



Cowlitz Indian Tribe

2013 FALL NEWSLETTER

YOOYOOLAH!

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER



November 2- The General Council Meeting starts at 10 am at St Mary's. I look forward to seeing you there. The Youth Board hosts the Youth Day Gathering at St. Mary's to allow

parents to attend the meeting while their kids enjoy activities with fellow Cowlitz youth.

We have consolidated our office by locating the finance department in Longview. The operation is working well as the majority of the employees are in one location, which results in reduced costs and improved efficiency. HHS has also made updates to billing systems to improve efficiency. We are looking for more ways to improve service and efficiency at the clinics in Seattle, Vancouver and Longview to further benefit tribal members. Cowlitz Health and Human Services Wellness room in Longview is now named The Ernie Donovan Wellness Center. Ernestine Purcell-Donovan retired from the Health Board after years of dedicated service wellness for our people, and we are very pleased to honor Ernie with the facility naming.

Tribal Administrator Carolee Morris has retired after 23 years of employment with the Cowlitz Tribe. Carolee was the tribe's first employee working hard to deliver services to tribal members for Indian Child Welfare and low income assistance programs. We are planning an honoring dinner for Carolee and wish her well in her retirement.

Protection of our cultural resources is one of the most important things we do. Thanks to our

partnership with the Forest Service, the Yakama Tribe and the diligent work of our Cultural Resource and our Natural Resource Departments, Mount St. Helens, "Lawetlat'la," which translates as "smoker," is now officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP), a designation that honors the volcano's cultural importance to us. The listing of Lawetlat'la as a Traditional Cultural Property honors our relationship with one of the principal features of our traditional landscape. For millennia, the mountain has been a place to seek spiritual guidance. The mountain has erupted many times in our memory, but each time has rebuilt herself anew. She demonstrates that a slow and patient path of restoration is the successful one, a lesson we have learned long ago. The designation, which became official on Sept. 11, took several years and was a joint effort between the Cowlitz Tribe and Gifford Pinchot Forest Staff. More than 80,000 properties are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, but only 23 are Traditional Cultural Properties. Mount St. Helens is only the second such listing in Washington. The first was Snoqualmie Falls in Snohomish County.

Congress is working on the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2013. This bill will amend the Tax Code to clarify that the programs and services provided by Tribal Governments to protect our citizens are not subject to federal income taxation. Passage of this bill will help align federal tax laws with federal Indian law and policy, strengthen Indian self-determination, and respect the local decisions of tribal governments to improve

the general welfare of our community. We all need to urge congress to pass this bill. Tribal leaders from across the nation are engaged in this important effort, including your Cowlitz elected leaders.

We thank our partner, Salishan/Mohegan, for their continued support in moving our reservation land through the federal court's process. The Grand Ronde Tribe, the La Center Card Rooms, Clark County, Vancouver, CARS, and local land owners filed their new lawsuits on the same issues as before - the Carcieri decision; NEPA issues, historical connection, and errors in approval of the tribal gaming ordinance. We remain steadfast in our commitment to establish a reservation for the Cowlitz Tribe, and are optimistic that our historic connection to the land will soon be renewed. The court case is moving forward on a steady pace, and we expect the court to have a decision by spring.

The tribe is preparing for the next step of the approval of our reservation through the federal courts. The land will be put in trust when the lawsuit is final or when the Department of Interior lifts a stay on the process, which would open the door for land based grants and would be a positive step towards reestablishing our homeland. With land in trust, we can exercise sovereignty through initial use and development in advance of full development of the reservation. This is a very important step for the Cowlitz People. As we move forward in establishing the reservation, we stand-up for our ancestors and for each other.

The planning for the casino infrastructure for a sewer system and improvements for the I-5 interchange is moving forward with the city of La Center. The Washington State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration are working with our consultants on planning for the interchange.

We are working with Governor Jay Inslee and the State Gambling Commission on a gaming compact that will allow the Cowlitz to receive some new revenue by leasing its machine allocation to other tribes while we wait for our casino to open. While the revenue will only be a fraction of what

a Cowlitz casino will yield, the near term funding will allow us to better support Cowlitz members and programs.

It is nice hear from our tribal members from across the country on the tribe's Face book page. I would like to share this message from Cousin Richard in Fresno, "May we remember the wisdom of our ancestors as we live in the present time. May we

respect all, even those with whom we may have disagreements; and, of course, our friends who are enjoying life in non-human form. May we see how we are all connected, as we enjoy this wonderful, expanding creation called life.

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In the week of July 21 the Cowlitz Tribe hosted protocol at Fort Vancouver and at Rainier Oregon for the intertribal canoe journey to the Quinault Nation. We appreciate the tribal council members who came out for the hosting and to Patty Kinswa-gaiser for organizing the meal and to all the volunteers making these events successful. Steve Kutz headed up the Canoe Family on the journey on the river and the ocean. Thanks to the skippers, the pullers and the ground crews for this important cultural event. Next year's journey is to Bella Bella in Canada.

The Pow Wow committee did an amazing job in bringing us a very successful event on Saturday September 21st for the 14th annual Pow Wow.

Good things are happening now, and more good will follow with the patience and determination of the Cowlitz people. Thank you for your continued interest and for all that you do to advance the Cowlitz Tribe.

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Bill Iyall, Chairman





FROM THE VICE-CHAIR

2013 brings continuing change, challenge, and progress for the Cowlitz Tribe. As we grow, it is always important that

the Cowlitz People continue to be involved and informed. I continue my commitment to get accurate and timely information out to the Cowlitz People. In regards to change, I first want to take time to thank Carolee Morris for her over 23 years of service as our Tribal Administrator. Carolee announced her retirement this September as the Tribal Administrator. Her hard work and dedication helped to lead the Cowlitz into the 21st century. I look forward to working with her on the Tribal Council and her continued commitment to the Cowlitz Boards she serves on.



Chairman Iyall, Vice-Chair Harju, and Councilman Lenny Bridges presenting the Cowlitz flag to George Skibine.

