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General Body Meeting
January 9th

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Culture Night
Drum Group

Squaxin families are invited! Please join us for drum, song, and dance rehearsal

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5pm
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Council Corner
Whitney Jones - As you know, the opening of the Tribe's cannabis retail store was held last month and there was a good turnout for the Talking Circle afterward. There are, of course, mixed opinions on the decision to move in this direction. That should be expected and it's healthy for our community to question the benefits vs the challenges of a venture like this; we have certainly explored that as well. And after considering economic opportunities and needs, along with the obligation to protect and promote the health and welfare of Tribal and community families, the Council made a choice that it feels is in the best interest of the Tribe, its people, and its future. Not everyone will agree with the decision, and for the most part, people are ok with that aspect; it's part of life to have different viewpoints. But a theme that I heard at the Talking Circle was that too many Tribal members still feel that they are not getting enough information or feeling part of the input/feedback chain earlier in the process.

Cannabis specific topics have been a bit tougher to discuss openly over the last year as the Tribe has been doing research and fact finding, but I don't want to let that be an excuse. There are still ways that we can do a better job of sharing information, asking questions to get input, and creating conversations. This newsletter isn't necessarily the best place to do that, and often, neither is Facebook. So while I encourage you to ‘like’ our Squaxin Island Tribe Facebook page so that you can get info and updates, I also wanted to let you know that I am working with the IT Department to revive the Tribal Member section of the Squaxin Island web page. I’m hopeful that we all find that this could be a forum for more in-depth or semi-private discussions about issues impacting our community, from bullying on the school buses and block watch concerns on the Rez, to broader issues like economic expansion and natural resource preservation.

No, this is not a place for secret conversations, I don’t endorse that, however lots of people have said that they would like a place to provide ideas, feedback, or ask questions without feeling like our business is on public display. Some of you don’t mind blasting on Facebook so to speak, but others aren’t comfortable with that method. So to provide for equal opportunity and to foster a place for healthy dialogue, it’s been suggested that this might be a bit more sheltered arena that people feel is unique to Tribal Member input. I’m always looking for ways to increase communication and information flow and I hope you will consider this as another potential way to do that and we can explore together throughout the next year if this is useful to the Tribe.

I always try to give you a basic rundown of topics brought up at the Talking Circles; here are some of the thoughts that were mentioned last month...

- Need to have better system to share geoduck quotas.
- Ensure that everyone’s voice on Council is heard to make decisions that are best for all.
- Pool maintenance issues.
- Need more Council attendance/support on committees.
- Need a coach for youth rec program.
- Create more activities/programs for youth. Emphasize not doing drugs and show we are a Tribe of more than just vices.
- Feel like the people aren’t being heard, don’t have a voice.
- Appreciation for Sally canning with the young adults/community and people learning traditions.
- Where will funds from new cannabis retail be going? Hopefully to more youth and education programs.
- Address the community because people should be involved in decision making processes.
- Invitation for Council to come watch kids play basketball.
- Concern that decisions are being made that impact the situations/issues that younger generations will have to manage in future so they should be involved in decision making now.
- Appreciation to Council for sending people, especially youth, to basket-weavers conference and for other good things around reservation like beautiful pond.
- Transparency is important. Information from Council/Administration so people are aware and comments don’t seem critical.
- Thanks for the great things done this year, including getting so much land back on the Island.
- Need plan and training for suicide prevention and need a booster shot of self-esteem in community. Calendar to know when various activities are to promote community togetherness.

Thanks to everyone who came to the Talking Circle; whether you speak up or just listen, it is a valuable time for members and community to come together in support of seeking the best for our Tribe. The next Talking Circle will be in February, likely moving to the second Thursday to coincide with Elder’s dinner. And please plan to attend the Winter General Body meeting which is scheduled for Saturday January 9th. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and other holiday greetings throughout this season of love, faith, and family.
New Employees

Theresa Glaser
NWITC Counselor/ Suicide Prevention

Hello, my name is Theresa Glaser. I have been hired on as a DBT Facilitator and Suicide Prevention Counselor for Northwest Indian Treatment Center (NWITC). I have been working on the Recovery Support Team with NWITC under the MSPI grant as a contractor for the past (4) years. I am a mother of 5 children and 3 grandchildren. I’m excited to continue my work with the Recovery Support Team. My passion is helping my clients and their families to heal through this disease of addiction. I’m looking forward to my continuous work with NWITC and Squaxin Island Tribe on Suicide Prevention and healing of the community.

