

Tribal Sons “We Do Not Want Incarcerated Tribal Members to Give Up Hope”

By Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, Lummi Nation/Tahltnan Band of B.C.
The Evergreen State College, October 22, 2025

The Evergreen State College and the Washington Correction Center’s Tribal Sons have partnered with local Tribes to make a positive difference. The Tribal Sons are a Native American group whose members are individuals incarcerated at the Washington Correction Center and include enrolled members and descendants from Tribes across the U.S. and from Indigenous nations of the Pacific and Asia.

Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters said, “We had a lovely meeting with Tribal Sons members, the Skokomish Tribe’s Vice-Chairman and C.E.O. Tom Strong, Sustainability in Prisons Project (SPP) and the Evergreen State College Tribal Liaison, Lyn Dennis.”

He went onto say, “It was amazing to see all the SPP programs, the Native Garden and Sweat Lodge of the WCC facility located in Shelton, Washington. In the way of our people, I want to lift my hands to WCC Superintendent Dean Mason and all of your staff’s hard work.”

Skokomish Vice-Chairman Tom Strong said, “We would like to build partnerships and share our culture to help with the healing.” He added that communication is key and some of their elders may want to participate.

Skokomish Tribal member, Charles Longshore, of The Tribal Sons, said, “We, the Tribal Sons, would like to restore Tribal cultural programs and address intergenerational trauma and be able to work towards healing.”

Members of the Tribal Sons participate with the Native American Medicinal Garden and Restoration Project, including growing medicinal herbs, restoring traditional plants, learning indigenous teachings, and building community. The Squaxin Island Tribe and Skokomish Tribe have committed their Natural Resources Departments to meet with the Tribal Sons to enhance this project.

In 2024, Evergreen State College and Washington State Department of Corrections initiated a Sustainability in Prisons Project.

Actively participating in the project are Evergreen State College President John Carmichael, Doreen Swetkis, Dean for the Prison Education Project, Kristina Ackley, Dean for Native Programs and Experiential Learning, Lyn Dennis, Lummi Nation/Tahltnan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison, and Prison Education Project Co-Directors Kelli Bush and Eirik Steinoff and Administrator Emily Passarrelli.



Turkey Harvest Handout

Harvest Choice:
Tribal Enterprises (IEI, LCCR, SCTC)
Option 1: One 10-15lb Frozen Turkey.
Option 2: One \$50 Butterball gift certificate! *

Gift Cards:
Family Services will be handing out \$50 gift cards!

11/21/25
Squaxin Community Kitchen
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Squaxin Island Tribal Members only.
Must be 18 years old.
Only one turkey **OR** Gift certificate per house hold.

Elders and other-abled individuals can pick up through drive through at the kitchen loading dock starting at 4 pm. Elder Gift cards will be mailed.

*This Butterball certificate can be used at most grocery stores and acts in lieu of a check. It does not expire and can be used on any food items, not just a turkey!

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Walking On Christina Lopeman

Christina Marie Lopeman-Bragg (Doonzie) passed away at her home in Kamilche, Washington on September 23, 2025. She was 54 years old.

She was a proud member of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

Her father was William Lopeman of Kamilche, Washington and her mother is Janice (Mesplie) Lopeman, also of Kamilche.

She was married to Wyatt Bragg, the love of her life, for the last twenty years and they lived together on the reservation.

Christina graduated from Capital High School and also studied for a Medical Assisting Degree. She worked at the Bingo Hall at Little Creek Casino Resort as well as being a Blackjack Dealer.

Her real passion was advocating and exercising her treaty shellfish and fishing rights, which was her livelihood for the past thirty years or so.

Christina loved the music of the Little River Band and AC/DC and Will Ferrell movies. She also liked to gamble at the local casinos.

She was kind and always aware of the homeless and others less fortunate and always spread kindness.

Her children and her family were the most important to her; she loved them with all of her heart.

Christina was known to be a force to be reckoned with and was also known to be fierce in a good way. She loved her furry friends. Her cats were her babies, and she tended to them lovingly (spoiled) and named each. Her cats were important to her, and their names were Whitebrow, Wolfgang, Princess, Homeless, and Blackie.

Christina was preceded in her death by her father, Willilam Lopeman, in 2019; younger sister, Angela Lopeman, in 2021; grandparents, Mary Lopeman, and Ray and Rena Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, Wyatt Bragg; mother, Janice Lopeman; sisters, Traci Lopeman and Ruth Lopeman; children, Jerad Fry and Adam Fry; niece, Billie Marie Johns; nephews, Jordan Johns, Justin Lopeman, and newest grandnephew, Thunder Bear Wells. She is also survived by her aunt, Bev Hawks; uncle, Mike Krise; numerous cousins, tribal aunties and uncles, and many friends along the way.

Funeral Services were held on October 1, 2025. A last ride around the casino began at 11:30 a.m. at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course. Memorial services began at noon at the tribal gymnasium. Burial was at the Squaxin Sacred Grounds at 1:00 p.m. with lunch following in the Community Kitchen.



Celebrating the Retirement of Brooks Farrell

After more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Squaxin community, Brooks Farrell was honored with a retirement party that reflected just how much he means to those around him.

The celebration, held over a spaghetti lunch, brought together coworkers, friends, and even past colleagues who returned to wish Brooks well. Laughter, stories, and warm memories filled the room as everyone gathered to recognize his remarkable career and lasting impact. Brooks has long been known for his generous spirit, his willingness to help anyone in need, and the joy he brings to every task. His fellow employees and community members describe him as both deeply dedicated and well-loved, someone who has always gone above and beyond with kindness and good humor.

As Brooks begins this new chapter of retirement, the Squaxin community sends heartfelt thanks for his years of service and wishes him all the best for the future.



Council Corner October 24 Meeting

Squaxin Island Tribal Council convened October 24 for a full agenda that ranged from housing and infrastructure planning to emergency food preparedness as tribes brace for possible federal SNAP interruptions.

Council leaders confirmed an enrollment work session set for November 3. Council discussed plans to reschedule their retreat during the week of January 18. Council and staff emphasized the value of in-person work sessions aligning council priorities and metrics.

