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COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE VOLUME 12, ISSUE 2 FALL 2010



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bill Iyall

### Standing strong

I am proud to be the Chairman of the Cowlitz Tribe, because I am proud of our members and the accomplishments we have made together as a people. We have come a long way during the past few years through the process of building our governance and self determination.

We stand strong as co-managers of both natural and cultural resources in our usual and accustomed areas.

For our future, our economic development ventures will be successful, providing employment opportunities and much needed revenues for the Tribe and local communities.

### Casino

Our fee-to-trust application for reservation land and the casino project near La Center has been complete for more than a year and a half, but the BIA has still not acted on it.

In fact, during that time the Dept. of Interior has not taken action on any gaming fee-to-trust application for any tribe across the country.

Since our last general council meeting, we have had numerous meetings with administration officials in Washington DC, members of our congressional delegation, and Native American organizations, including the National Congress of

American Indians (NCAI) and the Native American Rights Fund. The purpose of these meetings has been both to pressure the Dept. of Interior to act on its long backlog of fee-to-trust applications and to have Congress adopt a "fix" for the Carcieri Decision.

### Carcieri Decision

Progress was made in June, when Interior Secretary Salazar issued a statement committing the Dept. of Interior to move forward on gaming applications. The Secretary's statement also recognized that applications for equal footing tribes, such as Cowlitz, can move forward before those of off-reservation (two-part) tribes.

We have every indication that our efforts in Washington DC have successfully kept the Cowlitz at the top of the Dept. of Interior's list when they finally start making decisions on pending applications.

The department's extended delays in processing fee-to-trust applications have been a result of both the February 2009 Supreme Court decision in Carcieri v. Salazar (which raised questions about the Secretary's authority to take land into trust for tribes formally recognized after 1934), and the department's plans to review its policy positions on off reservation gaming.

We do not believe that the issues raised by the Carcieri Decision should prevent approval of the Cowlitz project. We are currently

working with the department's solicitor to address the Carcieri question as it applies to Cowlitz. As to the department's review of policy positions, the Secretary's June memo makes clear that the review is for two-part decisions only and does not apply to Cowlitz.

I have met with Deputy Secretary David Hayes, Assistant Secretary Larry Echohawk, as well as his key staff and Solicitor Pilar Thomas. Our attorneys have had many meetings with the Dept. of Interior staff. In addition, key members of our delegation have spoken to the Dept. of Interior on our behalf. Solicitor

Thomas is currently working on the legal analysis of Carcieri's effect on Cowlitz. Once this is done, they should be ready to move our application forward.

Working with other landless and disadvantaged tribes, we were successful in getting the NCAI to approve a resolution sponsored by the Cowlitz Tribe at its June meeting calling on the Dept. of Interior to stop the delay and move forward with all due speed on processing the pending fee-to-trust applications.

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### Chairman's Report-Continued

A coalition we helped to create last Spring of landless and disadvantaged tribes continues to pressure the Dept. of Interior and Congress. In recent months, they sent letters to the Dept. of Interior and Congress, met with the National Indian Gaming Association, and held weekly conference calls to keep the group together and on message.

### Congress

Legislation in both houses of Congress to address the Carcieri problem and make it clear that the Secretary has authority to take land into trust for all federally recognized tribes is moving very slowly. Our best hope is that language will be added as a rider to an appropriations bill this fall, probably after the November election.

While we are very frustrated by the continuing delays and inaction, both by Congress and the Dept. of Interior, we remain hopeful that they will act this year.

### Diligent efforts

The efforts of our Cowlitz project team during the past six months have successfully kept the Cowlitz application at the top of the department's project list. We have had repeated assurances that the policy people at the top levels of the Dept. of Interior look favorably on our application. We have developed strong support with the leaders of our congressional delegation and strengthened our relations with other landless and disadvantaged tribes.

Finally, we will continue to do all we can to persuade the Dept. of Interior to act, and hope to have positive news at our fall general council meeting.

### Laptop computers

Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke just announced a National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant to the Cowlitz Tribe in partnership with Toledo Telephone Company.

This grant will provide broadband-related training to about 750 participants. Qualified residents and Tribal members who complete the training may receive subsidized equipment and broadband access.

### Pathways to Healing

Additionally, the Pathways to Healing Program headed up by Debbie Medeiros, has been awarded continuing funding from the Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women for the upcoming three years in the amount of \$802,000. In the next three years, we will continue to provide advocacy services and start new projects.

We will implement a transitional housing project for women and children leaving abusive households. And we will also look into owning and operating our own shelter for victims of violence. This important work is for the most vulnerable members of society.

### First Salmon Ceremony

This year's First Salmon ceremony took place on June 6th following the June General Council meeting. Working with our Cultural Resources Department, we had five designated ceremonial fishermen attempt to catch the fish, through an agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. The fishermen were not successful, but we will try again next year.

### Longhouse project

We are seeking funds for a Longhouse. This will give us a community center that will serve many cultural needs for our people. Please send me an e-mail

(wiyall@cowlitz.org) with any thoughts you may have on what you would like to see in this project.

Once again, I am proud to be a member of the Cowlitz Tribe, with our proud history of dedicated leaders and tribal members, and I foresee a bright future for our people.



## VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice Chairman Phil Harju

### A productive year

As 2010 comes to an end, it has been another busy and productive year for the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.

At the time of this writing, our land into trust application is still pending at the Dept. of the Interior, but we have made great progress in our health, housing, cultural and natural resources, treatment, youth, and elder programs.

Throughout Indian Country, when I represent the Cowlitz at various meetings, trainings, and consultations, I always hear that people are taking positive notice of our Tribe.

### Randy Russell

For the newsletter, I have always talked about a Cowlitz member who has made a difference for our Tribe.

Today, I want to thank Tribal Council Member and Enrollment Officer Randy Russell for his hard work and dedication to our Tribe. I have observed first hand, all the work and extra duties he takes on. I encourage everyone to thank Randy personally, for a job very well done.

### Conservation efforts

I also want to thank our Natural Resources and Cultural Resources departments for working to obtain, with Federal Funding, property on the Cowlitz Prairie to support and

protect an endangered plant, Kincaid's Lupine.

Our Natural Resources Department will administer the property with a conservation easement, along with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. This is believed to be the first property obtained by a tribe under this section of the endangered species act.

### **New clinic building**

Our new medical clinic building in Longview should be completed soon. Congratulations to our Health Board and our Health employees for keeping this difficult project moving forward.

### **Tribal Court**

Work on our Tribal Court planning and implementation grant is also proceeding. We applied for additional funding from both the BIA and the Dept. of Justice for our Tribal Court.

### **General Council meetings**

I look forward to our November General Council Meeting, and hope that as many Cowlitz as possible attend. The June General Council Meeting, the encampment, and First Salmon Ceremony made for a great weekend earlier this year.

### **The challenges ahead**

While we continue to face challenges, the Cowlitz Tribe is moving forward in so many areas. I am always impressed with the knowledge and hard work of our Cowlitz Tribe members, Cowlitz family, Cowlitz employees, and Cowlitz friends. Best wishes to all of our Cowlitz family in the future.

As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe.



## **TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chairman Steve Kutz

### **Journey to Implement Health Care Services**

The journey to implement healthcare services started with a health committee that began meeting before recognition and then in earnest after recognition and was constituted as the Health Board, in 2002, that exists today.

Discussions and plans were started that led the Tribe to start negotiations for Contract Health Care (CHS) funding.

We were told by the Indian Health Service (IHS) that the only funding available to new tribes was CHS, so negotiations began that culminated in our receiving \$863,000 to serve the 949 Cowlitz members living in our seven county Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).

The amount available to serve those members was \$909 per member per year if everyone used Contract Health.

### **Membership rolls**

During these negotiations I informed IHS that at the request of the BIA, during the lawsuit fighting our recognition, our rolls were closed to new members, and we estimated that when the rolls reopened, the pending new member applications could double the number of members living in our CHSDA. This did occur and our membership increased to around 1,700 members after the rolls were reopened.

There were no new immediate funds available for the additional members which meant that our funds averaged only \$508 per member per year to purchase all the medical, dental, lab, x-ray,

pharmaceuticals, eye glasses, and hospital care that our members needed help with each year.

### **CHS funds**

We were told that when new monies were allocated by Congress for CHS, that we would receive our share based on a formula that took into account the number of Cowlitz members utilizing CHS.

In addition, IHS in Portland began managing our CHS funds, but payments were slow and members were being sent to collections. To fix this situation, we hired staff to manage the program ourselves.

Realizing that just one or two catastrophic medical events in one year could deplete our funds and leave nothing to pay for any members medical needs for the remainder of the year, we began to explore opening a clinic.

### **Medical clinic**

I traveled to DC to seek funding from the IHS Director, Dr. Charles Grimm. Following this, Chairman John Barnett and I went to DC several more times to meet with Dr. Grimm and our congressional representatives to seek appropriations for Direct Care funding, to no avail.



Dr. Charles W. Grimm, IHS  
Director, 2002 — 2007.  
Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

Dr. Grimm explained that the only way we could utilize IHS funds to start a Medical Clinic was to reprogram some of our CHS funding into Direct Care. By opening our own clinic, he said, we would get our share of any new monies appropriated for Direct Care based on a formula that took into account the number of American Indians/

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### Tribal Council Chair Report-Continued

Alaska Natives we were providing medical services. And we would be able to bill Medicare, Medicaid, and Private Insurances.

To stretch CHS funding, we needed our own Clinic. So we reprogrammed some of our CHS funds and opened our Clinic in Longview in May, 2004 with donated equipment, and a Family Nurse Practitioner, 3 days a week.

The small CHS staff and a medical assistant helped make this a success. When we negotiated with IHS to do this, we committed to open our Clinic to all American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

### Increased funding denied

Recently, Chairman Bill Iyall and I went to DC to meet with the new IHS Director, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, and our Congressional delegation to pursue a direct care funding package of \$1,000,000 to expand services to our Tribal Members and the other American Indian and Alaskan Natives we serve. We were unsuccessful, but have not given up on this idea.

Currently we serve approximately 1,300 patients in our Medical Clinic in Longview and our Mental Health programs in Longview, Vancouver and now for the past three months, our new clinic in Seattle. Roughly 50% of our patients come from more than 130 different American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives in our area.

We also provide Intensive Outpatient Chemical Dependency services in Longview and Vancouver, Sr. Nutrition meals at St. Mary's and Longview, Caregiver and Transportation services, Vocational Rehabilitation services in Longview and Vancouver, Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence services

in Longview and Vancouver, Dietician in Longview, and Indian Child Welfare Services throughout the State of Washington.

### Six years of progress

We will soon move most of our staff into a new 12,000 sq. ft. facility funded by a \$1.1 million IHS grant, \$500,000 from an Indian Community Development Block Grant, the parking lots, sidewalks, and landscaping funded by our Transportation Dept. and the remainder from our cash reserves.



New Clinic Lobby—Photo by Todd Bratton

We have run services out of our leased Vancouver facility since 2006, and our Seattle leased facility since June 2010. We have 46 employees and contract staff dedicated to provide the highest possible quality Health and Human Services to our Tribal members and the American Indians and Alaskan Natives we serve. We expanded our CHSDA to ten counties, one in Oregon, and increased our CHS funding to \$1,288,644.

We now receive a share of the new funds given to tribes for Direct Health Services. Most recently this amounted to \$262,821. And due to passage of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, \$1,142,000 was added to our Direct Care Funding for a total annual recurring amount of \$1,619,894. This is in addition to other grant sources that fund various programs, along with third party revenue from billing Medicaid, Medicare, and Private Insurance.

