

# KLAH-CHE-MIN

JUNE 2026

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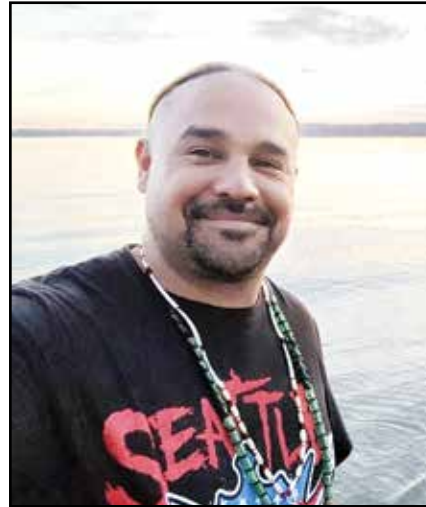
## Congratulations Newly Elected Tribal Council Members



**Kris Peters**  
Re-Elected Tribal Chair



**Tyler Johns**  
Tribal Council Member #1



**Greg Lehman**  
Tribal Council Member #2



MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR

**JUNE**  
**2026**

**EDUCATION**  
**GRADUATION**  
 **EVENTS**

**04 CHOICE HS GRADUATION**  
SHS PAC at 6pm

**05 CEDAR HS GRADUATION**  
SHS PAC at 6:30pm

**06 SHELTON HS GRADUATION**  
ST. Martin's 6pm

**11 OLYMPIA HS GRADUATION**  
ST. Martin's 7pm

**12 CAPITAL HS GRADUATION**  
ST. Martin's 7pm

**17 sg<sup>w</sup>ig<sup>w</sup>i CELEBRATION**  
Squaxin Field 5pm

Details may change. Contact your school for the most up-to-date information.



### Graduating in 2026?

Do you know someone who is graduating high school, has received their GED, completed their AA, BA, MA Degree, or has received a certificate for a vocational/technical program?

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council, Education Commission and the Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center would like to recognize and celebrate these individuals at the . . .

**29th Annual sg<sup>w</sup>ig<sup>w</sup>i**  
Wednesday, June 17th, 2026  
**5:00 p.m. at the Squaxin Ball Field**

**To be recognized, please fill out the graduate recognition form by:**  
4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5th, 2026

**Go to the following link or scan the QR code:**

[https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/2026\\_graduates](https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/2026_graduates)

**Questions?**

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## Walking On Colleen Woodard



Prestin Brown, Anita Brown, Donovan Brown, Crue Woodard, Chevelle Woodard, and Suzie White; several great-grandchildren; cousin, Carol Dailey-Pierce; and many loving nieces, nephews who will continue to honor her legacy.

Her life was a blessing, her memory a treasure, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

*Forever in our hearts.*

## Squaxin Island TRIBAL NEWS

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The Klah-Che-Min encourages Tribal Members to submit letters, articles, photographs and drawings to be considered for publication, but are subject to editing.

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

Submissions Deadline:  
15th of each month

### SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL:

KRIS PETERS:	Chairman
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### March 14, 1944 - March 28, 2026

Colleen Woodard Tyler passed away on March 28, 2026.

Colleen was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and a proud member of the Squaxin Island Tribe. She held deep respect for her Native heritage and took great pride in working with Tribal Elders, preserving traditions and sharing her history and culture with others. Her connection to her roots was a meaningful and guiding part of her life.

She lived a life centered on love, strength, and unwavering dedication to those she held dear. Her presence brought comfort and joy to many, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray. She is now reunited in Heaven with him and her parents, Roy and Agnes Dailey; her brothers, Ron, Bud, and young Jimmy Dailey; and her sisters, Patricia Scarano and Nancy Ford. As the last of her immediate family, her passing marks the closing of a cherished generation - now whole again.

Colleen is survived by her loving children, Chris Woods and his wife, Victoria, Lisa Woodard, Daniel Woodard, and Krystal Woodard. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren, Brody Woods, Juston Brown, Grey Brown, Cory Brown,



## Tribal Council

**feedback form:**  
[https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/feedback\\_form\\_tribal\\_council](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.

## ONLINE SURVEY

Squaxin Housing Interest Survey

Section 184 Program

We are exploring future housing opportunities on the reservation. Your input will help guide housing development and planning.



## Walking On Mitzie Whitener



### December 8, 1963 (Shelton, WA) - April 22, 2026

Mitzie Whitener was born on December 8, 1963, to Elaine Moore and David Whitener, Sr. and passed away on April 22, 2026. Her grandparents were John and Pearl Moore and Percy and Ethel Whitener.

She lived in Neah Bay as a youth, while her father, David, served as Principal. She moved back to Kamilche, and graduated from Shelton High School. She also lived in Shelton, Olympia, and the Steamboat Island area.

Mitzie earned a Bachelors degree from The Evergreen State College.

She worked for the Squaxin Island Natural Resources net pen program and later served for many years as the Information Services Director.

Her brother, David Whitener, Jr. says, "Not a lot of people know that she created a nationally recognized Information Services (IS) department at Squaxin. I went to the conference when they were awarded for their excellence."

She loved technology, community building, being outdoors, helping people, and most of all, her many, many friends and family members.

Mitzie, along with her mother, Elaine Moore, son, Jordan Whitener, and her girl squad (including dear friends Kelly and Perry) started Homeless Backpacks, now known across the region as All Kids Win, which provides meals to homeless students while attending school.

She also worked for the Whitener Group, a Squaxin Native-owned consulting group based in Olympia, Washington, dedicated to the advancement and sustainability of tribal nations. The firm specializes in helping tribal governments, federal and state agencies, and nonprofits navigate complex tribal relations and governance structures.

Mitzie was also a geoduck harvester and often fished for salmon with her dearest friend, Meloney Hause.

She will be remembered for her sense of humor, and love of service to her community and her family and friends.

Everyone was important to her. She was very giving and cared deeply for the Tribe and the people. Her heart was always open to help.

She only saw the best in others and found no interest in gossip. Confiding in her, you knew your secrets were ALWAYS safe.

