The puyaləpabš café will offer a fine dining experience. It's the place to order a prime steak or seafood dinners, fancy desserts and other full-service offerings. Its name was designated by the Tribal Council, and is one of two traditional Lushootseed words used in reference to the Puyallup people.



The café has a classy, night-on-the-town feel, and will seat 144 people.

Watch for: Light fixtures inspired from traditional Coast Salish basketry, commissioned by Puyallup Tribal member Sharron Nelson and vectorized by Chris Duenas.

Paddle Wheel Coffee & Bakery will offer locally roasted coffee, fresh made bakery items and gelato.

All of its gelato, cakes, pies and other pastries will be made in house. Its featured coffee will be Caffe D'arte, which is roasted in Federal Way.

The café and bakery has a casual vibe, and will likely become a popular place to grab coffee by tribal employees and others who work in the area.

Watch for: Frog murals created by Puyallup Tribal member Shaun Peterson.

FEEDING EQC FANS SINCE THE BEGINNING

The new casino will be the fourth one opened by Chan his team. They opened the Emerald Queen Riverboat more than 20 years ago, along with the EQC locations in Fife and along I-5 in Tacoma, both of which were renovated buildings.

“This is different than all of the others,” Chan said.

It’s bigger, it will serve more customers and all of the new casino’s appliances, furniture, table settings and furnishings are brand new.

“The other two openings we did, we closed on Friday and reopened on Monday,” added Nordlund. “It was rush.”

COMING UP: FINE DINING WITH A CITY VIEW

Chan said his team is also working on an upscale restaurant that will be on the 11th floor of the new casino’s adjacent hotel, which is set to open this summer. The hotel’s restaurant will have sweeping views of the city, a lounge and bar and balcony seating.

The new casino is projected to employ about 400 food service workers, and will have staff working on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Many of the employees will move over from the nearby I-5 Tacoma EQC, however since the new casino will offer more restaurants, it’s hiring more food service staff members. To learn about employment opportunities, go to www.emeraldqueen.com/careers.



The Riverbank Buffet



The Paddle Wheel Coffee & Bakery

[Learn more about some of the casino's artwork on page 24.](#)

Panel discusses local MMIP cases after screening of 'Silent No More'

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

On May 12, Child Advocacy Center Program Manager Laura Bluehorse-Swift hosted a film screening and panel discussion of “Silent No More.”

The event was held as an online webinar to follow social distance guidelines, and featured a discussion about Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP), including cases that are connected to Puyallup Tribal families.

Panelists included Carolyn DeFord, the Tribe’s Human Trafficking Project Coordinator; Donna Torres, the Tribe’s Victim Advocate and Case Manager; Lisa Earl, the Tribe’s Youth Center director, who talked about her late daughter’s murder and the “Justice for Jackie” movement; and Erik Gray and Jeri

Moomaw, who are with Innovations Human Trafficking, which provides direct outreach to Native American trafficking survivors.

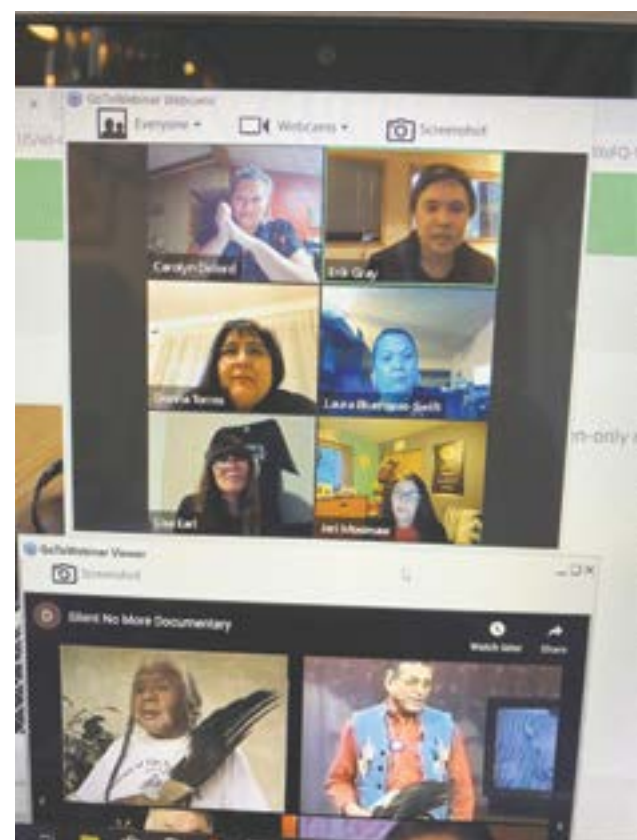
The documentary was created by White Bison, Inc., and the Wellbriety Movement. It includes interviews with families of missing and murdered Native women in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, and Lame Deer, Montana.

A poster for DeFord’s mom, Leona Kinsey, who went missing in October 1999, is featured in the film.

DeFord said traditional cultural practices are some of the best ways to prevent and treat families who are affected by MMIP. “It’s like a fire, once you light that spark, it takes off,” she said.