As to challenges, we are all frustrated on the slow pace that our land into trust lawsuit is taking. This complicated legal process is moving forward, and I am confident that we will prevail. It is encouraging that we have the full backing of the Federal Government and the support from many Tribes across the nation in the lawsuit in Federal Court in Washington, D.C. The photograph that I have included was taken in September, 2008, at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C. It was a proud day to present our flag, which contin-

ues to be on display at the BIA Headquarters.

As to progress, I continue to be impressed by the hard work, courage and dedication of the Cowlitz People. When we work together, we cannot be stopped. We will continue to grow, prosper, and face the challenges to our Tribe. Best wishes to all of our Cowlitz members, Cowlitz family, Cowlitz employees, and Cowlitz friends. As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, and I hope to see you all at the November 2, 2013 General Council Meeting.

Philip Harju

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Have you moved or are you planning a move? Please be sure to notify the enrollment office of your address change. I frequently hear that a tribal member thought the Post Office would notify us of their address change. The Post Office does not notify us of a change of address unless the forwarding time has expired. Most of the time mail is returned undeliverable as addressed, or moved with no forwarding left.

Our current enrollment criteria have been in effect since January 1, 2006. Applicant must be a direct lineal descendant of a Cowlitz Indian and Applicant must have a parent (mother/father) on Cowlitz Tribal Roll and Applicant shall be no older than 12 months of age. May of this year we enrolled 22 infants, we have 30 pending applications for the October enrollment committee meeting. There are still applications issued that may be returned prior to the October meeting so the pending number may increase. The office has been notified of the deaths of seven (7) tribal members since the Spring issue of the newsletter. The current total enrolled population of the Tribe is 3802.

Randy Russell
Enrollment Officer
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TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Cowlitz Tribal Events:

For 2013 the Transportation Department donated \$3250 for cultural and other tribal events. \$1500 went to the Canoe Journey, \$1000 to the Youth Board and \$750 to the Drum Group to help with fuel cost to get to their events. Donations have been slim for 2013. The economy must be hitting our riders pretty hard as we don't get what we use too. We always save our donation funds to help out on tribal events as our grants are for the Transit Program only.

Cowlitz Tribal Transport Services:

The Cowlitz Tribal Transport Service project, which has now completed its first, has had a slow start. Our Tribal Elders and disabled members need to take advantage of this service to keep it going. The program had some rocky areas to work out in the beginning, but I feel it has become a successful project, and our services can be utilized even more. . It covers an area from Vancouver medical facilities to Tacoma medical facilities Monday – Friday 7:00am – 6pm. This program is not the same as the Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service which has a service area from Chehalis to Woodland and only up to 20 miles off the I-5 corridor.

Becky Morton – Transit Supervisor, participated in training at St. Mary's on 9/25/2013 to help connect the residence of St. Mary's, the Elder's Program, Cowlitz Tribal Transport Service and Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service. Becky and I are trying to find ways to reach out to the Cowlitz Tribal Community within our service area to help them understand our transit programs.

For 2013 the Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service took a 45% cut in funding, which forced the program to cut jobs and distribute the job duties among the remaining staff. This cut will remain as the Federal Transit Administration/Tribal Transportation Program changed its funding criteria. WSDOT funding is stable through June 2015. With revised budgets and creative thinking the Transit Program will also remain stable through June 2015.

Tribal Transportation Program:

Under the new Federal Highway Bill "MAP 21" the Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR) is now called the Tribal Transportation Program. This is a two-year bill with a lot of changes in the funding structure and requirements for grants.

I am currently on several committees for the Northwest Tribes to help change the language in MAP 21, revising formulas to help serve the smaller tribes of the northwest. If we can't get Congress to see that the decisions they made for MAP 21 are devastating for small tribes, the Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service will continue to have funding issues. I do have high hopes that with the hard work of the NW tribes, we will succeed in making changes to MAP 21 that benefits the smaller land base tribes and be fair to the large land base tribes.

The Cowlitz Tribe Transit Service program has been honored by being selected by Easter Seals to be featured in one of their newsletters. As soon as I hear when it will be published I will put the link on the Cowlitz web page under transportation for all to view.

*Kim Stube,
Transportation Director*



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

*Nancy Osborne,
THRP*

There have been a number of new openings in HHS due to the increase in patient/client numbers and the upcoming Health Reform. We have had to add additional billing and coding staff as well as staff to assist with the new patient registration.

Due to the sequestration we have had funding cuts which impacted various departments which made it necessary to lay off a few employees.

The Tribe is a member of Western Washington Indian Employment Training Program (WWI-ETP) and frequently utilizes the Program to hire temporary staff. This program is designed to train financially disadvantaged youth and adults who meet the eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible to participate in the program an individual must be a documented Native American/Alaskan or Hawaiian Native and must meet the federal poverty guidelines. The participant is trained by Tribal staff on Tribal projects but is paid through WWI-ETP for a period of up to four (4) months. There is no guarantee the participant will transition into employment with the Tribe.

When there is a new or vacant position we recruit for that position by posting on the website for seven (7) days and in all the Tribal offices. If we feel we did not receive enough applicants or qualified applicants through in-house advertising we will then advertise through other recruiting sources. Generally we do not need to recruit for an open position in other means of advertisement.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES **(CHS)**

Lori Morris,
Program Mgr
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Just a few friendly reminders about CHS:

- » You must reside within one of the nine Federally designated Washington Counties or Columbia County in Oregon.
- » You must pre-register and be deemed eligible to access CHS funding.
- » ALL non-emergency visits require PRIOR authorization.
- » If you've experienced a life threatening emergency you will have 72-hours to notify CHS staff. However, we recommend that you or someone acting on your behalf call as soon as possible. You may leave a voice mail message on our secure line if necessary.
- » You must have applied for and exhausted all alternate resources before CHS can assist with

payment. Examples of alternate resources are Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, L&I, other liable parties such as auto insurance, etc. If your insurance coverage terms or changes in any way you must notify CHS staff immediately. You will be asked to apply for an alternate resource in the event of coverage termination.

You may access the Tribe's website for more information or call Cathy, Johanna or myself. If we don't have the answer to your question, we will find it.