Tyrone Seymour
Youth Basketball Coach

Hi, my name is Tyrone Seymour. Most of you already know me, but for those who don’t, my mother is Lizzy Perez, and my father was Stuart Mowitch from Quinault. My grandmother was Clara Bagley and my grandpa was??? I am the new Coach for the tribal youth basketball team, and I look forward to seeing you support our youth.

Practice is Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Games are on Wednesday.

I look forward to seeing you around.

Kaylee Easterly
NWITC DBT Counselor/ MSPI Grant Coordinator

Hi, I have been hired on as a DBT Counselor/MSPI Grant Coordinator at Northwest Indian Treatment Center.

I have worked in the treatment field for almost 10 years. Four of those years I spent working as a contractor for NWITC on the MSPI Grant. I am a direct descendant of the Squaxin Island Tribe and the granddaughter of Donald Whitener. I have a loving husband who supports all of my dreams and adventures.

I am the proud mommy of Kaos (10-year-old pup), Moo (two-year-old kitty) Little (two-year-old kitty) and we are currently trying to expand our family. I am passionate about working with tribal communities and helping those heal who have been affected by methamphetamine and other substances.

I believe spirituality is the core of healing and I try to foster that with those I work with.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Thank You Vicki Kruger, TANF & Little Creek One Percent Fund

Thank you for helping me get my driver’s license back!!!
- From Tyrone & the Seymour family
Shellfish harvesting is very important to Squaxin Tribal members. Not only does coming together to harvest clams provide an economic benefit to our community and its members; but it serves as an activity that maintains and passes down cultural tradition and values of shellfish gathering to the Squaxin People. At Natural Resources we recognize the importance of this tradition, and share in the enthusiasm of responsibly managing this resource. The shellfish program saw a lot of progress in 2015 and we strive to continue to expand these successes in years to come.

In the 2015 clam season (November 1st, 2014 through October 31st, 2015) Tribal members harvested approximately 452,000 pounds of manila clams on Tribal, State and Privately owned tidelands. The department regulated and staffed 100 individual clam digs.

Many of you out there harvesting may have noticed some new faces. There have been several new harvesters that have become licensed to harvest shellfish this year, bringing the total number of licensed harvesters up to over 300 people! Similarly, on Senior beach digs we have seen an increase of senior harvesters for a total of 41 people eligible for senior beach digs. The shellfish program has also been placing extra effort in coordinating with Salish to make sure harvesters will be able to sell their clams. In 2015 while there were a few digs that other buyers showed up to, Salish was responsible for purchasing 88% of all shellfish on Tribal clam digs in 2015. We will continue to focus on coordinating with Salish in this regard.

Directions to Allyn Dock: 18560 E. State Route 3, Allyn, 98524
- Turn Right and take ramp on to N US 101
- Take ramp onto Olympic Hwy S (WA-3 N) toward Shelton/Bremerton
- Arrive at E WA-3 (WA-3). Your destination is on the right.
- Take the WA – N exit toward Shelton/Bremerton
- Turn right onto E Railroad Ave
- Turn left at the 1st cross street onto N Front St
- Turn right onto WA-3 N/E Pine St
- Continue to follow WA-3 N to Allyn Boat Launch
Squaxin Island Tribe Annual
Youth Christmas Celebration

Come join us for a delicious dinner and visit with Santa and his elves!

Where: TLC Gym
When: Wednesday, December 16th
Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Tribal Members Parents/Guardians:
School-age youth from birth to 5 years will receive a gift. Youth from 6 to 18 years will receive a gift card (if they have not graduated or received their GED).

Please Note: Children must be present to receive their gift. Youth must be accompanied by a Parent/Guardian to receive their gift or gift card.

This is a drug-, alcohol- and tobacco-free family activity.
If you have questions, contact “Santa’s Helper,” Jerilynn at 432-3992 or jvail@squaxin.us

OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!
Evening Event

Come meet with the Shelton High School counseling department for a discussion on post-high school education and training, including information on college, technical schools, apprenticeships, and military careers.

Light dinner will be provided.

Squaxin Community Kitchen
December 2, 2015
5PM – 7PM

It’s Happening Here:

➢ Friday the 4th: Learn how to make omelets from 5-6pm.