Bluehorse-Swift said she plans to offer future screenings for “Blood Memory” with a panel discussion about neuroscience of trauma and “I am Little Red” which is an animated prevention film aimed at children who are most at-risk for sex trafficking, such as tribal kids, runaways, LGBTQ, homeless and adopted and foster children.

Photo courtesy of Tribal Council member Annette Bryan





Food budget need a boost? Stay home and call WIC

The WIC Program (Women, Infant, and Children's Supplemental Food Program) is a food benefit for your young family.

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With phone appointments, you'll get the same caring services and WIC foods and you don't have to leave home!

WIC also provides information about feeding your family and breastfeeding. To schedule your phone appointment, call WIC at 253-593-0232 ext. 530 or 253-301-7069. For breastfeeding help, call 253-678-4852.

Keep up on childhood immunizations

Is your child up to date on their immunizations?

Vaccinations not only protect children from developing a potentially serious disease but they also protect the community by reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

PTHA is open for vaccinations, well-child visits and physicals. We are using strategies to separate patients with well-child appointments from those who are sick so your family has a safe space for vaccinations.

To schedule an appointment, please call PTHA 253-593-0232.

Telehealth: Providing care at a distance

PTHA is continuing to offer Telehealth. Patients can get non-urgent virtual care from the comfort of their home.

The scheduled live video visits are a convenient audiovisual link between a patient and a care provider.

PTHA patients can schedule Telehealth appointments for medical, mental health counseling and addictions treatment. The virtual appointments are easy – just connect from your phone, tablet or computer.

Patients can choose between video chats or audio by phone. To schedule a Telehealth appointment, please call 253-593-0232.

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PTHA REFERRALS

Notice for Puyallup Tribal Members:
Outside referrals are limited to emergency services only.
All new non-emergent referrals have been suspended until further notice.

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Puyallup tribal members are eligible for all Direct Care Services. Health services provided outside of PTHA are limited to emergency only. We encourage patients to apply for Medicaid and/or purchase medical coverage in order to maintain access to non-emergency referred services. For more information: MemberServices@eptha.com.

PTHA HOURS
Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Wed: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PHARMACY HOURS
Mon – Fri: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

By Michael Sisson
Puyallup Tribal Veterans Representative

The following events and activities are subject to change, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL GATHERING OF AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS JULY 17-19



The Puyallup Tribal Veterans Committee is in the process of collecting names for a lottery/drawing to attend the 6th Annual National Gathering of American Indian Veterans, which is held at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois, July 17-19. This three-day event honors veterans and military personnel of all cultures, eras, and branches in a Native way. Watch entertaining performances from cultural groups and participate in powwow-style dancing with other veterans. If approved, this will be the sixth year the Puyallup Tribal Council has allowed Puyallup Tribal Veterans to attend this annual event that spends time to celebrate and remember the untold story of American Indian people's contribution to the military. The Tribal Veterans Committee would like to offer attendance to all other Puyallup Tribal Veterans who have not had the opportunity to attend this event in the past.

If you are interested in carrying the colors for Grand Entry as well as participating in the other Gathering festivities, please submit your request in writing no later than June 9 to Puyallup Tribe of Indians; ATTN: Tribal Veterans Representative; 3009 East Portland Avenue; Tacoma, WA 98404-4926.



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL DEDICATION NOV. 11



The Puyallup Tribal Veterans Committee is also in the process of collecting names for a lottery/drawing to attend the Dedication of the National Native American Veterans Memorial on Nov. 11. This event will be held in Washington, DC; it will honor the Service of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the U.S. Armed Forces. This dedication will include a Native Veterans Procession, a dedication ceremony, and a concert, followed by a multi-day celebration that will include access to the Memorial, exhibition tours, and cultural performances until Nov. 15. The Tribal Veterans Committee would like to offer attendance to all Puyallup Tribal Veterans.

Puyallup Tribal Veterans will receive a number of tickets to attend the Evening Reception on Nov. 10, and we will also have a designated seating area at the dedication.

Any veteran wanting to attend is encouraged to register at www.nmai.si.edu/hnavm for participation in the Native Veterans Procession. More will be revealed regarding this event as the information becomes available. If you wish to participate with your fellow Puyallup Tribal Veterans in this event, please submit your request in

writing no later than Sept. 8, to Puyallup Tribe of Indians; ATTN: Tribal Veterans Representative; 3009 East Portland Avenue; Tacoma, WA 98404-4926.

ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN INDIAN PHYSICIANS AUG. 6

On Thursday, Aug. 6, the Puyallup Tribal Veterans will be posting the Colors for the Association of American Indian Physicians at noon. The location is yet to be determined.



Please arrive no later than 11:45 am.

On Saturday, Aug. 8, the Puyallup Tribal Veterans will be posting the colors for the Association of American Indian Physicians Powwow. We will also retire the Colors at the conclusion of the Powwow as well. The location and time is yet to be determined.