HEALTH CARE REFORM (HCR) **Open Enrollment Starts October 1, 2013** **with coverage beginning on January 1, 2014**

Whether you know it as Health Care Reform or the Affordable Care Act, it is a complex topic and can be overwhelming. Tribal leaders and staff have been involved in the implementation and development of Health Care Reform with the interest of protecting the sovereignty of AI/AN. The following provisions are made for enrolled members of a Federally recognized tribe:

- » Reduced Co-pays/Deductibles/Co-insurance (income guide lines apply)
- » Special Open Enrollment Periods
- » No Federal Mandate to Sign Up

Natives Americans and Alaskan Natives will not have a tax penalty if they choose to opt out of purchasing insurance but you are encouraged to look at the options available to you then make a decision as to whether it is affordable. If you fall within certain income guide lines you will qualify for health care at no cost to you.

For more information about options in your state please visit the Kaiser Foundation website at kff.org/health-reform.

You may also contact us at 360-575-8275 and ask to speak to a Certified Tribal Assistor.



*Jan Healy,
Grant Writer*

GRANTS

Since spring, the Tribe has conducted successful programs supported by grants that helped cover some of the costs. The Potlatch Fund, a Seattle foundation, gave Youth Board a grant to include leadership development during summer camp. The project involved Elders and several members of Tribal Council, with the older kids being role models for the younger ones. The Fund also gave us a bit more than we had asked in a grant for the Intertribal Canoe Journey. It is challenging to find grants for primarily cultural activities and we are grateful that Potlatch Fund continues to favor our requests.

In other good news, our Health and Human Services Department received a three-year grant from the U.S Department of Justice for the Pathways to Healing program, to provide various services for American Indian and Alaska Native people who have been victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse. Due to the federal budget sequester, our funding was about eight percent less than we'd hoped for. The program, managed by Debbie Hassler, also continues to win competitive grants from Washington's Office of Crime Victims Advocacy. Some of our diabetes services and suicide prevention activities, managed by Maggie Miller, will continue to operate with grants from the Indian Health Service. The state also awarded the Tribe a mental health promotion grant for parent/family skills and strengthening classes this fall and next spring. Several of our mental health therapists have completed the teacher training and will work with Mike Yates, the Tribe's Indian Child Welfare social worker, to teach the classes. Maggie Miller will manage the grant.

Unfortunately, we didn't get grants for two scientific research projects with eulachon (smelt). We had proposed a project to monitor and protect them from dredging activities in the Columbia River and another to find out how climate change

might affect survival of their larvae (the earliest growth stage after spawning) in the Cowlitz River and Toutle River. However, one of the federal agencies that funds such research is now more focused on threats to the fish during their years living in the ocean.

The Tribe's Natural Resources Department succeeded in getting a grant this summer from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund. The two-year project, led by restoration ecologist Eli Asher, in the Abernathy Creek watershed in western Cowlitz County, continues previous habitat restoration work by the Tribe's biologists to benefit endangered coastal salmon and steelhead. In a related project near Astoria in Young's Bay in the lower Columbia River, restoration biologist Rudy Salakory is managing a major long-term habitat project, funded by the Bonneville Power Administration. The 166 acres of land the project covers are being conveyed to the Tribe after generations of the original owners farmed there. The property will be managed for conservation, primarily to benefit endangered salmon and steelhead. Planning is underway to remove dikes that surround much of the property, so that over time natural wetlands can develop.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Tribal Wildlife Grant program awarded the Tribe a two-year grant to monitor endangered-status Columbian white-tailed deer. In early spring, the animals were sedated and helicoptered to the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, due to potential dike failure at the Julia Butler Hansen Refuge near Cathlamet. Besides the many challenges of adapting to a different home, the deer face threats from coyotes on the refuge and injury from vehicles if they try to cross nearby roads. The Tribe's wildlife biologist, Erik White, is managing the monitoring project, continuing his previous work with the species.

At press time, we were waiting to hear about funding levels for federal agencies for some of our pending and future grant applications. We're waiting to hear decisions about the following projects: renovating a building at St. Mary's into a cultural community center; setting up an economic

development department focused on developing tribally-owned and member-owned businesses; buying a minivan to replace an older vehicle in our transit service fleet and writing a safety plan for areas covered by our Transportation Department. In addition, we are optimistic that the Tribe's plan for a child care subsidy program will be approved and funded. The program would pay for childcare for children from lower income American Indian and Alaska Native families in Cowlitz, Lewis, Clark, and Skamania counties.

We have also applied for a small grant from Washington State to buy computer equipment for enrolling patients in children's health insurance and the Medicaid program. By press time, we will have submitted our application for three more years of funding for the senior nutrition program and caregivers support, with activities coordinated by Elders Program Manager Patty Kinswa-Gaiser.

We are still waiting for a decision on our three-year project proposal for a Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Native Americans. The project would support the Tribe's non-casino economic development by offering a variety of services and resources. Our proposal was shaped partly by responses to a business development survey mailed to tribal members and with input from the Tribe's Economic Development Committee. Tim Van Mechelen would manage the project and grant. As with other pending federal grant decisions, amounts and notifications depend on Congress passing a 2014 budget. We expect to hear about our application by the end of this month; the project would begin in October.



HEALTH BOARD REPORT

*Cassandra Sellards Reck,
Chair*

It is a great honor and privilege for the Tribal Council and Health Board to approve the naming of the Cowlitz Health and Human Services Wellness room in Longview The Ernie Donovan Wellness Center. We are all inspired by her years of service, and the dedication and always kind spirit that Ms. Ernestine Purcell-Donovan lives by. She

has tirelessly served to ensure better health and wellness for our people. Her example is a goal so many of us strive for.

The Health Board has met every month, sometimes twice a month, since June in our commitment to improve the Health Department of the Tribe. We are moving forward with an audit and efficiency study. We will monitor the progress and report back to General Council with the results.

