Food is at the Center of Our Culture

Aleta Poste, Community Garden Program Manager - Food is at the center of our culture. It is present when we celebrate new life and when we mourn the loss of a loved one. It is honored with prayer and gifted at every ceremony. Our ancestors determined a tribe’s wealth by how much food they gave away. The Squaxin people were known for hosting potlatches for the sole purpose of competitive eating.

For us - our relationship with food is so significant that our great grandparents saw it worth securing in the signing of the Medicine Creek Treaty. Today, many of our people continue to defend our foods - our inherent rights - to provide for our families. One of the strongest links to our ancestors is our food. In many ways we have nurtured the reciprocal relationship with much of our fish, shellfish, and four-legged beings, plants, the memory of roots, greens, and medicine lives within our genetic makeup.

In January of this year, our Tribal Council along with Tribal Administration approved a plan to develop a five-acre garden - an addition to our cultural ways of sustainability. As a Tribe we have pursued this dream for many years. From the 1970’s to today over 15 smaller gardens have been put in place at various locations such as; Education, Law Enforcement, the Museum, Elder’s Building, several gardens in the space at the Legal building, and numerous others.

Now more than ever we are exposed to highly toxic chemicals through the common practices of fertilization, harvesting, shipping, and handling of our foods.

With an ever increasing rate of diabetes, disease, and cancer in our community, our tribe, as a sovereign nation, has decided "to steer the bow into the wave" and address these issues by taking ownership of what we eat—Food Sovereignty* (is the right of peoples to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, and their right to define their own food and agriculture systems.) Food Sovereignty allows us to return to tradition and weave health back into the fabric of our community.

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2016 Candidate Forum Information Sessions

Thursday, April 14th
4:30 p.m. at the Elders Building

Tribal Members who are running for a Council position at this year’s General Body meeting are encouraged to attend and participate in these information sessions.

Your Tribal Member voters want to hear from you!

Come learn more about your potential future leaders!
If you have any questions about the forums, please call Mitzie Whitener at (360) 426-9781.

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Community

Updates from Council Members
By Whitney Jones - As we move into spring, activities are already ramping up around the Tribe. During the last week of March a pretty large group of our Squaxin teens attended the Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Spokane. They participated in a variety of breakout sessions on leadership and empowerment and had a great time learning and growing together. We hope to hear more from them about the trip when they get back. Thank you to the staff and chaperones who volunteered to go too; trips and activities like these for our youth wouldn’t be possible without community support.

And speaking of volunteerism and support… many of the great things that are accomplished at Squaxin Island Tribe are partly because of tribal and community members who are willing to spend their time and energy participating in the variety of committees, commissions, boards and other events that help make our Tribe and community great. As a small token of appreciation, the Council hosted a Thank You dinner at LCCR on March 31st to say thank you to people who volunteer on those committees. I hope you got to join us and if not, please know that you and your efforts are sincerely appreciated by many and our community is more well-rounded and representative because of your contributions.

In April the Elders will be joined by hundreds of other tribal elders from around the northwest as they host Squaxin’s Elder Luncheon. With support from LCCR, the Elders put on this event every other year and anticipate about 600 people from other tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to come join in the fun. This year’s theme is ‘Beach Party’ and in addition to the lunch, raffle, and comradery, there will be music and other activities to keep the event hopping. As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking for the Elders and a lot of people have spent hours planning and making giveaway items and tribal departments have even pitched in by donating raffle prizes too. If you would like to donate or help out in some way before or during the event on Thursday April 21st, please connect with Elizabeth or Annie-Beth in the Elders program at 360-432-3868.

For those of you who have been watching the construction progress on the new Family Services building you know that it has been nearing completion. Well the renovation is now finished, and by the time you read this, the department staff will have already moved into their new offices. It is a fabulous remodel and I know that everyone is looking forward to having all Family Services programs and people back under one roof. There is an Open House scheduled for April 25th so please join them then. And don’t forget about the next Candidates Forum hosted by the Elections Committee on Thursday April 14th at 4:30 in the Elders Building; Your Vote is Your Voice.
Darren Wayne Ford was born in Houston, Texas on April 12, 1962 and died on March 12, 2016, at age 53. He resided on the Squaxin Island Reservation in Shelton, WA most of his life.

He distinguished himself as a great fisherman, clam digger and diver for geoducks. Many of his dear friends became his family throughout the years and the children adored him calling him “Eagle Eye” because he had both a green and a blue eye and amazing eyesight.

He adored two special women, Kim Allen and Melissa Whitener, phenomenal women and friends, who stood by him until the end.

He was a great teacher and taught many how to clam dig, how to dive, and how to fish. His dedication to his work was unparalleled and his love for nature was well known. Wood cutting was one of his favorite things to do.

His passion for the water would keep him out there for days at a time, and when he was not fishing, he was selling fireworks, another one of his favorite things to do. His shows were famous.

He was often heard saying that what comforted him the most was being on the water and with nature. He loved living on the edge.

As a child and teenager, his sportsmanship was above average. He played football, baseball and ran track. Scouts were looking at him since eighth grade, breaking records right and left, and nicked name him FLASH!

Some of his fondest memories included taking care of his mother, and watching over his family. Family meant everything to him. His entire life was dedicated to family, and their welfare.

Darren was also known as a great storyteller of his adventures hunting with his brother, father and grandfather.

His favorite colors were white, red and blue, and his hobbies included playing at the casino, listening to music, riding motorcycles and watching television. Action movies were his favorites.

He loved to dance, to move, to be active, to make you laugh, to be of service to his loving mother. His emotions ran deep, yet he was reserved.

