

## Squaxin Island Tribe and Taylor Shellfish Farms Reach Monumental Water Agreement



Penni Restivo - In a momentous occasion on May 31, 2024, the Squaxin Island Tribe and Taylor Shellfish Farms celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for a new water line. The long-awaited project was possible through collaboration with Taylor Shellfish Farms, Planning and Community Development (PCD), Executive Services, Natural Resources, Legal, Council, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, and Department of Health. A new water source connection will meet projected water supply demands.

The Taylor Water Line, once completed, will provide additional water capacity to service Little Creek Casino and Resort, Kamilche Community, Housing Community, and other Departments of the Squaxin Island Tribe. This critical infrastructure upgrade opens exciting possibilities for future housing and development.

### Key points about the project



#### 1) INCREASED WATER SUPPLY:

The new water line will enhance the tribe's access to clean water, supporting both residential and commercial needs. With reliable water supply, the community can thrive and expand.

#### 2) ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES:

As the project progresses, it will create jobs and stimulate economic growth. Local contractors, engineers, and laborers will play a critical role in its construction, contributing to the local economy.

#### 3) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

The Taylor Water Line aligns with sustainable practices. By ensuring efficient water distribution, the tribe can better manage its natural resources and protect the environment.

#### 4) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

With improved water infrastructure, the tribe can explore new housing developments, community facilities, and recreation spaces. Families will have better living conditions, and future generations will benefit from this forward-looking investment.

#### 5) COLLABORATION AND GRATITUDE:

Taylor Shellfish Farms, Planning and Community Development (PCD), Council, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, and Department of Health for their unwavering support. Their partnership has turned a vision into a reality, and the groundbreaking ceremony marks the beginning of a brighter future.

### Looking Ahead

As the Taylor Water Line project progresses, the community eagerly anticipates the positive impact it will have. Growth, sustainability, and prosperity lie ahead for the Squaxin Island Tribe and its neighbors.

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## More Water Agreement Celebration Photos



## TRIBAL NEWS

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Contributing writers and artists include Squaxin Island community members and staff.

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## Council Highlights A look at the key decisions and actions of our Council:

### June 13th Council Meeting:

May 23rd Council minutes were approved and published at: <https://squaxiniland.org/tribal-member-info>.

The Skookum property (formerly known as the Port Blakely Property) day use was approved. The park will be open dawn – dusk and the rules will be posted on site soon.

The Tribal General Welfare Program was renamed and will be rebranded as “General Wellness.” Information and sign up can be found within the Tribal Finance Department, or by calling (360) 426-9781.

Tribal Council approved Resolution #24-43, which amends the Youth Code and will help ICW workers share information necessary to protect the best interests of the youth in the following circumstances: information shared with a teacher, counselor, or school employee for purposes of the youth’s education; information shared with any health care professional for the youth’s medical care, mental health, or substance abuse treatment; and information shared with potential placement providers to ensure safe and proper placement of the youth.

Tribal Council approved Resolution #24-44, which allows eligible tribal members to obtain low interest home loans on tribal trust lands from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Tribal Council gave their blessing for the Utilities Commission to work with Mason County to take back the billing responsibility at county rates and to create a policy for mandatory garbage pickup for community members. This also allows the Utilities Commission to seek subsidy back payment amounts from tribal enterprises for 2022-2024.

Tribal Council approved installation of solar panels on the NR/CRD building and one other location based on the contractor’s recommendation. This is a result of a grant obtained through DNR.



Squaxin Island Museum  
Library & Culture Center

## WATER SOUNDS ART GALA

September 21, 2024

Skookum Creek Events Center  
Little Creek Casino Resort

4:30pm Doors Open | 5pm Silent Auction | 6pm Traditional Dinner | 7pm Live Auction

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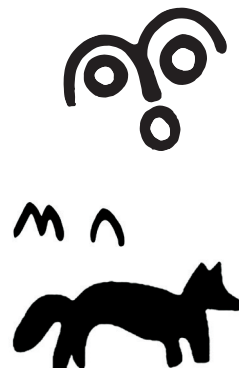
#### What’s a QR Code?

- QR codes are a type of barcode, or scannable pattern, that contain various forms of data, like website links, account information, phone numbers, or even coupons.
- To scan a QR code with your iPhone or Android, you'll want to use the QR code lens feature of your camera or download a QR code reader app.

Ready to try it?

Tribal Council approved a letter that was drafted showing their opposition to I-2117, repealing the Climate Commitment Act.

Tribal Council Minutes are always available on the tribal website: ([squaxiniland.org](http://squaxiniland.org)) and at the Tribal Center.



## SERIES OF SR 108 AROUND-THE-CLOCK CLOSURES SCHEDULED JULY AND AUGUST

After the 4th of July holiday, travelers are encouraged to plan for a series of closures at two locations on State Route 108 west of Kamilche.

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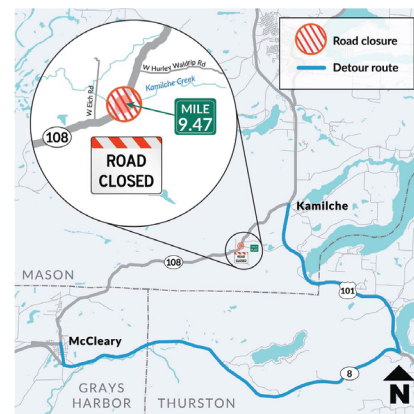
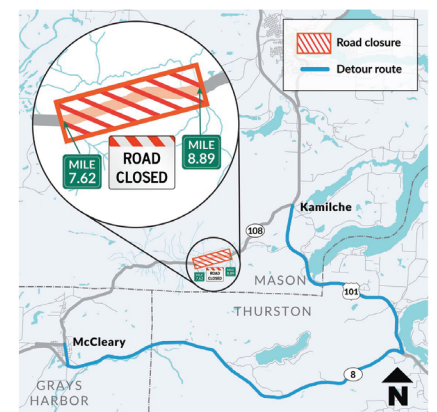
8 a.m. Friday, July 26 – 8 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9

The first closure starts Monday, July 8. The closures allow crews to complete a lot of work in a relatively short period of time. A detour route will keep people moving during the closures.

SR 108 BETWEEN WEST HURLEY WALDRIP ROAD AND EICH ROAD

8 a.m. Monday, July 8 – 8 a.m. Monday, July 22

8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 – 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28



### EXTENDED CLOSURES DURING BUSY SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON

WSDOT knows this is at the very least inconvenient. If we could build these projects faster and without affecting traffic, we would. But this work must be done. WSDOT must comply with a federal court injunction requirement. Issued in March 2013, the permanent injunction requires the state to significantly increase the efforts to remove state-owned culverts that block habitat for salmon and steelhead by 2030.

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Scan the QR to go to our website. Sign up for email updates on our project website. You can call the project team at (564) 225-3289 for additional information.



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# LITTLE CREEK

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### What's happening at the Creek

**Independence Day Swipe and Win up to \$5000 in cash** – Thursday, July 4th only Resort Reward members can swipe at the brand-new promotional kiosk for a chance to win cash and free play prizes all day!

**Crumb! Cookies** continue Tuesdays all month long in July. Seniors 50+ can claim their cookie voucher from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. each Tuesday. At 6:00 p.m., three winners will walk away with \$250 in free play and at 7:00 p.m., one lucky winner will walk away with \$1,000 in cash.

**Booming Bucks Blowout** - On Monday's and Wednesday's in July, get ready to punchout. We're playing this gameshow-style game every hour from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Blackjack July 8th and July 22nd** – With a \$40 buy-in, join us for a blackjack tournament at 7:00 p.m.

**Smokeless Hot Giveaway** – Friday's and Saturday's in July win your share of \$40,000 and a Solo Stove bundle.

### Upcoming Entertainment

THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER | July 12 & 13th | 8:00 p.m.