Her laugh was boisterous and contagious. She loved to enjoy life.

Mitzie was preceded in death by her father, David Whitener, Sr. She is survived by her son, Jordan; mother, Elaine Moore; brother, David Whitener, Jr.; sisters, Connie Whitener and Annie-Beth Henry; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of her life was held on May 6, 2026, at the Squaxin Island Sacred Grounds, and was officiated by Joe Seymour. A meal followed at the Squaxin Island Community Kitchen.



### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me to be *a happy one*.

I'd like to leave an *afterglow of smiles* when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, of happy times and *laughing times and bright and sunny days*.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the *sun of happy memories* that I leave when life is done.

- Helen Lowrie Marshall



### Walking On AJ Lehman



#### August 1, 2009 - April 28, 2026

AJ Lehman was born on August 1, 2009 and passed away on April 28, 2026. He was a Squaxin Island tribal member and lived in Grays Harbor and Shelton.

He graduated from Shelton High School.

AJ loved hunting, camping, video games, and hanging with his family and friends.

Everyone who knew him will remember the smile he always had!

AJ was preceded in death by his grandfather, Steve Lehman, Sr.

He is survived by his father, Anthony Lehman; mother, Brenda Lehman; brother, Mason Lehman; uncles, Greg Lehman, Steven Lehman, Jr., Josh Larson, and Victor Fox; aunts, Lisa Lehman, Diane Larson and Stephany Fox; grandparents, Dorothea and Steve Stewart; and lots of cousins who will all miss him very much!



### Walking On Charlotte Velador

#### Nov. 29, 1961 (Hanford, CA) - May 5, 2026

Charlotte Velador was born to Emma Jean Valle on November 29, 1961 and passed away on May 5, 2026.

Her grandmother was Hazel Charlotte Bagley, grandpa was Samuel E. Pickernell, and her father-in-law was Francisco Velador,

She married Amado Velador Nesta on May 20, 1983 in Vancouver, WA and they lived in The Dalles, OR.

They had three children, Emma Jo Velador, Erik Velador, and Amado Velador Pickernell

Charlotte worked for and retired from Duckwall Pooley.

She loved Halloween, coming up with her own creative custom costumes. She also loved creating chokers and necklaces with leather and beads and creating games for all the kids for all the family events. She loved crafting and creating.

Her passion was her children and every child was her child.

She will always be remembered for how big she loved, how she was always your biggest supporter, and how she was your loudest cheerleader. We will never forget her heart of gold, her laugh, her smile, her strength, her drive, and her willingness to help anyone and everyone in need.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her mother, Emma Jean Valle; mother-in-law, Antonia Nesta; and niece/daughter, Autumn Penn.

She leaves behind her husband, Amado Velador Nesta; daughter, Emma Jo Velador; sons, Erik Velador and Amado Velador Pickernell; son/nephew, David J. Penn; granddaughters, Kendall A. Juneau, Hannah J. Juneau, Haydn R.E. Bartells, Lily V.M. Bartells, Payton N. Velador, and Monique L. Garnes; grandsons, Taven A. Velador, Amado J. Velador and Vincent X. Velador.

Remember to live loud and love fully, just like mom did.



## Squaxin Youth Ages 15-21 Summer Employment Program

Positions are available for Squaxin Tribal members between the ages of 15 and 21 who would like an opportunity to work this summer.

The Summer Youth Employment Program will begin on **Monday, June 29, 2026**, and will run through **Friday, August 7, 2026**.

Please note that all applicants for Little Creek Casino Resort will be asked to attend an additional orientation workshop to complete the licensing process.

Those working with Stepping Stones or Summer Rec will start Monday, June 22, due to additional training requirements.

**The application deadline is Friday June 4, 2026, by 4:00.** Applications received after this date will be considered in the order received based on availability.

### Little Creek Casino Resort Trainee Positions:

*Hours for these positions may vary.*

### 8 positions will be rotated through. We will be incorporating the following:

- Introduction to Business Concepts
- Introduction to Tribal Gaming Environment
- Job shadowing in Hospitality, Administration and Golf Course Operations

*All LCCR youth trainees working may be rotated through various positions within the department throughout the program.*

### Tribal Government Trainee Positions:

- Activities Assistant for Summer Rec 4 positions
- Cooks Assistant for Summer Rec 1 position
- Stepping Stones Mentors 2 positions  
*(17+ encouraged)*
- Cultural Preservation Apprentice MLRC 4 positions
- Natural Resources Intern 4 positions
- Health Clinic Assistant 1 position  
*(18+ encouraged)*
- Childcare Center Assistant Aid 4 positions

### Island Enterprise Positions:

- KTP Stocker 3 positions

**DRUG FREE WORKPLACE:** A UA for drug and alcohol screening in accordance with the Tribe's Drug Free Workplace Policy will be required for all positions.

Squaxin Tribal Preference will be upheld in the hiring of these positions in accordance with the Hiring Ordinance. The position list is subject to change. Applications are available at [www.squaxinisland.org](http://www.squaxinisland.org). All applicants are encouraged to apply directly via Paylocity.

### QR code for application



## New Employee



### Kaylean Mendoza Case Manager Family Services

Hi! My name is Kaylean Mendoza, and I have been hired as a Case Manager for Family Services.

My family and I are from Skokomish. My grandmother is Patti LeClair, my grandfather is Charles Longshore, and my mother is Laila Longshore. I have two daughters - Amora Bernal (7) and Ezra Bernal (2).

I have worked for the Skokomish Tribe for a total of eight years to serve my community, first as an Administrative Assistant, and then as a Tutor for our Shelton High School students.



# THE CLOTHING BANK

# CLOSING

The Family Services Clothing Bank  
Will officially CLOSE June 30, 2026  
At 4pm.  
It will not be reopening.

Please stop by and pick up any clothes you would like before June 30.

All remaining clothes will be donated.