SNAP benefits and food security: A top priority raised at the meeting was potential impacts from a federal government funding lapse: state officials warned that SNAP benefits could be paused effective November 1st if federal spending legislation isn't passed. Tribal leadership directed staff to prepare an executive-session briefing and a public communication plan, and to explore immediate mitigation steps. Suggested responses included expanding food bank hours and stock, coordinated outreach to elders and families with infants for formula and diapers, and partnering with tribal departments and enterprises to stockpile protein and other essentials.

Master planning and site-specific updates: Planners confirmed that Sam from Full Circle Consulting will be on-site November 6th to gather community input on the recreation center and housing aesthetics. Chad Bedlington provided project updates: Slocum Ridge 3B remains on track for a November 15 completion date. The Klah-Che-Min infrastructure project is progressing with upcoming sewer work and temporary road closures, and the Taylor waterline project is delayed by permitting and long lead-time parts but is being re-coordinated.

Planning & Community Development requested Council approval to apply for a State Department of Commerce tribal-state energy grant to install solar at the Skookum Creek Tobacco Factory. The resolution passed.

Island Enterprises Update: David Burnett reported strong convenience-store performance (notably the Tumwater store) and active planning for relocating and rebranding the Trading Post stores, plus ongoing work to optimize cannabis retail margins and packaging. Salish Seafoods noted lower geoduck revenue versus last year but steady oyster sales; staff are pursuing packaging and marketing improvements.

Little Creek Casino & Resort updates: Judy Hartley reported healthy EBITDA performance (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization), new hires in gaming leadership, and a slate of upcoming events (MMA in November, a Price Is Right live show, an ABBA tribute and other winter attractions). Plans are progressing on a retention pond project and administrative building sequencing; the property is evaluating relocation and upgrading of arcade and family spaces.

Council scheduled an executive session following the public meeting to address SNAP response planning and other confidential matters. Council members asked staff to develop timelines and three-week look-ahead for major infrastructure projects, continue outreach and community notice for master-planning sessions on Nov. 6, and to bring a housing-focused work session onto the January retreat agenda.

Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meetings

Public Comment Period

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAYS
Each month

Tribal Council is implementing a new Public Comment Period with every Council Meeting. This period will be a standing item on the agenda, from 9:15 - 9:30am. Attendees are encouraged to bring their comments in written form, and each individual's time will be limited.

REGISTER FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT BY TUESDAY BEFORE THE MEETING:

Email Melissa Puhn to get on the Public Comment Period:
mpuhn@squaxin.us

SQUAXIN ISLAND MUSEUM

Christmas

NATIVE MARKET

NOVEMBER 7TH 9:00 - 5:00

NOVEMBER 8TH 9:00 - 4:00

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Centennial Accord 2025

The 2025 Centennial Accord between Washington state tribes and Washington State government took place the third week of October at Ilani Casino on the Cowlitz reservation.

Squaxin Island Tribal Chairman Kris Peters said, "We attended the 36th Centennial Accord, building on the relationship between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the State of Washington. We, as Squaxin leaders, were active in advocating for our natural resources, education, health and the shared impacts of the federal government."

From the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs website:
<https://goia.wa.gov/relations/centennial-accord>

Centennial Accord between the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Washington State and the State of Washington

I. PREAMBLE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Accord dated August 4, 1989, is executed between the federally recognized Indian tribes of Washington signatory to this Accord and the State of Washington, through its governor, in order to better achieve mutual goals through an improved relationship between their sovereign governments. This Accord provides a framework for that government-to-government relationship and implementation procedures to assure execution of that relationship.

Each Party to this Accord respects the sovereignty of the other. The respective sovereignty of the state and each federally recognized tribe provide paramount authority for that party to exist and to govern. The parties share in their relationship particular respect for the values and culture represented by tribal governments. Further, the parties share a desire for a complete Accord between the State of Washington and the federally recognized tribes in Washington reflecting a full government-to-government relationship and will work with all elements of state and tribal governments to achieve such an accord.





EMPOWERING OUR COMMUNITY MASTER PLANNING

Forum #3

TOPICS: INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATION AND HOUSING (UPDATED)

Together, lets discuss the needs and wants of our community! Come share your thoughts and ideas on outdoor activities, the recreation center and housing.



- What would you like to see in your neighborhood?
- Have you envisioned your kids out getting soaked on a splashpad?
- Maybe beating your cousin at disk golf again?
- The possibilities are endless, bring all of your ideas to the table!

MEETING DETAILS

4:30 - MEETING WITH FULL CIRCLE - MASTER PLANNING

THIS FORUM IS TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ON INDOOR/OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW REC CENTER AND THE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD.

5:45 - HOUSING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

THIS FORUM WILL BE FOR THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO SHARE DETAILS ABOUT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND ARE SEEKING COMMUNITY FEEDBACK.

NOVEMBER 6TH 2025

MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY KITCHEN - DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: Chad Bedlington, Cbedlington@squaxin.us



Squaxin Island Tribe

2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR INDIAN TRIBES AND ALASKAN NATIVE VILLAGES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025

The Squaxin Island Tribe is planning to pursue the 2025 HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). The purpose of the ICDBG Program is to develop viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate income. The maximum award amount is \$1,000,000.

Activities allowable under the ICDBG include, but are not limited to, the following:

- New Housing Construction, Housing Rehabilitation, Housing Acquisition, and Land Acquisition to support new housing and home ownership assistance projects
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure Projects
- Economic Development and Microenterprise Projects

The anticipated award date for the ICDBG is March, 24, 2026. The estimated performance start date is set for 3/25/2026 with a targeted completion date of March 24, 2027.

Service Area and Population

The project area in Shelton, WA is located on the Squaxin Island Reservation about 16 miles West of Olympia, in the Washington 35th Legislative District and the 6th Congressional District.

Community Participation

A meeting is set for Thursday, November 6, 2025 to seek input from the community and to discuss viable project(s) to pursue under the ICDBG program.