BINGO | July 19th, 20th and 21st | See the website for session times and prizes

CRUISE AT THE CREEK CAR SHOW | July 20th  
Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.

JEFF FOXWORTHY | August 10th | TWO SHOWS 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

### Other Resort News

#### Team Member of the Month

Congratulations to Trish Pugel for her well-deserved nomination! Known for her laughter, unwavering positivity, and exceptional work ethic, Trish embodies what it means to be a team player. She not only gets the job done with a smile, but goes above and beyond to support her colleagues whenever needed. Thank you, Trish, for brightening our days and making a difference in our team! (See image)

#### Everi Promotional Kiosks

We're thrilled to announce the arrival of our state-of-the-art promotional kiosks! Now, guests can enjoy enhanced opportunities right at their fingertips. From checking offers and tier status to viewing point balances, it's all conveniently available in one place.

#### July Hotel Package

NOW OFFERING KAMILCHE ADVENTURE TRIPS! Adventure accommodations include a gaming credit, and a 2-hour trek on the Salish Seas around either Hope Island or Squaxin Island, for two people! Call the hotel front desk to book now!

### Resort Wifi Upgrade

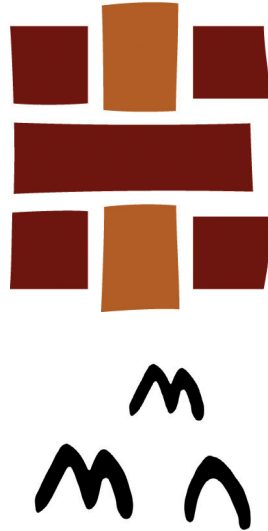
The IT team installed Wifi access points around the property. With this project coming to completion, we now have enhanced wifi in both hotel towers and the event center. The team removed old access points that were providing only partial connectivity, including an upgrade to the Skookum Creek Event Center.





### Tumwater Trading Post

Tumwater Trading Post construction is going smoothly. We have most of the trading post framed and walled in. We are really starting to see the vision come true!



### Blessing of our New Vessel, Seahawk

IEI and Salish Seafoods would like to thank all those who attended the blessing of our newest Salish vessel, "Seahawk."

A huge thank you to Rod and his team at Salish for putting this all together.



### Congratulations Talon Beattie!



Five years of employment with Island Enterprises!





## Experts share tips for keeping pets cool in summer heat

Summer means taking extra care to keep pets from overheating, an especially dangerous situation for brachycephalic breeds including pugs, bulldogs and others with short snouts or flat faces, experts advise.

Don't leave pets in parked cars, where temperatures quickly soar to life-threatening levels; make sure animals have plenty of shade and cool water when outdoors; and walk pets early or late in the day to avoid the heat of the full sun.

No one ever told Linda Pegram not to leave her dogs in the car. On a mid-80s day in April, Pegram cracked the windows for her 7-year-old Cocker Spaniel and 5-year-old Cockapoo as she shopped at a Walmart in Chester, Va. About an hour later, a passerby called police, who arrived to find the dogs dead inside the vehicle. Pegram, who was charged with two felony counts of animal cruelty, told local media outlets that she's devastated and didn't intentionally kill her animals. It's a grim reminder that, as the weather gets warmer, we need to pay extra attention to our pets. And keeping them inside vehicles on hot days isn't the only health risk.

Be careful with high-risk dogs. Animals cool by panting, and those that can't breathe particularly well have the highest risk for health problems during the summer. This includes brachycephalic dogs, or those that have a short snout or are flat-faced – like bulldogs and pugs. Pay special attention to seniors and overweight pets, too. If your pet ever breathes in and out in a noisy way, he may have some trouble with airflow, which in turn means he may have a harder time cooling off.

Don't keep your pets in parked cars. Research from San Francisco State University suggests that in 10 minutes, the temperature inside a car rises by 19 degrees. Make it 20 minutes, and the temperature spikes by 29 degrees; 30 minutes and it goes up 34 degrees; and after an hour, the temperature soars by 43 degrees. Dogs and cats have a baseline body temperature of 100 to 102 degrees, and their organs begin to shut down at 106 degrees. "Very quickly, you can literally be threatening your animal's life," says Cathy Unruh, an animal welfare advocate based in Tampa Bay, Fla. She cautions that you should never put your pet inside a car that's been parked outside in the blistering sun – the seats could be so hot that they burn your animal. Make sure the car is cooled down ahead of time.

Provide shade and water. Seems like a no-brainer, right? You'd be surprised, experts say. Always make sure your pets have ample shade and water when they're outside. Kiddie pools and sprinklers are a smart idea, too, says Jessica Almeida, transfer director at the Humane Society of Utah. "A lot of the time, they'll just go lie down in the kiddie pool and get their bellies wet," she says. But never spray your dog down with a hose: Chances are, it's been lying in the sun, and the water inside is scorching hot – enough so to seriously burn your pet.

Beware of heatstroke. It's more common in dogs than cats and often arises when exercising in hot weather. Louise Murray, vice president of Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York, suggests taking your dog out early in the morning or later in the evening, when the sun isn't so high in the sky. Try to keep animals indoors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., which is typically the hottest part of the day. Symptoms of heatstroke include increased heart rate, excessive panting, increased salivation, a bright red tongue, red or pale gums, vomiting and diarrhea. "Just think – our pets are furrer than us, and they don't process heat as well as we do," Almeida says. "So if it's too hot for you to be hanging outside, it's probably too hot for your dog."

Apply sunscreen. You're not the only one who can get sunburned: Your pets



can, too. Dogs are most likely to get sunburned on the bridge of their nose, in the groin area, on the tips of the ears and on their bellies, and animals with a thin coat are at particularly high risk. Invest in sunscreen that's specifically designed for pets. Don't share your own because some common ingredients, like zinc oxide, are toxic to animals, Murray says.

- Gus the doggie guy..



## Keep Cool





### Home Maintenance Summer Checklist

- **Check** your A/C unit and change or clean air filters.
- **Trim** any trees, bushes, shrubs, and apply fertilizer to lawn.
- **Power wash** windows and siding. Repaint or touch up siding, if needed.
- **Clean** lint from dryer exhaust.
- **Clean** and organize garage.
- **Check and replace** the grout or caulking around kitchen sinks, tubs, and toilets.
- **Clean** chimney.
- **Inspect** all plumbing around the house for leaks and clean aerators and faucets.
- **Inspect** basement/crawl space for any type of moisture issue and repair, if needed.
- **Clean** deck. Check and replace rotting and loose boards and re-stain, if needed.
- **Inspect** fencing and repair, if needed.
- **Check** roof for missing, loose, or damaged shingles, and repair if needed.



Connect with us for homeowner safety tips and other information [AMERIND.com](http://AMERIND.com)







## Summer youth Employment Job Application Workshop



## New Employee

**Anthony Sterrett**  
*Network administrator*

I have been hired as a Network Administrator within the IS Department. My primary responsibilities center on upgrading, maintaining, and troubleshooting the network devices and services which make up Squaxin Island Tribes internet, Wi-Fi and LAN connectivity.

I grew up in southern California, east of Los Angeles, in the San Gabriel Valley (La Puente, Baldwin Park). I am married with six children and seven grandchildren.

I am a U.S. Army Veteran with over twelve years of service and I enjoy volunteering with Veterans (VFW and American Legion, Yelm Post).

I have been working in IS/IT positions since 1998, which is twenty-six plus years. Whew!

What I find most exciting (and a little daunting!) about this position is that I will be working with every aspect of data networking. Working for larger organizations usually means working on just a slice of the network environment. Here, I work on it all!

This team is exciting to work with, because I have already worked with Lyza Manley and Steven Crosson, whom I know to be excellent, and the rest of the team is eager to learn and work hard.

While there are sure to be bumps ahead but, if we pull together and work as a team, we can definitely come through to a safe, secure, and stable computing environment which serves the needs of Squaxin Island Tribe well. I look forward to helping us reach that goal!



