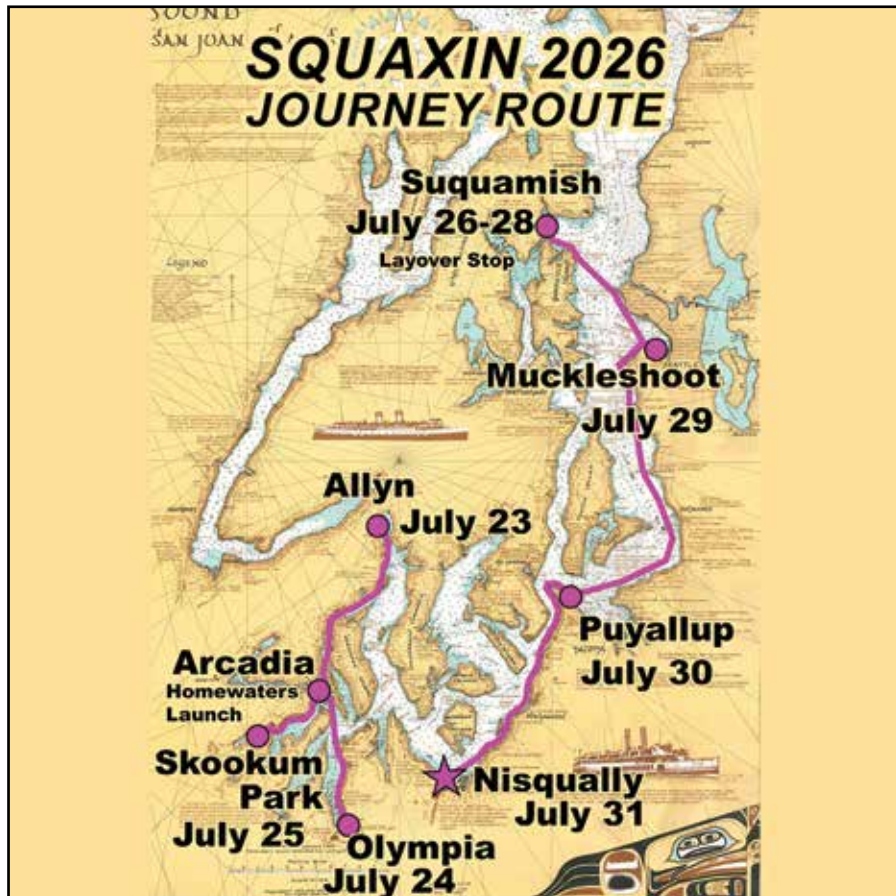


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Welcome Figure by Andrea Wilbur-Sigo Dedicated at Olympia's Isthmus Park

Dedication was on Thursday June 4, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Artist/Carver Andrea Wilbur-Sigo, the Squaxin Island Tribe and the City of Olympia invited the community to join in the dedication of the Welcome Figure skʷuy ʔə ti həliʔi, meaning "Mother of Restoration/Mother of Life" on June 4th, at 4:30 p.m.

A welcome figure is a traditional, monumental wood carving created by indigenous Coast Salish peoples of the Pacific Northwest, typically featuring a human figure with arms outstretched to greet visitors. skʷuy ʔə ti həliʔi, is carved from cedar by Squaxin Tribal Artist/Andrea Wilbur-Sigo, with images of salmon and kelp in the skirt, acknowledging restoration efforts for both. She carries a baby on her back, and wears a hat woven from cedar bark, worn as regalia and for protection from the elements.

In 2021, the City of Olympia renewed their five-year accord with the Squaxin Island Tribe. The agreement includes commitment to long-term actions, including "creating more opportunities for public art, education and community service that will promote a healthy exchange of cultures."

The Olympia City Council and the Squaxin Island Tribal Council conducted biannual meetings in part to "maintain a shared vision" for this five-year accord, in preparation for reaffirming that accord in 2026. One of those meetings produced a shared vision for a welcome figure in downtown Olympia.

"Such figures are an important part of Coast Salish communities and a welcome figure in downtown Olympia is an important recognition that Olympia is situated on the ancestral lands of the Squaxin people," the City of Olympia's website states.

Olympia's Isthmus Park is located at 505/529 4th Ave W (at the east end of the Olympia/Yashiro Friendship Bridge).

Parking is in the Isthmus Park parking lot.



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Walking On Mi'Chelle Mach



Mi'Chelle Emyle Mach was 30 years old when she passed away. She was born April 8 1996, and passed on May 30 2026. She was living in Chehalis, WA when she passed.

When she was a child, she loved the water. She would love to go swimming all the time. She also loved to be sung to; it would calm her down when she was upset. She was also a nurturer, trying to help watch over her little bother after he was born. She always loved to play dress up.

As an adult, she always wanted to help if she could; even if she wasn't able to, she would try and figure something out to try and help.

She was a very giving person. If she had it to give, she would give it to you.

She loved her children more than life itself. Even though she didn't have them, she wanted to part of their lives and loved them so much!

She is survived by her parents, Wendy Michelle Schlottmann and Jeffrey Robert Mach; children, Aubrey Dubois, Michael Lund, Joseph Joyce, Zephyria Mach, and Silver Benningfield; and brother, Isaiah Schlottmann.



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Council Corner

Squaxin Island Tribal Council Focuses on Community Growth, Safety, and Future Projects

Over the past several weeks, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been busy addressing a wide range of community priorities, from housing and youth programs to economic development and public safety.

One major area of focus has been community infrastructure and future development. Updates were provided on the SR 108 roundabout project, the future Wellness Center neighborhood, a new food bank facility, and ongoing improvements at Skookum Park. Planning also continues for a future community center and recreation center, with community feedback helping shape those projects.

Council also reviewed progress on the Northwest Indian Treatment Center, where construction of a new cultural building is underway and a groundbreaking ceremony is being planned. Discussions continue around strengthening recovery services, aftercare programs, and partnerships that support community wellness.

As wildfire concerns grow across the region, Council approved limiting fireworks use to the ballfield this year to help reduce fire risk and improve emergency response capabilities during the Fourth of July holiday.

Youth and family programs remain a priority. Council received updates on summer recreation activities, youth employment opportunities, education programs, and the Child Development Center. This summer, approximately 30 youth employment positions are being offered across Tribal departments, giving young people valuable work experience and mentorship opportunities.

Economic development efforts continue to move forward as well. Island Enterprises reported strong performance across its businesses and is advancing plans for the Highway 101 development project, which includes a future hotel, gas station, and restaurant. Work also continues on the downtown Olympia hotel project and other long-term investments designed to strengthen the Tribe's economic future.

Council approved several grants that will support family violence prevention services, community assistance programs, diabetes prevention efforts, and environmental monitoring projects.

Finally, Council celebrated continued growth within the Tribal community through the approval of multiple enrollment resolutions and ongoing efforts to improve enrollment services and historical research.

As summer gets underway, Council remains focused on supporting community programs, advancing key projects, and planning for the Tribe's future while maintaining a strong commitment to public safety, cultural values, and community well-being.

REMINDER: Council meets the second and fourth Thursdays each month. The meeting link to watch can always be found on the Daily Scoop. Don't get the Daily Scoop? Email thenderson@squaxin.us to sign up!

Tribal Council feedback form:

https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/feedback_form_tribal_council

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.



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Sign up for Committee at Meeting

Agenda:

- Review of Constitutional Amendment Process
- Review of Objectives of Committee and Timeline
- Voting of Committee Officers
- Q&A and Discussion

Community Kitchen
July 7, 2026 5:00 pm

Light food available at meeting



<https://constitution.squaxin.org> >



Squaxin Island

Tribal Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAYS
Each month

Watch the meetings here:



Tribal Council hosts a Public Comment Period at every Council Meeting. This period is from 9:15 - 9:30am. Attendees are encouraged to bring their comments in written form, and each individual's time will be limited.

Public Comment Period

REGISTER FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT BY TUESDAY BEFORE THE MEETING:

Email Melissa Puhn to get on the Public Comment Period:
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CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School



Arthur Barragan
High School Diploma
South Puget Sound

Community College (SPSCC)
Arthur Barragan graduated with his high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) in February.

He is the son of Lettie Machado-Olivo and grandson of Twana Longshore.

Arthur plans to open his own food truck business.

In his free time, he enjoys hunting, games, movies, camping, and cooking.



Randy Foster
High School Diploma
Shelton High School

Randy Foster, the son of Mike and Malynn Foster and grandson of Rhonda and Mike Foster and Andy and Ruth Peterson, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

All four years of high school he was in concert and marching band, playing upright bass and electric bass.

He will be heading to The Evergreen State College this fall.

Randy owns and runs his own business, Randy's Sovereign Teas.

In his free time, Randy enjoys hunting, fishing, plant medicines, and music.