Contact: 360-432-3906



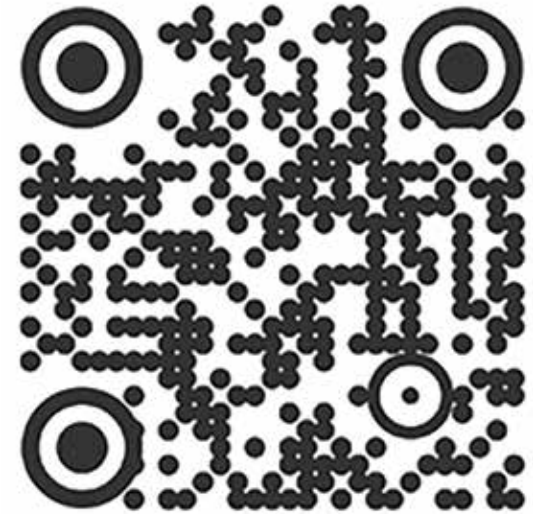
## Help Us Name This New Place Along Highway 101

Island Enterprises Inc. is planning a new development along Highway 101, and we want the community to be part of naming it.

The property is expected to include a Holiday Inn Express and Suites, a coffee shop, a sit-down restaurant, a Trading Post convenience store/fuel station, high speed fuel pumps and a new traffic circle featuring Squaxin artwork.

### What should it be called?

Scan the QR Code to share your name for this new development.





ISLAND ENTERPRISES INC



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

**Tribal / Indigenous Artwork, Photography & Media – Hotel Project**

**Overview**

Seeking Tribal artists and teams to create a culturally authentic artwork program for a new Hotel project in Shelton on Hwy 101. Scope includes photography, prints, wallcoverings, and murals reflecting our Tribal identity and storytelling. Squaxin Tribal artists and Tribal-owned businesses are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Scope**

- **Creative & Photography:** Original culturally grounded artwork and concepts
- **Guestrooms:** 112 prints (24"x35" typical; up to 4'8"x3'8"), 16 prints (3'x2' typical), 112 ADA room number plaques (braille)
- **Public Areas:** Multi-panel and large-scale artwork (up to ~12'9"x9"), feature walls, optional additional locations
- **Wallcoverings:** Approved custom cultural designs
- **Exterior Murals:** 661–1,355 sq ft per wall; panelized surfaces must be considered
- **Optional:** Site-specific or sculptural artwork (TBD)

**Notes**

Quantities reflect repeated placements (e.g., guestrooms). Standard and max sizes provided. Public space scope may expand. Full documentation available upon shortlisting.

**Deliverables**

Artwork/design files, production specs, optional installation, and optional cultural narrative.

**Submission Requirements**

Portfolio, brief cultural concept, scope of interest, preliminary budget estimate (*Will be negotiated upon award*), and timeline.

**Timeline**

Issued: May 15,2026 | Due: June 19, 2026 | Selection: July 2026

Email proposals to Jennifer Hines. [jhines@ieinc.org](mailto:jhines@ieinc.org)



**Skookum Park  
Camping & Reservation  
Launch Announcement:**

Skookum Park is launching soon! We are excited to begin welcoming tribal members and their guests to enjoy this beautiful community space.

As part of the initial rollout, day-use reservations will soon be made available for tribal members. Please note that Skookum Park is open exclusively to tribal members and their guests, and a tribal member must be present at all times during park use.

We are also soft-launching reservations for the shed area. This phased approach will allow us to scale improvements thoughtfully while learning from each event and gathering. Reminder: the Skookum Park shed is available for use by tribal members only.

When reserving areas of Skookum Park, the park itself will remain open for all tribal members to enjoy. Reserving the shed area does not include exclusive use of the beach or surrounding park areas, which will continue to remain accessible to others.

Additional improvements are currently being made throughout Skookum Park, and we look forward to expanding reservation opportunities for tribal members later this summer.

We appreciate everyone’s patience and support as we continue developing Skookum Park into a welcoming space for our tribal community to gather, celebrate, and enjoy the outdoors together.

For any questions please contact:

Malia Henry

(360) 432-3873 or [mrhenry@squaxin.us](mailto:mrhenry@squaxin.us)



## The Peoples Oath

You have been chosen by the Creator and our People to serve as our Honored Leader.

This is a promise you make to the Creator for your Ancestors, People, and future Children.

“The thickness of your skin will be seven thickness for you will be proof against anger, offensive action, and criticism. With endless patience you shall carry out your duties, and your firmness shall be tempered with compassion for your People. Neither anger nor fear shall find lodgment in your mind or spirit, and all your words and actions shall be tempered with calm deliberation. In all your official acts, self-interest shall be cast aside. You shall look and listen to the welfare of the whole People, and have always in view, not only the past, present but the coming generations in your heart”

(1720 Iroquois Confederation giving charge to the new Leaders)

Always remember first the Creator’s loving kindness who will continue to bless us as long as we continue to lift Him up and give honor and thanks for all that He continues to provide to our People.

### RAISE YOUR RIGHT-HAND REPEAT AFTER ME

I, Tyler Johns, Greg Lehman, & Kris Peters, accept this Oath.

### KEEPING YOUR HAND RAISED, EVERYONE REPEAT AFTER ME

I accept this Oath as a warm blanket  
to wrap it around me  
and promise to carry it with me  
and lodge it in my heart.

I, Rhonda Whitener Foster, am honored to accept your Oath for our People.

Let the records show, and everyone here is a Witness, that Tyler Johns, Greg Lehman, and Kris Peters have accepted this Oath. We ask the Creator to guide and hold you for Time immemorial. I ask now that everyone please come up and welcome your new council members before they take their rightful place as our Leader.

## History of Tribal Council Oath of Office

In the 1980’s, our Elders met regularly. They worked to stay united with each other while handling the concerns of their tribal people. With little money, they came together, not for themselves, but to make a better life for their people.

It was at these meetings that the idea was put forward to create an Oath of Office for the Tribal Council. After comparing several oaths, the Elders created our tribe’s oath.

I remember going to Theresa Nason’s house because she couldn’t come to all the meetings. Theresa made sure the Oath was written right. After several drafts were re-written, we final had a People’s Oath. This would be used for all new elected tribal council members.