A few tribes have chosen to stay with Contract Health Care funding for their Tribal Members and have not taken advantage of the funds for operating Direct Care Services. With these funds come responsibility to provide services to all the patients we serve because they helped us bring in these revenues by using our programs. Indian Health Services provides direct care funding based on the number of individual users of our health system. We are challenged to grow our services to meet the needs of our patients at a pace that we can afford.

### Vision & Support

We need to thank the Tribal Health Board consisting of Ernie Donovan, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Steve Kutz, Linda Foley, Rod Van Mechelen, Cathy Raphael, John DeNobrega, Sheryl Bertucci and Cassandra Sellards-Reck for their dedication and vision.

The entire Tribal Council, past and present needs to be thanked, because they also supported and promoted this vision. We also should thank the Health Committee members Carolee Morris, Melody Pfeiffer, Darlene Rhodes, and Charity Sabido for their participation, as well as all the dedicated staff and volunteers who do the work.

### Dedication Ceremony

We plan a dedication and blessing ceremony by our Spiritual Leader, Roy Wilson, and Father Victor Cloquet when the new clinic is finished later this year. Watch the schedule for this event on the Tribal website.

If you have any desire to participate with the Health Board to plan and implement the next phases of our growth, or you would like to talk to me about other issues, call me at (360) 731-2885.



## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Rod Van Mechelen, Chair

### Cowlitz Elders

At the direction of Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall, we produced vests to recognize our Tribal Elders who have not already received vests. Previously, this was done by Patty Kinswa-Gaiser's Elders Nutrition Program, and the new vests are similar. The embroidered logo measures 8.5" and the words "Cowlitz Indian Tribe Elder" are in big, bold white letters, which really stand out on the Navy Blue vest.

We received orders for 33 of the vests, paid for by the Tribe, and some have already been distributed. The remainder will be available for those who ordered them at the November General Council meeting.

For those of you who are also veterans, our vendor, Color Graphics & Deer Creek Awards, in Olympia, indicated that, at your own expense, you can get the Cowlitz Warrior emblem embroidered on the front of your Elder's vest. Email me for their contact information and to let me know, so that I can let them know you are recognized as a Cowlitz Warrior.

### Cowlitz Warrior vests

We still have six Cowlitz Warrior vests left. If you ordered one but have not gotten it, yet, I will have them at the November General Council meeting. We also have certificates on hold for the following individuals: Doug Aalvik, Gerald Bouchard, Alvie Bouchard, Darrell Cota, Tom Childs, Walter Crosby, Lawrence Extine, Michael Hubbs, Richard Mahar, Allen Mason, Robert Meyer, John O'Brien, Johnathan Rhodes, Wayne Rhodes, Thomas Sareault, Richard Torner and Richard Wheeler. Also, Mark Braley's corrected certificate. Unclaimed vests will be given to our next generation of upcoming veterans.

### Cowlitz Canoe Journey & Races

Following the November General Council meeting there will be a dinner at St. Mary's to honor participants in the 2010 Canoe Journey to Makah. For this, 200 pins were authorized. Of these, 5 went to Bob Harju, Tribal Carver, to be incorporated into future projects; at my own expense I converted 37 of them into bolo ties for the Journey participants; the rest of the pins will be presented at the dinner.

For the Third Annual John Barnett Memorial Canoe Races, 100 pins were authorized. At my own expense, I made about 20 into bolo ties, reserved 3 pins for John Barnett's grandchildren, and 4 went to Bob Harju, Tribal Carver, to incorporate into the carved trophies that were handed out as awards at the Canoe Races.

### The committee

Being a standing ad hoc committee, we do not hold meetings but handle our committee work by email. Because I began work on this in 2005 and lobbied to create this program, Tribal Council appointed me chair, which means that I just do the grunt work while our dedicated committee members make all of the important decisions and sometimes step in at Tribal events and meetings to present the awards.



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### CANOE

Jan Healy

#### Journey to Makah

The Cowlitz Canoe Family successfully completed this year's Intertribal Canoe Journey, Paddle to Makah, taking about two weeks for the main effort. This year, there were about 50 active participants; nearly half were under 25 years old.

Captain Willie Koch was pleased at how well things went. "It seemed like it was pretty well planned out—the best one yet. Some of us were gone for close to a month, there weren't the comforts of having your own home, there were different ways, but praying and talking through things helped us solve problems and work together. There were a lot of youth and they did everything from pulling, to dancing and drumming and helping out on ground crew and other support."

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*Sahu hi tithla*

The Cowlitz canoe, *Sehu hi tithla*, handled well. "Our vessel was excellent, ready to go through the roughest waters, it was just fantastic!" said Koch.

#### Months of preparation

The Cowlitz Canoe Family started planning soon after returning from the 2009 Paddle to Suquamish. They devoted many evenings and weekends to committee meetings, practice sessions, figuring logistics, and adjusting their plans as needed to make the Journey. Some of the considerable expenses for the Journey—usually thousands of dollars—are covered by fundraising raffles and meals, private donations, a grant from the Potlatch Fund, and other support from the Tribe.

#### Landing at Makah

The host Makah Nation greeted about 100 canoes in all as they began arriving at Neah Bay July 19. Within three and a half hours, most of the canoes were ashore. Welcoming protocol continued over three days, with drumming and dancing and the final entry by many Makah people, dancing their way through the tent entrance.

The Makah Nation also provided camping space and prepared a big salmon feast for the visitors.

The Swinomish Tribe in La Conner will host next year's Journey.

#### Donations

The Tribe has two accounts set up for donations to the Program, one for general expenses and one to purchase a cedar strip canoe. To donate, note which account you prefer and mail your contribution to Cowlitz Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 2547, Longview, WA 98632.

For more information, contact Steve Kutz at 360-731-2885, or [skutz@wavecable.com](mailto:skutz@wavecable.com).



## COMMUNICATIONS

Rod Van Mechelen, Chair

#### Yooyoolah!

For many years the Tribe has relied on Speedy Litho in Longview to print our newsletter, *Yooyoolah!*

Speedy has always been very reliable. They ran our newsletters through their meter to give us their for-profit bulk mail rate, and, until Fall 2009, also did the layout.

Layout for the Fall 2009 issue was done by Tribal member, Pat Iyall-Barnes, and for Spring and Fall 2010, I did the layout.

Many years ago I worked with Consolidated Press in Seattle, and so we obtained quotes from both Speedy and Consolidated.

#### Speedy Litho bid

Stapled and folded—3,000 copies  
16pg - \$2,636 • 24pg - \$3,755

#### Consolidated Press bid

Glued, not folded—3,000 copies  
16pg - \$784 • 24pg - \$1,134

For the price and quality, we selected Consolidated, and the feedback has been very positive.

#### Bulk mail permit

We also obtained a nonprofit bulk mail permit. For the Spring 2010 issue, the postage cost \$734.84, or about 35 cents each. From now on, the Tribe will save a lot on postage.

#### Total costs

Total printing and postage cost for the 24-page Spring 2010 issue: about \$1,870.

This compares very favorably to the cost of both the 18-page full

color Fall 2009 issue (at \$8,000), and the 16-page Spring 2009 issue.

#### Committee members

The committee members provided invaluable feedback and assistance. Special thanks go to Elissa Washuta for doing the legwork with the printer, Phil Harju for delivering the 12 boxes of newsletters to the Tribal Office, Mike Caso for labeling, and Linda Foley, who pitched in on the final proof reading.

#### Web edition

At the June 2010 General Council meeting, the membership voted unanimously to post the newsletter on the Tribal website, starting with the Spring 2010 issue.





## CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD

Cassandra Sellards-Reck, Secretary

### Huckleberry Camp

The first ever Huckleberry Camp held at the Swift School house occurred this year. The Cowlitz received this property from Pacific Corp. years ago. The event was held from August 30, 2010 to September 3, 2010.

Several families came and the Cowlitz Kids Program brought a group of kids to stay several days until some had to return to school. There were daily trips up to Indian Heaven to pick huckleberries.

### Indian Heaven

Situated between Mt. Adams and the Columbia River Gorge, Indian Heaven is our aboriginal summer gathering site for many Tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

For some of the children, it was the first time they had been that close to Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens. We had the opportunity to pick every day except for one. For some it was their first taste of the healthy berries.

Everyone enjoyed hiking through the woods and discovering how amazing the Creator has gifted our people. Every time we entered Indian Heaven we stopped to read the sign that has the historical importance of the Handshake Treaty.

### Cultural teachings

Every day and evening there was cedar weaving. Devin Reck and Patty Kinswa-Gaiser taught the kids how to make headbands and mats. Teona and Cheyanne Kinswa made their first bracelets and gifted them. Many of the kids and adults made cedar headbands that took several days to complete. Tribal Ecologist Nathan Reynolds came to camp to put together a traditional drying rack. Our ancestors used these to preserve the berries for winter. He talked about the traditional pathways our people took and our aboriginal land.

We took a trip to Lower Falls, which is at the upper Lewis River. The kids were able to hike along the river, sing Cowlitz songs, catch frogs and walk a path that is thousands of years old, a path that our ancestors used.

### Join the fun!

There were so many cherished experiences that I want to invite everyone to the 2011 Huckleberry Camp. The huckleberries generally ripen before Labor Day, and traditionally the camp is the week before. So save the date and join us.

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At the Swift Schoolhouse—Photo by Cassy Reck



Indian Heaven—Photo by Cassy Reck



At Indian Heaven: From left, Seth, Jeremy, Teona, Patty, Mason, Devin holding Benjamin, Cheyanne, Madeline, Noah and Cynthia—Photo by Cassy Reck

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Cultural Resources Board Report-Continued

### Cowlitz Kids Camp 2010

By Cassandra Sellards Reck, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser & Darlene Rhodes



Logo by Jeanne St. Martin, Photo by Cassy Reck

We were so blessed to have Cowlitz Kids Summer Camp of 2010 at St. Mary's. The Cowlitz Housing Board graciously approved our use of several rooms, showers, and the gym for five days this August. Kids ages of 5-17 started arriving early Monday morning to the warm greetings of Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Darlene Rhodes, and Claudia Tenney.

The girls took the Tribal Council room and Sheryl Bertucci of Housing secured a room for the boys nearby. The kids brought all their own personal supplies and sleeping bags.

There were many activities planned for our kids: drumming and dancing, storytelling with Roy



Cynthia Reck—Photo by Cassy Reck

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Cowlitz Kids at St. Mary's, Photo by Patty Kinswa-Gaiser

Wilson and JD Amburn, Cowlitz history, cedar weaving, necklace and earring making, rattle making, Christmas ornament beading, and carving with Bob Harju.

Hiking with Nathan Reynolds and Ed Arthur, warrior chokers, sewing and regalia making. Debbie Medeiros taught self-esteem building. Maggie Miller and Debbie Bennett taught positive choices about alcohol and drug abuse prevention, and Michael Hubbs taught Lower Cowlitz Salish language.

We were blessed with many volunteers like E'lan Braden, Phil Harju, Steve Kutz, Devin Reck, Christine Massey, Jennifer Johnson, Debbie Bennett, Jim Sherrill, Bob Harju, Linda Foley, Michelle Keim, Annette Yates, Marilyn Davis, Linda O'Brien, and Brenda Steward.

One of the days was very hot and Housing made a really long slip-and-slide so the kids were able to run and slide with inner-tubes. The kids played for hours in the hot

summer weather. We want to especially thank the Housing staff, along with Sheryl Bertucci, for making the slip and slide.



Slipping & Sliding—Photo by Cassy Reck

One of the highlights for the Kids was our day trip to Great Wolf Lodge. The Chehalis honored us with a good deal to spend an entire day at the lodge swimming, eating good food and having fun. The kids played the entire day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Great Wolf Lodge was a wonderful host.

