Little Skookum Creek culvert replacement under SR 108 in Kamilche planned this summer

Notice of Road Closure/Traffic Revisions
(Near LCCR, KTP, and Elevations)

In an effort to help restore Little Skookum Creek to a more natural state that will allow fish passage, a summer-long project to replace an outdated and undersized culvert beneath SR 108 near US 101 will begin shortly after the 4th of July. Crews plan to build a new box culvert on SR 108 where it carries Little Skookum Creek.

From July 5th to September 30th, Quigg Bros Construction will be working on the WSDOT Little Skookum Creek Culvert project, affecting Kamilche Lane and S.R. 108.

**Kamilche Lane:** Access will be closed at the south end of Kamilche Lane. Residents will be able to access Kamilche Lane from the north end at the Lynch Road/US 101 intersection. This will begin Tuesday, July 5th and will continue through summer.

**State Route 108:** A section of SR 108 will be reduced to one lane, with traffic control, for most of the time. This will also restrict traffic from the southbound ramp on US Highway 101. Drivers may select an alternate route by using the Hurley-Waldrip Road, connecting to S.R. 108. Drivers on SR 108 near US 101 can expect a reduced speed limit of 25 mph between mileposts 11.8 and 12. The lowered speed limit will remain in place until this fall. From Monday through Thursday, July 11th-14th, drivers may encounter one-way alternating traffic on SR 108 near US 101 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. the following morning. Throughout the project duration, drivers may encounter occasional night one-way alternating traffic.

"To keep traffic flowing, crews will temporarily widen a portion of the highway," said WSDOT Assistant Project Engineer Steve Busche. "The realigned lanes will give crews enough room to build the new culvert while drivers can keep using the highway."

**Improving fish passage**
In 2013 the U.S. District Court for Western Washington ruled that the state must not build or operate culverts that hinder fish passage, like the one on Little Skookum Creek, under state-maintained roads. As a result, WSDOT will replace over 800 culverts that run under state highways in western Washington.

Drivers can get advanced information about this project from the Olympic Region Weekly Construction and Traffic web page.

**Project web page:**
www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr108/littleskookumcrkfishbarrier

**Fish passage:**
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/FishPassage

**Olympic Region Weekly Construction and Traffic Updates web page:**
www.wsdot.wa.gov/Regions/Olympic/Construction/#mason

**First Salmon Ceremony**
**August 3rd**
**Noon at Arcadia**
Updates from Council

By Whitney Jones - Summer is here and predictions are that it is going to be hot and dry again. As a tribe we are looking for numerous ways to conserve water and we are asking for you to join in our efforts. Please be water-wise this summer by sticking to some of the recommendations made by the Tribe that will help us all in the long run. We are implementing significant water conservation methods in all areas of the Tribe including the businesses, so if you see browned grass and fewer plants please know that we consider water conservation more important than landscaping. As People of the Water, we know how important it is to protect this valuable resource and we appreciate your help too.

Last month’s Sgwí’ Gwí was another wonderful event to celebrate the educational achievements of our tribal and community members. There was a range from pre-school to master’s level and everything in between. This is a great time to come together as a community and show our support for learning and growing and to set the example for children young and older that we can all continue to pursue and achieve our goals.

Many people have asked about the Tribe’s participation in and support of the Canoe Journey hosted by the Nisqually Tribe this year. I wanted to make sure our tribal members are aware that the Nisqually Tribal Council did come to Squaxin to ask permission to land in our usual and accustomed area at the Port of Olympia. Knowing that there aren’t many alternatives, and because we make efforts to be gracious and supportive of our sister tribes and of the Canoe Journeys, we agreed to let them use the same landing location. We have since noticed that there appears to be some confusion or lack of awareness in the general public as to this being Squaxin’s traditional areas and we are doing what we can to educate and ensure recognition that this is Squaxin Island Tribe’s U&A. Arrangements for the actual landing of the canoes is still being coordinated, but of course, we wouldn’t be “welcomed into” or ask permission to land in our own waters, so this year’s Canoe Journey landing will be particularly unique. I hope you get a chance to enjoy some of the celebration and protocol week events at Nisqually this year.

