

A New Chapter for Squaxin's Cannabis Businesses



Pictured Left to Right: Michael Rasmussen - CFO, Woody Anderson - CEO, Aaron Ross - Harmony Farms Lead Grower, Jennifer Hines - COO, Daniel Kuntz - Board of Directors VP & Nick Browne - CEO of Cannabis

You may have heard that earlier this year, Island Enterprises purchased Harmony Farms, a long-standing cannabis producer and processor based in Lacey. We want to share what we purchased, why we made this investment, and what it means for our people. The acquisition strengthens and protects our existing cannabis businesses while expanding our ability to create jobs, generate revenue, and build lasting economic value for the Tribe.

Harmony Farms has been part of Washington's cannabis industry since 2015. Its experienced team has built a respected brand, developed relationships with retailers across the state, and gained extensive knowledge in cannabis processing and product development.

Our partnership began several years ago when Native Sun Grown supplied biomass for Harmony's extraction operations and Harmony helped bring Native Sun Grown products to market. That work showed both teams how their capabilities could support one another.

"Harmony brings extensive processing expertise and a passionate team," said Jennifer Hines, Chief Operating Officer for Island Enterprises. "Combined with Native Sun Grown's cultivation capabilities, this gives us greater control over how products are grown, processed, and brought to market, which is critical if we want to thrive in this industry."

A Rare Opportunity

Opportunities to acquire this much capability, experience, and statewide market reach at such a favorable value are rare.

The purchase included the Harmony Farms brand and inventory, an established library of cannabis genetics, product formulations and lab recipes, substantial production equipment, and a statewide distribution network. We also retained the experienced team that operates the business.

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New - at Behavioral Health ...

SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY

Starting September 15th and
3rd Tuesday of each month we will have
a Sweat Ceremony.

Starting at 5:00pm

Open to the community



Join us in prayer, healing, and community.
All are welcome to come with good intentions
and an open heart.

RULES TO RESPECT WHILE ATTENDING THE LODGE:

- **Must be sober** and free of any mind altering drugs.
- **Women** to wear a long skirt and t-shirt (not white).
- **Women** must not attend while on their **monthly period**.
This is a time for women to rest and renew.
- **No jewelry** should be worn. It will get too hot and possibly burn the skin.
- **Men** are to wear long jogger shorts.



WATER WILL BE PROVIDED



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MEAL AFTERWARDS

LOCATION:

Squaxin Island Behavioral Health
100 SE Whitener Rd. Shelton, WA 98584
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*Let us come together in a good way for healing,
guidance, and unity.*



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

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15th of each month

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Harmony Farms will continue operating under its current name. Its employees, products, customers, and retail relationships remain central to its future.

Strengthening Squaxin's Cannabis Portfolio

The acquisition gives us the ability to produce a broader range of cannabis products based on market demand. It also allows Native Sun Grown to grow beyond its original position as primarily a wholesale cannabis supplier.

Together, Native Sun Grown and Harmony Farms can offer more product formats, reach more retailers, and build stronger consumer brands. Native Sun Grown has committed to planting an additional five-acre grow to provide the biomass needed to support products under both brand names.

This next phase is possible because of the employees who have kept Native Sun Grown moving forward for more than a decade and the Harmony Farms team that built the company's reputation across Washington. Their knowledge and commitment are essential to what comes next.

Investing in Our People and Infrastructure

A new warehouse has been approved to house our cannabis production operations, and plans for the facility are being developed. The project will allow us to relocate Harmony Farms from Hawks Prairie, bring our production capabilities together, and replace the temporary infrastructure Native Sun Grown has operated from for more than a decade.

That infrastructure was intended to serve Native Sun Grown for only a few years. Despite those limitations, the team has continued producing quality cannabis. The new warehouse represents a long-overdue investment in our employees, equipment, and production capabilities, providing the conditions needed to maintain product quality, improve efficiency, and support future growth.

Preparing for What Comes Next

The acquisition also prepares Squaxin for possible federal legalization. If changes in federal law open Washington to greater competition from established out-of-state brands, we will be better positioned with our own cultivation, production capabilities, brands, retail operations, and distribution.

We also hope to design cannabis experiences visitors cannot find elsewhere. Connecting cultivation, production, education, and retail could draw people to Squaxin and give them a closer look at our products and the teams behind them.

Our goal is for Squaxin's cannabis portfolio to become one of the most recognized in Washington, with Native Sun Grown and Harmony Farms among the state's most in-demand cannabis brands.

Our Tribe has already established a history of leadership in this industry. Elevation opened in 2015 as the first recreational cannabis dispensary operating on federal land in the United States. Native Sun Grown followed in 2017 as Washington's first Tribal cannabis farm.

"This is the first step in the next phase of our cannabis business," said Daniel Kuntz, Vice Chairman of the Island Enterprises Board. "This investment gives these businesses the support they needed and gives the Tribe more ability to shape what comes next — so the impact of that work reaches outward."



Join Our Team

Care for Our Land. Care for Our Future.

At Little Creek Casino Resort, sustainability is part of our commitment to our community and the environment.

We invite Tribal Members to help us reduce paper waste by opting in to receive job opportunities electronically. By signing up for email job notifications, you'll stay informed about career opportunities at LCCR while supporting a more sustainable future.

Whether you're exploring a new career path or looking for your next opportunity, we encourage you to stay connected with us.

Scan the QR code below to opt in for electronic job notifications and receive updates on current job openings.



Council Corner

A Busy August for Squaxin Island Tribal Council

This August was a full month for the Council, with members taking part in a wide range of cultural, ceremonial, and governmental activities that reflect the Tribe's ongoing commitment to community, tradition, and sound stewardship.

Festival of the Stəč̓as (Steh Chass) On Friday, August 14, Council joined the Deschutes Estuary Restoration Team (DERT) and the broader community at Heritage Park in Olympia for the Festival of the Stəč̓as. The event centered on Squaxin culture and connection to the area, public education, estuary restoration, and environmental stewardship, while looking ahead to a restored Deschutes Estuary. It featured an educational and outreach area highlighting organizations working across the Deschutes Watershed and South Sound region, alongside live cultural performances and local vendors.

Talking Circle: Council hosted their quarterly Talking Circle on August 13th, providing an opportunity for open dialogue and connection among community members, and some excellent BBQ dinner. Council appreciates the participation and the good turnout.