In the last year I have been involved with the Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee (TLDC), representing the

Northwest Tribes as a Tribal leader. The TLDC makes recommendations to the IHS Director on broad-based policy and advocacy priorities for diabetes and related chronic health conditions. The Committee includes one elected Tribal Leader from each of the 12 IHS Areas, one federal representative, and one technical advisor from each of the following groups: Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, National Congress of American Indians, National Council of Urban Indian Health, National Indian Health Board, and Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee. The Tribal Leaders Diabetes Committee also plays a key role in ensuring that the IHS consults with Tribes be-



"Aunt Ernie" with her award

fore making decisions on diabetes treatment and prevention efforts. Tribal consultation is an integral part of federal program development because of the unique government-to-government relationship between the Federal Government and Tribes. With the Sequestration affecting all Indian Tribal budgets, the Health Board will continue to advocate to eliminate the budget cuts. Steve Kutz represents the Tribe at the Budget Formulation meetings where he advocates for full funding of the Tribal programs.

So many of the members of the Health Board and Committee are volunteering their time to protect our health care at the Federal and State level. Recently Patty Kinswa-Gaiser and Chairty Sabido-Hodges attended the National Indian Health Board meeting in Michigan. The first few days were dedicated to our Youth, and we were able to take 5 youth to attend and participate in the Youth Tracks. We appreciate Patty and Kiapo Rhodes for chaperoning. They and our young people were able to participate with youth from across the Nation.

Please feel free to contact Health Board members with any ideas and concerns you may have related to health and human services for the Cowlitz people.

All my Relations,
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14TH ANNUAL COWLITZ POW WOW

September 21, 2013

Honoring the Spirit of All Cowlitz People

The last day of summer closed with a spectacular Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow at Toledo High School, drawing in hundreds of dancers, drummers, artists, vendors, food stands, educational booths and spectators from all over the Puget Sound region and Southwest Washington for a festive, culturally-immersed time for all.



Jeanifer and Kevin King

Our special guests included Host Drum 206 Singers and Honor Drum Grey Eagle. The Cowlitz Drum Group also performed following each grand entry. Kevin and Jeanifer King (Cowlitz) were honored to participate as Headman and Headwoman dancers and Cowlitz tribal member Don Ryan was Master of Ceremonies and Arena Director was Ed Wulf.



A delicious salmon dinner greeted hungry participants and community members mid-way through the Pow Wow. Donations received for the dinner were very much appreciated, for it helps defer the costs needed to bring the event back year after year.



Other highlights included a Veteran gifting/honoring after each Grand Entry, dance competitions and games and story-telling for the youth after dinner. The Committee will begin the planning and implementation of the pow wow for next year, including a contest in the Spring for the T-shirt design for next year's pow wow. The artist of the chosen design will be awarded \$200, so spread the word around that we are looking for a tribal design.

We encourage volunteer participation! If you would like to be a vital member of this Cowlitz tradition and serve on the committee, please watch the tribal website at cowlitz.org and Cowlitz Indian Tribe Pow Wow for announcements, updates, and contact information for next year's event.



Special recognition goes to the following whom made this event possible: the Pow Wow Committee. Officers include Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens, Chair; Larry Knutson, Vice-Chair; Linda Foley, Secretary; Jane Meyer, Treasurer. Sub Committee Leaders include Larry Knutson, Vendors; Celine Cloquet, Public Relations; Raffle/Merchandise, Lindsey Foley; Concessions and Dinner, Patty-Kinswa-Gaiser; Cook, Randy Simmons; Fry Bread, Olivia Burlingame; Fish, Shirley Ward, Lenny Bridges, David Russell, Kirk Russell; Kids Program, Jennifer Johnson, Curt Stephens; Donations, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Suzanne Donaldson-Stephens; Volunteers, Linda Foley, Whitney Devlin. Additional committee members include Don Ryan, Sheril Dea, Teona Kinswa and Kevin King and Artists include Jeanne St. Martin and Clint Bublitz.

It is with much sadness we report the desinger of our 2013 Pow Wow emblem, Nathan Van Mechelen, recently succumbed to an incurable illness. We will cherish his memory and honor his original artwork, which is now framed and will be placed within a tribal building for all to enjoy, everyday.

COWLITZ TRIBE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The CITVR staff continues to work diligently for our clients despite the grim issues facing our program.

Shari Hughes reported to the Health Board in July on the issue of the Government Office of Accountability (GOA) and the interpretation of the term "reservation" as it pertains to the VR Grant. GOA has suggested that by allowing Tribes to have a service area, they are not following the intent of the law as written. GOA has instructed the Department of Education to review this difference in interpretation.

As of 9/3/13 the request for comments to WA DC is closed. Steve Kutz and Shari Hughes attended the final Consultation September 12th in Scottsdale, AZ. We are hopeful that testimony persuaded the Department of Education to continue using "service area" as an eligibility criterion for the VR Grant. Now, we simply wait for a ruling, hopefully one in our favor. We should know by December.

September is the last month of Year 4 of our 5 year grant. In the event that we lose the Department of Education Ruling, it appears at this time that we would not lose funding for our 5th year; October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. The ruling will however affect our eligibility to apply in the future for this grant.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Shari Hughes at 360.575.6220 or shughes.health@cowlitz.org.

COWLITZ TRIBAL TREATMENT

*Sybil Iverson,
Program Administrator*

I am the new Tribal Treatment Program Administrator. I have been with the Cowlitz Tribe for seven years and I am honored to be working as the new program administrator. I believe I have very big shoes to fill, with regards to the foundation Debbie Bennett created within the Longview and Vancouver CD sites. I am ready to step into the current projects that the treatment department have in place and continue to be an active partner in our communities. Our three sites are working together to minimize areas in our departments where youth and adults slip through the cracks. There is growth in our sites and addressing the need to reorganize our infrastructure has helped me to be attentive to the needs of our patients.

Thank you to all tribal members for your continued support.

TRIBAL GAMING AUTHORITY

Sonny Bridges, Chairman

The CTGA continues to move forward and work with our partner, Salishan/Mohegan, on planning for the casino development as we wait for the federal court's decision on our trust land application and our reservation proclamation.