Please contact Chad Bedlington cbedlington@squaxin.us, or (360) 432-3877; or Tracy Parker, tparker@squaxin.us, or (360) 432-3960 in the Planning and Community Development Department with any questions, concerns, or other feedback regarding the ICDBG opportunity. Comments are due by Wednesday, November 12, 2025.



Tribal Sons

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With vital input from many additional partners, the Project develops and delivers a wide range of science, sustainability, and environmental education programs in all 11 Washington state prisons. Incarcerated individuals collaborate with scientists, corrections staff, students, and program partners to support education, conserve biodiversity, practice sustainability, and build health communities. The Project aims to offer a rich learning exchange benefiting tribal and non-tribal people, communities, and ecosystems.

At the Washington Correction Center, for instance, incarcerated individuals earn academic credit through Evergreen State College when they complete courses offered by the Project's partners. Current offerings include beekeeping, gardening and composting courses and a Salish Lowland Prairie conservation nursery program.

Tribal Sons asked for help in expanding higher education and Native cultural workshops at the prison. Through this collaboration, the Project has expanded access to educational resources and workshops at the Washington Corrections Center and provided supplies to its Sustainable Practices Lab.

Similarly, founder of the HUY non-profit organization, attorney Gabe Galanda, Round Valley Indian Tribes of California, is highly supportive of incarcerated Tribal members throughout correctional facilities in Washington State. Huy in the Coast Salish Indian Lushootseed language, means: "See you again/we never say goodbye."

The organization provides economic, educational, rehabilitative and religious support for Indigenous prisoners in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the U.S.

HUY sponsored the successful Tribal Sons Annual 2025 WCC Pow Wow Celebration during Labor Day weekend which brought Tribal Sons members and their families together at the Washington Corrections Center for a day of enjoying native

foods, games, and dancing competitions.

Over 75 families, friends and supporters attended the Pow Wow on Saturday, August 30, 2025.

Honored guests included Washington State Supreme Court Justices Raquel Montoya Lewis and Steven Gonzalez; Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters; Skokomish Tribal Council Member Chris James; Washington State Department of Corrections Secretary Tim Lang; and Washington Correction Center Superintendent Dean Mason and his management team.

Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters emceed the Pow Wow. He opened the event saying, "We want you to enjoy the ceremony and honoring the Creator."

Chairman Peters thanked Superintendent Mason and prison administrators for supporting the gathering, which took place on a sunny day in one of the prison courtyards.

"We appreciate the D.O.C. leadership in having the Pow Wow outside," Chairman Peters said. "Cedar is our grandmother who protects us and shields us. And ceremony helps us to be connected like our ancestors, through the language, singing, and the drums."

WCC Superintendent Dean Mason provided a land acknowledgement of the local Tribes.

Skokomish Elder and Shaker Church member Peggy Johnson provided an opening prayer and song.

Skokomish Tribal Council Member Chris James followed by sharing a traditional story he learned from his grandmother about the creation of the Skokomish people.

The incarcerated Tribal members had a lively competition of traditional dancing. The competitors all individually made their own regalia. The Asian Pacific Island Dancers also performed. There was a

Friendship Dance where everyone joined in the circle dancing and shaking each other's hands.

Tribal Sons honored Superintendent Dean Mason for his support of their organization, presenting him with a canoe shaped planter painted red and white with a whale on the side, using sustainable, re-cycled pallet boards.

Tribal Sons also honored various individuals, gifting and wrapping them with blankets for their advocacy and support of their organization. They presented Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, with their "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her work in the media, with the Tribes on various issues, her previous service as the Tribal Relations Director for the Washington Department of Corrections, and her continued support and help in bringing new sponsors to create partnerships with the Tribal Sons.

The families and guests received beautiful gifts from Tribal Sons, including Native beaded jewelry hand-crafted by its members, hats, blankets, and more. They also provided a delicious lunch of salmon, vegetables, and dessert. The fried bread was good.

In closing the Pow Wow, Charles Longshore of the Tribal Sons said, "Tribal Sons would love to send a special thanks to all of our special guests for coming to pow wow and enjoying a day with us all."

Kris Peters rocked the mic. Chris James rocked the stories. Our community rocked the dance floor. So much fun and excitement! Another historical day down where our Tribal leaders, Secretary, Superintendent, and sitting Supreme Court Justices all danced, had fun, and enjoyed an amazing day in community. Thank you all!!"

We look forward to next year's WCC Pow Wow. For additional information or questions, please contact Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, at lyn.dennis@evergreen.edu or cell: 360 819-7028.





Pilates Classes

**Squaxin Island Fitness Center
Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30—5:30 pm
October 7th — December 18**

Wear loose comfy clothes

Pilates focuses on core strength through structured exercises and slowly gets more challenging.



**For more information:
Cindy Beck
360-432-3595 or cbeck@squaxin.us**



Indigenous Peoples Day at Squaxin Park

Photos by Deanna Hawks

Winter Hours Updates

GOLF SHOP (effective 11/1/25)
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (7 days a week)

First tee time @ 9:00 a.m.
for the winter

The golf course and golf shop will be CLOSED on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.

SALISH GRILLE (effective 11/3/25):
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (7 days a week)





Squaxin Transit

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Squaxin Island Tribe's Office of Housing

Housing staff is available. Please do not hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.

The Office of Housing contact information:

- ⇒ Liz Kuntz – Housing Manager
⇒ Email: lkuntz@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3937
- ⇒ Lisa Peters – Housing Counselor
⇒ EMAIL: lpeters@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3871
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⇒ EMAIL: kpenn@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3863
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- ⇒ Gus Nilsson – Housing Enforcement Officer
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⇒ EMAIL: gcain@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3957
- ⇒ Richard Gouin – Housing Maintenance Technician
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- ⇒ For Housing related emergencies call Maintenance
⇒ PH: 360-545-2768

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T'Day for Pets

Each Thanksgiving, there are reports of dogs who are injured and even die after being given turkey bones to chew on. Dogs love to chew but turkey bones should never be given. They are very brittle and can splinter easily. If swallowed, the sharp ends could cause internal bleeding. As a treat, give your dog a beef bone to chew.