In the last few weeks tribes have experienced a number of tremendous victories on the Legal front and we are thrilled to have had the courts rule in our favor in several areas… Requirements for state removal of culverts, significant hunting issues, recognition of tribal court decisions for violent offenders, and specific to Squaxin Island - the Nisqually disputed waters claim. Our legal team and our Natural Resources Department have put in countless hours over the last many years to help us fight to protect our natural resources and treaty rights and the persistence has been invaluable. Please look for information and articles in this issue and future newsletters to learn more about these monumental court wins.

I wanted to touch on a few of the topics that were brought up at the Public Budget Hearing last month. Areas that were mentioned include: shellfish enhancement, community wellness gatherings, clean and sober housing options, additional youth and recreation programs, family court, elder needs, land purchases, plans for federal funds, bus sheds, bicycle lanes and sidewalks, emergency plans, and live streaming of Council meetings and agendas. If you would like a more complete summary feel free to contact Vicki or me for more information. And we welcome your input, either by mail, email or in person, at the 2nd Public Hearing on August 25th.

Have a great summer!

Court decision confirms Squaxin U&A as including all waters south of the Tacoma Narrows

On June 15, 2016, Judge Martinez from the federal court in Seattle confirmed that Judge Boldt, in 1974, recognized the Squaxin Island Tribe’s usual and accustomed fishing area as including all waters south of the Tacoma Narrows. Judge Martinez rejected the Nisqually Indian Tribe’s argument that Judge Boldt had only recognized marine waters west of the Nisqually Reach. Nisqually argued that, in particular, Squaxin had no Treaty fishing right in either the Nisqually Reach or the other waters around Anderson Island and McNeil Island. And, Nisqually wanted to limit Squaxin’s fishing to only the western inlets.

The ruling focuses on the following language from the 1974 Boldt decision:

During treaty times the Squaxin Island Indians fished . . . at their usual and accustomed fishing places in the shallow bays, estuaries, inlets and open Sound of Southern Puget Sound and in the freshwater streams and creeks draining into those inlets. . . .

Squaxin’s Legal Department combed through the many documents that were before Judge Boldt in 1974. The Judge, after reviewing those documents, found that Judge Boldt intended that “open Sound of Southern Puget Sound” included all waters south of The Narrows. He said, “[T]he Court now finds that there is no evidence in the record demonstrating that Judge Boldt intended to exclude the disputed area” and “the Squaxin Island Tribe regularly fished those waters.”

One claim remains to be litigated. However, the ruling is a big win for the Squaxin Island Tribe, which has always recognized its U&A as including those waters.
Court of Appeals Decision
United States v. Washington, Culverts

On June 27, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the state culverts that block salmon from more than 1,000 miles of stream in western Washington violate treaties with Washington tribes. The court upheld every aspect of a 2013 injunction requiring the State to fix most of those culverts by 2030. The decision comes after more than 15 years of work by Natural Resources and Legal Departments of the Tribes.

The Tribes are very happy with this unanimous decision. Healthy salmon runs are essential to tribal culture and economies. Salmon populations have continually declined since the 1970’s. Native and non-Native fishermen have suffered greatly. Getting fish back into the streams is the critical first step to recreating healthy runs.

This unanimous decision reinforces what should be very clear – the treaties promised continued tribal fishing rights, and that means there must be fish to catch. The Tribes appreciate that the State chose to implement the lower court decision and accelerate its culvert corrections, even as it appealed. The Tribes look forward to working with the State and our co-Plaintiff, the United States, to remove the rest of the barriers that keep fish from the streams where they belong.