First Salmon Ceremony: The Tribe honored one of its most sacred traditions with the First Salmon Ceremony, held this year at the newly cleared Collier Property on Arcadia Point. Council members and community joined together to welcome the first salmon home, following protocols passed down through generations. As the traditional telling of the First Salmon story reminds us, the salmon people are family, returning each year to visit and to feed the community, and it falls to the people to keep the streams and beaches clean and ready to receive them. Witnesses were called to hold the memory of the ceremony and carry it forward to younger generations.

Budget Hearing: Council also held its Second Public Budget Hearing on August 25th. This meeting focused on the annual budgets of the enterprises and is a regular part of the annual budget process.

Regular Council Meetings: Council convened for its regular business meetings on the 13th and 27th, addressing various issues.

Community Emergency Preparedness & Summer Fair: Rounding out the month, the Tribe hosted its Community Emergency Preparedness & Summer Fair on August 26. This featured department information booths, a giant water slide, bouncy houses, a climbing wall, an obstacle course, face painting, live music, and more, alongside backpack and emergency kit giveaways and hands-on preparedness activities. The annual event's message is simple: get informed, get connected, get prepared.

Together, these events highlight the balance Squaxin Island Tribal Council maintains between cultural tradition and the practical work of governance — honoring the past while planning for the future.

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 Museum
Library & Research Center

WATER SOUNDS ART GALA

September 19, 2026
Skookum Creek Events Center
Little Creek Casino Resort

Explore artwork inspired by the
land and waters of the Salish Sea

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



Scan the QR code to pre-register online today!

Squaxin Island

Tribal Council Meetings

SECOND & FOURTH
THURSDAYS
Each month

Watch the
meetings here:



Public Comment Period

REGISTER FOR THE PUBLIC
COMMENT BY TUESDAY
BEFORE THE MEETING:

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





FIN-FISH LICENSES 

This is a friendly reminder that the fin-fish season has officially begun, with licensing available from **July 1 to December 30, 2026**.

If you have not yet obtained your fin-fish license for this season, please contact the NR front desk. Additionally, licenses for elders aged 55 and older are waived. **Front office phone:** (360) 432-3802/3805

Payments can be made in person or over the phone by calling the cashier's office at (360) 432-3948, located at the tribal center.



Fin-Fish Licenses

July 1st 2026-
December 30th 2026

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



SKOOKUM CREEK

TOBACCO

FACTORY OUTLET

New Hours

Skookum Creek Tobacco Factory store has new hours. It will now be open:

Monday - Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday - Sunday	CLOSED

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out!

16TH ANNUAL SQUAXIN ISLAND
TRIBAL GOLF CHALLENGE

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14

REGISTRATION | 9AM
SHOTGUN | 11AM

SIGN-UP AT THE GOLF SHOP

Please Call **(360)462-3673**





Northwest Native American Basketweavers Gathering October 2-3, 2026

Snoqualmie, WA

Tribal Council has agreed to sponsor:

- 10 Full Sponsorships
- 20 Registrations

Full Sponsorship includes hotel, registration, mileage and meals.

If you are interested in signing up, please do so by emailing Melissa:
mpuhn@squaxin.us

Deadline to sign up is Monday, September 14th.
If more than 10 sign up, a lottery drawing will be done on Tuesday, September 15th.

Questions can be emailed to mpuhn@squaxin.us



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF
COMEDY, CONNECTION & HEALING

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE

SAM MILLER
COMEDIAN

**SPECIAL GUEST
LYNETTE MANNING**
COMEDIAN

A night of laughter, hope, and community.
Everyone is welcome!

MAX CAPACITY WILL BE 100 PARTICIPANTS!
DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

SEPTEMBER 28, 2026 | 5:00 PM
SQUAXIN ISLAND COMMUNITY KITCHEN

IN RECOGNITION OF
NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH | **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH**

COME LAUGH, CONNECT & SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER.

Sponsored by:
SQUAXIN ISLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Temporary Closure of Tribal Properties

For your safety, please do not enter or access
the tribal properties shown on the map below
while logging operations are underway.

Logging operations will continue through September, please
avoid these areas until October 1.

Active logging equipment, vehicles, falling trees, and
other hazards may be present.

Thank you for helping keep our community
and logging crews safe.





Homebuyer Workshop

On July 23, the Office of Housing hosted a Homebuyer Workshop at the Community Kitchen, bringing community members together to learn more about the journey toward homeownership.

Corina Fiedler, with Cross Country Mortgage, provided helpful information about the homebuying process and the variety of loan products that may be available to prospective homebuyers. Participants had the opportunity to learn about financing, understand the steps involved in purchasing a home, and gain greater confidence in navigating the homebuying process.

The workshop was a great opportunity for community members to ask questions, explore their options, and learn about resources that can help turn the goal of homeownership into a reality.

The Office of Housing is proud to provide educational opportunities that empower community members with knowledge and resources as they work toward their homeownership goals. Workshops like this help build confidence, create opportunities, and support a stronger future for our community.

Thank you to everyone who attended and to Corina Fiedler with Cross Country Mortgage for sharing her knowledge and expertise with our community!



Squaxin Island Tribe Office of Housing

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

The Office of Housing contact information:

- ⇒ Liz Kuntz — Housing Manager
 - ⇒ Email: lkuntz@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3937
- ⇒ Lisa Peters — Housing Counselor
 - ⇒ EMAIL: lpeters@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3871
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- ⇒ Guy Cain — Housing Maintenance Technician
 - ⇒ EMAIL: gcain@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3957
- ⇒ John Ackerman — Housing Maintenance Technician
 - ⇒ EMAIL: jackerman@squaxin.us PH: 360-432-3953
- ⇒ For Housing related emergencies call Maintenance PH: 360-545-2768
- ⇒ Ryan Fox — Housing Compliance Officer
 - ⇒ EMAIL: ryfox@squaxin.us PH: 360-545-0924

Squaxin Island Tribe
Office of Housing
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA 98584





Quilting Workshop to Begin

Pam Hillstrom - The quilting workshop will start back up on Tuesday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Elders building. We will meet every Tuesday, unless the Tribe is closed, through Memorial Day.

Bring your sewing machine and your own project, or we will have scrap blocks that will be available to work on for donation.

No skills are required, just a desire to sew with others in a safe environment. My motto is "You can't make a mistake that I haven't made" (although a couple have proven otherwise).

Over the past two years, we have donated 52 quilts to the Squaxin Island Elders Host Luncheon and about a dozen quilts are ready for donation to Family Services. My sister, Vicky Engel, and I have been participating with the Peacemakers Quilting Club in Forks the past two years and we have helped the club provide quilts to two families that have lost everything due to house fires and 20 quilts to the Mariposa House that helps families in crisis.