Daren left a mark on the land, the sea and in our hearts. He will be missed by countless cousins, friends and loved ones.

He is survived by his mother Mary Whitener; his brother Donald Lynn Whitener and his kids, Nicolas and Holly; his sisters: Rebeckah Ford, Tammy Ford, Teresa Ford, and Rachel Ford; his nephews: Tyler Mireles and Kayden Palmas; his nieces: Kyla Boelk, Erickah Bartczak and Shelby Fuller; and his great nieces: Paisley and Leighton Boelk.

Darren was preceded in death by his father, Harold Riley Ford.

There was a viewing at McComb & Wagner Family Funeral Home on Friday, March 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. His celebration of Life took place at the Squaxin Island gymnasium, Monday, March 21, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Interment followed at the Squaxin Island cemetery. The celebration dinner took place at the Squaxin Community Kitchen at 4:00 p.m.

Leroy James Berry Longfeather Melton, 33, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2016 in Yakima, WA. He was born on August 9, 1982 in Olympia, WA to Daryl Lee and Cheryl Rae (Peters) Melton.

Leroy attended West Valley High School. He went on to work at various occupations before finding his niche as a forklift driver for Pride Packaging in Yakima. Leroy loved being outdoors hunting, fishing and camping. He was also very proud of his Native American heritage, belonging to the Squaxin Island Tribe. Leroy is part of the Bagley and Klabsch/Peters families.

Foremost in life was the love Leroy had for his family. He is survived by his children, Dylan and James, and their mother, Brooke, of South Carolina and Angel Leigh Melton and her mother, Lindsey, of West Valley; parents Daryl and Cheryl; sisters, Jessica (Jason) Stone and April (Albert) Leonard; brother, Josh (Melanie) Melton; and grandmothers, Ruth (late Emory) Peters and Maudeline Melton.
Community

Squaxin Island Tribal Member Population Map | NW

Current Tribal Member Population: 1,071

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All Data from Squaxin Island Tribal Enrollment.

Process for a New Code or Amendment

Draft
By Tribal Member, Committee, Commission, Department, Enterprise or Council

Legal Assistance or Review

Tribal Council Review

Optional Public Hearing “Talking Circle”

Council Vote Majority Approval

Yes

New Code is Adopted

Once passed, the approving resolution is signed.

Legal Department will send the Resolution and Code/Ordinance to Book Publishing

No

New Code is Not Adopted

Publication of the New Code

Code with Amendment is posted on public website at http://squaxinsland.org/government/tribal-code/
**Next gathering:**
Wednesday, April 20th
4:30 p.m.
Community Kitchen

**Stats for February**
Total reported Drug/Alcohol incidents: 11

Drug 8
Alcohol 3
Arrests 2
Citation/infractions 1
Referred to other agency 2
Tribal Court 2
Adults 9
Youth 0
Unknown 2
Elections Process

Quorum Calls at:
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:00 AM
At any point quorum is reached, proceed.
If quorum is not reached after three calls, proceed with elections only.
2.50.010 A

Order of Positions
From highest to lowest by Election Year
TERM 1
Chairman
1st Seat
2nd Seat
TERM 2
Vice Chairman
3rd Seat
TERM 3
Secretary
Treasurer
2.50.010 D

When members are voting, the Meeting Facilitator will give a 5 minute and a 1 minute warning prior to closing the ballot box.
2.50.010 B & I

Ballots are prepared for all positions and candidates.
Time is allotted from those in attendance to vote.
Votes are then tallied.

If a voter has not signed in and voted by the time ballot box is closed, voter can not vote.
2.50.010 B

Meeting Begins

Quorum Call(s)

Election Proceedings Begin
Chairman or designee (non candidate) runs meeting.
2.50.010 C

Nominations Taken
Nominations are taken from the floor in order from highest to lowest for available positions.
2.50.010 F

Nominee Responses
Nominees each have 3 minutes to respond with an address to the General Body, accepting or declining the nomination.
2.50.010 G

Number of Accepted Nominations?
2.50.010 G

2 or More

Nominee(s) Become Candidates
2.50.010 G

More Open Positions?
2.50.010 G

No

Ballots Prepared – Votes Tallied
2.50.010 H

Did a Candidate Receive Majority Vote?
2.50.010 J

No

Candidate(s) Are Elected
2.50.010 E

Any Open Council Positions as a Result?
2.50.010 E

Yes

The Runoff
The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.
if a tie exists for 2nd place then a tie breaker consisting of only the tied candidates will be placed on the next ballot.
2.50.010 J

Majority: ½ of all votes + 1

Yes

1 Nomination or less:
run through nominations 1 extra time.

If still unsuccessful in acquiring 2 or more nominees than the single Nominee becomes a Candidate
Youth Afterschool Program
Jerilyn Vail - Our Spring Break hours will be 9am to 4pm. Please check out our flyer for field trip dates and times. Our Spring Break program will provide morning and afternoon snacks and lunch for participating youth.

Please save the date: May 18th from 4:30-6:30pm. We will be ready on May 18th for parents to start registering youth for Summer Rec. Many parents have requested an opportunity to purchase additional Summer Rec t-shirts beyond the one provided. We will work to make that happen and can accept orders until June. During the Summer Rec program, we look for volunteers to join us on a variety of field trip days. If you are interested come by the gym and I would like to talk with you.

Did you see the flyer about Kids Zumba? Misti Fawn Martinez will be here teaching the youth. The youth really seem to be enjoying it.

Teen Center / CHUM Project
Laurel Wolff - Happy spring! The CHUM Project will be going to Wild Waves again at the end of the school year. To qualify to attend, teens must accumulate 100 points (Remember how we did this last year?). The purpose of the Wild Waves trip is to encourage participation in activities that encourage cultural awareness, a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle and good school attendance. Last year’s trip was really successful with over 25 teens qualifying.