Overindulging during the holidays is an American tradition, but too much "human" food can make your pet sick.

Holiday food is typically richer than usual. It is definitely much richer than your pet is accustomed to eating.

Even when those big eyes stare at you, pleading for just a taste of your food, remember that the healthiest meal for pets is their usual quality foods.

- Gus, the Doggie Guy



Fall Back, Not Down

When fall arrives, Daylight Savings Time ends.

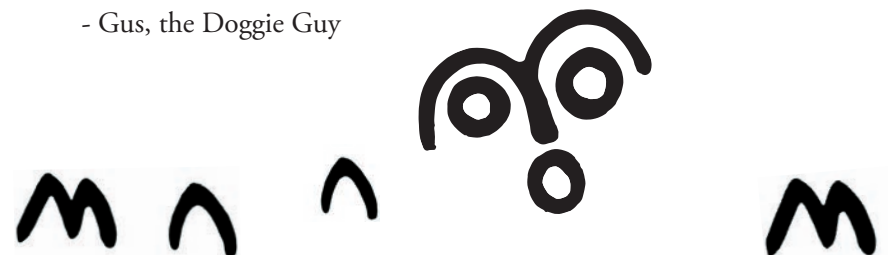
November 1st is the date to remember to turn your clocks back an hour. "Fall" is something most animals do not want to do. Birds have a special talent in this area.

When animals sleep, most of them lay down for their nap, or curl up to sleep. Not birds. They sleep standing up. But how do they get their rest and not fall while asleep?

The deeper the sleep of a bird, the less likely he is to fall. The grip of the bird's claws is controlled by a long tendon that runs along the back of the bird's leg.

The more the tendon stretches, the tighter the claw's grip. As the bird relaxes into deep sleep, the legs bend and the tendon stretches, tightening his grip on the perch.

- Gus, the Doggie Guy





New Employees



Adam Trujillo **NWITC Plant Medicine and Garden Technician**

I'm honored to join the Northwest Indian Treatment Center as the new Plant Medicine and Garden Technician.

With over 25 years of experience as a career chef, I've learned the power of healing through both food and nature.

As an alumnus and success story of NWITC, the opportunity to return and work where I once began my own healing journey feels deeply meaningful.

Being part of creating a healing forest for future generations - and using my life in recovery to support others on their path - is truly a blessing.



Kiana Henry **Assistant Teacher**

Hi! I have been hired as a Assistant Teacher with the Squaxin Child Development Center.

I am from the Henry and Bagley families. My dad is Vincent Henry Sr., and my mom is Margaret Henry Seymour. My grandma is Barbara Henry. I have previously worked at the day-care and am happy to be back.



Jessica Cruz **Family Services Youth Coordinator/ Intake Assistant**

Hi! My name is Jessica Cruz. I am a mother of two boys. I have spent 10 plus years in Human Resources between Little Creek and the Tribe.

I am eager to start this new position and work closely with the youth and the rest of the community. My new position will be working with Family Services as the Youth Coordinator/ Intake Assistant. I look forward to working with you in this new position. haʔł kʷ(i) adsəslabcəbut – Watch over yourself well.



Alexanda Rodriguez **Medical Receptionist**

Hi! I'm so excited to join the Squaxin Island Health Clinic as a Medical Receptionist.

This opportunity is extra special to me because my grandmother, Rose Davis, worked in the medical field at this very clinic for many years. I'm honored to follow in her footsteps and begin my own journey here. I feel so lucky to be part of such a sweet and supportive team that truly enjoys helping others better themselves. As a proud mom to a beautiful little girl who has completely changed my life, I'm excited to start a job that I know will grow into a meaningful career—one that allows me to support her and make her proud.

I'm looking forward to meeting our patients and being a welcoming face when they walk through the doors. It's important to me that everyone feels cared for and supported from the moment they arrive.

I'm excited to grow in this role and be part of the positive impact our clinic has on the community



Zoe Gish **Planner**

Hi! I've worked in community outreach and engagement, food systems planning, environmental planning, and holistic medicine. In my previous role as a community engagement lead, I researched the environmental impacts of legacy contamination and climate change, with a particular focus on the residents of the Lower Duwamish Valley in Seattle, WA. Throughout all my work, I have strived to be a bridge between community members and institutional decision-makers, ensuring that community voices are heard, respected, and integrated into planning and outcomes that impact the public.

Stepping into the planner role with the Squaxin Island Tribe is not just a job for me — it is an opportunity to support a legacy of stewardship, self-determination, and community-led vision. I am excited to approach this work with humility, respect, and a commitment to supporting the Squaxin Island Tribes' sovereignty.

I am looking forward to supporting planning efforts that protect the Tribe's land, water, and people for current and future generations.



Thank You!

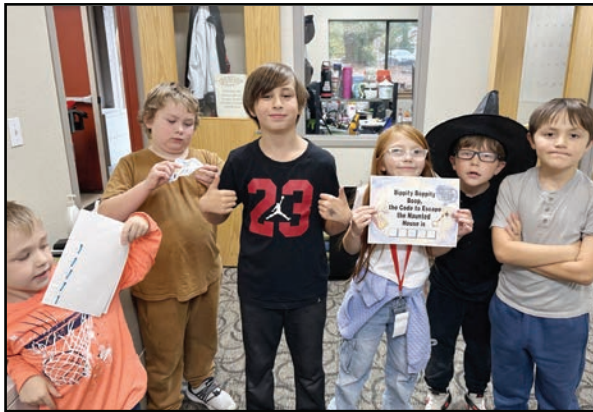
To All of Our Valued Employees!



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Halloween Fun at TLC





Teen Program

Keesha Vigil - Hello Squaxin Fam!

October was such a fun and exciting month for our Teen Program!

On October 10th, we partnered with the South Puget Sound Estuarium for our teens' annual Pier to Peer event. Pier to Peer is a mix of fun and science, giving youth hands-on experience with our local marine life. We explored the Boston Harbor dock to discover what lurks beneath the surface! The teens caught crabs and many other sea creatures, getting a close-up look without harming them. The Estuarium team even brought an underwater drone, giving us a live view of the marine life that lives deeper in our waters.

