

Save the Date
September 24



17th Annual
**Water Sounds
NATIVE ART AUCTION**

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center
Silent Auction begins at 5:00 & Live Auction begins at 7:00
Traditional dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets: \$75

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Liz Yeahquo @ 360.432.3840

All proceeds benefit the Squaxin Island Museum



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NOTICE

Arcadia Boat Launch to be closed for renovation this summer

The Arcadia Boat Ramp will be closed for reconstruction beginning in early July.

The long-awaited reconstruction of the Arcadia Boat Ramp will begin in early July. The ramp will be closed all traffic during the construction period and use of the parking lot will be limited.

The 2011 Tribal Canoe Journey Launching and the First Salmon Ceremony will be held on the recently acquired Collier property, located on the point just north of the construction site.

The badly damaged existing ramp will be replaced with a new two-lane ramp long enough to allow access at lower tides.



FOR INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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Paddle to Swinomish 2011

Print by Malynn and Mike Foster,
basket by Karen Reed & mask by Douglas David





Newly Elected Tribal Council members taking the Oath of Office



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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

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Stephanie Tompkins promoted to NWITC Assistant Director

Tribal member Stephanie Tompkins was promoted on May 16th to Assistant Director of Northwest Indian Treatment Center according to the Tribe's training track policy which strives to prepare tribal members to take over management positions. She is becoming qualified to eventually serve as Director of the facility, and is being mentored closely by June O'Brien.

Stephanie is deeply involved in preparing budgets and reports, contract negotiations, CARF accreditation, personnel management, and has visited all tribal treatment programs in Washington, Oregon and Idaho in order to determine and respond to the specific needs of each individual tribe.

"We have built some very strong relationships that will be very beneficial in the future," she said.

She also attends state/tribal meetings related to funding and recovery issues, Indian Policy Advisory Committee (IPAC) meetings and is the designated delegate to the American Indian Health Committee.

She is dedicated to bridging a gap in services.

Stephanie has been on the training track since the beginning of 2010. She has also been a member of the Recovery Support Team which has been hugely successful in providing aftercare services for clients. As the leader of the five-staff team, she has gained experience in managing a group of employees.

"I've also been learning a lot about pay sources, including Medicaid, and finding ways to mix payers for increased revenue," she said. "Its kind of like a big puzzle and you have to fit the pieces together."

Stephanie is currently in the process of purchasing a home in Elma so she will be close by in case of emergencies.

She is very excited about implementing a healthy foods program in order to help patients' bodies heal even faster. "For example, we don't use margarine any more, only butter, and have moved away from artificial sweeteners, replacing them with herbal teas. I love the work we do. I don't want to change what isn't broken, but simply add what's me, bringing a new dimension. I just need to learn for now. With the foods program, I am going to start slowly. I don't want to starve the patients who are not used to eating health foods," she grinned.

Stephanie wants to thank June O'Brien for all of the work she has done for the Tribe and the support she has provided to her personally.

"People don't know how much she does for our tribe," Stephanie said. Working with her so closely, I see all the work she does. She is out there in the forefront fighting the battles for funding, fairness and rights. She is a great teacher, always supportive and never making me feel inferior. She builds my confidence by always saying, 'You can do this.' She has big shoes (moccasins) to fill and they may be loose for awhile, but I hope to grow into them. I just want to do good by my tribe. Its very exciting!"





PADDLE TO SQUAXIN 2012



Community members sign-up sheet

The Tribal Canoe Journey Steering Committee is extending an invitation to Community Members to participate in the planning for the Squaxin Island Tribe's 2012 Journey hosting. If you are interested in participating, please select which committee, or subcommittee, you are interested in working with (see Organization Chart) and return this sheet to Aleta Poste (MLRC):

1. Public Relations, Marketing and Communications (Leslie Johnson)

- a. Web site _____
- b. Media _____
- c. Publications _____
- d. Public Relations _____
- e. Marketing _____

2. Fund Raising (Margaret Foley)

- a. Corporate Giving _____
- b. Individual Donations _____
- c. In-kind Donations _____

3. Operations (Kathy Block)

- a. Budget/Finance _____
- b. Gifts (Handmade) _____
- c. Volunteers _____
- d. Elders Tent _____
- e. Youth/Family Services _____

4. Public Safety (Mike Evans)

- a. Security _____
- b. Crowd Control _____
- c. Traffic Control _____
- d. Law Enforcement _____
- e. Clinic _____
- f. Emergency Medical _____
- g. Event Communications _____

5. Food (Whitney Jones)

- a. Meals _____
- b. Water _____
- c. Kitchen/Cleanup _____
- d. Tents _____

6. Logistics (Kathy Block)

- a. Lodging _____
- b. Command Center _____
- c. Maintenance _____
- d. Facility Management _____
- e. Event Logistics _____
- f. Information Systems _____
- g. Transportation _____

7. Event Program

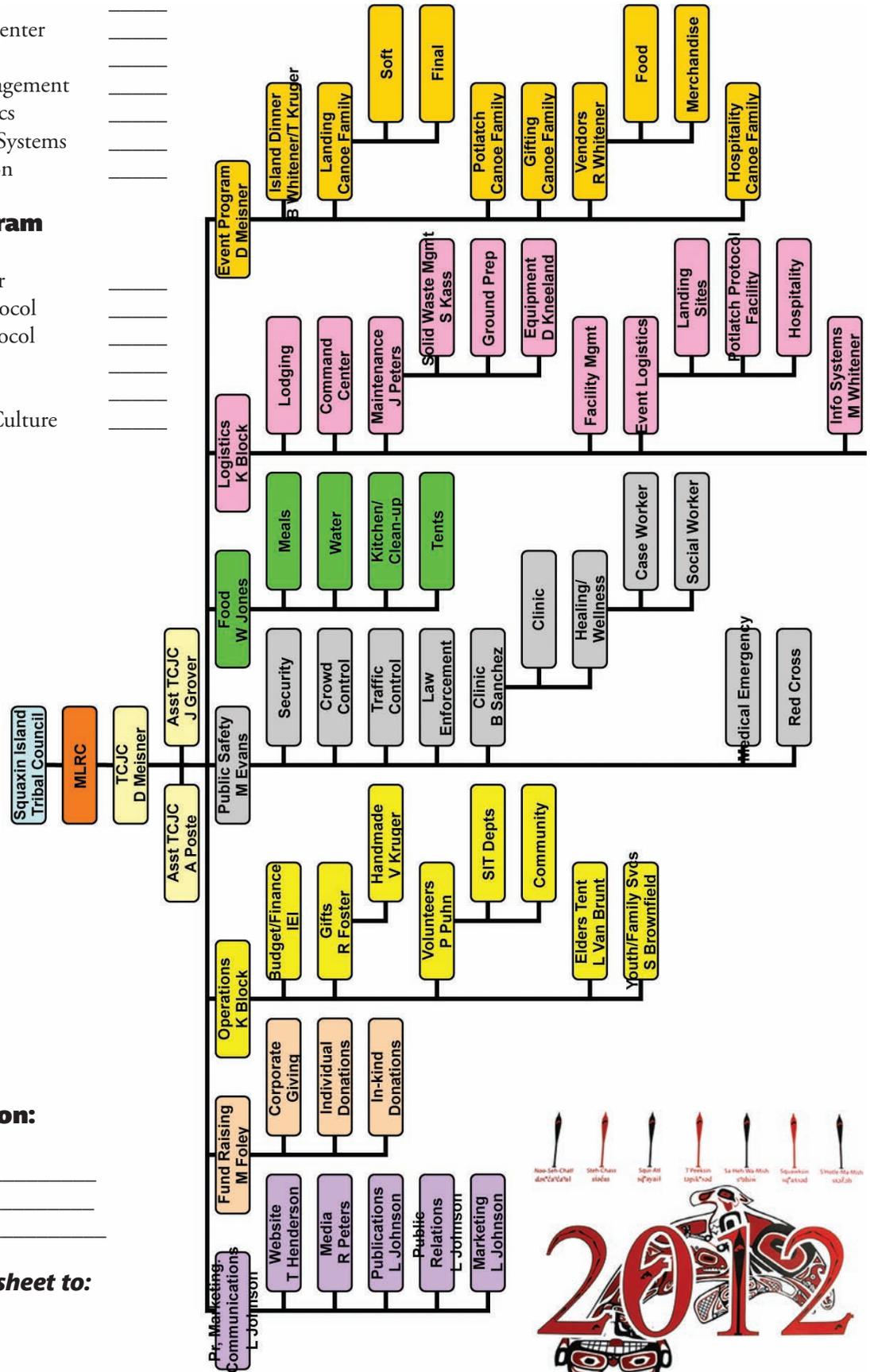
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- b. Landing Protocol _____
- c. Potlatch Protocol _____
- d. Gifting _____
- e. Vendors _____
- f. Hospitality/Culture _____

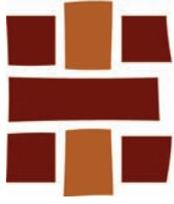


Your contact information:

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Weaving a strong business foundation for the Squaxin Island Tribe's future.



Barista spotlight

By Brittany Bitar- Kamilche Café & Espresso would like to spotlight CJ Phipps this month. CJ is a wonderful barista and has worked at the café since February. She has also worked at Taylor United and Xinh's Clam & Oyster House. CJ's past work experience has given her excellent customer service skills, which she puts into use at the café everyday!

CJ has attended South Puget Sound Community College. She wants to continue her education soon and plans to work in the medical field someday. Her hobbies include bowling, co-ed softball and baking. CJ has been a part of this community her entire life. Her parents are Carol and Brian Phipps. Carol works for Salish Seafoods and Brian works at Taylor United as a Geoduck Manager.

When asked what she enjoys most about working at Kamilche Café & Espresso CJ replied, "You never know what's going to happen that day, very unpredictable, but always fun." One of CJ's best attributes is her creativity, especially when it comes to food. CJ has created her own signature wrap. The "CJ Special" is a spinach wrap with chicken, bacon, romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese and caesar dressing. Come in soon and order a shaken green tea lemonade from CJ or let her make you a delicious chicken caesar spinach wrap, her recipe!



