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See photos and story on page 19.

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Security workers play a key role in Tribe's pandemic response. **See photos and story on page 12.**

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Get to know Teddy Simchen. **See photos and story on page 7.**

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Chief Leschi crowns Daffodil princess. **See photos and story on page 8.**

DONATIONS NEEDED

Help a family rebuild their lives after fatal fire. **See flier on page 22.**



2021 Puyallup Tribal Council Election calendar

Tuesday, March 2

Deadline for absentee ballot request: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 3

Absentee Ballots: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 8 a.m.

PRIMARY ELECTION: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi School. 5625 52nd St. East Puyallup.

Friday, April 9

Courtesy mail-out of election count: Absentee ballot requests will be mailed for the General Election.

Deadline for Puyallup Tribal News Voters' Guide: Candidacy letters & photos must be submitted to News@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov by 5 p.m.

Friday, May 7

Deadline for absentee ballot request: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 5

Absentee Ballots: must be received in the Election Board's mail box by 8 a.m.

GENERAL ELECTION: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Chief Leschi Schools. 5625 52nd St. East Puyallup.

Friday, June 11

Courtesy mail-out of election count.

More information

For Election related questions, please email ElectionBoard@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov or write to 1625 E. 72nd St. Ste 700--PMB 149, Tacoma, WA 98404.



2021 Tribal Council Candidates

CANDIDATES RUNNING IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION FOR POSITIONS ON PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL ARE AS FOLLOWS (listed in order received):

Sylvia P. Miller

Fred Dillon

Anna Bean

James V. Miles Sr.

Chester Earl

Benedict Williams

Patricia Ortiz Conway

Benita M. Ochoa

Archie Cantrell

THERE WILL BE THREE (3) TRIBAL COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN.

Council candidates: Want to advertise in the Puyallup Tribal News?

The Puyallup Tribal News is offering paid advertisements for Tribal Council candidates during the 2021 election season.

Here's how it works:

- Submit payment of \$150 for a half-page or \$300 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 ready-to-publish ad to news@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov. The ad will not be placed into the paper until proof of payment is received from Accounting.
- Ad sizes: Full Page is 10.25 inches by 16 inches at 300 dpi. Half page is 10.25 inches by 8 inches at 300 dpi.

Ads must be submitted **by 5 p.m.** on the following dates:

March 11 for the April edition.

April 14 for the May edition.

May 12 for the June 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.

Out of fairness to all candidates and voters, **ADS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE OR WITHOUT VERIFIED PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**



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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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Cultural Director
253-389-8729



Clinton McCloud
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Marsha Pluff
Sr. Administrator
Assistant
253-278-4074

Culture Department leads cottonwood bud harvest

By Lorraine Basch, Puyallup Tribal Member

On Feb. 6, the Puyallup Tribe's Culture Department led the first gathering event of the year. It was the first of two events to gather cottonwood buds. The department will continue the series in March as they gather nettle.

Cottonwood buds, according to the guest speaker and Tribal Member, Kalicia Bean, "is good for healing skin, it's really moisturizing, and also good for pain." The cottonwood, which is native to our homelands, is an essential part of the ecosystem. It not only provides shade to our waterways that protects our salmon, but it also has a natural growth hormone that helps itself and the plants around them grow, according to Bean.

The attendees met at the Culture Center and drove separately to the Youth Center where a cottonwood tree recently fell. It is important, when gathering medicine, that it doesn't come at the cost of life. Therefore participants gathered only from the twigs and branches that had already fallen to the ground.

After learning about the medicine, a prayer, and an offering, the participants dispersed into the tree line and blackberry



bushes, searching for what they could find of the treasured plant that our ancestors held so dear. From what they gathered, they were instructed to put the buds in olive oil and direct sunlight for a month, until the medicine is fully extracted into the oil. This oil will soon be transformed into salves that our ancestors would use for injuries and ails such as arthritis, scrapes and bruises, joint pain, and as Bean mentioned, moisturizers.

With nettle in early bloom this year, the department will be taking community members onto our Tribal lands to gather the nettle's medicine in March.

Nettle is traditionally used for inflammation, blood pressure, blood sugar levels and hay fever. Many Natives now utilize the plant in recipes like muffins and pasta sauce. One Puyallup Tribal Member and attendee of the event, Roberta Basch, remembers her scapaʔ using nettle for his arthritis and inflammation.

To learn more about the events or to register, please visit the Puyallup Tribe's Culture Department Facebook or call Marsha Pluff (253-278-4074) and Angie Totus (253-320-8361).

Traditional medicine and spiritual healing services available

Please contact Culture Director Connie McCloud at 253-389-8729 if you would like to see a spiritual healer, or have questions or concerns.

The Culture department continues to gather, process and share Traditional Medicine care packages. Please contact Angeline Totus: 253-320-8361 or Marsha Pluff: 253-278-4074 for more information.

UPCOMING CULTURE CLASSES AND EVENTS

March 6 and 20: Please join us for a field trip to pick nettle. Learn about the

wonderful healing medicine the nettle provides. Nettle is used in cooking and traditional healing. Nettle tea can help reduce stress, strengthen immunity and other health benefits.

Learn more about harvesting, cooking and using nettle. One of our projects will be to make nettle twine in the future. We will meet at the Culture Center at 9 a.m. and go to the site to gather.

Please contact Angeline Totus: 253-320-8361 or Marsha Pluff: 253-278-4074 for more information.

April 3 and 17: Please join us for a field trip to gather maple bark and make a bracelet.

We will meet at the Culture Center at 9 a.m. and go to the site to gather.

Dress for the weather.

Bring water, snack and sack lunch.

Please contact Angeline Totus: 253-320-8361 or Marsha Pluff: 253-278-4074 for more information.

FUTURE EVENTS

We are now planning for gathering camas, cedar bark, swamp tea, princess pine and Huckleberry Camp. When we have those events scheduled, we hope you'll come learn about these traditional plants and foods.

CARVING STUDIO UPDATE

Due to water damage, we are renovating our carving studio.

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ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Together we can help prevent Native veteran suicides

By Michael Sisson
Puyallup Tribal Veterans Representative

Native Americans serve in the U.S. military at higher rates than other groups. Unfortunately, Native veterans die by suicide at higher rates than non-veterans, too.

Over the last two years, at the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System we have worked with area Tribal communities to develop a suicide prevention program. In this program, we will strive to listen, and learn from Native veterans just as much as we speak. The goal is to have a conversation about wellness provide support veterans who are struggling.

One tool that the VA uses is a program called S.A.V.E., which stands for:

Signs – Know the signs of someone in crisis.

Approach – What are effective ways of approaching a person and asking if they are suicidal?

Validate – Communicate your



understanding that the individual is struggling and suffering.

Encourage – Encourage the individual to get help, and assist them in doing so by staying with them until they are connected with a professional.

S.A.V.E. is a program designed to bring veterans, their family members, friends, and other community members together. And together, we have a conversation about how to recognize when someone is struggling and how to connect them to additional help.

In this conversation, we are seeking to share steps in suicide prevention that have

worked at the VA. We also want to learn about approaches that have worked within the Puyallup community. Finally, we hope to find ways that we can support your efforts to provide compassionate care to Puyallup community members in need.

JOIN OUR CONVERSATION

We are hosting a free session on **Thursday, March 25 from 9 to 11 a.m.** All veterans, their families and friends, and any other members of the Puyallup community are invited to gather with us to talk about this important topic. We will meet virtually via Zoom. If you are willing to join us in this conversation, please e-mail Larry.Pruitt4@va.gov or call 253-583-2307 to reserve a virtual seat.

Find us on Facebook under Puyallup Tribal Veterans



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PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL

HONORING OUR POWERFUL PAST



TOGETHER



BUILDING OUR NATION'S FUTURE



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(I raise my hands to you folks.)

Relatives thank you for allowing me the great honor and privilege of serving as 1 of our 7 Puyallup Tribal Council Members.

I have been fully committed to being present, approachable, actively engaged, responsive and accountable.

I humbly request to continue this journey with you all as a voice for all of our families and every member.. huy'.

SAGE & CEDAR BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL

**I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.
LET'S CONNECT!**

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ANNA BEAN (LADY FRIJOLE)

LADYFRIJOLE

** Paid advertisement for Anna Bean



Use all tools to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic



PTHA continues to offer COVID-19 vaccines - another tool to help fight the pandemic. Even after vaccinations, we must all remember to keep wearing masks, staying 6 feet apart, avoid gatherings and wash your hands regularly.



March 3: Let's Get Fit Together!

Participants will receive FREE home fitness gear to assist in helping build your own gym experience!