At the first People’s Oath in the 1980’s, our Elders chose Frank Parker to perform the Oath, and Frank asked that I stand beside him.

On June 9th, 2005, the Tribal Council reinstated the People’s Oath when Jim Peter’s was re-elected and asked, “Where’s Rhonda?” The Oath had been dropped for two years. From then on, it was the responsibility of CRD to ensure that the Oath is not forgotten or disrespected.

- Rhonda Whitener Foster

### To the Families

Your loved one is taking on a large responsibility. To be selfless and thinking about others before themselves is not an easy job. Their ears will be twisted and bent many, many, days. Most will lose sleep because they are a council member. It’s your responsibility to support and lift them up when they continue to work hard for our people. Please be understanding.





# Newly Elected Tribal Council Members Took the Squaxin Island Tribe Oath of Office on May 14





# COMMUNITY CAMAS HARVEST



*Photos by Kurt Poste and Elijah Krise*





# COMMUNITY CAMAS HARVEST



*Photos by Zolton Grossman and Lisa Johns*

## Intertribal Camas Harvest for Native Gatherers and Family May 2026

Charlene Krise, MLRC Director - The Squaxin Tribe, Salish Roots Community Garden, Museum Library Research Center, Ecostudies Institute, Native Plants & Foods Institute, and Intertribal families participated in the camas harvesting in Tenino, WA May 9th located at the Stonewall Prairie farm near to Tenino High School Stadium Park.

For Squaxin and Salish people the harvesting of camas is significant for the indigenous culinary foods; it is deeply connected to the local ecosystem of the land and sustainable food protection an important aspect of food sovereignty. Numerous people donated camas to Squaxin to be used at the Water Sounds Art Auction upcoming September 2026 where Salish culinary arts are available for taste testing. The generosity of those who harvested is great because the harvest is labor intensive for small powerful bulbs.

Squaxin is filled with gratitude! The harvest is one of the cultural connections to intertribal communities pulling people together to share traditional knowledge and cultivate new cultural connections and help each other. Squaxin hosted 80 lunches for the event.

The camas welcomed everyone with a sea of blue-purple waves of flowers growing in the open meadow and prairie. The weather was perfect for the harvest, and the camas were harvested using specialized digging sticks brought out to the harvest by the Salish Roots staff. Some people made their own digging sticks using hard wood or wood cured by fire for digging strength.

The camas is a lily-like plant, the bulb has a mild flavor, used in traditional recipes, improving soups with additional nutrients, or adding extra crunch to salmon dinners. The camas bulbs are edible raw, boiled, or roasted in ovens, dried, ground, and mixed into rich carbohydrate breads. They contain natural fiber and a prebiotic fiber which assists in blood sugar regulation. Camas become sweeter when slowly roasted for 24-48 hours, it was used by Salish people as a natural sweetener before the introduction of sugar.





## Bordeaux

Tamika Krise - Hello Squaxin People!

During May, students worked incredibly hard through state testing, and I want to give a huge kudos to each of them for staying focused and giving their best effort. Testing can be challenging, and I was so proud of the determination and resilience students showed throughout the month.

Toward the end of May, our 4th grade Native Education students from Bordeaux Elementary participated in a fun and meaningful field trip to Olympic Middle School. Students had the opportunity to meet staff and peers, learn about the Native Ed program and resources available to them, and spend time in the Native Education space. The visit included introductions, questions about the program, and fun icebreaker games. It was a great experience and an exciting opportunity for students as they prepared for the future.

At the beginning of June, I celebrated all of our Native Ed students during the annual Native Education Awards Ceremony. Families and students gathered together to enjoy a delicious goulash dinner, great company, and shared songs. Most importantly, each Native Ed student from kindergarten through fourth grade was individually recognized for their greatness, hard work, and accomplishments throughout the school year. Photos from the event will be posted on my Student Advocate page.

Here are some more pictures to enjoy from the field trip, lunch groups, and also some the projects kiddos are finishing up before the end of the school year!



*Blaze and Totten*



*Milah got to come hang out with our fourth graders!*



*Andre and James*



*Jose adding his buttons to his mini button blanket*



*Joseph working hard to finish his mini button blanket*



*Our fourth graders learning about what 5th grade Native Ed will be like*



# LEARNING CENTER



## Olympic Middle School

Kiana Garberich-Wily



We always have so much fun at drum group!



Satayla and Breezy putting in the dinner rolls they made all by themselves



A community walk with the kiddos



Lexi and Shanyssa killing it on their Walk-a-thon



Daniel and Ms Kiana doing some laps at the Walk-a-thon



Most of the group who helped out at Culture Night on May 13  
Unpictured is Barney and Marty



Serving time! Serving up the elk spaggetti, salad, and desserts



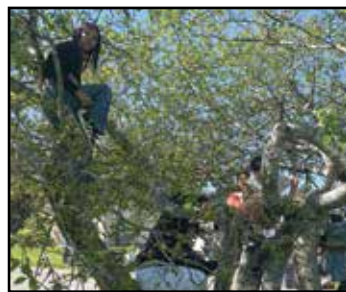
Marty helping out in the dish pit



Aurelia ran so many laps at the a Walk-a-thon -What an athlete!



Granny Vicky giving the kids some juice



Enjoying nature



So thankful to all the kiddos who hopped on the dishes without even being asked



Barney getting his lap stamps



Daniel Hartwell earned his Golden Eagle for his academic growth and showing responsibility



Lushootseed with the middle schoolers



The kids had so much fun cooking for the community - They cant wait to do it again they said



## Teen Program/Stepping Stones

Keesha Vigil-Snook - This month, our teens are excited to begin a weaving workshop series that will run through June 4. We are incredibly grateful to Samantha Willis for taking the time to come share her knowledge, teachings, and weaving skills with our youth and staff. Opportunities like this help strengthen cultural connections, creativity, patience, and pride within our community. We are thankful for the chance to learn from talented cultural teachers who continue to pass these important teachings on to future generations.