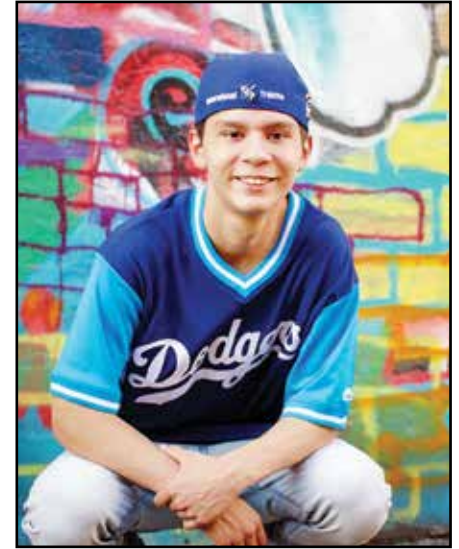
Jeremiah Longshore
High School Diploma
South Puget Sound
Community College (SPSCC)

Jeremiah Longshore, the son of Jasmine Nelson and Jason Longshore Sr., graduated with his high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College in June.

He is the grandson of Paula Krise and Larry Nelson and Patty Leclair and Chuck Longshore.

Jeremiah is a harvester and hopes to open a restaurant.

In his free time, he enjoys fishing, clam digging, cooking, and making money.



Josiah Perez
High School Diploma
CHOICE High School

Josiah Perez, the son of Jennifer Brown and grandson of Patty and Dan Brown and Elizabeth Perez, graduated from CHOICE High School in June.

Josiah plans to attend a trade school and enjoys football and basketball, which he played in high school.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School



Anthony Pinon
High School Diploma
South Puget Sound

Community College (SPSCC)
Anthony Pinon, the son of Wicket and Moose LaClair, graduated with his high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College in May.

He is the great-grandson of Theresa Cooper Henry and grandson of Susan Henry and Larry McFarlane.

Anthony enjoys fishing, gaming, and clam digging.



Victoria-Lynne Reid
High School Diploma
CHOICE High School

Victoria-Lynne Reid, the daughter of Mike and Malynn Foster and Jessica Ann DiGiorgio and Kenneth Fowler, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She is the granddaughter of Mike and Rhonda Foster and Ruth and Andy Peterson.

Victoria also attended New Market for graphic design.

She plans to go to college and become an artist.

She enjoys art, 3D modeling, graphics, gaming, and cross country.



Keona Rocero
High School Diploma
Shelton High School

Keona Rocero, the son of Missy Cooper and grandson of Arnold Cooper and raised by Janette Sigo and Janita and Jermaine Raham, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

He is employed by the Squaxin Island Tribe Tu Ha Buts Learning Center as an Assistant Sports Coach.

Keona plans to attend South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) for welding.



Melanie Sequak
High School Diploma
Shelton High School

Melanie Sequak, the daughter of Martin (Jr.) and Megan Sequak and Hope and Darrell Longshore, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She is the granddaughter of Martin (Sr.) Sequak and Elizabeth Obi.

Melanie participated in Marching/Concert Band and received an award for being the "Most Improved Musician" her Freshman year.

She was employed in the summers of 2024 and 2025 at the Community Kitchen for Summer Rec as an Assistant Cook.

She plans to get a diploma in baking, especially pastries, and work at a bakery or maybe some day open her own bakery.

In her free time, Melanie enjoys painting, swimming, playing her instrument, and cooking/baking.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School



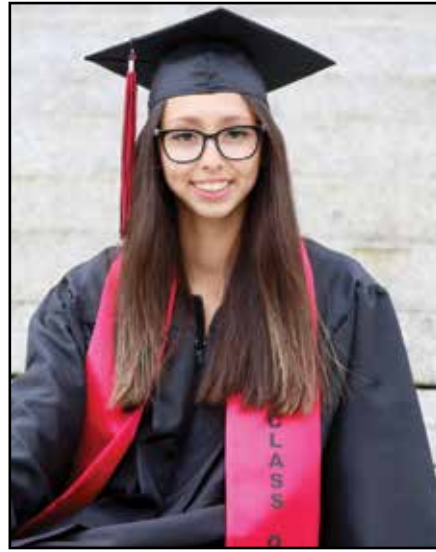
Aidan Sizemore
High School Diploma
South Puget Sound

Community College (SPSCC)
Aidan Sizemore, the son of Tiffany Henderson and Blake Sizemore and grandson of Theresa and Mike Henderson and Cheryl and Bob Santo, will graduate with his high school diploma from South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) in August.

He has been employed this spring as a temporary Fisheries Technician at Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department's Netpens Program.

Aidan plans study abroad in Japan. His career goal is to become a Software or Nuclear Engineer.

In his spare time, he likes to fish, play video games, and learn Japanese culture and language to prepare for his future.



Emma Sparr-Raham
High School Diploma
Shelton High School

Emma Sparr-Raham, the daughter of Janita and Jermaine Raham, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She plans to attend Olympic College to become an Ultrasound Technician.

Emma is currently employed at the Squaxin Island Child Development Center as an HS Center Assistant.

Emma's grandmothers are Janette Sigo, Stephanie Hernandez, Lorraine Raham and Jackie Danyo. Her grandfathers are Scott Meyer and Aberaham Raham.



Judah Thale
High School Diploma
Capital High School

Judah Thale, the son of Erika and Tyler Thale, graduated from Capital High School in June.

He is the grandson of Charlene Krise.

At Capital High School, he participated in football, basketball, DECA, and Leadership.

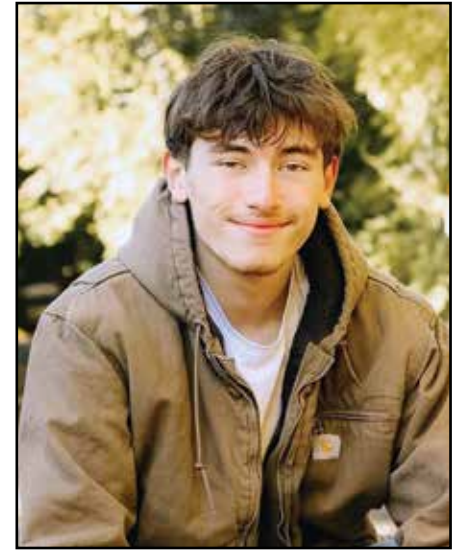
Judah has been a basketball coach, alongside Coach Tae'lor, for the past three years.

"It has been a great experience to watch our youth gain valuable skills, and WIN some rez ball tournaments recently," he said. "I will work one more summer with the youth program before I move in the fall."

Judah plans to attend Central Washington University and pursue a degree in Business Administration with Finance Specialization.

"I have a strong interest in all things finance, investing, and emerging markets, especially within the tech and AI sectors," he said.

In his free time, he enjoys studying the stock market, following trends, and learning how innovation shapes industries and economies.



AJ Wier
School Diploma
Shelton High School

AJ Wier, the son of Lyssa and Matthew Wier, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

He was a member of the National Honor Society and played football. He was a three-time All League Kicker and one-time All League Punter.

AJ also played varsity soccer.

He is the grandson of Theresa and Jim Davis.

He plans to work at the casino this summer through the Squaxin Island Tribe Summer Youth Employment Program.

AJ will attend the University of Washington this fall.

In his free time, AJ enjoys sports, movies, and hanging out with his friends and family.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School

Associates



Quinton Whitener
High School Diploma
Capital High School

Quinton Whitener, the son of Patrick and Jacqueline Whitener, graduated from Capital High School in June.

There, he received arts awards and was in the Car Club.

He is the grandson of Wilson Wesley Whitener, Donna and William Duback, Raymond Benavente, Nancy Williams, and Bert Williams.

He plans to work in the automotive field and enjoys being a fishing guide.

In his spare time, he likes to work on his corvette and go fishing.



Cedar Wily
High School Diploma
Shelton High School

Cedar Wily, the daughter of Taylor Krise and Chinook Miller, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She was a varsity basketball player, and plans to play college ball in southern California at the College of the Redwoods.

Cedar was First Team All-League in basketball, and accomplished having a scholarship named after her, the Cedar Wily Scholarship.

She will be employed by the Squaxin Island Summer Youth Employment Program this summer.

"I have worked with the youth in my Tribe through Stepping Stones and will continue to be a good role model for the next upcoming generations," she says.

In her free time, she enjoys basketball, being a big sister, spending time with her boyfriend and friends, and reaching goals she sets for herself.

Not Pictured

Jacoby Parker
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Kolby Winans
School Diploma
Shelton High School

Kolby Winans, the son of Joshua and Jennifer Coble, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

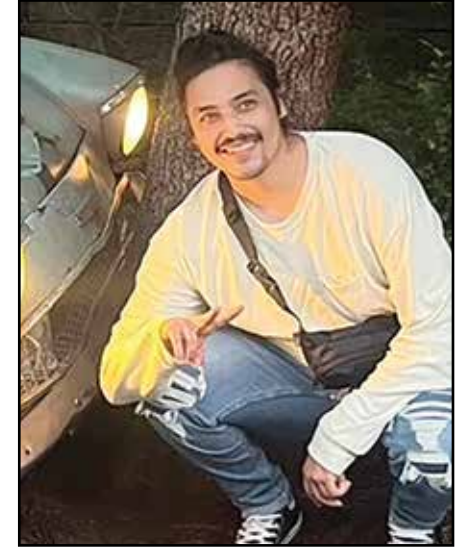
He participated in football, welding, and powerlifting.

Kolby took 1st place at the state welding championships at Skills USA in 2025 and 3rd in 2024.