Regarding the lawsuits, last March federal Judge Barbara Rothstein ruled that the Department of the Interior had not properly followed the law procedurally when it issued its supplemental Record Of Decision (ROD) and sent the ROD back to the agency to correct their procedural errors within 60 days. The department met the judge's timeline and issued a new ROD on May 9th. The Plaintiffs (Grand Ronde, the La Center Card Rooms, Clark County, Vancouver, CARS, and local land owners) filed their new lawsuits on June 6th.

The new lawsuits raise the same basic issues as before - lack of Secretarial authority under

the Carciere decision, NEPA violations, lack of historical connection to the land, and errors in approval of the tribal gaming ordinance. Judge Rothstein has put the case on a fast track. Plaintiff's briefs were due on September 23rd, our briefs are due on October 23rd, and the final reply brief is due on December 4th. We expect the judge will hold oral arguments in January 2014 and we should have a decision by spring. The judge consolidated the two cases, which will save the tribe time and money.

The federal government agreed to hold off taking the land into trust until March 31st or until there is a court decision, whichever comes first. This means that there is a chance the land will be put in trust before the lawsuit is final, but we do expect that the Plaintiffs would ask the court for an injunction to prevent the land from going into trust. While the tribe would not start casino construction until the lawsuit is resolved, having trust land earlier would open the door for land based grants, and would be a positive step towards reestablishing our homeland.

In September we received good news from Governor Inslee and the State Gambling Commission. They agreed to negotiate a compact with the Tribe. A compact will allow the Cowlitz to receive some new revenue by leasing its machine allocation to other tribes, while we wait for our casino to open. Our first compact negotiation session will take place in October, and we hope to have a compact agreed upon by the end of the year.

While the federal legal process goes on, we continue to work on planning the casino infrastructure for a sewer system and improvements for the I-5 interchange. We have hired a consultant to evaluate the cost, feasibility and procedural issues with an on-site sewer system, and expect a report by the end of September. At the same time, we continue to work with the city of La Center on an off-site sewer option, have held discussions on a third option - joining the new Clark County regional sewer system. We continue to work with the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and our consultants on planning for the I-5 improvements. The consultants have started their work, and there should be a hearing on it later this year.

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

Cassandra Sellards Reck

We are excited to report that the Cowlitz Youth have been busy! There have been and will continue to be gatherings all year long. Here are some of the upcoming opportunities for our youth to participate in:

November 2- General Council Youth Day Gathering at St. Mary's. This event will happen during the General Council meeting so parents can be in the meeting if desired. Youth will have movies, crafts and snacks provided. Location will be in the Tribal council room across from the gym at St. Mary's.

November 16- Language Teachings Day at St. Mary's. This gathering will be for all families. We encourage families to attend together. It will be from 1-5 with Dinner provided.

December 14- Christmas Party for Youth and Families at St. Mary's. This Gathering will be for Families. We will have crafts, Dinner and Santa will make an appearance. Patty Kinswa-Gaiser will also have her famous sugar cookie decorating tables.

Spring Break 2014 Gathering- We have tentative plans for the event to be at St. Mary's. We are currently working on the dates and times. Please stay tuned to the website.



Since the last newsletter, we had a very successful large youth gathering for summer camp at St. Mary's on June 21-25. We had so many special moments of learning. With the assistance of Jan Healy the Youth Board applied for and received

The Potlach Grant, which funded a large portion of the gathering. The chosen theme was Elders and Leaders Teaching and Mentoring Our Youth, and the older youth helped with teaching the younger youth.

There were many Cowlitz Health and Human Services staff members who came to teach classes. The Vocational Rehabilitation staff taught about career development. The Seattle HHS staff came, volunteered and taught class. The Pathways to Healing staff had older teens teaching a project. The RN and Medical Assistant of the Tribe taught fire safety and the importance of health. Staff from the Mental Health program also came and taught, Youth Board members taught substance abuse prevention, and Tribal leaders Phil Harju and Steve Kutz come and taught about leadership in the Tribe and the importance of education.

There were many cultural teachings. The older youth learned a craft and then taught the younger ones. It was a very special time. We had drum making, cedar procurement and weaving for journey, beading, language class with Michael Hubbs, cultural teachings by Tana Engdahl, drumming and cultural teachings with The Cowlitz Drum Group, and the Princess competition with the Canoe family with teachings by John O'Brien.



In addition to all that has been mentioned, the most cherished memory during those days was the construction of a new youth sweat lodge at the Cowlitz Landing property. Randy Cottonware, Greg Ladue Grove, Willie Koch, Darlene Rhodes, Steve Kutz, Melody Pfeifer, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Tanna Engdahl, Devin Reck, Teri Graves, Charity Sabido-Hodges, Sheryl Spar, Don Van Mechelen, Juanita

Clark, Cassandra Sellards Reck, Charles Fore-spring III, Elan Braden, Jennifer Johnson and several HHS Staff all volunteered to make this all-day event possible. Later that day a sweat was held in the new lodge, and for some it was their first sweat ever. Needless to say it was very special for all of those involved. Patty made an amazing dinner on the property after the sweat. We stayed late into the night drumming and dancing by the fire. It was a very memorable time together.

Thank you to Devin Reck and Jer-Amiah Wallace for staying overnight with the Boys and to Elan Braden and Charity Sabido-Hodges for staying with the girls. Having adults with our Youth keeps them safe and helps to support an environment that is healthy. A big thank you goes to all the Volunteers who help make our Youth events possible.

A big Thank you to Patty Kinswa-gaiser and Jennifer Johnson for preparing the meals, volunteering and making the event successful. We are grateful for the Housing Board, Pat Boyston and staff for supporting the gatherings at St. Mary's. Without all the support from the Chairman bill Iyall Tribal programs these programs wouldn't be possible.

Please invest in our future by donating to the Youth Program. We need volunteers, supplies, and any financial donations to help us continue this great work. Thank you for supporting this more than worthwhile cause--our children and our youth.