Tuna
Food
Friday

➢ Friday the 11th: Pool Party from 5:00-6:30pm

➢ Tuesday the 15th: Decorate Christmas trees and set up for the Youth Christmas Party. The Rec Room will be closed.

➢ Wednesday the 16th: Our Annual Youth Christmas party from 5:00-7:00pm. The Rec Room will be closed.

➢ Our Annual Winter Tournament begins Saturday the 19th and goes until the 22nd.

➢ The Rec Room will be closed from the 21st until the youth go back to school on January 4th.

Questions? Contact Jerilynn at 432-3992
From the Tutors
Lynice May - “Get Out and Explore With Your 4th Grader!” Now any 4th grader can download their own voucher to gain unlimited free access to any federal lands or waters for over a year. The process to get the pass is simple, just visit the “Get Your Pass” section of www.everykidinapark.gov, or your 10 year old can come to the Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center, and Lynice May, our elementary school tutor, can help them register online and give them a brochure to bring home about this exciting program.

Higher Education News
Mandy Valley - I hope everyone had a very successful first quarter. Moving forward, please remember to send in your final grades for fall quarter, new class schedule for winter quarter, any receipts you have, and your completed Memorandum of Commitment for the new quarter. For timely processing, I need all of this information for your Higher Education file by December 18th. I cannot process your paperwork for the college until your file has been updated. If you have any questions, please email me at mvalley@squaxin.us, or call me at my direct office line at (360)432-3882.

Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

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GED Preparation and Homework Help
Jamie Burris - This holiday season use your gift of free education support from the tribe! Start your educational journey today to earn your GED! Come up and take a practice test to see where you are on your journey. Still in school? December is a short month for school, usually with lots of extra homework and projects due. Make sure you end 2015 on a positive note – getting all school work completed and turned in!

I am here to encourage and support you Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center classroom. For more information, please email me at jburris@mccleary.wednet.edu. For more information about getting a GED, come see me, or go online at www.ged.com.

C.H.U.M Program
Laurel Wolff teen advocate: 432-3842
Check Facebook for updates to Calendar!
Teen Center Open 3:00-6:00 M-F unless otherwise noted

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Teen Center /CHUM Project

Laurel Wolff - I would like to raise my hands to the many volunteers we have had helping us lately in the CHUM program. Elizabeth Heredia helped chaperone at the Today’s Native Leaders conference. Patricia Green and Morningstar Green have offered their beading skills to the teens. Jolene Grover and Candace Case baked treats for the Youth Council bake sale. It is through community support and volunteers that the CHUM program has continued to grow and strengthen. Thank you and Happy Holidays.

On the calendar for December:

• This month’s activities focus on making gifts for loved ones. Homemade gifts will be made on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Beading will continue on Thursdays.
• Youth Council continues to meet on Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Youth Council is open to all teens wanting to make a difference in the community, learn leadership skills and have fun. To find more information on Youth Council check out the Squaxin Teens Facebook page.
• The Teen Center will be closed on December 15th and 16th for tree decorating and the Christmas party, and is closed during the school holiday from December 21st through January 1st.

Youth Activity Program

Jerilynn Vail - For the final month of 2015, we will be busy preparing for the 2015 Youth Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 16th. Check out our flyer in this month’s Klah-Che-Min. Other activities for December include:

• We will have a few home games coming up. Stop by and cheer on the elementary team - we have game on the 2nd, 9th and 14th. Games begin at 6:00 p.m.
• Don’t forget our upcoming annual winter youth basketball tournament. The tournament starts Saturday the 19th and runs through Tuesday the 22nd. Games begin as early as 9:00 a.m., with the last game of most days starting at 8:00 p.m.
• Please note that the after-school program’s last day for December will be the 18th. Our afterschool program will be closed until the youth return to school on January 4th. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season!

Education Liaison News

Peggy Peters - The Education Commission and the Squaxin Island Tribal Council holds the education of children as a high priority. School attendance is very important for all students. If a student misses school on a day an important lesson is taught (like basic math skills), the student falls behind the rest of the class. If the student continues to miss school and does not learn the basic concepts that other lessons are built on, they fall further behind.