The Teen Room has benefitted from some amazing volunteers lately. Morningstar Green and Patricia Green have been teaching teens how to bead and the kids have been making really beautiful projects. Jerimiah Roberts helped with snowboarding in March. Snowboarding is fun but it is also a big time commitment. Thanks to Taylor Krise for assisting with the teens in the gym and helping the teens run drills. Greg Lehman taught teens to make and paint drums. I want to thank Brittany McFarlane for being so helpful during Teen Night. Also, thanks to Carol Smith for her help during the basketball games. I feel so grateful to work with this community and I know the teens appreciate all of the caring and support from volunteers.

Youth Council Updates - The Youth Council had a raffle at the Sa-Heh-Wa-Mish Days Powwow. Lots of work went into collecting raffle items; thanks to everyone that donated gifts. The raffle was very successful and the funds raised will be used during the Northwest Indian Youth Conference in Spokane.

Twelve Youth Council members will be attending the conference this year. Members were required to attend Youth Council meetings and have passing grades in school. Thanks again to Jaimie Cruz, Vernon Sanchez and Jerimiah Roberts for helping throughout.

CHUM Program updates – The CHUM Project continues to encourage teens to be successful in school and in the community:
• Sixty-two youth participated in CHUM Project activities in 2015.
• Community members have already volunteered 65 hours to support the teens in 2016.
• We are averaging eight teens at each Youth Council meeting.
• During the first semester, there was an 18% drop in delinquent behavior in Shelton School for teens involved in the CHUM Project.
• During the first semester, no youth in the CHUM project were cited for drug-related violations at school.

Higher Education Update
Mandy Valley - Are you applying for scholarships? There can be a variety of financial aid options available to you. The more you can learn about those options, and the more you can take advantage of those opportunities, the better for your financial bottom-line – keeping college affordable. Keep in mind two very important points. First, some financial aid resources are “first-come, first-served” so the earlier you apply the better your chances of getting funded. Second, the more financial aid resources you apply for, the better your overall odds of getting college funding.

Every financial aid scholarship can have different criteria for awarding funds so a little research is in order. Do you fit the eligibility requirements for their scholarship? Some scholarships are based on your grades, some on test scores, while others may be for extra-curricular activities (clubs, sports, hobbies, etc.). Read the directions carefully to understand how to properly complete the application, how to make yourself stand out from the other applications, and to make sure you meet the funder’s deadlines.

If you keep copies of all your scholarship applications, you may be able to re-use some of your earlier application materials for other scholarship applications. For example, if a scholarship application requires an essay, instead of re-writing essays from scratch, refine a one-page and a three-page essay as the model to use for multiple applications.

Information from the website Scholarships.com reflects that nearly 60 percent of scholarship deadlines are from February to April each year. Try not to wait until the last minute when any simple delay in your application can prevent you from being eligible for this year’s scholarships.

Remember to send in your final grades for winter quarter; your new class schedule for spring quarter; any tuition, required book or required fee receipts you have; and your completed Memorandum of Commitment for the new quarter. I need all of this information for your Higher Education file as I cannot process your paperwork for the next quarter or semester until your file has been updated. I hope everyone is having a successful school year. If you have any questions, please email me at mvalley@squaxin.us or give me a call at (360)432-3882.

GED/Homework Support
Homework support and tutoring are offered in the classroom of the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center. I am here to help you with any projects, essays or homework you may have throughout the school year. I will also help you study for upcoming tests. Please feel free to drop in. You don’t need an appointment to receive help from me. Have you been thinking about getting your GED? Has getting your GED been something you have been putting off? Now is the perfect time to start working towards your GED. I am here to help you take practice tests, identify what subjects need further study, identify specific skills needed further study and help you work through any and all areas needing further study.

I am in the TLC Classroom most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4-7pm. For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Jamie Jhanson (360) 292-3301 or email me at jjhanson@mccleary.wednet.edu.
Learning Center

Spring Break: April 4th – 8th
9:00am-4:00pm

- Monday:
  Sports Day in the Gym

- Tuesday:
  Field Trip to Laser Fun Zone
  Bus Leaves at 12:30pm
  Bus Returns at 4:00pm

- Wednesday:
  Swimming from 10:30-12:30pm
  Salish Golf Instructor from 2:00-3:00pm

- Thursday:
  Field Trip to Twinwater Lanes
  Bus Leaves at 10:15am
  Bus Returns at 1:00pm

- Friday:
  Swimming from 10:30-12:30pm

Questions about Spring Break, please call Jerilynn at 432-3992

Join Da’ Zumba Party

Misti Fawn Martinez
Will be here on Wednesdays, April 13th & 20th
From 5-6pm
In the Gym.
Any questions, call Jerilynn 432-3992

Wanted

An experienced weaver, gatherer, artist and much more!
Contracts available!

Contact Laurel Wolff at
(360) 432-3842 or lwolff@squaxin.us
# Learning Center

**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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# Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

**TLC Hours:** M-F 7:30am-7:00pm  
**Front Desk:** 432-3958  
**Rec Rm:** 432-3957 (only 3-6pm)

*All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.*

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**After School Snacks:**  
**Computer Lab:**  
**Sylvan:**  
**Homework Help, GED Prep:**  
**M-F 3-4:45pm**  
**M-Th 3-7, F 3-5pm**  
**M-Th 4:30-6:30pm**  
**T-TH 4-7pm**

**BR = Early Release**  
**WHL = Wa-He-Lut Indian School**  
**SSD = Shelton School District**  
**GSD = Griffin School District**

**I.T.B. = Inter-Tribal B-Ball**  
**High School:** 9-12 Grade  
**Middle School:** 6-8 Grade  
**Elementary:** 4-5 Grade
New Employees

Michael Henderson
Records Management/Data Technician at Natural Resources

Hi! I have always enjoyed working at NR; it is where I first started working for the Tribe in 1983.
I look forward to working with the Tribe again.
See you around.