## Staff Learning How to Use Narcan to Save Lives on June 14





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



## HIGH SCHOOL



### Ahree Allen

Ahree Allen, the daughter of Marcia Tinaza and Arron Allen and granddaughter of Harriet Gouley and Isaac Allen, graduated in June from Shelton High School where she also enjoyed playing basketball.

She plans to attend college and pursue a career in social work.

In her free time, Ahree enjoys playing basketball, sewing, Canoe Journeys and powwows.



### Kyla Boelk

Kyla Boelk, the daughter of Rachel Ford and granddaughter of Mary Whitener, graduated from South Puget Sound Community College with her high school diploma in May.

She is currently employed as a marketing executive for a U.S. based manufacturing company and plans to continue working there, doing advertising and helping set up customer accounts.

She also plans to work part time somewhere in the Squaxin Island community.

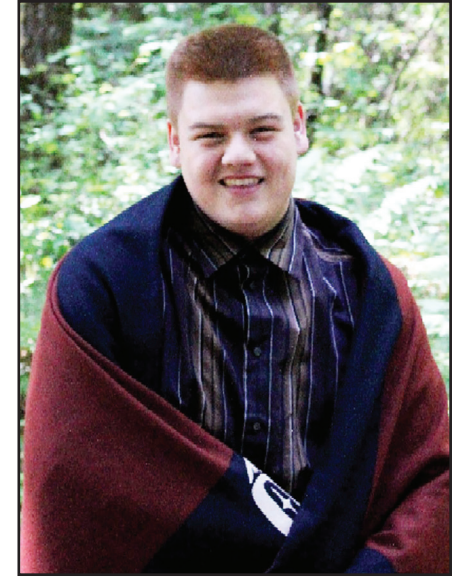
In her free time, she enjoys playing baseball and board games with her family, hiking, educating others on healthier options in their homes, reading, and going on walks with her best friend.



### Charlotte Bradley

Charlotte Bradley, the daughter of Larry Bradley and Denise Davis and granddaughter of Marlene Davis, graduated from Chief Leschi School in June.

She plans to attend The Evergreen State College this fall.



### Trent Brown

Trent Brown is the son of Kristin Penn and Michael Brown and grandson of Vicki and Tully Kruger. He is also the grandson of John and Laurie Neff-Brown and great-grandson of Harriet Gouley

Trent graduated from South Puget Sound Community College's High School+ Program in June.

He is currently employed by the Squaxin Island Tribe's summer youth employment program.

He previously worked for six weeks on the Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center remodel.

His plans for the future include college and homeownership.

In his free time, he enjoys football and mechanic work.





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### Kassidy Burrow

Kassidy Burrow is the daughter of Kim Burrow, granddaughter of Sallee and Don Elam, and the great-granddaughter of Fame Rankin.

She graduated from CHOICE High School in June.

She is currently employed as a Stepping Stones Mentor, and loves being outdoors, beading and traveling.

She doesn't have her future plans carved out yet, but says she can't wait to see what's out there for her.



### Justin Case

Justin Case is a member of the Bagley family, and is the son of Jeb and Candace Case and grandson of Loretta Case.

Justin graduated from South Puget Sound Community College with his high school diploma.

He is currently employed as a painter and loves to ride dirt bikes and be with his family, living life to the fullest.



### Adarius Coley

Adarius is the son of Theresa Sanchez and Clinton Coley and the grandchild of Anna Sanchez, and Frank and Annie Coley. He graduated with his high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College in May.

Adarius plans on finishing a few credits at SPSCC in the fall, then transferring out of state to Hawaii with a focus on marine biology.

He will be taking the summer off, then going to jump back into college work in the fall.

Adarius practices his ancestral rights, fishing, hunting and clam digging.



### Kestle Coley


Kestle Coley, the daughter of Richard Coley and Angel Blueback and Terri Capoeman, graduated from South Puget Sound Community College High School 21+ Program in June.

She is currently working in childcare and her plan for the future is to continue her education in law.

"I have so much I could say and so many to thank throughout this journey," she said. "But first I will start with saying my native heritage has been a source of strength and inspiration, guiding me through the many challenges I have faced. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported me along the way. Your encouragement and belief in me have been invaluable, helping me overcome obstacles and stay focused on my goals.

"This achievement is not just mine, but a testament to the love and support of my family, friends, and community. Thank you for being there for me and for sharing in this joyous moment.

"Also, I want to throw in a huge thank you to my husband for never giving up on me and believing in me. You rock Babe!"



**Graduates  
not pictured**

**Nohea Robinson Black**

**Wyatt Melton**





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## HIGH SCHOOL



### Kira Coley

Kira Coley, the daughter of Richard Coley and Angel Sen and spouse of Gaspar Victoriano, graduated with a high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College in June.

She is currently enrolled at Clover Park Technical College to further her education.



### Hannah Forcier

Hannah Forcier is the daughter of Anthony Forcier, Jenn Tootell, and Celeste Gaidrich and granddaughter of Marylinn McFadden, Cathy Miklethun, Ted Forcier, and Larry Gaidrich.

She graduated from Shelton High school in June.

She participated in two seasons of track and soccer, played guitar in the pit band for the school's winter musical, and sang in choir.

Hannah's planning to go to community college for a couple of years before deciding which school she wants to go to. She wants to become a sports physical therapist.

She worked at Beach Party Fireworks for about four years for her aunt, Meloney Hause where she restocked fireworks and worked at the cash register.

She enjoys writing stories and songs, playing the guitar and ukulele, and producing music electronically.



### Alonzo (Aj) Grant

Alonzo (Aj) Grant, the son of Melissa and Alonzo Grant, grandson of Marvin Henry, Sr., and Katherine Anderson and Donna and Johnny Grant, Sr., graduated from CHOICE High School.

Aj had dreams of becoming a professional streamer and was extremely tech smart.

Another one of his passions was welding and modifying cars. He was pretty much self taught, with some help from his dad.

In his free time, he enjoyed welding, drifting, car shows, gaming, car repairs, and hanging out with friends and family.



### Sarah Koshiway

Sarah Koshiway, whose guardians are Casey and Bobbie Brown, is the daughter of Robert Koshiway and Sally Scott, granddaughter of Ramona Mosier, and great-granddaughter of James "Jim" Krise.

Sarah graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She is currently employed by the Squaxin Island Tribe as a Community Kitchen Assistant and is looking forward to exploring the culinary arts, specializing in baking.

In her free time, Sarah enjoys poetry, both reading and creating it. She also enjoys taking her dog for walks, music, video gaming, baking, shopping, nature, and theorizing.





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### Jason Longshore

Jason Longshore, whose guardian is Darryl Laclair, graduated with honors from Shelton High School in June with a 3.5 GPA.

He also participated in DECA.

Jason plans to attend the University of Washington (UW) for computer science.

He enjoys computer science, physics, basketball, and higher learning.



### Cora Krise

Cora Krise, the daughter of Virginia "Ginny Mae" Berumen and Rodney Krise, Sr., and granddaughter of Virginia and Jose Berumen, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She enjoyed playing soccer at Shelton High School and also enjoys drawing, writing, watching good movies, and spending time with loved ones.

She plans to further her education with a Bachelor degree in psychology. She hopes to become a therapist for children and/or a substance abuse therapist.

"I'd love to help the people in need," she says.



### Tanalee Mendoza

Tanalee Mendoza, the daughter of Davina Braese and granddaughter of Tonya Henry, graduated with honors from Shelton High School in December, 2023.

Her plans after high school are to go to South Puget Sound Community College in the fall to get her AA degree and start her journey to become a dental assistant.





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### Alysa Meyer

Alysa Meyer, the daughter of Jeromy Meyer and Juana Nelson and Stephanie Hodkinson and Dustin Greenwood, and granddaughter of Janette Sigo and Scott Meyer and Bill Hodkinson, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She participated in baton, soccer, and the Upward Bound program, which helped her get quite a few scholarships to attend Western College where she plans to study marine biology.