The Squaxin Island Truancy Policy and Procedures Code supports the value of attending school and arriving on time. It is important that parents/guardians and students understand the standards of the Squaxin Island Truancy Code. Significant points of the Squaxin Island Truancy Code include:

- It is the policy of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians to maximize the attendance of school by minor children of the Tribal Community by prohibiting unexcused absences and excessive excused absences from school and by invoking progressive civil penalties against repeatedly truant students and, where appropriate, against their parent(s) or guardian(s).
- The provisions of this Truancy Code apply to all persons aged five (5) years or older and to their parent(s) or guardian(s) as necessary to enforce the provisions of this Truancy Code.
- This Truancy Code applies to the full extent of the sovereign jurisdiction of the Squaxin Island Tribe. This specifically includes, without limitation, all enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe and their descendants wherever domiciled; all persons domiciled on the lands of the Squaxin Island Tribe and to any person who participates in or receives assistance from any program operated by the Squaxin Island tribe or its departments.
- Any student who has either five (5) unexcused or excused absence, in any calendar month, or ten (10) unexcused or twenty (20) excused absences accumulated throughout the school year, whichever comes first, shall be considered truant under this Code.
- For the purposes of this code, any three tardies of one half hour or more shall be considered as one absence.

The Learning Center is always available to assist you and your child with any school-related matter. Help with homework is offered Tuesday-Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center at (360)-432-3826.
Pit Bulls can be safe with kids
Gus Nilsson - As an owner of two female pit bulls I am aware that having them around kids is a big responsibility. And not for the reasons you may be thinking.

I am not worried my dogs will attack a child. Not in the least, what I am worried about is the situation itself can lead to many problems. Let me explain...

Say for example a young kid, we'll say 8 years old is playing with one of my dogs. My dogs being active pit bulls that love to play can get quite excited. What happens when one of my dogs knocks the child over or trips them and they scrape their arm?

Odds are their parents are not going to be happy, even when I asked for okay to let their kid play with my dog. They might understand it was an accident, but that doesn’t’ change the fact that a pit bull hurt a kid.

How do I know they haven’t recently read some articles of pit bull attacks?

I don’t. And neither do you.

Pit Bulls can be safe with kids under the correct conditions. Here’s a few tips to keep in mind when having your dog around children.

Five Tips to keep your Pit Bull and children safe while playing together

1) Always supervise interaction pit bulls and kids
NEVER leave a child alone with a dog. This goes for any dog. Even if it’s a puppy. This is for both the child’s and the dogs safety. If you read through articles of pit bull attacks online where children were hurt, maimed or worse, killed by a Pit Bull you will notice that in 99% of the cases they were left alone with the dog or dogs involved. This should be a rule rather than a tip. Use common sense and care. Small children especially should never be unsupervised around dogs.

2) Watch the child’s behavior
Watch the children’s behavior. This tip is more for the dogs safety than the child’s. Children can be brutal and even in the face of such harsh treatment, well bred, responsibly owned Pit Bulls are not prone to biting or “attacking” in defense. Make sure every child that plays with your dog understands how to behave around them. They should know to respect your dog and it’s space and other things like toys, food, water, or their special bed.

3) Make sure all your dogs prized items are put away
Ah, nothing like a kid running around with a dried bully stick in their hands. LOL. Not only is this nasty, your dog will want their bully stick back and attempt to get it. And in the process they could nip a finger or two. Put all your dogs favorite toys and treats away and where children can’t get a hold of them to be on the safe side.

To clarify, it wouldn’t be out of malice or viciousness the dog would get a finger or two. It would be by accident, an accident that can easily be avoided by putting such things away.

4) Start taking Obedience classes
If you’re not already training your dog in basic obedience. Start as soon as possible. Having an obedient Pit Bull will help when kids are around. Not to mention adults as well. Teaching your dog to sit so they can be pet, laying down when things get a bit to rowdy, or to do a silly trick to lighten the tension of an over cautious parent is always a great idea. :o)

5) Never Force your dog into a situation that makes them uncomfortable
Some dogs simply get weird around certain people. Don’t force the issue and make your dog say “hello” or play with someone they are showing signs of apprehension around. However, I have seen very few Pit Bulls get weird around people. Almost none now that I think about it. Since they are extremely people oriented it is quite rare to see them become skittish. However it does happen, so be aware of how your dog is reacting to people and if they do get weird, take them somewhere quiet they can hang out or continue on with your walk.

