2016 Summer Employment!

SEEKING SQUAXIN YOUTH AGE 16-21
WHO DESIRE SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

It's that time of year again to begin recruitment of Squaxin Island Tribal Youth who desire summer employment with Squaxin Island Tribe. If you are a Squaxin Tribal member between the ages of 16 and 21 and are interested in working for six weeks this summer, please contact Patti Puhn or Niki Ho in Human Resources to get an application. You must submit an application, resume and cover letter even if you participated in the program last year.

The six weeks of employment will begin on July 6, 2016 and will run through August 12, 2016.

If you would like assistance with completing your application, writing a cover letter or doing a resume, please attend one of the application workshops scheduled for Wednesday May 25, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Thursday May 26, 2016 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Tribal Center Training Room.

Your application must be submitted by Friday, June 3, 2016 so that we have time to find positions for all who complete the application process. Applications received after June 3, 2016 will be considered only if positions are still available.

Squaxin Preference will be exercised in the hiring of these positions in accordance with the Tribe's Personnel policies. Any questions you may have about the program may be directed to Patti Puhn at (360) 432-3830

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Elections will be held for:
Vice Chairman, currently held by Arnold Cooper
3rd Council Member, currently held by Vince Henry
Updates from Council Members
By Whitney Jones - May is an exciting time here at Squaxin.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the moms! Thank you to all our foster care families! And peace to everyone who has lost a friend or loved one during past or current war times; we remember and honor them on Memorial Day.

This month we also say thank you and best wishes to Don Whitener as he enjoys his recent retirement from the Tribe. May the sun and wind always be at your back… so there is less chance of you slicing that golf ball.

And welcome to Kristopher Peters, who started as Tribal Administrator on May 2nd. We look forward to your enthusiasm and shared vision for supporting and growing our community.

I hope you will be able to join us at the Annual General Body meeting on Saturday May 7th. In addition to the usual distribution of annual reports and this year’s elections, there will also be a few informational presentations on topics that many of you have expressed interest in knowing more about or even asking the Council and General Body to consider changing.

There will always be topics or issues in our Tribe and community that bring out the passion in people. That’s not a bad thing; we are where we are today because of the passion and persistence of our ancestors. And while even just discussing some of these issues can be appear to cause division among our families and friends, I believe it is important to ask for input, to look at as many aspects as possible, and to be better informed in order to make decisions that are intended to be the best for our Tribe and its people.

I feel strongly that we should do what we can to allow you all the opportunity to be part of that process somehow. It isn’t easy to engage everyone, and maybe you personally are not as interested in some topics as much as others, but I believe it is our responsibility to make an effort to reach out, to communicate, to examine, and to listen whenever possible.

For all those reasons and more, it would be great to have you there at our General Body meeting on May 7th.

General Body Meeting
Raffle Items
Come and win!

Family Fun in The Sun Bundle x 2
• Pool
• Pool toys
• Sunblock
• Towels
Total = $200

It’s Time to BBQ Bundle x 2
• BBQ
• BBQ tool set
• BBQ cover
Total = $200

Spruce up Your Environment Bundle x 2
• Weed eater
• 6 Piece gardening tool set
• Rake or shovel
• Kids gardening tools
• Sun hats
Total = $200

Cabelas Bundle x 2
• Fishing
• Clam digging
• Hunting
Total = $200

Get Active bundle x 2
• Fitbit
• Dumbbell weights
• Mat
• Ab wheel roller
• Jump rope
• Resistance band kit
• Water bottle
Total = $200

IEI
• Bucket, fork, gloves, and headlight bundles
• Gift certificates
KTP
Salish Sea Foods
LCCR
• Gift certificates
• 1 night stay
• Seven Inlets Spa
• Restaurant
• Salish Cliffs
• Local sponsors

Local businesses that our Tribe sponsors
And much more! . . .

Annual Post Hunting Season Woods Cleanup

8:30 AM Thursday May 5th, 2016
Meet at Squaxin Natural Resources
For more information contact Joseph Peters at 360-332-3813
Running for Tribal Council

Hello, I am Michael Peters. I am asking for your support and vote. For those who do not know me, I consider myself a fisherman (fishing was our family's primary income for over 10 years). I understand fin and shellfish management and biology (I have a degree in Invertebrate Zoology-shellfish). I consider education and Youth leadership a passion that I actively participate (I have degree in secondary education and have taught high school, college and am an active leader with Boy Scouts and Explorers). I know economic development and casinos (I managed 3 casinos in North and South Dakota where I improved revenues $4.6 million, built several casinos – most recent a Holiday Express Hotel Casino in California). I understand State-Tribal Compacts and have constructed several casinos, hotels, tribal stores, fuel stations and tobacco stores/truck stops. I understand self-governance and the Federal funding process (I developed our budget ordinance and process). Health and Social services are an area I actively follow (I assisted the Lower Elwha Tribal Clinic to be AAAHC accredited). These are only a few of my experiences and knowledge.