She is currently employed as a cashier at Safeway.

In her free time, Alysa enjoys drawing, painting and spending time with her bestie, Cora Krise.



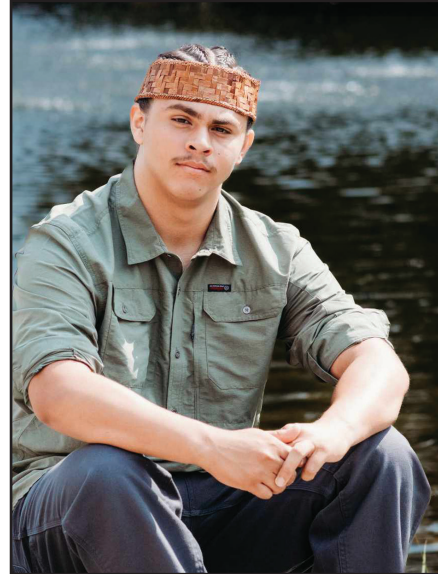
### Brayden Moore

Brayden Moore is the son of Timothy Moore and Jennafer Moore, grandson of Thomas and Nancy Moore, John and Carol Tillman, and Robert Smith.

He graduated from Shelton High School in June.

He enjoyed auto mechanics class and plans to attend Lineman's school in Idaho when classes start next year. He plans on getting a job until that time.

In his free time, Brayden enjoys working on vehicles, attending all different types of car races, Supercross, video games, paintball, and spending time with friends, family, and his girlfriend, Nevaeh, who also graduated in June.



### Journey Bear (Roy) Perez

Journey Bear (Roy) Perez, the son of Jennifer Brown and grandson of Dan and Pat Brown and Elizabeth Perez, graduated from Shelton High School in June with a 3.5 GPA.

He played basketball and football for Shelton High School.

Journey Bear received awards from the Evergreen Conference All Academics for keeping a 3.5 or above GPA while playing football and basketball. He also received an Honorable Mention All League for basketball.

He will be traveling to Arizona in June and July for basketball nationals and to the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI).

He is currently employed in the forestry industry planting trees and doing other forestry work.

He plans to attend a trade school or do an apprenticeship program to become an electrician.

In his free time, Journey Bear enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with friends.



### Shae Peters

Shae Peters is the daughter of Kris and Brandi Peters and granddaughter of Michael and Linda Peters.

She graduated from Capitol High School in June.

Shae was a member of Choir (making it to state), Honor Society, and Theater, and also participated in Running Start.

She plans to continue her education and work for the Tribe.

In her free time, she enjoys playing the guitar, thrifting, music, being on the water, and cruising.





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**Chenoa Peterson**

Chenoa Peterson, the daughter of Johna and Tomahawk Peterson, granddaughter of Valerie M Peterson, and great-granddaughter of Pete and Marilee Peterson, graduated from Lanphier High School in Springfield Illinois in June.

She will be starting Lincoln Land Community College in the fall working on an Associate of Arts degree.

She is currently employed as a Guest Services Representative at Target and enjoys, drawing and painting.



**Ana Pinon**

Ana Pinon, the daughter of Susan (Wicket) and Moose (Patrick) LaClair and Jeffrey Piñon, and granddaughter of Larry McFarlane, Sue Henry, Ernesto and Patty Piñon, and Marlene Johns, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

In high school, she was a varsity basketball player, earning awards for Miss Hustle and 3-Point Shooter.

She may play basketball in college, and she wants to assist tribal youth in basketball.

Ana is considering entering beauty school or early childhood education.

In her free time, she enjoys playing basketball, children, beauty, and shopping.



**Jasmine Rivera**

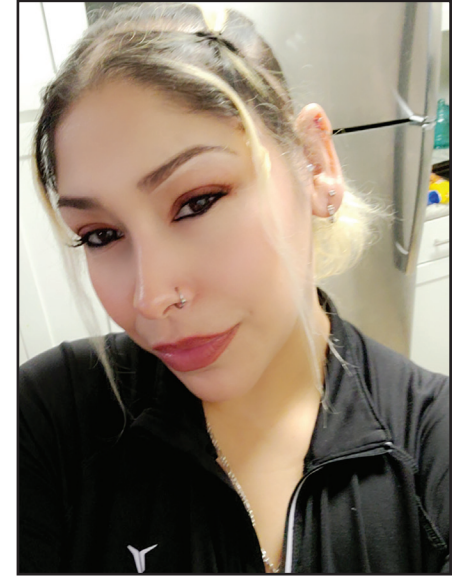
Jasmine Rivera, the daughter of Tony Rivera and Sonya Nugent and granddaughter of Rose Davis and Edward Lee Nugent, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She was a member of the varsity basketball team for four years and had the honor of being team captain for the last two.

She is currently employed with the youth this summer, and plans to be an independent business woman in the future.

In her free time, she loves to make memories with her family and friends and play basketball. She enjoys drawing and painting and has learned to bead earrings and key chains and has woven a wool skirt. She also likes to make money digging.

"Shout out to my dad!," she says. "Because of him, I've learned to use my mistakes and experiences as lessons in life. He taught me to love while I'm angry and stand tall while I'm sad. He taught me how to be more than just a good human being. His commitment and dedication shows through, me being the last of his four to graduate. I just know, Dad, that I made you so proud, and I want you to know you're the brother your sisters need. You're the son a mother deserves. You're the uncle all the "kiddos" are excited to see, and, most importantly, you're the dad we will always need. Thank you to my dad and to my village for doing your part.



**Amanda Salgado**

Amanada Salgado, the daughter of Rene Salgado, granddaughter of Anthony James, great-granddaughter of Sarah James, and spouse of Roberto Galvan, graduated with a high school diploma from Renton Technical College in June.

In the past year, she completed a ROW program through the Muckleshoot Tribe and, with that, got a food handlers card, money skills certificate, and a whole lot of knowledge. She then proceeded to get her CNA, and now.... She just got her DIPLOMA!

With the CNA, she plans to care for Elders and continue her education with college.

At the moment, she is a stay-at-home mom with four children, but she's got big plans for her future.

In her free time, she enjoys beading, walking on the beach finding shells, hiking, camping, and fishing.

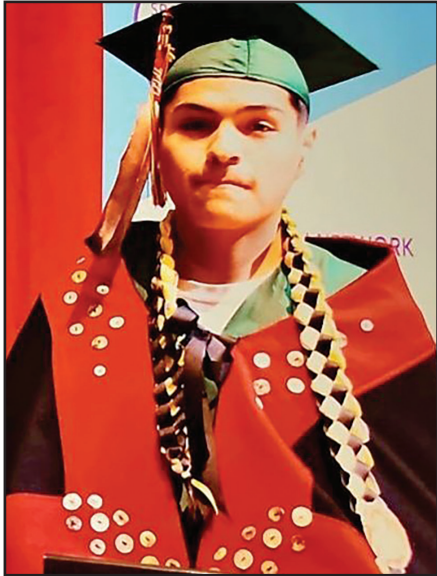




# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



## HIGH SCHOOL



### Stanton Sicade, Jr.

Stanton Sicade, Jr., the son of Stella Yocash and Stan Sicade, granddaughter of Virginia and Jose Berumen and Rose Sicade, was raised by Linda Charrette.

He graduated from Cedar High School in June.

Stanton plans to attend Olympic Community College's welding program.



### Selah Thale

Selah Thale, the daughter of Tyler and Erika Thale and granddaughter of Charlene Krise, graduated with a 3.9 GPA from Capital High School in June.

She was a member of DECA and the debate club.

Selah is still figuring out her plans for the future.

She enjoys drawing, listening to music, and going on hikes.



### Tayla Vigil-Logan

Tayla Vigil-Logan, the daughter of Alessii Vigil, sister of Keesha Vigil and Keenon Vigil, and granddaughter of Lila and Jose Vigil, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She plans on working this summer as a Stepping Stones Mentor.