In Conclusion
Pit Bulls can be safe with kids despite what all the articles of pit bull attacks suggest. Using common sense, watching your dogs behavior, and keeping an eye on all interactions between kids and your pit bull will go a long way to preventing any possible accidents or problems. And finally, Pit Bulls love kids and the two make a perfect combination. High energy wired up kid + high energy wired up Pit Bull = loads of fun and laughter for all involved. :o)
Hello to the Squaxin Community. I hope everyone had a safe and fun October! The Explorers would like to share a little of what they did in the month of October. Besides our meetings this month, the kids decided to do a few volunteer activities.

On the 24th of October we teamed up with Thurston County Deputies and Explorers at Red Robin and did a fundraiser for Special Olympics. The kids had a blast and enjoyed meeting other youth interested in the same things they are. They also got to work with the Special Olympians themselves. The kids worked a four-hour stint, meeting and greeting guests and explaining to the patrons why we were there. After, they got to enjoy a meal provided by Red Robin for their hard work. The kids earned approximately $4,000 dollars for Special Olympics.

On October 29th we helped out at TLC with the younger kids and carved pumpkins. Again the Explorers had fun and so did the youth. On October 31, the Explorers along with Safe Streets did the haunted bus shed. The Explorers helped to hand out candy as well as walked around the reservation. They also helped in the cleanup efforts after.

We also went to see a play/concert at the Shelton High School to support Explorer Elizabeth Brown on October 30th. She did a fantastic job and it was a lot fun. I am very proud of these fine young men and women and what they have done over the past month. They have put in a ton of time and shown a great deal of dedication and pride for their community. I have also seen a large amount of growth in the last month.

I just want to give them a big thank you and let them know how very proud of each of them we are. SO a Big Thank you to …
Explorer Samantha Ackerman
Explorer Michael Brown
Explorer Nokomis Thomas
Explorer Elizabeth Brown

And our newest member . . . Explorer Hailey Blueback

I’d also like to take a moment and give an “atta boy” to Explorer Elizabeth Brown. She has shown great leadership and was appointed as the Corporal of the group. Explorer Brown has great responsibility with this position and has accepted it with enthusiasm and pride. I think she will do us all proud.

I would also like to thank Chief Peters and all of my advisors Shelley Rawding, probations; Tracy Bogart, detectives; Nate Anderson, patrol; Tracy Rollins, fisheries enforcement; and our newest advisor, Jason Lawson, patrol. Thank you for all of your hard work in making this a great program for these youth and for the community we all love.

I look forward to working with everyone especially our Explorers. I cannot wait to see what great things are accomplished over the next couple of months.

Sincerely,
Rene’ Klusman, Community Liaison Officer
Squaxin Island Police Department

Stats for October 2015:
Total reported Drug/Alcohol incidents: 14
Drug 11
Alcohol 3
Arrests 5
Citation/Infractions 1
Referred to other agency 5
Tribal court 1
Adult 12
Youth 1
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Merry Christmas

Clinic Events

Health Promotions
We have exercise videos
Work out alone, with us
or schedule a time for a group

Lifestyle Balance Program
To find out how you may qualify,
please contact Melissa Grant at
360-432-3926

Mammogram Day
December 1

Brief Community Walk
Every Monday at 12:30 p.m.
Elder’s Building after lunch

Free Diabetes Screening
at Health Promotions
To schedule an appointment,
contact Melissa Grant

Smart Shopping/ Food Label Workshops
Contact Patty to schedule
360-432-3929

Submitted by Lori Hoskins

Heart Attack Warning Signs
Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most of them start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

• Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

• Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

• Shortness of breath. This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can also occur without chest discomfort.

• Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you’re with has one or more of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately. Get to the hospital right away.

If you’re the one having symptoms, and you can’t access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Don’t drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

For more information, contact your nearest American Heart Association office or call 1-800-AHA-USA1
(1-800-242-8721) or online at www.heart.org.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING 2015
The First Week of each month
Either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday

Blood Pressure checked by your friendly neighborhood firefighters
Where: Elder’s building
When: 11:45am – 12:45 pm
Everyone is welcome!
**Health Clinic**

**Thriving During the Holidays: 7 Holiday Tips**


Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

Want to enjoy the holidays and the food and still stay healthy? Planning ahead is important, especially if you have diabetes.

The seven tips below can help guide you through your next holiday event:

1. Focus on friends and family instead of food. Remember, the holidays are a time to slow down and catch up with your loved ones. Play games, volunteer, or spend time outdoors enjoying the weather together.