I am an avid supporter of the Squaxin Safe Streets program and Community Policing.

We should use our committees and public hearings to strategically prioritize and plan whether it be a cannabis retail outlet or spending $4.2 million the Tribe received in a recent settlement.

Leadership – Knowledge of Government - Business Success – Community

Please vote Michael Peters

Stepping Stones: Youth Pre Employment Training Program
For Squaxin Youth AGE 13-15

Youth will participate in group projects, which promote the development of accountability, work ethics, and pride in the community. This hands on model will encourage tribal youth in learning a multitude of transferable skills they can apply to later employment for Squaxin Island Tribe or elsewhere.

If you are a Squaxin tribal youth who is going to be 13 – 15 years old by July 1, 2016 and are interested in participating in this program, please contact Niki in Human Resources or call her at (360) 432-3845 to leave your contact information. We will want to provide you with additional program information. Please be ready to provide the following:

- Name
- Address
- Phone number
- Date of birth
- Squaxin Island Enrollment number
- T-shirt size

To assist us with the planning and to ensure you get a t-shirt, please stop by or call by Friday June 3rd. Employment Applications are not required for Stepping Stones. Contact after June 3, 2016 may result in being put on a waiting list with consideration only if there is still available space.

Parents: To provide an initial opportunity for training in the employment application process, please encourage your youth to call or stop by on their own, rather than calling on their behalf.
The community garden has been a hope of our community for many years; to see it come to fruition through the collective efforts of so many people is a great accomplishment. Our recent Groundbreaking Ceremony signifies the beginning of our efforts to create self-sustaining food in this community, strong development of land stewardship skills with our youth and others who wish to participate. We’re looking forward to creating more hands-on skill development throughout our youth employment program. The initial plans for this garden are to develop a community food program, distribute produce, and grow medicinal herbs. One of the goals of this project is to support our community returning to a more traditional diet, and a more traditional way of life. It’s been such an honor to see the level of support for this project in its infancy. We thank everyone who has stepped forward and those who continue to offer their support.

Thank you!
Community Garden Crew
Family Services

Open House for New Facility, April 25th
Community Mobilization provides vision

Community Mobilization's vision is community members participating in creating and sustaining healthy, safe, economically viable communities, free from alcohol, tobacco, other drug (ATOD) abuse, violence, and all related social issues. Community Mobilization was established in 1989 by the Washington State Legislature to address the issues of substance abuse and violence through the organized and collaborative efforts of entire communities.

Community Mobilization provides leadership

One of the most important prevention lessons learned throughout the last two decades is that prevention cannot be imposed from the outside; it must be led from inside the community to be effective.

Community Mobilization is based upon research

Community Mobilization uses the Communities That Care (CTC) model in promoting the positive development of children and youth, and the prevention of substance abuse and violence and is based on rigorous research from a variety of fields, including sociology, psychology, education, public health, criminology, medicine, and organizational development.

Community Mobilization is locally driven

The Community Mobilization Program requires an active governing board that represents the local community perspective.

Community Mobilization is based upon partnerships

Community Mobilization programs are directly involved in many networking efforts that have developed as a result of community representatives working together to share information.

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Explorers Program
Hello Squaxin Community,
I wanted to take a minute and let you know of a few accomplishments our Explorers have been working on and what’s to come.

The kids have been working hard and will be putting in some extra time as trainings come up this Spring/Summer.

On Thursday, February 4th, the Explorers were able to partake in dispatch training. A big thank you to MACECOM Director Mike Evans and Operations Officer Cathy Fields for being there to instruct us after an already long work day.

On March 4th, they went to Mason County Fire District 4 fire station and were introduced to all the fire and aid apparatus. They were able to get some hands on learning with the equipment. Fun was had by all and we look forward to more training with the fire department. Thank you Fire Dist. # 4 and Chief Burbridge for a fun time.

On March 12th the Explorers had a CPR/ First Aid class. They are now certified! I am so proud of those who were able to make it to this class. They spent 8 hours training and working hard on a Saturday to earn that certification. Good job done by all. Thank you to our fabulous instructor Mary Prentis. The Explorers really enjoyed your class.

Then on March 31st, the Explorers were introduced to some defensive tactics training. All were a bit nervous to start, but by the end they were having a great time. Lots of tired sweaty smiles tell me they worked hard and had fun learning. Again I want to tell them how proud of them I am. Also a big shout out and thank you to Assault Defense Systems for having us train with you. We look forward to more training.