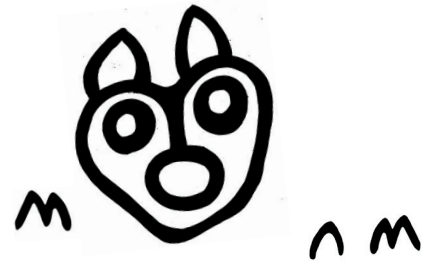
During the fall, Tayla plans on going to South Puget Sound Community College to earn an Associate degree. From there, she'll decide if she wants to go after a Bachelor's degree.

She will be working part-time while in school.

In her free time, Tayla enjoys beading keychains and earrings, and spending time with her family and friends.



### Raiatea Villanueva



### Kade Whitener

Kade Whitener is the son of Patrick and Jacqueline Whitener, and grandson of Donna Duback and Wilson Whitener and Nancy Williams and Ray Benavente.

He graduated from Capitol High School in June.

He earned a Varsity letter/coach's award in competitive swim and a winter inspirational award.

He plans to pursue aviation through the U.S. Army National Guard and become a commercial pilot.

In his free time, he enjoys swimming and cars.





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



## ASSOCIATES



### Jolene Peters

Jolene Peters, the daughter of Jeffrey and Paula Peters, granddaughter of William "Bill" and Louise Peters, great-granddaughter of Josephine Bagley Peters and great-great-granddaughter of Lottie Skalapin, graduated with a 3.94 GPA from Northwest Indian College in June with her Associate degree.

She was awarded scholarships from American Indian College Fund and was on the Northwest Indian College President's List and Dean's List.

Jolene is currently employed as the Office Manager for the Squaxin Island Tribe's Family Services Department where she plans to continue serving her people.



### Lettie Machado-Olivo

Lettie Machado-Olivo, the daughter of Twana Longshore, graduated from Northwest Indian College with a 3.70 and her Associate degree in June.

She made the Presidents List a few times and the Deans List two times.

Lettie is currently employed as a Family Services Childcare Coordinator and Community Advocate for the Squaxin Island Tribe's Family Services Department.

She plans to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Tribal Governance and Business Administration.

In her free time, Lettie enjoys spending time with her four children, watching movies, cooking, and Native art.



### JayAnna Cattaneo

JayAnna Cattaneo is the daughter of Harold Gamber and Susan Crone, and spouse of Edward Cattaneo.

She graduated from Carrington College in March with a Associate degree in Nursing.

She was an Honor Roll student with a 3.58 GPA.

She is currently employed as an ICU Registered Nurse at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center in Virginia Beach.

She plans to continue her education to become a Nurse Practitioner in dermatology.



### Kasia Seymour

Kasia Seymour, the spouse of Tyrone Seymour, daughter of Rose and Alan Krise, and granddaughter of Virginia Berumen, Cowboy Jose Berumen, and Leroy Yocash Sr. and Eleanor and John Krise, graduated with a 3.97 GPA from Northwest Indian College with an Associate degree in Arts and Sciences.

She received the honor of being on the Presidents List spring quarter 2023, fall quarter 2023 and winter quarter 2024 for having a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Kasia is currently employed by the Squaxin Island Tribe's Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center in the after school program with Squaxin youth.

Her plans for the future are to continue on to earn a Bachelor's degree with Northwest Indian College and continue serving her Squaxin Island people.





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



## BACHELORS

## MASTERS



### Terri Capoeman

Terri Capoeman is the daughter of Lizzie Perez, Mel Smith, Leah Krise, and Herbert Capoeman, Jr. and granddaughter of Roy and Clara (Bagley) Seymour, Herbert Sr. and Lizzy (Mosie's) Capoeman, Zita Cush, Bubby and Evelyn (Krise) Miller.

She graduated with a 3.8 GPA from Northwest Indian College Nisqually/Lummi campuses in June with a Bachelor's degree in Native Studies Leadership.

Terri thanks the Squaxin Island, Puyallup, and Muckleshoot Tribes and NWIC for her scholarships. "Nisqually, I applaud you for having an off-campus site in Puget Sound" she says. "As a result, I could attend college and complete my degree."

When asked about her plans for the future, she said, "Just be the person that I am today. I have a huge family and want to keep traditional family connections. Grandma Clara said I am rich because of my family, not because of money from trees. I want to share my knowledge of the family and its history. The Bagley family has so many branches, and I continue to meet someone new every day.

Terri is currently employed as the WFD Case Manager at Family Services and loves to attend canoe journeys, clam digging, and having that family time.

### Jayde Smith

Jayde Smith is the daughter of Bob and Carol Smith and granddaughter of Jackie and Don Smith.

She graduated from Saint Martin's University in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education with a minor in Exercise Science. She had a 3.81 GPA.

Jayde was a President's Scholarship recipient and was on the Dean's List each semester. She also played Intramural sports.

She plans to attend Gonzaga University to earn a Master's degree and become a teacher/athletic director.

In her free time, she enjoys hiking, coaching, and working out.

### Aaron Peters

Aaron Peters, the son of Roger and Leslie Peters, and grandson of Cal and Ina Peters and George and Christie Conner, graduated in May from University of the Southwest with a 3.9 GPA Summa Cum Laude and a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

He plans to attend law school in 2025.

In his free time, Aaron enjoys baseball, fishing, spending time with family, and working out.

### Lindsey Harrell

Lindsey Harrell is the daughter of Donna and John Harrell, granddaughter of the late Barbara Henry, and spouse of Trevor Summers.

In August 2023, she graduated from the University of Arizona James E. Rodgers College of Law with a 3.8 GPA and a Master of Legal Studies. She graduated Magna Cum Laude.

She is currently the Legal Department Coordinator for the Squaxin Island Legal Department.

Lindsey plans to continue to serve the Tribe through the Legal Department and hopes to expand her career in tribal law and administration.





# CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



## MASTERS



### Daniel Kuntz

Daniel Kuntz, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Kuntz and grandson of David and Fame Rankin, graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Eastern Washington University in December, 2023, with a Master of Business Administration.

He was a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

He is currently employed as the Policy Program Manager for the Tribe where he plans to continue working in the future.



### Nicholas Meyer

Nicholas Meyer, the son of Michelle Clark and Jeromy Meyer, grandson of Patti Riley and Jannette Sigo, and spouse of Hailey Fields, graduated in May with a 3.9 GPA from Grand Canyon University with a Master of Science in Biology.

He is currently employed as a Water Resource Specialist for the City of Phoenix where he works to combat the drought being experienced in Arizona due to strain placed on the Colorado river basin.

Nicholas is interested in health, medicine, sustainability, and government.

In his free time, he enjoys going boating at Lake Pleasant and exploring the Sonoran Desert.



### Kimberly Peterson

Kimi Peterson, the daughter of Brett Peterson (Skokomish) and LaVonne Peterson (Blackfeet) and granddaughter of Curtis Peterson (Skokomish) and Louise Getty, graduated in June with a 3.72 GPA from Western Washington University (WWU) with a Master of Science in Experimental Psychology.

At WWU, she participated in the Lehman Stress and Cardiovascular Lab, Intergroup Cognition Lab, Center for Cross Cultural Research, and the Society for Indian Psychologists

*Her awards included:*

#### Outstanding Graduate

WWU

Psychology Department, 2024

#### Ross Travel Award

WWU

Graduate School 2024

#### Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship Award

University of California

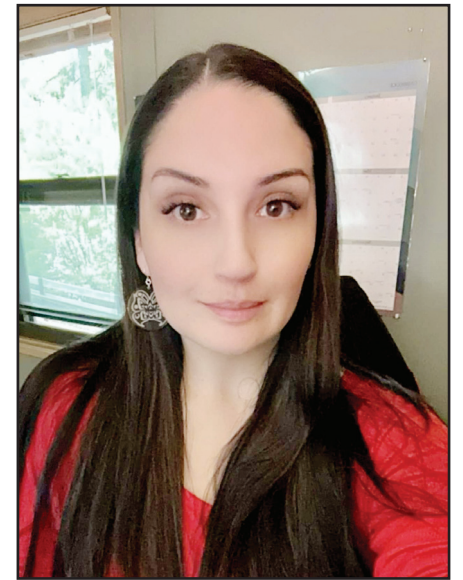
She is currently employed as a Research Assistant at Children of the Setting Sun Productions and is a Northwest NARCH Research Fellow at Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board.