2. It’s a party, but don’t overdo it. Eat slowly, and really enjoy the foods that you may only have once a year. If the meal will be served near your usual meal time, try to eat the same amount of carbohydrate that you normally would for a meal. If you plan to have a portion of dessert, cut back on another carbohydrate food during the main course. Make sure your portions are reasonable and resist going back for second helpings.

3. Eat before you eat. Don’t skip meals or snacks earlier in the day to “save” calories and carbs for the large holiday feast later on. If you skip meals, it will be harder to keep your blood glucose in control. Also, if you arrive somewhere hungry, you will be more likely to overeat.

4. Bring what you like. Don’t spend time worrying about what will be served. Offer to bring your favorite diabetes-friendly dish. If you count carbs, check your recipe’s nutrition facts so you know how big a serving is and how many carbs it has.

5. Drink in moderation. If you drink alcohol, remember to eat something beforehand to prevent low blood glucose levels later. Whether it’s a glass of red wine or a beer, holiday drinks can add a significant amount of calories to your holiday intake. Keep it to no more than 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men.

6. Stay active. One reason that we have problems managing diabetes and weight during the holidays is our lack of physical activity. Yes, the holidays are busy, but your health is important, too. Plan time into each day for exercise and don’t break your routine. Make the holidays an active social time by asking others to join you!
   - Off from work or school? Use this extra time to do some physical activity.
   - Train for and participate in a local holiday run or walk (like a turkey trot or Independence Day run).
   - Start a game of pick-up football or play other games in the yard.
   - Go for a walk with your loved ones after eating a holiday dinner.
   - Offer to help clean up after a meal instead of sitting in front of leftover food. This will help you avoid snacking on it and get you moving around!

7. If you overindulge, get back on track. If you eat more carbs or food than you planned for, don’t think you have failed. Stop eating for the night and focus on spending the rest of your time with the people around you. Include extra exercise, monitor your blood glucose levels, and get back on track with your usual eating habits the next day.

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Submitted by Lori Hoskins

**Stroke Warning Signs**

Stroke is a medical emergency. Every second counts, because time lost is brain lost! Know these stroke warning signs and share them with others:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don’t delay! Call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number immediately so an ambulance — ideally with advanced life support — can come. Also, check the time so you’ll know when the first symptoms appeared. It’s important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.
**Apple Cinnamon Baked Oatmeal**
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
Servings: 9 (1 square per serving)

A cross between a cake and a bowl of oatmeal, this make ahead treat is handy to heat up and have for a quick healthy breakfast or snack.

**Ingredients**
- 1 ½ cups fat-free milk
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup egg substitute or egg whites (I just used 2 whole eggs)
- 1 tablespoon melted margarine
- 1 rounded teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- ¼ tsp cloves
- 1/8 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 3 cups rolled oats (not instant)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 ½ cups chopped apples
(I used one large apple—it was about 2 cups)

**Directions**
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. In a small bowl mix the milk, brown sugar, eggs, margarine, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, allspice and vanilla together.
3. In a larger bowl combine the oats and the baking powder.
4. Pour the wet mixture into the bowl with the oats, add the apples and mix well.
5. Spoon the mixture into a 8 x 8 inch pan coated with cooking spray and bake for 30-40 minutes, until top is firm and a toothpick comes out clean in the center (baked about 40 minutes for our toaster oven).

**Five things to do this Fall for your health**

1. Enjoy a brisk fall walk. Exercise—30 minutes most days of the week—is recommended for your health, and walking fits the bill.

2. Prepare for cold and flu season. Stock up on supplies like tissues and hand sanitizer, and be sure to get your flu shot, available at the clinic.

3. Eat a handful of nuts for a high-protein snack. Nuts can lower your heart disease risk, improve blood sugar levels, and help your immune and digestive systems.

4. Prioritize sleep. Sleep is one of the three pillars of good health (along with eating well and exercise). Most adults need 7 to 8 hours a night.

5. Have your blood pressure checked. High blood pressure often has no symptoms, but can lead to stroke, kidney damage, and other health issues. In the United States, 1 out of every 3 adults has high blood pressure.

**Using "Forbidden" Food with Your Children**

"Forbidden" foods are high-fat, high-sugar, relatively low-nutrient foods such as sweets, chips and sodas. As with everything else about parenting, using them is a balancing act. If you give your child unlimited access to these easy-to-like foods, she is likely to fill up on them and not be interested in learning to like more-challenging foods such as vegetables. On the other hand, you need to prepare her for when she can get unlimited access on her own.