He is the grandson of Geraldine Bell, John and Rhonda Coble, and Kristi and Trevor Briggs.

Kolby plans to take some time to just live life for a bit and then look into a career in welding.

In his spare time, he enjoys dirt-bike riding, fixing cars, making jokes, and irritating his parents.



Seth Thomas
Associates Degree
South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC)

Seth Thomas, the son of Raven Thomas and Larry McFarlane, graduated from South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC) with an Associates degree in June.

Seth was on the Dean's List and participated in the film club.

He plans to transfer to a university.

In his free time, Seth enjoys scary movies and anything space related.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Bachelors



Sophia Pinon

Bachelors in Business Administration and Management Northwest Indian College

Susan Laclair, the daughter of Susan and Patrick Laclair, graduated in June with a Bachelors in Business Administration and Management from Northwest Indian College.

She is the granddaughter of Susan Henry and Larry McFarlane.

Sophia received a Certification of Entrepreneurship and a National Honors Society award.

She is currently a full-time student and mom and hopes to eventually open a holistic health business.

Sophia enjoys basketball, making herbal medicines, and hanging out with friends and family (most especially, her partner and son :)!



Kasia Seymour

Bachelors in Arts & Sciences Northwest Indian College

Kasia Seymour graduated with highest honors from Northwest Indian College in June with a Bachelors in Arts and Sciences.

She had a 3.97 GPA.

Kasia comes from the Cooper and Krise families and is married to her amazing and supportive husband, Tyrone Seymour. They have two wonderful adult sons, Tyrone Joseph and Johnathan.

Her mother is Rose (Yocash) Krise of Squaxin and her father is Alan Krise of Squaxin and Puyallup. Her maternal grandparents are Virginia (Cooper) Berumen of Squaxin, Leroy Yocash, Sr. of Yakama and Colville, and Jose "Cowboy" Berumen. Her paternal grandparents are John E. Krise of Squaxin and Eleanor (Thomas) Krise of Puyallup.

Kasia is currently employed as the Youth Activities Manager for the Squaxin Island Tribe's Tu Ha Buts Youth Center.

Her plans for the future are to continue working for the youth, her people, and her community in the capacity she is in now or where ever it made lead.

She extends her "thank you" to Squaxin Island Higher Education, Mandy Valley, the Squaxin Education

Commission, and Squaxin Island Tribe for supporting her higher education.

In her free time, Kasia loves clam digging, fishing and taking walks with her family, and her fur babies, Chitwin and Onyx.

She also enjoys yoga and working out, painting and drawing, catching up on politics in Indian Country, and baking, especially new desserts.



Tyrone Seymour

Bachelors in Arts Native Studies Leadership Northwest Indian College

Tyrone Seymour graduated from Northwest Indian College in June with a Bachelors in Arts Native Studies Leadership.

He had a 3.98 GPA and was on the President's List five times and Honor Roll three times.

His grandparents from his mother's side were Clara Bagley and Roy Seymour, and from his father's side, Willard Mowitch and Joyce Capoeman. His mother was Elizabeth Seymour and his father was Stuart Mowitch. He is married to Kasia Seymour and they have two children, Tyrone-Joseph Stuart Seymour and Johnathan Draven Seymour.

Tyrone is moving from Kamilche Trading Post to start a new career with Squaxin Island Natural Resources.

"I would like to start off by thanking my wife, Kasia, and my two boys, Tyrone-Joseph and Johnathan Draven, for always believing in me," Tyrone said. "If it wasn't for Kasia pushing me to join NWIC, I wouldn't be graduating with my Bachelors. I would also like to thank Squaxin Island Tribe and the higher education program. So, from the bottom of my heart, I say thanks and raise my hands up to the Tribe."





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Bachelors



Trelace Sigo
Bachelors Degree
Evergreen State College

Trelace Sigo, the daughter of Steve and Andrea Sigo, graduated from The Evergreen State College with her Bachelors degree in Administration in June.

She is currently employed as an Intensive Case Advocate.

Trelace is most interested in healing housing and programing, behavioral health and healing.

In her free time, she also enjoys beading.



Jayde Smith
Master's in Sports and Athletic Administration
Gonzaga University

Jayde Smith graduated from Gonzaga University in May with a Masters degree in Sports and Athletic Administration.

She had a 3.9 GPA.

Her parents are Carol and Bob Smith and her grandparents are Jackie and Don Smith.

Jayde is currently employed as a Health Teacher at Shelton High School where she is also a Junior Varsity (JV) Girls' Basketball Coach.

She plans to continue teaching and eventually become an Athletic Director.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Masters



Taylor Owens
Master of Social Work
University of WA Tacoma

Taylor Owens, the daughter of Julie and Darrell Owens, graduated on June 12 from University of Washington Tacoma with a Master of Social Work degree.

She is the granddaughter of Carrie (Peters) Smith, and great-granddaughter of William "Bill" Peters who was the child of Jameson Peters and Josephine Bagley.

Taylor graduated with a 3.85 GPA and was a member of Phi Alpha Xi Pi Social Work Honor Society.

She was a Child Welfare Training and Advancement Program Scholar.

She is currently employed as an Indian Child Welfare Active Efforts Specialist at Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF).

Taylor plans to become a licensed clinical social worker and continue to support and advocate for Native children and families.



Kassidy Whitener
Masters
in Public Administration
The Evergreen State College

Kassidy Whitener, the daughter of Melissa Whitener and Lenny Hawks III, graduated from The Evergreen State College in June with her Masters in Public Administration with a concentration in Tribal Governance and Leadership.

She is the granddaughter of Nancy Archer and Beverly Hawks.

"I'd like to acknowledge my family at The Whitener Group as well," she said. "Ron, Jenn, Bob, Paige, and everyone else! I am grateful for my family and people closest to me who are always there to support me. Love you all so much!"

Kassidy is currently the Justice Coordinator at The Whitener Group, and has been working for them in multiple capacities since 2017.

"I absolutely love working with everyone there," she said.

She plans to continue serving her own community while also working alongside other Indigenous communities.

"Earning this degree represents far more than a new title—it carries the responsibility of honoring those who came before us and creating opportunities for those who will come after us," she said. "I recognize that this achievement is not mine alone,

but a reflection of the strength, resilience, and support of my family, community, and ancestors. As I begin this new chapter, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities ahead. I look forward to continuing this journey, growing both personally and professionally, and using what I have learned to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others."

Kassidy and her colleague, Jillian, were elected to be the class speakers for the Tribal Governance Cohort.

"We are deeply honored and were grateful for the opportunity to acknowledge our journey together in front of our other graduates, faculty, friends and family at our hooding ceremony," she said.

Kassidy currently serves on Squaxin's Education Commission and Museum Board, where she helps support cultural preservation and educational initiatives.

She has been gathering shellfish since she was very young, and has been a commercial geoduck diver for nearly ten years.

In her free time, she enjoys staying active at Fitness Ablaze, paddleboarding, and traveling. Most of all, she loves spending quality time with her friends and family.

Kassidy and her partner, Ryan, share their home with their two beloved cats, Jinora and Cashmere. "We also continue to cherish the memories of Precious, who will always hold a special place in our hearts," she said.





4th Annual Elected Tribal Official Academy Training

“AT THE END OF THE DAY....WE ARE RESILIENT”
- *Jamestown S’Klallam Chairman Ron Allen*

By Lyn Dennis, Lummi/Tahltan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison, The Evergreen State College

The Evergreen State College’s 4th Annual Elected Tribal Official Academy Training took place May 5-6th at the beautiful 7 Cedars Casino Resort in Sequim, WA and hosted by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

The Steering Committee includes Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Teri Gobin, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors; and Kris Peters, Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribe. They provided highlights about the importance of leadership at the beginning of the Training.



Steering Committee (left to right): *Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors Teri Gobin, Jamestown S’Klallam Chairman Ron Allen*

Chairman Allen said, “It’s a journey to serve our tribes. Our world is complex. Self-Governance began with eight tribes, today we have almost 400 tribes. We are citizens of Nations and you are a citizen of a government. At the end of the day we are resilient. I encourage you to build your businesses, so you can take care of your people.”

Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors, Gobin said, “We do everything we can to help our people. How can we bring back the teachings, including our culture and language, and how can we assist one another for moving forward.”

Squaxin Island Chairman Peters said, “Networking and relationship building is important. We uphold in many directions. We need to stay humble. Don’t forget where you come from and our time in these positions are short. Mental health and addiction are the biggest challenges. My people come first and remember your values.”

A special thanks to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Regional Office who has supported the Training the past three years. Kurt Fredenberg, Acting N.W. Regional Director presented an overview of the BIA and provided a handbook.

There were presentations including: finance, lobbying, jurisdiction issues on reservations, the Bureau of Indians Affairs, the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs, TVW, Indian Gaming 101 and tribal energy.

Lummi Nation Chairman Anthony Hillaire presented about the first inpatient detox facility in Washington State and on the Lummi Reservation, entitled “SHOQWEL YA’ LHAOLH-EX’XW” the Lummi translation is ‘A building where one transitions toward a healthy way of life.’