Youth Board Memebers:

Chair- Melody Pfeifer
 Vice Chair- Cassandra Sellards Reck
 Secretary- Debbie Hassler
 Youth Advocate- Devin Reck
 Steve Kutz
 Claudia Tenney
 Chairty Sabido Hodges
 Elan Braden

TRIBAL HOUSING HIGHLIGHTS

NEW APARTMENTS AVAILABLE



ST. MARY'S MISSION--125 SPENCER RD., TOLEDO, WA
Presented by Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing

Our brand new apartments have all the modern conveniences: built-in ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers, and microwaves. Other features include elevators, state-of-the-art fire sprinklers, building security cameras, individual thermostats, large windows and windowsills, custom blinds, and built-in bookcases. Also, we have covered parking, beautiful views, garden spaces and more--all in a peaceful country setting, yet close to Toledo and Winlock, as well as easy I-5 access! Water, sewer, and garbage included. Come see for yourself! Call (360) 864-8720 for information or an application.

Free transit services available from our covered bus shelter to medical facilities and shopping in Lewis and Cowlitz counties.

HOUSING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Elder Housing Complex: Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing welcomes you to the tribes beautiful new low income Elder (62+) Housing Complex, located in Toledo, WA. A variety of accommodations are available, from efficiency apartments to 2 bedroom condo-type units. Rents range from \$100 to \$652 per month, depending on size, amenities, and resident income. All buildings are protected by a closed circuit camera security system and state of the art fire protection. All apartments are served by elevators. Small pets (dog or cat) are welcome.

Rental and Mortgage Assistance: Your Tribal Housing offers help with rent or mortgage to qualified tribal members for up to 6 months.

Student Rental Assistance: College students enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per quarter may receive rental assistance.

Down Payment Assistance: Tribal housing is thrilled that more and more tribal members are applying for down payment assistance, thereby allowing CITH to help members realize their dream of homeownership. Qualifying members can receive up to \$20,000 for the down payment on a home.

Home Rehab:

Roof leak ? Porch wobbly ? Need wheelchair ramps ? Qualifying members can receive help with home rehabilitation needs that affect the health and safety of occupants.

Help to avoid foreclosure:

Tribal members affected by the current mortgage crisis should call the following number to get help to avoid foreclosure: 1-888-995-HOPE (4673). The website for the Making Home Affordable Program is: www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/ . This website is VERY informational and will explain new options such as HARP – Home Affordable Refinance Program and HAMP – Home Affordable Modification Program. It also explains other foreclosure alternatives such as a short sale and a deed-in-lieu.

Well and Sewer Repair or Replacement:

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

Homeownership or Financial Counseling:

For free homebuyer education classes conveniently located in your own city, go to Washington Homeowners Resource Center: website: <http://www.homeownership-wa.org>.

Do I Qualify for Assistance? Qualifications are based on family size & income, and are different in each county.

Who do I call for help?

Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing: 360-864-8720

*Sheryl Bertucci,
Assistant Housing Director*



**NATURAL
RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT**

Land Acquisition

We have been working with landowners, local leaders, the Army

Corps of Engineers (Corps), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), and others on habitat

restoration projects, and land acquisition projects. The work is for increasing the amount of valuable habitat for endangered species within the Columbia River Estuary. This is in connection to mitigation measures required by BPA and the Corps for their operation on the Columbia River. There is tremendous opportunity for the Tribe to regain much of our historic lands and steward them for species recovery and cultural use. We plan to get many hundreds of acres of land back to the Tribe under this effort.

We have recently acquired many acres of property along the Cowlitz River by working with Don and Randy Wallace (longtime friends to the Cowlitz Tribe) and Tacoma Power. It has been a long process, but now we have secured many acres for salmon conservation and will serve well for cultural access and future salmon restoration efforts.

NW Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC)

We have submitted and received positive words on a multi-million dollar salmon restoration program through to the NWPCC for funding. We have given a presentation of our proposal and are looking to begin under this program in January 2014. We have also spoke with NWPCC in regards to smelt. The NWPCC has opened up their fish and wildlife management plan for potential changes. We have submitted a recommendation to the Council in regards to increased awareness of smelt and potentially have them mitigate their hydro impacts for smelt. This could mean additional funds to be able to address smelt recovery.

Proposed Coal Terminals in the Northwest

There is a proposed coal export terminal next to the Columbia River in Longview, WA that has been working through the permitting process. They are planning to fill in nearly 600 acres of floodplain land next to the river which includes a lot of wetland areas. The proposed terminal along with two other proposals in the Northwest has drawn a considerable amount of controversy due to many factors. If the projects go through, impacts from coal export terminals will likely lead to: Further loss of Columbia River Estuary floodplain

lands important for salmon restoration; Increased shipping and train traffic in the Columbia bringing concerns toward increased mortality of already endangered or threatened species; Increase in invasive species brought here from international shipping; Decrease in air & water quality due to transport and movement of millions of tons of coal within the Columbia Basin; Increase in water withdrawal from the Columbia River Basin, which salmon, smelt and other aquatic species rely upon; and decrease in the quality of life for the Cowlitz People through continued threats on our cultural lifeway. There are numerous potential impacts that not only include cultural and natural resources threats, but also threats to the future economy. If the proposed projects go through, it will likely hinder capacity for other economic development growth in the region due to the saturation of coal shipping and train traffic in the region.

Many Northwest tribes have taken an opposing position towards these proposals. There has been a multi-tribal coalition that has formed to address the issue. The Cowlitz Tribe works closely with other tribes in the region on many issues. One big partnership is in efforts to restore the Columbia River to facilitate for restoration of first foods such as salmon, smelt, and Wapato. The Cowlitz Tribe has invested heavily in restoration, and the proposed coal terminals could set us back on our current efforts.

On September 7, 2013, the Cowlitz Indian Tribal Council took an official position opposing coal export facilities that are proposed within the Columbia Basin and the US Pacific Northwest. The Cowlitz Tribe intends to engage with federal, state, and local authorities during the course of environmental review and permitting processes for these proposed projects.

Columbia River Treaty Review

There is a lot of activity ongoing in this process. There has been two draft recommendation (can be found at: <http://www.crt2014-2024review.gov/>) that the US Entity (Bonneville Power Administration and US Army Corps of Engineers) has released to the public. The Columbia Basin Tribes staff and a number of Policy folks have been

working together & diligently in regards to getting a new treaty that has more consideration to our environment. Right now, the treaty only covers flood protection and power production. At the moment, the process is under negotiations in regards to trying to achieve a successful consensus based recommendation among numerous parties and interests, and to include ecosystem values.