March 10: Spring Greens

March 17: Let's Get Fit Together!

Participants will receive FREE home fitness gear to assist in helping build your own gym experience!

March 24: Ask the Doc..COVID-19 Updates

Your questions will be answered about COVID-19. Please e-mail your questions to Cfragosos@eptha.com

March 31: Introduction to Beading

To sign up for these Zoom groups, visit eptha.com/Community Health

What nourishes you?

By Charlene Koutchak, PTHA Registered Dietician

This month is National Nutrition Month. After a long winter I invite you to take a moment and contemplate what nourishes you. What and how we feed ourselves is important, but also is feeling connected to our wondrous world outside.

I suggest taking a small break from our "extended homestay" and find a spot you're comfortable in; perhaps next to a favorite tree close to your home or a park bench, and let yourself listen to the different sounds of the busy bird songs. While there, smell the air and maybe even see if you can spot some of those tiny, multicolored tree buds emerging. Then look for the fluorescent green tips popping out at the end of the evergreens. These tree tips are packed with vitamin C and electrolytes, some people call them "Nature's Gatorade," but without the sugary downside.

Try doing that every day, or once a week. Watch the transformation. Spring is here again, that we can be certain of, and it welcomes us out to see all its splendor.

Skirting along the edge of a forest or walking around in a maple tree understory, it's likely you've stepped on or been surprised by nettles. These are often called a "superfood" and are one of the highest

plant sources of chlorophyll, vitamins, amino acids, and minerals, including calcium, magnesium, and iron. Look for ones that haven't flowered yet. This is a perfect spring tonic.

I often feel rejuvenated after a simple tea with these power packed plants. They only need a couple minutes of boiling to remove the sting (remove before sipping). Delicious nettle recipes, evergreen tree tip tea and many others are featured in the Wild Spring Green resource guide on the Urban Indian Health Institute website.

Please make sure you have the right plant. Some wild greens have look-alike plants

– for example, chickweed, dandelion, and wild lettuce. Also check with your local plant experts, books, and reliable online sources to make sure you are not harvesting a non-edible species. Ethical harvesting is of utmost importance and this resource guide will give you important tips on this and many of our delectable spring greens. Enjoy!

Online resource

Wild Spring Greens: A resource with information about wild plants including recipes and tips for foragers. Learn more at <https://www.uihi.org/resources/wild-spring-greens/>

Nettle Pesto

Ingredients

- 1 small bag (about 6 cups) of young fresh nettles, rinsed
- 1 bunch basil leaves, stems removed, washed and drained (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 cup Parmesan or Romano cheese, grated
- 1/3 cup walnuts or pine nuts
- 1/3 cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

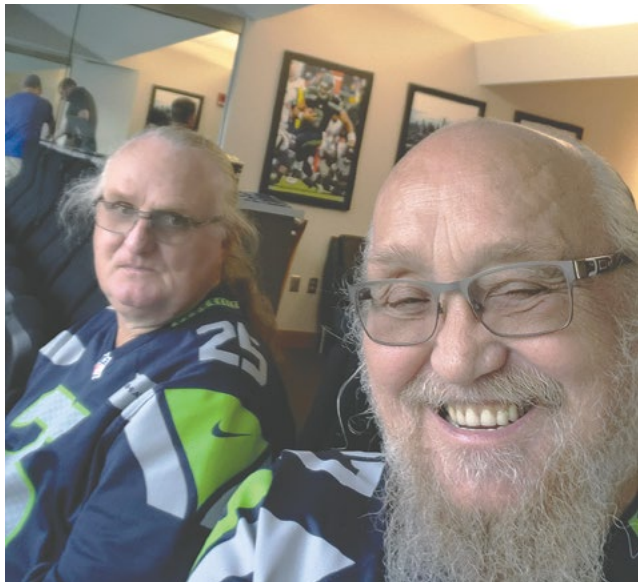
Rinse nettles in a strainer, then boil them in water (blanch) for one minute to remove the sting. Drain well, let cool, and roughly chop. Place all ingredients in a food processor or blender. Blend until smooth. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place the pesto in a clean jar and pour a little extra olive oil over the top. Cover with a lid. This will keep for 1-2 weeks in the refrigerator.



Try tossing this with pasta, potatoes, or cooked vegetables. It can also be spread on crackers or fresh vegetables as a snack. Raw chickweed, purslane, wild spinach, wood sorrel, and other wild greens can be added to pesto!

Q&A

With Puyallup Tribal Member Teddy Simchen



What is your name and place of birth?

Teddy Simchen I was born in the winter of November 19, 1959, and raised in Fife, WA.

What is a fond childhood memory?

I always tell people as a kid I swam in the same creek as Chairman Bill Sterud.

Can you tell me about your education experience?

I only attended school to the 9th grade and while in school at Fife, I lost all my Indian identity. But later achieved my



GED in service and attended some college after service.

Can you tell me what made you choose the U.S. Army?

I got into a little legal trouble and was in Pierce County jail at 16 years old. My options were prison or military.

At what age did you enter the Army, and did you like it?

I turned 17 and joined the U.S. Army and by 18 years old I was an alcoholic drug addict. When I got out of the service in 1980, I lived the next 40 years as an alcoholic/drug addict.

How did being an addict affect you?

Never was able to keep jobs for any length of time. Lived in the dark not knowing what was right or wrong.

Who do you attribute your sobriety to?

I attended Puyallup Tribal Treatment Center in 1996 and have been clean and



sober since that time. I started to find being a native again at this time.

What has life been like for you since experiencing sobriety?

After getting clean and sober, I started participating in the Color Guard for the Puyallup Tribal Veterans. I worked as security for Chief Leschi School and moved to the Emerald Queen Casino Security, then transferred to the Tribe where, I worked 17 years in the Gaming Regulatory Office as a regulatory agent until I retired in 2017.

Are you enjoying retirement?

I have enjoyed being retired, I love traveling and representing the Puyallup Tribe as Veterans Color Guard whenever called upon for the Tribe also at Ira Hayes Memorial Parade in Sacaton, Arizona, Gathering Of Warriors Pow Wow at Woodland Bowl in Keshena, Wisconsin, and National Gathering American Indian Veterans in Chicago, IL.

GRAD SPOTLIGHT



I'd like to congratulate my fiancé Charles Woods. He is a Puyallup Tribal Member and father of two (Taylor, 8 and Kosmo, 7 months). He completed/graduated dive school on Jan. 22, 2021, and is now a certified diver. We are SO proud of him and his hard work and dedication.

Taylor is so proud of her dad and excited that he might get to see real mermaids. She said "if you see a mermaid let me know!" and Charles replied "if I see a mermaid, you'll be the first to know!" Taylor's eyes lit up and she smiled so big.

We love you to the moon and back and are so so so proud of you!

Love,

Kaylena, Tay, Kos, Grizz & Minnie

Happy February Birthday

Dr. Verna Marie Louie-Bartlett



Creator,

I thank you that she has been set free from all suffering, pain, sadness and tears.

May the hope of eternity bring comfort to all who mourn the loss of my dear Mother as we celebrate her birthday.

Amen.

Sincerely, Eugena



CTE classes connect school to careers

By Nancy Nelson, CTE and Instructional Technology Administrator

A new Career and Technical Education (CTE) program began at Chief Leschi this fall, creating some exciting opportunities for our students.

In these programs, students can explore different career options and learn skills to prepare them for working in that field. Many of the courses allow students to earn college credit along with high school credit, at no cost to the student.

There are five categories of CTE courses: Natural Resources, Medical Careers, Culinary Arts, Education Careers, and Audio and Visual Technology. All of the categories connect with a local tribal industry. Natural Resources works with Fisheries, Shellfish and Water Quality departments, Medical Careers is connected to PTHA and other health organizations, Education Careers



connects with the Elementary School at Chief Leschi as well as Grandview Early Learning, Culinary works with restaurants and food service at Emerald Queen Casino, and Audio and Visual is working with the Tribal Communications Department as well as the entertainment division of Emerald Queen.

All of the classes include applied and hands-on learning. Students might learn how to tape an ankle, or how to live-stream a sporting event. Culinary students learn about managing a professional kitchen, and Indigenous Culinary focuses on harvesting and preparing traditional foods. Education Careers students get actual classroom experience, and our Natural Resources students can work on wetland restoration at Lake Leschi or discover what a biologist at the fisheries does each day.

The community partnerships are the most exciting part of this program. Classes include guest speakers talking about their jobs, and, when in-person visits are allowed again, opportunities for job-shadows and even internships.