Upcoming trainings include: introduction to IEI Security, radio procedures, and boater safety certification. Boater safety certification will be a few weeks long, including water patrol activities. We will do more defensive tactics training and the youth police academy in August.

We here at Squaxin Law Enforcement are very proud of the hard work these kids are putting in toward their future. I am honored and proud to work and learn beside them.

Any youth interested in the Explorer program please contact me, Officer Rene’ Klusman at 360-426-5222. Or at rklusman@squaxin.us. I would love to sit down and discuss the program with you.

Thank you for your time,

R. Klusman
Community Liaison Officer/ Squaxin Police Dept. 360-426-5222

Island Enterprises, Inc./Trading Post Stores Scholarship
Island Enterprises, Inc., together with the Kamilche Trading Post stores, has an exciting scholarship opportunity open to enrolled Squaxin Island tribal members, as well as their descendants. If you are currently enrolled and working towards a four year degree from a college or university, or you are presently working towards a graduate degree such as a master’s or PhD, this is the scholarship for you. There are 2 scholarships available. Each scholarship is $1250.00. Funds may be used for tuition, books, lab fees and/or living expenses. Priority will be given to students who are seeking a degree in the fields of business or management. Secondary priority will be given to students who are seeking to earn a degree related to key positions within the Island Enterprises, Inc. family of companies.

To be considered for the scholarship, you must complete an application. Applications are available at Island Enterprises, Inc. Deadline to submit your completed application to IEI is May 31, 2016.

Please review the scholarship application for additional information. If you have any questions, contact Island Enterprises at 426-3442.
Natural Resources Cleanup Day

NATURAL RESOURCES INTERNSHIP
JULY 5TH – AUGUST 12TH

Fresh Water Mussel Scientific Monitoring
All students applying should be between the ages of 16-20 and have desire to work outside. Fill out an application with Squaxin’s Human Resources and indicate you would like to work as a NR Intern. You will be required to develop a presentation that details what you learned in the program. This was made possible through the partnership between Squaxin’s Tu’ Ha’ Buts Learning Center, Natural Resources, and The Shelton School District.

Earn Money
High School Credit
Work Outside This Summer
Learn Fresh Water Mussel Habitat Survey Protocols
Become Familiar with Impacts of Climate Change

Squaxin Natural Resources
Tribal youth in need of credit to graduate will be preferred. Please contact:
Candace Penn
cpenn@squaxin.as
(360) 432-4808
Shellfish Program Update
Spring 2016
Rana Brown, Shellfish Biologist - The natural resources shellfish program is pleased that daylight tides are upon us once again!

This also kicks off the beginning of our regular field season which means staff has begun again with surveys, private tideland harvests and seeding of our enhanced beaches. We’ve gotten an early start to the 2016 field season, anticipating a busy and productive year for shellfish. We would like to share with you some program updates and plans looking forward in 2016. Look for upcoming articles and shellfish news in the monthly publications of the Klah-che-min. We also would like to encourage you to contact department staff with any thoughts or questions or ideas for articles at shellfish@squaxin.us.

Intertidal
New areas were targeted this year that allowed us to assess tidelands earlier in the season. To date surveys have already been completed in Totten Inlet, Squaxin Island and North Bay. Doing surveys like this will ideally allow us to accomplish even more surveys this season. We will continue to survey state and enhanced beaches as we do each year throughout the spring and summer, and have identified new potential state owned beaches to survey. Currently we have over 60 surveys planned in 2016 on state, enhanced and privately owned tidelands. The 2016 private tideland harvests have begun – many of those will be in Hammersley Inlet and North Bay areas this year. The private tideland leasing program also continues to grow, with much interest from landowners in having the tribe harvest their share while we are harvesting the tribal share. This benefits harvesters by increasing harvesting opportunities on some private tidelands.

Enhancement
The enhancement program staff have begun receiving seed into the FLUPSY (clam nursery) this spring, and we’ve already seeded 8 million clam seed on our enhanced beaches. Getting an early start was important to the program this year, so that the planted seed would be able to feed on the spring algae. This helps them get off to a better start! Many more beaches will be planted this spring, and plans exist to expand current portions of some enhanced beaches. Enhancement staff anticipate seeding up to 26 million clam seed this year.

Harvester Lists
As most of you know there have been some necessary changes to the management of harvester lists. This change was necessary as our harvester base has grown to approximately 300 licensed harvesters throughout the year.