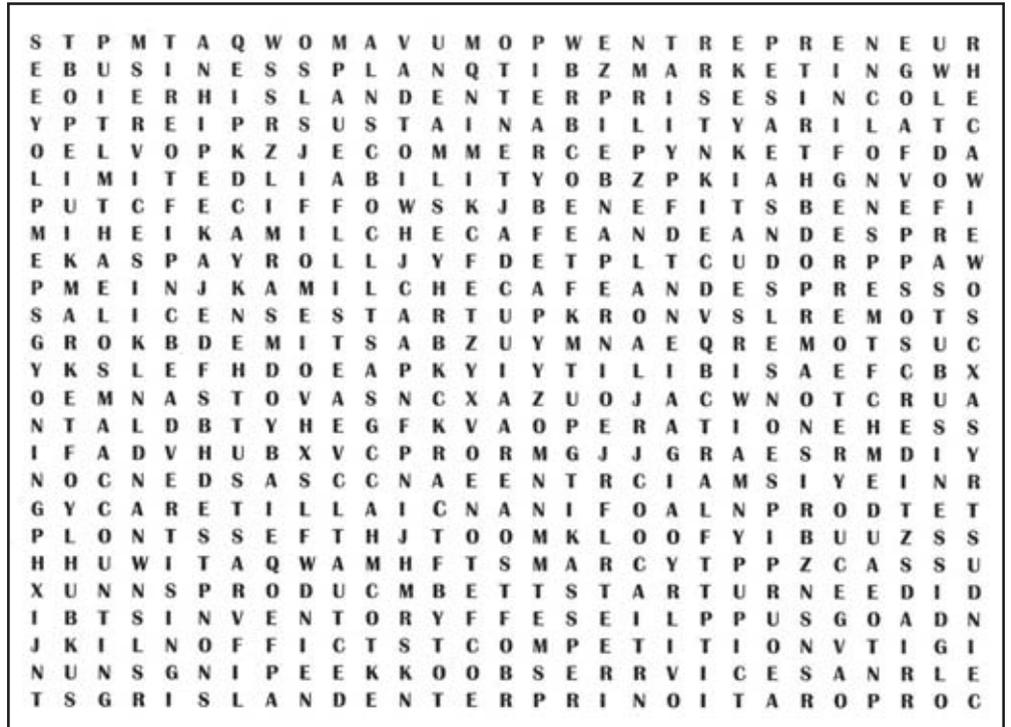
Business Center update

By Stephanie Gott - Spring is in the air...I always feel an extra boost of energy when Spring arrives. It stays lighter longer, the flowers start to bloom, and the business center starts its busiest time of the year. There is always something happening around here. There are tradeshow and customer appreciation days, Olympia Reign basketball games and a Black Lake Regatta to plan. There are conferences to attend, such as the annual "Trading at the River" hosted by ONABEN (a business "essential" in our area) and a Micro Business Showcase graduation celebration hosted by Enterprise for Equity. No matter what falls next on the calendar, they are all exciting to be a part of and something we look forward to doing.

On Tuesday, June 7th, Enterprise for Equity hosted their 2011 Micro Business Showcase at the Heritage Room in downtown Olympia. This showcase is open to the public for anyone who would like to attend and meet the recent graduates of their business training classes. A nice lunch is served and each graduate is asked to come to the microphone and introduce themselves, as well as their business idea. It's an indescribable feeling that I get when I listen to each individual talk about the story or reason behind wanting to own a business and the journey that some of them have experienced along the way. I will say that it is just awesome!

Now throw on top of that, a tribal member graduate and it's just that much more rewarding. The Ta-Qwo-Ma business center staff would like to congratulate Dillon Decio on completing the business training course and delivering a great presentation to the crowd. Way to go Dillon! We wish you success in your business endeavors.

Look for a new "business spotlight" in next month's edition of the Klah-Che-Min. Until then, I decided to produce my very first word search ever and design it with some terms used in business. Enjoy!



WORDS

Accounting, Advertising, Benefits, Bookkeeping, Business, Business plan, Cashflow, Commerce, Competition, Corporation, Cost, Credit, Customer, Development, Employees, Entrepreneurs, Feasibility, Financial, Literacy, Goal, Industry, Inventory, Island Enterprises Inc., License, Loan, Kamilche Cafe and Espresso, Limited Liability, Market, Marketing, Office, Operation, Organize, Payroll, Product, Services, Startup, Success, Suppliers Sustainability, TaQwoMa, Taxes



Olena Cooper - Hello everyone! Here are a few pictures from KTP's Customer Appreciation Day and the Squaxin Island Museums Golf Tournament in Hawks Prairie. Thank you to all who showed support.

Friendly reminder: We have an entry box for fireworks donated by Squaxin Islands fireworks stands and we will be doing the drawing on July 2nd at noon. So come on down and enter to win.

Express news: The express is going to be celebrating its 2nd birthday on July 1st. So please feel free to come by and have some root beer floats and hot dogs with our staff. Thank you all and have a safe 4th of July!



14th Annual Sgwi' Gwi

On June 17, the community, school administrators, and Learning Center staff gathered to celebrate and honor students and graduates at the 14th Annual Sgwi' Gwi celebration.

The Learning Center staff was proud to honor and acknowledge the first graduates of the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Academy. The Academy is a partnership between the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center and the Washington Academy of Arts and Technology (WAAT), which is in the East Valley School District. The East Valley Superintendent, John Glenwinkel, and WAAT Principal, Barbara Cruse, flew in from Spokane, WA to confer High School Diplomas at the event.

Jamie Cruz and Alan Cooper were the first graduates to earn high school diplomas from the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Academy. Michael Henderson is the first to earn a General Equivalency Diploma. The graduation ceremony for these youth was first on the Sgwi' Gwi agenda. By choice of the seniors, Ed Stewart was the guest speaker for the graduating class.

At the event 14 high school graduates, 8 GEDs, 2 vocational/technical certificates, 3 Associates of Arts, 5 Bachelors of Arts/Bachelor of Science, and 1 Master's degree recipients were honored. Those entering kindergarten through high school seniors walked across the stage to be recognized for progressing in their education.

The Learning Center staff would like to thank all those who assisted with the event. It is because of their assistance the event was a success! Congratulations to all the graduates and many blessings to those continuing on their educational journeys.

Photos of event and graduates on pages 6-14

Anyone Can Use the Pool

Swimming is a great activity with multiple benefits. The best thing about swimming is that anyone can do it. Swimming is for everyone no matter what their age, size or physical condition. You could be a professional swimmer or a recreational swimmer and the water would not know the difference or make you feel unaccepted. Whether you are swimming for exercise or just floating to unwind, swimming is an activity that you can adjust to your needs.

Swimming is great for cardiovascular and strength training, but it can also help relieve stress. Water is also generous to our bodies allowing us to bear less weight than we normally carry just walking around. Swimming can help build general strength, cardiovascular fitness and endurance. If you don't know how to swim, joining a class could help you develop your skills, enhance your physical health and boost your confidence. Swimming is something you can do for the rest of your life and can be more fun than other forms of exercise.

LIFEGUARDING COURSE



Dates: July 6-22, 2011 **Cost:** \$185.00

Location: Squaxin Island Tribe Wellness Pool

Price doesn't include books or mask, must be purchased at American Red Cross prior to start of class.

Pre-Test (must pass to enroll in course): Wednesday July 6th 8-9am

(300 swim and 10lb. brick retrieval; contact Marie at the pool for further information on pre test)

Course: Monday/Wednesday 8-12pm, Fridays 8-5pm

Instructor: Marie Ratcliff

*****Squaxin Island Tribe will pay for the first 10 tribal members to register*****

Call Discover Aquatics at (360)867-9283 to register





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



GED

Beau Henry



Beau Henry, the son of Tonya Henry and Leo Henry, and grandson of Leo Henry Sr., received his GED from Olympic College in December.

Beau enjoys exercise his treaty rights, including clam digging, fishing and hunting.

He plans to have a job this summer.



Beau

Trelace Sigo



Trelace Sigo, the daughter of Andrea and Steve Sigo and granddaughter of Andy and Ruth Peterson and Dewey and Virginia Sigo, received her GED from Olympic College in March. She will also receive her cosmetology license in July, and hopes to work in a salon.

She is currently employed at KTP, and in her free time enjoys dancing, getting tattoos and working with her grandparents on wood carving projects. She helped carve an art piece that will be displayed at Salish Cliffs Golf Club House.

"I would like to thank my parents for telling me 'no' all the time. It really taught me why they said 'no' and made me who I am today."



Trelace

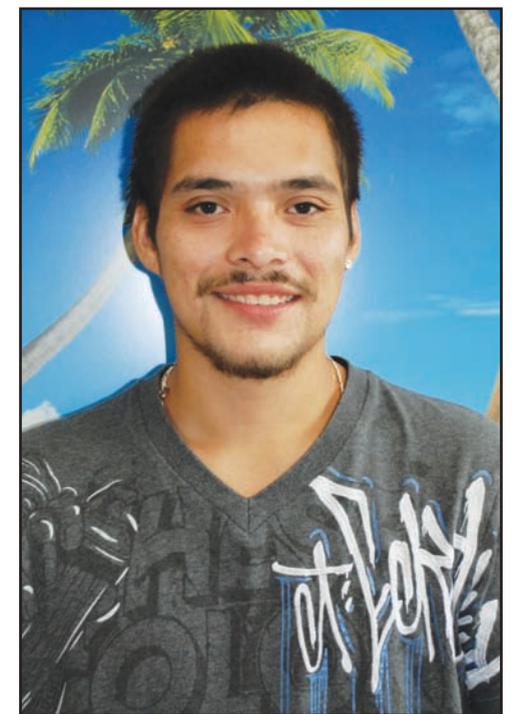
Jeb Case



Hi my name is Jeb, son of Richard and Loretta Case, Hazel Bagley is my grandmother and Lottie Bagley is my Great grandma. I got my GED from Olympic College in Shelton. I work at Skookum Creek Tobacco Factory. I just want to thank my family for being there for me and supporting all my decisions and helping me along the way, with out you I don't know where I would be. I Love you all!!!!



Tyrone Seymour



Tyrone Seymour, the son of Lizzy Perez and the late Stuart Mowitch and grandson of Clara Bagley, received his GED from SPSCC on June 2nd, 2011.

He will be employed at the museum this summer and will be attending Grays Harbor Community College in the fall with his soon-to-be wife, Kasia (they are getting married in August).

Tyrone is the proud father of two beautiful young children, Tyrone Joseph Stuart Seymour and Johnathan Draven Seymour.

"To all the people who can do this, but think its too difficult, you really can do it."





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



GED

HIGH SCHOOL

Brittany McFarlane



Brittany McFarlane, the daughter of Connie Uribe, and granddaughter of Sue Henry and Larry McFarlane, received her GED from SPSCC this June. She is employed at Kamilche Trading Post.

Michael Henderson



Michael Henderson, the son of Mike Henderson and Theresa Henderson, and grandson of Leslie Peters & Ralph Henderson, and Sue Henry & Larry McFarlane, received his GED from SPSCC this June.

Michael is employed at Little Creek Casino Resort Hotel and enjoys Canoe Journeys, fishing and hunting.



Mariano Bello

Mariano Bello, not pictured, also received his GED this year.

Kelly Davis



Hi, my name is Kelly Davis. I am the daughter of Theresa and Jim Davis and the granddaughter of Mabel Cooper and the late Buddy Cooper. I am the youngest sister of Elizabeth Fenton, Marvin Campbell JR, Lyssa and Kristen Davis. I recently received my high school equivalency and will be going to Austin Community College.