There will be numerous meetings taking place for the rest of this year with the hopes of achieving a consensus and to adequately include environmental measures to protect fish and habitat. Tribes are looking to garner a broader support for our ecosystem with the States, other federal agencies, stakeholders, and our Congressional delegation in Washington DC. This process has gotten the attention at the National level, and the Cowlitz Tribe is a significant partner in this effort. The Cowlitz Tribe will continue to be highly engaged in this process alongside with 14 other Columbia Basin tribes.

Smelt Program

Recently, we were forced to suspend the eulachon research program due to lack of funding. We applied for a grant a few months ago but unfortunately we didn't get selected for this competitive grant. The news of not receiving the grant has been a blow to our Natural Resources Department. We have had to deal with layoffs which are always a tough situation. We plan and are working to bounce back from this with follow up policy activities and working with Tribal leadership in regards to addressing our concerns and issues with the Federal Government. As being the successful petitioner to have eulachon listed under the Endangered Species Act, our department is compelled to continue our engagement in addressing their recovery efforts and to continue to work towards recovery. We will maintain engagement with State and Federal agencies in this regard.

Recently, we found a way to re-hire one of the employees that we were forced to lay off. This is good news, and also the primary federal agency we are working with in regards to eulachon, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA), is working with us to find funds for future research efforts.

Other

There are many challenges we face in the future in regards to moving forward with important programs for restoring culturally important species. Funding is the biggest hurdle currently due to sequestration. While we may excel in some areas as noted, we are always subject to budget cut impacts of the Federal Government. We will continue to look for funds to support the Tribe's mission in this area. The Tribe has great staff in the Natural Resources Department that work hard to continue the Tribe's mission for Natural Resources Protection and Restoration. Please contact me for additional information on the projects and programs we do.

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CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD

By Cassandra Sellards Reck

The Cultural Resources Board (CRB) has had a great year of gatherings. The CRB meets monthly before Tribal Council at 7am and is open to all Tribal members. All of our events are family friendly. Our Elders and children are the most important asset we have. We work to improve the next seven generations and preserve our most valuable asset--our culture.

June 21 to 25 was the Cowlitz Youth Summer Camp. We had a very successful gathering this year. There were many staff members from the Cowlitz Health and Human Services health programs that came and

taught our Youth. Making drums, cedar weaving, beading, drumming, dancing, learning about our regalia, masks and so many of our cultural practices were some of the highlights of the days the youth and adults spent together. Tanna Engdahl taught our youth the traditional ways of our people, and we all learned what a strong Nation we are. One very special part of camp was the construction of a new Youth Sweat Lodge. Tribal members Randy Cottonware, Greg Grove, Willie Koch, Melody Pfeifer, Tanna Engdahl, Patty Kinswa-Gaiser, Darlene Rhodes and Steve Kutz came and assisted our youth that day on the Cowlitz Landing Property. It was a very special time together.

August 29-September 1 was this year's Huckleberry Camp at the Swift School House located near Mt. Adams. The 2014 Huckleberry dates will be the same. There is room on the property for tent camping and some RV space, and the Tribe provides the meals/snacks. Each day transportation is provided to the Huckleberry fields in Indian Heaven, where there has always been the annual gathering of Huckleberries. The Huckleberry ceremony is done before we go gather to give thanks. For more information please contact Cassandra Sellards Reck at 1-360-513-1243 or cesllardsreck@hotmail.com.

The Cultural Resources Board is made up of volunteers who strive to recover, preserve and promote Cowlitz culture. The Board welcomes



all Tribal members and families. Roy Wilson is the elected Chair. The Board is comprised of the cultural parts of the Tribe, four members selected from Tribal Council and four at large Tribal members. At the September meeting an Elder and Youth seat was added to the Board. If you are interested please contact Roy at 1-360-990-4265 or Steve at 1-360-731-2885. The current Board members are:

Officers

Chair- Roy Wilson

Vice Chair- Steve Kutz

Secretary- Cassandra Sellards Reck

Representatives from Cultural groups

Fish Distribution Representative- David Russell

Drum Group- Cassandra Sellards Reck

Canoe Family- Steve Kutz

Pow Wow- Linda Foley

Language- Roy Wilson

Youth Program- Claudia Tenney

Carving- Bob Harju

Four At Large-

Melody Pfeifer

Patty Kinswa-Gaiser

Mike Caso

Julie Skadden

Tribal Council appointed-

Taylor Aalvik

Debbie Medeiros

Celine Cloquet

Phil Harju

dAVe burlingame (non-voting)

COWLITZ RIVER FLOAT

By Melody Pfeifer

August 30th to September 2nd 2013:

Two canoes—a drift boat and an aluminum row boat—conducted Ceremony on the river banks along 27 lower Cowlitz Village sites where we

honored our Ancestors. We started just below Barrier Dam at Salkum and concluded our Journey near the mouth of the mighty Columbia River in Longview.

Each Labor Day weekend Cowlitz Tribal Members travel the lower waters of the Cowlitz River acknowledging, our Ancestors with songs and prayers, along with gifts left at each Village. Camping along the river for three nights and four



days, we were visited by Eagles, Osprey, and many other Wingeds. Deer, Salmon, and Trout also greeted us as they did in the times our Ancestors.

I really feel we were thanked for the work we were more than happy to do.

We were greeted at Cowlitz Landing with the sound of drums. The drummers were Tribal Members Roy Wilson, Randy Cottonware, and our fire tender Robert Harju. Others came to potlatch and stayed until way after dark.

We thank each one for their support and many stories, songs, and good food.

Our Spiritual Journey continues next year. If you would like to take part in the River Float please contact Melody Pfeifer (360.562.5185) or John O'Brien (360.880.4560).

COWLITZ CANOE JOURNEY

By Stephen Kutz

This year the Cowlitz Canoe participated in the annual Tribal Canoe Journey that ended at Quinalt.