The uniform for these events will be black trousers, black shoes, long sleeve white shirt, our white Tribal Veterans ball cap and the Pendleton Grateful Nation Vest that we wear to all Tribal veteran events (please see the picture below).



Find us on Facebook under Puyallup Tribal Veterans.

No more stolen sisters: Red dresses memorialize missing and murdered women

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Bright red dresses lightly danced in the trees outside of the Puyallup Tribe's Administration Building along Portland Avenue on May 5. Each dress represented a missing or murdered indigenous woman, as if waiting in her place until she returns home.

The emotional display was created by the Tribe's Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program to commemorate Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Americans.

More than four in five Native women (84.3 percent) have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime, according to the National Institute of Justice. And women in some tribal communities are more than 10 times more likely to be murdered than the national average, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Justice.

WEARING RED IN SUPPORT

Many Puyallup Tribal members, including the Tribal Council and administrative staff, also wore red on May 5 to mark the solemn occasion and call attention to missing and murdered people throughout Indian Country.

"The statistics are alarming and unacceptable," Chairman David Z. Bean posted on Facebook. "Our tribal communities are impacted with very little attention or reporting. We demand change. Stand with us. Protect our women, protect our girls, protect our communities."

Red dress display photos by Lisa Pemberton. Additional photos courtesy of Puyallup Tribal members Carolyn DeFord, Monica Miller, Annette Bryan and David Z. Bean



Thanks to partnerships, a missing Native woman reunites with her family

By Washington State Patrol
Government and Media Relations

Editor's note: WSP posted this story on its blog on May 5, which was Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Day.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) is building partnerships with tribal communities to help find our missing Native community members. In fact, in recent weeks, those partnerships along with WSP's networking with other law enforcement agencies across the nation led to a success.

A missing Native woman, feared dead since 2006, was found alive in another part of the country and is being reunited

with her loving family. As this is very recent, we are respecting the family's privacy and not providing further detail but WSP wishes to thank the many dedicated partners who contributed to this successful effort.

Nationally, Native Americans experience violence by non-native persons at a high incident rate. Our Native neighbors also are reported as missing at a rate higher than their demographic representation. Native Americans represent 1.9 percent of Washington state's population according to the 2019 population estimates by the U.S. Census, and account for 6 percent of Washington's active missing persons reports.

On average, 102 Native women, girls, men and boys are listed as missing in Washington state each week in the state's WACIC database. The majority of missing Native people are reported in cities and counties, not tribal jurisdictions. The actual

number of missing Native Americans is likely much higher, as Native persons are often inaccurately reported or listed as white in law enforcement data bases.

A number of government agencies, public entities, and private grassroots communities are working to correct reporting errors, identify missing and murdered Native people, and support families as they navigate unfamiliar judicial systems. Through MMIW Awareness, loopholes and problems are being identified and corrected which contributes to the welfare of all Washington state citizens. The WSP is proud to be a partner in the continued improvement of systems that help find the missing as well as serve the needs of communities historically underrepresented and overlooked.

Together, we seek truth, we seek justice, and we seek a safer future for all people.

CDVAP staff sew masks for Tribe's frontline workers

Staff members with the Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program have been sewing beautiful cloth masks in recent weeks to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

One of CDVAP's first batches of masks went to the Tribe's Public Safety and Security workers.

NEED SUPPORT? DV ADVOCATES AVAILABLE BY PHONE

CDVAP is still open and providing limited services. Staff are available to assist

community and clients who may be experiencing hurt or harm and would like support. Due to social distancing measures and guidelines here at the Puyallup Tribe, services will be provided by phone.

Advocates are available for support and consultation, assist with protection orders and support clients with the legal process. Advocates can be reached by calling the office during the business hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 253-680-5499.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Caldwell-Hoskins



Public Safety Officer Skyler Prout wears one of the masks created by CDVAP workers.

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives No Borders

Alyssa A McLemore - Kent WA
Missing 4-9-09

Age 21 when missing
5' 1" Tall
130 lbs

Black hair, often died blonde
Brown Eyes

Our Sister Is Missing
Please Call Kent PD
(253) 856-5923 Case# 09-003906

Namus# MP9695 (12-20-18)

MATIP MISSING Missing And Taken Indigenous People

Kaylee Mae Nelson-Jerry
Auburn WA
Missing Early July 2019

Black Hair
Black Eyes
5' 7" Tall
Slim Build

21 Years Old

The last time a family member saw Kaylee was at Muckleshoot Bingo in early July

If seen, or you know where she is, please call Auburn PD (253) 288-7403 or dial 911 Case# 19-11631

Source: Family & Auburn PD (10-9-19)

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for doing your part to contain the virus. We love you and appreciate all you're doing to support one another.

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To the Moms Who Are

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Hannah Kardon, Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church

Happy Mothers Day to my dear Mother who passed several years ago:

Dr. Verna Marie Louie-Bartlett, to all of the Mothers in my family and to all of the mothers in the Puyallup Tribe.

Sincerely, E. B-Douglas

What has our Miss Puyallup been up to?