Lyn Dennis, Lummi/Tahltan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison said, “The Evergreen State College staff including facilitator, Emily Washines of the Yakama Nation and Skokomish Tribe, and Program Coordinators Josh Grady of the Cowlitz Tribe and Linda Terry helped make this training a success, definitely

a team effort. A special thanks to Rosina DaPoe, Deputy Director, Washington Indian Gaming Association and Operations Manager, Linda Edwards for their assistance with the training.”

We had a tribal leaders and tribal liaisons reception in the Prince Pavilion. We had delicious frybread with a special berry butter, shrimp and more. Some of the Washington State agencies represented included the Department of Commerce; Office of Equity, Office of Governor Bob Ferguson; Department of Health; Department of Enterprise Services and this was a great opportunity for networking.

Graduates of the 2026 Elected Tribal Official Academy Training:

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| 1. Nalani Barela | Burns Paiute Tribal Council |
| 2. Anthony Purcella | Burns Paiute Tribal Council Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Kristopher Kitz | Cowlitz General Council |
| 4. Tim Van Mechelen | Cowlitz Tribal Council Member |
| 5. Michelle Lawrence | Cowlitz Tribal Council Member |
| 6. Terrance “TJ” Adams | Lummi Nation Vice-Chairman |
| 7. Amber Caldera | Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Chairwoman |
| 8. Renee Veregge | Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Council Member |
| 9. Quintin Swanson | Shoalwater Bay Chairman |
| 10. Rita Andrews | Skokomish Tribal Council |
| 11. Louis Auld | Skokomish Tribal Council |
| 12. Chris James | Skokomish Tribal Council |
| 13. Teri Gobin | Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors |
| 14. Ryan Miller | Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors Treasurer |
| 15. Malory Simpson | Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors |
| 16. Deland R. Olney | Yakama Nation Tribal Council |
| 17. Brian Saluskin | Yakama Nation Tribal Council |
| 18. Jessica Garcia-Jones | Muckleshoot Tribal Council Secretary |
| 19. Eileen Richardson | Muckleshoot Tribal Council |



Back Row: (left to right) *Louis Auld, Eileen Richardson, Chris James, Ryan Miller, Deland Olney, and Jessica Garcia-Jones*

Front Row: (left to right) *Amber Caldera, Lyn Dennis (Tribal Liaison), Teri Gobin, Rita Andrews, Emily Washines (Facilitator), and Brian Saluskin*

NOTE: Some of the graduates had to leave earlier due to other obligations.



Donuts for Dad

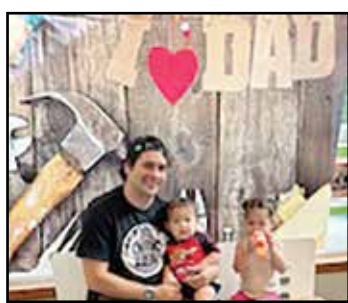


On June 23rd, Squaxin Island Child Development Center (SICDC) welcomed families for our Donuts for Dad celebration! We were excited to have 13 dads or special male role models join us for coffee, donuts, and a fun morning with their children.

Students and staff had a wonderful time dressing like their dads or another important male role model in their lives. With nine staff members and nine children participating, the hallways were filled with smiles, laughter, and some very creative outfits! Families also enjoyed capturing memories together at our photo booth before heading off to start their day.

Our educational focus for the event was water safety, helping families kick off the summer season with important reminders about staying safe around bodies of water. We appreciate everyone who took the time to learn more about keeping children safe while enjoying summer activities.

Thank you to all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and special male role models who joined us. Your presence and involvement make a meaningful difference in your child's learning and development. We loved celebrating with you and look forward to seeing you at future family engagement events!



Welcome Figure at Olympia's Isthmus Park





New Employees



Tanner Noebel
Police Officer
Public Safety & Justice

Hi! My name is Tanner Noebel and I have been hired as a Police Officer, for Public Safety and Justice.

I am the youngest of four children with two incredible parents. I grew up in the Everett/Seattle area and attended Washington State University where I graduated in 2019 with my Bachelors in Criminal Justice.

I then spent two years and four months working at Seattle Children's Hospital gaining valuable experience in safety, security, customer service, mental health, and working with people and patients from all different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds.

I've spent the past five years working remotely in sales for tech companies where I continued to advance my skills in communication, leadership, and hard work to ensure a strong transition into law enforcement.

I am most excited to begin my career in law enforcement and truly feel that I have a purpose in helping others in any way I can. I love meeting new people, facing new challenges and doing my best to ensure people are heard, seen, and feel respected. I love what law enforcement has to offer and I'm ready to get to work!

I am very excited to meet the team and learn more about the Squaxin

community, its history, and how I can best serve those who live and visit here.



Amanda Francis
Cook/Housekeeper
NWITC

Hi! I have been hired as a Cook/Housekeeper 1.

I am a mom of a 17 year-old boy and 11 year-old triplets, two girls and one boy.

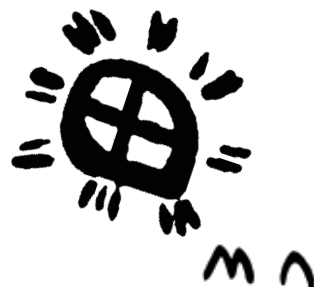
I am in therapeutic court, which has helped me change my life for the best. I will have two years clean and sober July 1st.

I have a lot of experience in housekeeping and in kitchen.

I am very excited to start this chapter of my life and work for you all.

I am excited about everything! I'm excited for this new chapter in my life and look forward to becoming part of the team

I'm excited to begin working with you.



Savannah Raham
Lead Teacher
Child Development Center

Hello, I am Savannah Raham, and I have been hired as a Lead teacher in preschool at SICDC.

I grew up in the Squaxin Island community. My parents are Janita and Jermaine Raham. I have a daughter that is five months old and attends SICDC. Her name is Xiomora Raham.

I previously worked at SICDC for 10 years before I left to obtain my AA in General Education.

I'm really excited to come back and teach the children of the community. I look forward to hopefully working with you and your children



Kyla Boelk
ICW Assistant
Family Services

Hello! My name is Kyla Boelk, and I recently joined the ICW program as an ICW Assistant.

I am currently pursuing my Business Administration degree at South Puget Sound Community College and am excited to continue learning while supporting children and families in our community.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my husband and three children, watching and playing softball, walking, and reading.

I look forward to serving and connecting with our community.



Arrin Cimfl
Pharmacy Technician
Health Clinic

Hello! My name is Arrin Cimfl.

We have only been in Shelton for two years, having lived for 20 years in Vancouver. I live with two of my adult children, two cats, and one dog.

I am excited to be working with the pharmacy team. It seems like a positive and supportive work environment with people who love their jobs.

I can't wait to get started!



Stepping Stones Summer Program

The Squaxin Teen Program is excited to announce that our 2026 Stepping Stones Summer Program has officially begun! We are thrilled to welcome this year's group of youth and kick off another summer filled with learning, growth, culture, and fun.

Stepping Stones is designed to help youth build confidence, develop workforce readiness skills, strengthen cultural connections, and explore future opportunities. Throughout the summer, participants will engage in a variety of activities focused on leadership development, career exploration, cultural teachings, community engagement, and personal growth.

During the first few weeks of the program, youth will have opportunities to participate in team-building activities, career-focused workshops, cultural learning experiences, and visits from various tribal departments and community partners. These experiences are designed to help youth gain valuable skills while learning more about the many opportunities available within our community.

We are incredibly excited to see the relationships, skills, and memories that will be built throughout the summer.

Thank you to all of the departments, community members, and partners who have volunteered their time and support to make this program possible.

We look forward to sharing more updates as the summer continues and celebrating the accomplishments of our Stepping Stones participants along the way.

WEEKLY STEPPING STONES SCHEDULE PLAN

Date: June 29th
- July 2nd

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Native Wellness Training 9-3pm	Native Wellness Training 9-3pm	Native Wellness Training 9-3pm
Thursday	Friday	Notes
9am: Goals for Program 11am-12pm: Handbook off at noon	NO PROGRAMMING	DAILY YOUTH WILL MEET AT 9AM @ THE MARY JOHNS ROOM ENDS AT 3pm daily

WEEKLY STEPPING STONES SCHEDULE PLAN

Date: July 13th -
July 17th

Golf Course/14 year old art project Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9am-11:30pm: Golf Course 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Debreif	9am-11:30pm: Golf Course 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Debreif	9am-11:30pm: Golf Course 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Debreif
Thursday	Friday	Notes
9am-11:30pm: Golf Course 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Debreif	9am-11am: Resume Building 11am-12pm: Pool OFF AT 12!	DAILY YOUTH WILL MEET AT 9AM @ THE MARY JOHNS ROOM ENDS AT 3pm daily

Ten youth will be working with Taylor K, on completing a salmon project

WEEKLY STEPPING STONES SCHEDULE PLAN

Date: July 6th -
July 10th

Career Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9am-11am: NWITC 11am-12pm: Debreif 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Clinic/BHOP	9am-11am: Police department 11am-12pm: Debreif 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Finance department	9am-11am: CHAD PCD 11am-12pm: Debreif 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: TYC SESSION
Thursday	Friday	Notes
9am-11am: Natural Resources 11am-12pm: Debreif 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: Family Services	9am-11am: Resume Building 11am-12pm: Mock interviews OFF AT 12!	DAILY YOUTH WILL MEET AT 9AM @ THE MARY JOHNS ROOM ENDS AT 3pm daily



LEARNING CENTER



WEEKLY STEPPING STONES SCHEDULE PLAN

Date: July 20th - July 24th

Weaving Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9am-12pm: Set up looms and pick colors 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: continue weaving	9am-12pm: Continue weaving 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: continue weaving	9am-12pm: Continue weaving 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: continue weaving
Thursday	Friday	Notes
9am-12pm: Continue weaving 12pm-1pm: Lunch 1pm-3pm: continue weaving	9am-11am: Resume Building 11am-12pm: ?? OFF AT 12!	DAILY YOUTH WILL MEET AT 9AM @ THE MARY JOHNS ROOM ENDS AT 3pm daily

Higher Education

New and returning Higher Education students,
Fall quarter/semester is starting back up soon!