**Stepping Stones Summer Program registration is now open.** The final day for registration will be June 18, if spots are not filled before then. We are looking forward to another summer focused on culture, leadership, community connection, and workforce readiness opportunities for our youth.

In May, Education staff Keesha Vigil, Tamika Krise, and Kiana Wily also had the opportunity to participate in the Shelton School District First Grade Field Experience. During the event, we hosted a workshop and activity table cen-

tered around the theme “*Water is Life.*” Students learned about the importance of water, our connection to it, and the role it plays in our culture, community, and everyday lives. It was a great experience connecting with local youth and sharing these teachings in a hands-on way.



*Isabelle and Kiana at 1st grade field experience*



**TEEN PROGRAM**

## SQUAXIN STEPPING STONES NOW OPEN FOR SIGN UP 2026!

13 and 14 will be priority, 12 year old's depending on availability!

The final day for registration will be June 18, if spots are not filled before then.

Sign up through: QR shown below, the link attached above or pick up paper copy from Keesha @ the Education center.



*Jaimie, Kiana, Tamika and Keesha at 1st grade feild experience*



-Programming starts June 29th ends August 7th  
-LIMITED TO 30 SPOTS  
-Job Preparedness along side cultural immersion

Please Contact Keesha Vigil if you have any questions  
[Kvigil snook@squaxin.us](mailto:Kvigil snook@squaxin.us)



*BDX youth visiting OMS*



# LEARNING CENTER



## Higher Education

Higher Education students,  
Don't forget to turn your final grades and any receipts from spring quarter/semester. They need to be turned in by July 1st.

If you are planning to apply to the Squaxin Island Education Commission for higher education financial aid, completed packets are due August 7th.

New and returning students will need to complete the packet for the 2026 fall quarter/semester. Packets are available now and can be picked up at the Education Department between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or they can be emailed by request.

If you have any questions or need assistance please don't hesitate to ask.

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

## After School Program in May

Kasia Seymour - The sunshine was out a lot more this past month and, with that, the youth wanted to be outside enjoying the warmer weather hanging out at the playground and park.

Mondays in May were beading activities for the youth.

On Friday, May 8th, the youth painted their own Mother's Day cards. They got really creative, and it was fun to watch each youth get excited for their painting.

On Monday, May 11th, we made medicine bags with the youth and, after they finished sewing their bags together, they got to use acrylic markers and paint them! They turned out to be super cool.

Tuesdays in May were cooking activities, Tuesday, May 12th, the youth

made flower cookies They had fun baking and learning how to prepare the cookie batter. While we were creating the batter, we also talked quickly about why we are celebrating American Indian Holiday the following day on May 13th, and they had great questions.

Thursday, May 14th, the youth made their own pennant name flags. They each got to sketch out their names however they wanted and then painted them. The flags turned out super creative, and each youth made their very own!

Wednesdays and Fridays in the after-school program were swimming days for the youth from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. on regular school days. These are one of their favorite days of the week, especially when the weather is getting nicer out. They love to hang out and swim with their friends in the pool.

Thursday, May 21st, the youth did some arts and crafts. They created their own Q-tip blossom painted flowers.

Friday, May 22nd, we were open for youth during a non-school day, and we were open 8:30 a.m. - 3:00p.m. The youth got to play outside, play basketball in the gym, and take a nature walk with their friends. Also on May 22nd, we went over what Memorial Day was about. Each youth got to color their own Memorial Day activity sheet to help them understand the importance of the holiday.

Friday May 29th was an awesome day. They got to swim with their friends and play outside in the sunny weather. Then we had movie night from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the rec room.

Stay tuned for the upcoming June after-school and summer rec calendars. Our after-school weekly schedule is posted on our Tu Ha Buts Youth Center Facebook page - or please join our 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.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>After School Program 3-6pm</b> 1 <b>Medicine Bags</b>  Basketball Practice: 12 & UP 3:45-5pm 10 U 5-6pm	<b>After School Program 3-6pm</b> 2 <b>Smoothies</b>  Basketball Practice: 12 & UP 3:45-5pm 10 U 5-6pm Youth Fitness 6-7pm in Gym Ages 11 & under	<b>After School Program 3-6pm</b> 3 <b>Fruity Pebble Pretzels</b> <b>Swimming 4:30-5:30pm</b>  Basketball All Team Practice 4-5pm	<b>After School Program 3-6pm</b> 4 <b>Playdough</b>  Basketball Practice: 12 & UP 3:45-5pm 10 U 5-6pm Youth Fitness 6-7pm in Gym Ages 12 & up	<b>After School Program 3-6pm</b> 5 <b>Last Day of After School Program</b> <b>Tpeeksin Park,</b> <b>Movie Night 4:30-6pm</b> <b>Swimming 4:30-5:30</b>
Youth Programs CLOSED Preparing for Summer Rec 8	No Fitness 9	10	No Fitness 11	12
Youth Programs CLOSED Preparing for Summer Rec 15	Youth Fitness 6-7pm in Gym Ages 11 and under 16	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual Sqwigwi</b> <b>Baseball Field - 5:00pm</b> 17	TYC CLOSED No Fitness 18	Tribe Closed Juneteenth Holiday 19
CLOSED Summer Rec Staff Training Week 7:30-4pm 22	23	24	25	26
<b>First Day of Summer Rec!</b> <b>8:30am-3:00pm</b> 29	<b>Summer Rec</b> <b>8:30am-3pm</b> 30			
<b>Key:</b> SSD - Shelton school District GSD - Griffin School District	<b>After-School Mealtimes:</b> <b>Early Snack: 3:00pm-3:45pm</b> <b>Late Snack: 4:00pm-4:45pm</b>	<b>Activity Time:</b> <b>5:00-5:45pm</b>	<b>Swimming Wednesday &amp; Fridays</b> <b>4:30-5:30pm</b>	

After-School & Recreation programs are Tobacco, Vape, Alcohol & Drug Free.