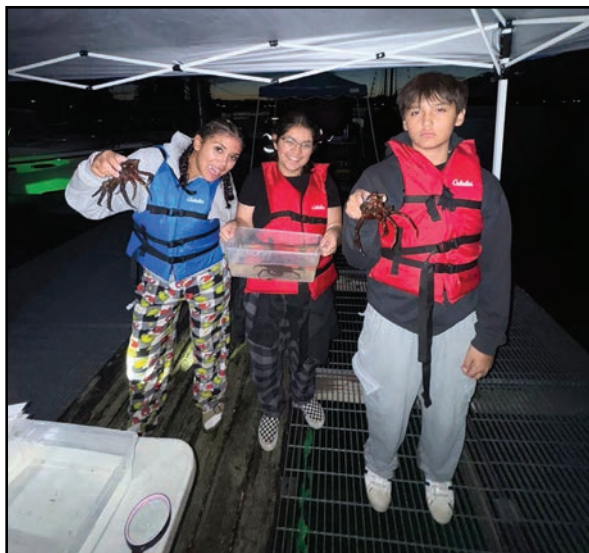
Then, on October 24th, we hosted our 3rd Annual Haunted House, featuring creepy clowns! The teens and Education Department staff worked hard all week to transform our space and bring our community an amazing scare. It's always inspiring to see our teens step out of their comfort zones, get creative, and work together. I'm so proud of all the effort and heart they put into making this spooky season such a success!



Autum Catching creatures!



Eliana and Thailer watching the sun set



Eliana, Autum, and Thailer





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Bordeaux

Tamika Krise - November is a busy month at Bordeaux Elementary! Here are some important dates to keep in mind:

Important Dates:

Nov. 5
1.5-Hour Early Release (PLC Day)

Nov. 26
3-Hour Early Release

Nov. 27-28
No School (Thanksgiving Break)

November is also Native American Heritage Month. Students will be working on special projects with Ms. Aurora, the Native Ed paraeducator at BDX. Together, Aurora and I have been preparing our fourth graders for the upcoming Heritage Month assembly. During the assembly, we will welcome our Squaxin Canoe Family, Skokomish relatives, and other honored guests to join us in celebrating and honoring our culture and community. Throughout the hallways, a dedicated bulletin board and display case will showcase Native American history, traditions, and artwork.

Photos from these meaningful events will be shared on my student advocate Facebook page and featured in an article in next month's newsletter.



Lillie, Angelica, and Turumi always making each other laugh!



Walter, Nation, and Danielle came to say hi!



Elias and Finn thinking of something clever for our word game!



Cadence and James being goofballs!



Redwolf and Ian working hard during word study!



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Olympic Middle School

Kiana Wily - November is already here, so that means 4-day weekends, and Winter Break is right around the corner.

It's helpful for everyone, but especially our students, to be all caught up on class work with everything possible turned in.

We have the after school program open upstairs Monday - Thursday to help with homework and/or catch-up work. OMS teachers do not usually hand out homework, but unfinished classwork can be considered homework.

We had so many of our Squaxin girls on the volleyball team this year: Olivia Henry, Satayla Thomas, Lexi Wentworth, Shanyssa Tate, Auriela Thomas, and Elaine Roberts, along with several other girlies from our Native Ed program. Their games are so fun to watch with the families in the stands cheering for them.

Our 6th graders are halfway through their basic education journey. Six years ago, they were preschoolers and in six years they will be graduates. Just a year after that it will be our 5th graders' turn.

Every year of growth and learning is so important. Things we learned in preschool, like how to treat others and ourselves, still stand true and are important today. Similarly, the things we learn now will help us to cross that finish line at the end of high school.

All the stages of our journey are important and connected, including here in the 5th and 6th grades. It's never too late to build good habits but the sooner we learn them the easier it makes it in the long run.



Auriela saving the ball during a game



Moustaches and Mariners Day at OMS



Barney and Shanyssa spending break time with Pride for his birthday



Several of our 5th and 6th graders 6 years ago



Coach Morgan getting the girls' heads in the game



Ms Chappell and the volley ball girls



Granny Vicki singing with the kids at the Welcoming Ceremony



Oakland Bay Junior High

Caleb Kinzner - Hi all! We are now about halfway through the 1st trimester. This school year has continued to be off to a great start. These students at OBJH had a blazing start to the school year and have yet to slow down. I appreciate all of you parents/guardians who helped them prepare for the school year, whether it has been setting expectations or just instilling them with confidence. I ask that you continue to keep up with your students about their homework and see if they have any unsigned syllabuses, which is the only thing students may struggle with. My expectations have been set high for these students, and I am very confident that they will meet them.

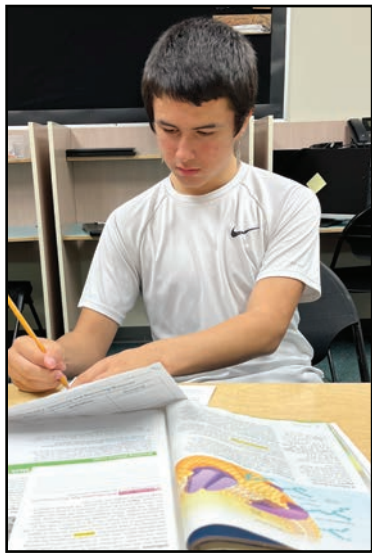
As always, we are available upstairs at the education center for after school homework help from 3:00 p.m. - 5 :00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and I highly encourage students to come get some assistance.

We will be having a Native American Heritage Month assembly next month, so please reach out to me if you want to be included in any way. We are always looking for community members who want to be involved in school events or just stop by in general.

Student of the month! The student of the month this month is Lahai'la Greenwood. She has been a fantastic student so far this year and has been a model student for the rest of the 7th-grade class. She has stayed out of trouble in all of her classes and has fantastic grades on top of that. She regularly helps other students in the Native Ed room when they need help, and never distracts others. I can't wait to see what she can accomplish this year!