In the planning stages are work-based learning opportunities, where students earn high school credit and a paycheck at the same time! Students love the real-world learning that connects directly to life after high school. If you have some experience in one of these areas and would like to offer support, reach out to Nancy Nelson, the CTE Administrator, at nancy.nelson@leschischools.org. If you have a Chief Leschi student interested in taking some of these classes, encourage them to connect with a counselor to build their perfect schedule.

CTE is a wonderful way to connect schoolwork to real work!

CLS selects 2021 Daffodil Princess

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

On Jan. 27, seniors Szoi Stevens and Jordyn Rutledge participated in Chief Leschi High School's 2021 Daffodil Princess selection. They were joined by 2020 CLS Daffodil princess Catalina Dillon.

Stevens was selected to represent CLS in the Daffodil Festival's Royal Court, which is made up seniors from 23 high schools in Pierce County. As Daffodil Princess, Stevens will represent CLS and the Daffodil Festival at numerous events, earn a partial scholarship toward her college education and vie for the title of Daffodil Queen.

Several Daffodil Festival events were canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, all of the princess selections were done virtually.

"Szoi shows up each and every day with a huge smile on her face and a positive attitude," said Secondary Co-Principal Chris



Szoi Stevens

Jorgensen. "Szoi is thoughtful, inclusive and kind to others. As a cheerleader, Szoi brings school spirit and energy to every game and is a leader by her example at school. Cheerleaders very publicly encourage the teams to succeed and help to create a positive culture publicly, Szoi does this privately with her fellow students on a daily basis as well. She is very deserving of this honor."

Secondary Co-Principal Jennifer Vasilez added: "It was an honor to serve Szoi in her middle school years and to see the strong woman she has become today. Szoi has been a leader as long as I have known her,



Catalina Dillon



Jordyn Rutledge

and I am proud that she will represent the school as our princess this year."

CHIEF LESCHI FACE PROGRAM



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Chief Leschi FACE program is to strengthen families and provide quality educational and lifelong learning opportunities for Native Americans from prenatal through adult life, emphasizing family literacy.

HISTORY OF THE FACE PROGRAM

Chief Leschi was one of the original FACE pilot programs that started in 1990 in the United States. FACE was designed as a family literacy program with 46 BIA-funded schools currently enrolled.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

To qualify for the FACE programs, your child must be Native American and eligible to attend Chief Leschi Schools. Parents and caregivers are not required to be Native. If you have any questions about program eligibility, please call FACE at 253-445-6000 Ext. 3069, 3090 or 3032



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Home-based Services

For the Families—at home

- Parent Educators make weekly or bi-weekly visits in the home or another location.



- The program is for families with American Indian children prenatal to five years old.



- Each visit includes an activity and book sharing based on child's developmental level.

- Screenings and referrals for additional supports services are made as needed.



- Monthly Family Circle meetings share topics of interest to parents.



*Free books each month * Field Trips*

Center-based Services

For the Children—at school

- The children's classroom is for children ages 3-5
- Class is led by two qualified early childhood teachers.
- Native culture is celebrated.



- Emphasis is on getting Children ready to read, write and count for kindergarten.



- Regular screenings, assessments, and referrals are made as needed.



Daily Schedule for Center-based

Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri
8:30-3:00pm



* Monthly Family Circle meetings *
*Free transportation to/from school

Center-based Services

For the Adults—at school

Adult Education

- For parents or guardians of preschool through 3rd grade children who attend Chief Leschi Schools.



- Adults work on their individual goals: GED, work skills, employability, computer skills, online college course and

study skills.

- Class is led by a certificated teacher



Parent Time

- Adults learn parenting skills and other life skills such as budgeting, health and nutrition, cooking, sewing, and other topics of interest.

Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time



- One hour each day, parents and children work and play together.

- Parents learn how children learn through play and how to

support their child's learning at home.



Breakfast and lunch for center-based families



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Daily Deals

- SUNDAY** Super Joint Sunday
15% Off Pre-Rolls
- MONDAY** Monday Funday
20% Off Storewide*
- TUESDAY** Triple Point Tuesday
- WEDNESDAY** Weight Wednesday
15% Off 7g+
30% Off 28g
30% off 7g Of Concentrate
- THURSDAY** Thank You Thursday
15% Off Online Orders
- FRIDAY** Fire Friday
20% Off Select Vendors
- SATURDAY** Shatterday
15% Off Concentrate
30% Off 7g Concentrate

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*Promotions and Discounts cannot be combined
*Restrictions apply



Weekly Deals

- Monday Madness**
Take 15% off Flower
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Vape Tuesday**
Take 15% off Selected Cartridges!
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Wax Wednesday**
Take 15% off Concentrates
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Twisted Thursday**
Take 15% off Pre-rolls and Liquid Edibles
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Fire Friday**
Take 20% off Select Vendor!
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Stock Up Saturday**
Take 15% off Flower 7g's and Up!
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer
- Sunday Funday**
Take 10% off the Whole Store
While Supplies Last
Cannot be combined with any other offer

We all have a role
in identifying, preventing,
and reporting Elder Abuse.



Signs of elder abuse:

- ✓ Decisions about an older person's life are not in their best interest
- ✓ Sudden changes in behavior
- ✓ Unusual changes in spending or money management
- ✓ Unexplained physical injuries
- ✓ Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases
- ✓ Unhealthy or unsafe living conditions

Talk with a trusted professional to help make a report or access more information:

Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Adult Services
253.382.6380



Daily Deals

- Smokin Sunday**
15% Off Flower & Pre-Rolls/ 20% Off Storewide 8am-10am
- Mega Monday**
15% Off 7g Of Flower 30% Off 28g Of Flower/ 30% Off 7g Concentrate
- Turnt up Tuesday**
20% Off Storewide
- Waxy Wednesday**
20% Off Cartridges & Concentrates
- 3 Times Thursday**
3x Loyalty Points & 30% Off Select Vendor
- Fire Friday**
20% Off Top Shelf Flower
- Satisfaction Saturday**
30% Off Edibles & Select Vendor

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Puyallup Tribe of Indians 2021 Enrollment Meeting schedule

Deadline for documentation to be received.

- March 5, 2021
- April 2, 2021
- May 7, 2021
- June 4, 2021
- July 7, 2021
- August 6, 2021
- September 3, 2021 (time change holiday deadline noon)

Meeting Date

- March 10, 2021
- April 7, 2021
- May 12, 2021
- June 9, 2021
- July 7, 2021
- August 11, 2021
- September 8, 2021

If you have any questions please feel free to email Enrollment@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov or call 253-573-7849

Created by Enrollment office staff & meeting dates may be subject to change



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(To all of you, my honorable relatives, my friends, my beloved people far and near)

It has been an incredible honor to serve our Tribe as a councilmember for the past 15 years.

In that time, we experienced challenges and also incredible growth, peace and prosperity. As a member of the Puyallup Tribal Council, I'm proud to be part of a team of strong Tribal leaders, past and present, who rose to the challenges and worked for a better future. They are committed to taking care of our community, diversifying and growing an economy that is vital to providing essential government services, protecting our treaty rights and natural resources, and revitalizing our culture.

The work we do benefits not just our Tribe and Indian Country but our neighboring cities and counties and the state of Washington. Even through the pandemic I was able to work with my fellow councilmembers and staff to lead our Tribe through a global health and economic crisis, open a brand-new casino and expand our economic base. What I've enjoyed most is gathering with our elders, singing and dancing with our youth, and sharing songs with our community. Setting policy, speaking on our Tribe's behalf to local, state and federal elected leaders, listening to you and working every day to help our dedicated staff deliver services to you is *what* we as councilmembers do. Belief in serving and nurturing our community to make a better life for our Tribe is *why* we do it.

My mother, Gloria I-Ya-Tel Bean, raised me to always think of my elders and my community first. From her lessons, I know what my responsibility is: to take care of our family and Tribal community.

I have tried to live up to her expectations. One way I have done that is to encourage health and wellness, not just in the physical sense. We have learned from our elders that it is important to take care of ourselves physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Taking care of ourselves ensures that we are able to take care of others.

At the same time, when I first joined Tribal Council I made a commitment that I believe I have honored and maintained throughout my 15 years of service:

- To be the hardest working, best informed tribal leader that I can be.
- To be available and visible
- To be actively engaged in our community

To maintain that commitment requires my full attention and energy.

However, my family is facing health issues that it didn't have 15 years ago. Some of those issues are ones I bear myself, and I owe it to my loved ones to take care of myself so that I may better take care of them. Right now, putting my family first requires me to be physically and mentally present for them. I cannot at the same time give my all to Council at the level I believe in my heart that you deserve.

After careful consideration and prayers, I have decided not to submit my name for re-election to Council this year. This past year has shown just how precious life is and how it should not be taken for granted.