We hope to be able to reach out more, but need help. Please come join us on Tuesdays beginning September 15th.



Elders Host Luncheon 2026



Fire Victims

SPIPA Comprehensive Cancer Program Presents

Salish-Design Art Contest

Calling for Traditional Coastal Salish Designs for Cancer Prevention Media & Graphics

WIN UP TO \$300!

Graphics **Banners**

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2026

How to Submit

- 1 Send Your Completed Work
Send your completed work as a PNG or JPEG file of at least 2400x3000px to Hope Adams at hope.adams@spipa.org, or scan the QR code below
- 2 Include Contact Information
Please include your full name & phone number in your email
- 3 Provide a Description & Bio
Please include a brief description of your artwork & what you would like people to know about you (bio)

Rules

- Original Artwork Only
Photos, graphics & banners are welcome!
- SPIPA Tribal Artists
Supporting our local Tribes & communities!
- No AI-Designed Work
Please do not submit AI-designed work!
- Artwork Ownership
SPIPA will own the winning artwork

For more information, please email Hope Adams or call 360-462-3223.

SPIPA Comprehensive Cancer Program Presents

Sacred Tobacco Sign Art Contest

Calling for artwork for signs that support sacred tobacco use and/or prohibit commercial tobacco.

WIN UP TO \$300!

Support Sacred Tobacco **Prohibit Smoking in Public Areas** **Anti-Vaping Messages**

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Truancy Prevention

My name is Jaimie Cruz, and I am the Truancy Prevention Specialist for the Tu' Ha Buts Learning Center. My role is to support student attendance and help ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed in their education. I work closely with students, families, school staff, and community partners to address barriers to attendance and connect families with resources and support. My goal is to help your child attend school regularly, stay engaged in learning, and achieve their educational goals.

Why Attendance Matters: A Message for Families

At Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center, we believe every student can succeed when they have the support they need to attend school regularly. We understand that attendance challenges are often caused by factors beyond a family's control.

Many students and families face barriers such as:

- Transportation difficulties
- Health and mental health concerns
- Family responsibilities
- Housing or financial challenges
- Stress, grief, or other life circumstances
- Feeling disconnected from school or not seeing their culture reflected in their educational experience

When students miss school frequently, they can fall behind academically, feel less connected to their classmates and teachers, and have a harder time reaching their educational goals.

Our Commitment

Our goal is not to blame or punish families. Instead, we want to partner with parents, guardians, and caregivers to:

- Identify barriers to attendance
- Connect families with resources and support
- Encourage student success
- Strengthen connections between home, school, and community
- Help students feel safe, welcomed, and valued at school

Working Together

Every day in school matters. Missing just two days each month can add up quickly and affect a student's learning. By working together, we can help ensure that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and achieve their goals.

If your family is experiencing challenges that affect your child's attendance, please reach out. We are here to help and support your child's success.

Jaimie Cruz, Truancy Prevention Specialist/ Teen Advocate
(360) 490-5379

attendance
MATTERS
every student • every day



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
Jaimie Cruz
360-432-3842
jcruz@squaxin.us
Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center



LEARNING CENTER



Bordeaux

Greetings everyone, my name is Madeline Cain, and I am joining the Squaxin Island Tribe team as the new Elementary Student Advocate.

I will be placed at Bordeaux Elementary school at the start of the school year in September and am looking forward to meeting and working with your youth!

I have been working at the Tribe over the summer as a Youth Summer Rec Mentor. I am so eager to see those youth who I already met and made connections with over the break, and look forward to seeing how these amazing students will grow and blossom over the course of the school year.

I am a descendant of the Tribe on my father's side, and am thrilled to have the chance to learn and teach about my heritage alongside the youth. In my free time, I love to listen to music or audiobooks, ride my bike, practice yoga, dance, and draw or make art.

I will be working with your youth to strengthen relationships between them and myself and within the school to support academics and attendance, communicate with family and other youth supports, and uplift youth to be the best version of themselves they can be.

Most importantly, I hope to make your youth feel welcome, supported, and represented within their school community and to make a positive impact in their lives.

We will make this a wonderful school year full of fun and success!

Best wishes,

Madeline :) mcain@squaxin.us



September 2026 Pool Calendar							Key:
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Oakland Bay Junior High

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Kiana Wily, Middle School Student Advocate, Oakland Bay Junior High - Hello Squaxin Family! For those of you I don't yet know, I am Kiana Wily, and I am a Student Advocate for Squaxin Island Education Department. For the last four years, I have been working with our kiddos at Olympic Middle School, but this 26-27 school year will be my first year at Oakland Bay Junior High.



I am really looking forward to this new year and building connections and teamwork with OBJH students and staff. I am available at the OBJH through out the school day and out at Squaxin Homework help after school upstairs at the Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center.

I'm ready to kick it into gear for our class of 2031 & 2032. A big focus for me always is building those healthy and helpful routines that will carry out through the rest of their education journeys.

Our students did so well with improving their attendance and academic skills last year. I have big prayers that we will keep that momentum into this upcoming year.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer off and got the rest and self care they needed. I can't wait to see all your beautiful spirits on the first day of school!

Kiana Wily

(360) 810-7166 Mobile

Olympic Middle School

Hello, beautiful Squaxin people!

Summer is coming to an end, and we're getting ready to jump into a new school year! I hope all of our students and families had a wonderful summer and that our students are feeling ready to take on the year ahead.

I'm excited to share that there have been some changes to my role. I will be joining our upcoming fifth graders and will be stationed at OMS. I am no longer the K-4th Grade Advocate; I am now the 5th-6th Grade Advocate!

I'm excited to take on this new role, embrace new challenges, and continue supporting our youth as they transition into a new school environment. I will still be fulfilling many of the same duties, including supporting academics, attendance, IEP meetings, and—most importantly—being a person in our youths' corner.

I'm looking forward to continuing to build meaningful relationships with our students and supporting them however I can throughout this new chapter.

I am here for our students and families in any way I can be. If you have any questions or need support, please feel free to reach out to me:

Tkrise@sheltonschoools.org

Tmkrise@squaxin.us

facebook page @Tamika StudentAdvocate

See you all soon at Olympic Middle School!



Shelton High School

Isabelle LeClair, Squaxin Island SHS Advocate - Hello everybody!

Welcome back to school! I'm so excited to hear about everybody's summer break!

I hope all the upcoming freshmen had a great time at freshman orientation last month. If you have any questions or concerns come find me in the Native Ed room located in the 100 building, the room closest to building A! I will be more than happy to help ya out!