The best part of Cowlitz Kids Summer Camp of 2010 was the ability for staff to come and

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August 2010 Kids Camp—Photos by Cassy Reck

volunteer their time to teach our most precious resources, our Cowlitz Kids. It's been such a privilege to be able to interact with them. We want to thank the Tribal Council for their support of this program.

We have future gatherings planned every 2-3 months: October 9, 2010 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., December 11, 2010 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Cowlitz Recognition Day, and Spring Break Camp in April. So please watch the website for updates. You can also call: Cassandra Sellards Reck at (360) 513-1243 or Patty Kinswa-Gaiser at (360) 258-2578

Thank you all our relations.



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Taylor Aalvik, Chair

**Revitalized committee**

The revitalized economic development committee has attracted some new participation from very knowledgeable Tribal members since the last report. But we are still open for additional assistance to help the Tribe develop business ideas and work through logistics to get us up and running with new business ventures, other than gaming.

**Support staff**

As a volunteer committee, we lack an economic development dept. and staff to assist in the day-to-day growth and development. This is much needed, and we are pursuing grants to acquire staff and offices.

Our near-term goal is to flush out a strategic plan and build a program model to support application for funding from grants and other potential sources. The committee has expressed confidence, perseverance and determination to continue on the path of economic success for the Tribe.

**New members welcome!**

We continue to invite Tribal members to come join us. If you would like to help, please contact me.

**To learn more about the Economic Development Committee, contact Taylor Aalvik : 360-575-3306; taalvik@cowlitz.org**



## DRUM GROUP

Cassandra Sellards-Reck

**All are welcome** to join us. The first Thursday of each month is in Longview. The 2nd & 3rd Thursday we meet at St. Mary's in Toledo. To learn more about the Cowlitz Drum Group, contact Cassy at 360-513-1243, or Steve Kutz at 360-731-2885. See the calendar on the website for times and locations.



Jean Herzel Drum—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



## FISH DISTRIBUTION

David Russell, Program Manager

**Sporadic supply**

The fish have been real sporadic this year, we don't receive them for a while then all of a sudden they have been plentiful. We are now in a slow period but expect the fish to pick up soon. We appreciate your patience while waiting for fish.

**Donations needed!**

As always donations are always very much appreciated. Your donation helps with the cost involved in getting fish to you.

If you would like to receive fish please contact David Russell, Volunteer Fish Program Manager 360-673-2516 or Kirk Russell, Volunteer Fish Program Assistant 360-772-9935.

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### EDUCATION

Mike Iyall, Chair

#### **\$50,000 to be distributed**

Although I have served on the Education Committee since 2006, this is my first year as Chair. My fellow committee members, Lenny Bridges; Celine Cloquet; Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens; David Iyall; Becky Lowe; and Karissa Lowe, all bring many years of service. The Education Committee gives a lot of time and effort to make this program work. We will continue to distribute scholarships to our Tribal members.

Each January, the scholarship application is posted on the Tribe's website. The application must be submitted to the Tribal office by April 15. The committee evaluates the applications and determines the distribution of funds. Scholarship awards are announced at the June General Council Meeting. In June 2010, 34 scholarships were awarded to our Tribe's students.

In June 2011, we will distribute over \$50,000 to tribal scholarship applicants. Watch the Tribe's website in January and get your application turned in to the Tribal office in Longview by April 15, 2011. Applications postmarked on April 15, 2011 will be accepted.

For questions you can reach me at mikenjoan@comcast.net 360-456-8720. Thank you.

#### **Federal Acknowledgement!**

Federal Acknowledgement Day Celebration Dinner

**Where:** St. Mary's in Toledo, WA

**When:** Monday, February 14, 2011

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS



### HEALTH BOARD

Cassandra Sellards-Reck, Chair

#### **Community leadership**

Your Cowlitz Tribal Health Board has been very busy working on every aspect of the Cowlitz Health and Human Service Departments.

We have focused on leadership in our community, and legislative changes at the National Indian Health Board, Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, and local community organizations.

#### **Healthcare reform**

Healthcare reform continues to be a hot topic in Washington, D.C., and Washington State. While the government works to implement healthcare reform, the Health Board is strategizing the best path.

There are constant changes happening and being proposed on a daily basis. This is important, and so our Health Board remains focused and active on every healthcare front. This includes advocacy at all levels for our sovereign right to healthcare for our Cowlitz people.

I want to personally thank all our Cowlitz Tribal Health Board members: Ernie Donovan, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Steve Kutz, Linda Foley, Rod Van Mechelen, Cathy Raphael, and John De Nobrega. We are also blessed with several Health Committee members: Carolee Morris, Melody Pfeiffer, Darlene Rhodes and Charity Sabido-Hodges.

All of the Health Board and Committee members volunteer their time, leadership, and critical decision-making skills to further our Tribal interests.

#### **New clinic walkthrough**

Our Clinic and Health and Human Service programs strive for excellence. We currently serve all

enrolled members of State and federally recognized Native American Indian tribes and nations.

The new health clinic in Longview is close to completion. This month Steve Kutz and Jim Sherrill led us on a walkthrough. We were impressed. The entrance resembles a longhouse.

The Cowlitz Transportation Department is assisting with the new sidewalks and parking. We are also planning to add a sweat lodge in front of the clinic. It will be able to serve our clients, patients, Cowlitz Tribal members, other State and federally recognized Indian tribes and nations. We are striving for a holistic approach to achieve wellness, and we hope to invite our members to a special private open house. Please stay tuned to the website for the special invitation.

As always it is a pleasure and honor to be able to serve as your Cowlitz Health Board Chair.



### FUNDRAISER

Carolee Morris,  
Tribal Administrator

#### **Fundraiser for new clinic**

We had our first fundraiser Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Longview Administration Building to raise funds for the Terrazzo floor for the new health clinic. We had a silent auction and a traditional salmon dinner and also smoked salmon.

The fish was cooked by tribal members Willie Koch and Ed Arthur and the smoked salmon was prepared by Shirley Ward, it was all just wonderful.

We made almost \$3,000.00 from the silent auction. We are looking forward to doing it again next year.

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## POWWOW: HONORING THE SPIRIT OF ALL COWLITZ PEOPLE

Linda Foley, Secretary

### Jeff Guidry & Freedom

Another successful Cowlitz Powwow has come and gone, having been held Saturday, September 25th at St. Mary's Center in Toledo.

Special guests at the Powwow this year were Jeff Guidry and Freedom, a bald eagle from Sarvey Wildlife Care Center in Arlington, WA. They participated in both grand entries and generated lots of excitement and questions from those attending and visiting them outdoors throughout the afternoon.

A salmon dinner was served to hundreds of attendees, and a children's program with games and storytelling by Roy Wilson took place at 6 pm. Dance competitions were held throughout the day.

### Powwow Princesses

Teona Kinswa is the outgoing 2009-2010 Cowlitz Powwow Princess. Elora Shields was named the 2010-2011 Princess, and she received her cedar crown and princess sash at the Powwow.

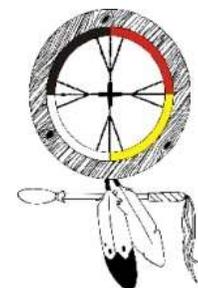
Elora will represent the Tribe at powwows throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The Princess competition process may be revised for 2011, so watch the Powwow webpage at [cowlitz.org](http://cowlitz.org) for updates. Information and applications will be mailed to households with young women Tribal members of qualifying age in the Spring. Assistance is available for those applicants who need help with regalia and understanding princess etiquette.

### Vendors

This year the outdoor vendors were in a new location, as there is now a paved parking area with nighttime lighting for the future residents of the elder housing apartments. Indoor vendors again occupied the same areas in St. Mary's as they had in the past.

We are always looking for new vendors. If you or someone you know sells Native crafts, sign up early and reserve a spot at the 2011 Powwow. We are also accepting food vendors, to supplement the fry bread and Indian Tacos from our own fund-raising concession booth. The vendor application form can be downloaded at [www.cowlitz.org](http://www.cowlitz.org) under "events, powwow." Booths are reserved on a first come, first paid basis.



In the months to come, the Committee will review this year's event and plan for next year's 12th Annual Cowlitz Powwow. There are many details to decide and fundraisers to undertake. We again ask for artistic design submissions for the t-shirt and sweatshirt, due to the Committee by mid-April 2011. We obtain the clothing and other new items to begin selling at the June General Council meeting.



Cowlitz member Marsha Williams and friend Kristin Olson stand with Freedom. Freedom and her handler Jeff Guidry participated in the grand entries at the Cowlitz Powwow in September. —Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

### Pancake breakfast

The Committee will also hold a fundraiser pancake breakfast at St. Mary's the morning of the General Council meetings in November and June. Please plan to come early (and hungry) those days and help us earn some of the funds needed to put on the Powwow!

Other committee tasks include choosing the head man and head woman dancers; inviting drum groups to be the host and honor drums; securing the master of ceremonies, arena director, and head cook; soliciting donations from individuals, companies and organizations; making gifts for the veterans who are always especially honored in the grand entries; registering vendors; preparing flyers and brochures and notifying the media; smoking fish for those attending; lining up volunteer help for numerous tasks in the days

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### Powwow Report-Continued

around the Powwow; scheduling help for the concessions area; and purchasing items for the raffle table, including a Pendleton blanket. Dance competitions are also planned, with the award amounts determined for each category. There are many details in making the Powwow a success, and we have one of the best one-day powwows in Washington State, as demonstrated by the return of many dancers, drum groups, and vendors, and the positive feedback.

### Join the Committee

The Powwow is self-supporting and run by volunteers. We appreciate any help you can give. It is a great way to show your Cowlitz Pride! To join us, attend our monthly meetings and help at community and tribal gatherings. For the powwow weekend, work all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is a lot of hard work but knowing that you were part of a wonderful event is a great feeling! To comment, for information or to join the committee, please email [powwowinfo@cowlitz.org](mailto:powwowinfo@cowlitz.org).



## WEBSITE

Rod Van Mechelen, Webmaster

### Good help is hard to find

Due to our very limited budget, the Tribe cannot afford a professional website, and so from the beginning it has been designed and maintained by volunteers, starting with dAVE Burlingame, followed briefly by the long-defunct Technology Committee, or "Tech Team," and since 2003, by me.

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When we can afford to, we will want to hire a professional and add several features to the site, such as a secure members-only section, a scholarships section, and more. But for now we are limited in what we can do, although sometimes I make daily updates to the site.

### Oversight committee

One of the most common questions about the website is how to submit information to be posted on it. Here is the procedure that was established by Tribal Council several years ago, at my request. This included the establishment of the submissions procedure to evaluate and process requests, and of a Website Oversight Committee.

Steve Kutz, Celine Cloquet, David Barnett, Mike Caso and Taylor Aalvik were appointed to the ad hoc committee, and directed to handle this. They completed their assignment, and our late Tribal Chair John Barnett delegated authority for day-to-day oversight to the Tribal Administrator.

### Submissions

As Tribal webmaster, I do not have authority to approve new content for the website. New content is a new page or entirely new material. All requests to add a new page to the Tribal website go to the Tribal Administrator. I have added a "Submissions" page to the website, which includes a form in Word format, and instructions.

The request must include a description of the new page to be added, along with the text and any images.

Long documents, forms, and information-rich documents that need to be posted very quickly and then taken down after a few days or weeks, such as job postings, may be submitted as PDFs. But PDFs are not to be used in lieu of web pages;

e.g., an announcement, event, or short article. All text for web pages needs to be plain and unformatted. Images should be submitted as separate high resolution files (no embedded images) so that I can optimize them.