Well she has been out delivering daffodils to Elders and community members, helping reach out to everyone to make sure they don't need anything.

She delivered food to Elders in Nisqually.

Thank you to our Miss Puyallup Nation Kylie Reed!

- From your community and family

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JAMES "JIM JIM" RIDEOUT for TRIBAL COUNCIL

Covid-19/ Coronavirus Commentary

In this time of crisis, we as tribal council members should focus on financial soundness, and how to mentally, emotionally and physically lift our people. We need to establish a state of preparedness for a new beginning. We should be working with local tribes, the federal government, state and local officials correlated with our health authority to plan and begin a testing program to keep our tribal members, community members, employees and patrons safe.

There will have to be a new beginning, not a new normal. We will have to go forward as people as a tribe as a nation. The only true return to normalcy is when a vaccine is developed and ready for distribution. It will not be the first time our people have overcome tremendous adversity and odds. We've come back again and again, better stronger, for the harder the battle the greater the victory.

I would like to again thank all the front line people, Takopid Health Authority, elders facility personnel, food distributors, protective mask makers, administration personnel, cancer clinic, Puyallup Tribal Police Department and Commencement Bay Cannabis and all the other people who put their heart, spirit and efforts into helping to keep our people and those in surrounding communities safe...

Determination – Commitment – Integrity - Results

I would like to clarify some things that refer to me personally, concerning my own personal position. I am a native, a Puyallup tribal member, a fisherman. I have made my life on the banks of the Puyallup River and surrounding shores of the Puget Sound. I give all credit to the creator for making me who and what I am. And I don't believe in fighting on any one front, but on all fronts that face our people. I believe in fighting for my people, and chose the tribal council to fight for our rights and for those who cannot. I consider myself a traditionalist in my beliefs, but that is my personal belief, it governs my life and personal morals but that is between me and the creator. I do believe there is one god and there are many different ways and languages used to communicate with god. And I do respect that other people beliefs are between them and in the god whom they believe. Though my belief of traditionalism is my philosophy, my political and economic philosophy is what is socially, politically and economically best for the Puyallup tribe, our community, and native communities throughout the Americas. This philosophy is what I deem as native nationalism an alignment with pan-indianism.

The political ideology of native nationalism only means that we as Puyallup tribal members as natives, should control the politics and politicians in our own community. The time of long winded promises and no policy, the tired regurgitation of old and antiquated adages should be long gone. This a new time and there should be new thinking in way we govern. We must understand the politics of our community and we must know what politics are supposed to produce. We must understand the part of politics that impact our lives. And until we become politically cultivated we will continue to be maneuvered and led astray by those who do not have our tribe's and community's best interest at heart.

Politically I have tried to be the voice of the membership, for the community, but many times on matters of new financial dealings, fishing/ sea food harvesting, land acquisitions/development and other relevant membership issues, my voice is over ridden by those who can malign or manipulate the majority for their own political agenda.

It has been said that at times I'm not unified with other council members: When I see anything that is not fair or equitable for the membership, absolutely not, when I see discrepancies that benefit some and not all, No, I am not unified. I don't see unification as a justification for bad ideas or bad decision making.

And let me say this, there is also a stark difference of those who are elected officials and those who are permanent employees or division directors. There are many instances we as elected officials can be stonewalled by permanent employees who do not want to provide information or act for the betterment of the tribe and our membership. And contrary to popular belief we as council do not have the power of hiring and firing, we have to maintain the policy, procedures and tribal bylaws as members of tribal council.

I say this so the membership can have their eyes opened to the interworking of their tribe and its form of government and direction we should be taking. Hopefully this type of open and maturated information will make us more conscious of tribal politics and its impact on all of us as tribal members.

The economic philosophy of native nationalism only means that we should own, operate and control our own economy of our own community. We need to be solely dependent on ourselves. The vitality and diversity of our economics is the key to our financial success as a people. In 1988, I was 18 years old, the year the Land Claims was settled, my late cousin Chester Satiacum III said to me, as an advisor, a counselor, a mentor..." We will be the only North American tribe with a marine port and the ways and means to incorporate national or international trade and commerce."

We should be utilizing our port property for part of our economic portfolio, I have been told by our economic development arm, that it's not a viable project; our financial planners explained it as lease project which wasn't going to be financially worthwhile. I would want to own and operate the facility within the sole confines of our tribe, not as a lease project as was told to me...

This let some else do for us mentality is a problematic issue, our financial planners or those planners who tout their collegiate or university degree status seem to think we need other people or non natives to be successful...I say No! It is up to us to succeed or not...we can do anything we set our minds to. So in my curiosity about the feedback I had been receiving from our own economic advisors. I sought out my own information about our port property and its use as loading, unloading and transport location, and I was invited to attend an economic port meeting of city officials, current port business owners and economic strategist. I wanted to ask my own questions...how viable our port property and a Gantry crane development really were. Their reply to my inquiries were, after the initial permits and environmental impact statements were secured and initial cost were recovered, our land and crane operations would be extremely viable and financially substantial.