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

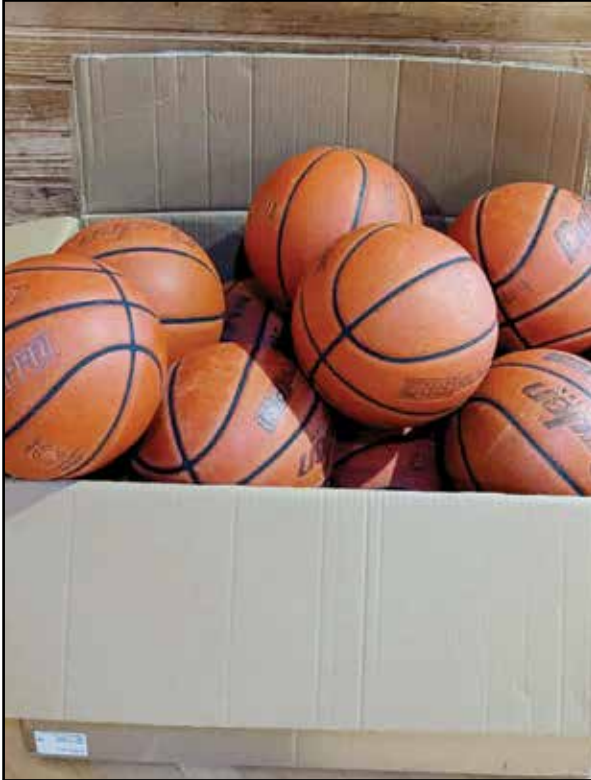


# LEARNING CENTER



## Sports

Coach Tae'Lor - Spring was great for sports! We got a box full of practice basketballs from the SPSCC Basketball team, finished up our Dance segment with Momentum Dance, and attended an inter-generational basketball tournament in Muckleshoot with teens and adults.



Thank you SPSCC Men's Basketball team for donating these basketballs!



Warm ups! Our Dance girls warming up before practice



Performance day! Our girls that attended our Dance course performed for family and friends



Teens Wyatt & Keona, & adults Coach Tae'Lor and her husband Marquis being coached by youth LJ Cooper



Squaxin Strong! Squaxin teens & adults took the court together in Muckleshoot

June 2026 Pool Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>2</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>3</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM ASP: 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM LS/OS: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>4</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>5</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>6</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
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<b>14</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM <b>CLOSED</b> for PPP: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM LS/OS: 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>15</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>16</b> LS/OS: 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM EA: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM LS/OS: 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	<b>17</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>18</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>20</b> 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  
 PPP: Private pool party  
 SR: Summer Rec

**Front Desk:**  
 360-432-3652  
 (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!





## SHS and OBJH

Keesha Vigil - As the school year comes to an end, we want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate our graduating seniors. On June 6th, we are excited to honor our graduating seniors during our Senior Celebration at SMU. This is such a special time for our students, families, and community as we celebrate all the hard work, growth, and accomplishments that have brought them to this milestone. We are incredibly proud of each of our seniors and cannot wait to see where their journeys take them next. Congratulations Class of 2026!! Our community is cheering you on every step of the way.

We are also excited to welcome some positive transitions within our Student Advocate team. Kiana Wily has officially begun transitioning into OBJH and has already been spending time checking in with our junior high students. It has been amazing to see how excited the youth are to welcome her in. Kiana brings a caring and supportive presence, and we are looking forward to all the connections and relationships she will continue building with students at OBJH. We are grateful for the continued growth of our advocacy program and the support it brings to our Native youth every day.



### Food Bank June Schedule:

June 5 - 9am -12pm; 1pm-3pm  
June 12 - 9am - 12pm; 1pm - 3pm  
June 19 - CLOSED  
June 26 - 9am-12pm; 1pm-3pm

Contact:  
Family Services 360-432-3906



### IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

#### NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED DURING JUNE

In accordance with Squaxin Island Tribal Code §5.03.040(E):

**"Applications for enrollment may be filed at any time between July 1 and May 30 of the following year. Applications will not be accepted during the month of June."**

The Enrollment Office will **not accept any enrollment applications during the month of June.**

We will **resume accepting applications on July 1, 2026**, and all complete submissions received on or after that date will be processed accordingly.

#### How to submit an application:

You can find the enrollment application and checklist on our website:

<https://squaxinistand.org/government/enrollment/>

Email: [enrollment@squaxin.us](mailto:enrollment@squaxin.us)

Drop off: Enrollment Office at the Tribal Center (10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, WA 98584)

If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Center and ask for **Enrollment** at **(360) 426-9781**.

-Squaxin Island Tribe Enrollment Office

### SQUAXIN MENS GROUP

## MEN SUPPORTING MEN

### SUPPORT, ACCOUNTABILITY & COMMUNITY FOR MEN

Join a supportive group where men can come together and talk about stress, fatherhood, work, mental health, recovery, and life's challenges without judgment

**JUNE 11, 2026  
5:00PM - 6:30PM  
ELDERS BUILDING**

**FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE EVERY OTHER THURSDAY**

Light snack/meal will be available



## Sisters, Jayde and Markie Smith, Come Full Circle to Work at Shelton High School in the Field of Health

Jayde and Markie Smith, both enrolled Squaxin Island tribal members, are both employed at Shelton High School, Jayde as a health teacher, and Markie as a school nurse. Both began their young careers working for the Squaxin Island tribe in the Summer Youth Employment and Stepping Stones programs.



Jayde Smith

Jayde was employed in the Summer Youth Employment Program from age 13 to 18 (five years), which she credits for teaching her money management skills and a good work ethic. She worked for Stepping Stones, the Museum Library and Research Center, and the Learning Center as a Homework Helper and as a Summer Recreation Group Leader.

She graduated from Saint Martin's University in 2024 with her Bachelor's in Secondary Education and Minor in Exercise Science and went on to earn her Master's degree in Sports and Athletic Administration this May from Gonzaga University ending with a 3.9 GPA.

During her time at Gonzaga, Jayde did a summer internship in Italy with an Italian professional basketball team, the Pistoia Basket, where she was responsible for youth basketball camps and daily operations for a professional basketball team.

Jayde began working as a Health Substitute Teacher in the 2024-2025 school year and was hired as a permanent, full time Health Science Teacher this past school year. Her health classes focus on nutrition, substance abuse, and physical and mental health, mostly for sophomores.