Currently as a licensed harvester you are assigned to one group (A, B, C, or D). Digs are scheduled based on market conditions and rotated sequentially through the groups. Some digs may be only for one group, while others may be for multiple groups at a time. Additionally, private or list digs are also managed based upon group categories. A list dig will be for one group at a time, and people wanting to backfill a spot must also be on that same group to participate.

Harvests/Historical Landings
Over the last 10 years, tribal harvests have increased dramatically. The Tribe consistently harvests nearly 100,000 pounds more clams per year than it did 10 years ago (Figure 1). This increase over the years is due to many factors, but primarily the diversification of the shellfish program that has incorporated private tidelands, state and private leases, and enhancement of state beaches.

Figure 1. Tribal Clam harvests per season year for past 10 seasons.
Additionally, the number of harvesters has dramatically increased over the last ten years (figure 2). Last year we had nearly 300 harvesters that participated in 100 separate days of Tribal harvest. This shows that while we are increasing the total amount of clams harvested each year, we are also increasing the total number of harvesters that are participating in the Tribal digs.

Figure 2. Total number of Tribal harvester per year over the last 10 seasons.
To meet the demand of ever increasing participation the shellfish program prioritizes their efforts in targeting productive areas, and in utilizing a variety of strategies that allow for a diverse shellfish program.
Teen Center / CHUM Project

Laurel Wolff - Happy May. The CHUM Project will be focusing on cultural arts this month. We have some guest instructors that will be helping lead classes. Come learn a skill and get ready for this summer’s Canoe Journey. On Tuesdays, come learn how to weave with wool. On Wednesdays we will be making regalia. On Thursdays we will still have beading as an option but you will also have the opportunity to weave with cedar. Teens will be making cedar graduation caps for the day care youth and cedar headbands for themselves. There will also be a two-day class for making paddles. This class is limited to the first 15 people who will commit to coming to both classes. You will learn how to carve a paddle and paint it. Contact Laurel or Jaimie if interested.

Spring break was fun and full of activities. We went on a hike on the Lower Skokomish trail in all its spring glory. We had a fire along the river, ate lunch, and threw rocks in the river. Overall a great day full of playing and enjoying being outside. The second day of spring break we traveled to Seattle to explore the city and watch a play. We ate at Uwajimaya’s and walked around the market. We explored Pike’s Place and the Sculpture Park. The play we watched was called, “Brownsville song (B-side for Tray).” The story followed a high school senior trying to write an essay for a college scholarship. As he tries to write the essay, people and parts of his past are brought up. The play had some sad parts but ended on a positive note as Tray reads his winning essay about how he doesn’t let his past define him - instead he learns from those struggles and is moving on the college.

Youth Council had a great time at the youth conference in Spokane last month and made lots of new friends. It was great to see teens stepping out of their comfort zone to participate and show pride in being Native. Networking is a big part of going to conferences and a good skill to learn. I am so thankful for all the amazing work and time the teens have put into building up a strong youth council. During spring break the Squaxin Island Youth Council invited the Skokomish Youth Council over to talk about how we can collaborate on hosting an intertribal dance. Great ideas on the theme of the dance and what food to serve were brought up. Remember, Youth Council is open to everyone; you do not have to be an officer to attend. Meetings are on Tuesdays from 5-6pm.

The CHUM Project looks forward to seeing you this next month. Check out our Facebook page for the latest.

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Higher Education Update
Mandy Valley - Just a reminder that tribal scholarship funding for summer quarter is by special request only! You must write a special request letter to the Education Commission along with a Memorandum of Commitment, your summer class schedule, and your official grades from spring quarter 2016. The deadline for summer quarter 2016 is May 23rd. Also, August 5th is the deadline to turn in all completed paperwork for the 2016/2017 school year. Paperwork can be picked up at the Education Department between the hours of 7:30-4:00. If you have any questions or need any assistance please feel free to give me a call at (360) 432-3882, or email to mvalley@squaxin.us.

Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar
TLC Hours: M-F 7:30am-7:00pm  Front Desk: 432-3955  Rec Rm: 432-3957 (only 3-6pm)
All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

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New Employee
Teresa Wright
Public Works and Facilities Engineer
Hi! I have a 16 year-old daughter, two sisters and one brother. My younger sister and mother live in Spokane. My previous employer was the Arkansas DOT. I am excited about the variety of civil engineering disciplines that I will be involved with maintaining, expanding or enhancing. I am thrilled and blessed to be working for a community and not an institution.