Native nationalism's social philosophy is that we need a self help-philosophy, a do it yourself- philosophy, a do it now- philosophy, do it now before it's too late philosophy... a self help program is only way we are going to solve our problems. My uncle said "If you think of native first, everything else will line up right behind that thought" Once you change your thought process, you change your attitude and then you'll change your behavior and then you will generate some action.

This is core ingredient of native nationalism or pan-indianism.

The positives and upside to native nationalism and its context is you can be part of any tribe, belief system or civic organization and still have native nationalism as your philosophy. This philosophy eliminates the need for division and argument.

Our modern day tribes foundation is based on native nationalism and pan-indianism, Our modern day independence came from the fishing-wars of the late 1960's and early 1970's, and the occupation and take-over of the Cascadia building.

These events were brought about with philosophy and action of native nationalism and pan-indianism. Puyallup tribal members and community based Indians from other reservations fought for us to become a modern day independent sovereign nation. We gained political, economical and social freedoms through self - determination, commitment, integrity and our current prosperity was the result.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
All My Relations,
James "Jim Jim" Rideout
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Tribe offers drive-thru food banks during the COVID-19 crisis

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

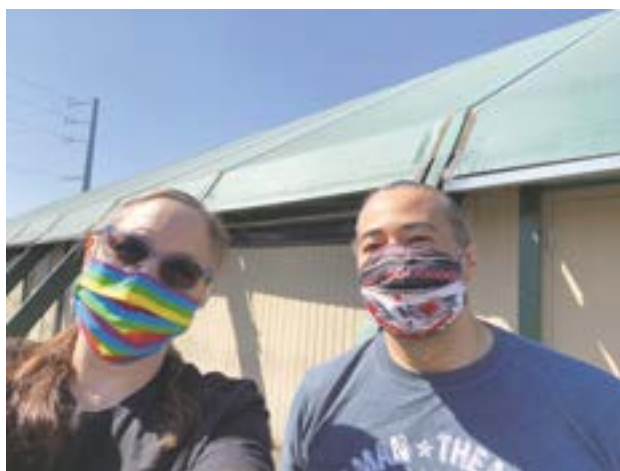
As the COVID-19 crisis began to unfold in early April, the Puyallup Tribal Council established a new community service: A food bank.

It all started with a Facebook message that was sent to Council member Annette Bryan.

“Someone from Emergency Food Network reached out to me and asked if the Tribe needed assistance,” Bryan said. “I brought it to the attention of Council, and was tasked with getting details.”

Bryan worked with staff in Housing, Administration, Legal and the Emerald Queen Casino, and enlisted fellow Council member James Rideout as a driver. The first event took place with an April 9 food delivery to 300 Elders and Housing residents. An additional 200 boxes of food was given away the next day during a drive-thru food bank at the Emerald Queen’s event tent.

“We didn’t know what to expect so we didn’t have the equipment in place,”



Bryan said, with a chuckle. “We unloaded it by hand. ... The first time was a labor of love, for sure.”

The service has grown into a partnership with Emergency Food Network and Small Tribes of Washington. During the second distribution, the Tribe delivered 342 boxes of food, and gave away 378 boxes of food at the event tent.

The Tribe has now had several more events. Fork lifts, hand trucks and a small army of workers and volunteers –

including several Tribal Council members – help each event go smoothly, and adhere to social distancing requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Our events coordinator and our Housing staff have really come out in full force to make this successful,” Bryan said. “Without their help none of this would be possible. The casino management stepped up quick, too. Everyone worked together to make this thing happen, to get it operating quickly.”

NEED FOOD?

WHAT: Thanks to a partnership with Emergency Food Network and Small Tribes of Washington, the Puyallup Tribe has been offering fresh fruit, dried foods and soft drinks on a first-come, first-served basis, during a series of drive-thru food banks.

WHO: The program is open to the Tribe’s members, community, and neighbors.

WHEN: The next food bank will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 5. Watch for more events on the Tribe’s website at www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.

HOW: Distribution will be drive-up:

- Write down your name and size of your family on a piece of paper.
- Come in through the valet parking lane.
- To maintain social distancing, don’t roll your window down – just show the paper to staff. They’ll send you forward.
- If you have an automatic trunk, open it and staff will load the food.
- If you don’t have an automatic trunk, staff will put the food on a table and then go inside for you to load.

INFO: Anyone with questions may contact foodbank@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov or Chester Earl, community events coordinator, at 253-307-3659.

Please note: Food deliveries are available, but you must sign up in advance. To be added to the delivery list email foodbank@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov or contact Chester Earl, community events coordinator, at 253-307-3659.

Elders who have difficulty driving or don’t have transportation may call the Elders Department at 253-680-5480 to arrange for food to be delivered.

SPIPA offers food vouchers

The South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency is providing a limited number of food assistance vouchers for Puyallup

Tribal Members on a first-come, first served basis.

Must be a Puyallup Tribal Member to qualify. Limit one voucher per household.