For the upperclassmen, I hope you all grabbed your new schedules before the school year started. If not, I can print out your schedules for you! I'm so excited to see everybody and get locked in for the 2026-2027 school year! It's going to be great year, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you!



Higher Education

Higher Education students,

I just wanted to remind everyone about the importance of reading through the policy and procedures when signing up for Higher Education funds through the Tribe. Higher Education funding is based on credits taken. Students have up to 240 credits towards an undergraduate degree and 48 for a master's degree. If you have questions, or would like a copy of the policy, please reach out and I will be more than happy to help! All of this information and more is available at SquaxinIsland.org. Just search Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center.

Launch of the 2027-28 FAFSA® Form

The FAFSA application for the 2027-2028 academic year will be available starting October 1, 2026, with important deadlines and new features to streamline the process.

Importance of Early Submission

Submitting the FAFSA as early as possible is crucial, as federal and state financial aid is often awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Completing the application promptly can increase the chances of receiving financial aid.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop in, call or email for assistance.

I hope the new school year is off to a great start!

Thank you,

Mandy Valley, Higher Education Coordinator

(360) 432-3882

mvalley@squaxin.us





Teen Program

Keesha Vigil, Teen Program Manager (kvigilsnook@squaxin.us) - Our six-week Stepping Stones program has officially come to an end, and we could not be more proud of everything our youth accomplished this summer!

We started the program by focusing on career readiness and preparing our youth for their futures. During Career Week, youth learned about the many different career opportunities available both within and outside of our community. We also spent almost every Friday working on resumes, and the growth we saw from the beginning of the summer to the end was amazing. After three weeks of job preparedness, our youth participated in mock interviews, and so many of them absolutely crushed it! We know when the time comes for their first official interviews, they will walk in much more prepared and confident.

After focusing on job preparedness, we were able to dive into culture. We spent an entire week weaving skirts and sashes, and every single one of our youth completed a project! We have so many talented young weavers, and we may just be watching our next master weaver in the making.

Following weaving week, we spent three days making drums. Once again, every youth completed their own drum! They worked so hard that they were also able to make additional drums to give to our Canoe Family to gift during protocol.

During the final two weeks of the program, we worked on finishing projects and preparing for protocol. We were able to take the youth to watch protocol one day and later attend Squaxin protocol, where they had the opportunity to participate alongside their community and Canoe Family.

At the end of the summer, we asked our youth to write reflections about their experience. One reflection said:

"It was kind of the best experience... also every time someone gets in trouble just minus 5 dollars from their paycheck. But you girls are really good at your jobs and also really good at making kids feel like they fit in and leave nobody out."

We had to share this one because it made our staff tear up, feel good, and laugh all at the same time!

More than anything, that reflection reminded us why we do what we do. Of course, we want our youth to leave Stepping Stones with new skills, stronger resumes, cultural knowledge, and projects they can be proud of, but we also want them to leave knowing that they belong, that they are supported, and that there is always a place for them here.

We are incredibly proud of every youth who participated in Stepping Stones this summer. Watching their confidence, skills, relationships, and connection to culture grow over these six weeks was something special.

We love our youth, and we can't wait to see where they go from here!

LOCK IN FAMILY

Kodiak's finished weaving project



Leilani's finished weaving project



Leschi's finished weaving project



Stepping Stones at First Salmon



Lala, Mary and Kodiak helping carry the First Salmon



LEARNING CENTER



Wrapping up Summer Rec in August

WELCOME BACK to the After School program!

We hope everyone had an amazing summer filled with sunshine, adventure, and special memories! As we prepare for a new school year, we are excited to welcome all of our youth and families back to the Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center.

This summer was packed with fun, learning, and unforgettable experiences during Summer Rec. Our youth enjoyed exciting field trips, special center visitors, swimming days, cultural activities, and so much more! Throughout July, Mondays and Wednesdays were spent at the pool. Our younger groups, the Frogs and Salmon, swam in the mornings, while the Bears and Orcas enjoyed afternoon swimming time. Whether they were practicing their swimming skills, playing games, or simply cooling off, swimming quickly became one of everyone's favorite summer activities.

One of the highlights of the summer was our trip to Bullwinkle's Family Fun Center in Tukwila. Youth spent the day racing go-karts, splashing on bumper boats, playing laser tag, bowling, playing mini golf, and testing their luck in the arcade.

At Squaxin Park, youth discovered traditional plants and berries, including salmonberries, huckleberries, salal, and wild roses. They enjoyed a walk along the beach, and a few adventurous explorers even returned with muddy shoes and big smiles!

At Yaeger Park, youth ran, climbed, and cooled off with an unforgettable water fight.

Woodruff Splash Park was another favorite destination where everyone beat the summer heat while enjoying the sunshine.

We were excited to welcome JLO Magic to the Youth Center. The youth were amazed by an exciting magic show and loved the creative face painting and fun balloon animals. It was a day full of laughter, wonder, and colorful memories.

Our visit to the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium was another favorite adventure. Youth enjoyed seeing incredible animals from around the world and exploring fascinating marine life exhibits. The walrus exhibit, sharks, and even a playful "dancing" polar bear were among the day's biggest highlights!

The youth also attended the Tacoma Rainiers Summer Camp Kids Day at Cheney Stadium. They cheered on the Rainiers, enjoyed a free hot dog and chips, and each received a Tacoma Rainiers hat to remember the day.

To wrap up the summer, the youth spent a beautiful 90-degree day at Wild Waves, enjoying water slides, rides, and the lazy river. It was the perfect way to celebrate an incredible summer together.

Youth attended the Squaxin Island Tribe's Annual Salmon Ceremony at Arcadia Point. They witnessed our community coming together to pray for the salmon and share the first salmon of the season. This cultural experience provided an important opportunity for youth to connect with our traditions, values, and community.