I am excited and hopeful to be accepted into your community. I have already adopted y’all into my heart and am hopeful that you will find me an asset to the tribe.
Tutor News

Lynice May, Squaxin Island Tutor - Each month at Bordeaux, they have a "Word of the Month" that represents a positive characteristic for the students to strive for, and every week a teacher from each classroom (1st through 5th) chooses the Bordeaux Top Dog student who best exemplifies this word. If your child has received this award, you probably know about it because the teacher sent you a letter telling you what your child did to merit this special recognition. Along with the letter sent to you, the child is called in front of his or her entire grade level and given a certificate and a red Top Dog baseball cap to wear for the week.

The words so far this school year have been:
September-Responsible, October-Kind, November-Citizenship, December-Caring, January-Cooperative, February-Diligent, and March-Thoughtful

If your child has not yet received this award, or would like to receive it again, let me tell you the words for the last three months of school, so you can discuss what it takes to exemplify this characteristic.

The "Word of the Month" for April was Trustworthy. The teacher will be looking for a student who is dependable, reliable, and honest. For May, the word will be Respectful, and the teacher will be looking for a student who treats people the way they want to be treated and talks to people the way they want to be talked to. In June, the word is Fair and the teacher will be on the lookout for the student who plays by the rules, takes turns, shares, and doesn’t blame others.

Please encourage your child to work on these values; we want all our kids to have the chance to be Top Dog.
Elders Activities

Cedar basket making with Ann Parker
Table centerpieces for our host luncheon
Filling gift bags
Lunch before diabetes class
Sock awards
Thursday night dinners
Cooks serving desserts
Beading necklaces for our host luncheon

Photos by Rose Brownfield
Community

Thanks to those who helped at the Elders Host Luncheon

A BIG Heartfelt Thank you to ALL who participated in one form or another in Squaxin Elder's hosting of the Intertribal Luncheon at the Event Center April 21st. It was a huge success!!! All who attended had a great time, received fun gifts and enjoyed a delicious meal.

A special thanks to Tribal Council and Little Creek Casino for covering the total cost for the meal. Thank you Rickie Ramage and her crew for the fantastic job in the setting up of the event center and the serving of the wonderful meal. It was awesome!!!

Thanks to Skookum Creek Tobacco guys for bringing the box truck down and helping transport all of the gifts and other materials from the Elders Building to the Event Center on Wednesday afternoon (you guys were lifesavers!!!)

Thanks to Gloria Hill and all the ladies and gentlemen that came to the Friday get togethers to make gifts for this event. And of course thanks to Dorinda Thein who was our master beader.

Thanks to Patricia Green, Jordan Whitener Therese Henderson and Squaxin IT team for putting together all we needed for the fun photo booth.

Thanks to all the many different Tribal Departments that donated baskets for give aways.

Thanks to Elders who came from far and near to volunteer and be the great hosts Squaxins are famous as.

Thanks to Elders Inc. Officers, Family Services staff and all volunteers for all your hard work.

Thanks to our Tribal Veterans for posting colors.

Thanks to Rose and Mike Davis for coming to Bless our event.

These are just a few of the many many people who took part in making last Thursdays event the successful event it was.

“Thank You” are mere words to try and express the immense gratitude and love in my heart to my tribal family for your support. I raise my hands and heart to you all. (Photos on the following page)

- Elizabeth Heredia
Elder Program Activities and Services Coordinator

Sometimes, first aid isn’t a bandage, or CPR, or the Heimlich, or calling 911.

Sometimes, first aid is YOU!

A young person you know could be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. You can help them.

You are more likely to encounter someone — friend, family member, student, neighbor, or member of the community — in an emotional or mental crisis than someone having a heart attack. Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches a 5-step action plan to offer initial help to young people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis, and connect them with the appropriate professional, peer, social, or self-help care. Anyone can take the 8-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid course, but it is ideally designed for adults who work with young people ages 12-18 — teachers, coaches, leaders of faith communities, social workers, and other caring citizens.

Sometimes, the best first aid is you. Take the course, save a life, strengthen your community.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Course – 8 hour public course
Course will be offered as two half-days on Tuesday, May 17th and Wednesday, May 18th, 2016 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
Participants must attend both days to receive a certificate.
Mason County Public Works
100 Public Works Drive, Shelton, WA 98584

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Tobacco Cessation Classes

Each week there are Tobacco Cessation Classes at the Health Promotions Building. Tuesdays, 12 Noon to 1 PM. Light Lunch provided.

Tools are presented to the class, each participant creates their “Quit Plan.” A system of support is developed within the class group using the “Quit Plan.”

For more information, please contact Bobbie Bush, 360-432-3933.
Foot Exam Morning
March 31, 2016
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
Thank you, Don Brownfield and others for having your feet checked by Dr. Molina Kochhar, Podiatrist. 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 bare-foot. 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 before eating or drinking anything): 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.