Lahai'la and Tyler



LJ Cooper working



Emilio H. and Tyler V



Sponsor a Foster Child for Christmas

Squaxin Island ICW is currently looking for individuals or departments to sponsor a child/children who are in our care for Christmas.

Winter White at 360-432-3939 or wwhite@squaxin.us



Zayne has always enjoyed conversation with his classmates and teachers



Barney and Emory from back in outdoor preschool days

Higher Education

Winter quarter is right around the corner! Remember to send in your final grades for fall, new class schedule for winter quarter/spring semester, and your completed Memorandum of Commitment for the quarter/semester.

I need all of this information for your Higher Education file by December 5th.

I cannot process your paperwork for the college until your file has been updated.

I hope everyone had a very successful first quarter/semester.

If you have any questions I can be reached at my direct line or email.

Thank you!

Mandy Valley
Higher Education Coordinator
(360)432-3882
mvalley@squaxin.us



Shelton High School

Isabelle LeClair - Hello and welcome back Native Ed! We have had a very busy start to the school year over at SHS!

Jaimie and I attended the very first home football game of the year. It was also senior night for the boys and we had to go support our very own Aj Wier! It was a good game to watch and the Climbers won! I'm very proud of Aj and all that he has accomplished on and off the field. He is an excellent student and a talented athlete! We are looking forward to watching Aj and the rest of the football team this season!

We have homework help after school up at the Education Center from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. If anybody needs some extra support after school, come on up and we can get some work done!



Isabelle, Aj and Jaimie after the game



Janelle and Zach at lunch



Api and Janelle at lunch



Jaimie and Isabelle at senior night!



Jean Marie and Janelle



Youth Sports

Basketball is in full swing! Our youth love being active together and practicing their basketball skills and teamwork.

On October 11th, some of our Squaxin youth got to attend the Seahawks Training Camp at their training facility in Renton!



Our ballers ages 5 - 10 warming up for practice



Nutella Obi working on her skills



Basketball is in full swing & Wednesdays our younger team and older team pair up for practice



Nutella and Cahsai ready for training



Wyatt Wentworth making a pass on the Seahawks training field



Antone Hawks setting a healthy example for our youth by attending basketball practice with our older team



Chase Raham and Mason Lehman practicing their passes



LEARNING CENTER



After School Program

October was an exciting time; we held our annual Youth Trunk-or-Treat and Haunted House on October 24th, from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Community Kitchen parking lot. There were so many cool, creative costumes and trunks! We had a fun time seeing all the youth and watching them have an exciting time with their families during the event. Thank you for joining us!

In the after-school program, we had fun fall and spooky activities for the youth.

Monday, October 13th was Indigenous Peoples Day, but we were able to highlight it on Oct 14th during our activity time. We had a kid-friendly chat with the youth about what Indigenous Peoples Day is about. We also chatted about who we are as Squaxin Island Tribe, and little bit of our history. They had tons of questions and gave some great answers.

On Tuesday, October 14th we made scary fruit smoothies, and they turned out great (we had cool Halloween themed cups/straws) and were very good; the youth loved them.

Wednesday October 15th was an early release day for Griffin and Shelton Schools, so we did some

outdoor play while the weather was nice and the youth got to go swimming in the pool with their friends. They had a blast.

On Tuesday, October 21st the kids had a messy and fun time making Halloween Rice Krispie treats. The youth were able to take their treat home at the end of the day to share with their families.

On Thursday October 23rd youth got to create their very own DIY puffy ghost art, and they all turned out cute.

On Monday October 27th the activity was dentalium earrings in the Rec Room.

Friday October 31st was officially Halloween. To celebrate, after school staff played a PG Halloween movie and handed out little treats to each of the youth. They definitely enjoyed them. We hope you had a safe and spooooky holiday!

Swimming for after school youth is Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Please make sure to have your youth bring their swimsuit and towel.

Stay tuned for the upcoming after school calendar for November and weekly schedule on our Fa-

cebook 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!



November 2025

Rec Room: 360-432-3986 | Kasia: 360-432-3801 | Kenna: 360-432-3895 | Sara: 360-432-3992 | Tanalee: 360-432-3819

After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cultural Activity: Mini Button Blankets	3	After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cooking Activity: Pumpkin Spice Donuts	4	After School Program: 1:00-6:00pm Traditional Medicine NW Tree Bingo Swimming 4:30-5:30pm GSD Early Release @ 2:30	5	After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm DIY Yarn Crafts	6	After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm STEM: Building Challenge	7
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Key: SSD – Shelton school District GSD – Griffin School District	After-School Mealtimes: Early Snack: 3:00pm-3:45pm Late Snack: 4:00pm-4:45pm		Activity Time: 5:00-5:45pm		Swimming Wednesday & Fridays 4:30-5:30pm				

After-School & Recreation programs are Tobacco, Vape, Alcohol & Drug Free. This calendar and its activities are subject to change at any time



LEARNING CENTER



Youth Sports

On October 4th some of our Squaxin youth got the opportunity to attend a Saint Martin's University women's volleyball game! Some of them had never attended a college volleyball game before and thought it was so cool!



Youth attending SMU Woemens volleyball game



SMU volleyball game



November 2025 Pool Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
hello FALL						1 CLOSED For floor cleaning!
2 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM CLOSED 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM For private pool party!	3 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	4 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	5 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM ASP: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	6 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	7 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM ASP: 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	8 LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
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Key:

- LS: Lap Swim
- OS: Open Swim
- EA: Elders Aerobics
- ASP: After School Program

FRONT DESK:
360-432-3852
CALL FOR RECORDING OF DAILY SCHEDULE)

POOL OFFICE:
360-432-3873

NON-TRIBAL SWIM FEES:
\$5/VISIT
OR
\$30/MONTH FOR SINGLE PASS
\$45/MONTH FOR FAMILY PASS

TRIBAL MEMBERS SWIM FOR FREE!

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME DUE TO COMMUNITY/STAFF/YOUTH EVENTS



Basket Conference 2025

Photos by Margaret Henry and Jolene Grover

The 28th annual Basket Conference was held October 3 and 4, and was hosted by the Muckleshoot Tribe in collaboration with the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association (NABA).