In the upcoming months, she will be starting her PhD studies at the University of California, Berkeley, where she will be doing research on the impacts of anti-Native American prejudice and systemic racism.

In her free time, Kimi enjoys art, design, and rugby.



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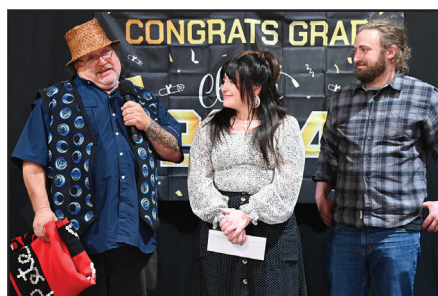


### Susan Wicket LaClair

Susan Wicket LaClair, the daughter of Sue Henry and Larry McFarlane, granddaughter of Theresa Cooper and Walter Henry, and spouse of Patrick Moose LaClair of the Skokmish Tribe, graduated from Northwest Indian College with a 3.72 GPA and a Certificate in Entrepreneurship.

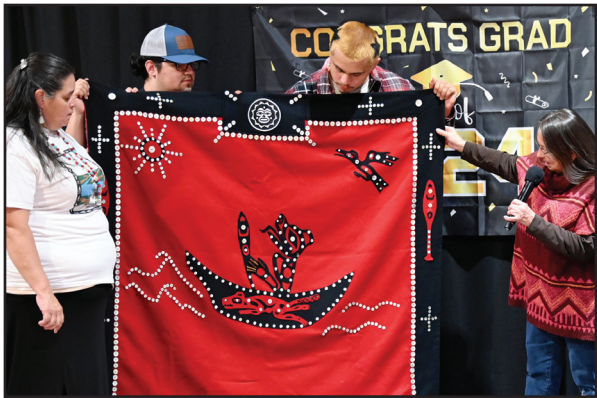
She plans to earn a Bachelor's degree in Business and Tribal Governance and continue to serve the community where she is currently employed as the Work Force Development (WFD) Site Manager.

In her free time, she enjoys baking, bowling, beading, coloring, and watching tv shows.



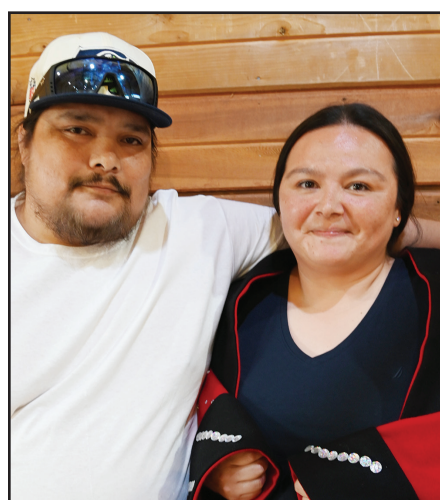


# SGWI' GWI





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## June After-School Program

We hope you have a wonderful summer!

June was filled with fun and exciting activities.

On Monday, June 3rd, the youth played some outdoor games in the sunshine, including catch with a football and some freeze tag on the playground.

On Tuesday, June 4th, the youth were excited to go outside and play, so we played on the playground and did some sidewalk chalk. The Griffin youth also were able to swim in the pool and they had a great time splashing around.

Wednesday, June 5th, was an early release for Griffin youth, so they were able to play in the gym a little earlier than usual, and they went outside to get some fresh air playing on the swing and playground. The Bordeaux youth were able to swim in the pool and have a great time on Wednesday as well!

On Thursday, June 6th, the youth watched the movie *Migration*. The youth were able to hang out in the gym with their buddies and played some games outdoors for their last day of the program! We had a blast being outdoors and getting to hang in the sunshine.

This school year was an exciting one, and we had a lot of great times with the youth. Thank you to all the youth, you make it fun! See you at Summer R.O.O.T.S!

Stay tuned for the upcoming Summer Rec calendar on our Facebook page, Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center or join our Remind app! Text @SquaxinTYC to 81010 - The Remind app will text our weekly hours and any urgent updates directly to your phones!

## Making Popsicles



## STEPPING STONES

# JULY 2024

- DAILY START/END TIME 9AM-3PM (COULD VARY)
- DROP OFF/PICK UP
- LOCATED @YOUTH CNTR
- DAILY PROGRAMMING
- LOCATED AT SKOOKUM (PORT BLAKLEY)

Sunday	Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Introductions! 9am-3pm	2 normal programming 9am-3pm	3 normal programming 9am-3pm	4 Fourth of July closed	5	6
7	8 normal programming 9am-3pm	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Garden week</b>						
<b>Traditional stories/games</b>						
21	22	23	24 Overnight at hope island	25 youth go home at noon	26	27
28 Canoe pulling in our home waters	29	30	31	Canoe pulling in our home waters		

Canoe Journey July 31st- →

August 6th



# YOUTH CENTER



## Squaxin Island Tribe Summer Rec Program

### July 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <b>First Day of Summer Rec.</b> Swimming, Camp & Cultural Activities	2 Plant Medicine Outdoor Games & Sports	3 <b>Closed</b> <b>For 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday</b>	4 <b>Closed</b> <b>Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July</b>	5 <b>CLOSED to Youth</b>
8 Swimming, Camp & Cultural Activities	9 Plant Medicine, Outdoor Games & Sports Drumming, Dancing & Singing with Granny Vicki	10 <b>Field Trip:</b> Hands On Children's Museum Frogs/ Salmon Groups Leave 9:45am Return 1:30pm	11 <b>Field Trip:</b> Hands On Children's Museum Bear/Orca Groups Leave 9:45am Return 1:30pm	12 8:30-12pm Swimming & Fun Fridays
15 Swimming, Camp & Cultural Activities	16 Plant Medicine, Outdoor Games & Sports Drumming, Dancing & Singing with Granny Vicki	17 <b>Field Trip:</b> WET Science Center Frogs/ Salmon Groups Leave: 9:55am Return: 1:30pm	18 <b>Field Trip:</b> WET Science Center Bear/Orca Groups Leave 9:55am Return 1:30pm	19 8:30-12pm Swimming & Fun Fridays
22 Swimming, Camp & Cultural Activities	23 Plant Medicine, Outdoor Games & Sports Drumming, Dancing & Singing with Granny Vicki	24 Camp Activities, Swimming & Cooking Activities	<b>Field Trip:</b> Shaw Aquatic Center in Centralia Leave: 9:30am Return: 3:00pm	26 8:30-12pm Swimming & Fun Fridays
29 Swimming, Camp & Cultural Activities	30 Plant Medicine, Outdoor Games & Sports Drumming, Dancing & Singing with Granny Vicki	31 <b>Summer Rec Closed, Staff will be Providing Activities @ Puyallup Youth Canoe Journey</b>		

Calendar is Subject to Change at any time. Summer Rec is Tobacco/Vape, Drug and Alcohol-Free Program.  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-3:00pm & Fridays 8:30-12 noon.



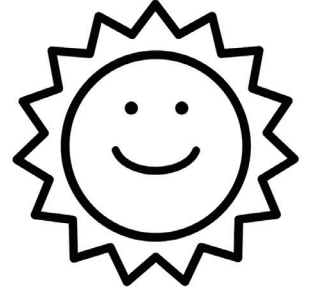



**Culture Night**

**See you there!**  
**5:30pm Wednesdays**  
**@ The Community Kitchen**



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SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT  
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SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:	Case No.: CW-2015-1503-0080
MP	NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
Indian child.	