Once a new page has been approved and posted, it can be updated without further approval. But all content on the website is subject to review and removal.

### Gatekeeper

Although as webmaster I have no authority to approve new content, I do act as final gatekeeper to ensure that the content (1) does not dishonor the Tribe, (2) does not contain any sensitive information, and (3) conforms to User-Centered Design (UCD) principles. You can find the principles I adhere to by Googling Dr. Janice Reddish.

### Why the fuss?

The purpose of the process is to ensure that the site remains useful, clean, easy-to-navigate, and politics free. During the past 7 years, Tribal Council has reviewed this almost every year, and Chairman Bill Iyall and I recently reviewed the process and standards to ensure that, within the limitations of our budget and abilities, the site continues to serve the Tribe.

### Plans for the future

We have ideas about what the website can do once we can afford to upgrade it. Other tribes maintain a members-only section that members can log into for news, scholarship information and more.

But to do this right we need your input. What do you want to see on the website? Please send me your ideas. Some ideas may need to wait, but others might be doable right now. So please write or email today, at [rod@vanmechelen.net](mailto:rod@vanmechelen.net).



## CULTURAL RESOURCES

dAve Burlingame, Director

### February

1 Feb—Meeting with WSDOT regarding the I-5 widening from Mellen Street to Blakeslee project, updating the Area of Potential Effect and archaeological progress.

10 Feb—Travel to the offices of Archaeological Investigations Northwest (AINW) to discuss the contract that will allow Ed to monitor activities during the Bonneville Power Administration's widening of the I-5 corridor.

11 Feb—Ed was interviewed by Amber Ensign from Eastern Washington University. The topic was traditional plants and how they were used for both physical and mental health.

### March

**Carving program**—Bob carved pieces that were given away at our recent Recognition Celebration, as well as creations Phil Harju took with him back east.

**Fish distribution**— Dave and Kirk Russell distributed 4566 fish last year.

2 Mar—Meeting with WA DNR to discuss upcoming forest practice applications (FPAs).

3 Mar—Met in Portland with staff of AINW (Archaeological Investigations Northwest) to discuss contract for Gee Creek (I-5 / I-502 interchange) artwork.

7 Mar—Smelt Ceremony. No arrests were made. Around 100 people attended, and everyone got to eat a smoked eulachon, as well as hear Ed tell a new Legend that came to him in a dream.

22 Mar—Ed and I went to the Coweeman School in Kelso and spoke to several 7th grade classes. We told some history, as well as facts about our territory and how we live today. Very sharp kids with good questions; Ed brought his box of artifacts and passed them around for the kids to inspect.

24-27 Mar—NWAC (Northwest Anthropological Conference). This year's conference took place in Ellensburg; the conference is always a great place to "network," to meet new people and catch up with acquaintances. The oven from the Opus site in Centralia was presented in two separate papers, and there were audible "ooooos" and "aaahhhs" when the slides were shown. The keynote speaker was UW's Eugene Hunn,

who spoke of place names serving as cultural resources; he extensively referred to Mary Kiona and the Cowlitz.

**Earthpoint**—I contacted the proprietor of Earthpoint, a company that adds township and range information to Google Earth, to ask about a subscription for the Department. We were granted a year for free, with the understanding that we can be given free renewals. Having the T & R overlay greatly helps us locate cultural resources.

**Hot Springs Cemetery**—I sent a message to the Skamania county commissioners on behalf of the St. Martin family; members of the family discovered a locked gate which hampered their access to the cemetery once belonging to the Family, but it is now under control of the County. I have yet to receive an answer. [Update: The County did call me and expressed their frustration in getting the landowner to cooperate and provide access to the cemetery. I've since been told the gate will remain unlocked most of the time.]

### April

1 April—Ed and I met with the Oregon Department of Transportation to discuss upcoming projects.

6 April—Went to Fort Vancouver to discuss the Parks Service's plans for the East and South Barracks, including the proposed creation of a cemetery management plan.

12 April—Ed went to Ridian Morgan's place to meet with the corporation working on rehabilitating the Lewis river. Ed discussed the creation of a mitigation bank associated with the project, which is an NRD undertaking.

13 April—Ed and I met with WSDOT and Richard Bellon of the Chehalis Tribe to discuss the upcoming MOA related to the widening of I-5 from Mellen Street to Blakeslee Junction. The MOA should be in its final form and ready for the Chairman's signature during the first week of May.

20 April—We traveled to the DAHP offices in Olympia to meet with their staff, the Chehalis Tribe, and a BPA representative to discuss BPA's responsibilities regarding the Opus site near Centralia. Nothing was decided, as the Tribes had questions and concerns that could not be answered at the meeting.

23 April—Phil, Mike, and I met with Guy Norman of the Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss our upcoming First Salmon ceremony, and how they can accommodate our needs. While we didn't get anything "on paper," we

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were able to make a few suggestions that Mr. Norman embraced.

27 April—Robert, Ed, and I met with Nathan and Rudy at a property near St. Mary's to discuss the Tribe's possible stewardship of said property. Details have still have to be worked out, but things look promising.

28 April—I received a call from a staff member of the Mt. St. Helen's visitors center. They are in the process of revising signage for the area, and she called to inquire about the proper spelling and meaning of Lawelatla.

**June**

**First Salmon Ceremony:** This year's ceremony took place on 6 June, and we for the first time in recent memory were able to have five designated ceremonial fishermen attempt to catch the fish, through an agreement with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The fishermen weren't successful, but we hope to catch a fish next year.

**Cultural Resources Summit:** The 2010 summit took place in Poulsbo, and topics ranged from traditional cultural properties to discussion of the State Environmental Policy Act's "Question 13."

The Cultural Resources Department's Jeep was broken into. Nothing was stolen other than the catalytic converter, but one window was broken.

**BPA:** On 24 June we hosted cultural resource representatives from the Bonneville Power Administration. This meeting was set up by way of Taylor, and the discussion ranged from the Natural Resource Department's operations to what the two departments consider the term "cultural resources" to encompass. This will hopefully lead to better understanding and cooperation between us and BPA.

**July**

**Mary Kiona Basket:** On 7 July Tami Hickle came to the office to give the Tribe a basket made by Mary Kiona. The basket was given in appreciation for the use of land held by the Dunn family near Mossyrock. Tami is the granddaughter of Cordelia Dunn, and the Dunn Cemetery is named for her family. The basket is now in the display case at the Longview office.

12 July—We received a grant from the Potlach Fund in the amount of \$3000 for digitizing our copy of Docket 218. We had asked for \$5000, and will need to adjust the scope of work accordingly.

28 July—The Chairman, Phil, Ed, Nathan and I met at the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge with Bob Flores

and other Refuge personnel to discuss an archaeological find and appropriate protocols that should have stemmed from the find. The find came in relation to a trench being dug for a new water line; there was no inadvertent discovery language in the contract between the Refuge and the worker. The Tribe was informed of the find in an almost-timely manner (9 days), but were told the earliest we could view the site was 28 July—more than a month after the initial discovery. While the trip was informative, I was left with the distinct impression that Mr. Flores, manager of the Refuge, wants to do as little as possible to meet his mandated obligations. Other attendees, however, were more open to our concerns and suggestions.

**August**

Ed spent time at both Kids' Camp and Huckleberry Camp in August, camping for three days at the Swift Schoolhouse for the latter.

On 8 August Ed lead some 30-40 people to the Elk Mountain Medicine Wheel.

On 13 August we went for a field visit to Jackson Highway, where the bridge is being replaced across the Newaukum River. A hole for a pole for a house was discovered, and possibly the floor. There were also indications of stained soil; the report for this is forthcoming.

On 25 August Taylor and myself went to Vancouver to discuss progress on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. Topics included the FEIS and CRC's work regarding the Endangered Species Act, as well as the forthcoming Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). We have received the MOA electronically, and will be sending our comments shortly.

We have been commissioned by H.B. Stubbs, on behalf of the Port of Kalama, to carve a replica shovel-nose canoe for the Port's interpretive center. We have a couple choices as far as finding a suitable log, and Robert can hopefully begin work by the end of September.

On 31 August I attended a meeting with the State Department of Transportation for an update on the I-5 Mellen Street to Blakeslee Junction widening project. The project has been split into three different "sections", with an eye toward beginning construction in 2012. We may participate in any upcoming archaeological work for this.

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Office: 360.577.6962; Cell: 360.508.1677**

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## ENROLLMENT

Randy Russell, Enrollment Officer

**Enrollment criteria**

Our current enrollment criteria, effective 01/01/2006, are: Applicant must be a lineal descendant of a Cowlitz Indian, Applicant must have a parent (mother/father) on Cowlitz Tribal Roll and Applicant shall be no older than 12 months of age.

We have enrolled 45 infants so far this year, 11 in January and 34 in July. The enrollment committee is scheduled to meet on October 1, 2010 to review pending applications. The enrollment office has been advised of the deaths of 7 tribal members January – August of this year.

**Unknown address list**

Please review the Unknown Address List, if you recognize a name and are in contact with that person please ask that person to advise the tribal office of their current mailing address. The names on the list have had mail returned by the post office unable to forward and the tribal member has not been in contact with the office to update the address.

Alferd, Josiah D	Booty, Michelle R
Anderson, Gary K	Booty, Sam
Arthur, Kristi N	Bowman III, George E
Baker, Danny Ryan	Bowman, Sean A
Baker, Kelly L	Braley, Rhonda D
Baker, Michael L	Braley, Tia E
Baker, Ryan R	Brekke, Mason L
Baker, Ryan W	Bruckner, Walter D
Barker, April M	Buckmann, David L
Barlow, Hazel V	Byers, Christopher J
Barnet, Nonni	Campbell, Carla S
Bennett, Julie A	Campbell, William B
Blanton, Charlene R	Cassidy, Kayla K
Bliven, Susan D	Citron, Kimberly
Boles, Nancy J	Clark Jr, Raymond M
Boles, William G	Clark, Kenneth V
Booty, Andrea N	Cornett, Carolyne SL

Cornett, Jesse R	Lindsey, Mercedes C
Cornett, Sierra M	Link, Sheryl D
Corpuz, Deborah K	Lund, Gwendolyn M
Cota, Shelly R	Mabry, Kimberly A
Crosby-Gonzales, Alicia	Mathis, Mark J
Davis, Barbara A	Mayer, Rachelle D
Dawson, Maurice R	McCabe, April M
DeCamps, Deborah	McCauley, Bradley D
Dickerson, Anna M	McCord, Nicholas J
Dillenburg, Larry L	McGinn, Alicia M
Donlan, Lance J	McGinn, Andrea B
Dunn Jr, Carl M	McNutt, Kimberly M
Duprey, Meryl W	Melvin, Raleigh S
Duprey, Suzanne M	Messersmith, Damon MT
Duprey, Thomas G	Michel, Noah E
Ferris, Antonette E	Miller Jr, John M
Fisher, Heather D	Miller, Kristina L
Folise, Candi E	Miller, Vincent W
Forbis, Robert S	Miller, Wesley H
Friese, Steven G	Morrill, Helen M
Galloway III, John B	Morrill, Paul C
Galloway, Barbara J	Morrill, Sandra L
Garcia, Christopher A	Morrill, Sharon A
Gilbert Jr, William D	Morrill, Terry D
Gilbert, Buddy G	Morrison, Lee H
Gilbert, Darrell J	Morrison, Patricia F
Gilbert, Kelly L	Murphy, Patti L
Grove, Shannon M	Myers, Daniel L
Gustafson Jr, Walter J	Myers, Jason R
Harris, Carolee K	Nelson, Celeste I
Harris, Leslie E	Newbaker, Ray R
Helton, Brent T	Oeder, Joshua A
Herman, Stacy A	Oneal, Nena
Hiebert Lisa M	Ortega, Kay M
Hoptowit, Jerome D	Osborne, Jessica M
Howe, Kathleen N	Pace, Daniel T
Irwin, Jadie R	Pellegrini, Mark S
Iyall, Daniel R	Peterson Sr, David
Iyall, Jack A	"Lonny"
Iyall, McKell R	Phillips, Daisy A
Iyall-Walker, Daniel P	
James, Jacqueline M	
James, Judith A	
Kacmarcik, Benjamin J	
Keener, Jennifer S	
Kennedy, Tracy L	
Kinswa, Ronald I	
Kniss, Sandra L	
Knowles, Dennis L	
Koob, Christina M	
LaDue, Michael S	
Lancaster, Jennifer L	
Lane, David M	
Lane, Jennifer A	
Lane, Leonard F	
Lane, Lynnette M	
Lane, Richard S	