Jennifer Motteler
Hardware Technician

Hi! My name is Jennifer and I have a 17 year-old son.
I broke my first computer when I was three (It told me it was thirsty, so I poured a coke into it), and I’ve been working on them ever since.
I’m happy to be joining the community here; there are wonderful people and being able to help excites me.
Thank you so much for the warm welcome. I am very happy to be here and very much look forward to working with everyone.

Jennifer Johns
Human Resources Assistant

Hi I’m Jennifer Johns, and I recently started working for Human Resources as the HR Assistant.
I am the granddaughter of Del Johns Sr. and daughter of Del Johns JR. I have been employed with the Tribe starting out as a youth in the Stepping Stones program. I worked in marketing for many years and recently worked for Natural Resources as a Fish Technician.
I am very excited for this new opportunity and joining the Human Resources department for the Squaxin Island Tribe. I’m looking forward to learning this new area of professionalism and working with all of you!

Brattany Faye

Happy Belated!
Love, Connie

Mom, Happy Belated
Love Always!
Your Daughter, Bear

Douglas
Happy Belated!
Love, Connie

To My Beautiful Daughter, Claudia
Happy Birthday Baby Girl!

APRIL
TAX TIME SPECIAL!

ALL
“COMPLETES”
$15.00 DISCOUNT Per Carton

Located at the factory
HOURS M - F
9 AM – 3 PM
MUST SHOW TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD
($10.00 TRIBAL DISCOUNT EVERY CARTON EVERY DAY)
NOT INCLUDED IN MONTHLY SPECIALS

COMBO DEAL
Family Take N’ Bake Pizza*
Family Size Chips
2 Liter Pepsi

$19.99

*Choose from Pepperoni or Hawaiian.
While supplies last. No substitutions. Management reserves all rights.
Human Resources Benefit Fair
Held on March 17, 2016

Jennifer Johns - Human Resources would like to thank all of the Squaxin Island Tribal employees who attended this year’s benefit fair! As we know life happens, and it is always good to be familiar with what benefits we have and what additional benefits are available.

This year’s fair included representatives from Group Health, AFLAC, Brown & Brown Insurance, MetLife, VSP and Reliant Behavioral Health; all offered answers to staff questions, and provided additional information to employees. This year also included many exciting door prizes, goodies from our representatives and lunch with hand crafted soups and sandwiches hosted by Kamilche Catering, owned and operated by Squaxin Island Tribal members Casey and Bobbi Brown.

If you were unable to attend or have any questions about benefits and what additional benefits are available, please contact Jan Olson in Human Resources for more information.

SUICIDE PREVENTION:
WHAT TO SAY, WHAT TO DO
Community Training

Do you know what to say to someone you fear might be suicidal? You could take them to the emergency room...but then what?

This training teaches you what to say and how to respond to someone who might be suicidal. After this training you’ll have confidence to:
- Ask if someone is thinking about killing themselves,
- Listen caringly and react helpfully,
- Give hope and help in a meaningful way, and
- Provide support on a daily basis.

TUESDAY, April 19th, 2016
Squaxin Island Community Kitchen
Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
Training starts at 5:30 p.m.

Childcare provided
Training recommended for 12 and over
Questions please contact Jessica Dolge at Behavioral Health 360-426-1582

Don't miss it, you can save a life!
Squaxin Island Community Garden

Food is at the Center of Our Culture
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One example of why it is so important to grow our own food is corn. A few chemicals found in GMO* corn (all corn found in the supermarket unless specifically labeled as Non-GMO): (Genetically Modified Organism is the result of a laboratory process where genes from the DNA of one species are extracted and artificially forced into the genes of an unrelated plant or animal. The foreign genes may come from bacteria, viruses, insects, animals or even humans.) Formaldehyde is a known carcinogen directly linked to cancer.

Glyphosate, a chemical found in the weed and pest control spray Roundup, negatively affects the beneficial bacteria in our bodies, which in turn promotes overgrowth of pathogens. This leads to chronic inflammation and disease.

The garden returns us to a side by side hands on teaching method. Building a stable structure for new experience, education, cultivating community connection, and employment. The garden allows us to break the cycle of food insecurity while promoting fundamental skills in an environment that directly relates to real-world responsibilities.

- This garden is a program, not just a project, meaning the program does not rely on grants, but is supported by the Tribe.
- Several tribes across the state, and even more nationwide, have already developed successful garden programs. Resources are out there to sustain a fully functioning garden that will feed our community.
- While volunteering is highly recommended, and essentially needed, we are not relying solely on volunteers to care for the garden.
- Creating jobs; once we have a plan established we will need able bodies to make the garden flourish.
- We will develop a master plan that will be utilized for years to come. The plan will include site layout, crop rotation, integrative irrigation plans, a training manual, seasonal calendars, and much more.
- Community interest; there is a large movement happening in our community, for healthier and sustainable ways of living.

Keep an Eye Out
Upcoming Events and Meetings
The garden program will host a community discussion soon to hear what thoughts and ideas Tribal members have about the garden design and layout.