Chas Addison



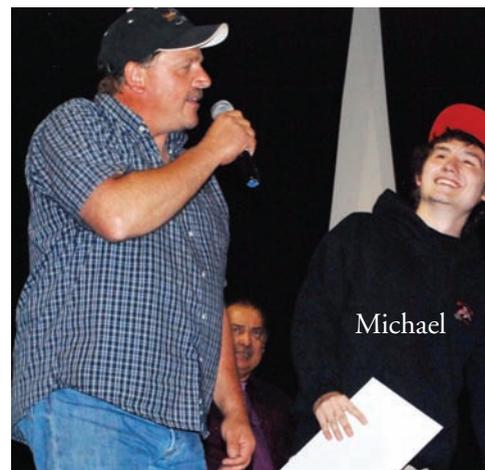
Chas Addison, the son of Moody Addison and grandson of Lila Jabobs, graduated from South Lafourche High School in Galliano, Louisiana on May 26th. He was a member of the Honor Society and bowling team.

He plans to attend LLU in the fall where he will study graphic design.

We are so proud of you!

- From Gramma and Auntie Yvonne

**The Squaxin
Island Cemetery
is open every day
from 9:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m.**





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

HIGH SCHOOL



Kayla Peters



Kayla Marie Peters, the daughter of Roger and Leslie Peters and granddaughter of Cal and Ina Peters, graduated from Franklin Pierce High School on June 11th with a GPA of 3.96 (#4 in her graduating class)!!!

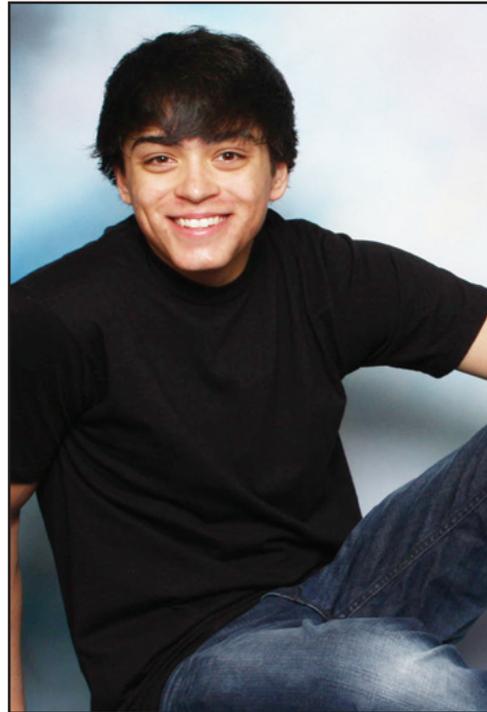
She plans to attend Pierce College in Steilacoom, where she plans to play fastpitch, and transfer to Central Washington University (CWU) or University of Puget Sound (UPS) and major in Exercise Science.

Her extracurricular activities include fastpitch, golf and camping.



Kayla

Tyler Mireles

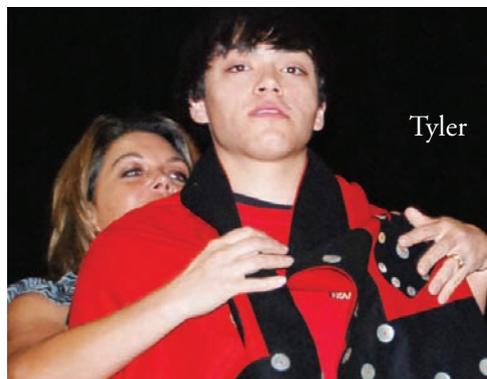


Tyler Mireles, the son of Teresa Ford and grandson of Mary Whitener, graduated from Shelton High School. The commencement ceremony took place on Saturday, June 11th at Saint Martins Marcus Pavilion at 10:00 a.m.

Tyler received the Outstanding Achievement in Academic Excellence award for his 3.5 GPA, the Principal's Achievement Award, and the Excellent Achievement in Algebra 2 award. He also received a \$500 Principals award scholarship.

He has been employed at KTP for the past year and a half.

Tyler's plans are to go to South Puget Sound Community College before transferring to a university to major in Economics and Business.



Tyler

Lindsey Harrell



Lindsey Harrell graduated on Saturday, June 11th from Washougal High School in her hometown of Washougal Washington. Lindsey is the Daughter of John and Donna Harrell and granddaughter of Barb Henry.

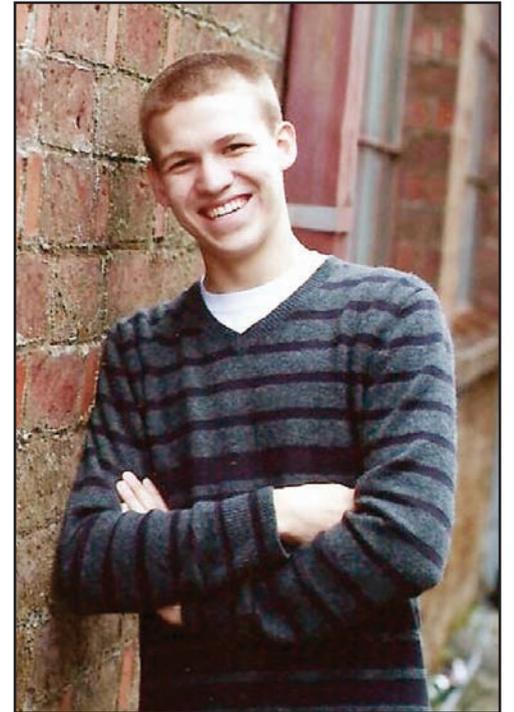
She was very involved with her school and was the Student Body Executive Vice President. She played varsity women's golf and was also involved with the Interact Club, volunteering at the Humane Society and as a school mentor.

Lindsey plans to stay close to home and attend Clark Community College in the fall of 2011.



Alex

Alexander Smith



Alex Smith, the son of Don, Jr. and Kristi Smith and grandson of Don, Sr. and Jackie (Peterson) Smith, graduated from Capital High School on June 14th. In the fall, Alex will be attending Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) where he received the President's Scholarship.

Alex was employed at Island Enterprises last summer and will be working there again this summer.

In his spare time, Alex enjoys family activities, playing basketball (he played basketball all 4 years for Capital's team), and watching ESPN.

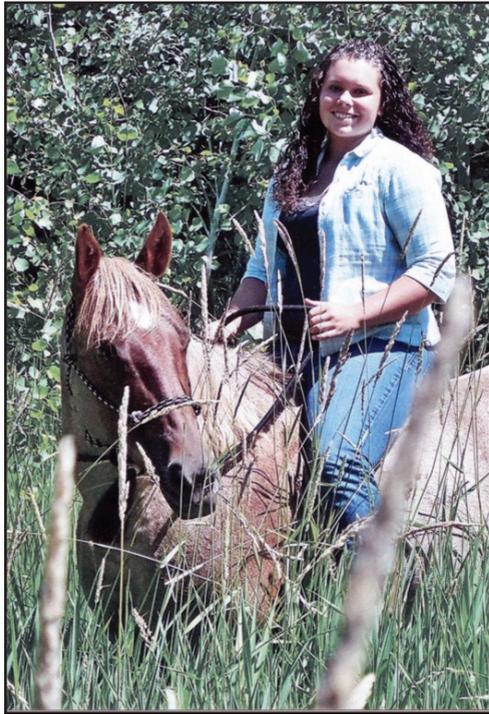


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HIGH SCHOOL

Alysha Ellenberger



Alysha Ellenberger, daughter Rachael and Gerald Aldrich and granddaughter of Kenny Selvidge & Nancy Barker and Ruth Rogers & Ralph Aldrich, graduated from Shelton High School with Honors on June 11th. During high school she was a member of the track team and Future Farmers of America.

She has been employed at the Squaxin Island Child Development Center since September.

She is now enrolled at SPSCC where she will earn her Associates of Science and then transfer to WSU where she will earn a Bachelors degree in Veterinary Science.

Her hobbies include barrel racing with her horse and raising calves. She also enjoys hunting and fishing.

Winter Perez



Winter, the daughter of Toni Smith (Skokomish), Shane Hutson and Roy Perez (Squaxin), graduated from Shelton High School June 11. Winter is looking forward to starting Olympic College in the fall to work on becoming an x-ray technician or a paralegal.

Winter enjoyed working with the Indian Education department while at Shelton High, as well as the staff at the Skokomish Education Department and encourages others to take advantage of these resources. Winter currently works for KTP, but in her spare time she loves to shop, watch movies, take trips to the coast and go on walks. Winter also wants to thank her aunts Andrea and Margaret for making her beautiful button blanket.

Krystal



Youth Activities Program

It's finally time for the 2011 Summer Youth Recreation Program! The new applications are in and they are good for both the summer recreation program and the after-school program, through June 2012. Any youth, 5-12 years old, wanting to participate in the 2011 Summer Recreation Program will need to have the new forms completed and turned in to the Youth Activities Manager at the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center.

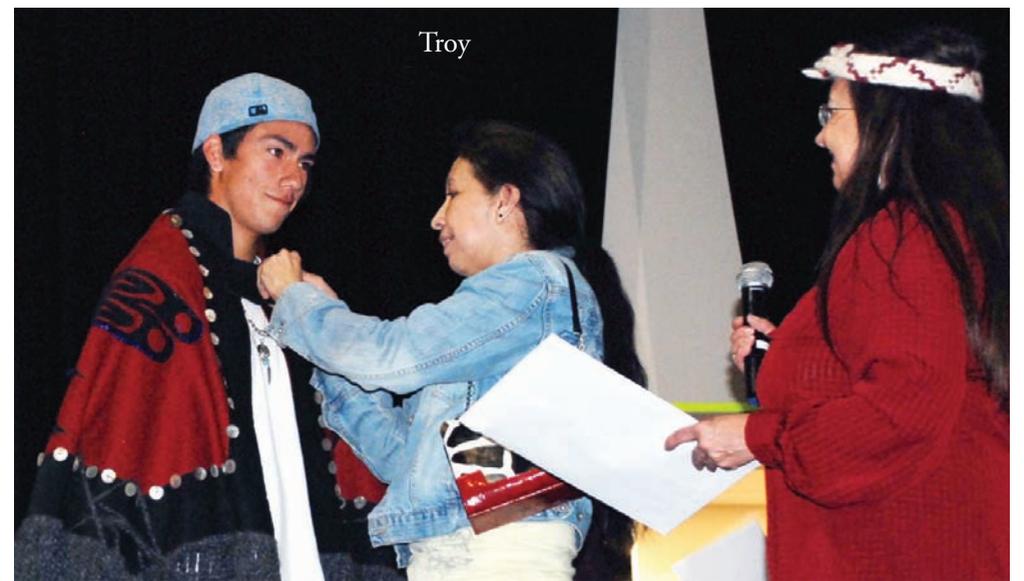
This year's Summer Rec Program starts Wednesday, July 6th and runs through Friday, August 12th. Program activities will be 8:30am – 3:00pm, Monday through Friday. We are scheduling field trips for Thursday each week; to be eligible to go on that week's field trip, youth must attend at least two of the three days that week before the field trip. That means come on Monday and Tuesday, or Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Wednesday, and you're eligible to go on the field trip.