We chose again this year to journey down the Columbia and traveled this traditional route to Point Grenville.

We began our trip at the Cascades, just below Bonneville Dam. The cascade rapids are now below the waters behind Bonneville Dam. This was an important fishing site historically for our Tribe and many of our members from the Cascade Indians made this area their home. Earlier this year I had a conversation with Sonny Aalvik and he told me his family story about one of his ancestors, a Chief, who was killed by the Army as revenge for settlers who had been killed by Indians. It did not matter to them if they had the right Indian. The Island where this occurred is under the dam. I mention this story because Sonny is no longer with us, and we need to remember those stories. On each year's journey we visit different places that meant something to our ancestors.



We joined up with our friends from the Warm Springs, Clatsop/Nehalem, and Snohomish canoe family on July 21st and started the next day down to Fort Vancouver.

At Fort Vancouver we landed, and were met on the beach by our Tribe and guests, and again hosted a cultural protocol on the evening of July 22nd for our members and our guests. We were joined by the head ranger from Fort Vancouver, Tracy Fortmann and her family for the celebration in the evening and camping overnight. We wish to thank Patty Kinswa-Gaiser for coordinat-

ing, and all the many Tribal members, friends, and staff for assisting preparing and serving the awesome meal that evening.

We headed down river the next day and joined the Grand Ronde and Coquille Tribes just below Portland and spent the night at St Helens, then Rainier, where the Cowlitz Tribe again welcomed the canoes and put on a short protocol for the city of Rainier. Then we traveled on to Skamokawa (where we were joined by the Chinook Tribe), Chinook, Bay Center (where the Chinook Tribe hosted), Tokeland (where the Shoalwater Tribe hosted, and then Ocean Shores. During this Journey we had three skippers, head skipper John O'Brian, Jeremiah Wallace, and myself. Melody Pfeiffer and Devin Reck were in charge of the ground crew and they did an awesome job. Don Van Mechelen provided and skippered the support boat and was always there for our canoe and other canoe families when we needed him.

On the last day we left Ocean Shores for Taholah and landed at Point Grenville, a distance of 29.6 miles. Coming up the coast and seeing the sailing ship, Lady Washington tacking back and forth up ahead, made it seem like we had traveled back in time.

At Quinalt, protocol began on August 1st and went 24 hours a day until then end on August 6th with only a 2 hour break for breakfast and 2 hour break for dinner.

The Cowlitz Canoe family under the leadership of Cassandra Sellards Reck took the floor for protocol on Sunday morning August 4th at 1:30 AM and we rocked the house until 3:30 am.

Next year, the Heiltsuk Nation in Bella Bella, British Columbia will host the journey and if we started at Squaxin Island, the journey would take us about 34 days of travel with some extra days added in for rest days and then the protocol days at the end added on. Bella Bella can only be reached by boat or plane. Given that none of us who work have that amount of vacation saved up, the Canoe Family will be exploring their options

and making plans for what our journey will look like next year.

To help the Cowlitz Canoe succeed in the annual Journey, we are asking for your assistance by donations and volunteering. As you can see, there is a lot of hard work that goes into moving the Canoe forward both in the water and on land. Thankfully through Canoe Journey we continue to see many lives changed for the better. You may contact Steve Kutz, the Canoe Chair at 1-360-731-2885 or by email at skutz.health@cowlitz.org if you wish to donate money or wish to participate. Follow the "Cowlitz Canoe" Family on Facebook for the most up to date information.



CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

FISH DISTRIBUTION: There are still some questions as to how the Fish Program works, so please allow me to

clarify. It's still pretty straightforward: if you need or want fish, call David Russell (360.673.2516: home, or 508.6493: cell), and he will add you to the list. I think the confusion arises because people are only getting calls when fish is available; nobody (except sometimes me) is notified when no fish are to be had, because that's just too many phone calls.

We were hit especially hard this year, as there were no fish until around June. People thought they were being passed over, but the truth is the hatcheries simply had nothing to give.

I hope this helps to explain things. We are trying to meet everyone's needs, and I am confident that we are doing that when the fish arrive in abundance. If you have any questions, please let me know.

PROJECTILE POINT FOUND: Near the end of August I became aware of a projectile point found on Vickie Hinkley's property, an Elder who frequently attends lunches at St. Mary's. (See how important to make and maintain these relationships?) Vickie insisted the point be returned to

the Tribe, and showed her find to Patty Kinswa-Gaiser. The point was eventually given to Chairman Iyall, and then it came to my department.



As you can see, the point is quite impressive, measuring approximately 10.2 CM (4 inches) long and 3.27 CM (1^{1/16} inches) wide and obviously made from obsidian. I sent a couple images to Archaeological Investigations Northwest, a Portland firm we are on good and trusting terms with. I talked with their head lithics expert, Terry Ozbun, who indicated this may be a find of some significance, especially for this area of Lewis County (the point

was found near St. Mary's). After taking the point to AINW's offices, Terry confirmed the striking integrity of the find, and paid to have it tested at a facility in Corvallis they use.

After a couple weeks we received the test results. The point's origin could be traced back to the Obsidian Cliffs, in the High Cascades of Oregon. Generally, the best "local" obsidian was to be found in Oregon, so it was not surprising the point originated--likely in a rougher shape--from that area.

What this does confirm is there was trading amongst the Tribes from at least hundreds of years ago (this point was dated from approximately 430 years ago, but several factors lead us to believe is it much older), and the trade was vital to all Tribes of the area.

Thank you for your time.

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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING: NOVEMBER 2, 2013
10:00 A.M., ST MARY'S. TOLEDO, WA
107 SPENCER RD,
AT THE INTERSECTION OF JACKSON HWY,
WITH THE FLASHING YELLOW LIGHT**

**CINNAMON ROLLS & COFFEE
AT THE GENERAL MEETING—\$3.00—FUNDRAISER BY
THE POW WOW COMMITTEE.**

**Please join us for the official dedication
of the Ernie Donovan Wellness Center!
January 4th, 2014, 3:00 p.m. at the Longview Clinic.**

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