Phillips, Wanda L
Potter, Katherine A
Putas, Anthony M
Rhodes, Dean S
Ritchie, Cleo L
Rockwood, Michael J
Roney, David A
Saunders, Troy A
Schultz, Jacqueline B
Shaffer, Dayle M
Shields, James R
Simms, Wendy K
Smith, Esther M
Smith, James R
Smith, Kevin T
Smith, Linda L
Smith, Melissa R
Snow III, Kenneth R
Stargel, Thomas M
Stroyan, Garth J
Swaggard, Jeneen
Swain, Lineah N
Swanson, Marcia L
Swanson, Tannea A
Thomas, Eric V
Thomas, Jessie C
Usher, Jill M
Warriner, Richard E
Wetzel, John M
Wiggins, Brent L
Wiggins, James D
Williams, Jesse J
Williams, Raelene R
Wilson, Jeffrey J
Wilson, Latitia A
Wilson, Tyson S
Wilson, William P
Workman, Sharilyn I
Yellow-wolf, Vonnie M

**Ancestral Wisdom**

The Medicine Wheel Teachings of Cowlitz Spiritual Leader and Honorary Chief Grandfather Roy Wilson

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the 3rd Saturday at St. Mary's Center, in Toledo, WA For details, contact Grandfather at [itswoot@q.com](mailto:itswoot@q.com) or call 360-990-4265.

**YOYOOLAH!****GRANTS PROGRAM**

Jan Healy, Grant Writer

**DVSA grant**

The U.S. Department of Justice awarded the Tribe a three-year grant to continue and enhance the domestic violence/sexual assault advocacy and support program, Pathways to Healing. The grant is for \$802,056 and covers staff salaries and ongoing training, a telephone hotline, a program minivan, and emergency funds for temporary housing and basic client needs.

Program Manager Debbie Medeiros will devote some of her time to researching the feasibility of an emergency and transitional shelter for program clients.

This summer, the Washington State Office on Crime Victims Assistance (OCVA) awarded the Tribe a grant to fund some costs for another year of the sexual assault advocacy and support services and community outreach in the Pathways to Healing program.

The Tribe's other grant application to the Department of Justice, to continue planning and implementing a Tribal court system, was not funded.

**Outpatient day treatment**

At press time, the Tribe was waiting to hear from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration about funding for a new outpatient day-treatment program for chemically dependent adults who also have mental health conditions.

If funded, that program will be based at the Tribe's new Clinic in Longview.

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for

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Native Americans, denied our proposal to conduct comprehensive strategic planning across all Tribal departments and programs. The reviewers were not persuaded that our planning project had strong enough support from the general membership of the Tribe.

Showing such "grassroots" origins usually means having community meetings (including General Council) or a series of focus groups and conducting Tribal surveys. Members' ideas get more discussion and development into prioritized projects that then get timelines and estimated costs.

It's difficult to do this with such a dispersed membership and no staff planners! However, I still hope that we can devote more time and effort to planning, since it fortifies our grant proposals and helps create successful projects.

**Sexual assault advocacy**

This summer, the Washington State Office on Crime Victims Assistance (OCVA) awarded the Tribe a grant to fund another year of the sexual assault advocacy and support services and community outreach through the Pathways to Healing program.

The Potlatch Fund gave the Tribe \$3,500 to catalogue and digitize two sets of documents: a collection of notes, letters, and other papers donated to the Tribe by retired educator and writer Judith Irwin; and the documents from the Tribe's land compensation case (Docket 218) before the Indian Claims Commission. Potlatch Fund also awarded the Tribe \$1,500 for this summer's Intertribal Canoe Journey Paddle to Makah. In addition, we applied for grants from the charitable foundations of the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and the

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe to help cover expenses of the Journey but did not receive funding.

**Tulalip Tribes grant**

The Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund kindly awarded us a \$3,500 grant for the first Cowlitz Huckleberry Camp at the Swift Schoolhouse property in August. The charitable fund of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians of Oregon declined the same request.

**Elders program grant**

We have applied to the Lewis-Mason-Thurston Area Agency on Aging for a mini-grant of \$750 for the Elders program. This would provide Elders with more information and encouragement about exercising, good nutrition, healthy hearts, and diabetes.

Elders Program Manager, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, and I will submit an application to the federal Agency on Aging for another three years of funding for the Elders nutrition and caregiver support program.

Finally, I am working with updated estimates to equip the three-operators dental suite in the new Clinic; there are three foundations in Washington State likely to consider funding that project.

**Tribal Veterans**

We would like to compile a list of our Cowlitz Veterans who were Killed in action, Prisoners of war, and who have passed away. Please send in their names and all military information on these brave Warriors to:

Mike Caso, Tribal Veterans  
Administrator  
Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 2547  
Longview, WA 98632

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS



## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Todd Bratton

### Kids Camp!

The Health and Human Services Department staff really enjoyed participating in the events during the week.

The camp was held August 16th – 20th at St. Mary's, and over seventy kids participated. The kids probably had the most fun on their field trip to the Great Wolf Lodge and water park, but there were also educational components to their stay at camp.

The Pathways to Healing Program made themed t-shirts with the kids, focusing on "what I like about me." Debbie Medeiros and Savenia Falquist also talked to the kids in age appropriate groups about topics such as trust and setting boundaries, rules for touching, cell phones, and bullying.

Debbie Bennett (Norberg) from the Tribal Treatment Program camped out with the kids one night and did face-painting. She also performed her skit "Forbidden Bark," which discusses peer pressure issues. When face-painting, she was able to talk to the kids one-on-one about some of the issues around them, and talk to them about refusal and coping skills.

JD Amburn, also from the Treatment Program, came in full regalia to tell stories to the kids. He told an Alaskan story about rabbit, being who you are, and singing with your own voice. JD also told Lakota and Apache stories about Eagle. He presented a Snoqualmie story about Salmon – and that when people turned away from good ways, sickness resulted. To end the

sickness, one daughter of an Elder gave herself to the creator and the salmon came rushing back and the Snoqualmie Falls were created. Finally, JD taught the kids about the round dance and they were all able to dance together!

Kids Camp is a fun, and educational experience for the kids and the Health and Human Services Department appreciates the opportunity to reach out to the children. Thanks to Cassy Reck, Darlene Rhodes, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, and all others who volunteered and helped plan this event!

### New clinic nears completion

Construction on the new building is near complete, with finish work underway and to be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks. The bids for parking and sidewalks were received and a successful bidder has been identified to complete the project. The bid will need final approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Department of Transportation, but work should begin soon on this final phase. The move to the new facility will occur sometime around the first of the year. An announcement will be made regarding ceremonies.

### Flu shots

The Health and Human Services Department will offer flu shots at the General Council Meeting in November. Please bring your insurance card. Flu vaccines are safe and effective and Tribal Members are strongly encouraged to receive theirs. This year, one flu shot will provide protection against both the seasonal and H1N1 viruses. Please consider getting the shot as soon as possible to stay healthy this flu season!

### HHS Seattle Clinic

The Tribe's HHS Clinic in Seattle has been providing mental health services since May 2010 to American Indian/Alaska Native youth and families. The main location is 3712 S. Ferdinand Street in Seattle. The clinicians at that site are seeing the projected amount of clients, and current revenues appear to be matching expenditures. This is an exciting expansion of the Tribe's Health and Human Services.

There were approximately 60 visits to the Seattle Clinic in September. Two staff members were out for training much of this month, so there was some decreased availability to see patients. There have been 433 visits performed since the week of May 25th when we started our Mental Health Services in our Seattle Clinic. The clinic has met an average, to date, of 59% of their visit capacity during this period. The pending revenues are putting us at approximately the break even point at this time.

This is a quicker ramp up of caseload than expected, given the time of year (summer months) that we started the program. Since the mental health services are principally targeted toward children and their families, it is more difficult to contact this caseload when school is out for the summer. We have been providing services only at our Columbia City office and out in the community. We are evaluating the opportunities to begin offering services at our other sites and will do so when it makes programmatic sense. We are also looking at the unmet needs in our patient population and looking for other opportunities to better utilize our sites. Youth chemical dependency

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### HHS Report-Continued

treatment is a great need so we are beginning to look into the possibility of adding a youth chemical dependency treatment program at sometime in the future.

For more information about the Seattle mental health program, call the main reception and message line at (206) 723-3457, or Elizabeth Tail at (253) 226-3672.



## PATHWAYS TO HEALING

Debbie Medeiros, Program Manager

### Preparing for the future

Our initial federal funding came to an end but there are many new things on the horizon. We received funding from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) since September 2007. In this short three year period our program has done great things, we have:

- Provided advocacy to 127 families affected by violence
- Staff have provided 501 client contacts
- Received 287 requests for information, resources, and/or crisis intervention
- Provided 412 cultural supplies such as sage, cedar, journals, and abalone shells
- Spent \$10,000 in emergency funding for hotel stay, groceries, and clothes

### Continued funding

We have received continuing funding from OVW for the upcoming three years in the amount of \$802,000. In the next three years we will continue providing advocacy services as well as start new projects. With this new funding next fiscal year we will implement a

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transitional housing project for women and children leaving abusive households. We will also be looking into the idea of owning and operating our own shelter for victims of violence. This will be a long process; however, we are excited to start the planning.

The Pathways to Healing program serves a lot of clients from very different backgrounds. Violence can affect anyone regardless of their situation, economic status, drug and alcohol use, gender, age, or education.

Below is a story written by Advocate Penney Wilson, based on real a client she worked with for almost three years.

### Success story

by Penny Wilson

She is quietly sitting in my office, eyes cast down she will occasionally look up and scan the room, her eyes always coming back to focus on the floor.

Her hair is carefully combed, her makeup smudged from crying. She looks tired and there is a certain guardedness about her. She is thirty-nine years old but looks older. She is not quite ready to reveal why she has come, so I wait. The first meeting lasted almost thirty minutes, silence broken only with small bursts of speech, "I need help, I don't know what you can do for me, they told me you might be able to help." I listen; ask what it is she needs, wait for the reply. She is crying but does not answer; she asks to make another appointment.

Five days later she is back. She is crying but she is also talking. Her husband is in jail for trying to strangle her, he had guns in the house, the police were called and he threatened them too. She wants to go back to her home but it is on her

husband's property and she is afraid of his family. They have made it clear she is not welcome. She is worried about her dog. She cannot have him where she is staying and does not feel safe going to her home to feed him. We work on a plan to help her dog. She thanks me and leaves. She returns two days later inquiring about housing.