If interested, please contact Debbie Gardipee-Reyes at 360-462-3227 or by email at Gardipee@spipa.org. You can also call the SPIPA general line at 360-426-3990.

Coasting into the new casino with artwork – and a side of technology

By Lisa Pemberton
Puyallup Tribal News editor

Puyallup Tribal member Chris Duenas created several Coast Salish art pieces for the new Emerald Queen Casino – including some of its smallest ones.

He designed five images that will be printed on the Summit Sports Bar's coasters. The series includes a wolf, a thunderbird and three salmon egg designs.

The decorative cardboard coasters will be used with drinks, and will likely become popular keepsakes.

The coasters are one of the many ways Puyallup tribal art is being incorporated into the nearly \$450 million casino, which is set to open next month.

"I'm very excited to see our art, language and culture throughout the new casino," Duenas said. "I am a huge proponent of keeping our culture in every facet of our lives. That's how we will keep these practices alive and strong."

Duenas graduated from Fife High School in 2007 and continued his education at Bates Technical College for digital media, with audio/video being the primary focus.

Duenas has been working in coastal art since 2011, and his day job is media developer for the tribe's Language Program. He used high tech skills for some of the other casino's pieces of artwork.

"I digitized some of art throughout the casino," Duenas said. "I was able to work with Karen (Reed) and Sharron Reed (Nelson) as well as my brother Anthony Duenas to bring their art to a digital format so we could reach the scale necessary for some of these art pieces. I vectorized a canoe basket design by Karen Reed for the deli, several basket designs by Sharron Reed Nelson for the light fixtures in the puyaləpabš café, and I was also able to work with my brother on the large design that can be seen from the freeway."

In non-tech terms: Duenas spent a lot of time on the computer making it possible for other artists to incorporate their work into large-scale projects.



"Vectorizing graphics is something I'm very comfortable with so I'm glad I was able to share that skill to achieve our goals," he said.

Duenas also carved several small pieces that are incorporated into murals designed by tribal member Shaun Peterson for puyaləpabš café.

"I started carving a few years back," he said. "I spent time with my brother learning to carve small pieces. This carving project was really cool because I was able to bring all that practice into something practical. I got to spend time with Shaun and go over some specific techniques that really helped."

Duenas said he enjoyed working with the other tribal artists, and he's happy the



Brothers Daniel, Chris and Anthony Duenas helped work on a massive mural outside of the new Emerald Queen Casino.

casino includes elements that reflect the tribe's culture and people.

"It's a great statement to see the Puyallup language and art in the casino because it shows we are still here," he said.

Dungeness fishery returns after a two-year absence

Submitted by the Puyallup Tribal Shellfish Department

The Puyallup commercial Dungeness fishery returned this year after a two-year absence. The commercial season lasted 18 days, from April 20 to May 7. The season opened after a complex series of negotiations involving the Puyallup Shellfish Department, Legal Department, Tribal Council and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The shell condition of the crab has allowed the season to open in late April when the price is usually better. This is important as the Puyallup region is a minor crab producer compared to regions further north. This allows us to get a higher price for our lower volume of crab.

The crab were noticeably deep in our surveys this year. More than half (55 percent) of all legal size males were caught at 150 feet in this years' surveys. This is the largest proportion of legal size males ever caught at this depth since surveys started in 2013. Crabbing this deep can present challenges to our fleet as the lightweight "box style" traps are still common in the fleet. It is hard to add enough weight to this style of trap to get them to stay on the bottom in those depths.



The fluctuation in abundance is thought to be caused by larval mortality due to increased water temperature. There is some evidence that the Vashon Island area has had a long history of boom and bust abundance cycles.

The Tribal Council opened the Puyallup canoe landing site and docks for the crab fleet to use for the first time. This helped the fleet out by providing a central staging area for crabbers to gear up and deliver their catch to awaiting crab buyers, and ensure appropriate social distancing measures could be taken due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Photos courtesy of Puyallup Tribal member Big Bean-Flores and the Shellfish Department



Firecracker Alley will be June 19 – July 4. Watch for updates at www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov



Right treatment, right time, right place – even in a pandemic

By Alisa Solberg
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department

COVID-19 has changed many things. But now more than ever, people need help finding support and recovery from drug addiction. It's some of our most important work.

The opioid crisis hasn't stopped because of the pandemic. Substance use disorder and access to treatment affects some of our most vulnerable people. For example, racial and ethnic minorities already face inequities and obstacles to treatment.

COVID-19 has caused uncertainty and economic distress for many. We may see new people suffering from addiction, or others who relapse.

Access to help is limited because of orders to stay home and social distancing practices. But our Meds First and Treatment Services programs are here for you. We offer treatment for substance use disorder on a drop-in basis in an environment that reflects the need for social distancing.

Get help when you need it. You don't need an appointment. You will receive treatment the same day. This includes a medical exam and treatment with suboxone or methadone to help you stabilize.