Diabetes Support
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
Thank you, Giita Clark, for facilitating discussion at Diabetes Support March 30th. Giita is a counselor with Squaxin Island Behavioral Health. The topic was: Challenges & Difficulties Managing Diabetes

Here is a sampling of the group discussion topics:
- Be kind to yourself
- Handling stress
- Attitude is important
- Establishing habits
- Movement is medicine/exercise
- Setting boundaries

Giita is available to meet with people individually or as a group to address challenges. Call the Behavioral Health office at 360.432.3600.

Congratulations Sock Earners!
These 5 people and several more completed all the tests/exams I H S recommends to stay healthy with diabetes. This is a lot of work! Socks were presented at the diabetes support meeting on March 30 as a thank you for taking care of themselves. Watch future issues of the Klah-Che Min for pictures of more people who earned socks!

L to R: Don Brownfield, Glen Parker, Millie Wagner, Traci Lopeman, Kim Kenyon & Patty Suskin. These people took time to get all the tests and exams completed for I H S Standards of Care for Type 2 Diabetes. Congratulations!
**Health Clinic**

**Outside Clinics Accepting Apple**

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**New liver cancer cases and deaths are on the rise in the U.S.**

- Rates of new liver cancer cases went up 38% from 2003-2012.
- Almost 23,000 people died from liver cancer in 2012. This is a 56% increase in deaths since 2003.

**Men died from liver cancer at more than twice the rate of women.**

**LOWER YOUR CHANCES of getting liver cancer**

- Avoid drinking too much alcohol; liver cancer deaths are related to excessive alcohol use.
- There is a vaccine against hepatitis B. Talk to your health care provider about getting vaccinated.
- Avoid contact with open wounds and sores and other people's blood.
- Practice safe sex, wear a condom.

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**K-12 Students School Athletic Program Participants**

It is very important if you know your child will be participating in school sports program, at any point in the year, the school requires an **ANNUAL SPORTS PHYSICAL.**

Schedule your child(ren) sports physical prior to school year beginning to assure they attain it in timely manner.

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**What is Hepatitis C (HCV)?**

HCV is a virus that mainly infects the liver. It can be a serious disease causing ongoing (chronic) infection that may lead to cirrhosis of the liver and liver cancer.

The most common symptoms include fatigue, muscle and joint aches or nausea. There is no vaccine for HCV but there are effective treatment options.

HCV is spread by BLOOD to BLOOD CONTACT:

- Don’t share hygiene items like razors, toothbrushes, pierced earrings or IV drug works.
- Don’t get tattoos or body piercing with dirty equipment, only use new ink pots and needles.
- Avoid contact with open wounds and sores and other people’s blood.
- Practice safe sex, wear a condom.

It is estimated that more than 4 million Americans are infected with HCV. In Native Communities, the number of people who have HCV is estimated to be higher than the general population.
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
May 3rd

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

Did You know?
We have Jaclyn & Misti at the Squaxin Health Clinic.
They are WA State Certified Tribal Assisters
available to help you with the application process
for health insurance benefits.
Call (360) 427-9006

Why do I need health insurance if I
am eligible for Indian health care?

Indian Health Service (IHS) does not fund
all health care services you may need. Your
Tribal or IHS program may not offer medical
specialists, certain tests, emergency room
visits or hospital care. All health plans offered
through Washington Healthplanfinder meet
strict benefit and quality standards. All the
essentials are covered, including visits to the
doctor and emergency room, prescriptions,
maternity care and preventive care like cancer
screenings and immunizations.

American Indians/Alaska Natives
Fact Sheet

Overview of Washington Healthplanfinder
Washington Healthplanfinder offers a new way to find
health insurance. It’s a customer-friendly website where
individuals and families can find, compare and enroll in
a health insurance plan that fits their needs and budget.
Washington Healthplanfinder provides:

• Special benefits for American Indians and
  Alaskan Natives (AI/AN)
• Side-by-side comparisons of available health
  insurance plans
• Expert customer support online, by phone or
  in-person from a Tribe, urban Indian health clinic,
  local organization or insurance broker

Special Benefits for Tribal Members Enrolled in
Federally-Recognized Tribes*
Through Washington Healthplanfinder, American Indians and
Alaska Natives living in Washington state have access to special
benefits. These include:

• Free and Low-Cost Coverage: American Indians and Alaska
  Natives with a household income of less than $70,650 for
  a family of four and $34,470 for an individual will not have
deductibles or copays if they obtain insurance through
Washington Healthplanfinder.

• No Costs for Using Indian Health Service: There are no
copays or other costs for American Indians and Alaska
Natives who receive health care services or receive a referral
from Indian Health Service, Tribes, Tribal organizations or
urban Indian organizations.