September 2026

Rec Room: 360-432-3986 | Sara: 360-432-3992 | Tanalee & Tayla: 360-432-3819

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 No After school Program We will see you tomorrow! 😊	2 First Day of After school: 2:30-6:00pm Activity: Outdoor Play, Playground/gym Swimming 4:15-5:30pm GSD Early Release @ 2:30	3 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Traditional Medicine: Wild berry Tea	4 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm STEM: Baking soda Crystals/ Swimming 4:15-5:30pm
7 Closed Labor Day Holiday	8 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cooking Activity: Cinnamon Donuts	9 After School Program: 2:30-6:00pm Activity: Outdoor Play/T'Peeksin Park Swimming 4:15-5:30pm GSD Early Release @ 2:30	10 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Traditional Medicine: Wild berry honey	11 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm STEM: Slime/ Swimming 4:15-5:30pm
14 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Activity: Bone Bead Chokers	15 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cooking Activity: Fruit Popsicles	16 After School Program: 1:00-6:00pm Activity: Swimming 3:00-4:00pm Kickball in Field/Playground GSD Early Release 2:30 SSD 1.5 Hr. Early Release	17 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Traditional Medicine: Wild Berry Bingo	18 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm STEM: Oobleck/ Swimming 4:15-5:30pm
21 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Activity: Bone Bead Earrings	22 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cooking Activity: Monkey Bread	23 After School Program: 2:30-6:00pm Activity: Outdoor Play, Playground/gym Swimming 4:15-5:30pm	24 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Traditional Medicine: Wild Berry	25 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Movie Night 4:30-6:00pm/ Swimming 3:00-4:00pm
28 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Activity: Bone Bead Chokers	29 After School Program: 3:00-6:00pm Cooking Activity: Fruit Smoothies	30 After School Program: 2:30-6:00pm Activity: Sprout ball in Field/Playground Swimming 4:15-5:30pm		
Key: SSD – Shelton school District GSD – Griffin School District	After-School Mealtimes: Early Snack: 3:00pm-3:45pm Late Snack: 4:00pm-4:45pm	Activity Time: 5:00-5:45pm	Swimming Wednesday & Fridays 4:15-5:30pm	

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

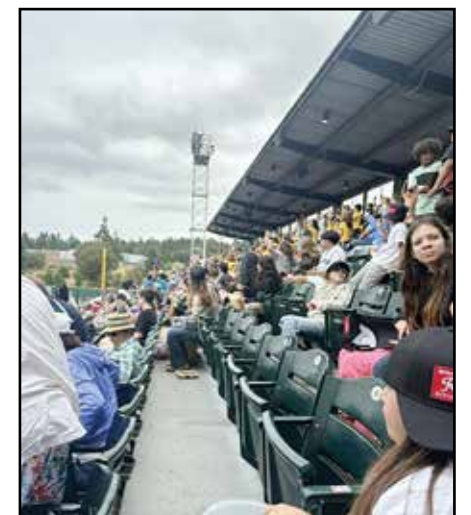
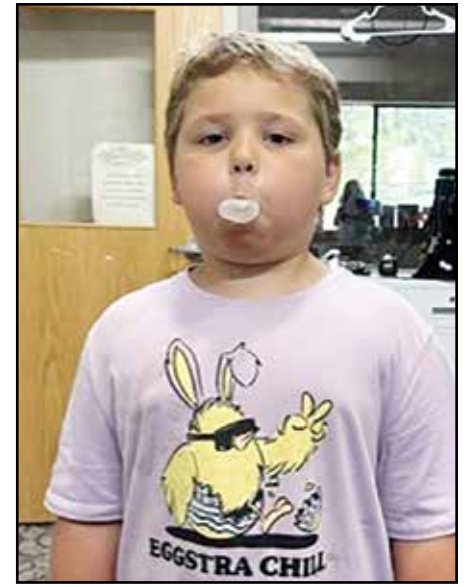


LEARNING CENTER



A heartfelt thank you goes out to our Summer Rec staff, Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center staff, center visitors, Mason County Transportation, and Thomas and Rebecca for safely transporting our youth and the Squaxin pool staff. Your dedication, support, and partnership helped create a summer filled with joy, adventure, and meaningful experiences for our Squaxin youth. We couldn't do it without you!

Keep an eye out for our upcoming After School Calendar and Weekly Schedule on the Tu' Ha Buts Youth Center Facebook page. You can also stay up-to-date by joining our Remind app!





PADDLE TO NISQUALLY



Jeremiah George - Paddle to Nisqually 2026 was another incredible year for our Squaxin Island families.

ʔəsbutbutlačibitubułəd ʔəł - we raise our hands to you all: those who contributed to making things possible for our Squaxin representational opportunities during the Canoe Journey this Summer.

Thank you to our Tribal Council who supported logistics and directly participated on the water with the canoes or on the Potlatch Protocol floor in Nisqually. Huge thanks to our Canoe Skippers, Mike Ogden, Greg Lehman, and Taylor Krise. Big thanks to Tully Kruger for being the Lead Support Boat Captain. Thank you to the entity and departmental support. We appreciate Squaxin NR Department for providing Water Safety Support Boats and the barge. Thanks to Squaxin Law Enforcement for providing a Water Safety Support Boat. Thanks to KTP and LCCR for stepping up and contributing meal supplies. Thank you to Vinny Henry, Sr. and Jeb Case for transporting our canoes on the trailers. Thank you to our cooks: Michelle Joe, Mark Jones, and those who stepped in to help in the camp kitchen: Vernon Sanchez, Isaac Ackerman & Bryce Penn. Thank you to Marcella Cooper for donating from the Family Services Department. Thank you to Rose Blueback for donating items from Squaxin Behavioral Health. Thanks to Jeremie Walls for bringing the Elders on the pontoon boat to travel on the water with the canoes.

Much gratitude to everyone who joined our camp, paddled, stopped by to say hi, and/or joined our drum, song and dance group as we took the Potlatch Protocol floor.

Our canoe culture is for all of us as Squaxin people.



Photos by Kaplan "Apache" and Two Hawks Krise "Lamonti"