The Puyallup Tribe is in a good place and on a good path of growth, culturally, economically, and socially. We have strong Tribal leadership and amazing staff throughout the Puyallup Tribe and all of our Tribal entities: Emerald Queen Casino, Puyallup Tribal Health Authority, Chief Leschi Schools, Marine View Ventures, Puyallup Tribe Cannabis Enterprises, Salish Cancer Center and Qwibil Natural Healing Clinic.

I am incredibly thankful to all who believed in, encouraged, and supported me before, during, and beyond my service as a Tribal Council Member. However, now it is time for me to work on the overall wellness of myself and my family. If I am called in the future to serve our Tribe and am able, then I will do so gladly, with gratitude and humility, and with love for my community and family.

I wish you all love, peace, and wellness,

David Z. Bean

Tribe's security workers play a major role in preventing spread of COVID-19

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

Talk about frontline workers.

During the past year, the 43 full-time officers and six on-call officers in the Puyallup Tribe's Public Safety Department have worked tirelessly to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to their regular tasks which include surveillance and other security work, their jobs now include monitoring temperature scans, checking to make sure people are wearing masks and asking employees and visitors to sign in and follow COVID-19 entry procedures at 11 Tribal buildings. Six of those sites are staffed 24 hours a day.

"Security has put others' safety and health first knowing they could be putting themselves at risk by being the initial contact person and screening people before allowing entry into a buildings," said Rory Laducer, Director of Emergency Management and Public Safety. "I believe the security employees have done a great job responding to the COVID-19 pandemic."

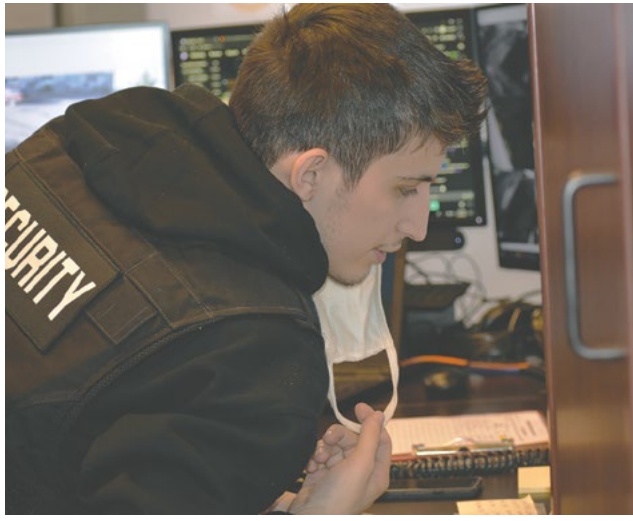
Tara Reynon, Tribal Community Wellness Division Manager, said the Tribe's security officers have enforced entry protocols with kindness and respect.

"They watch out for us so that we can provide the essential services necessary to meet the needs of our membership each and every day," she said. "We could not do our work without their support. I just love our security team."

When the health checks and entry requirements first rolled out, they weren't very popular.

Sometimes, workers got impatient with lines when they're running late for meetings. Sometimes, Tribal Members got frustrated when they're denied building access without an appointment. Sometimes, people who didn't want to wear masks got upset when they weren't allowed in a building.

Public Safety Security Manager Dennis Young said he's proud of how his staff has enforced the entry requirements.



Jonah Villegas briefly removes his mask to talk to an Elder over an intercom at the Admin building.



Security Manager Mike Young works in the Tribe's Public Safety Office. He and his brother Dennis Young manage a team of 43 full-time officers and six on-call officers.

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"It's been tough, especially when we're raised about our Elders and how precious they are, and how do you tell an Elder to wait outside?" he said.

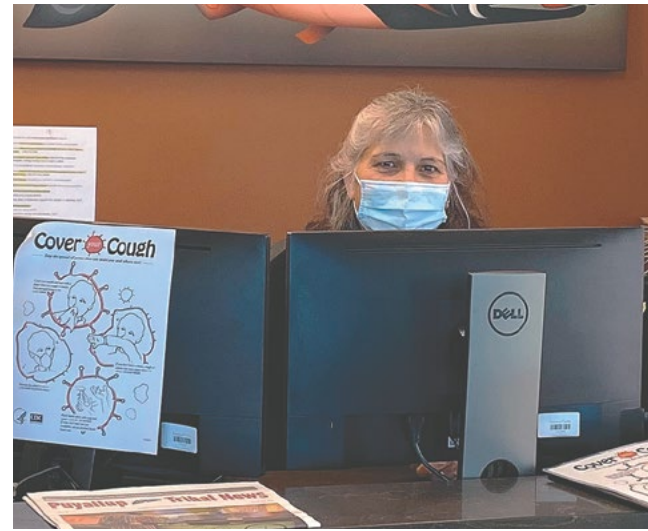
Young is part of the COVID-19 Response Team, a group of managers and other staff members who work with Tribal Medical Director Dr. Alan Shelton on Admin's response to the pandemic and positive cases among staff. The group's work includes contact tracing, community notification, scheduling of deep cleanings and making recommendations to Tribal Council on building closures as a preventative measure against the virus.

Tribal Council has closed all Tribal buildings through March 5, to help prevent the spread of the virus. Some staff members and departments have to work in the office to provide services to Tribal Members, or keep the Tribal government functioning. Security workers continue to report to their posts every day.

"There's no teleworking in security," Young said. "If you close a building because there's an exposure, we still have to stay. We can't leave."

He said the Public Safety team tries to stay connected as much as they can remotely, because they don't see each other at events, like they used to, due to the pandemic.

"We're very traditional when it comes to how we gather, and it's always been 'We'll squeeze 500 people in a 100 person room,' and now you can't even put five people in there," Young said. "I miss that getting together, the events. We'd get our team together and provide security for those events and it just gave us a chance to show off our skills."



Maryann Moore works in security at the House of Respect.

Young said he tries to remind them to practice self-care and take care of themselves to avoid burnout. The Tribe's investment in other preventative measures, including the purchase of thermal scanning equipment for work sites and remodeled entryway at the Admin Building, have also helped ease their stress.

"Their presence and attention makes a huge difference in staff's well-being," said Senior Administrative Assistant Nicole Sutton. "I deeply appreciate the work they do, especially through this pandemic."

Maryann Moore, a Puyallup Tribal Member who works in security at the House of Respect, said the pandemic has changed her job quite a bit. She sanitizes her desk upon arrival and when she leaves. She interacts with fewer people because the House of Respect Residences have been closed to outside visitors until recently, and are now open with additional safety precautions. But she's also had an opportunity to spend more time with the residents.

"I get to work with these beautiful people – they are so fun," Moore said. "They make me laugh. They're like my grandparents, you know?"

Because of her job location, Moore was able to be one of the first people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. For her, it was another level of protection she can provide for Tribal Elders and their families. "I couldn't ask for a better job," she said.



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Rory Laducer retires after 42 years of service to the tribe

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

After 42 years of working for the Puyallup Tribe, Rory Laducer, director of Public Safety and Emergency Management, retired Jan. 29.

He began working for the Tribe in January 1979 as a Puyallup Tribal Police officer.

“I’ve seen a lot of things happen over the 42 years,” Laducer said with a chuckle.

Among the highlights: Achieving commissions for Tribal Police officers with the Tacoma Police Department and the Pierce County Sheriff’s Office. Back then, it was unusual for Tribal Police to obtain dual commission, which enabled Tribal Police to conduct criminal law enforcement within the Tribe’s jurisdiction, for Native Americans and non-Natives alike.

Laducer said Tribal Police Chief Dan Ferro was a huge advocate for officer training.

“He was a big inspiration to me – he wanted the officers to make sure they had the same amount of training as officers anywhere, whether they were state, federal or city,” Laducer said. “Back in the day, a lot of training opportunities weren’t open to Tribal Police, like they were for other police departments.”

Many of the people who are in leadership positions around the tribe were just kids when he was a police officer. Laducer, who is Turtle Mountain Chippewa, jokes he’s worked at the tribe since B.C., or “before casinos.” He’s watched the tribe grow and change over the years.



Rory with Tribal Council Chairman Bill Sterud.



Rory and his wife, Carrie



Rory as a Tribal Police officer.



Councilman James Rideout, Rory and Councilman David Z. Bean.

He even played a role in the eviction of the state from the Cascadia juvenile detention center, the former Cushman school. The title of the property reverted to the tribe in 1980.

“I was part of law enforcement who took direction from the council when they took physical control of the building and the properties,” he recalled, noting that Chairman Bill Sterud was on Tribal Council at the time. “Our council and legal did a great job.”