It was a beautiful gathering that brought together weavers of all ages to celebrate the sacred and traditional art of basketweaving.

Prior to the conference, master weavers gathered and prepared the natural materials needed to create their beautiful and meaningful projects.

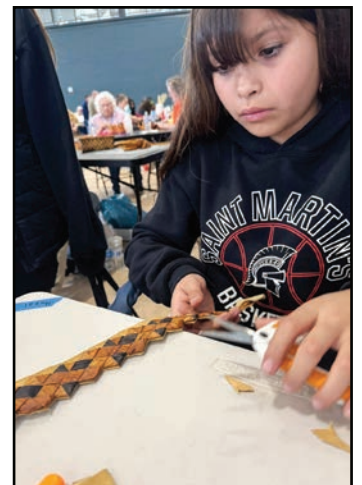
We raise our hands to the Tribal Council for sponsoring scholarships that allowed community members to attend and take art in this meaningful event.

Congratulations to Margaret Seymour Henry on being elected to another term on the NABA board where she continues to serve and support the weaving community with dedication and leadership.

It was an honor to be among so many talented artists from across the region, including representatives for Squaxin Island.

Good job for being a featured weaver, Malia Henry!

Participants came from Washington, Oregon and Idaho.





Basket Conference

By Joanne Decicio

A big genuine THANK YOU to Tribal Council and MLRC for your support with registrations and weaving kits.



By Lisa Eaton

I greatly appreciate the Tribe sponsoring my trip to the Basket Conference held in Muckleshoot - buying me a room and paying for my food and my crafts.

I had the most beautiful time. I met this awesome teacher who I spent most of my time with named Sylvia Peesly from Nespelem and Colville.

I got to have wonderful food and wonderful visits.

This was the first year I went alone, and it was amazing.

Thank you for picking me I appreciate you, family!

These are some pictures of the crafts I made and kept - a rawhide clutch purse inlaid with fabric and hole punched and tied with leather and hand painted . . . some rawhide earrings to match and a black and yellow cedar woven cuff bracelet.

I made another bracelet and a couple other things, but gifted them before I could take a picture.

I pray I have many more Basket Conferences in my future.

Thank you, my Tribe, for making this happen for me.

Love, Lisa Eaton





Cancer Survivor and Caregiver Conference

Tribal Elders Joanne Decicio and Gloria Hill actively participate on SPIPA's Comprehensive Cancer Advisory Committee along with many participants from the SPIPA tribes, SPIPA staff, staff from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center, Harmony Hill (Healing Retreat Center) and more.

The event was held on the evening of June 4th and all day June 5th 2025 with 98 attendees.

There were numerous sub-committees for various needs for cancer awareness and prevention activities occurring at the SPIPA tribes and for the annual, SPIPA Cancer Survivor & Caregiver Conference.

All committee participants, as well as sub-committee participants, contribute valuable input throughout the year to make the events productive and effective.

Joanne and Gloria participated on the sub-committee planning the SPIPA Cancer Survivor and Caregiver Conference hosted at Seven Cedars Hotel & Casino in Sequim, WA. This event featured educational resources, cultural activities, and wellness sessions, creating a supportive space for survivors and caregivers.

Special recognition was given to Ursula Tsosie (Fred Hutchinson) and Cher Castello (SPIPA) for their dedication in coordinating the event from Joanne and Gloria of Squaxin Island Tribe (Gloria & I).

Special thanks and recognition also goes out to the huge advisory committee and all the sub-committees for all the time and dedication given consistently.



Gloria Hill (L) and Joanne Decicio



Clara Hernandez (L), Joanne Decicio, and Gloria Hill



Gloria Hill (L), Cher Castello, SPIPA Cancer Programs Engagement Coordinator, and Joanne Decicio

SPIPA Cancer Survivor & Caregiver Conference

Hosted at the 7 Cedars Hotel & Casino in Sequim, WA, this event featured educational resources, cultural activities, and wellness sessions, creating a supportive space for survivors and caregivers.

Warm welcoming's from Chehalis Tribal member Christina Hicks and SPIPA staff. Attendees were blessed onto Jamestown Tribal land by Tribal Elder Elaine Grinnel. Throughout the event, participants enjoyed delicious meals, massages, and insightful presentations from Tribal Members, the Department of Health, Harmony Hill, and Flying Heron Yoga LLC.

A special recognition was given to Ursula Tsosie and Cher Castello for their dedication in coordinating the event from Squaxin Island Tribal members. The Survivorship Workgroup, SPIPA AC, and the SPIPA Team were also acknowledged for their hard work. Survivors were honored, wrapped in a blanket and gifted a token of appreciation.

The feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with some stating, "This was the best Survivorship conference I have attended..." It's inspiring to see such a strong community coming together to support and uplift one another.

98 Attendees



COMMUNITY



30 Year Anniversary Celebration for TESC Longhouse

Photos by Margaret Henry and Dale Croes





COMMUNITY



11/1
Kimberly RayeAnn James
Wesley Arthur Fletcher

11/3
Armahni Lynn Lopez
Juanita Catherine Pugel
Rickie Leigh Ramage
Shannon Rae Bruff

11/4
Twana Remedios Machado

11/5
Beverly Jean Hawks
Elizabeth Anne Kuntz
Jason Charles Snipper
Jennifer Leann Briggs
Lawanna Bonnie Sanchez
Max Warren Johns
Olivia Ann Mason
Sophia Rose Johns

11/6
Keerah Lynn Brown
Laura Lee Smith
Lincoln Nash Costello
Terri Louise Capoeman
Thomas Richard Peterson

11/7
Anthony John Furtado
Edmond Elijah Quilt III
Elijah Blueback-Robinson
Russel Walter Cooper

11/8
David Wayne Whitener Jr.