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FIRST SALMON CEREMONY



August 7 at Arcadia Point



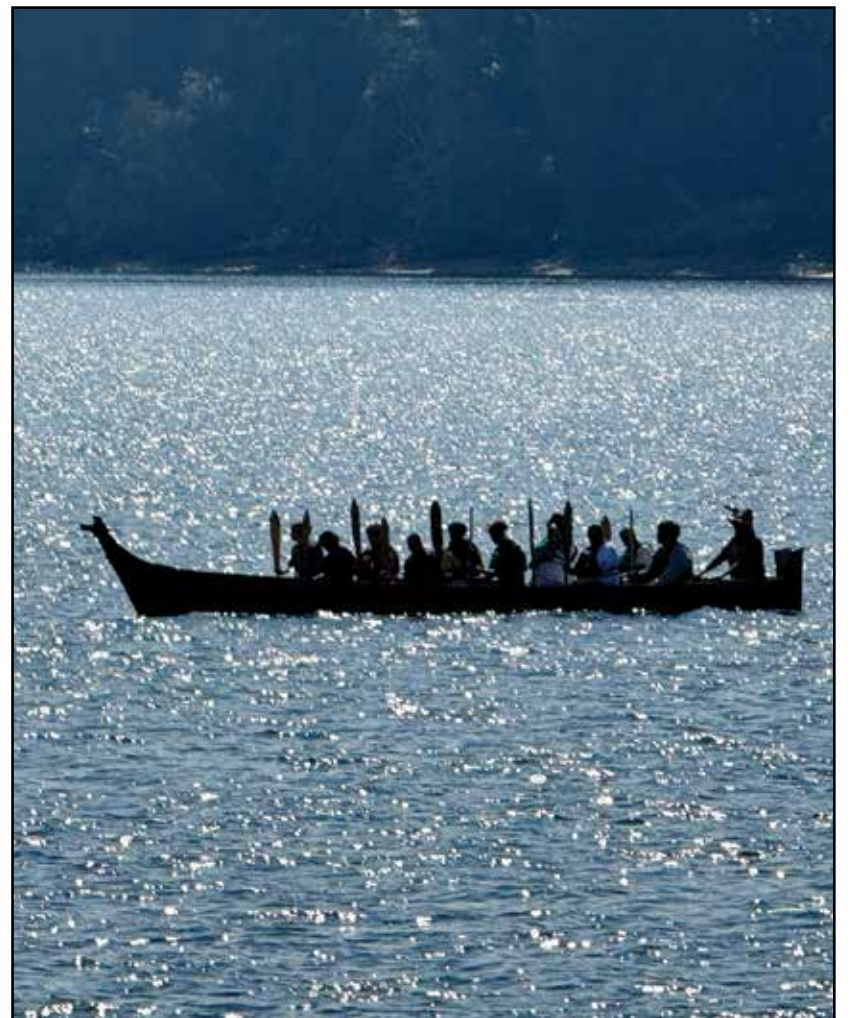
Congratulations and thanks to Tyler Johns for catching and sharing the First Salmon!

The image of the canoe in the distance was taken while Squaxin paddlers waited to bring the salmon ashore.

The two girls in the canoe and sitting ashore are Nevaeh (wearing the black dress with red salmon) and her cousin/bestie Kailana (Josh and Jolene Whitener's daughter).



Thanks to Bobbie Brown, Tyler Johns, and Jess Cruz for the photos!





How Fentanyl Shuts Down The Brain's Automatic Breathing System And Why Naloxone Can Save A Life

By Dr. Fergie - Take a deep breath. Now hold it for three seconds.

While you were holding your breath, you temporarily took over a job your brain does automatically. The remarkable thing is that as soon as you stopped thinking about breathing, your brain quietly resumed control. You didn't have to remind yourself to take the next breath. It simply happened. Magic!

Think of your brain's breathing center as the thermostat in your home.

A thermostat constantly monitors the temperature. If the room becomes too cold, it turns on the furnace. If it becomes too warm, it turns off the furnace. Once you've selected the desired temperature, the thermostat quietly works in the background every second of every day without requiring any attention from you.

Your brain regulates breathing in much the same way.

Deep within your brainstem are specialized nerve cells that continuously monitor the amount of carbon dioxide, oxygen, and the acidity (pH) of your blood. Carbon dioxide is especially important because it is the primary signal that tells your brain when it's time to take another breath. As carbon dioxide gradually rises between breaths, the brainstem responds by sending signals to your diaphragm (dome-shaped muscle below your lungs) and chest muscles to breathe in. Once the proper balance is restored, the system relaxes until another breath is needed.

This automatic feedback system repeats itself about 20,000 times every day without you ever having to think about it. Again, magic!

When you speak, sing, laugh, swim underwater, or hold your breath, the thinking parts of your brain briefly interrupt this automatic system. As soon as you're finished, the brainstem resumes control, just as a thermostat quietly returns to maintaining the room temperature after someone opens and closes the front door.

Unfortunately, fentanyl interferes with this life-sustaining control system.

When the Brain's Thermostat Is Turned Down

Fentanyl is an extremely powerful synthetic opioid. In medical settings it is used to treat severe pain and is approximately 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, depending on the comparison being made. Incredibly, fentanyl has been used in hospitals since 1968. It wasn't until 2013 that it emerged as a major threat to society when it hit the illicit drug market in the United States.

Unfortunately, fentanyl is also commonly found in counterfeit pills and is increasingly mixed into illicit drugs such as heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine — often without the user's knowledge. Fentanyl test strips were designed for this very purpose: To detect fentanyl in other illicit drugs.

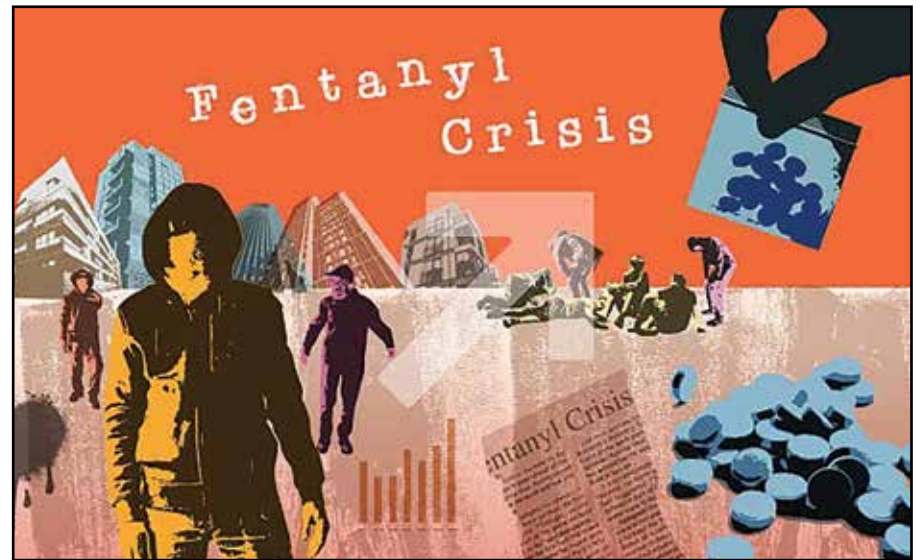
Once fentanyl enters the bloodstream, it quickly reaches the brain, where it attaches to opioid receptors (so-called mu-opioid receptors). These receptors are found throughout the brain, including the brainstem — the very area responsible for automatically controlling breathing as mentioned earlier.

Instead of simply relieving pain, fentanyl suppresses the brainstem's normal response to rising carbon dioxide.