For more information about volunteering, donating or general questions please contact:
Aleta Poste, Community Garden Program Manager
360-791-1797

Andrew Kinney going over pruning techniques
Free Tax Preparation Site
(Basic Returns)

Administration Building – 2nd Floor
February 2 – April 14, 2016
By appointment only

The Squaxin Island Tribe – Office of Housing
will be sponsoring their
Annual FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE
for the 2015 tax year.
The site will be open to the public and
operating Tuesday and Thursday evenings
from February 2 to April 14, 2016.
Don't pay high or unnecessary fees to a commercial taxpayer!
Use your local free tax prep site.

THINK OF THE MONEY YOU WILL SAVE!!!

This site offers Visa debit cards for your tax refund.

Call Lisa Peters @ 432-3871 to schedule an appointment

2016 Button Robe Schedule
The Workshop Will Be Open Mondays
Beginning at 5:00 pm
Button Robe Boarder Workshop Starting
Mondays February 8th
Choice High School Room 208
Enter through back entrance at 807 W. Pine Street

Boarder Sewing Workshop
February 8th
February 22nd
February 29th

Designs and Robe Workshop
March 14th
March 28th
April 11th
April 25th
May 9th
April 18th
May 21st
May 16th

Indian Education Banquet and Button Robe Ceremony on
Friday May 20th from 6pm-8pm

This workshop will provide help for Shelton School District graduating seniors and their
families to design and construct button robes. Seniors will be presented with their finished
robes at the banquet and be able to wear them at graduation. This is a non-profit organization
which is run by volunteers who are supporting Native students.

Donations are gladly accepted.
If you have questions please call Carii Fennell at (360) 402-2241 or e-mail cfinelli@sheltonschools.org or Vicky Engel
at vengel@squaxin.us

REZ ANIMAL RESOURCES & EDUCATION
$5 Spay & Neuter Vouchers. Call Today!
This program is only available to Squaxin Island tribal members or anyone living on
the Squaxin Island reservation.

OUR PROGRAM HAS SPAY/NEUTERED 173 DOGS & CATS ON THE
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION!

Rez Animal Resources is a small non-profit organization helping animals
in the Chehalis, Nisqually, Skokomish, Squaxin Island and Shoalwater Bay
Indian Reservations.
Canine Parvovirus (Parvo)

Canine Parvovirus (parvo) is a highly contagious viral disease that is one of the most common causes of diarrhea in dogs under 6 months of age. It first appeared in the late 1970s, and is one of the most frequent serious dog disease problems encountered in animal shelters. It is reported in coyotes, foxes and wolves and probably affects most, if not all, members of the canine family. Puppies are the most susceptible, and their clinical signs are worsened by concurrent infections with roundworms, other internal intestinal parasites, protozoa (such as Coccidia), viruses or bacteria. Adult dogs can also be affected.

In general, if aggressive therapy is initiated early in the course of the disease, the prognosis for puppies to recover can be excellent, although fatalities do occur. However, the mortality rate for puppies in shelters can be much higher because many shelters cannot diagnose, isolate or treat the cases. As for adult dogs, many become infected but never actually show clinical signs of disease. Rottweilers, Dobermans, pit bulls, German shepherds and Labrador retrievers seem to be at higher risk for the disease.

What Causes Parvovirus

Canine parvovirus is very stable in the environment and very resistant to most disinfectants. It can persist in organic material in the environment for over one year. Another member of this virus family is responsible for causing panleukopenia, more commonly known as distemper, in cats. (This feline parvovirus was present before the strain that affects dogs appeared. In fact, the first vaccination efforts to control canine parvo were made using feline panleukopenia vaccines.)

Different strains of parvovirus have evolved over the years since it was first discovered in dogs in 1978. The current strains infecting dogs in the United States are CPV-2b and CPV-2c, which also can cause illness and have been isolated from cats. In the shelter it is essential to separate dogs from cats, as cats can not only develop illness but also act as a reservoir causing further disease in dogs.

How Parvovirus Is Transmitted

Parvo disease is spread from dog to dog mainly through exposure to contaminated feces. It is also spread through contact with fomites (contaminated objects). Common fomites include hands, instruments, clothing, food and water dishes, toys and bedding. Insects and rodents can also provide a means for disease spread. The virus can remain on a dog’s hair coat and serve as a means of transmission long after recovery from clinical disease. The incubation period, or period between exposure to the virus and the appearance of symptoms, is usually 4-6 days. Because the disease may be difficult for the shelter to detect during the incubation period, apparently healthy animals with parvo may be adopted out only to become ill a few days later in their new home, causing heartache for the shelter staff and the new owners.

It is very important to know the shedding pattern of parvovirus in order to design an effective management, diagnostic and prevention strategy. Parvovirus can be shed in the feces 3-4 days after infection with the virus, which is generally before clinical signs of illness appear. The virus will also be shed in the feces for approximately 10-14 days post-recovery from clinical signs of infection.

Clinical Signs of Parvovirus

Parvovirus affects the digestive system and the heart. The signs can vary widely:

- There can be sub-clinical infection with no signs or mild signs of lethargy and appetite loss lasting for only one or two days
- The most common clinical symptoms shelters see are varying degrees of vomiting, foul-smelling diarrhea that can be very bloody, loss of appetite, fever, weakness, depression and dehydration
- Affected puppies are also very leukopenic, meaning they have too few white blood cells
- The heart symptoms are rarely seen today and usually occur in puppies infected in utero or during the neonatal period, but they can cause sudden death without other signs, sudden death weeks to months after apparent recovery from other parvo signs, or sudden onset of symptoms of congestive heart failure in puppies under 6 months of age

- Lila Miller, DVM, is Vice President of ASPCA Veterinary Outreach
From Gus the Doggie guy . . .
Health Clinic

Diabetes Basics

What are the signs of type 2 diabetes?
- Signs can be severe, very mild or none at all. This depends on how high blood sugars have become. Look for these signs:
  - Increased thirst
  - Increased hunger
  - Fatigue (feeling very tired most of the time)
  - Increased urination
  - Unexplained weight loss
  - Blurred vision
- A blood test to check your blood sugar will show if you have pre-diabetes or diabetes.