As we discuss housing options she tells me many stories of the abuse, physical and mental, the feelings of hopelessness, and the fear she still feels for her husband and his family. We talk about self-care, safety planning, self-worth, and the fact that no matter what happened, it was not her fault. She is beginning to talk more. Her story is one of a life-time of abuse, drugs and alcohol, and bad relationships. We talk a little more, fill out paperwork for housing, and she makes another appointment.

Over the next two years she becomes a regular in my office. We assist with housing, groceries, victim's compensation, and other resources. She is changing; becoming stronger and she is determined to move forward with her life away from the abuse. She begins attending a recovery program, and on the anniversary of her last battering stops by to talk about how far she has come.

She is successfully in recovery, speaking out about her abuse, and helping others in abusive situations find safe housing and recovery programs. Four months later she comes in and tells me she is in a verbally abusive relationship but this time she knows what to do and her decision to walk away from the situation. Her abusive ex-husband is also out of prison and while she is frightened she is also positive and with help moves forward, continuing on her path to healing.

In April of this year she was again in my office this time needing assistance with obtaining a bus ticket to attend a peer counselor training. After applying several times for the training she was accepted. I look at the change in her from the beaten down woman who first entered my office two and a half years ago and today. Her hair is styled, her makeup perfect and her smile warm and bright. She is laughing and friendly and overjoyed at finally being able to attend the peer training.

She looks younger; the guardedness is gone, replaced with an openness that is wonderful to see. She reports back about how phenomenal the training was, and is excited about reaching her goal. She has shown amazing strength and resilience as she has moved determinedly forward. There have been setbacks and detours but ultimately she has accomplished what she set out to do nearly three years ago, move forward, heal, and help others find their way back to a safe, abuse free life.

### Get Help!

If you or someone you know is in a violent or abusive relationship help is available. Our Pathways to Healing program provides advocacy services that are confidential and provided at no cost; you can reach an advocate at 360.397.8228



**CHS**

Lori Morris

### Contract Health Services (CHS)

Contract Health recently mailed a survey to all members residing in the Contract Health Service Delivery Area. Due to the high cost of postage, it was decided that we

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would not send postage paid return envelopes (the percent of unreturned surveys is high even with a stamped return envelope). We greatly appreciate the efforts and expense of our willing participants. Again, thank you very much for your help.

May 2010, three additional counties were added to the Contract Health Service Delivery Area: Columbia, Kittitas and Wahkiakum. We encourage you to complete the registration packets if you have not already done so. Once complete, you will receive notification of your eligibility. Initial CHS counties: Skamania, Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Thurston, Peirce and King.

### Additional CHS Information:

- You must register for CHS to receive assistance. Tribal Enrollment does not register members for CHS.
- CHS is not income based. You can receive assistance from CHS for medical services regardless of your income.
- If you are uninsured you must complete the application process for medical coverage from the state Medicaid program. CHS will be unable to assist you until the application has been completed, CHS coverage will not become retro-active.
- Please notify CHS staff if you move or have a change of insurance.
- If you move into the service area there will be a 60 day waiting period that will begin once your proof of residency is received.
- If a tribal clinic provides the needed medical service, CHS cannot assist with payment elsewhere.
- If your provider will be charging for the service you must obtain a preauthorization to receive assistance. Authorizations can be obtained anywhere from two

days up to two weeks of your appointment date. Please do not wait until the day of your appointment to notify staff. If staff are unavailable, your authorization will not be issued in time for your appointment.

- Well intended family members often want to help you with CHS questions, and we encourage you to contact staff for help.

### Medicare Part D

Do you have Medicare Part A & B and need prescription coverage? Open enrollment for Medicare Part D is Nov 15, 2010 through Dec 31, 2010. Please contact our Patient Benefits Counselor if you need assistance with enrollment and choosing a plan.



## HOUSING

Sheryl Bertucci, Deputy Director

### Services we offer Elder housing

Beautiful brand new independent living apartments are available at St. Mary's Mission for qualifying Cowlitz Elders to rent. (Elders 62+) All units are air conditioned, served by elevators and include the free use of clothes washer and dryers. Rents and apartments sizes vary from efficiency to 2 bedroom apartments.

### Down payment assistance

Qualifying low income tribal members may receive down payment grants to help purchase a home, subject to HUD rules.

### Home repair & rehabilitation

Do you have a leaky roof, no foundation or is your furnace kaput? Help is available for low income Tribal members whose homes

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qualify for repairs. We can also help with handicap accessibility.

### Energy and weatherization

We have a strong weatherization program for qualifying tribal members and other natives. Some area restrictions apply.

### Mortgage assistance

Low income tribal members may receive help with mortgage payments for up to 6 months.

### Well and sewer repair or replacement

By coordinating with Indian Health Services we are able to bring clean water and sanitary living conditions to members in need.

### Rental assistance

In time of need, low income tribal members may receive help with monthly rent up to 6 months. Our most popular program, student rental assistance provides help with monthly rent for low income full time students. Qualifying low income Elder and disabled members may receive help with rent.

### Home owner counseling

We can assist members through the home buying process. When members are ready to apply for a home loan, we help find the lowest interest rate possible. Down payment assistance of up to \$20,000.00 can be available for those who can close the loan. Qualification for services is based on family size and household income. Call Gary Lowe at 360-864-8720 for information.

### Who we are

Larry Coyle – Ex. Director, Sheryl Bertucci – Dep. Director, Gary Lowe – Housing Services Mgr., Jerry Hause – Weatherization Mgr., Katrina Kubacki – Receptionist, Tom Childs - Water Technician, Henry

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Guerra – Carpenter, Brian Smithlin – Carpenter, Rod Treadway – Carpenter, Richard Lee – Carpenter, Steve Jones – Apprentice, Brent Johnson – Apprentice, Candy Jensen - Landscape Tech.



## HUMAN RESOURCES

Nancy Osborne, Director

### Job posting process

Since June we have added a few new positions when funding permitted. The positions were all posted in all four (4) Tribal locations and on the website for a minimum of seven (7) days before being advertised elsewhere.

This August and September we were able to hire three youth to work under the Western Washington Indian Employment Training Program (WWIETP). We had two youth painting the Administration Office in Longview and one youth at St. Mary's helping with odd jobs. The guidelines to be eligible to work under the WWIETP programs are: one must be an enrolled Native American or Alaskan Native or can prove they are a descendent, and fit within the National Poverty Guidelines.

Please check the Cowlitz website for job postings weekly as we never know when there is going to be a new position or a vacancy.



## NATURAL RESOURCES

Taylor Aalvik, Director

### White-tailed deer

We are currently underway in implementing our restoration project of endangered Columbian

White-tailed deer. We hope to move 15 – 20 deer within the next few months to Cottonwood Island, which is just upriver from Longview, WA on the Columbia River.

We are working closely with Oregon, Washington, and Federal wildlife managers on this project. If all goes well, we hope to establish a new population of these deer, which will assist in their recovery.

### Capacity building

We continue to build capacity in the areas of science, fish and wildlife management, and restoration. We received funding recently to build upon a science and research program associated with smelt. We are well underway toward becoming the leaders in knowledge and potentially be a big part of their recovery.

### Strategic planning & growth

We have forwarded a draft strategic plan to the Tribal Chairman to be consolidated with a larger Tribal Strategic Plan. The draft plan outlines near- and long-term goals which potentially will be the guiding principles toward responsible development for the Tribe.

Our department continues to grow and there are considerable opportunities for future projects and programs to benefit our environment and our tribal community.

### Protecting members' use

The more that we become established in the region, the more potential opportunity we will have to assist Tribal leadership to pursue programs that protect our Tribal members use and enjoyment of culturally significant natural resources within tribal homelands.

### Future projects

We continue many different projects. These include salmon

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restoration through two stream restoration projects in the Cowlitz River Basin, and we will have one large project for next year in the Lewis River Basin. We have been very active in many different regional forums and often work with many other tribes to protect the resources that are important to our cultural survival.

**To learn more, contact  
Taylor Aalvik : 360-575-3306;  
taalvik@cowlitz.org**

## TRANSPORTATION

Kim Stube, Program Manager

### Public service funding

It may surprise many to know that our successful Cowlitz Tribal Transit Service is a public service, open to both Tribal members and the general public. We are a dial-a-ride operation with one vehicle funded under the Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) for Paratransit needs. Transit for non-emergency medical appointments take priority over others, like shopping and appointments.

Our other 2 vehicles are funded under the Federal Transit Administration Tribal Transit Program (FTA/TTP), which is also a dial-a-ride service, but with first come first serve. As a courtesy, we ask that you give us at least a 24 hour notice to try and schedule for your ride. But availability is not guaranteed as we may already be full for the time you are requesting.

Through WSDOT we will schedule medical appointments further ahead to meet the needs of clients, as they often have no choice of when then can see a doctor, dentist or specialist. For general

trips, like shopping, meetings, luncheons, and appointments that are not medical or outings, we schedule about 2 weeks out.

The Transit Program staff goes above and beyond to meet the transportation needs of all our clients, and we accommodate as many people as we can.

Our Service Area for Tribal Members and General Public is:

### Pick-up Area

Centralia – Amtrak Train Station or Twin Transit Hub

Addresses with the following towns: Napavine, Onalaska, Mary's Corner, Ether, Salkum, Mossyrock, Winlock, Toledo, Vader, Ryderwood, Castle Rock, Silverlake, Toutle, Lexington, Rose Valley, Carrols, Kalama, Woodland and rural areas of Longview and Kelso.

We cannot go any further than 20 miles off the I-5 corridor between Chehalis, in Lewis County, and Woodland, in Cowlitz County, and we cannot go into Oregon.

For Tribal Members and Native Americans we have a waiver to be able to pick you up in the Longview/Kelso City Limits and the Tribal facility in Vancouver. But we do not go to Vancouver very often due to lack of funding.

### Drop Off Area

Same as above but we can go into Chehalis and Centralia for medical appointments, shopping, etc.

### Office Hours

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Phone: 360-232-8585. Please leave a message if no one answers and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

### Events & Outings

Transit vehicles for Tribal events or outings are available to use if they are not needed for our daily operations.

The Tribe has a 2002 Ford 14 passenger bus for their use that is not part of the transit program. You do, however, need to have a volunteer driver for Tribal events for all vehicles. The department cannot guarantee to have a driver for you. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please contact Diane Hause, Transit Supervisor at 360-232-8585. This takes at least 2 weeks, so plan ahead.

The Tribe has used several transit vehicles for special functions or events. The Kids Camp at St. Mary's in August, for example, the 2002 Tribal bus and 2 transit vehicles took the kids to the Great Wolf Lodge for a day of fun. Taylor Aalvik also used 2 vehicles in July for an event that the Natural Resource Dept. hosted. These are just a few events where the Transit Program has been able to help the Tribe. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions. This program is grant funded, and our guidelines sometimes change. We are here to serve the tribe the best we can under our Federal and State Regulations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### BE PREPARED!

Mike Caso, Tribal Council

### Emergency Preparedness

"West Coast not ready for tsunami!" This is a headline from both the Port Angeles paper and the Seattle Times. The article says that the Tsunami warning systems for Northern California, Oregon, and Washington do not work fast enough, and at any given time 1/3

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### Emergency Preparedness-Continued

of the warning buoys do not work, so when the ground shakes or the water pulls back from the shore, run. Have emergency supplies. The Costco food buckets are the easiest. Put supplies in a cool dry place and rotate them every few years. Homeland Security says if water is properly sealed it can be stored indefinitely. You want to have everything for camping 2 weeks with no electricity or water.

### Food Voucher Program

The Food Voucher program is now up and running since June.

It is also for any tribal member that resides in the State of Washington and is low income and it does help out our Tribal members.