Imagine someone secretly turning the thermostat in your house far below the correct temperature. Even though the room is becoming colder, the furnace no longer turns on when it should.

Fentanyl does something similar.

Even as carbon dioxide rises and oxygen levels begin to fall, the brainstem fails to send its normal "take another breath" signal. Breathing becomes slower, shallower, and less effective. In severe overdoses, breathing may stop altogether.



This is why fentanyl is so dangerous. It doesn't simply make people sleepy — it suppresses one of the brain's most essential automatic survival systems.

Why Tiny Amounts Can Be Fatal

Because fentanyl is extraordinarily potent, even very small amounts can produce life-threatening respiratory depression.

As breathing slows, less oxygen reaches the bloodstream and, ultimately, the brain. A person may become unusually sleepy, difficult to awaken, or completely unresponsive.

Without adequate oxygen, brain cells begin to die within minutes. If breathing is not restored quickly, cardiac arrest and death can soon follow.

Many fentanyl overdoses occur because people do not realize fentanyl is present in the drugs they are taking or because the amount varies dramatically from one dose to the next. Fentanyl on the streets obviously is not regulated. What appears to be a tiny amount may be enough to stop someone's breathing.

Naloxone Can Save Lives

Fortunately, there is an antidote.

Naloxone (Narcan) rapidly displaces fentanyl and other opioids from their receptors, allowing the brainstem to resume its normal control of breathing. In a sense, naloxone helps restore the brain's breathing "thermostat," allowing it to recognize that the body urgently needs oxygen again.

Naloxone has been used safely by emergency medical professionals for decades. It has no abuse potential and will not produce a "high." If opioids are not present in a person's body, naloxone has little or no effect.

People who receive naloxone often awaken confused, uncomfortable, or in immediate opioid withdrawal. They may feel nauseated, anxious, or even angry because the medication abruptly reverses the opioid's effects (some people call this "dope sickness"). Although unpleasant, these reactions are far preferable to not breathing.

Remember: Naloxone Is Only Temporary!

Naloxone saves lives, but it is not a cure.

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Squaxin Elders



Healthy Aging Month

(September): Celebrate Our Elders

September is Healthy Aging Month—a time to celebrate our elders and the many positive aspects of growing older.

It's also a friendly reminder that it's never too early (or too late) to take charge of your health.

Age is just a number, and a fulfilling, active life is possible at every stage.

What is Healthy Aging Month?

Healthy Aging Month encourages adults to take stock of their health, well-being, and everyday lifestyle choices—then make small, meaningful improvements that support longterm quality of life.

Did you know?

Healthy Aging Month was founded in 1992 by Carolyn Worthington, the editor-in-chief of Healthy Aging Magazine, to highlight the importance of staying physically, mentally, and socially active as we age.

The 4 Pillars of Healthy Aging

Healthy aging doesn't require drastic changes overnight. Focus on steady habits in these core areas:

Pillar

Simple Ways to Support It

Physical Activity

Take a daily walk, try light yoga, or spend time gardening—anything that gets you moving consistently.

Good Nutrition

Choose a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains; try a new healthy recipe.

Mental Stimulation

Learn a new skill, do puzzles (like Sudoku), or read something that challenges you to think.

Social Connections

Spend time with friends and family, join a club, or volunteer in your community.

Easy Ways to Participate This Month

Pick one or two ideas to start—small steps add up quickly.

- Schedule a routine check-up and stay on top of preventive care.
- Add a little movement to your day (walk, stretch, light yoga, or gardening).
- Plan one nourishing meal or snack with fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.
- Do one “brain boost” activity (puzzle, reading, or learning something new).
- Reach out to someone—call a friend, plan a get-together, or join a group.

Whether you're 25 or 75, Healthy Aging Month is for everyone.

It's about building a foundation for a vibrant, active future—one positive choice at a time.

Here's to a long, happy, and healthy life!





Help Kimi James Fight Childhood Cancer



Hi,
ITS ME... KIMI

This month, I am taking part in Great Cycle Challenge and pedaling throughout September to kick cancer's butt!

Why? Because cancer is the largest killer of kids in the U.S. – on average, 38 kids die of cancer every week.

This is horrible. Kids should be living life, not fighting for it!

Cancer has taken too many lives and robbed too many kids of their childhood...

And frankly, cancer needs to be dealt with once and for all.

So I'm pedaling 100 miles this month to give cancer a good old-fashioned butt-kicking to give these kids the brighter futures they deserve.

My goal is to raise \$2,500 through my challenge...

But I need your support.

Can you sponsor me to help me kick cancer's butt?

Simply click the link below to view my profile page and make a donation:

<https://greatcyclechallenge.com/Donate/Rider/1465875>

All funds raised will support Children's Cancer Research Fund to continue their work in developing innovative treatments and finding a cure for childhood cancer.

When we're done, cancer will have nightmares... about us.

And when you donate, you can also leave a message on my page about how badly you also want to kick cancer's butt.

Thanks so much for your support.

Kimi J
Two time Personal Warrior with the Beastly Cancer Demon
(first time named "princess warrior"). I earned it and use it lol. Xoxo



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Its effects generally last 30 to 90 minutes, while fentanyl may remain in the body much longer. As the naloxone wears off, the opioids can once again attach to opioid receptors, which suppresses breathing.

For that reason, anyone who receives naloxone should still receive immediate emergency medical care, even if they appear to have recovered completely. ***Please do not go to see your primary care doctor. This is more urgent than that.***

Some overdoses require multiple doses of naloxone (e.g., 3, 4, or more) before breathing returns to normal.

Learn Before You Need It

Naloxone nasal spray is simple enough that family members, friends, coworkers, teachers, and other bystanders can learn to use it with minimal training.

Because fentanyl can stop breathing within minutes, there may not be time to read the side of the box. Besides, it's extremely hard to process new information during an emergency.

Knowing how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose — and knowing how to administer naloxone — could save the life of a friend, family member, coworker, or even a stranger.

The small part of your brain that automatically keeps you breathing works faithfully every moment of your life. Understanding how fentanyl disrupts this remarkable system — and knowing how to respond — can mean the difference between life and death.

How to Use the Intranasal Naloxone Kit (Training Video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w-us7fQE3s>

Sweet Sensitivity



Have you ever experienced a sharp sensitivity in your tooth while you were enjoying a sweet treat? Unfortunately, that could be a possible sign of a cavity starting to form on that tooth. The human tooth is comprised of a hard outer layer called the enamel and the inner softer layer called dentin, which is made up of tiny fluid-filled tubules. When a cavity pierces through the hard enamel and gets into the inner dentin, the sugar can cause rapid fluid movement in the tubules, leading to sensitivity. If you are noticing consistent pain whenever you eat sweet foods, please give the dental clinic a call at (360) 438 -1882 so that we can help you. Look forward to hearing from you!