Packets are due August 7th.

If you haven't gotten your paperwork turned in yet, please do so ASAP or you could lose the opportunity to receive funds for fall. Turning in your required documents early makes the process easier and smoother for everyone involved.

If you have any questions, need a Higher Education packet, or need assistance filling it out, please give me a call or send me an email. I will be more than happy to assist you.

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



JULY 2026 POOL CALENDAR							Key: LS: Lap Swim OS: Open Swim EA: Elders Aerobics ASP: After School Program PPP: Private pool party SR: Summer Rec 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!
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Schedule is subject to change at any time due to community/staff/youth events							



LEARNING CENTER



After School Program

Kasia Seymour - After School Program in June and Summer is here!

We may have only had a short month with our youth, but it was packed with fun, laughter, and great memories!

Sara and Tanalee hosted our very first Family Bingo Night on Thursday, June 4th, 2026, from 6:00–7:00 p.m. in the Community Kitchen. It was an evening filled with smiles, excitement, and friendly competition! Families came together to play, cheer each other on, and enjoy a variety of prizes for all ages. There were lots of excited winners, and the grand prize—a karaoke machine—went home with Janita. Congratulations, Janita! We cannot wait until the next Family Bingo Night event.

We made the most of the beautiful weather.

Monday, June 1st, the youth spent time outdoors soaking up the sunshine. They rode scooters, laughed with friends, and played in the playground—it was the perfect way to start the month!

On Tuesday, June 2nd, we took a peaceful nature walk around the pond. The youth were excited to spot tadpoles and even a few frogs! During our walk,

we talked about the importance of respecting nature and leaving it just as we found it so it can stay healthy for all living things.

Wednesday, June 3rd was all about splashing and having fun in the pool! Swimming is always a favorite activity, and the youth had an amazing time playing and enjoying the water together.

On our final day, Thursday, June 4th, the youth enjoyed one last afternoon of sunshine and outdoor fun. They spent time at the playground, rode scooters out front, and took a relaxing walk around the pond with Jacqi and Elsie—making the most of every moment together.

We are so grateful for another fantastic year in the After School Program. Thank you to all the youth and families who made it so special. We wish everyone a safe, fun, and memorable summer!

Stay tuned for the upcoming July Summer Rec calendar. Our Summer Rec weekly schedule is posted on our Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center Facebook page or on the Remind app! To join the Squaxin TYC Remind app, text SquaxinTYC to 81010 - The Remind app will text our weekly hours and any urgent updates directly to your phone. The rec room number is (360) 432-3986.



Squaxin Summer Recreation June/July 2026

Rec Room: 360-432-3986

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3pm June 29 First Day of Summer Rec! CENTER BASED: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-12pm Bears & Orcas: 1-2:45pm Cultural Activities, Crafting and Playground/ Gym	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3pm June 30 Field Trip: Squaxin Park Leave at 10am return at 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3pm July 1 CENTER BASED: Swimming and Field Day Activities Traditional Medicine Activity, crafting, drumming and singing, cooking activity and Water Play in Field.	TYC Closed Happy Fourth of July!	Tribe Closed Happy Fourth of July! See You Monday.
Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 6 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-12pm Bears & Orcas: 1-2:45pm Mosaic Tile Craft, Playground, Tpeeksin Park, Nature Walk	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 7 Field Trip: Insert Coin Olympia Leave at 10am and return at 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 8 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-12pm Swimming: Bears & Orcas: 1-2:45pm Yogurt Bites and Tpeeksin Park	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 9 Field Trip: RAC Park Lacey Leave at 10am & return at 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-1:00pm 10 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 11-12pm Bears & Orcas: 10-11pm Almond Butter Granola Bar
Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 13 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-12pm Bears & Orcas: 1-2:45pm Dream Catchers, Playground, Pam will visit to talk about Dental Hygiene	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 14 Center Based: Bath Soak, Chalk, Seed Bombs, HM Hand sanitizer	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 15 Field Trip: Bullwinkle's Tukwila Leave at 9:45 & return by 3:15pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 16 Field Trip: LBA Park Olympia Leave at 10am & return at 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:1:00pm 17 Center Based: Sidewalk Chalk Paint, Rice Krispies Treats
Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 20 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-12pm Bears & Orcas: 1-2:45pm Center Visitor: JLO Magic show, Face Painting, balloon Twisting	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 21 Center Based: Nature walk, Lip Balms/Salves, Social and Emotional first Aid Kits Hoop toss and Grizzly bear game	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 22 Field Trip: Yauger Park In Olympia Leave gym at 10am & return by 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-3:00pm 23 Field Trip: Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium Tacoma Leave at 10 am & return by 2pm	Summer Rec Hours: 8:30-1:00pm 24 Center Based: Swimming Frogs & Salmon: 10-11pm Bears & Orcas: 10-11pm Tie Dye
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After-School & Recreation programs are Tobacco, Vape, Alcohol & Drug Free.

This calendar and its activities are subject to change at any time.



Congratulations Hazel Lehman!

Hazel Lehman did it!!! Kindergarten at Griffin School is complete! She came, she learned, she made friends, and she had lots of fun along the way. From ABCs to 123s, Hazel has done an amazing job, and we are so proud of her! First grade, here she comes! Keep smiling and being your awesome self. Congratulations, superstar!

- Love, Mom and Sissy Angeline



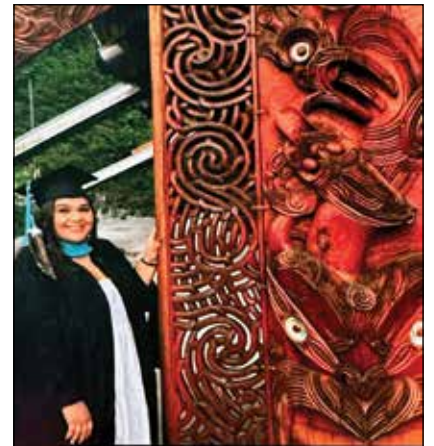
FAVORITE KINDERGARTEN MEMORY:
Our ABC Countdown journals
WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE A...
Doctor so I can help people!

Congratulations Kassidy Whitener

Congratulations

Kassidy Rose Pauline Whitener!!!
For graduating and getting your Masters in Public Administration!

The whole family is so very proud of you, especially your mom!
We love you so much!!!



Kassidy R. P. Whitener
Masters in Public Administration
Evergreen State College



Camp Bishop 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Youth Camp

Sunday, August 9 to Wednesday, August 12



SPIPA Workforce Development is honored to partner with the YMCA of Grays Harbor for this year's summer camp at Camp Bishop. Join us for work skills training, cultural activities, sports, pathways to success, sleepover camp, games, arts, swimming, boating, great food, new friends and much more!

- Open to SPIPA WFD/Cash Assistance Youths age 7-13
- All SPIPA sites are responsible for transportation to and from camp
- Most camp supplies provided
- All food & housing provided during camp
- Learn new skills, connect with nature & tradition
- Enjoy fishing, canoeing, paddleboarding, archery, ropes courses, games, arts & crafts and more!
- Design contest for camp t-shirts!

Pre-register by July 10, 2026

More details coming soon!

For questions and/or to **save your spot at camp**, please contact your SPIPA WFD Office or your Case Manager.



SPIPA WFD

Camp Bishop Youth Art Contest

SPIPA is having an Art Contest for our 2026 Youth Camp!

SPIPA youth ages 7-13 are eligible to participate by submitting an original artwork (**single color**: pencil, pen or digital art) using the themes of American Indian Culture, well-being, strength and resiliency. The first place design will be featured on the shirts for this year's camp!

Details:

- Ages 7-13
 - SPIPA Cash Assistance/WFD Clients
 - Original art on 8.5" x 11" paper (Black & White)
 - Include full name/age in your submission
 - Don't forget to sign your artwork!
 - Entries accepted May 15 through July 10, 2026
 - Camp Committee will vote to choose 1st Place
 - First 15 submitted entries may receive a \$25 incentive*
 - Camp Committee will vote and choose a winner to be announced at camp!*
- *Youths who submit art contest entries must attend camp and be present to receive incentive**

Submit entries to: mrussell@spipa.org

or mail to:

SPIPA WFD

Attn: Camp Art Contest

4301 S Pine St, Suite 400

Tacoma, WA 98409

Contact Mitch Russell for more information at 253.250.0550



Embracing Summer Safely: Protecting Our Skin, Eyes, and Pets

As temperatures rise and our local waters beckon, summer brings a time for gathering, swimming, and celebrating our connection to the land. Whether we are enjoying the community pool or spending time outdoors with family and pets, taking care of ourselves ensures we can keep making memories for years to come. However, the sun's power is growing stronger, and the statistics are sobering.