The field trips are subject to change, but our current schedule includes trips to Tumwater Falls Park, the Hands On Children's Museum, flying kites at the ocean, a day with the Skokomish Summer Rec Program, hiking and gathering, and the Pt. Defiance Zoo. We may even fit in an afternoon at the movies or roller skating.

There will be lots of fun activities throughout, including swimming on Tuesdays and Fridays (bring a swimsuit and towel), lots of arts and crafts, lots of games and exercise outdoors, and many opportunities to learn new things while we have fun. We have a special treat for the 9-12 year olds, July 11-15th – we're planning a week filled with workshops on music and video production.

Here's what you need to know:

- Summer Rec runs July 6 - August 12.
- Activities are 8:30am – 3:00pm.
- The program provides breakfast and lunch.
- Kids must be 5-12 years old to join Summer Rec.
- Field trips are on Thursdays.
- Kids must attend at least 2 of the 3 days before each week's field trip to be eligible to go on that week's field trip
- Applications are available now at the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center.
- We're always interested in volunteers to help throughout the Summer Rec Program. For the safety of all the youth, all volunteers must apply and pass a background check.
- For more information, contact Gordon James, Youth Activities Manager, at 432-3992.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL

Holly Henry



Holly Henry, the sister of Geri Bell and granddaughter of Theresa Nason, graduated from Shelton High School on June 11th.

During the summer she will be working for the Stepping Stones Program, where she was also employed last summer.

After that, she hopes to work at Little Creek Casino Resort hotel. She enjoys clam digging and cooking.

Way to go Taylor and Winter, Congratulations!



Love, Lisa and Toni - two proud moms!

Alan Cooper



My name is Alan Cooper, I graduated Friday June 17th, 2011 from East Valley High. I received my high school diploma. I'm the son of Arnold and Charlene Cooper, and the grandson of Mabel Cooper. My late grandparents are Buddy Cooper along with Sarah and Wilson. I'm the first to receive my high school diploma out of my family. I am very proud of this accomplishment!

Cynthia Temma Louise Parrott



Cynthia Temma Louise Parrot graduated from Chief Leschi High School in Puyallup on June 11th. She is the daughter of Randy and Lydia Parrott, granddaughter of Cindy Andy, and the great-granddaughter of Roy and Clara Seymour.

Cynthia is an enrolled member of the Squaxin Island Tribe and a descendent of the Hoopa, Yurok and Mohawk tribes.

Cynthia graduated with a 3.79 GPA, and was the salutatorian of the senior class. She also delivered the traditional greeting in the Lushootseed language at the graduation ceremony.

Cynthia was on the Honor Roll all through middle school and high school. Her warrior pride was always shining at sports events, being the only four year varsity cheerleader. Cynthia was the squad secretary freshman year and co-captain for three years. She received the "Best All Around Cheerleader" award her freshman year and "Most Spirited" award her junior and senior years.

Cynthia was voted Student Representative for the WA Indian Education Association her freshman year. Her other

activities in school were student government, leadership, video production, yearbook staff, Chief Leschi Drum & Dance, Homecoming Royalty and the Upward Bound program through The Evergreen State College.

Cynthia is very proud of her Native heritage. She believes in the 1910 Indian Shaker Church. She also likes to go to Canoe Journeys and powwows.

Family and friends are very important to her, and she appreciates everyone's support through her school years.

Cynthia applied to the University of Washington (Seattle, Tacoma and Bothell) and Pacific Lutheran University. She got accepted to all of these colleges, and chose to be a Husky at the University of Washington, Tacoma, where she will be studying pre-law with a minor in English. She would like to later go to Stanford for her degree in law.

Cynthia, we are so proud of you, Love, Dad, Mom and Grandma

Sgwi' Gwi 2011





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



HIGH SCHOOL

Jaimie Cruz



Jaimie Cruz, the daughter of Leanora Krise and Timo Cruz, graduated through the Squaxin Island Tribe's online high school program on June 10th. She plans to become a barista at Kamilche Cafe and Espresso and attend South Puget Sound Community College this fall. She also plans to earn her associates degree and eventually become an attorney.

She enjoys drumming and singing with the Squaxin Island drum group, clam digging (when she can) and spending time with her friends and family.

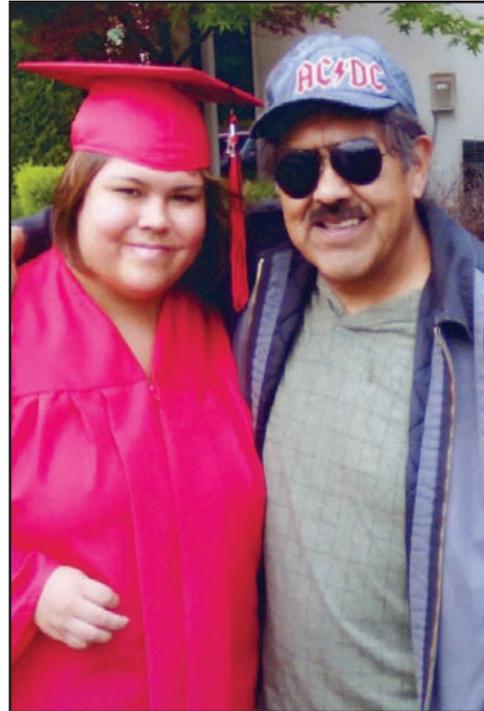
She is the first high school graduate in her immediate family. She also received her drivers licence this June.

She wants to especially honor her uncle Darrell "Yum" Krise who promised to haunt her if she didn't continue her education.



Jaimie

Willow Henry



Willow Henry graduated from New Market Skills Center on June 10th and Shelton High School on June 11th.

Willow is the daughter of Marvin Henry and Kathy Anderson, and the granddaughter of Theresa Nason.

She received an award for shadowing in WA State Employees Credit Union and an attendance award that also involved helping students with their work. She earned a special award for a 3.7 GPA and a participation award for New Market Skills Center.

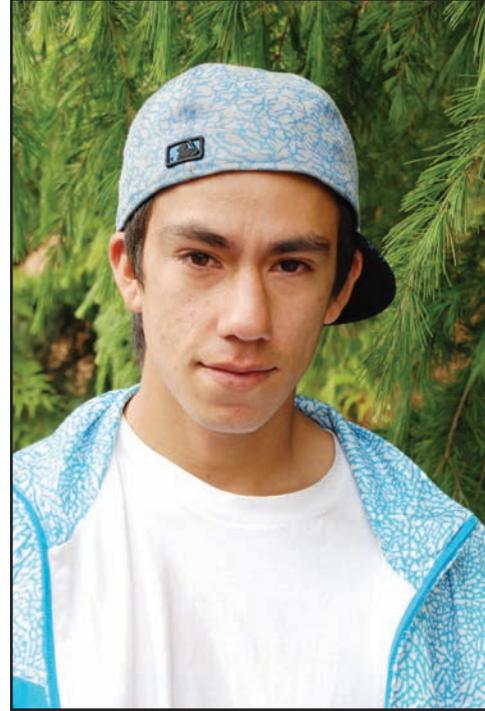
Willow enjoys clam digging and fishing. She also enjoys coastal and powwow dancing. She was Sa'Heh'Wa'Mish Days queen in 2010, and she mentored this year's junior princesses.

She plans to become a massage therapist and will begin training in the fall.

Willow says she wants to thank everyone who has supported her throughout her journey. "Even when I wanted to give up, you supported me."



Troy Orozco



Troy Orozco, the son of Mary Mosier and grandson of Ramona Mosier, graduated from Goldendale High School in Yakama on June 15th.

He plans on working at Little Creek Casino Resort hotel this summer.

Troy was on the high school track and won 9th place over all for the 4x4 (400 meters) and 11th place for the 4x1 (100 meters). He also enjoys hunting.



Krystal Koenig



Krystal Koenig, the daughter of Rose Boggs and Greg Koenig, graduated from Shelton High School on June 11th. Her goal is to attend college and become a professional dancer performing in music videos. Eventually, she wants to teach dancing. She has attended dance classes for four years. She will be working this summer at Little Creek Casino and Resort Hotel.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



ASSOCIATE'S

Melissa Wood



Melissa Wood, the daughter of Donna and Allen Wood and granddaughter of Nancy and Misty Bloomfield, graduated from Olympic College in December. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

She will be transferring to The Evergreen State College this fall where she will be focusing on Early Childhood Education.

She is currently employed at the Squaxin Island Child Development as a lead teacher in the four-year-old room.

Congratulations, Melissa, on your extraordinary achievement.

Diane Deyette



Diane Deyette graduated from South Puget Sound Community College in August, 2010 with an Associates in Science - Paralegal. She will continue her education at The Evergreen State College this fall.

Diane is a Paralegal for the Squaxin Island Legal department.

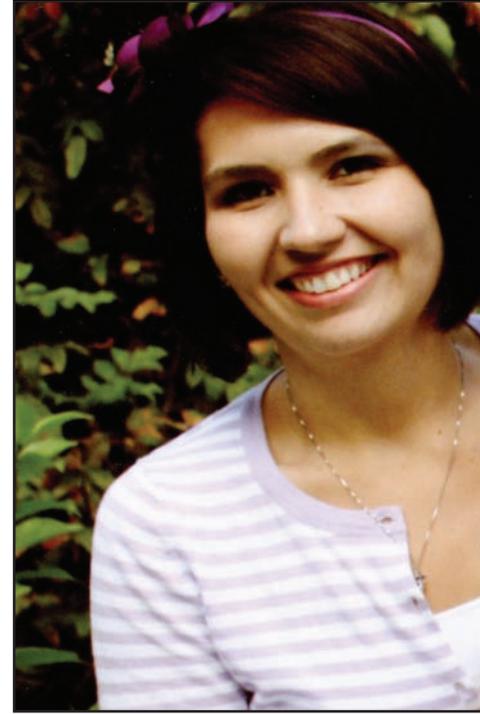
She encourages other tribal members to take advantage of educational opportunities.

Congratulations, Diane, on your extraordinary achievement.

Kristen Davis, not pictured, also graduated with an Associate's degree!!!