Later, Laducer represented Tribal Police in negotiations with the Gaming Commission, which led to the 1996 opening of the Emerald Queen Casino riverboat.

He established the Tribe’s Emergency Management department in 2013. In his current role, Laducer has worked closely with county, state and federal emergency management teams. That includes pre-mitigation, mitigation planning and disaster recovery efforts.

“We work with other surrounding emergency management offices like the state and county when emergency



Rory as Chief of Police with Bill Coats, Jeff Berys, William Loescher, Ben Baker, Doug Smith and Byron Batey (not in order).

happens,” he said. “Usually when it’s a disaster, it affects multiple jurisdictions. It doesn’t just stop at tribal or county borders.”

During the past year, his department has played a major role in pandemic response, including coordinating with programs and distributing personal protective equipment for workers, working with the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department and the county’s Emergency Operations Center, and working with security managers in implementing safety protocols for employees and visitors who want to enter tribal buildings.

Laducer says he’ll miss the “day to day” work and seeing everyone. But he won’t be far, he plans to stay active in the tribal community.

“I’ve made a lot of good friends, and it was great working for the Tribal Council and membership and with the employees,” he said. “I’ve seen a lot of great things happen with the Puyallup Tribe, and I look forward to seeing a lot more.”

Council recognizes Ed Butler for 35 years of service

Tribal Councilmembers gathered in Chambers on Friday, Jan. 15, with friends and family of Ed Butler to recognize his 35 years of service to the Tribe and give him a good sendoff.

Ed and his crew took care of the cemetery and helped make sure burials were done respectfully and well.

Photo by Councilmember Annette Bryan.



Following our traditional ways by recycling right

Submitted by the Sustainable Working Group

Our traditional ways taught us to use everything we take. We were conscious of keeping our environment pure. We lived in villages that are hard to detect even to this day.

Our traditional values can be used to continue to honor our environment in our current times through recycling. Recycling assures that everything is used to its fullest and helps to protect our Mother Earth.

It doesn't count if it isn't done right.

Following our traditional ways by recycling right means to

- Put only empty, clean, and dry items in your recycling bin.
- Only recycle what is allowed. Some items like glass and shredded paper need to be separated and taken to a satellite drop off center.



- Don't put recyclables in plastic bags. Plastic bags can jam equipment in recycling processing facilities.
- When in doubt, find out. Go online to find out what is accepted in your curbside commingled bin, what needs to be taken to satellite locations, and what goes in the trash.

We have to recycle with thought, like our ancestors did. Up until 2018, most of Tacoma's recycling was sold to China, however they stopped accepting paper and plastic recycle because of high amounts of contamination.

New standards for contamination have affected many local recycling programs. Help your city's recycling program by recycling right.

The best way to reduce recyclables is to reduce waste as a whole. Recycling is getting more challenging and expensive. At best, it is a temporary solution. We must continue to think about the waste we are producing, whether it's recyclable or not, and find ways to reduce it.

Do not let waste be our generation's legacy.

Source: tacomarecycles.org



Good Day our Puyallup Tribal Membership. My name is Frederick T. Dillon and I would like to announce that I am submitting my name for a seat on our Puyallup Tribal council 2021.

I am Running for Tribal Council because I believe I have learned from our past and current leaders, as well as many other leaders from all around our Indian Country on how to be a strong but caring, firm but fair, and always be true with integrity and humbleness. I will always work on bringing unity to our membership. This is the kind of Leadership I will bring for our people and our tribe.

I have been apart of and worked hard on many things in our tribe. I currently work as a Policy Rep for our Natural Resources. I fight hard for the protection and preservation of fishing, hunting, shellfish and Gathering Rights for not only now but, to leave these ways of life for the next 7th generations.

I believe in our traditional ways. I know that is truly who we are and what we must keep alive. I will work hard to keep this way of life going by working with our culture department for the continued teaching of our language, gathering, songs, ceremonies and all these things that make us who we are as Indigenous people.

I have been blessed to be, and will continue to be apart of our Chief leschi School. I have that Leschi Warrior Pride.

I know education is key for our kids but, I also believe in knowledge and that hands on teaching is also important for so many of our kids and people. I will work hard on hands on training skills, job shadowing, learning trade skills. Bringing fish, deer, elk, shellfish, berries and traditional medicine to our people is good but, teaching our people how to hunting fish and gather is GREAT!!

I am always one to admit that I don't know everything and I still have alot of learning to do but, that's just what I will keep on doing learning to better our people and our Tribe. There is so much more I have to offer and like to share with you on who I am so, please fill free to reach out to me anytime at 253-405-5154 or fred.dillon41@gmail.com.

In closing, I respectfully ask for your support and your. Vote for Frederick T. Dillon for Tribal Council 2021.

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Volunteers clear Tribal beaches of trash and debris

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians partnered with Citizens for a Healthy Bay and the Port of Tacoma on Jan. 18 for a community beach cleanup at the Canoe Landing site and other locations along Marine View Drive.

The four-hour event was a day of service project in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy.

Volunteers masked up and spread out along the shoreline from the Tribe's Outer Hylebos habitat restoration site to the Port of Tacoma's Dick Gilmur Kayak Launch.



(Above left) What looks like shell debris is actually plastic foam, which covers the entire length of the beach's high tide mark on Jan. 18. (Above center) Two giant garbage bins were completely full after four hours with more garbage still covering Puyallup Tribal beaches during the Jan. 18 event. (Above right) From left: Khadijah Tividad, a Clean Water Educator for Citizens for a Healthy Bay, poses with Puyallup Tribal Member and Land Use Planner Jennifer Keating during the beach cleanup event.

"The beaches down there are in a truly sad state," said Puyallup Tribal Member and Land Use Planner Jennifer Keating. "They're littered in Styrofoam that ends up in our waterways and consumed by marine life."

She said she's excited to work with the Tribe's Sustainability Working Group to coordinate a Tribal community beach cleanup event this spring.

After four hours, volunteers collected enough trash and debris to fill up two dumpsters, according to the Port of Tacoma.

"During the outing, we were rewarded with close-up views of sea lions swimming by and red-tailed hawks overhead—almost as a 'thank you' for all the hard work!" the Port posted on Facebook.

Photos courtesy of Jennifer Keating

Greetings Tribal Members. My name is Sylvia Miller and I am running for Tribal Council.

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SYLVIA MILLER

I've said it before and will continue to say, I am so THANKFUL for the PUYALLUP TRIBE and everything it does for the membership. I am appreciative and humbled by the continuous LOVE and SUPPORT I receive after all these years. I have served on council for 18 years, but have been working for the Puyallup Tribe since 1977 (43+ years). I was born and raised on the Puyallup Reservation my whole life.

First and foremost I would like to take the time to THANK ALL OF THE GREAT LEADERS (past and present)! I have had the pleasure of working with a lot of them on and off of Council. Some I had the opportunity to work within the community from the many committees I've served on such as Board of Trustees, Youth Committee, Funeral Committee, Steer Committee (Port Development), Election Committee, School Board (CLS), Natural Resource/Fisheries, and many others.

I believe this last year has been challenging in many ways for all of us. As a Council Member during this pandemic some very difficult decisions on how to protect the health and well-being of our TRIBAL MEMBERS and TRIBAL ASSETS EQUALLY were made. New and creative ways to provide program services to Tribal Member in a safe manner were discovered. Financial reserve dollars were stretched to ensure benefits (Employment, Health Care, Per-Capita, Education, Housing, Emergency Assistance, and other program assistance) would continue uninterrupted throughout this pandemic. The closure of the EQC, which is our largest financial provider, was a big test on our spirits, minds, and bodies as a tribe. I am proud to say that we have some great FRONT LINE EMPLOYEES, ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES, and many others who worked and continue to work effortlessly to help keep programs and assistance available throughout these uncertain times. We utilized CARES funds to purchase a brand new apartment complex that is used for quarantine facility, distributed additional assistance for elder living, education, housing and food/necessities distribution and much more. We are still diligently working on building reserve funds, economic growth and expanding assistance for Tribal Members in these unforeseen times while protecting the health and well-being of everyone.

Once again I ask for your support in this coming election. I will continue to protect Per-Capita's/General Welfare for all Tribal Members. I am still a hard and dependable worker willing to do what is needed to get the job done. Please feel free to contact me on my cell 253-389-0362.

#VoteSylviaMiller

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Tiny home village site blessed so that it can bring Puyallup people home

By Puyallup Tribal News Staff

The Puyallup Tribe of Indians held a blessing ceremony on Feb. 1 at the site of the future tiny home village. The site is located at 2027 East Wright St., Tacoma, within proximity to one of the tribe's ancestral village sites.