Melanoma, the most serious form of skin cancer, is on the rise. In fact, rates have been increasing by 1.2% every year for the last decade (National Cancer Institute [NCI], 2025). This year alone, it is estimated that over 104,000 Americans will be diagnosed with invasive melanoma—a number that translates to a new case roughly every three minutes (Melanoma Research Alliance, 2025). While treatable when caught early, melanoma is responsible for most skin cancer deaths, with nearly 8,400 lives lost to the disease in 2025 (American Cancer Society [ACS], 2026).

The risk is real for all of us. Currently, about 1 in 45 people will develop melanoma in their lifetime (NCI, 2025). But the good news is that this is largely preventable.

Protect Your Skin First: Even on cloudy days, ultraviolet (UV) rays are active and can damage skin. Water and sand can also reflect sunlight, intensifying exposure by up to 80% (ACS, 2026).

To protect ourselves:

- **SUNSCREEN IS ESSENTIAL:** Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher. Apply it generously 15 minutes before going outside.
- **REAPPLY OFTEN:** Sunscreen wears off. Reapply every two hours, and immediately after swimming, sweating heavily, or towel drying—even if you are using a "waterproof" formula.
- **COVER UP:** Wear sun-protective clothing, wide-brimmed hats, and lightweight long sleeves. Don't forget the ears, nose, and tops of feet, as these areas burn easily.

Special Care for Babies and Seniors *Some members of our community have skin that is more fragile and requires extra attention.*

- **INFANTS UNDER 6 MONTHS:** A baby's skin is thinner and absorbs chemicals more easily. Do not use sunscreen on infants under 6 months. Instead, keep them in deep shade, dress them in light weight long sleeves and pants, and use a wide-brimmed hat. Use stroller covers or umbrellas to block direct sun (American Academy of Pediatrics [AAP], 2024).
- **BABIES 6 MONTHS AND OLDER:** Once a baby reaches 6 months, you can apply a small amount of mineral-based sunscreen (containing zinc oxide or titanium dioxide) to small exposed areas like the face and hands. These sit on top of the skin and are less likely to cause irritation (AAP, 2024).
- **OLDER ADULTS:** Aging skin becomes thinner and loses its ability to repair itself quickly. Seniors are at higher risk for severe burns and heat exhaustion. They should be extra diligent with hydration, seek shade frequently, and use sunscreen daily, even for short walks.

Don't Forget Your Eyes

Just as our skin needs protection, so do our eyes. Prolonged exposure to UV rays can lead to cataracts, macular degeneration, and even eye cancer (American Academy of Ophthalmology [AAO], 2025).

- **WEAR SUNGLASSES:** Choose sunglasses that block 99% to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays. Look for labels that say "UV400" or "100% UV protection."
- **STYLE MATTERS:** Wraparound styles offer the best protection by preventing rays from entering from the sides.
- **DON'T RELY ON TINT ALONE:** Dark lenses without UV protection can actually be more harmful, as they cause pupils to dilate, allowing more harmful rays to enter the eye. Always check the label.

Keep Our Pets Safe

Many of us love to bring our furry friends along on our summer adventures. However, pets are just as vulnerable to the sun and heat as we are.

- **NEVER LEAVE PETS IN CARS:** Even with windows cracked, temperatures inside a car can rise to lethal levels in minutes. On a 75°F day, the interior can reach 100°F in just 20 minutes. Never leave a pet unattended in a vehicle.
- **WATCH FOR HEAT STRESS:** Dogs and cats cannot sweat like humans; they pant to cool

down. Signs of overheating include excessive panting, drooling, bright red gums, lethargy, and vomiting. If you see these signs, move them to shade immediately, offer cool water, and wet their paws and belly with cool (not ice-cold) water.

- **SUNBURN IS REAL:** Pets with short hair or light-colored fur (especially noses and ear tips) can get sunburned. Limit their time in direct midday sun and consider pet-safe sunscreen for exposed areas if they spend hours outside.

If sunburn or heat issues happen, mild burns can often be treated at home:

- Cool the skin with damp cloths or a cool bath.
- Apply moisturizers like aloe vera or calamine lotion (keeping them refrigerated can provide extra relief).
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

When to Seek Help

Please watch for signs of severe reaction. If you or someone else experiences blisters, severe pain, fever, nausea, or vomiting, seek medical attention immediately. These can be signs of severe sunburn, sun poisoning, or heat exhaustion.

Let's look out for one another this season—our neighbors, our children, our elders, our eyes, and our beloved pets. By staying hydrated, seeking shade, wearing protection, and keeping our animals safe, we can enjoy the warmth of summer while keeping our entire community healthy and safe.



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SQUAXIN ISLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAM

Compassionate Care. Individualized Healing. Community Focused.



OUR APPROACH

We believe every individual is unique. Your recovery and healing journey should reflect your personal strengths, goals, and experiences. Our team collaborates with you to create customized, trauma-informed care that supports growth, wellness, and balance.



MEET OUR PROVIDERS



Åse Toriussen, SUDP
Substance Use Disorder Professional

- SUD education
- Individualized recovery planning (abstinence to harm reduction)
- Focus on authentic, trusting client relationships



Giita Clark (she/her), MA, LMHC
Licensed Mental Health Counselor

- 30+ years of experience
- Specialties:
 - Depression, anxiety, trauma
 - Grief, relationships, life stress
- Emphasis on balance, healing, and personal growth



Joseph Goodfellow, MA, LMHCA
Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate

- Experience in recovery support since 2018
- Works with:
 - Trauma, ADHD, autism
 - Depression, self-harm, transitions
- Uses CBT, DBT, TF-CBT & play therapy
- Strength-based, spiritual, evidence-based approach



Julie Anderson, (she/her), MA, LMHC, SUDP
Licensed Mental Health Counselor & SUD Professional

- Co-occurring Disorder Counselor
- Trauma-informed modalities:
 - IFS, DBT, ACT, EMDR, Mindfulness
- Provides safe, supportive healing environments
- LGBTQIA+ affirming care



Laurel Wolff (she/her), MA, LMHC
Licensed Mental Health Counselor

- Specialties:
- Trauma, anxiety, depression
 - Grief and loss
 - Self-esteem / self-love
 - Building healthy relationships and LGBTQIA+ affirming care.
- Modalities:
- IFS
 - Somatic Archaeology – medicine wheel based approach to working with trauma.



Kyle Ferguson, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist & Neuropsychologist

- Provides:
 - Psychological & neuropsychological assessments
 - Individual and group therapy
- Uses evidence-based care:
 - CBT, motivational interviewing, mindfulness
- Integrated care with medical providers



Arielle Wortman (she/her), MA, LMHC
Licensed Mental Health Counselor

- 20 years working with children & families
- Specializes in:
 - Play therapy & sandplay
 - Attachment & psychodynamic therapy
- Supports children and caregivers together
- Focus on strengthening family connection



OUR SERVICES INCLUDE

- Individual & group therapy
- Substance use treatment
- Trauma-informed care
- Child & family therapy
- Psychological & neuropsychological assessments
- Co-occurring disorder treatment
- Care coordination with medical providers



OUR COMMITMENT

We are dedicated to providing high-quality, culturally respectful, and compassionate care.

Together, we work toward healing, resilience, and a stronger sense of well-being.



CONTACT US

360-426-1582

We look forward to supporting you on your journey.

ROSE BLUEBACK
360-432-3856

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TRIBAL ASSISTERS

WHO HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO
... **MEDICAID RENEWALS** ...
OR
NEW APPLICATIONS

Radishes

The spicy, peppery radish is a member of the cruciferous family, related to kale and broccoli.

You can enjoy its zingy crunch raw on a salad or cook as you would a potato for milder flavor. Use them as you would kale or spinach. Radish Greens are also edible!

There are numerous varieties of radishes, varying in size, flavor, color, and length of time they take to mature.

One cup of radishes is just 19 calories, with 4 grams of carbohydrates and 2 grams of fiber. A radish is almost a carb free food!

Keep the Greens on until you are ready to eat the radish. Put the unwashed, untrimmed radishes in a bowl, with greens sticking out. Add enough water to cover most of the radish. Change the water daily. This keeps on the counter three to four days or seven to eight days in the fridge.

Radish Dip: Adjust the amounts of radish and garlic to suit your taste. Serve with crackers or vegetables.

INGREDIENTS: 4 cloves garlic (peeled), 6 radishes (quartered), 2 (8 ounce) packages of cream cheese, softened or 16 oz plain Greek yogurt.

DIRECTIONS: Place garlic in a food processor and pulse until finely minced. Add radishes and mince. Add cream cheese and mix until well blended. Transfer to a serving dish and chill until served.