BACHELOR'S

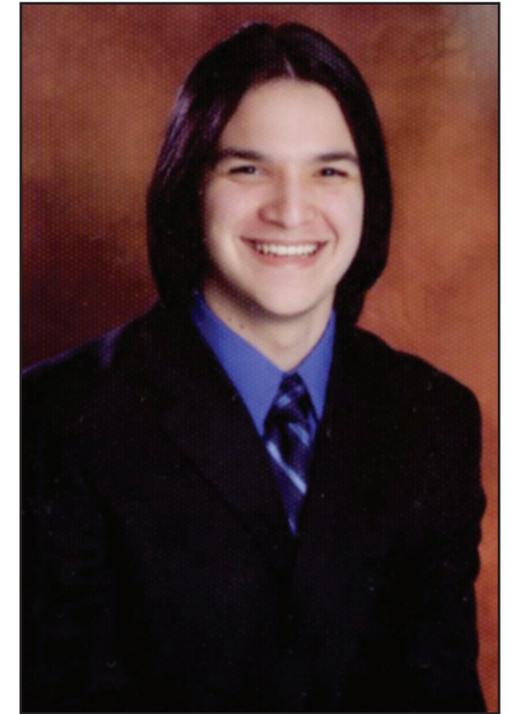
Shiloh Henderson



Hello, my name is Shiloh Henderson and I am 22 years old. I am the daughter of Michael and Theresa Henderson. In June, I am graduating from the University of Washington with my Bachelor's degree in Psychology. This summer I will begin graduate school at the UW in the Teacher Education Program which focuses on social justice. Here, I will be earning my Master's in Teaching, specifically in Elementary Education. In the next year, I hope to become a 3rd grade teacher and work with traditionally disadvantaged students.

Congratulations, Shiloh, on your extraordinary achievement.

Ben Parker



Benjamin Quannah Parker graduated from Dartmouth College in June with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Mathematics.

Benjamin will be attending graduate school at (RIT) Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York this fall.

Benjamin is the son of Bryan Glen Parker (Squaxin Island) and Jennifer DeCoteau (Turtle Mt. Chippewa-Cree).

Congratulations, Ben, on your extraordinary achievement.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



BACHELOR'S

Jennifer Ogno



Jennifer Ogno, the daughter of Jeff and Paula Peters, graduated from University of Phoenix on June 4th with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Accounting.

Jennifer is currently employed as the Budget Coordinator for the Tribe, and is considering going after her Master's degree at UOP beginning in the fall.

While working and going to school full time, Jennifer has been busy raising three boys and a beautiful baby daughter.

Jennifer would like to thank her family, friends and co-workers for all their encouragement and support. A special thank you goes out to her husband, Jeff, and their children. "I couldn't have done it without them," she says.

Congratulations, Jennifer, on your extraordinary achievement.

Jaron Heller

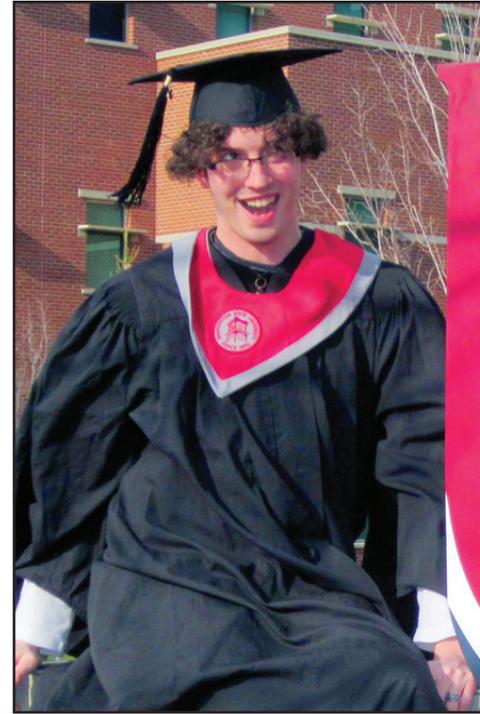


Hello, my name is Jaron Heller. My parents are Tom and Kim Heller. I recently graduated (in May) from Saint Martin's University with my B.A. in U.S. History and Political Science. I graduated cum laude and received the "outstanding senior thesis in history or political science" award for my paper entitled "The Makah Whale Hunt: A Study of Racism and Ignorance."

I plan on taking a short break this year from school, during which I plan to work and save up some money. After spending this last year working almost nonstop on my senior thesis, I'm hoping to have some free time to enjoy myself and relax. After that I would like to continue on to get my PhD in Pacific Northwest History.

Congratulations, Jaron, on your extraordinary achievement.

Marcus Whitener



Marcus D. Whitener, the youngest son/child of David Whitener Jr., graduated in May, 2011 from Washington State University with a Bachelor in Interior Design.

Marcus grew up in Shelton and remained there until it came time to move to WSU. A bit of a computer geek, he enjoys gaming from rpgs to strategy on his pc, and sipping tea while playing with family and friends online.

Marcus is taking that first step in his career by pursuing an internship with an architectural firm in Olympia.

Congratulations, Marcus, on your extraordinary achievement.

MEDICAL ASSISTING CERTIFICATE

Violet Garcia



Violet Garcia, the daughter Lizzy Perez and Douglas Washburn, graduated from Everest College in Renton in August 2009.

After receiving her certificate, she was employed at Healthpoint in Auburn for a year a half.

She is currently taking time off to spend time with her kids. She is the proud mother of Adrian, Elijah and Tarvaio Garcia.

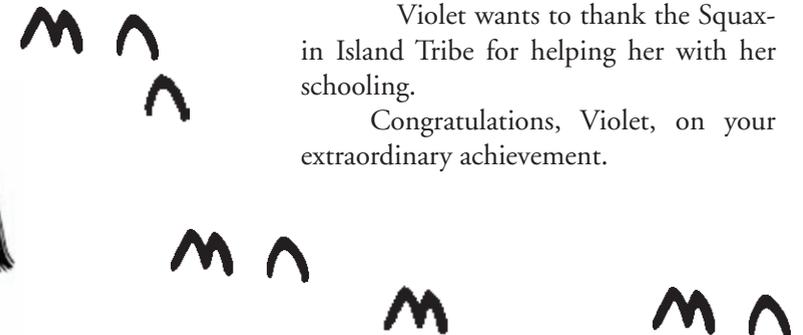
In the fall, she plans to go back to work as a Medical Assistant where she will do just about everything a nurse does except administer medications and IVs.

Violet wants to thank the Squaxin Island Tribe for helping her with her schooling.

Congratulations, Violet, on your extraordinary achievement.



GRAD





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES / TLC



LPN

Jackie Simeral



Jackie Simeral, the daughter of Kim and Bret Allen, graduated from Olympic College on December 11th with an LPN, (Licensed Practical Nurse). She is currently employed at Fir Lane Rehabilitation Center in Shelton as an LPN.

Jackie is married to Robert Simeral, and is the mother of six children, the youngest of whom was born during her summer break.

Congratulations, Jackie, on your extraordinary achievement.

Summer Rec

This years Summer Rec. program will run from July 6, 2011 to August 12, 2011 Monday through Friday 8:30am to 3:00pm unless otherwise stated in the calendar. Please be aware that hours may differ on field trip days. The summer program age range is 5 to 12; due to the nature of the program and activities any child(ren) under the age of 5 or over 12 will be required to be picked up by the parent as soon as possible. The TLC building will not open until 8:30am and there will be no supervision until that time. Please DO NOT drop your child(ren) off before 8:30am. TLC will close at 3:00pm daily unless otherwise stated in the calendar; there will be no supervision after 3:00pm. Please pick up your child(ren) no later than 3:00pm. We hope this gives parents/guardians ample time to make arrangements for daily drop off and pick up times during the summer recreation program. Summer Recreation registration packets will be available for pick up the first week of June 2011. We hope to see lots of kids this summer for a jam packed fun filled summer recreation program!

Sylan Corner

These students have achieved perfect attendance for the month of June: Grace Brown and Emily Whitener.

These students only missed perfect attendance by one session: Kiana Henry, Kierah Lincoln-Sigo, Shawn Lincoln-Sigo, Jordan Lopeman-Johns, Jeffrey Nerney, Jenica Nerney, Fern Rodriguez, and Laura Snyder.

KEEP UP THE EXCELLENT WORK GUYS & GALS!

Homework Help

Do you need help with your homework after school or just want to brush up on your skills? Help is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the TLC classroom.

Higher Education

If you or someone you know are interested in going to college please contact Lisa Evans in TLC for the Squaxin Island Higher Education application and for college information. Lisa can be reached in TLC at 432-3882 or by email at levans@squaxin.us.

NOW is the time to apply for the new school year, Fall 2011/12 quarter. The sooner the better, FAFSA funding and State Need Grants are available on a first come first serve basis.

Grays Harbor Reservation Based AA Degree Bridge Program

The Grays Harbor College Bridge Program is designed to serve students with less than 90 college credits who are place-bound students and deeply connected to their tribal communities. It prepares students for success in the Evergreen State College Reservation Community Determined (RBCD) program or any upper division college program. It operates in tribal communities, and is implemented in partnership with The Evergreen State College in cooperation with WashingtonOnline, Washington Tribes and Washington community and technical colleges.

The classes for this program are provided on-line with partnering colleges, including those of cultural relevance and those compatible with Evergreens philosophy. There are weekly class meetings at each site, with a study leader to help students succeed. Students also attend Saturday classes at the Longhouse on the Evergreen campus, and participate in seminars with Reservation Based Community Determined students through an integrated studies class, providing a bridge to the RBCD program.

If you are interested or would like more information on this program contact Lisa Evans in the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center at (360) 432-3882 or by email at levans@squaxin.us.

Scholarship ops

National Johnson-O' Malley Association, Chief A.D. Ellis Scholarship: Must be a member of a federally recognized Tribe, application completed, submitted by 09/30/11, one page typed statement on goals and career choice with emphasis on how the JOM program affection your school achievements and two letters of recommendation. Please see Lisa Evans for scholarship application and more information.

American Indian Endowed Scholarship: The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is now accepting applications for the 2011/12 American Indian Endowed Scholarship (AIES) awards. The application is available at the HECB web site at www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/waaid-prgm/aies.asp. A hard copy must also be printed, signed and mailed to HECB.

Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration: American Indian students within the Pacific Northwest. This scholarship is available for the 11/12 academic school year and available to applicants attending an accredited college, university, technical school, or graduate school program, and are engaged in a field of study related to careers at the Bonneville Power Administration. For more information and application please visit their website at: www.bpa.gov/corporate/About_BPA/Tribes/index.cfm

The American Indian College Fund: For information and application please visit their website at: www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/aaia_scholarships.htm

Indian Health Services Scholarship: For more information and application please visit their website at: www.scholarship.ihs.gov

American Indian Services Scholarship: For more information and application please visit their website at: www.americanindianservices.org/students.