**Don’t restrict "forbidden" food**

You might be able to keep “forbidden food” away from your child when she is little, but not when she is older and out on her own. The idea is to allow your child to feel relaxed and be matter-of-fact about all kinds of foods. Then, even when you aren’t around to supervise, she will eat moderately of high-calorie, low-nutrient foods, the same as other foods. Research shows that children whose forbidden food intake is restricted eat more of them when they get the chance and are fatter than they might be otherwise.

**Make wise use of "forbidden" food**

- Include chips or fries at mealtime, and arrange to have enough so everyone can eat their fill. Unlike sweets, fatty foods don’t compete with other meal-time foods.
- Put a serving of dessert (if you like dessert) at each person’s place. Let them eat it before, during, or after the meal. No seconds on dessert.
- Periodically offer unlimited sweets at snack time. For instance, put on a plate of cookies or snack cakes and a glass of milk, and let her eat as many cookies as she wants.

**Why limit sweets at mealtime but not snacktime?**

The dessert recommendation breaks the rule of the division of responsibility, but with good reason. Your child will push herself along to learn and grow with food, but she will also take the easy way out if it is offered. Letting her fill up on dessert offers an easy way out. But because the dessert rule sets up scarcity with sweets, you must counteract that scarcity. At snack time (that would be a sit-down snack), you can let your child eat as many sweets as she wants because the sweets aren’t competing with other meal-time foods. At first she will eat a lot of sweets, but the newness will wear off and after while she won’t eat so many. Offering nutritious sweets, such as oatmeal cookies or banana bread, will make it easier for you to trust her to get enough!

**What about soda?**

If you drink soda, maintain a double standard. Tell your child it is a grownup drink, which it is. When she is old enough to learn about soda-drinking from friends—probably in middle school—arrange to have soda occasionally for snack or along with a particular meal, such as pizza or tacos. The trick is including it regularly enough so it doesn’t get to be “forbidden,” but not making it available in unlimited quantities, all the time.

**Also see** www.EllynSatterInstitute.org/store to purchase books and to review other resources.
Health Clinic

Happy Holidays

Foot Exam Morning
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
Thank you, Thelma Shea (Pokie) and others for having your feet checked by Dr. Molina Kochhar, Podiatrist on October 15th. If you have diabetes, make a habit of taking off your shoes & socks for all visits at our clinic so Tiff or Dr. Ott can check your feet each time you come to the clinic.

Foot Care Tips for People with Diabetes:
1. Look at your feet every day for red or black spots, ingrown toenails, cracking, dry skin, sores, blisters, or cuts. See your doctor right away for any of these problems.
2. Keep your skin soft & smooth. Rub a thin coat of skin lotion over the tops and bottoms of your feet, but NOT between your toes.
3. Wear shoes & socks at all times. Never walk barefoot. Wear comfortable shoes that fit well & protect your feet. Feel inside your shoes before putting them on each time to make sure the lining is smooth & there are no objects inside. Wear moisture-wicking socks that do not leave an impression on your legs. Consider cutting a slit at the top of your sock to ease up the elastic.
4. Keep your blood sugars in line. General guidelines (check with your doctor for specific guidelines for you):
   - Fasting (or first thing in the morning): 80-110
   - Two hours after a meal: 80-140
   - Bedtime: 100-140
   - Hemoglobin A1C: under 7%

These tips can help you to make your feet last a lifetime. Most amputations are preventable by taking quick action if any problems occur. If you have diabetes and missed Dr. Kochhar, call the clinic at 360 427-9006 for Tiff or Dr. Ott for your annual foot exam.
## December Happy Birthdays