• Special Open Enrollment Periods: Limited enrollment
  periods do not apply to American Indians and Alaska
  Natives who are enrolled members of their Tribes. You can
enroll in a health plan or change plans on a monthly basis.

• No Federal Mandate: American Indians and Alaska Natives
  are not subject to a penalty for not enrolling in minimum
  health care coverage.

*For non-enrolled AI/AN, please see page 2 for benefits.
Hi! Many years ago, before the casino was built, in 1989 I worked for Squaxin Island Enterprise as an administrative assistant in training. I worked in one of the trailers behind the old school building. That was the first time that “fish on a stick” was introduced to me. I went for a little walk outside the building, right around this same time of year, and saw some men working on a fire pit out there. I walked up to them and asked, “What are you doing?” Two grandpa’s, Dave Whitener Sr. and John Krise, Sr. They answered, “Come back in 15 minutes and you will see.” After 15 minutes I went back out and they gave me a plate of the best “fish on a stick,” ever!

That was my introduction to your Tribe and tribal Community. I was very blessed to have met these two so long ago. This was the best blessing and introduction anyone could have had.

Currently, I have been hired to serve as the Tobacco Cessation Specialist for Squaxin Island Tribe at the Health Services building. This is a great opportunity to work for the health and benefit of the Squaxin Tribe and community members. Luckily, there was an extensive training with the Indian Health Specialist, Joe Law, at Nisqually the first week of my employment.

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Tobacco Cessation Specialist
Continued from Page 19

My schedule at the clinic is varied, but I always return phone calls and emails. My phone number is 360-432-3933 and my email address is bbush@squaxin.us

Thank you. I look forward to meeting and seeing everyone again.

Health Clinic

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

Please bring:
Your child, Provider Onc Card or paystub and identification for you & your child

Contact SPIPA for an appointment:
Debbie Gardipee-Reyes
360 462-3227, gardipee@spipa.org
or Patty Suskin 360 462-3224

Tuesday, May 10th is WIC DAY at SPIPA

Oakland Bay Historical Park
Check it out
Submitted by Patty Suskin
(81.87 acres) NO PETS ALLOWED

Location: 1570 E Agate Bay Road, Shelton, a 25 minute drive from the Rez

Directions: Highway 3 Agate Road, follow Agate Road past Pioneer School and park entrance is about one half mile past the school on the right (across from E Jullian Road)

Amenities: Open Space with limited paths and trails | Access to Malaney Creek and Oakland Bay | Vault Toilet | Site of Malaney Historical Homestead | Good spot to take a walk and enjoy Malaney Creek and Oakland Bay

Note: This park just opened in April 2013 and is open all year.

There are many ways you and your family can get healthy together.

Choose Your Family’s Healthy Adventure!

- Fill half of your family’s plates with fruits and vegetables.
- Limit kids’ screen time to no more than 2 hours a day.
- When your family is active, be sure it’s for at least 10 minutes at a stretch.
- Ask your kids what physical activities would tempt them away from the TV or other forms of media.
- Make a list before grocery shopping.
- Help your kids be physically active for at least 60 minutes each day.
- Try a new fruit or vegetable with dinner each week.
- Eat together as a family as often as possible.

Small steps can make a BIG difference!
Go to www.NIH.gov/WeCan for more tips!
Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

2nd – 5th
MONDAY: Hot dog bar
TUESDAY: Clam chowder, fry bread
WEDNESDAY: Pot roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, rolls,
THURSDAY: French dips, potato wedges, salad, fruit

9th – 12th
MONDAY: Ginger chicken wings/legs, mixed vegetables, oriental salad, white rice
TUESDAY: Taco soup, tortilla wraps
WEDNESDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes & gravy, spinach
THURSDAY: Fajitas

16th – 19th
MONDAY: Pot pies
TUESDAY: Tuscan Minestrone, salami sandwiches
WEDNESDAY: Beef stroganoff, rolls
THURSDAY: Casino buffet

23rd – 26th
MONDAY: Enchiladas
TUESDAY: Hamburger/vegetable soup
WEDNESDAY: Ham sandwiches
THURSDAY: Bratwurst, potato salad, baked beans

30th – 31st
MONDAY: Pork medallions in gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, rolls
TUESDAY: Turkey noodle soup, turkey sandwiches

Happy Belated 14th Birthday Kiana Jean! You make us so proud!
Love Mom, Dad & Sisters!

Rachel Ford, Kimi James and Barbara Whitener Rocked the Elders Host Luncheon
(if you missed out Mothers Day is coming)
## 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.