HUMAN RESOURCES



New employees

Kevin Dragon



Public Works/ Facility Engineer

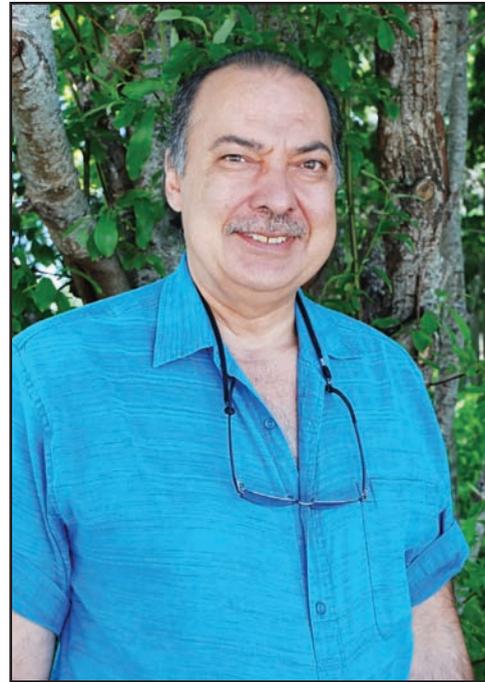
Hello, my name is Kevin Dragon. I am excited at the opportunity to join the Squaxin Island Tribe's Department of Planning and Community Development team as the Public Works/Facility Engineer. In 1994, I received my Bachelors of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Vermont, and also have an Associates of Science in Architectural and Building Engineering Technology from Vermont Technical College. I am also currently registered as a Professional Engineer in both Washington and Oregon. For the last 10 years, I have lived and worked throughout western Washington in both public and private engineering organizations. My work experience includes planning, design and constructing a large variety of transportation, water, sewer, stormwater and other municipal improvement projects.

I grew up in Burlington, Vermont and relocated to the Washington in 1994. I currently live in Tumwater, WA with my wife and our two daughters. We are active in our church community, and spend much of our leisure time hiking, backpack-

ing and travelling throughout the beautiful Pacific Northwest.

I look forward to developing new relationships and sharing my work experience with my colleagues and tribal members. Thank you for the opportunity to join the Squaxin Island Tribe's team!

Ralph Pulsfer



Student Liaison

Hello! My given name is tamaliTsa and I'm also known by the name Ralph Pulsifer. I'm the new Student Liaison for the Ta Ha'Buts Learning Center. I have been providing social services and educational services in Mason County for the past 16 years. I'm extremely honored to be working in the Squaxin Island community. It's so fulfilling to be working in a Native American community and providing services for Native students and families.

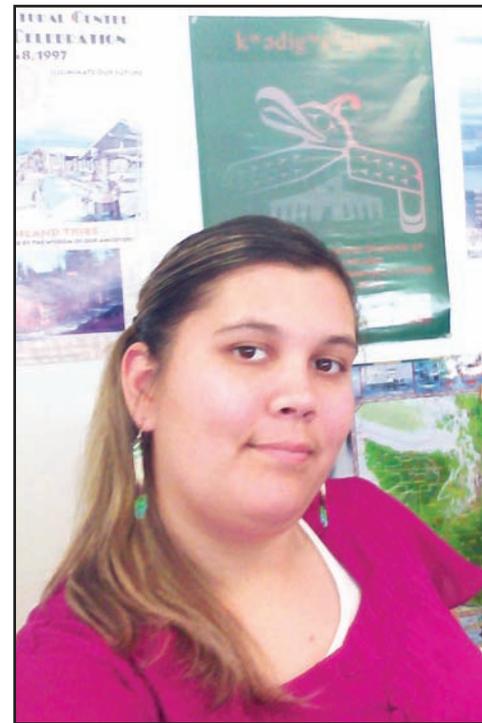
The Student Liaison position has many new exciting program possibilities and the continuation of many well known education services. I'll be designing Educational and Work Experience programs for our Learning Academy and I'm part of the team working on changes to the Squaxin Island Truancy policies. I'll be working with the GED program, Sylvan

tutoring and providing student advocate services. Over the summer I'll be providing a more detailed account of the programs offered at the Learning Center.

I've been married for 15 years and I want to give a shout out to my wife Jill and kids! I have two kids that I'm very proud of and it's been wonderful watching them reach their potential. I enjoy gardening, music and sunny days on the beach.

You can contact me at 432-3826. I will be glad to help with any educational concerns. I look forward to working in conjunction with the families, the community and other tribal departments. Education is the key to our students and to the future of our community.

Lorane Gamber



Executive Assistant at the Visitor Center

Hello, my name is Lorane Gamber. I am a married mother of three and so excited about my new job here at the Squaxin Island Visitor Center. I am happy to meet new people and greet different different cultures. We have a lot of people coming in from foreign countries. I am so excited. Thank you!

Scott Horn



GIS Data Manager

Hi, I am the new GIS Data Manager in the Information Services Department where my job is to design and implement a geographic information system (GIS) that can be used by the various departments to store, share, and analyze data that contains location information. Between GPS enabled cell phones and Google satellite maps, this type of information is everywhere and can be used to improve the efficiency of projects and add to the quality of life in the community.

I lived in the Northwest for twenty years prior to spending the last three at the University of Texas at Dallas. There, I worked for an education research center while completing the course work for a doctorate in geospatial information science (GISci). I am currently working on my dissertation.

My hobbies include hiking and practicing Yang style tai chi with sailing to be added to the list soon.





Walking on Brent Snipper



Brent Donald Snipper came into our lives February 11, 1985. He walked this earth such a short time, but lived a huge life. His gentle soul touched so many lives with his wit, charm and caring nature. He had such passion for family, his heritage and his beliefs and was fiercely protective of them.

He left this world on June 18, 2011. Our lives have suffered a huge loss and world has gotten a little dimmer, for a candle that burns that bright will only burn half as long. May he find the peace he was searching for. He will be deeply missed. May the Great Spirit guide his path.

Brent is the son of Sue and Stuart Snipper, the brother of Jason Snipper, the grandson of Donald Kenneth and Lorine Whitener and nephew of BJ, Don and Andy Whitener.

A memorial service is being held on Thursday, June 30th at 1:00 p.m. at the tribal gym with dinner following.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to one of the following veterans organizations:

www.oathkeepers.net

www.nvf.org

(National Veterans Foundation)

www.healingheroes.org

New employee Lyn Asplund



Bus Driver

Hello everyone! Its hard to summarize a lot of years in a brief paragraph or two . . .

My childhood was fairly uneventful - 6 schools in 8 years. I was married after high school, followed by 5 boys in 7 years (time to quit!!). I then attended Green River Community College, graduating with an Associate's degree as a COTA (Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant). I went to work at Tacoma Goodwill as a Driver's Education Instructor for 2 years until the federal grant was cancelled.

I had the opportunity to attend truck driving school with Washington Teamster's Union. After completion, I drove tour bus for a year until I found a truck driving job and spent the next 12-13 years driving for 2 different companies all

over the United States (every state except Hawaii and Alaska), major cities and a lot of little ones, including numerous Canadian provinces.

I left the road and spent 16 years driving for a nursery delivering various plants in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and British Columbia. I was laid off in October, 2010 when the nursery changed product lines and decided to send product all over the United States by Interstate contracted trucking companies. I then came to work for the Squaxin Tribe and am thoroughly enjoying my job. My compliments to the Squaxins as they are indeed a great people and employer.

Oh, a special note - besides raising 5 boys, I have 16 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. And that about sums it up.

July

Squaxin YOUTH Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

TLC hours: M-F 8:30am-5pm Front Desk: 432-3958

YOUTH Gym/Recreation hours: M-F: 8:30-3:30pm

All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

Co-sponsored by DASA

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Closed to prepare for the Summer Rec Program
4 Closed for the Holiday	5 Closed to prepare for the Summer Rec Program	6 Summer Rec Program Begins 8:30-3	7 8:30-3 Summer Rec	8 8:30-3 Summer Rec
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A Poem by David Whitener, Sr.

Written for his daughter, Mitzie,
in memory of a night spent fishing at Kamilche Point

Time slips softly by
Fog invades the intellect
Majestic greenery
Love shines through the mist
Moonlight streams through the branches
Tide is out
Boat is dry

Special Exhibit

Holding Mother Earth Sacred will be at the Squaxin Island MLRC
for only two months. Don't miss out on seeing it!!!

HOLDING MOTHER EARTH SACRED

Developing Energy Resources • Creating Sustainable Jobs • Honoring Indigenous Beliefs
A Photo Journal Exhibit through an American Indian and Canadian Aboriginal Cultural Lens



Cindy A. Becnel, Concept and Interviews
Earl Dotter, Photographs and Exhibit Design

Opening in 2010 at the UC Denver Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building on May 22, and at the American Industrial Hygiene Conference & Exhibition (AIHce) in Denver on May 24. AIHce' exhibit opening sponsored by the AIHA Social Concerns Committee. Photo Journal Exhibit Partially Funded by the NIOSH Mountain and Plains Education and Research Center (Grant # T42 OH009229) and the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, the protocol is to lower the flags at 5:00 a.m. to half-mast until noon. We observed that policy here at Squaxin.



Church Services with Ron and Kathy Dailey

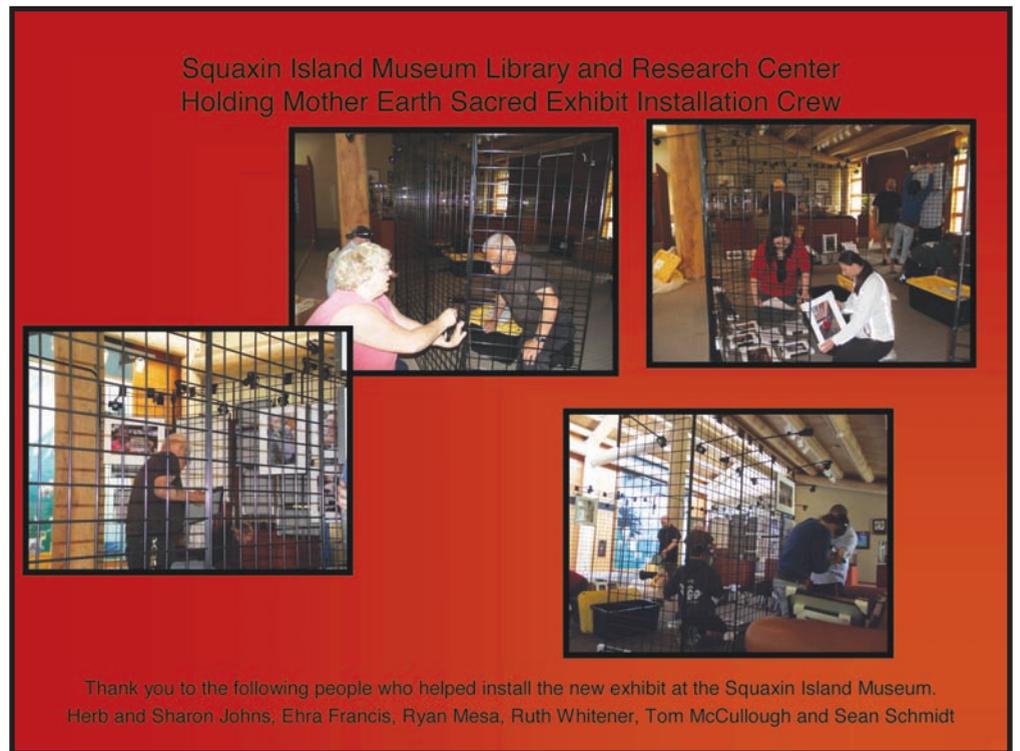
Every Sunday morning from 11:00 a.m.