Jayde also coached volleyball at Oakland Bay Junior High and is the JV girls' basketball coach at the high school. Her goal is to become a High School Athletic Director.

Her advice for high school students and recent graduates is to stay in school and try new things. "Join clubs or sports to find new interests and stay involved in the school community," she says. Also, take advantage of the Summer Youth programs the Tribe offers!



Markie Smith

Markie worked in the Summer Youth Employment Program for two years at Public Safety and Justice and Little Creek Casino Resort.

Markie graduated from Shelton High School in 2010, went to Olympic College for her Associate's degree, then graduated from the University of Washington with a Bachelor's degree in psychology, which she put to work in Tribal Gaming for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

After the birth of her nephew, and his stay in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) after birth, Markie decided to pursue a career in nursing. She returned to school at South Puget Sound Community College to earn an Associate's degree in nursing.

She worked at St. Peters Hospital in Olympia for one year on the neurology/stroke floor, and then in surgery at Mason General Hospital in Shelton for five years.

Markie is now employed as a District Nurse for Shelton School District, allowing her to be more involved within the school district as her oldest started school this year.

Her advice for recent high school graduates is to take a variety of college classes to see what interests them. "Don't settle on a major right away," she says. "It is always ok to go back to school and become whatever you want to be."





## Congratulations on your Retirement Vicki Kruger

Vicki Kruger was honored on April 24th as she retired from her many years of dedicated service on Tribal Council, and employment in various positions, through which she made a lasting impact on the community. Throughout her time in leadership, she carried a deep commitment to the people who entrusted her with that responsibility, always advocating for what she believed would strengthen and support the Tribe.

Vicki has been a vigilant and hard-working council member and never hesitated saying, "Put me to work!" She cared deeply about the wellbeing of our people and never hesitated to speak up on issues she believed mattered to the community. She will be known for asking hard questions and ensuring that important conversations weren't overlooked. Even when perspectives differed, there was never doubt that her intentions came from a place of care for the Tribe and its future.

She has supported many through her service, advocacy, and fierce determination. Many of the efforts and improvements she championed will continue benefiting our community for years to come. As she steps away from her formal role, we know her voice and dedication to the community will continue. We know Vicki will not stop caring simply because a title changes. Her commitment to the Tribe is rooted in a genuine love for her people and an unwavering belief in protecting and strengthening the community for those who will come after us.

Executive Director Erika Thale said, "We extend our sincere gratitude to Vicki for her years of service, her steadfast dedication, and the many contributions she has made to the Squaxin Island Tribe. We wish her all the best in this next chapter and thank her for the lasting impact she has made on so many."

Chairman Kris Peters said, "Vicki is one of the most dedicated, vigilant and hard-working council members I have ever been around. She might also be one of the most stubborn, lol. She never gives up on fighting for what she feels is right for our people and has done so much for our community and our Tribe. She has set us up, in so many ways, for a better future."

She is also known to many as Granny Vicki, who is always eager to hand out dollars to Squaxin youth who promise to "Not Do Drugs!" She loves to share traditional songs and dances with them as well, and is an avid supporter of Canoe Journeys and Lushootseed language.

Thank you, Vicki, for all you have done and





**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**

**Shellfish Licenses**

Shellfish licenses expired May 31st, and the new shellfish cycle started June 1st.

Payments for shellfish licenses can be made with the cashier at the tribal center in person or over the phone with a debit or credit card.

Our normal operating hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

Please call Austin or Annie-Beth at the Natural Resources office if you have any questions regarding your shellfish license at (360) 432-3802/3805 or contact us via Facebook Messenger.

Renew Squaxin Island  
Tribal Vessel Registration

**BOAT**

**JUNE 30TH**

**TABS**

Vessel registrations will expire  
June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Contact  
Natural Resources to renew  
your registration (360) 432-  
3802 & (360) 432-3805

Fin-Fish  
Licenses

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026-  
December 30<sup>th</sup> 2026



Fishing season is quickly  
approaching. Contact Natural  
Resources to pay your license  
(360)432-3802 & (360)432-  
3805



# The Tu Ha Buts Youth Center announces sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children

Meals are available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger.

Meals will be served at the following location(s):

Site Name and Address	Inclusive Dates	Meals/Times	Contact and Phone Number
Squaxin Island Tribe- 10 SE Squaxin Lane Shelton, WA 98584	June 29 <sup>th</sup> -August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast-9-9:45am Lunch- 12-12:45pm	Sara Naranjo Johns (360)549-6582

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD- 3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; fax: (202) 690-7442; or email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Opioid Abatement Program

**Our Services:**

- Client Intake
- Treatment and Recovery Support Services
- Transportation
- Clothing Voucher
- Food Voucher
- Gas Vouchers

Here to provide services to those who are actively seeking treatment, both during their time in recovery and once they return to the community.

**Contact Information:**  
**Kaylean Mendoza**  
**(360) 432-3906**  
**EXT# 3886**

## VIOLENCE IS NOT TRADITION

**Warning Signs of Abuse:**

- Being controlled or isolated
- Threats or intimidation
- Physical harm
- Monitoring phones/Social Media
- Harm to children, elders, or pets

**WHO TO CONTACT:**  
Squaxin Island Public Safety: (360) 426-5222  
Crisis Hotline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)  
911: in immediate danger

**Your safety matters, let us help.**

**DV Support Services:**

- Safety planning
- Resource referrals
- Emergency Financial Assistance

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
 Kaylean Mendoza  
[kmendoza@squaxin.us](mailto:kmendoza@squaxin.us)  
 (360)432-3906  
 EXT # 3886



# COMMUNITY



6/1  
Alexandrea Cooper-Lewis  
JeNene Joy Miller  
Kenai Alexander Blueback

6/2  
Zachary Stuhqayo Johns

6/3  
Angeline Slocum-Jay Lehman  
Francis Peterson  
Jayde Christina Jewell Smith  
Robert Charles Smith  
Rocky Lane Bloomfield  
Tyrone Jade Krise