Can type 2 diabetes be managed?
Yes, taking care of your diabetes every day will help keep your blood sugar in a healthy range. It will help you prevent health problems that diabetes can cause over the years.

Where can I get help with pre-diabetes and diabetes?
- Your health care team (doctor, nurse, diabetes educator, dietitian, psychologist, fitness coach, social worker) can help you.
- Talk with them about diabetes. They can help you make a physical activity and healthy eating plan that will work for you. Many people also need medication to treat diabetes.
- Get help from others. Talk with your family and friends and ask for help.

Diabetes means your blood sugar is too high. Your body always has some sugar in it. Your body needs sugar for energy to keep you going. But too much sugar in the blood is not good for your health.

What is pre-diabetes?
Pre-diabetes means your blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough for diabetes.
- People with pre-diabetes are at higher risk for getting type 2 diabetes and heart disease.
- You can reduce your risk of getting diabetes. You may even be able to have normal blood sugar levels again! This may happen if you lose a small amount of weight by eating healthy and being more physically active.

What is type 2 diabetes?
People get type 2 diabetes because the cells in their muscles, liver, and fat do not use insulin properly. Over time, the body also cannot make enough insulin. This leads to high blood sugar. Having high blood sugar for some time can lead to serious problems with your eyes, heart, kidneys and nerves.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common type in American Indian and Alaska Native people. This type of diabetes can happen at any age, even in children.

What factors increase my risk for getting pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes?
- Being physically inactive
- Having a parent, brother or sister with diabetes
- Having had the kind of diabetes which can happen during pregnancy
- Being overweight

Have Fun With Fruits and Vegetables

Find the hidden fruits and vegetables in the puzzle. Words can read up, down or across, from left to right or right to left.

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Fruit and Vegetable Goals

- Name a fruit you would like to try:
- How will you eat this fruit?
  - (On cereal, as a snack, for dessert, with dinner or on pancakes.)
- Name a vegetable you would like to try:
- How will you eat this vegetable?
  - (As a snack, with dip, or for lunch.)

Paddle Chair Aerobics class

Date: Every Thursday beginning February 25, 2016
Time: 4pm-5pm
Where: Health Promotions building (across from the clinic)

To RSVP please contact:
Melissa Grant @ 432-3926 email mgrant@squaxin.us
Or Traci Lopeman @ 432-3930 email tlopeman@squaxin.us
Space is limited so reserve your spot today!!

Outside Clinics accept Apple

Mason General Walk-in
- Pediatric Multi-care
  919 Mountain View Dr.
  432-3298
  360-292-3801

MGH Shriners Family Medicine
- West Olympia Family Med
  919 Mountain View Dr. Suite 100
  432-3200
  360-886-0700

MGH Olympic Physicians
- Westcare Clinic
  327 Professional Way
  360-397-0302

Health Care Center
- Tenmawar Family Practice
  107 N. 9th St.
  432-9717
  360-754-1007

Summit Pacific Medical Center
- Seamar
  620 E. Main St.
  360-340-2222
  360-340-1399

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Frye Cove Park

Frye Cove Park is a great spot for a short walk, a picnic, or just enjoying nature. Only 10 miles Away from the REZ
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

Where:
Frye Cove is at 61st Ave Northwest, just off Young Road Northwest.

To do:
Frye Cove just might be the least-visited park in Thurston County — but this 67-acre park with 1,400 feet of Puget Sound beach is such a gem!

Frye Cove offers shellfish digging in season — you can see the clam siphon holes all over the beach at low tide. It’s best to visit during low tide because the entire beach can be under water during a high tide. It’s common to find sea stars, crabs and other marine life on the beach. Seals and shorebirds often show up on the beach. Shorebirds drop by the park during the fall to grab a quick snack during their migration south. Other shorebirds hang around all year. Herons almost always are picking their way down the beach.

There are two miles of hiking paths in the park, and they often seem like tunnels through the dense stands of cedar and Douglas fir. The hike is easy, and there are views of Eld Inlet and Mount Rainier on a clear day.
A small playground area is available for children.

Picnics:
This is a good park for a picnic because shelters and grills are near the beach.

Shellfishing:
For more information on shellfish seasons and safety, check wdfw.wa.gov or doh.wa.gov and click on "Beach Closures." The clam and oyster season at Frye Cove runs from Jan. 1 through May 15. The beach has good numbers of Manila and little-neck clams, oysters and other clams.

Restroom:
There is a restroom between the parking lot and the beach.

Safety:
Keep a close eye on kids because the woods are dense and the beach has sharp shells and barnacles.

Equipment ideas:
Rain gear, beach shoes, food, water, picnic supplies, sunscreen, cameras, binoculars and sunglasses.

Directions:
From the REZ, take Hwy 101 South toward Olympia. Take the Steamboat Island Exit and take Steamboat Island Road about 6 miles to Young Road N.W. Turn right and follow Young Road for about two miles. Turn left onto 61st Ave N.W. and follow the road into the park.