All are welcome!

It will be a time of songs, prayer,
and reading of the Bible

Pastors Ron and Kathy Dailey,

Phone: 432-3781



Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center
Holding Mother Earth Sacred Exhibit Installation Crew

Thank you to the following people who helped install the new exhibit at the Squaxin Island Museum.
Herb and Sharon Johns, Ehra Francis, Ryan Mesa, Ruth Whitener, Tom McCullough and Sean Schmidt



Greetings from Mike Peters

Hello everyone. Quite a few people have asked how I am doing and what I am doing. I want to thank everyone for caring about me. It really does mean a lot to hear that you wish I was still working with our Tribe. I am working for the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. The Oyate is part of the Sioux Nations. The Tribe has 14,000+ members and a reservation that for the most part is in North East South Dakota.



I am the CEO for Dakota Nation Gaming Enterprise. We have three casinos. Dakota Magic Casino Hotel is in North Dakota. Magic has 1,200 slots, poker, table games, buffet, deli, lounge, RV parking, 165 room hotel, 1,600 seat event center and a 27-hole golf course. Dakota Sioux Casino Hotel is located 75 miles to the South in Watertown, South Dakota. Sioux has 300 slots (SD only allows 250 class III machines per tribe), a 92 room

hotel, 9 RV hook-ups, poker, buffet, deli, lounge, and a show room that seats 600. Dakota Connection Casino is located about half way between Magic and Sioux in Sisseton, SD. Connection has 85 slots, a restaurant and a 250 seat bingo hall.

How successful are we? 65% of our employees are tribal members. All three casinos have tribal member general managers. We average 70% occupancy at the hotels. Our Golf Course will host the State high school boys district and State golf championships. Our revenues and distribution to the Tribe is a little more than three times what Little Creek does and we have one third the debt. I have always heard about casinos in the middle of corn fields and how well they do. Well that's exactly our situation. This is farm country. And, we are in the middle of nowhere but it is amazing how well we do.

I miss the Northwest, the smell of salt air, and eating fresh seafood. This is meat and potato country. You will not find a bad steak here.

I am having a blast. This is the first place I have worked where I openly laugh every day. We have fun! Because the golf course is less than a five minute walk from my office I have started hitting the driving range nightly. I think it is starting to pay off already. I have two other goals: catch a walleye and this fall go pheasant hunting (there are a bazillion pheasants). I am more happy (and appreciated) at work than I have been for quite some time. I will be back in the Northwest soon. I can be reached at mpeters@dakotamagic.com so send me a note. I look forward to visiting with you when I return.

Dogs and fireworks do not mix

Be compassionate



By Tammy Ford and Alexandra Espindola - Every year, the fireworks send dogs all over the county scurrying for cover. The noise of the fireworks wreak havoc on dogs and dog owners alike. Some dog guardians are simply unaware of the effect these festivities have on their pets, and bring them to the party with them. Some believe that their dogs like fireworks because they chase them. They don't realize that the dog is trying to protect the human by attacking the firework. This is very dangerous. Four years ago, we rescued a dog that had his ear blown up during a chasing episode.

So here we are again with a formal plea on behalf of your dog: Please leave your pet inside your home!

The day following these celebrations is a nightmare at animal shelters, due to the influx of lost pets who have fled in panic from the fireworks. Even from as far as miles away from the display, an animal can feel and hear the loud noises that a fireworks display puts out.

The safest and kindest thing by far, is to leave your dog safely stashed inside the house with a television or radio playing to drown out the noise. Crating your pet during this night is even better.

Here are some helpful hints to help your dog get through the day (and night) with as little stress as possible:

Leave him at home, preferably in his crate, with a Kong or any other favorite toy. Leave your television or radio for "normal" background noise, and make sure he or she has plenty of water. If you go out, do NOT make a big production of leaving. This will tell him or her that something is up and you are worried (and therefore he should be too).

Previously content dogs have been known to dig under fences, break through glass windows, doors, etc, to bolt free. Be sure your dog is humanly secured!

Make sure your dog has a collar with tag for identification.

With vigilance, plenty of distraction and a caring owner, your dog will make it through these harrowing days, and return to his previously stable condition.

If you need help with your dog or find lost pets, please contact Tammy or Alexandra at 360-427-9507.

Brooks Farrell is granted Honorary Membership

in recognition of valuable contributions



Here is the portion from the Enrollment Code that speaks on Honorary Membership . . .



"A person who is recognized as an honorary member in recognition of his or her achievement or service, without the usual prerequisites or obligations. An 'Honorary Member' shall receive no privileges, benefits or rights that accompany Tribal membership. Honorary Membership is unique and shall not be routinely granted. The proposal for honorary membership shall be presented by the Enrollment Officer at a regular or special Tribal Council meeting. The Tribal Council has discretion whether to act upon such a request. If the Tribal Council chooses to act, it shall do so by resolution that sends the matter to the General Body for a vote, with or without a recommendation.



Weaving Wednesdays

Bridget Ray - I wanted to share with you the wonderful job that the HR Department did in organizing "Weaving Wednesdays" – an opportunity for Tribal employees to contribute to the 2012 Give-away, spend lunchtime together and learn something new. We have spent the last four Wednesdays in the lunchroom making miniature baskets. Each participant got a basket kit in a numbered bin and instruction on how to make two different kinds of small baskets. I've attached some photos of works in progress and finished products (tagged with 2012 logo and stored carefully in Patti's office).

HR's Weaving Wednesdays came about in response to a challenge issued at the Director's meeting for each Department to come up with something fun and unique to contribute to the 2012 Give-away. I have to say HR has risen to the challenge and succeeded in sharing the joy of Give-away with all of us. Each employee put in good effort and care into their creations. Yay us!! We will be taking a break from Weaving Wednesdays to make way for Stepping Stones, but will resume in September. I can hardly wait to more employee creations!



Solid Waste and Recycling Program Backyard composting

Sheena Kaas - Backyard composting can be simple once you get the hang of it. It is important to keep composting manageable in a way that works for you, beginning small and adding in complexity as your composting goals change. Here are some tips to think about when designing your compost bin.

Your compost needs vegetative waste.

This includes food scraps and yard debris. Avoid using meat, eggs, oil, and dairy products. They take longer to break down and can attract unwanted animals. It is also best to avoid using weeds as their seeds can take root in your new soil and sprout anywhere that you use the compost.

You could create compost by simply throwing food scraps and yard debris on a pile, but this method would take up to two years to create new soil. Faster methods (and less smelly methods) involve adding "brown waste", providing plenty of aeration, mixing the compost, and keeping it damp.

Brown waste can be sawdust, wood chips, ripped paper (no colored inks or dyes, and no magazine-type paper), ripped newspaper, ripped paper plates, compostable silverware, dried leaves, or loose dried grass clippings. For the best odor reduction, there should be three times as much brown waste as there is vegetative waste. For example, for every gallon of food scraps there should be three gallons of dried leaves, ripped newspaper, etc.

Your compost needs a place to be. Some people compost in a pile on the ground while others prefer to keep in contained in a compost bin. Compost can be contained within chicken wire. Pallets or a wood frame can also be used to enclose the compost. Whatever you choose to use, it is important that it provides aeration to the pile to help break down the debris and reduce odor.

Compost breaks down faster and is less likely to smell when it is mixed. Mixing or turning the compost helps to provide more aeration to the debris and mixes the vegetative and brown waste together so they can help break each other down into soil. A pitchfork or shovel can be used and, if desired, the compost bin can be designed so that one section can be removed for easier mixing. You could compost without mixing your pile at all, which takes much longer to break down. If you choose to mix frequently, you should do so no more than every three days.

Compost will also break down faster if it is kept adequately damp. It should be as damp as a wrung out sponge. For most of the year the rain will keep it damp but if you prefer you can cover it with a tarp to keep it from getting saturated. A tarp can also keep in heat which further expedites the composting process.

You will likely find that one compost bin will be enough for your household. Over time, the debris will break down and the new soil will make its way to the bottom of the pile while the food scraps and brown waste stay toward the top. Scrape back debris on top and you will be able to shovel out the newly composted soil. Depending on how often you mix (and assuming you have used brown waste and provided aeration), the debris can take six weeks to six months to break down.

Additional information and handouts about composting can be obtained through the Squaxin Solid Waste and Recycling Program 432-3907 or through the WSU Mason County Extension Office at 303 North 4th Street, Shelton, WA 98584.



HEALTH CLINIC



Outdoor activity:

Millersylvania State Park- a Favorite with Youth attending Tribal Summer Recreation Program

Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

PARK OVERVIEW:

Millersylvania State Park is an 842-acre camping park with 3,300 feet of freshwater shoreline on Deep Lake. The park, filled with trails, is abundant in old-growth cedar and fir trees. Millersylvania was constructed almost entirely by hand in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Park hours/updates:

The park is open year round for camping and day use.

Summer: 6:30 a.m. to dusk

CAMPING:

Check-in time, 2:30 p.m.

Check-out time, 1 p.m.

Quiet hours: 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

Campsite Information:

The camp provides 120 tent spaces, 48 utility spaces, three restrooms (one ADA), eight showers (two ADA) and one dump station.

To make a summer reservation, or more about camping & fees, visit <http://www.parks.wa.gov/parks/?selectedpark=Millersylvania> or call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Take 101 South to I-5 South. Take exit #95. Drive east, and follow signs to park (about three miles northeast of the freeway).

PARK ADDRESS:

12245 Tilley Road S.

Olympia, WA 98512

ACTIVITIES

Canoes, paddle boats and kayaks are available for rent at the beach. For boat-rental, firewood and snackbar hours of service, check with the ranger contact station.

- 8.6 mi. Hiking Trails
- 7.6 mi. Bike Trails
- Boating
- 1 boat ramp
- 100 feet of dock Fishing
- Swimming
- 1 Amphitheater
- Bird Watching
- 3 Fire Circles
- 3 Horseshoe pits
- Interpretive Activities
- Mountain Biking
- Wildlife Viewing



For use of the horseshoe pits, please bring your own horseshoes.

There is a fishing dock at the boat-launch area. Fishing is seasonal. Check fishing regulations for opening and closing dates each year.