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL YOUTH COURT TO: Juanita Pugel and Anton Pugel

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to the Squaxin Island Youth code, the Court has set a guardianship hearing in the above captioned matter. The hearing on this matter shall be held on July 11, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN A GUARDIANSHIP. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

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THE HONORABLE ANITA ESTUPIÑAN NEAL

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT  
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SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:	Case No.: SWI-CW-2024-03-5
J.L.	NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
Indian child.	

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL YOUTH COURT TO: Jason Longshore

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to the Squaxin Island Youth code, the Court has set a guardianship hearing in the above captioned matter. The hearing on this matter shall be held on August 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN AN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

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## Alcohol and Babies Don't Mix

By Dr. Ferguson - According to national health statistics, about half of non-pregnant women of reproductive age and about 20%, or one in five, report binge drinking sometime during the last 30 days. Binge drinking, incidentally, is defined as four or more drinks on an occasion. Credible scientific sources report that women, on average, are not even aware that they are pregnant until about five or six weeks into their pregnancies. And many of those women were not planning on getting pregnant to begin with so, not surprisingly, this came as a tremendous shock.

Reviewing pregnancy data in Washington state (2012 - 2013), over 75% of pregnancies in women under 20 years of age, about 50% of women between the ages of 20 and 24, over 30% of women between the ages of 25 and 29, over 25% of women between the ages of 30 and 34, and over 25% of women 35 and older, had unintentional pregnancies. Given such a high number of unintended pregnancies and given that about half of those women consume alcohol regularly, it is not unreasonable to conclude that a significant number of fetuses were exposed to alcohol before their mothers even knew it.

According to official statistics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), only one in 10 pregnant women reported any alcohol use and one in 33 reported binge drinking episodes in the past month. Those official figures are surely an underestimation of drinking behavior, because mothers are probably

reluctant to report alcohol use to their healthcare providers. And who can blame them? Pregnant mothers who consumed or continue to use alcohol are not exactly keen on talking about their alcohol use on account of stigma, embarrassment, guilt, or fear of reprisal (i.e., being reported to law enforcement or Child Protective Services).

### How Much Alcohol is Safe During Pregnancy?

Despite information (or, more aptly, misinformation) you might see online or on social media, the overwhelming consensus among medical experts and brain scientists is that there is no safe amount, no safe time, and no safe type of alcohol to drink while pregnant. Beer and wine are just as harmful as spirits, despite what your neighbor or favorite YouTube influencer might say.

Any alcohol exposure during pregnancy increases the chances of a fetus developing permanent physical or mental problems. Specifically, there are over 400 health conditions that have been identified in babies exposed to alcohol during pregnancy. Alcohol can affect all the organ systems. Alcohol can damage a baby's brain, heart, bones, kidneys, and vision and hearing systems, among many others.

### Effects of Alcohol Exposure During Pregnancy Are Not Always Obvious

As many as 90% of alcohol-exposed children do not show outward physical characteristics like those features found in Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (i.e., narrow opening of the eyes, flat surface below the nose, or thin upper lip). Rather, most of the effects are "silent" or "invisible." For example, alcohol-exposed children (who display or do not display physical signs) are more likely to have learning and behavioral problems and be disruptive in school. As they grow older, they are more likely to get into trouble and abuse alcohol and other drugs. They are also more likely to engage in inappropriate sexual behavior and get mixed up with the justice system compared to their peers. Quite possibly, as they are abusing substances and having sex, they might become pregnant too and expose their own babies to alcohol and other drugs.

**Squaxin Island Health Clinic**

back to school

**HPV VACCINE EVENT**

Join us at the Squaxin Island Health Clinic!  
**August 20, 2024**  
**9am-4pm**

There will be raffle prizes & \$25 incentives for those who get their HPV Vaccine.

Snacks will be provided!

**HPV VACCINATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR ALL GENDERS STARTING AT AGE 9**

- The HPV Vaccination is the best protection against 6 types of cancers including cervical cancer, oral cancers, and throat cancer.
- Youth have a higher immune response to the HPV vaccine. While risk of exposure to HPV might be low at age 9, they will be better protected against future exposure.

VACCINATIONS AT AGES 9-12 COULD PREVENT OVER 90% OF THESE CANCERS

**Mammogram Dates**

Aug. 29  
Sept. 26

Be aware. Check regularly

Contact Clara Hernandez to get scheduled.  
 Phone#360-432-3930  
 Email : chernandez@squaxin.us

### What Can I Do To Lower Chances of Exposing My Baby to Alcohol?

If you want to get pregnant in the near future and are having trouble stopping alcohol or other drugs, talk to your family doctor or therapist. If they can't help you with your substance use, they will be able to refer you to someone who can. There are many services available for substance abuse.

Even if you are pregnant and can't stop using alcohol or other drugs, you should also talk to your family doctor or therapist. In Washington state, there are no mandatory reporting requirements for referrals to assessment and/or substance use treatment, child welfare agencies, or law

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Please be sure to drink plenty of water and stay hydrated. The Squaxin Island Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program is here to help serve Native Americans with disabilities, overcome barriers, and to successfully gain self-sufficiency with resiliency and employment.

- Alcohol/Drug Addiction
- Allergies
- Anxiety Disorders
- Arthritis
- Carpel Tunnel Syndrome
- Diabetes
- Fibromyalgia
- Eating Disorders
- Hearing Impairments
- Learning Disabilities
- Personality Disorders
- Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD)
- Traumatic Brain Disorder (TBI)
- Visual Impairment



It's not about disabilities. It's about possibilities.

**What is Vocational Rehabilitation?**

Vocational Rehabilitation provides culturally appropriate services to Native Americans with disabilities who have a functional limitation and need assistance maintaining, obtaining, and regaining employment.

**What is a Disability?**

A "disability" can be a physical, mental, sensory learning, or emotional condition that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment.

**Who is Eligible?**

A member of a federally recognized tribe, residing on or near the reservation, with a documented disability hindering employment potential and/or outcomes

**Types of Services Provided**

A variety of services can be provided to assist eligible participants to prepare for, retain, continue, or gain employment.

- Job placement & retention services
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Post employment services
- Job training
- Transition services
- Interpreters for the hearing impaired
- Help with special rehabilitation costs
- Physical restoration services

**Alzheimers Disease:**

**Things To Be Aware Of**

By Annette Johnson RN - Alzheimers disease is a form of dementia characterized by a build up of amyloid deposits in the brain. Symptoms that are concerning are the following: short term memory loss, difficulty with numbers, difficulty completing every day tasks, vision problems, difficulty with conversations and difficulty remembering where things have been placed.

If symptoms such as memory loss and difficulty with daily activities occurs, a medical provider should be consulted. Alzheimers has specific tests that can be used to diagnose the disease. A medical provider will test for changes in cognitive function, personality and memory changes. The use of neurological testing and brain imaging may also be used to diagnose Alzheimers related dementia.

In 2023 an estimated 6.7 million Americans were living with Alzheimers disease, the most common form of dementia.



**Alcohol and Babies Don't Mix**

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enforcement, like there are in other states like North Dakota, South Dakota, or Illinois. So, rest assured, you are in a safe environment to talk about those things. Moreover, as of January 1, 2025 (which is right around the corner), hospitals in Washington state will no longer be required to report families to Child Protective Services (CPS) when mothers with addiction deliver their babies.

**Why Are States Shifting Away From Strict Drug Enforcement Policies?**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is the leading organization of physicians specializing in obstetrics and gynecology in the United States. Their official position is that drug enforcement policies discourage pregnant women from seeking prenatal care and are thus harmful to the welfare of the mother and fetus. Indeed, research shows that CPS involvement can have damaging effects, especially in families of color. Fear of losing one's child prevents many pregnant mothers from accessing the healthcare they desperately need. Keeping families together while they receive necessary services is now a Washington state priority at every stage of pregnancy.