You'll also get access to other services. We help you navigate your road to recovery—including assistance with insurance, medical appointments, employment, transportation and more. We also help our patients safely and comfortably transition to a primary care doctor or a more traditional suboxone clinic.

On a visit to Treatment Services, you can access:

- Medication assisted treatment (suboxone or methadone).
- Individual counseling via telephone.
- Ongoing care and follow-up.
- Education.
- Resources and referrals.

Look for the tents in the north and south parking lots of the Health Department at 3629 South D Street in Tacoma. For Meds First, call 253-798-3502. For Treatment Services, call 253-798-6576. We're following public health guidance to do this work during the pandemic.

Our staff wear personal protective equipment and practice social distancing,

but no longer transport patients to appointments. We continue to help as much as possible.

Learn more at: www.tpchd.org.

Community Family Services offers support by phone

Community Family Services continues to provide services to our clients.

Our staff is working remotely in order to do our part in ensuring the health and safety of our community.

If you are in need of services we are here for you. Please contact our office at 253-573-7919, and you will be transferred to one of our staff members.

We are continuing to perform assessments and treatment plans remotely only.

If you are in crisis the Pierce County Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 800-576-7764.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS yayusali

Job title: Elders Care CNA
Department: Elders Care Services
Pay: \$18.32 an hour, plus benefits
Closes: When filled. (First review will be June 1)

Under the supervision of the Executive Director of Elder Services and the Director of Nursing, the CNA will provide personal care, in-home meal preparation, light housekeeping, and assist with daily activities and check vital signs for Tribal Elders at home or in assisted living.

Education and/or experience: High school diploma or general education degree (GED) and one year of social service health field-related experience and/or training/ or satisfactory equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have and maintain a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. Must demonstrate a mature, emotionally stable manner and display a sympathetic attitude toward providing services to clients at home or in the Assistant Living Facility who have medical issues.

Puyallup Tribal Members that have their Nurses Assistant Registered (NAR) certification from an accredited school and do not yet meet the experience requirements will be considered but must be able to obtain their Certified Nursing Assistant certification at next available testing date and must participate in trainee program for first 6 months of employment.

How To Apply:

Apply online at <https://usr55.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/ptoiad> or visit the Puyallup Tribe's website at <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/> and select "Employment" at the top of the page.

If you have any questions about the online application, please call 253-382-6089 or email jobs@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.

Indian Country says ‘We’re here’ in 2020 Census

By Bridget Ray, Ojibwe/Michif

Native people of the Pacific Northwest and tribal members across the region are using the 2020 census to send a clear message: “We’re still here.”

Every 10 years, the United States government conducts the census to count each person living in the country. That count determines how federal resources are distributed for things like affordable housing, public transportation, schools and hospitals.

“The 2020 Census is our chance to be visible, to be heard, and for our tribal nations to be recognized,” said Puyallup Tribal Chairman David Z. Bean. “Being counted, in the census, helps ensure that important and needed funding gets to Indian Country.”

All told, more than \$1 billion in resources will be allocated across Indian Country based on the census count.

“Despite the huge impact of the US Census, Native Americans have historically been under counted,” said Colleen Jollie (Turtle Mtn. Chippewa), senior advisor to the PNW Native Census 2020 Initiative. “Undercounts mean less federal funding for tribes, and lack of representation in congress. The Census is also a way for us to assert our sovereignty and citizenship as the first people.”

In 2020, the Census Bureau is asking people to complete the census online at my2020census.gov. Residents can also complete it over the phone, or request a paper copy. People who do not complete the census by Oct. 31 will be visited by a census worker to help complete it.

So far, the Puyallup Tribe has a 66 percent response rate.

With people staying home to stop the spread of novel coronavirus, it’s a good time to complete the census. Self-completing it, if possible, also means fewer census workers out and about when people are being asked to stay in. Census workers are scheduled to begin visiting homes in August.

The form asks questions about each household, including name and age of each resident. Replies cannot be shared with anyone, including landlords and law enforcement. A census worker who shares information can be punished by fines and jail time.



“Historic mistrust of the federal government might make some Native people hesitant to take part in the census—but undercounts hurt Indian Country,” said Samantha K’_alaag’aa Jaat Biasca (Kaigani Haida, Tlingit, Inupiat). Biasca is Community Engagement Coordinator at the Na’ah Illahee Fund, which develops leadership among Native women and girls.

“If we’re left out of the census data, we’re left out in the cold,” Biasca said. “An accurate count in Indian Country means our people get the funding we need and deserve.”

For example, the CARES Act directs Treasury to use U.S. Census Bureau data for the most recent year for which data is available for distribution of much needed COVID-19 relief funding to state, local and tribal governments, Bean said.

“This is another reason to participate in the census and be counted,” he said. “I encourage our tribal relatives, from all directions, to participate in the census and be counted.”

The census also asks about heritage and identity. There is no proof required by the form to identify as Native. All people have to do is choose the “American Indian or Alaska Native” race box on the census

form and make sure “Person 1” is a Native person in order to count your household as a Native household.