11/9
Amy Grace Taylor
Jefferey Allen Blueback
Kyler Matthew Guzman
Mickey Lee Hodgson

11/10
Alibi Lucian Tageant
Jolene Sandra Jones
Monique Abigail Pinon

11/11
Benjamin James Sayers
Carlo Kenyon McFarlane

11/13
Arya Erika Johns
Carver Haitwas Sigo
Rachel Marie Parker
Ryan Dee Fox

11/14
Mary Elizabeth Mosier
Wolf Grace Allen

11/16
Bennett Percy Howard Henry
James Edward Orozco
King Julious Tom
Tammy Ruthann Rios

11/17
Casey Lee Lacefield
Elizabeth Ann Krise
Jennifer Lee Johns
Laura Eliza Snyder

11/18
Ethan Edward Pugel
Joseph Chetwoot Peters
Taeahni Emilion Fox

11/19
Lucille Arlene Quilt

11/20
Lily Nicole Harris
Nathan Allen Nunes
Samantha C. R. Smith

11/21
Aleta Chelan Poste
Bianca Angelina Saenz-Garcia
Vincent Gene Henry Sr.

11/22
Lahai'la Greenwood
Susan Colleen LaClair

11/23
Lyssa Renee Wier
Steven Michael Dorland

11/24
Cecily Anne Neilsen
Joseph Hugh Seymour Jr.
Michael Aaron Parker
Simona Francisco-Coley

11/25
Terry Nakai Tahkeal

11/26
Anthony John Furtado Jr.
Candace Olivia Penn

11/27
Hope Victoria Pughe
Leonard Gene Cooper
Leslie Alan Cooper
Nokomis Butterfly Masoner

11/28
Ila Mae Ball
Redwolf Wilson Krise II

11/29
Charlotte Ann Velador
Daniel Alexander Combes
Mark Allen Peters
Sarah Elizabeth Thornton
Tyler Eric Burrow



Need a Tribal ID?



Contact Aleta Poste:

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Join us Every Wednesday
for cultural night @5PM

DINNER IS PROVIDED

if you have any question please contact
Deanna Hawks 360-463-0991
360-789-2414
360-432-3838

Bring your dancing feet, drums and have a night of fun

EMERGENCY
CALL **9-1-1** FIRE POLICE MEDICAL RESCUE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Non-Life Threatening Emergencies

<p>Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline <i>(Information only - no voicemail)</i> (360) 432-3947</p> <p>Community EOC Hotline <i>(Questions and voice mail message)</i> (360) 443-8411</p> <p>Emergency Management Coordinator (360) 443-8410</p> <p>Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (360) 426-5308</p>	<p>Squaxin Police Department Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00 (360) 432-3831</p> <p>PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline (360) 426-8255</p> <p>Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency (360) 426-4441</p> <p>Mason County Fire Non-Emergency (360) 426-3348</p>
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- COMMUNITY MASTER PLANNING MTG** November 6
- MLRC CHRISTMAS MARKET** November 7 & 8
- TURKEY HARVEST HANDOUT** November 21
- COURT**
 - Family Court November 6
 - Criminal & Civil Court November 25



Tribal Council Feedback forms:
squaxinland.org

Feedback forms are available for tribal members to provide feedback at the top of each department's main page, as well as the Tribal Council page. Your valuable feedback will go directly to the director of the department and Executive Director, Erika Thale. Please take time to let us know what great ideas and concerns you have.

Elders Menu

Fruit and salad at every meal



MONDAY 3:

Chicken Pot Pie

MONDAY 10:

Chicken Fried Rice

MONDAY 17:

Meatball Subs, Onion Rings

MONDAY 24:

Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast

TUESDAY 4:

Tomato Basil Soup, Grilled Cheese

TUESDAY 11:

Chili, Corn Bread

TUESDAY 18:

Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Crackers

TUESDAY 25:

Turkey Soup, Biscuits



AA MEETING
Wednesdays
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Elders Building

WEDNESDAY 5:

Halibut Burgers, Sweet Potato Fries, Cole Slaw

WEDNESDAY 12:

Tuna Salad Sandwiches, Chips

WEDNESDAY 19:

Cabbage Patch Casserole

WEDNESDAY 26:

CLOSED

THURSDAY 6:

Tacos

THURSDAY 13:

Sausage Pasta Bake, Green Beans

THURSDAY 20:

BBQ Ribs, Mac-N-Cheese, Baked Beans

THURSDAY 27:

Thanksgiving - CLOSED



Fun at the MLRC Water Sounds Art Gala

In Washington State, Help is 3 Numbers Away

211 maintains a comprehensive database of community resources and provides information and referrals for essential needs like:

- Food
- Housing and Shelter
- Utility Assistance
- Healthcare Services
- Government Services
- Transportation
- Legal Services
- Counseling
- Disaster Aftercare
- Everything Else

211 also can connect people with information and referrals for:

988 provides crisis support for:

- Thoughts of Suicide
- Mental Health Crisis
- Substance Use Crisis
- Emotional Distress

911 provides first responder dispatch for:

- Medical Emergency
- Fire
- Reporting a Crime
- Disaster Response
- Life Threatening Situation

2-1-1 Washington

Learn more at [Traumatic Brain Injury](#)

Attention Tribal Elders

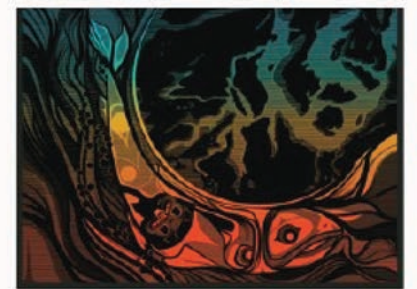
Due to the growing numbers of our Squaxin Elders partaking in Shellfish harvesting we are asking all Elders to confirm which group they are on. We kindly ask that you check in with Austin & Annie-Beth 360-432-3802/3805 to verify your group, either Group 1 or Group 2 and if you have a designated digger or would like one, verify that the information is current.



EIGHTH GENERATION
TRIBAL BLANKETS
NOW AVAILABLE!



Tribal Council is excited to offer a stunning selection of Eighth Generation tribal blankets—designed by Squaxin artists: Taylor Krise & Kimy Peterson



Blankets may be purchased at the Tribal Cashier Window and at the Squaxin Museum. Questions? Call 360-426-9781