6/4  
James Patrick Sen  
Malachi Richard Jean Johns  
Wendy Michelle Schlottmann

6/5  
Debra Kay Tennis  
Emily Lillian Dawn Whitener  
Julie Mae Goodwin

6/6  
Alkai Lee Sanchez  
Alyana Rose Van Horn  
Dominique McFarlane

6/7  
David Merle Krise  
David Brian Elam  
Trisha Rae Blueback

6/8  
Elizabeth Marie Seymour  
John Daniel Snyder  
Lilliana Paisley Rose Cramer

6/9  
George William Sumner  
Julie Rose Van Horn  
Kimberly R Peterson  
Pamela Sue Hillstrom

6/10  
Brandy Nicollette D'Angelo

6/11  
Alex Carl Ehler  
Hayze Dauntless Johns

6/12  
Brandon Michael Greenwood

6/13  
Danielle Madison Hall  
Lillian Kaye Mathiebe  
Teresa Lynn Pfaff

6/14  
Ana Marie Pinon  
Stephanie Lynne Tompkins

6/15  
Casey Edward Brown Sr.

6/16  
Andre Maxwell Roberts  
Andrew Ernest Sigo  
Dodie Dorothy Huff  
Kristin Robin Penn  
Trent Anthony Brown  
Yvonne Joy Bell

6/17  
Heather Marie Perez  
Jackson Louis Cruz  
Ronald John Whitener

6/18  
Armonie Rose McFarlane  
Daniel Fernando Napoleon  
Kamela Lee Smith  
Tasha Racquelle Rodriguez

6/19  
Andrea Marie Sigo  
Jacob Douglas Johns  
Nicholas Shane Armas  
Samuel Lee Armas  
Vicki Lee Kruger

6/20  
Donald Edwin Whitener  
Eugene Edward Galos  
Jason Two Feathers Longshore  
Shelby Nycole Dominguez  
Verna Beverly Henry II

6/21  
Ann Marie Anderson  
Beau Michael Henry  
Jaime Charles McFarlane  
Kyleigh May Peterson  
Laurinda Palestine Thomas  
Wynn Dale Clementson

6/22  
Alexander James Smith  
Rose Marie BlueBack

6/23  
Desiree Jo Dagen  
Lisi Xaire Manu-Saenz  
Tamika Sharon Green

6/24  
Abigail Harleen Brandt  
Christopher David Cain

6/25  
Antonio Giovanni Furtado  
Beau Michael Henry Jr.  
Joanne Faye Decicio  
Katherine Elizabeth Smith

6/26  
Andrew St. John Barker  
Arthur Richard Pleines  
Candace Anne Sumner Dani

6/27  
Dawn Larie Tom  
Geraldine Elizabeth Bell  
Robert Lee Ireland

6/28  
Hurricane Lucinda James  
Jeremiah Jack George  
Sequoia Rose Goodfellow

6/29  
Fleet Thunder Sky Johns  
Jessica Leona Cruz  
Judah Krise Thale  
Kaitlyn Makenzie Burrow  
Zachary Hetzler II

6/30  
Dakota Riley Lorentz  
Joshua Dylan Mason  
Nicole Marie Ducolon



## Culture Night

5pm

Wednesdays

Squaxin Community Kitchen

Bring your dancing feet,  
drums, rattles & crafty hands



Contact Deanna for more info  
360-463-0991



# What's Happening

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June 17

**MENS GROUP**  
**FAMILY SERVICES OPEN HOUSE**

June 11  
June 18

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**DIAPER DISTRIBUTION**  
**USDA**

June 2  
June 5  
June 5

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### COURT

Family  
Criminal  
Civil Court

June 4      Beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
June 23     Beginning at 9:30 a.m.  
June 23     Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



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

## Elders Menu

*Fruit and salad at every meal*

### MONDAY 1:

Chicken Rice Casserole W/Veggies

### TUESDAY 2:

Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese

### WEDNESDAY 3:

Sandwich Bar

### THURSDAY 4:

Ceviche

### MONDAY 8:

Twice Baked Casserole, Mixed Veggies

### TUESDAY 9:

Chili, Cornbread

### WEDNESDAY 10:

Tuna Sandwich W/Chips

### THURSDAY 11:

Sausage Pasta Bake, Spinach

### MONDAY 15:

Enchilada Casserole, Black Beans

### TUESDAY 16:

Broccoli Cheddar Soup,  
Ham Sandwich

### WEDNESDAY 17:

Chalupas

### THURSDAY 18:

Salmon, Wild Rice, Asparagus

### MONDAY 22:

Fish Burgers

### TUESDAY 23:

Italian Sausage & Potato Soup,  
Breadsticks

### WEDNESDAY 24:

Pizza

### THURSDAY 25:

Indian Tacos

### MONDAY 29:

Stroganoff, Peas & Carrots

### TUESDAY 30:

Seafood Soup Buckskin Bread

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YOU'RE INVITED TO  
**SUMMER IS HERE ICE CREAM PARTY**

AT SQUAXIN ISLAND FAMILY SERVICES

**JUNE 12TH**

STARTS AT 1:30  
**FREE ENTRY!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CALL  
MELANIE (360) 432-3872

**HELLO!**  
  
**MEET THE TEAM**

**Supporting Families. Strengthening Community.**

**Come see how we support families in our community!**

**Join us for an open house to learn about our programs, meet staff, and discover resources available to you and your family.**

**Thursday, June 18, 2026  
 Starts at 4:30 PM—5:30 PM  
 Community Kitchen**

**Light meal and refreshments provided**

**Family Services: 360-432-3906**

**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](mailto: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.



Next WIC date:  
**June 2nd, 9-3**  
 SPIPA IPC, phone appts.

*Phone and in person appointments. Date subject to change.*

**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**



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**South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency**

**USDA Foods Program  
 Delivery Date**

**Squaxin Island  
 Friday, June 5th**

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. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



**South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency**

**Diaper Distribution  
 Squaxin Island Tribe**

**Friday, June 5th**  
 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.**