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- **General Body Meeting**: Tribal Council, SPIPA Board of Directors, Housing Commission,这就是你要的：Per Capitas Board of Directors, General Body Meeting
- **Tribe closed NA Day**: Tribal Council, SPIPA Board of Directors, Housing Commission,这就是你要的：Per Capitas Board of Directors, General Body Meeting
- **Tribe closed Memorial Day**: Tribal Council, SPIPA Board of Directors, Housing Commission,这就是你要的：Per Capitas Board of Directors, General Body Meeting

Drum Group every Tuesday
AA & ALANON every Wednesday
Community

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)
SPIPA Board of Directors

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 Dickison
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

May Happy Birthdays

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Leo Eugene Henry
2
Julio M. Valencia
Robert James Jones
Veronica May James
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David Larry Lewis
Kim Renee Cooper
Krystal Ivy Koenig
Vernon C. Kenyon
4
Brian Stuart Tobin
Kenai Anthony James
5
Ahree Kyla Allen
Lauren M. Todd
Payton John Lewis
Todd Loren Hagmann, Jr.
6
Jacqueline C. Smith
Justin Cruz Saenz-Garcia
Raven Rose Thomas
Sally A. Brownfield
Taylor Ray White
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Eric Bryant Castro
Jaidon Israel Henderson
Josiah Legend Perez
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Colleen Kaye Merriman
Jacob Donald Spezza
Justin D. Johns
Morningstar T. Green
Takoda Noelani Tahkeal
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Breanna M. Peters
Kassidy RP Whitener
Keven Wayne Harper
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Jeremy Scott Meyer
Richard Jackson Johns, Jr.
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Janelle Malynn Krise
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Dawn Marie Green
Julie Merrae Owens
Syrus Paul Barry Perez
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Marlene Kaye Anderson
Treyson Francis Spezza
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Celia Laureen Rosander
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Bryan Alan Johnson
Christi Jean Aguinaga
Donna Mary Wood
Jaclyn Evasue Meyer
Taylen M Powell
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Barrett Warren Coble
Marlene Kaye Castellane
Shawnee R. Kruger
Wolf Deschain Slagle James
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Gary Lee Brownfield
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Jeffery Sherwood Kenyon
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Jennie Sasalle Martin
Richard Collen Harper
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Carly Rose Yes-Chid Peters
Melissa Rae Grant
Richard Lee Monger, Jr.
Tamatha Dionne Ford
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Brandon Lee Kenyon
Levi Lee Sanchez III
Michael S. Ogden
Theresa Lee Sanchez
Tiffany Ann York
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Alexandra Isabelle Thais Mirka
Donald F. Hartwell
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Raymond Anthony Peters
Spirit Rose Jones
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Craig Woodburn Parker
Mildred Irene Wagner
Tyler Douglas Johns
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Elsie Ada Quinn Thale
Jeremyha Steven James
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Donna Peratrovich
Kurt Ellsworth Poste
Molly Troxler
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Jack Richard Selvidge
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Iladee N M I King
Mataya GE Stroud
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Candace Lee Ehrhard
Carol Marie Phipps
Daniel Nmi Sigo
Melissa Ann Day

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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 360.432.3968

BIA Searching for
Tribal Members:
Edwards, Ronin Sharky
Green, Kenneth
Johns, Ronnie P
Mowitch, Justine A
New, Wilma
Perez, Elizabeth A
Peters, Debra J
Sanchez, Theresa
Seymour, Nichole Lee
Tennis, Deborah Kay
White, Roxanne Rene
Yocash, Leroy Jr.
Young, Birchall, Tammi Lin

If you are on this list Please contact:
Violet Winiecki at 360-533-9112
or
Stephanie Pine at 360-533-9120

MAY 21 | OPEN 9PM SESSION 11PM
EARLY BIRDS 10:30PM

BINGO IN THE DARK
Black Light Bingo

OVER
$7,900
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

Friday • May 20th
Doors Open 4:30pm | Early Birds 6:00pm | Session Starts 6:30pm

Saturday • May 21st
Doors Open 9:00am | Early Birds 11:30am | Session Starts 12:00pm
Doors Open 2:00pm | Early Birds 4:00pm | Session Starts 4:30pm
Daubin’ in the Dark Black Light Bingo
Doors Open 9:00pm | Early Birds 10:30pm | Session Starts 11:00pm

Sunday • May 22nd
Doors Open 2:00pm | Early Birds 4:00pm | Session Starts 4:30pm

$1,199 Payouts*
on all level 3’s

Want free games??
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$100 hot seats
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Canned Food Drive

Keep the fun rolling at Bingo specials

Ages 21 and over only