SNAP CRACKLE POP: Firework Injuries

One magical 4th of July memory that comes to mind is sitting on a blanket, dressed in the coolest 90s-style sweatshirt and jeans. Pretty sure it was Mickey Mouse. Twilight was fading fast into darkness, when the first whistle came, followed by a loud bang, illuminating the sky in glitter. As each moment passed, more colors, streaks, and music filled the atmosphere. I remember covering my ears, but loving the sights. As my parents tucked me into bed that night, I snuck back out and continued to look out the window and watch the science of chemistry paint the sky.

Fast forward, I'm dancing in the driveway with my brother and the neighborhood boys. They are laughing and screaming, "get her" or "bombs away". They are throwing poppers at my feet and I'm leaping out of the way to not get hit. My dad, a pediatrician, comes outside and immediately both of us were in trouble. After a stern talking too and a time out, we were allowed to participate in watching fireworks that night. The following week, we were grounded with extra chores and not being able to hang out with friends. I thought at that time, "Dad you are so overreacting."

Several years later, I'm in an exam room, it was a few weeks after the 4th, and a dad brought his son to an appointment. His hand was wrapped. Being conversational, I asked if he was okay. He held up his hand and three fingers were present. He preceded to tell me that he was lighting off a firework when it exploded. The force took half of his hand and fingers. The tissues were embedded in the garage door 25 feet away. Later that week, he dug out his own extremities, sanded the door, and repainted it to cover up the bloody charred mess. The physics nerd in me knew the amount of force that was generated was incredible. I remember him telling me that he was thankful it was a few fingers and nothing more. Flash back to school age, I understood why I was grounded.

All these stories are true. Does this make the 4th of July bad? Of course not. We want families and friends to connect and celebrate. As first responders and healthcare workers, we promote safety and injury prevention.

Here is what the data states about fireworks/4th of July:

Every year, fireworks start an average of 19,500 fires. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in 2024, about 14,700 people were treated in emergency departments for fireworks injuries, and 11 people died from fireworks. Teens, ages 15 to 19, had the highest rate of fireworks-related injuries, and children, ages five - nine, had the second highest rate. Firecrackers and sparklers, which burn as hot as 1,200 degrees, caused the most injuries.

My goal for this year and every year is for everyone to have magical fun memories. Reduce to the risk. See safety tips below.

- Your friendly Squaxin Island Clinic Pediatric Provider, Lexi

Safety Tips:

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks, including sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit—hot enough to melt some metals.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area and only purchase and set off fireworks that are labeled for consumer (not professional) use.
- Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Follow all instructions and warnings on fireworks and never hold them in hand unless instructions specify to do so.

Raspberries

If Berries were Nature's candy, what type of candy would a Raspberry be?

This delicate, slightly sweet, often sour fruit is a nutritional powerhouse. They contain several important phytochemicals, the most concentrated is a compound called Ellagic acid, which is a natural relative to the drug Tamoxifen, used in the treatment of some breast cancers.

Ellagic Acid helps to prevent cancer by slowing cellular growth, and by assisting the liver in neutralizing cancer causing chemicals.

Raspberries' high fiber content is useful in maintaining a healthy digestive tract.

STORAGE: Raspberries are delicate and do not keep very long, so use them quickly and keep any uneaten ones in the refrigerator.

Do not wash them until you are ready to eat them.

So – what type of candy do you think a raspberry would be?

10 HEALTH BENEFITS OF RASPBERRIES

- ✕ Boost Immune System
- ✕ Rich in Anti-Oxidants
- ✕ Rich in Vitamin A
- ✕ Normalize Blood Sugar
- ✕ Burns Fat
- ✕ Increase Red Blood Cells
- ✕ Maintains a Healthy Heart
- ✕ Helps with Anti-Aging
- ✕ Anti-Inflammatory
- ✕ Prevents Cancer



HARVESTERS DONT FORGET!



LIFE JACKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE BARGE

For any clarification on harvesting regs
please call the NR Front Desk at
360-432-3802/3805



Childrens' Wellness Checks

Lexi, Pediatric Provider - Howdy neighbors, Summer is the perfect time to schedule your childrens' wellness checks. Schedule early and beat the "back to school rush." Appointments tend to fill up fast come August.

What is a wellness visit:

Wellness visits (also called well-child visits or check-ups) are essential appointments that help keep your child healthy as they grow. These visits are not just for when your child is sick—they are designed to prevent problems before they start and to make sure your child is developing properly.

What Happens at a Wellness Visit?

During each wellness visit, your child's doctor will:

- **Monitor Growth and Development**
 - Measure your child's height, weight, and head circumference (for babies and toddlers)
 - Check that your child is meeting age-appropriate milestones
 - Screen for developmental delays and autism at specific ages
- **Provide Preventive Care**
 - Give recommended vaccines to protect against serious diseases
 - Perform age-appropriate screenings (vision, hearing, anemia, lead exposure)
 - Check for behavioral and mental health concerns
- **Offer Guidance for Your Family**
 - Answer your questions about feeding, sleep, behavior, and safety
 - Provide advice tailored to your child's age and needs
 - Discuss nutrition, physical activity, screen time, and sleep habits
 - Address safety topics like car seats, injury prevention, and safe sleep
- **Screen for Family Needs**
 - Check for postpartum depression in mothers of young infants
 - Assess for social needs like food security, housing, and transportation
 - Connect families to community resources and support services

Why Are Regular Wellness Visits Important?

- **Early Detection** - Many health problems can be identified and treated early, before they become serious.
- **Developmental delays, vision problems, hearing loss, and behavioral concerns** are often first noticed during wellness visits.
- **Vaccines** protect your child from dangerous diseases.
- **Guidance** provided about nutrition, safety, and healthy habits helps prevent obesity, injuries, and other health problems.
- **Building a Relationship** - Regular visits help you and your child develop a trusting relationship with your doctor. This makes it easier to get help when you need it.
- **Tracking Progress** - Wellness visits create a complete picture of your child's health over time, making it easier to spot changes or concerns.

Recommended Visit Schedule

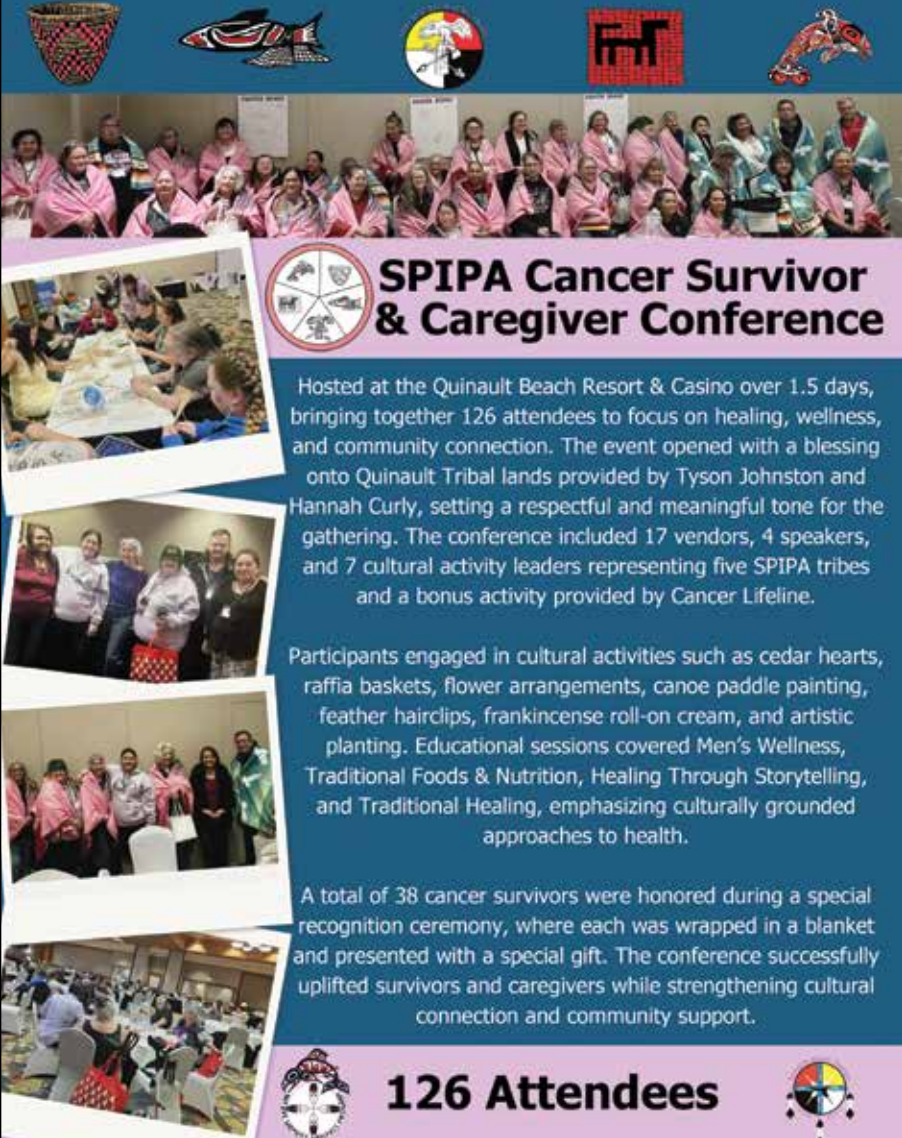
The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends wellness visits at these ages:

INFANCY: 3-5 days old, 2 weeks, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, and 12 months

TODDLER (AGES 1-3):

15 months, 18 months, 24 months, 30 months, and 3 years

AGES 4-21: Once a year



SPIPA Cancer Survivor & Caregiver Conference

Hosted at the Quinault Beach Resort & Casino over 1.5 days, bringing together 126 attendees to focus on healing, wellness, and community connection. The event opened with a blessing onto Quinault Tribal lands provided by Tyson Johnston and Hannah Curly, setting a respectful and meaningful tone for the gathering. The conference included 17 vendors, 4 speakers, and 7 cultural activity leaders representing five SPIPA tribes and a bonus activity provided by Cancer Lifeline.