#### Contact

To apply, contact Carolee Morris at 360-575-3300 at the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Office.

### Flu shots!

Flu shots will be available in late October and early November and at the General Council Meeting, November 13, 2010.

### Newsletter Submissions

The newsletter is prepared by the Communications Committee. Send comments & submissions to newsletter@cowlitz.org

### Cowlitz Kids Program

Come and have fun Native Style Quarterly Gatherings and Summer Camp

Ages: 5-18  
All are welcome

#### Contact

Cassy S. Reck  
360-513-1243

Stay tuned to the website for more information and directions.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### DUES ARE DUE

Jess Groll, Tribal Treasurer

#### Your dues are important!

It's time to send in your Tribal dues! Dues are used to pay for expenses that cannot be covered by grants, contracts, D218 income and indirect reimbursement.

This year will be tighter than ever as our Docket 218 income is being used up at a rate that we have never experienced before and the pressure for Cultural activity exceeds our funding. Dues are \$10 per adult, \$5 for children and seniors.

#### Send your dues to:

Cowlitz Indian Tribe  
P.O. Box 2547  
Longview, WA 98632

### Canoe Family Celebration Dinner

The Tribal Council will hold a Canoe Family celebration potluck dinner to thank the Canoe Family for representing the Tribe on the Tribal Canoe journey to Makah (Neah Bay) this past July.

Members of the General Council are invited to participate.

The event will be November 13th at about 3:00 p.m. following the General Council meeting.

We ask that Tribal members bring their potluck items for the dinner, instead of the usual lunch.

The pancake breakfast that morning and snacks during the Council meeting will help people bridge the gap until dinner.

Come and celebrate this Journey and talk to the Canoe Family about participating in the Journey to Swinomish next year.



### NEW DIRECTORY

Carolee Morris, Tribal Administrator

#### Business directory

To better serve our Tribal members with a business, we would like to start a business directory of and for all of our members to search that are in need of hiring a service.

We can offer this service to our members by introducing a new link on the Cowlitz Tribe's Web Page. This will allow our members the opportunity to view our members who have a business that can offer services that could be of use to another member. If you have a business please forward your information to Carolee Morris, Tribal Administrator at 360-575-3300.

#### Volunteer directory

We also are seeking information and services that can be used as a volunteer basis for projects that the Tribe has.

Please forward your information on what you can offer for services or what you would like to volunteer for to Carolee Morris, Tribal Administrator at 360-575-3300.

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The new program year for LIHEAP starts October 1, 2010.

Any tribal member that resides in the State of Washington who is low income may apply.

#### Contact

Carolee Morris at 360-575-3300 at the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Office.

This program certainly helps our Tribal families.

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by Rod Van Mechelen

### February 14, 2010: 10th Anniversary Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day

**Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day was held on February 14, 2010 at St. Mary's, Toledo, WA.** We had a nice dinner with the Cowlitz Drum Group drumming and dancing. Guests included Portland Area BIA Director, Stan Speaks and Dr. Micheal Roe from Seattle Pacific University. A good time was had by all. Our carver, Robert Harju made the gifts for our guests.—Carolee Morris **Note:** All photos of this page are compliments of Stanley M. Speaks, Regional Director for the BIA's Northwest Regional Office in Portland, Oregon.



Director Stan Speaks



Dr. Micheal Roe



Tribal Carver Bob Harju



Mr. &amp; Mrs. Stan Speaks

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**February 14, 2010: 10th Anniversary Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day**



Some of the Tribal members at St. Mary's who attended the Cowlitz Recognition Signing Ceremony in Washington, D.C. From left, Karen Cota, Lenore Monohon, Carolee Morris, Ernie Donovan, Sonny Aalvik, Nadine Martin, Michael Hubbs, Melody Pfeiffer, Katherine Iyall-Vasquez, Randy Cottonware, Roy Wilson, Marsha Williams, Greg Grove—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Left: Tribal member Mark Anderson interviews Grandfather Roy Wilson; Right: Chairman Bill Iyall, Vice Chairman Phil Harju & Tribal Council Chairman Steve Kutz stand as Roy Wilson recounts the trip to D.C.—Photos compliments of Stanley M. Speaks

**February 14, 2010: 10th Anniversary Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day**

**Note:** Photos on this page are compliments of Stanley M. Speaks, Regional Director for the BIA's Northwest Regional Office in Portland, Oregon.



Former Tribal Councilman Michael Hubbs



Lynn & former Tribal Councilwoman Tanna Engdahl



Four members of the Cowlitz Drum Family



Some members of the Cowlitz Drum Group

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**Ernie Donovan**—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



**Former Tribal Councilman Sonny Aalvik**—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



**Retired Tribal Councilwoman Lenore Monohon**—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

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Members of the Drum Family and Drum Group—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Raffle Items—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

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**February 14, 2000: Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day in D.C.**

From John Barnett's collection; scanned by Rod Van Mechelen; thanks to Carolee Morris for her help identifying everybody!

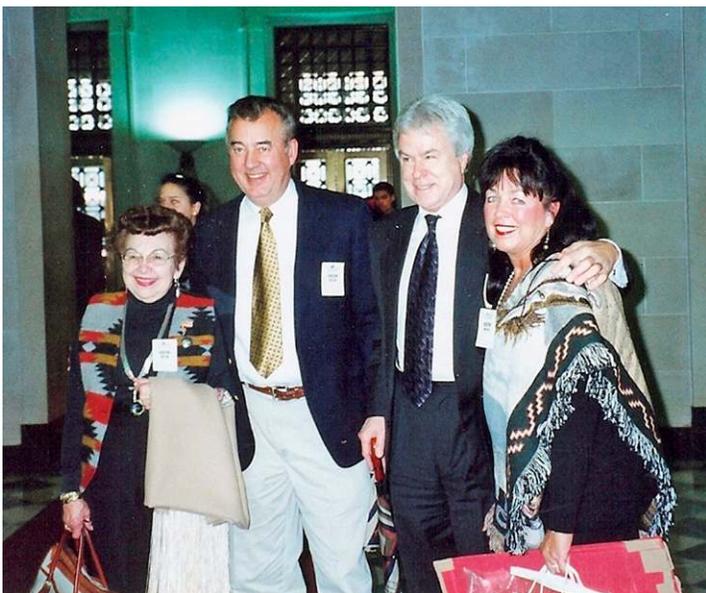


From left in back, Robin Torner, David Barnett, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Gover, Chairman John Barnett, Vice Chairwoman Marsha Williams, Linda Foley; from left in front, Lee Fleming-Director of the Branch of Acknowledgment and Research (BAR), Carolee Morris, Lenore Monohon, Unknown BIA employee or spouse, Nadine Martin, Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens, Nancy Osborne—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



From left, Historian Judith Irwin, Billie Coon, Roy Wilson, Greg Grove.—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW

February 14, 2000: Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day in D.C.



From left, Ernie Donovan, historian Dr. Stephen Dow Beckham, Attorney Dennis Whittlesey, Carolee Morris—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



From left, David Barnett, Nancy Osborne, John Barnett, Judith Irwin—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



From left, dAVE Burlingame, Dianna Smalley, Carolee Morris, and Mark Buckner—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW

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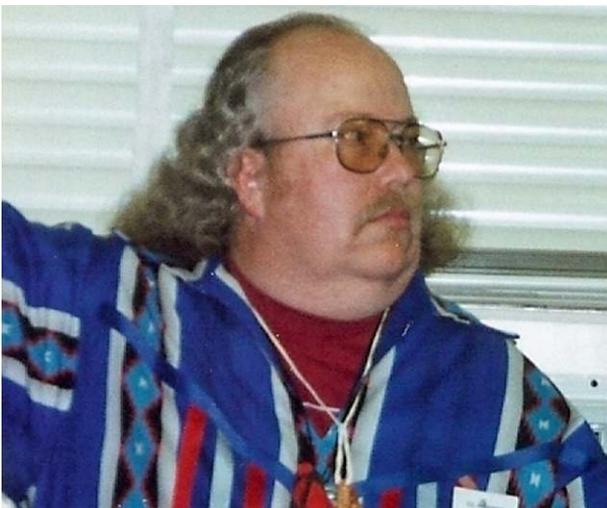
**February 14, 2000: Cowlitz Federal Recognition Day in D.C.**



Roy Wilson—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



From left, Mark Buckner, Ernie Donovan, Ernie Donovan, Nancy Osborne, Justice Rhodes, Linda Foley—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



Michael Hubbs—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW



From left, Dennis Whittlesey, Roy Wilson, James St. Germain, Nancy Osborne, David Barnett—Photo by Linda Dombrowski from STOWW

### March 7, 2010: First Smelt Ceremony (eulachon)

For several years, Tribal members continued the tradition of the First Smelt Ceremony. But the smelt runs continued to diminish, due primarily to destruction of their habitat as silt accumulated over their spawning beds. Silt that, before the dams, was flushed out by the annual floods to form rich river deltas, feed the ocean and replenish the sandy beaches. But in the pictures that follow, look at the flow of the river in the background, and you will notice that it is choked with silt. Because of this, the run of Cowlitz smelt have all but died out.—Rod Van Mechelen



The season on the Cowlitz River was restricted to a few Saturdays in February. Although there were no smelt in the river, the Cowlitz planned to do a ceremonial dip. But when several Game Wardens threatened to make arrests, Chairman Bill Iyall decided to do the ceremonial dip in the Columbia River, where it was still legal. Above, Tribal members await the return of the dippers, listening as Grandfather Roy Wilson plays his flute.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Tribal member Tonya Kinswa, left, wades into the cold waters of the Columbia to make the ceremonial dip.—Photo by Bill Iyall

**March 7, 2010: First Smelt Ceremony**



Upon their return from the ceremonial dip in the Columbia River, Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall speaks about the importance of the smelt, or Eulachon, to our ancestors and to the Tribe.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Tribal Vice Chairman Phil Harju explains how they were forced to remove the ceremonial dip to the Columbia River.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen

**March 7, 2010: First Smelt Ceremony**



Above, Tribal Vice Chairman Phil Harju carries the dipping net down to the River and plants it in the beach. Below, Grandfather Roy leads in a song. Notice the sand bar, from the silt, blocking the River.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



March 7, 2010: First Smelt Ceremony



Every ceremony has four witnesses. From the right, they are Tribal Treasurer Jess Groll, 2009-2010 Powwow Princess Teona Kinswa, Tribal Council Chairman Steve Kutz, and Tribal member Noah Reck. Above, as they observe, Cultural Resources Dept. Assistant Director Ed Arthur gifts Ernie Donovan. Below, left, they are gifted in turn; right, Steve Kutz shares what he witnessed about the ceremony. On a cold winter's day, Cowlitz hearts yearn for the return of the Eulachon (smelt).—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



## April 10, 2010: Steve Purcell and One People One Voice



Jess Groll, left, and Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens, right, look on as Steve Purcell (left) with One People One Voice visit the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Council to rededicate the Cowlitz Honor Song that they gifted to the Tribe following acknowledgement of our federal recognition.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

### The Cowlitz Honor Song

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

Horse people riding  
This river so free  
The land of the Cowlitz  
Is calling to me

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

The spirits they whisper  
My child never roam  
Come back to the Cowlitz  
The Cowlitz is home

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

My brothers and sisters  
Stand now with me  
We are united  
A Nation that's free!

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway  
Way A huway, oh, way A Huaway

**YOOYOOLAH!**

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**April 24, 2010: 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial, Fort Vancouver, WA.**

Every year the Red Heart Band of the Nez Perce journey from their home in Fort Lapwai, Idaho, to Fort Vancouver in Washington State to commemorate the release, in 1878, of Chief Red Heart and his band, and the death of a 2-year-old during their 8-month internment at Fort Vancouver. They were returning to their reservation from a buffalo hunt when they were captured by the U.S. Army and taken to Fort Vancouver. This year the Cowlitz, as the only federally recognized tribe in a region that is part of our "usual and accustomed area," officially welcomed them.