Rules:
The park is open from 9 a.m. to dusk. No camping, alcohol or firearms allowed.
Information: Call Thurston County Parks and Recreation at 360-786-5595 or check http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/parks/parks-fryecove.htm

For video tour of the park: https://vimeo.com/2558080
Purchased Referred Care Services Information
(Formally known as Contract Health Services)

We would like to remind everyone of information that is important for your Purchased Referred Care (PRC) formally known as Contract Health Services (CHS).

If you do not have any medical insurance, it is required by PRC rules that you apply for alternate resources, for us that includes ProviderOne (Medicaid), even if you feel that you would not be eligible. PRC must show proof of acceptance or denial. You can make an appointment with Jacyln Meyer at the front desk at Squaxin Island Health Clinic and she will help you get signed up with ProviderOne (Apple).

Even though you may already have a Primary Insurance such as Group Health Options, Medicare or First Choice, etc., you can still sign up for ProviderOne and you may be eligible, giving you Double Medical Coverage.

Another issue that has been brought to our attention is co-pays, deductibles, co-insurance and RX payments to Group Health. If you are seen at Group Health for any emergency, pregnancy or for care that cannot be obtained at our clinic, you will need to pay any out of pocket costs. We are unable to coordinate PRC benefits with Group Health, thus requiring you to pay instead of obtaining a purchase order. You may be eligible to have these out of pocket costs reimbursed. Once you have paid, submit the receipt to Tootsie at PRC in a timely manner. Once she has established if you are eligible, she will be able to submit a request to have you reimbursed for these out of pocket costs.

Remember to call to get your Purchase Orders.

- If you are PRC eligible and you have an appointment, lab work or x-rays outside of our clinic, you must obtain a Purchase Order before your appointment.
- If our clinic makes arrangements for an appointment, it is still YOUR responsibility to obtain a Purchase Order.
- All Purchase Orders are for the date of the appointment only.
- If your appointment is Rescheduled or Cancelled, REMEMBER it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to call for a new Purchase Order.
- Also, it is wise to call ahead of time instead of on the day of your appointment.

You can get a Purchase Order from Tootsie by calling: 360-432-3922.

You are always welcome to call Tootsie at 360-432-3922 if you have any questions about how PRC or what the rules and regulations are.
Rose Brownfield - A few of our Elders visited Portland on March 16. We went to Pendleton Outlet, Fabric Depoe and Pendleton store at Washougal. Shari and Herb, Lila, Rose, Annie Beth, Elizabeth had lunch at Olive Garden, shopped at the stores,
The Duties of Our Committee/Commissions/Boards

Aquatics Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of sub-tidal shellfish resources.

Budget Commission: Provides oversight and guidance to the Tribal Administration and Tribal Council for the budget.

Business Administration Board: To incorporate new businesses in Indian country, and to regulate commerce in Indian country.

Childcare Development Center Board of Directors: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the Child Development Center.

Education Commission: Provides recommendations and guidance to the Tribal Council and to the ‘Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center. Participates fully in all aspects of planning, development; implementation and evaluation of all educational programs, including supplemental and operational support; be directly involved in all ‘Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center Programs; recommend appropriate action to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council; evaluate performance and program results; exercise authority delegated by Tribal Council (e.g., monetary awards).

Elections Committee: Prepares for and conducts General Body meetings, and as requested by Tribal Council also conducts the election portion of the General Body Meeting.

Enrollment Committee: Provides advice and recommendations to the Council in consultation with the Enrollment Department concerning enrollment and policies and procedures related to enrollment matters. Ensures compliance with the membership requirements outlined in Article II of the Constitution.

Explorer Program Committee: Provides advice and recommendations to the Explorer program consistent with the programs goals.

Fish Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of fish related resources.

Gaming Commission: Conducts background investigations for the purpose of licensing the gaming employees and vendors; issue, deny, review, suspend, or revoke tribal gaming licenses for gaming operations, gaming employees and vendors. Promulgate, adopt and enforce internal control standards; monitor gaming activities and operations to ensure compliance with internal control standards and policies; oversee external and internal financial audits; conduct an investigation of any alleged misconduct and take appropriate enforcement action; take enforcement actions, levy fines, hold hearings, and issue decisions; develop and adopt an annual budget; oversee the general management of the Commission staff.

Housing Commission: Serves as the advisory, decision-making, and policy authority for the Squaxin Island Tribal Housing Program. The commission is authorized to provide recommendations and advice to the Tribal Council and to the Tribal Department of Community Development. The Commission is authorized to define policies, identify rules and regulations necessary to implement the policies, and recommend the identified rules and regulations to the Tribal Council for enactment.

Hunting Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of hunting and wildlife related resources.

Law & Order Committee: Provides advice and recommendations to Council and the Chief of Police concerning law enforcement policies, procedures and laws that may need revision from time to time.

Little Creek Casino Oversight Board: Provides advice and recommendations to the Tribal Council and to the Little Creek Casino Resort in matters related to the general operation of the enterprise. LCOB is expected to participate in discussions related to the casino that are significant, create risk, or deviate from a standard, practice or policy. LCOB is not expected to participate in or provide advice on day-to-day operations or management matters, unless requested to do so by management. The LCOB shall also provide advice and recommendations as requested by LCCR on matters that are conducted within the scope of approved budgets, business plans, practices and policies, and on matters that are extra-ordinary, or deviate from or are exceptions to approved budgets, practices and policies.

Museum Library and Research Center Board: Manages all the affairs, property, and interests of the corporation.

One Percent: Implements the one percent distribution provision of Appendix X of the Tribal Sate compacts for Class III Gaming.