The park has a one-mile exercise trail.

PICNIC AND DAY-USE FACILITIES

The park provides four kitchen shelters with electricity, plus 125 unsheltered and 30 sheltered picnic tables. To make a reservation, visit online or call (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

**Foot Exam Morning
for People with Diabetes**

When: Friday, Aug 26, 2011

9:00—11:30 Foot Exams by
Podiatrist, Dr. Molina Kochhar.

Bring your foot questions for Dr. Kochhar

People with diabetes first priority,
if appointments available,
will schedule others.

Where: Squaxin Island Health Clinic

Questions? Want an appointment?
Contact Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
at (360)432-3929

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 2011

Thursday, July 7
Monday, July 25



Blood Pressure checked by your friendly
neighborhood Firefighters!

Where: Elder's Building
When: 11:45am - 12:45 pm.
Everyone is welcome!

WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children)
provides healthy foods &
nutrition information for you and
your child up to age 5.

Please bring:
Your child, Provider One Card
or paystub and Identification for
you & your child

**Call Debbie Gardipee-Reyes at
SIPA 360 462-3227**

**Tuesday,
July 12th is
WIC DAY at
SIPA**



Emergency room guidelines

Because Contract Health Services do have limited funding, it is required that you use the Squaxin Island Tribe Health Clinic whenever possible. If the Clinic is closed, both Shelton Family Medicine (426-2653) in Shelton and Group Health Urgent Care (923-5565) in Olympia have extended business hours. Shelton Family Medicine is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm; Fridays from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Group Health Urgent Care is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm. Either of these offices can advise you on how to handle a medical problem. The care you receive at these clinics must fit the priority levels at which CHS is currently operating or you will be responsible for the bill.

In addition to the urgent care clinics, you can call Group Health's Consulting Nurse 24 hours a day at 1-800-297-6877 to determine whether or not you should seek immediate attention.

An emergency may be defined as "a threat to the loss of life and/or limb". See partial listing under EMERGENCY ROOM listed below.

Contract Health Services will only pay for Priority Level 1 and Priority II procedures.

Below are some situations in which you might need to go to a Clinic or Emergency Room. Please note that this is not a complete list, and is only meant to provide you with a few examples.

GO TO A CLINIC:

Earache
Cough
Ingrown Toenail/Fingernail
Bronchitis
Minor Cuts & Bruises
Headache
Colds

EMERGENCY ROOM:

Heart Attack
Stroke
Profuse Bleeding
Coughing & Vomiting Blood
Sexual Assault
Acute Asthma Attack
Amputation

If you find yourself in an emergency situation, please use Mason General Hospital, St. Peter Hospital, or Capital Medical Center, as the Tribe has a discount with these facilities. Please visit the Hospital's Financial Assistance Department to apply for assistance to satisfy our Contract Health Care requirements if you do not have prior authorization. Hospital Charity Care is available (up to 200% of the federal poverty level) - but only if you apply at the hospital.

Upcoming events

Brief Community Walk

Every Thursday at 12:40 p.m.
Meet at Elder's Building after Lunch

Free Diabetes Screening

at Health Promotions
Tuesday through Friday
Contact Melissa Grant for details

Want a garden in your yard?

Are you low income?
Contact Juana Perry @ 432-3863
to get on the waiting list to have a garden
placed in your yard - for FREE.

Free Pilates classes

Community members welcome
Mondays and Thursdays
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Health Promotions

Smart Shopping/ Food Label Reading Workshops

Contact Patty to schedule
a family & friends session

Health Promotions Programs

We have exercise videos
in the building across from clinic
Work out alone, with us
or schedule a time for a group

Our Nationally Recognized Lifestyle Balance Program

If you are ready to lose weight,
we can provide support.
If you are Native American and over 18,
see if you qualify to participate.

Mammogram Clinic

July 27th
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. @ the Health Clinic
Contact Elizabeth Heredia
at 432-3930

Community Health Walk

Thursday, July 21st
Meet at Elder's Building at 12:40
for a 20 minute walk around the REZ

Contact Melissa Grant (360)432-3926
Patty Suskin (360)432-3929

July menu

Wed. 06 Swedish Meatballs & Noodles
Thurs. 07 Steamed Clams

Mon. 11 Teriyaki Beef W/Broccoli
Wed. 13 Barbeque Ribs
Thurs. 14 Baked Potato Bar W/Chili

Mon. 18 Hot Turkey Sandwiches
Wed. 20 Salisbury Steak
Thurs. 21 Shrimp Stir-Fry

Mon. 25 Chicken/Turkey Pot Pie
Wed. 27 Breakfast
Thurs. 28 Baked Fish

Need food? Check these out..

WIC @ SPIPA

Provides healthy foods and nutrition
information for you
and your child up to age 5
Please bring: your child, medical coupons
or paystub & identification
Tuesday, July 12th
9:00 - 4:00
Contact Debbie Gardipee-Reyes:
462-3227
Dates subject to change

USDA FOODS AT SPIPA

Contact Shirley or Bonita at
438-4216 or 438-4235
Monday, July 11th
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Applications available at Housing,
Food Bank, NR and TANF

FOOD BANK

At Health Promotions Building
If you need access to the food bank at any
time once a week, just stop by.
If possible, Wednesday is the best day.
If you would like to be on call list for
fresh produce or bread, let me know.
Contact Melissa Grant: (360)432-3926





Happy Birthday

Del Johns	01
Isaac Johns	01
Mark Jones	01
Malynn Foster	01
Tully Kruger	01
Fay Monahan	02
Janessa Kruger	02
Annie-Beth Henry	04
Jeremie Walls	04
Elijah Garcia	05
Jon Whitener	05
Gary Brown	05
Sadie Lorentz	06
Dale Brownfield	06
Celeste Forcier	06
Martin Sequak Jr.	06
Todd Hagmann	07
Virginia Berumen	08
Kui Tahkeal Sr.	08
Diana Van Hoy	08
Steve Witcraft	08
Clayton Edgley	09
Keenon Vigil-Snook	09
Nyla King	10
Mary Monahan	10

Leah Gentile	11
Ruth Creekpau	11
Terence Henry	12
Jonie Fox	12
Myrtle Richards	12
David Lewis	13
Donald Daniel III	13
Moody Addison	13
Jennifer Evans	13
Elizabeth Yeahquo	13
William Peters	13
Antonio Rivera	14
Shaiann McFarlane	14
Cristian Rodriguez	14
Adrianna Hartwell	15
Brett Orozco	15
Seth Thomas	15
Mario Castillo	15
Nikita Mowitch	16
Viola Thomas	16
Mary Kuntz	16
Matthew Bell	17
Alan Depo	17
Daniel Johnston	17

Tiffany Henderson	17
Kristina Bechtold	17
Alexander Van Horn	18
Charles Mickelson, Jr.	18
Victoria Allen	18
Violet Garcia	18
Clara Capoeman	19
Dana Vancleave	19
Elena Capoeman	19
Jearid Williams	19
Bailie Henry	20
Leila Whitener	21
Corri Coleman	21
Tyler Morlock	22
Cara Price	22
Chicki Rivera	23
Austin Solano	23
Bette Peters	23
Richard Piersol	23
Misty Kruger	24
Hailey Blueback	25
Walter Lorentz, Jr.	25
Eileen George	25
Thomas Blueback, III	25
Loretta Case	26
James Brownfield	26
Brenda Day	26
Malia Henry	26
Marvin Henry	27
Dorian Williams	27
Chas Addison	27
Kira Coley	28
Felicia Berg	28
Nathan Armas	29
Markiemih Johns	29
Judah Thale	29
Marissa Morken	29
Rose Arzate	30
TMarcus Johns	30
Robert Whitener	30
Tasheena Sanchez	30
Billie Lopeman-Johns	30
Jordon Lopeman-Johns	31
Michael West	31
Nyah Sicade	31
Jaelin Campbell	31
Stanton Sicade Jr.	31

What's Happening						
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3	4 Happy 4th of July	5 Drum Group 6:00 p.m.	6 Family Court	7 Council Mtg. AA Meeting 7:30	8	9
10	11	12 Criminal/Civil Court Drum Group 6:00 p.m.	13	14 AA Meeting 7:30	15	16
17	18 Canoe Journey begins	19	20	21 Council Mtg. AA Meeting 7:30	22	23
24/31 Arrival at Swinomish	25	26 Criminal/Civil Court	27	28 AA Meeting 7:30	29	30

The Squaxin Island Elders would like to thank Little Creek Casino Resort for all you do for us, including special parking during dinners and other events. Its very much appreciated!!!



DUMBO!

You did it! We're very proud of you
and knew you could get it done!

Hope your future is bright
and we wish you well!



Love you little brother.
Love, Nick, Lena and Treyson

Happy Birthday the Apple of My Eye Leah Gentile

(My GRANDDAUGHTER)



Love, G-Ma Rose

Congrats to Malia and Kiana Henry on completing their 2nd year of dance at the Shelton Dance Center!



Way to go girls! We are very proud of you!
Love, Mom & Dad

Beach naturalist summer schedule

Come Explore Low Tides with Trained Beach Naturalists

BEACH NATURALISTS CAN:

Help you find where beach animals live

Teach you how to keep the beach healthy

Answer questions about the beach and the animals that live there

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Frye Cove Park (map)

June 11	8:30am – 11:30am
July 9	7:00am – 10:00am
July 30	11:00am – 2:00am
August 27	10:00am – 1:00pm

Priest Point Park (map)

July 2	12:15pm – 3:15pm
July 16	12:00pm – 3:00pm
August 13	11:30am – 2:30pm

Burfoot Park (map) & Tolmie State Park (map)

July 3	12:30pm – 3:30pm
July 10	8:00am – 11:00am
July 17	12:30pm – 3:30pm
July 31	11:00am – 2:00pm
August 14	11:30am – 2:30pm
August 28	10:30am – 1:30pm

Happy 10th Birthday to my Bub! (Hailey)



Love, Mom & Dad and Sisters

Happy Birthday to my Nephew!



Love, Your Aunt Rose!



Happy Birthday to my Niece Kira Coley

Love, Auntie Rose and Family

**Gambling
Support Group**

at Behavioral Health Outpatient
Thursdays 4-5 p.m.
Everyone welcome
Help is available!!!
Call 426-1582 for more information



**GEORGE THOROGOOD
& THE DESTROYERS**

**Saturday
August 6th at 8pm**

On Sale Now!
\$60/\$55/\$50

**LITTLE CREEK
CASINO • RESORT**

For tickets visit the box office or purchase online at
www.little-creek.com or call 360-432-7300
Must be 21 or older. For Skyboxes call 360-432-7300

COUNTRY MUSIC ICON

**KENNY
ROGERS**

LIVE!
**August 27th
at 8pm**

\$55/\$45/\$35

**LITTLE CREEK
CASINO • RESORT**

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