"This is an ancestral site; our people have lived here for thousands and thousands of years," said Connie McCloud, culture director.

The tiny home village will serve up to 35 Tribal Members 18 and older, including individuals, couples, veterans, seniors, students, and people with pets.

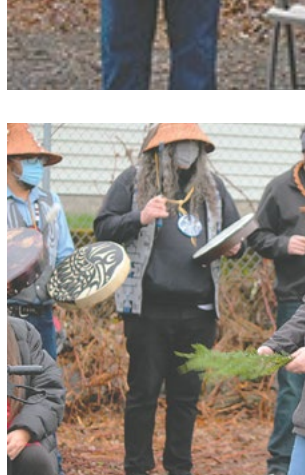
It will include up to 30 tiny houses and a community kitchen, hygiene facilities, case management, and 24/7 staffing. Each tiny house is 8 feet by 12 feet, is insulated, and has heat, electricity, and a locking door.

Tribal Chairmen Bill Sterud opened the ceremony, addressing the Membership with words of hope.

"There shouldn't be a Tribal Member on the street," he said. "The site will provide direct access to the Tribe's social services to help members get back on their feet."

Opening in a traditional Lushootseed prayer led by Amber Hayward, Language Program director, brought the good medicine that many have missed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ceremony took place with members of the Tribe's Culture and Language



departments along with witnesses and tribal council offering blessings of the ground.

Cultural Activities Coordinator Angeline Totus placed feathers on the ground. Dressed in regalia, women lined up, brushed cedar branches on the ground and danced in a circle while male drummers sang traditional songs.

The Tribe partnered with the Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) for the project, made available through the federal CARES Act. It will give homeless people a chance to isolate, if needed, and stay safe during the pandemic.

Want to help?

There will be multiple volunteer work parties to set up the site, which will include painting, construction, and beautification. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please email tinyhouses@lihi.org.

Need help?

To inquire about the referral process of Tribal members experiencing homelessness, please contact the Puyallup Tribe Wrap Around Program by calling 253-382-6219 or 253-310-1855 or by emailing WrapAroundProgram@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov.

Watch a video of the blessing on the Puyallup Tribe's YouTube channel.

President signs memo on Tribal consultation

By Lisa Pemberton, Puyallup Tribal News Editor

On Jan. 26, President Joe Biden signed a memorandum that reaffirmed Tribal consultation practices.

The memo gave federal agencies 90 days to come up with a plan of action to consult Tribal nations on issues that involve them. Similar executive orders were issued in

2000 by President Bill Clinton, and in 2009 by President Barack Obama.

"It is a priority of my Administration to make respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, commitment to fulfilling Federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal Nations cornerstones of Federal Indian policy," the memo stated. "The United States has made solemn promises to Tribal Nations for more than two centuries. Honoring those commitments is particularly vital now, as our Nation faces crises related

to health, the economy, racial justice, and climate change — all of which disproportionately harm Native Americans. History demonstrates that we best serve Native American people when Tribal governments are empowered to lead their communities, and when Federal officials speak with and listen to Tribal leaders in formulating Federal policy that affects Tribal Nations."

View the entire memo at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/>.

Elders, beware of potential scams

By Puyallup Tribal News Staff

Every year, many Elders fall victim to some form of fraud or scam.

They have even made a television genre out of it. Scams have created new definitions for common words. For example, catfish, is now a term for luring (someone) into a relationship by means of a fictional online persona, according to Oxford English Dictionary.

With everything accessible from your smartphone, nowadays, more and more scams are being done to prey on people and get access to sensitive information, such as bank accounts, passwords, social security numbers and social media accounts.

Elders often fall victim to scams because they tend to be nice, polite, and trusting. They also might own property or have significant savings, making them especially vulnerable.

Below are some tips on how specific scams are making their rounds. Please make sure your Elders are aware by going over the list with them to help prevent these kinds of scams from happening in the first place.



Common fraud schemes that target Elders:

- **Romance scam:** Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites to capitalize on their elderly victims' desire to find companions.
- **Tech support scam:** Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix non-existent computer issues. The scammers gain remote access to victims' devices and sensitive information.
- **Grandparent scam:** Criminals pose as a relative—usually a child or grandchild—claiming to be in immediate financial need.
- **Government impersonation scam:** Criminals pose as government employees and threaten to arrest or prosecute victims unless they agree to provide funds or other payments.
- **Sweepstakes/charity/lottery scam:** Criminals claim to work for legitimate charitable organizations to gain victims'

trust. Or they claim their targets have won a foreign lottery or sweepstake, which they can collect for a "fee."

- **Home repair scam:** Criminals appear in person and charge homeowners in advance for home improvement services that they never provide.
- **TV/radio scam:** Criminals target potential victims using illegitimate advertisements about legitimate services, such as reverse mortgages or credit repair.
- **Family/caregiver scam:** Relatives or acquaintances of the elderly victims take advantage of them or otherwise get their money.

Source: FBI.gov

HOW TO REPORT A SCAM

If you have reason to believe that you or someone you know has been a victim of what appears to be a scam, please contact your local police department or Tribal Police.

House of Respect reopens to visitors with COVID-19 restrictions

On Feb. 6, the House of Respect reopened to visitors, with some restrictions that will help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Friends or family members who want to visit in a resident's room will need to present a vaccination card that shows

their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Visitors who are **not** vaccinated (no vaccine, or less than 10 days since the second vaccine) may visit the Elder in the library. Visitors will be required to wear an N95 mask the entire visit and the Elder is encouraged to wear a mask as well. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

So far, 95 percent of the residents and the majority of staff have been vaccinated.

Staff who have not been vaccinated will continue to wear N95 masks whenever they are in the presence of an Elder or staff member.

Even after both vaccines are in effect, the CDC recommends that everyone continue to wear face coverings, stay 6 feet away from people outside of their household and wash their hands frequently to avoid spreading COVID-19.

Tribe offers game and other meat for 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 Alyrece McCloud at 253-348-3318.



Elders Valentine luncheon Jan. 22



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New Native Wellness web page offers resources

Native wellness is founded on the principal that good health is our natural state of being. Good health is achieved as our bodies, hearts, minds, and spirits are in balance, and we live in harmony with Mother Earth and our Creator.

Native people are rich with knowledge, family and community resources that offer a healthy foundation for our lives. By bringing our combined knowledge, including knowledge from our grandparents and ancestors into 2021 we can support and strengthen our wellness. We all carry a piece of the puzzle, and by sharing all the pieces, we can help create a full, bright, beautiful healthy community.



Salish Cancer Center Native Outreach has created and gathered resources for you on the Native Wellness page.

Visit the Native Wellness Page at: <https://www.salishcancercenter.com/native-american-resources/>.



Roberta Basch, Outreach Coordinator
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Help the Billie-Satiacum family

Donations are being collected for the Billie-Satiacum family, whose home burned recently. The family is in need of shoes, clothing and household items.

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Women's size 9
Boys' size 9
Girls' size 7
Boys' size 3

CLOTHING

Men's sizes XL and, 3XL
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Boys' size large or size 10
Girls' sizes 14/16

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Blankets
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Toiletries

Drop-off Location:

Puyallup Tribe Youth Center,
5803 N. Levee Road, Fife (Building A)

Drop-off days:

Monday – Friday

Times:

9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Donation-related questions:

Please contact Lisa Earl at the Youth Center with any donation-related questions at Lisa.Earl@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov

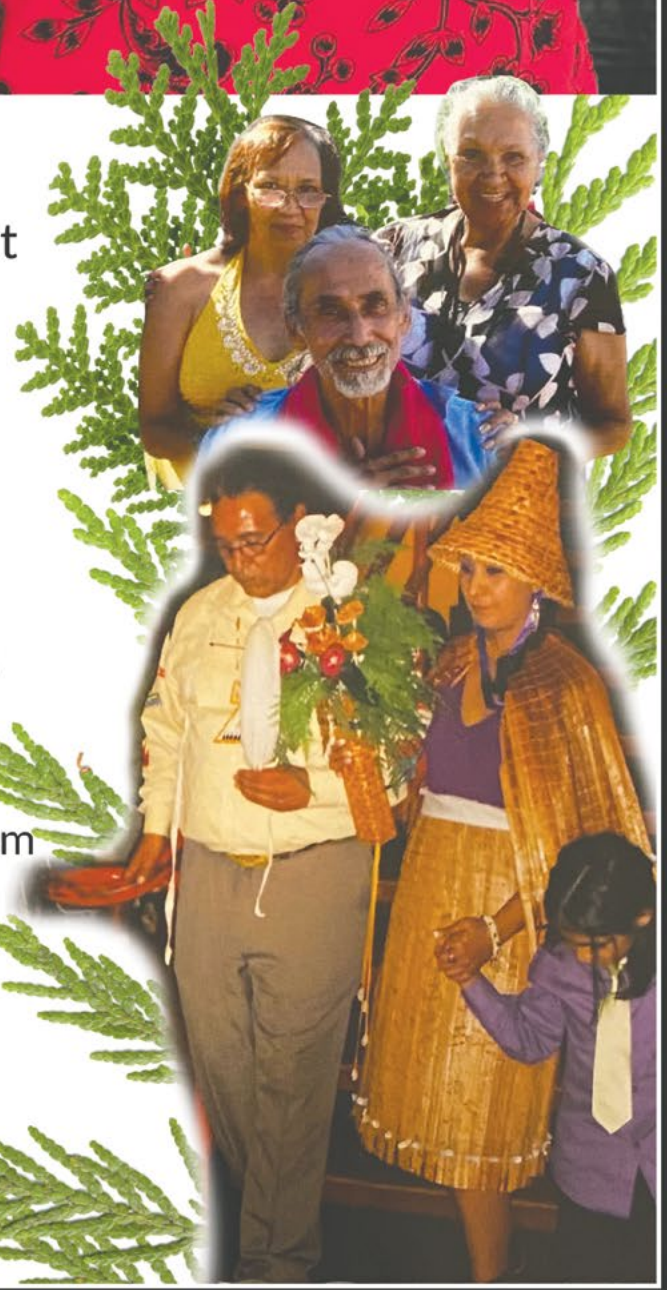
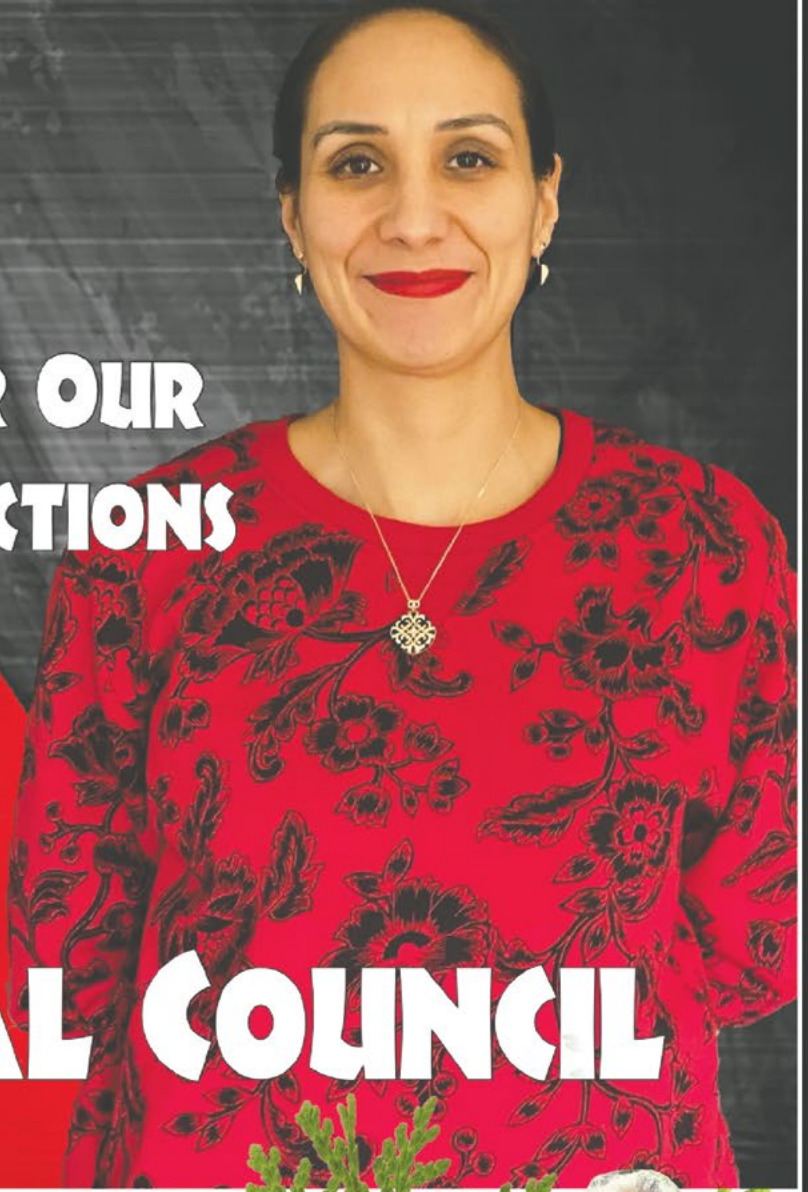




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Job title: Elders CNA

Department: House of Respect Residences/Elders Wellness Center
Closes: When filled

Provides personal care, in-home meal preparation, light housekeeping, assists with activities of daily living and vital signs for the Tribal Elders in the Residence assisted living or in the home.

Job title: Finance and Business Manager

Department: Finance & Business Development Department
Closes: When Filled

Assists the Finance Director (Director) and Tribal Financial Officer (TFO) by providing operational and financial oversight and analysis of the Tribe's governmental and business operations. Contributes to the Tribe's overall success by effectively supporting the implementation of all financial policies and activities. Assists the

Director and TFO on financial reporting, analysis, management and growth issues.

Job title: Tribal Court Associate Judge
Department: Tribal Court
Closes: When filled

Serves as hearing judge for the Puyallup Tribal Court in accordance with the tribal Judicial Administrative Code. Term is three years from the date of appointment by the Tribal Council. May be reappointed at the expiration of a term in the discretion of the Tribal Council.

Job title: Tribal Court Guardian ad Litem
Department: Tribal Court
Closes: When filled

Represents the best interests of the person for whom the GAL is appointed (Client). The GAL is an officer of the court and must maintain independence, conduct him/herself professionally, avoid

conflicts of interest and maintain ethical standards, treat all parties with respect, become informed about the case, timely inform the court of relevant information, limit duties to those ordered by the court, inform individuals about his/her role in the case, maintain the parties' privacy, perform duties in a timely manner, maintain documentation, and keep accurate records.

Job title: Police Officer
Department: Law Enforcement
Closes: When filled

Responsible for the enforcement of all tribal laws and regulations which shall include both land and marine areas which are under tribal jurisdiction. The police officer should possess understanding of sovereignty, tribal regulations and the need for their enforcement.



How To Apply

Apply online at <https://usr58.dayforcehcm.com/CandidatePortal/en-US/ptoiad>

or

visit the Puyallup Tribe's website at www.puyalluptribe-nsn.gov/ 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

I-5 CORRIDOR IS A PRIME LOCATION FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Contributing factors: ports, international border & air port, large metropolitan areas, tribal jurisdiction challenges, tourism, sporting events, casinos, & military bases



For help or to report a tip call the National Human Trafficking Hotline (888) 373-7888 Text 233733 (HELP or INFO)

To speak with an advocate at the Puyallup Tribe Community Domestic Violence Advocacy Program call (253) 680-5499 press(0) after hours.

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Have You Seen Me?
Charmaine "CeCe" Michell

Last Contact: 5/8/2020
Location: Lynnwood, Wa
Age: 32
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 120 lbs
Tattoos: 1 life 1 love with flowers wrapped around it.



Charmaine was last seen on the evening of May 8th on the 2200 block of highway 99 in Lynnwood. She was wearing Jean shorts, a dark sweatshirt and sneakers with no socks. She is known to frequent the Everett Transit station and S. Everett area. Cece is First Nations from Scowlitz.

If you have any information on Charmaine's whereabouts please contact the Lake Stevens Police Department 425-622-9396 Case #2020-9593

MISSING
HELP BRING ME HOME

Alexia Huffman

Missing Since: Jan 14, 2021
Missing From: Puyallup, WA
DOB: Oct 9, 2004
Age Now: 16
Sex: Female
Race: Biracial
Hair Color: Brown
Eye Color: Blue
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 118 lbs

Alexia was last seen on January 14, 2021. She is Biracial. Alexia is American Indian and White.