1. Benito Bear Hernandez  
   Douglas Matthew Bloomfield
2. Gregory Thomas Lehman  
   Manuel A Castillo
3. Cathlene Diane Riker  
   Deborah Diane Obi  
   Jess Daniel Brownfield
4. Daniel Thomas Sigo  
   Peggy Ann Peters
5. Austin William James Penn  
   Lilly Faye Henry
6. Brendan Bellon  
   Cora Rosa Krise  
   Evan Lance Ellerbe  
   Michael Duane Foster
7. Jason William Koenig  
   Sophia Aminieh Cooper  
   Zoe Gabriela Cooper
8. Rhonda M. Whitener
9. Dustin Dean Kruger  
   Elizabeth H Campbell  
   Garrett W. Todd  
   Misti D Saenz-Garcia
10. Davina Marie Braese  
    Jayden Christine Eagles  
    Marlena Star Bradley  
    Sierra Jasmine Blueback
11. Kelli Jean Dahman  
    Kendra Blueback  
    Kestle M. Coley  
    Mary J. Mason  
    Tonya Velma Henry
    Karen Annette Farr  
    Lucy Ann Aldrich  
    Madelynn G Henderson
13. Cecelia Marie Black  
    Elianna Kristine Perez  
    Nicholas J. W. Dorey
14. Amber Louise Guzman Snyder  
    Frankie Metcalf  
    Judith Kay Arola  
    Lisa Mae Bennor  
    Priscilla C. Dolores-James  
    Xzandrea King
15. Angel Marie Henry  
    Rodney James Krise, Sr.
16. Donovan Nicholas Henry  
    Vernon L. Sanchez  
    Wendy J. Bowman
17. Ronnie Nicole Penn
18. Ethan Ty Baxter
19. Patrick Von Stapleton  
    Shashoney Elizabeth Fenton  
    Theresa Ann Henderson  
    Tyson D. Kruger  
    Winona Kathleen Crone
20. Darrius James Rau  
    Holly L. Henry  
    Jeremy Turner Sigo  
    Tahnee Marie Kruger  
    William B. Penn
21. Ethan Ty Baxter
22. Carol Tadios  
    Jasmine Marie Rose Rivera  
    Jayanne Diane Gamer
23. Andrea Lee Rossmeier  
    Edward Cooper
24. David B. Clark  
    Jessica Mary Stone  
    Jocelyn Elizabeth Campbell  
    Kathy Jo Block  
    Quinton Benavente Whitener
25. Patti A. Puhn  
    Penni L. Giles
26. Koreena Ann Capoeman  
    Matthew Taylor Sayers  
    Richard John Gouin
27. Rebecca Black

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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year’s Eve! AA & ALANON  
Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m. in the Elders Bldg
Community

Congratulations on your Engagement

Gene Cooper and Tiffany Winegeart

Kudos to Tracy West

On Tracy’s own time, he volunteered to clean up someone else’s mess near Kennedy Creek. I took a picture of the junk dumped near the DNR Natural Area Preserve. I have known the West brothers and Ruby and Roy West for most of the boys’ lives, and they do their parents proud.

- Duane Fagergren

FRIDAY DEC 4 | 8PM

JACK RUSSELL’S

Great White

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
SQUAXIN ISLAND INDIAN RESERVATION
10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, WA 98584 (360) 432-3828

IN RE: WELFARE OF: 
G. Scout 
CASE NO. CV-2015-1507-0054
Indian Child
NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Robert Koshway, Sally Scout

PARTIES IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED ACTION, TAKE NOTICE:

A HEARING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AT 10:30 AM

In the Squaxin Island Tribal Court Room, located at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center, Council Chambers located at: 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. 98584.

The Hearing in the above Matter shall be:

NAME CHANGE HEARING

Dated this 5th Day of November, 2015.

Court Clerk
Squaxin Island Tribal Court
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA. 98584
Merry Christmas

DECEMBER 19 | OPEN 9PM SESSION 11PM

BINGO DAUBIN IN THE DARK

OVER $6,000 IN PAYOUTS

$400 payouts for every game.
$1199 black out with a $400 lead up.
Buy-in is $50

"UGLY SWEATER" Contest, top three win $50
$50 drawings every half hour. Additional entry ticket with new toy donation.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT

Friday 6:30pm
Saturday 11:45am, 4:30pm, 11:00pm
Sunday 4:30pm

Anyone that wears an ugly sweater or donates a new toy will receive a free level 1 (3-on) with initial buy-in.

Their will be an UGLY SWEATER contest for each session. Top three contestants will receive $50

$50 drawings every half hour. One entry with initial buy-in. Additional entry tickets with new toy donation.

LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT

December "HOLIDAY SPECIAL"

ALL CARTONS $25.00
AND...

WE PAY THE SALES TAX!

Located at the factory
Hours: M - F 9 AM - 3 PM
MUST SHOW TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

Factory Outlet Store

Skookum Creek Tobacco