Additionally, there is no question about United States citizenship on the census.

Two-spirit, gender queer, and non-binary relatives might find the form limiting. Activists recommend they choose one of the sex options listed, male or female, in order to be counted. That choice does not have to match with how people answer questions elsewhere.

Residents are asked to count all immediate family members, including those who might not be counted elsewhere.

In addition to funding, the census also determines how many representatives each state has in the United States Congress.

“We only get this chance to be counted once a decade,” Biasca said. “It’s critical that we stand up and say we’re still here. We matter. No one else can say it for us.”

Additional information can be found at www.PNWNativescount.com.

Puyallup Tribal News editor Lisa Pemberton contributed to this story.

Complete the census now to avoid an at-home visit

Census invitations were mailed to most homes in mid-March. As part of a phased restart of operations that were temporarily suspended due to COVID-19, census workers recently began dropping off invitation packets in areas where the majority of households do not receive mail at their home.

Census workers are scheduled to conduct at-home visits Aug. 11-Oct. 31

The best way to avoid being visited at home by a census taker, or enumerator, is to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. The self-response deadline is Oct. 31.

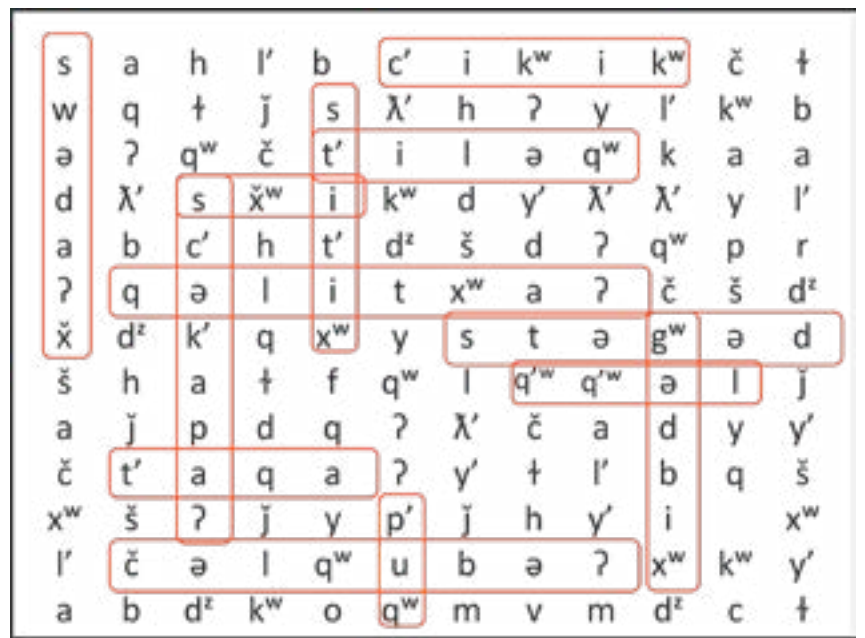
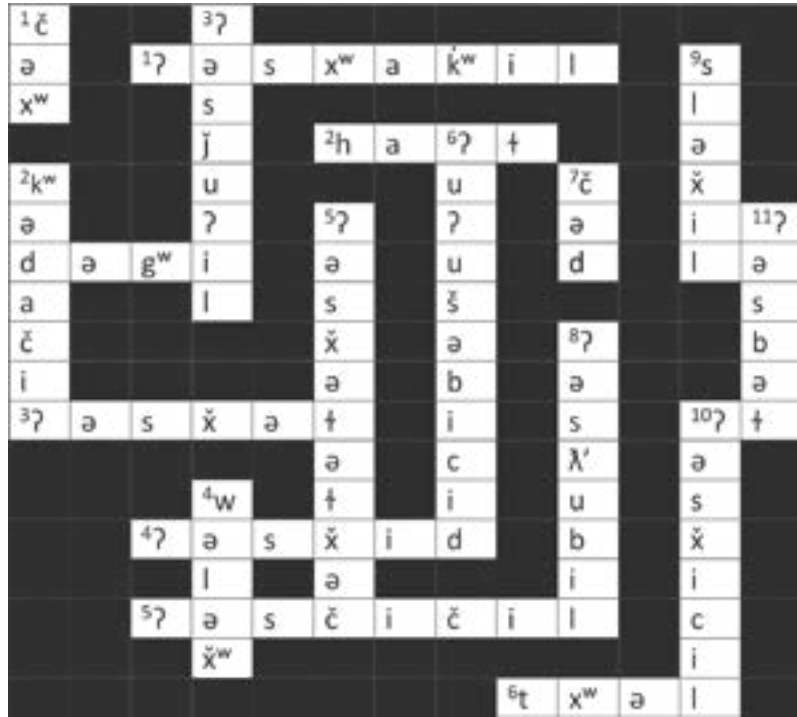
Help wanted: U.S. Census jobs are still available

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a variety of temporary jobs, including census takers and office staff.

For more information, go to 2020census.gov.

Puzzle Keys

Puzzles located on page 12



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