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Tribal youth Sinamoxst-Tenas Ulestad, 1, beats on a drum while Tribal women and girls learn and practice dances behind him during protocol practice in the Tribal gym Monday, May 19. Tribal members and youth are preparing for the Paddle to Elwha 2025 Canoe Journey. Additional practices are scheduled to be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Monday, June 2, 16, 30 and Monday, July 7 and 14, in the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym.

Canoe Journey prep



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Tribal member Kyoni Mercier makes a necklace during the Youth Empowerment & Prevention Program’s gift making in the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center gym Wednesday, May 14. The gift making sessions are in preparation for the Paddle to Elwha 2025 Canoe Journey. Items made during the sessions will be gifted to Tribes who host the Grand Ronde Canoe Family along the journey. Additional gift making opportunities are scheduled for Wednesday, June 4 and 18, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, June 11, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in the Tribal Community Center.

Tribal Children & Family Services Program Foster Care Coordinator Audra Sherwood makes a necklace during gift making.



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Drummers listen to Tribal member Santi Atanacio, far right, explain drumming signals during protocol practice in the Tribal gym Monday, May 19. Tribal members and youth are preparing for the Paddle to Elwha 2025 Canoe Journey ending in Elwah, Wash., and hosted by the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. Landing Day is Thursday, July 31 and protocol runs Friday, Aug. 1 through Tuesday, Aug. 5.



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