

chicha is filled with giveaway items during the canoe's naming ceremony held at achaf-hammi plankhouse on Saturday, May 20.

Canoe naming

chicha, chinuk wawa for "grandma," was the name given to the Wellness canoe during a naming ceremony held at achaf-hammi plankhouse on Saturday, May 20. Almost 100 people attended the event to celebrate the canoe, healing in the community and to welcome the canoe to the community. The Health & Wellness Center commissioned Tribal member Brian Krehbiel to build the canoe to bring culture into the clinic. Dinner, drumming, singing and dancing followed the naming ceremony.





Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison speaks, as Tribal member Brian Krehbiel holds the microphone for her, at the Wellness Canoe Naming Ceremony held at achafhammi on Saturday, May 20. It was the last public appearance by Harrison





Health Services Executive Director Kelly Rowe hands out T-shirts during the Wellness Canoe Naming ceremony.

before she walked on Sunday, May 21.

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