Case handled by

DON'T HESITATE! ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT
CALL 911 OR 1-800-843-5678 (1-800-THE-LOST)
Pierce County Sheriff's Office (Washington) 1-253-798-4721

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I Pray to Connect
I Listen to Hear
I Ask Questions to Learn
I Use My Voice to Advocate



Water Is Life



We Are All Related



Honor our Elders



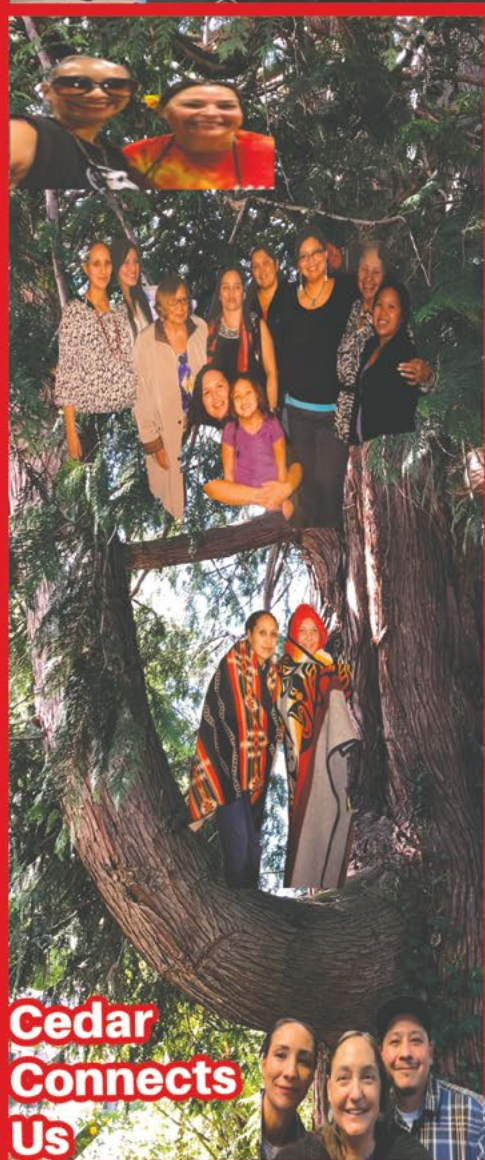
Honor Our Ancestors



Uplifting Our People



Teach the Next Generations



Cedar Connects Us



Honor Our Salmon & Warriors

**** Paid advertisement for Patricia Ortiz Conway kukcutali kitchen**

NATIVE KIDS NEED NATIVE FOSTER HOMES.

Traditionally, Native American people have cared for their children through extended families. It's common for the tribal community to care for one another's children in times of need.

Becoming a foster parent is another way to carry on this tradition by keeping tribal history and values alive for future generations.

WHO CAN BE A FOSTER PARENT?

- Anyone 21 years and over.
- Single, married, and unmarried partners.
- A stable source of income.
- Valid driver's license and car insurance.
- Adequate space in your home.
- Residents over 16 must pass background check.

Make a difference in a child's life and help preserve their culture and traditions.



Puyallup Tribe
Children's Services
Foster Care Program



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QUESTIONS?

Give us a call : (253) 680-5545

Email us : FosterParentInfo@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov

Stop by : 2806 East Portland Ave
Tacoma WA 98404



Open your heart and home. Become a foster parent today!

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cəq'ədīsəbəd • fork	səx ^w hudali • stove
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PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS

COMMUNITY
FAMILY SERVICES



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Recovery



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1437 East 31st St.
Tacoma, WA 98404

COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICES

Community Family Services is still providing the following services during this pandemic:

- *Screenings
- *Intakes
- *Treatment Needs Assessments
- *Referrals for Inpatient/Outpatient Treatment
- *Crisis Management
- *Individual Therapy Sessions

In addition to the above we are also providing Reentry Services to those transitioning from In-carceration and/or Inpatient Treatment.

Weekly Support Groups:

Mondays: Wellbriety-4 p.m.

COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICES

3009 East Portland Avenue
Tacoma, WA 98404

Phone: 253-573-7919
Fax: 253-573-7862



Vote Patricia Ortiz Conway

Hello My Fellow Tribal Members,

I want to share with you all that I am humbled to have this opportunity to connect with you all. I have been praying and reflecting on how to reach you all so you can get to know who I am while I learn from you all. I remember hearing that leaders don't go around talking about themselves, real leaders let the people talk for them. I am grateful to be on this leadership journey. I believe we can improve our government and include our members.

"I have known Patricia all of her life. Patricia is a very loving and caring person. Her passion has always been about family. Patricia truly loves her people. I have watched her grow into the young Warrior woman she is today. Fierce and full of spirit for her family and community. When I need her she comes right away." Dawna Elliott

"I Look up to Patricia because she is never afraid to stand up for what is right. Growing up with our father, Charles Conway, he always taught us to be proud of who we are as Puyallup Natives. And to protect our many natural resources. Also, our father always told us an education is very important. Patricia has taken these principles and made them a high priority in her life." Ryan Conway

"You take initiative, you don't jump on the bandwagon, when you see something that needs to be done, you get to work. You command respect and get it done, all the things you do, need to be done, when people are saying somebody needs to do something, that's you. You already know what to do, that's how your kiya Alice Buber was, that's a trait she had, nobody told her it was important to keep records, nobody told her to do it, she just did it. My observation is that you work hard and take initiative and do things without being asked and without being payed. To me that is a very honorable trait. You have earned respect. I don't hesitate to endorse you." Ramona Bennett

"You are running for our future, making other leaders. You stand with and for the truth, you are the light." Endorsed by Rob Satiacum

- Honor Our Traditional Way of Life While Flexing Our Sovereignty
- Include Our Elders, Our Youth, and Our Warriors
- Grow Our Economy and Keep the Wealth in the Puyallup Community
- Amend the Constitution to Reflect Who We Are, the Puyallup NOT What the BIA says We Are!
- All the While Uplifting and Elevating Our Own

Honor Our Connections

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- Medical CBD Products
- Neurofeedback

**For an appointment call Melissa at:
(253) 392-2400**

**Monday - Friday
8 am to 5 pm**

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Puyallup Tribal News Schedule

April 2021 – [Issue #375]

Tuesday, Mar. 9 – Content Due
 Wednesday, Mar. 17 – Sent to Print
 Tuesday, Mar. 23 - Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

May 2021 – [Issue #376]

Wednesday, Apr. 7 - Content Due
 Wednesday, Apr. 21 – Sent to print
 Tuesday, Apr. 27 - Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

June 2021 – [Issue #377]

Wednesday, May 5 – Content Due
 Wednesday, May 19 – Sent to print
 Tuesday, May 25 - Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

July 2021 – [Issue #378]

Tuesday, Jun. 8 – Content Due
 Wednesday, Jun. 16 – Sent to print
 Tuesday, Jun. 22 – Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

August 2021 – [Issue #379]

Wednesday, Jul. 7 – Content Due
 Wednesday, Jul. 21 – Sent to print
 Tuesday, Jul. 27 – Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

September 2021 – [Issue #380]

Monday, Aug. 9 – Content Due
 Wednesday, Aug. 18 – Sent to print
 Tuesday, Aug. 24 – Newspaper enter mail / Paper delivered

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Puyallup Tribal Weekly Newsletter is an electronic newsletter that is emailed on Mondays. Submit items for consideration by 5 p.m. Friday.

Employee Newsletter is an electronic newsletter with information pertinent to Tribal Admin staff members that is emailed on Wednesdays. Submit items for consideration by noon Tuesday.

**The Puyallup Tribal News schedule is subject to change, and may be updated throughout the year.*

Legal Notices

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE pursuant to [Puyallup Tribal Code 4.08.100\(c\)](#), due to lack of current contact information, the Court of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians published notice in the [Tacoma Daily Index](#) upon the below-named Defendant(s)/Respondent(s) in regards to the following matters:

Notice Published To	Case No.	Hearing Date/Time
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: UNKNOWN FATHER IN RE: A., A.L	PUY-G-JV-2020-0022	Initial Hearing 3/16/2021 at 9:30 AM
JENNIFER HELLMAN IN RE: M.,M.	PUY-G-JV-2020-0019	Initial Hearing 3/16/2021 at 1:30 PM
DESIREY LA POINTE	PUY-FC-CS-2020-0029	Initial Hearing 04/06/2021 at 11:00 AM
ALANA JOHN'E NICOLE AUSLER,	PUY-CW-CW-2021-0002	Formal Adjudicatory Hearing 4/15/21 at 2:30 PM
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: UNKNOWN FATHER IN RE:	PUY-CW-TPR-2021-0015	Preliminary Hearing 4/5/2021 at 11:00 AM
VELMA SATICUM	PUY-CW-TPR-2021-0015	Preliminary Hearing 4/5/2021 at 11:00 AM

The Court is closed to the public and all docketed hearings shall be held remotely until further notice. Please contact the Court to arrange service of your copy of the case filings and instructions for remote appearance at 1 (253) 680-5585 or via email to TribalCourtFilings@PuyallupTribe-nsn.gov.

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