Participants engaged in cultural activities such as cedar hearts, raffia baskets, flower arrangements, canoe paddle painting, feather hairclips, frankincense roll-on cream, and artistic planting. Educational sessions covered Men's Wellness, Traditional Foods & Nutrition, Healing Through Storytelling, and Traditional Healing, emphasizing culturally grounded approaches to health.

A total of 38 cancer survivors were honored during a special recognition ceremony, where each was wrapped in a blanket and presented with a special gift. The conference successfully uplifted survivors and caregivers while strengthening cultural connection and community support.

126 Attendees

What You Can Do

- **Prepare for Each Visit**
 - Write down questions or concerns before the appointment
 - Bring your child's immunization record
 - Share information about your child's eating, sleeping, and behavior
- **Keep All Scheduled Appointments**
 - Even if your child seems healthy, these visits are important
 - If you need to reschedule, call as soon as possible for a new appointment
- **Follow Through**
 - Complete any recommended screenings or tests
 - Follow your doctor's advice about nutrition, safety, and development
 - Schedule follow-up appointments if needed

Remember

Wellness visits are an investment in your child's future health. They provide the foundation for a lifetime of good health by preventing problems, catching concerns early, and helping your child grow and develop to their full potential.

If you have questions between visits, don't hesitate to call your child's doctor. Your pediatrician is your partner in keeping your child healthy. I can't wait to see you and your kids. Come visit me at Squaxin Island Health Clinic.

Call (360) 280-2798.



COMMUNITY



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

7/2
Dalela Azalea Jasmine Grant
Janessa Faye Kruger
Milo Romeo Giles

7/3
Phinatue Lee Hodgson

7/4
Annie-Beth Whitener Henry
Heaven Wilde Mowitch
Jeremie Walls

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

7/6
Celeste Rene Forcier
Martin Regius Sequak Jr.

7/8
Andre William Anderson
Ariah Hazel George
Clayton James Edgley
Diana Lynn VanHoy
Issiah Thomas Lewis
Steve George Witcraft
Virginia Mae Berumen

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Keenon Vigil-Snook

7/10
Nyla Elizabeth King
Leah Marie Gentile

7/12
Isaiah John Duncan
Terence Jevan Henry

7/13
David Michael Lewis
7/13 Donald Lee Daniel III
7/13 Elizabeth Ivy Yeahquo
7/13 Jennifer Ann Evans

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

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

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

7/17
Matthew John Bell
Tiffany Faye Henderson

7/18
Alexander Long Van Horn
Charles Edward Mickelson Jr.
Isabel Rose Leonor Trinidad
Victoria Kruger-Neilsen
Violet Rose Garcia

7/19
Clara Rose Hernandez
Elena Capoeman-Johns
Soren Emerson Jimmie

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

7/21
Corri Clae Coleman
Eliza Mae Naranjo-Johns
Leila Lorine Whitener
Mylie Blake Johns

7/22
Cara Marlene Price
Tyler Steven Morlock

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

7/24
Misty Manette Kruger
Sailor Midnight-Reign Tucker

7/25
Catori Jade Blueback
Eileen Renee Faye George
Hailey Ann Henry
John Rue Willis
Thomas Blueback III
Walter Eugene Lorentz Jr.

7/26
Joshua Charles Lee Kipp
Kacen Jay Cooper
Kellie Christine Read
Loretta Jean Case
Malia Red-Feather Henry
Shawnene Breezy Mae Cooper-Bush

7/27
Chas Michael Addison
Dorian Williams
Jackson Cooper Napoleon
Marvin Stanley Henry

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

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

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

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



Happy 12th birthday Olivia



We love you so much!!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sissy, and Satayla



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What's Happening

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MTG July 7

PADDLE TO NISQUALLY July 23-31

WIC July 13
DIAPER DISTRIBUTION & USDA July 9

COURT

Family	July 2	Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Criminal	July 28	Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
Civil Court	July 28	Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Culture Night
5pm
Wednesdays
Squaxin Community Kitchen
Bring your dancing feet,
drums, rattles & crafty hands



Contact Deanna for more info
360-463-0991



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

A HOME LOAN WORKSHOP FOR
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL MEMBERS
THURSDAY, JULY 23 • 5–7 PM
At the Squaxin Island Tribe Community Kitchen:
50 SE Squaxin Lane • Shelton, WA 98584

Explore home loan options designed for
Native borrowers, and much more:
HUD 184 • Heritage One • Covenant Loans

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TODAY TO
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Elders Menu

Fruit and salad at every meal

MONDAY 6:

Shepherds Pie

TUESDAY 7:

Chicken Noodle Soup,
Egg Salad Sandwich

MONDAY 13:

Tuna Casserole, Peas

TUESDAY 14:

Beef Stew, Biscuits

MONDAY 20:

Meatball Subs, Chips

TUESDAY 21:

Corn Chowder, Buckskin Bread

MONDAY 27:

Cabbage Patch Casserole

TUESDAY 29:

Seafood Soup

WEDNESDAY 1:

Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast

WEDNESDAY 8:

Fish N Chips, Coleslaw

WEDNESDAY 15:

Chicken Alfredo, Broccoli

WEDNESDAY 22:

French Dip, Potato Salad

WEDNESDAY 29:

Pork Chops, Stuffing, Carrots

THURSDAY 2:

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans,
Chips

THURSDAY 9:

Chicken Pot Pie

THURSDAY 16:

Indian Tacos

THURSDAY 23:

Fried Oysters, Steamed Potatoes,
Asparagus

THURSDAY 30:

Salmon, Red Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts

HELP OUR YOUTH SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Squaxin Truancy Prevention Program

Working Together to Support Student Attendance, Success, and Well-Being

Our Truancy Prevention Program partners with families, families, schools, and the community to help FERPA stands for the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. It is a U.S. federal law that protects the privacy of student education records.

This helps us:

- Monitor attendance and academic progress
- Identify barriers to school participation
- Coordinate support services for students and families
- Connect youth with mentoring, cultural activities, and resources
- Work collaboratively with schools to improve student outcomes

Your Privacy Matters

Information will be kept confidential and used only for authorized educational support purposes.
Signing a FERPA release is voluntary.
Families can ask questions before signing.
Records will be handled according to federal privacy requirements.

Who Should Complete a FERPA Form?

Parents or guardians of youth ages 5-17
Students age 18 or older may complete their own FERPA authorization

Benefits of Participation

- Attendance support
- Academic advocacy
- Family engagement services
- Referrals to community resources
- Individualized student support planning

Please complete and return your FERPA Release Form to participate in the Truancy Prevention Program & Squaxin Student Advocate Program

Squaxin Truancy Prevention Program
Jaime Cruz
360-432-3842
jcruz@squaxin.us
Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center

FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members and Their Spouses

The Tribe is offering the services of Mark Allen, an attorney who has worked for the Squaxin Community for 10-plus years. Mark Allen is ready to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and their loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents. Please be advised that this program provides estate planning services in accordance with **WASHINGTON STATE** laws.

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Directives
- Health Care Directives
- Estate Planning

If you are interested in these services, please contact **Lindsey Harrell**, Legal Coordinator for the Squaxin Island Legal Department, at (360) 432-1771 ext. 2, (360) 472-6802 or Lharrell@squaxin.us

Squaxin Island Tribe employees who are not tribal members – check out your employee benefits packet to see what estate planning services are available for FREE through the Hartford Basic Group Term Life Insurance and AD&D.



South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Diaper Distribution

Squaxin Island Tribe

Thursday, July 9th

SPIPA IPC

10:00am-1:30pm



Pull-ups | Diapers | Wipes | More

Need diapers? You may qualify! Households on or near Tribal lands and enrolled in programs like WIC, SNAP, or TANF may be eligible.

Call SPIPA at 360.426.3990.



South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program Delivery Date

Squaxin Island
Thursday, July 9th

SPIPA IPC Parking Lot
10:00am-1:30pm



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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Squaxin Island WIC

Women, Infants, and Children

WIC provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

For appointments and questions, contact:

Debbie Gardipee
360.463.4439
dgardipee@spipa.org

SPIPA main number: 360.426.3990



Next WIC date:
July 13th, 9-3
SPIPA IPC, phone appts.

Phone and in person appointments. Date subject to change.



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Washington WIC doesn't discriminate.