Salish Cliffs Advisory Board: Monitors and advises the Squaxin Island Tribal Council and the Little Creek Casino Resort with respect to: Maintenance and upkeep at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Improvements and expansion at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Safety at the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Environmental impact of the Salish Cliffs Golf Course; Promotional efforts by the Salish Cliffs Golf Course. Tribal member participation in the Golf Course, including the creation of a Tribal youth program; and Cross-marketing efforts between Salish Cliffs and other Tribal entities. Provide Council and the Casino with advice on how to make sure the Salish Cliffs Golf Course remains a successful, world-class, championship golf course.

Shellfish Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of inter-tidal shellfish resources.

Skookum Creek Tobacco Board: Is vested with all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporation and shall have control and management of the business and activities of the Corporation. The SCTB members shall in all cases act as a Committee.

Tourism Board: The Tourism Board is specifically delegated the authority to hire, terminate, discipline, and evaluate the Tourism Director, as well as the authority to prioritize and assign the Tourism Director tasks and objectives. The Tourism Director shall coordinate marketing and promotional efforts with the Little Creek Casino and Resort, Island Enterprises, Inc., Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., the Squaxin Island Museum, Library, and Research, Inc., and the Tribe’s other incorporated or unincorporated enterprises and departments, in order to ensure integrated, efficient, and effective overall marketing strategies.

Veterans Committee: Provides advice and recommendations concerning matters related to the Veterans memorial and other Veterans concerns.
## Committees, Commissions & Boards With Infrequent Meeting Times

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If you are interested in an opportunity to meet with a Committee, Commission or Board please contact the staff representative to be placed on the agenda and for meeting time and location. Every spring Tribal Council considers vacancies for the Committee, Commission and Boards. If you are interested in becoming a member please submit your written request to: Melissa Puhn, Executive Secretary for Tribal Council | mpuhn@squaxin.us | 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton WA 98584.

## What's Happening April 2016

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**Committees and Commissions Listed on Calendar**

**Committees and Commissions**
- Aquatics Committee
- Elders Committee
- Enrollment Committee
- Fish Committee
- Golf Advisory Committee
- Hunting Committee
- Shellfish Committee
- Education Commission
- Gaming Commission (TC 6.08.090)
- Housing Commission
- Child Care Board of Directors
- Tobacco Board of Directors
- Utilities Commission (TC 11.08.010)
- SPIIPA Board of Directors

**Council Rep.**
- Arnold Cooper
- Whitney Jones
- Charlene Krise
- Vicki Kruger
- Jim Peters
- Arnold Cooper
- Vince Henry
- Jim Peters
- Per Tribal Code None
- Arnold Cooper
- Vicki Kruger & Charlene Krise
- Jim Peters
- None
- Arnold Cooper

**Staff Rep.**
- Jeff Dickinson
- Elizabeth Heredia
- Tammy Ford
- Joseph Peters
- Don Whitener
- Joseph Peters
- Eric Sparkman
- Gordon James
- BJ Whitener
- Richard Wells
- Bert Miller
- Cameron Goodwin
- Teresa Wright
- Kathy Block

**Meetings**
- 2nd Wednesday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
- 1st Wednesday or Thursday
- 2nd Tuesday
- 2nd Wednesday in March, July
- 2nd Wednesday or Thursday
- 2nd Tuesday of July, Oct., Jan., April
- 1st Wednesday of March, June, Sept., Dec.
- 2nd Friday
- 3rd Wednesday
- 1st Friday
- 2nd Monday
- 4th Tuesday
- 1st Thursday
- 2nd Friday

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**April Happy Birthdays**

1. Colby Robert Smith
2. Daniel Albert Hall
3. Deborah Jean Knott
4. Elizabeth Cooper-Campbell
5. Matthew Volker Peters Block
6. Chauncey Eagle Blueback
7. Carolyn E. Hoosier
8. Marcella R. Cooper
9. Alexander Raymond Charles
10. Antonia D. James
11. Talon Jacob Beattie
12. Dorinda Evon Thein
13. Latiesha Marie Gonzales
14. Debra Jean Peters
15. Grace Elizabeth Pugel
16. Maria Guadalupe Coley
17. April Ann Leonard
18. Brooke Bello Henry
19. Dustin P. Greenwood
20. Jolene R. Grover
21. Chasity A. Villanueva
22. Randy William Koshiway
23. Rebecca Ray Keith
24. Cameron Kyle Goodwin
25. Casey Adrian Krise
26. Chauncy Roger Blueback
27. Beckey Lynn Barker
28. Anthony Del Johns
29. Claudia Jeanette Gui Josa-Meas

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You continue to make us as happy as could be and we can’t believe you are already turning three! Happy Birthday to the best little girl two parents could ever hope for! Love you - Mommy Rana & Daddy Bear

Happy 3rd Birthday Mary Jo Lewis!!!

Squaxin Island Culture Night Drum Group
Squaxin families are invited!
Please join us for drum, song, and dance rehearsal
Tuesdays Each Week
5pm at the Squaxin Museum
Feel free to stop in and get familiar with Squaxin Island songs and dances
Join in to learn the dances and songs or simply enjoy the atmosphere with just your presence
This is a drug, alcohol, cigarette and e-cigarette free event
Any questions please contact Jeremiah George 360.432.2968

BINGO
Fri • April 15th | 6:30pm
Sat • April 16th | 12pm | 4:30pm | 11pm
Sun • April 17th | 4:30pm

Early Birds
1/2 hour before every session!

Bring a friend!
Both of you will receive a FREE level 1 (3-on) with initial buy-in.
If your friend signs up as a new players club member you will both receive a complimentary $4 pack.

$7,500 in Payouts
$400 payouts for 4-ons | $500 payouts for 6-ons
$1,199 black out with a $500 lead up
Buy-in is $50

Cocktail Specials
Live DJ spinning at 11pm