The clouds look ominous as the crowd gathers for the commemoration event.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



The Color Guard prepares to present colors.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

### April 24, 2010: 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial, Fort Vancouver, WA.



Army veterans Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall (right, in blue shirt and tan Cowlitz Ranger hat), and Tribal Council Chairman Lt. Col. Steve Kutz (Ret) (left, in the black with blue striping of the Cowlitz Drum Group), stand and salute with the veterans as the colors are presented.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Former Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Wilfred Scott (center, seated with the microphone) leads the 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial Ceremony at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Right, standing by the Nez Perce Nation flag wearing a beret and black vest is JD Amburn, from the Cowlitz Tribe's Chemical Dependency Program in Vancouver, WA. Left, former Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard, in suit and tie. Behind him stands Cowlitz Vice Chairman Phil Harju, wearing the cedar headband.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

**April 24, 2010: 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial, Fort Vancouver, WA.**



Above, Cowlitz Tribe Chairman Bill Iyall prepares to formally welcome the Nez Perce Red Heart Band. Below, he welcomes former Nez Perce Tribal Chairman Wilfred Scott, as members of the Cowlitz Drum Group (and Drum Family, off-camera) prepare to sing.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**April 24, 2010: 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial, Fort Vancouver, WA.**

Above, the Cowlitz Drum Family (in red-and-black) and Drum Group (blue-and-black) sing to welcome the Nez Perce with sunshine, which came out during the song. Below, the Cowlitz wrap a Nez Perce Elder with a blanket. To the far left stands Mary Wood, great-granddaughter of Lt. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, who witnessed Chief Joseph's surrender and later befriended Chief Joseph.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**April 24, 2010: 13th Annual Chief Red Heart Memorial, Fort Vancouver, WA.**



Above and below, Nez Perce horsemen circle the Fort. The chestnut was very friendly.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



Notice the Fort Vancouver Barracks up on the hill. Fort Vancouver was established in 1825 by the Hudson's Bay Company. During the Indian Wars of 1855-1856, many Cowlitz were held there. In 1860 the Fort was taken over by the U.S. Army. Most of the original buildings burned down during a fire in 1866 but were immediately rebuilt, and then expanded during the First World War to include the barracks seen above.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

### June 5, 2010: General Council Meeting

At the General Council meeting we had 3 events: Lenore Monohon retired from Tribal Council after 35 years of service, Phil Harju honored the Sareault family, and the Education Committee awarded scholarships.



EACH STEP WE TAKE  
MAY NOT BE HISTORIC

BUT OUR LIVES LEAVE  
FOOTPRINTS

UPON AN HISTORIC  
PATH

# COWLITZ INDIAN TRIBE

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
THIRTYFIVE YEARS



**LENORE  
MONOHON**  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
1975-2010

For 35 years you served on the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Council with wisdom, dignity and grace.

We will miss your strong voice and hold you in our hearts forever.

Above, the certificate prepared for her by the Awards & Recognition Committee. Below, wrapped in the blanket gifted to her by Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall, Lenore Monohon is recognized for her many years of service and honored with song.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



June 5, 2010: General Council Meeting



Above and below, Tribal Vice Chair Phil Harju, who is also our current tribal attorney, honors the three surviving children of Cowlitz member and tribal attorney James Sareault. From left, Tom Sareault, Marie Sareault, and Theresa Sareault. James Sareault is believed to be the first Cowlitz to be a lawyer. He represented the Tribe and Tribal members and donated many hours of legal service. He also served a term as the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney.

—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**June 5, 2010: General Council Meeting**



Education Committee members presenting scholarship awards. From left, Lenny Bridges, Mike Iyall, Vice Chair Karissa Lowe, Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens & Colleen Armstrong. Other members of the committee not shown are then-committee chair Celine Cloquet, Becky Lowe & David Iyall.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

**June 6, 2010: First Salmon Ceremony**



The First Salmon Ceremony is held on the Cowlitz River across from the mouth of the Olequa Creek.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

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The mouth of the Olequa Creek cuts through property that was gifted to the Tribe several years ago. The property on the left includes an old house where Tribal Elder Ernie Donovan lived as a child. These are historic lands that are sacred to the Tribe, and together are referred to as the "Olequa Property." Below, tribal carver Bob Harju prepares the site for the ceremony.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**June 6, 2010: First Salmon Ceremony**



Tribal Chairman Bill Iyall demonstrates the art of the perfect cast as early morning mist blankets the Cowlitz River. The Tribe negotiated an agreement with the Washington State Dept. of Fish and Wildlife permitting five designated ceremonial fishermen to attempt to catch a salmon solely for ceremonial purposes.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



A blanket of mist descends upon the Cowlitz River.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

**June 6, 2010: First Salmon Ceremony**



As a blanket of mist settles on the Cowlitz River, above, below an eagle (very top) soars out to greet the Cowlitz Canoe. If we could afford a decent photographer, the eagle might be in focus!—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**June 6, 2010: First Salmon Ceremony**

Above, here comes the Canoe carrying the Salmon! Below, Tribal members gather to greet the canoe and carry the salmon. The day was cold and the rain was a heavy drizzle. Later, after the Salmon was baked over an open fire in the traditional way, 4 Cowlitz kids carried the salmon around the Circle on cedar trays carved by Bob Harju. Then, the Salmon's remains were returned to the River.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



July 7-19, 2010: Canoe Journey Paddle to Makah (Neah Bay, WA)



Above, the Cowlitz Canoe on the Puget Sound en route to Neah Bay. Below, Cowlitz kids sing and drum in camp.—  
Photos by Cassandra Sellards-Reck



**July 7-19, 2010: Canoe Journey Paddle to Makah (Neah Bay, WA)**



Above, the Cowlitz Canoe at Neah Bay. Below, from left, Jeremy Wallace, Darlene Rhodes & Cassy Reck.—Photos by Devin Reck



August 16, 2010: Cowlitz Kids Camp



The Cowlitz Kids gather for a picture in front of St. Mary's in Toledo, WA.—Photo by Patty Kinswa-Gaiser

August 30--September 4, 2010: Huckleberry Camp



Above at Indian Heaven: From left, Seth, Jeremy hiding his face, Teona, Patty, Mason, Devin holding Benjamin, Cheyanne holding Madeline, Noah and Cynthia—Photo by Cassy Reck

August 30--September 4, 2010: Huckleberry Camp



Cassy Reck looks on as Devin and the kids learn to weave cedar at the Swift School House, near Indian Heaven.— Photo by Patty Kinswa-Gaiser. Below, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser weaves a cedar hat. Photo by Cassandra Sellards-Reck



**September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake**



Above and below, for the Canoe Race Prizes, Tribal Carver Bob Harju carved cedar canoes.—Photos by dAVE Burlingame



September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake



Tribal Carver Bob Harju at Ike Kinswa State Park displaying the cedar canoes he carved as trophies for the canoe races. Unfortunately, no other tribes participated, this year.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen

**September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake**



Even though no other tribes showed up for the races, everybody still had a wonderful time. As usual, it was a beautiful day for the races honoring our past Tribal Chairman, John Barnett. First on the water were the Cowlitz Kids, skippered by Jeremy Wallace.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake



Above, Teona calls out the cadence; below, Dawson waves as they fly by.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake**

After bringing the canoe back in, Jeremy takes the scooter out for a run and then demonstrates the proper technique for remounting, above, after demonstrating his aquatic acrobatic skills. Once the water settled back down, the Cowlitz Women, skippered by Tonya Kinswa, take the canoe back out, below.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



September 10-12, 2010: Canoe Races at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake



After a lengthy cruise around the lake, Tonya brings the seaworthy craft that, in 2009 made the Journey to Canada, and this year to Neah Bay, back to shore. Below, Cheyanne holds the canoe fast as they observe protocol. Many may be unaware that the Cowlitz Canoe, christened *Sehu hi tithla*, was donated to the Tribe by our late Chairman, John Barnett. —Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



September 25, 2010: 11th Annual Cowlitz Indian Powwow at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA



Above and below, the evening Grand Entry began at 7 p.m.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



September 25, 2010: 11th Annual Cowlitz Indian Powwow at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA



Following the 7 p.m. Grand Entry, above, Tribal Vice Chairman Phil Harju, below, welcomes the guests and introduces Grandfather Roy Wilson (right) to give the invocation. Earlier in the day, the Veterans were called forward to be honored for their service. It is often observed that America's Veterans frequent Tribal powwows because in few other places are they made to feel so welcome and respected for their sacrifices.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



September 25, 2010: 11th Annual Cowlitz Indian Powwow at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA



As the Cowlitz Drum Family sings, the Cowlitz Kids dance to an ancient Cowlitz song.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen



Among the Powwow's special guests were Jeff Guidry and Freedom, a bald eagle from Sarvey Wildlife Care Center in Arlington, WA.—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

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Above, with the help of Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens, Honorary Cowlitz Chief Grandfather Roy Wilson tells a children's story. Below, the children do the Squirrel Dance as Jeremy Wallace and Patty Kinswa-Gaiser sing and drum, and Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens and Cassandra Sellards Reck referee.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



**September 25, 2010: 11th Annual Cowlitz Indian Powwow at St. Mary's in Toledo, WA**

Above, cousins Elissa Washuta, left, and Lindsey Foley, right, have all the great Cowlitz Powwow gear for sale. Below, Tribal member Alex Doucette with his granddaughters, Crissy Doucette (center) & Melanie (Mariano) Rivers (right). Melanie and Crissy flew in from Connecticut to attend the Powwow. —Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



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Another special guest was Hughie St. Martin, pictured above with his daughter, Judy Bridges, and great-nephew Philip Harju. Although Judy and Phil are members of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Hughie is an enrolled member of the Yakama Indian Nation. The day after this photo was taken, Hughie celebrated his 100th birthday at Paramount Christian Church in Lacey, WA. He was born September 26, 1910, in Astoria, Oregon. When I asked Phil how Hughie did it, he said, "Good St. Martin genes!"—Photo by Rod Van Mechelen

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Above, everybody lines up for Salmon dinner! Below, Linda Foley takes a well-deserved break.—Photos by Rod Van Mechelen



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**NOVEMBER GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE**

The November 13, 2010 meeting will be held at the St. Mary's Center, 107 Spencer Road in Toledo. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

For those of you who have not been there, from I-5 take Exit 68, and then take Hwy 12 East to Jackson Highway, turn right at the Chevron Service station and go South approximately 6 miles.

The facility is on the left.

**\*Raffle (Please bring raffle donations)\***

**\*Potluck Dinner\***

Please bring the following to share according to your last name:

**A-G Salad H-N Hot Dish O-U Dessert V-Z Beverage**

Please bring enrollment card and photo identification to sign in.

10:00 a.m. November 13, 2010

**CANOE JOURNEY HONORING DINNER**

Saturday, November 13, 2010

**St. Mary's Center following the General Council Meeting (about 3 p.m.)**

This replaces the usual lunch. Snacks will be served during the General Council meeting to bridge the gap between the pancake breakfast and the dinner. Tribal members please bring your potluck item for the dinner, and stay to participate in this event.

For details, call 360-577-8140

**COWLITZ INDIAN POWWOW PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

**7 a.m.—10 a.m.** Saturday, November 13, 2010

Pancakes, Ham, Eggs, Orange Juice, Coffee

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