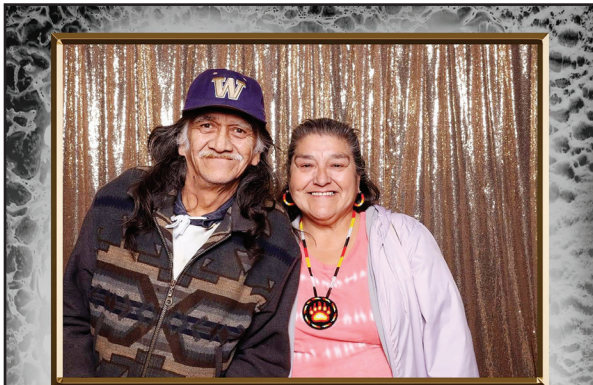
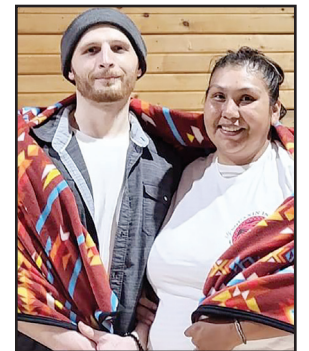


# RECOVERY JAM



*Photos by Deanna Hawks, Sadie Whitener, and Bev Hawks*

Deanna Hawks - The recovery jam was nice and fun. Was definitely a learning experience, and I can't wait to improve and plan for next year! Was nice seeing faces and sharing food, stories, and songs to say the least. We were very happy with the handful people who helped cook and prep the meals, and the clean up crew was amazing!



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# COMMUNITY



7/1  
Tully James Kruger  
Malynn A. Foster  
Mark Louis Jones  
Azmira Ann Tom

7/2  
Janessa Faye Kruger  
Milo Romeo Giles

7/3  
Phinatue Le Hodgson

7/4  
Jeremie Walls  
Annie-Beth Henry

7/5  
Jon Brady Whitener  
Gary Shawn Brown  
Elijah Raul Garcia

7/6  
Dale Allen Brownfield  
Celeste Rene Forcier  
Martin Regius Sequak

7/7  
Todd Loren Hagmann

7/8  
Steve George Witcraft  
Diana L. Van Hoy  
Virginia M. Berumen  
Clayton James Edgley  
Ariah Hazel George  
Andre William Anderson

7/9  
Keenon Vigil-Snook

7/10  
Mary Jane Monahan  
Nyla Elizabeth King

7/11  
Ruth Creekpaum  
Leah Marie Gentile

7/12  
Terence Jevan Henry

7/13  
Elizabeth Ivy Yeahquo  
Moody E. Addison  
David Michael Lewis  
Jennifer Ann Evans  
Donald Lee Daniel

7/14  
Antonio Alex Rivera  
Shaiann Rene' McFarlane  
Cristian Andres Hall  
Emery Isabelle Peters  
Ivy Lynn Hawks

7/15  
Seth William Thomas  
Brett Devin Orozco  
Adrianna Fawn Hartwell  
Totten Ezera Dorland

7/16  
Mary Lois Kuntz  
Viola Lorine Thomas  
Nikita Laudine Mowitch  
Olivia Kinzee Henry

7/17  
Matthew John Bell  
Tiffany Faye Henderson  
Kristina E. Bechtold

7/18  
Charles Mickelson  
Violet R Garcia  
Victoria Kruger-Neilsen  
Alexander VanHorn  
Isabel Trinidad

7/19  
Dana Marie VanCleave  
Jearid Duane Williams  
Elena Capoeman-Johns  
Clara Rose Hernandez  
Soren Emerson Jimmie

7/20  
Bailie Barbara Henry  
Allie Mae Ann Johns  
Wilson Charles Johns  
Kamryn Carter Lutolf

7/21  
Corri Clae Coleman  
Leila Lorine Whitener  
Eliza Naranjo Johns

7/22  
Tyler Steven Morlock  
Cara Marlene Price

7/23  
Bette Jo Peters  
Richard William Piersol  
Chickie Mae Rivera  
Austin Pedro Solano  
Jaelynn Jesse James

7/24  
Misty Manette Kruger  
Sailor Tucker

7/25  
Walter E. Lorentz  
Thomas Blueback  
Hailey Ann Henry  
Eileen Renee George  
Catori Jade Blueback  
John Rue Willis

7/26  
Loretta J. Case  
James Darol Brownfield  
Malia Henry  
Shawnene Cooper  
Kacen Jay Cooper

7/27  
Marvin Stanley Henry  
Chas M. Addison  
Dorian Alika Williams  
Jackson Napoleon

7/28  
Felicia Joy Berg  
Kira Nakia Coley  
Angelica Victoriano-Coley  
Edward Wayne Sigo

7/29  
Nathan Jay Armas  
Markiemih Charles Johns  
Marissa Ann Morken  
Reidar Corpuz Snipper

7/30  
Tasheena M. Sanchez  
Marcus Imteus Johns  
Billie Lopeman-Johns  
Alex Paul Anderson

7/31  
Michael James West  
Jaelin Christopher Campbell  
Jordan Ray Lopeman-Johns  
Nyah Rose Sicade  
Stanton Todd Sicade  
Serenity Masoner-Tucker

## Thank You from Kimi!



### A special Thank You to:

My son Michael, Mini Ev, Clara, Jen J., Donna, Grace, Cindy, Vern, Kim E., and all the care team members who cheered me on!

A rough battle WON!!!!

I can't wait to ride for The Great Cycle Challenge again!!!

## Happy Birthday to the world's best brother - Matt Bell



Love Marlana and kids





# What's Happening

### Court:

Family Court and Vulnerable Adult Court: July 8  
Criminal/Civil Court: July 9

### USDA WIC



July 9  
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## AA MEETING

Every Wednesday  
7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Elders Building



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(Women, Infants, and Children)  
provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.  
**Please have available:**  
Your child's height & weight, Provider One Card or paystub and identification for you & your child


**Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:**  
**Patty at 360.462.3224, wicnutrition@spipa.org**  
or  
**Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360.462.3227 gardipee@spipa.org**

Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3990

**Next WIC:**  
**Tues., July 9, 2024**

**We're offering both phone appointments and in person appointments.**

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## USDA Foods Program July Dates

PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM	7/2/24
SQUAXIN ISLAND	7/9/24
SKOKOMISH	7/12/24
CHEHALIS	7/18/24
NISQUALLY	7/24/24

NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities. If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff. For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360.426.3990  
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# Need a Tribal ID?



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## Elders Menu ... Fruit and salad at every meal

### MONDAY 1:

Tacos, Spanish Rice

### TUESDAY 2:

Chicken Pozole, Tortillas

### WEDNESDAY 3:

Spaghetti, Texas Toast, Cauliflower

### THURSDAY 4:

CLOSED

### MONDAY 8:

French Dips, Potato Salad

### TUESDAY 9:

Baked Potato Soup,  
Turkey Sandwiches

### WEDNESDAY 10:

Chicken Quarters,  
Roasted Red Potatoes, Spinach

### THURSDAY 11:

Hot Dogs, Mixed Veggies

### MONDAY 15:

Tuna Casserole, Peas

### TUESDAY 16:

Minestrone Soup, Crackers

### WEDNESDAY 17:

BBQ Ribs, Mac-N-Cheese, Baked Beans

### THURSDAY 18:

Sandwich Bar

### MONDAY 22:

Shepherd Pie, Biscuits

### TUESDAY 23:

Italian Sausage Potato Soup, Breadsticks

### WEDNESDAY 24:

Cabbage Patch Casserole

### THURSDAY 25:

Steak, Ranch Potatoes,  
Brussels Sprouts

### MONDAY 29:

Fish-N-Chips, Broccoli

### TUESDAY 30:

Chicken Rice Soup,  
Egg Salad Sandwiches

### WEDNESDAY 31:

Hamburgers, Mac Salad



# Canoe Practice

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