Minjin Ko, DDS



COMMUNITY | HEALTH CLINIC



9/1
Alexander Donovan Solano
Jeramiah Longshore
Kui Lee Tahkeal Jr.
Patrick Wayne Whitener
Vanessa Ann Tom

9/2
Jason Gabriel West

9/3
Austin Ray Peters
Kezia Marie Wentworth
Malachi Hartwell-Kinison
Rose Marie Krise

9/4
Kathrine Kruger Neilsen
Marty Joe Trinidad Jr.

9/5
Latoya Jean Johns
Mckenzie Brearley-Lorentz

9/6
Elijah Joseph Krise

9/7
Danielle Garnet Leas
Joshua Paul Coble
Talon Andrew Peterson
Wayne Joseph Lewis
Zayne Garner Dorland

9/8
Justine Amber Mowitch
William Machai Weythman

9/9
Alexsii Grace Vigil
Avary Marie Jimmie
Joseph Andrew Stewart
Kaleb Joseph William Lutolf
Lewis Robert Napoleon Jr.



9/10
Debra Leone Mattson
Madison Mowrey
Roger Joseph Peters

9/11
Gunner Rodney Gouley
Hazel Sesal Lehman
Lillian Joyce Pulsifer
Madeena Marie Rivera

9/12
Austin Brearley-Lorentz
Penelope Marie Castillo

9/13
Anothony Joseph Ramirez III
Kaitlyn Michelle Brandt
Masi Iosua Saenz Garcia

9/14
Oakland Parks Krise

9/15
Florence Ann Sigo
Gracelyn June Wier
Jonathan Eugene Harrell
Kristen Michelle Davis
Tilly Boone Thompson

9/16
Evelyn Rae Krise-Lyon

9/17
Carmen Marie Stearns
Enatai Rose Grover
Kenedee Kay Peters
Markie Jean Smith

9/18
Stephen Mark West
Tia Marie Jordan
Tiana Little Feather Henry
Willow Annabelle Henry

9/19
Calvin Wayne Farr
Frances Estella Starr
Raiatea Charlize K. Villanueva
Sophia Lynn Pinon
Zion Gregory Murray

9/20
Kayla Marie Johnson



9/21
Atawit Krise-Lyon
Desmond Ashley Smith
Esther Melinda Fox
Gregory Scott Koenig
Jada Lesley Krise
Kassidy Burrow
Melody Marie Moliga

9/22
Gloria Jean Hill
Kim Monique-Nicole Cowing
Kiona Breeze Krise
Michael Nawamuks Peters

9/23
Amanda Rae Rodgers
Angel Lorene Sen
Christopher Clementson
Leslie Alan Cooper Jr.
Mykah Jayson Masoner

9/24
Donald Lynn Whitener

9/26
Barney Eugene Cooper
Nevaeh Chayenne Rae James
Susan Jeanette McKenzie

9/27
Dawne Marie Elam

9/29
Donald James Smith Jr.
Melissa Fay Vazquez

9/30
Avaiah Charlene Coley
Isaiah Schlottmann



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





GET CHARGED UP!

Community Kitchen Parking Lot

EV CHARGING STATIONS

Free EV Charging for the Squaxin Community!

Thinking about switching to electric but have nowhere to charge? Charge for free in the Community Kitchen parking lot!

GET READY FOR A GREENER TOMORROW



Questions? Contact Lela Whitener
lwhitener@squaxin.us 360-432-3822



What's Happening

TRIBAL GOLF CHALLENGE
WATER SOUNDS ART GALA
LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE
NNABA BASKETWEAVERS GATHERING

September 14
September 19
September 28
October 2 - 3

TRIBAL COUNCIL

September 10 & 24

WIC
USDA
DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

September 2
September 10
September 10

COURT

Family
Criminal
Civil Court

September 3 Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
September 29 Beginning at 9:30 a.m.
September 29 Beginning at 11:00 a.m.



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

Squaxin Transit Services

Squaxin Transit provides FREE public transit service within 100 miles of the Squaxin Island Reservation.

Operating Hours:
Monday through Friday
6:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Dial-a-Ride:
Please request your ride at least 24 hours in advance.
Call dispatcher, Windy, at
360-490-0567

We offer transportation for:

- Medical appointments
- SeaTac airport runs
- Grocery routes
- Farmers Market in Olympia (Fridays – pending interest)

We welcome all riders and are committed to serving our community with care and respect.

Elders Menu

Fruit and salad at every meal



TUESDAY 1:

Navy Bean Soup

WEDNESDAY 2:

Sandwich Bar

THURSDAY 3:

Chicken Fried Rice

MONDAY 7:

CLOSED, LABOR DAY

TUESDAY 8:

Baked Potato Soup, Pinwheel Salad

WEDNESDAY 9:

Chalupas

THURSDAY 10:

Causecouse

MONDAY 14:

Enchilada Casserole, Baked Beans

TUESDAY 15:

Clam Chowder, Fry Bread

WEDNESDAY 16:

Pork Chops, Stuffing, Peas & Carrots

THURSDAY 17:

Salmon, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans

MONDAY 21:

Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli

TUESDAY 22:

Chili, Cornbread

WEDNESDAY 23:

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Chips

THURSDAY 24:

Indian Tacos

MONDAY 28:

Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Corn

TUESDAY 29:

Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Biscuits

WEDNESDAY 30:

Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Biscuits







South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program Delivery Date

Squaxin Island Thursday, September 10th

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:
September 2nd, 9-3
SPIPA IPC, phone appts.

Phone and in person appointments. Date subject to change.



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Washington WIC doesn't discriminate.



EMERGENCY

CALL
9-1-1

FIRE
POLICE
MEDICAL
RESCUE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Non-Life Threatening Emergencies

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline (Information only - no voicemail) (360) 432-3947 Community EOC Hotline (Questions and voice mail message) (360) 443-8411 Emergency Management Coordinator (360) 443-8410 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) (360) 426-5308	Squaxin Police Department Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00 (360) 432-3831 PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline (360) 426-8255 Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency (360) 426-4441 Mason County Fire Non-Emergency (360) 426-3348
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South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Diaper Distribution

Squaxin Island Tribe

Thursday, September 10th

SPIPA IPC
10:00am-1:30pm





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