This decision isn’t about the power of the Tribes – it is about Native and non-Native people sharing a great resource, and managing it well together. This decision does have implications for non-State culverts, and potentially for other activities that harm fish habitat. Tribes hope that the case helps prompt us to do more to sustain this great resource. The case has no direct effect on anything besides state culverts. The courts carefully limited their rulings to these culverts, and avoided sweeping legal principles. Future cases would depend on the particular facts. As happened here, courts will balance protection of treaty rights against other valid concerns. The decision shows that it is possible to have modern life and a modern transportation system, and still have salmon for all.

He continued to be active in tribal affairs, including serving on Tribal Council as Vice-Chairman from 1964 to 1975.

After retirement, Bob spent time in his wood-working shop, traveling, reading, spending time with family, enjoying dinner with friends and watching sports on mute as to not hear the “annoying” sports announcers.

Bob was laid to rest on June 13th, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Squaxin Island Tribal Cemetery.

He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

Family Thank You
The family of Bob Whitener Sr. would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all that assisted with his service. We were shown so many acts of kindness and generosity it would be impossible to thank everyone individually. To name a few, we would like to thank Tribal Council for your support, we would like to thank the Tribal Departments who helped plan Bob’s memorial service and dinner, and we would like to thank everyone who helped provide us such a delicious meal. We would like to give a special thanks to Glen Parker, the Tribal Honor Guard, the Visiting Honor Guard, and also Brooks for singing the Lord’s Prayer. We would like to thank the Tobacco Factory, Island Enterprises and Tribal Gaming Association for the beautiful flowers, and the Casino for delivering food for our family. We would like to thank our family, friends and community for all the love and support they have shown us in this difficult time, we are truly grateful.

Walking On
Robert Whitener

Bob Whitener Sr. of Kamilche, WA passed away June 6, 2016 at St. Peter’s hospital at the age of 82.

Bob is survived by his wife of over 59 years, Alene Whitener; and two sons, Bob Whitener and his wife, Valerie, and Ron Whitener and his wife, Angie. “Papa Bob” also had four grandchildren who enjoyed him immensely; Jennifer Whitener Ulrich and husband, Michael, Paige Whitener, Sam Whitener, and Katie Whitener; and one great-granddaughter, Bellarae Ulrich.

He is also survived by a brother; Ronald Whitener; and two sisters, Rhonda Foster and Maxine Clark. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister, Wilson Whitener, Joe Whitener and Gloria Austin (To). As a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe, Bob is remembered by a clan of cousins, other relatives and close friends too numerous to list.

Born July 30th, 1933 in Olympia, WA to Wesley and Madge Whitener, Bob was a resident of Kamilche most of his life. In 1953, he met his future wife, Alene Moore, while attending college in Cleveland, TN. Bob served in the military from 1954-1956 primarily stationed at Hanford as a radio operator and upon his discharge married Alene on December 8, 1956.

Bob, after completing his Bachelor’s Degree at Western, taught at the Kamilche School for six years, two of those years he served as principal.

After attending Central to pursue his Master’s, in 1973 Bob was hired at Maple Lane School where he taught math for 24 years until his retirement in 1997.

Pete Kruger witnessed a fawn being born

Pete Kruger was fortunate to witness this adorable little fawn being born during the second week in May south of Kennedy Creek. And as if that’s not lucky enough, it was the 4th time Pete has witnessed the birth of a fawn!
The Community Garden continues to grow and flourish. A big "Thank You" to all of the community who have come down to plant seeds, pick up a shovel, or offer your truck up for garden use! Like us on Facebook for frequent updates on progress and events, at "Squaxin Tribal Garden" or keep a look out in the tribe’s Daily Scoop.
**CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES**

**GED**

**Bianca Saenz Garcia**

Hello. My name is Dionna Ariel King. I would like to start this out with a big thank you to my family. I could not have done it without you all. I thank my mom, Dee King, the most; she pushed me to my limit; she believed in me when I didn’t think I could do it. I thank my father, Jerry King, as well; he was always there to help. They were there for my first step and now I’m graduating. They got to see it all, the good and the bad. I thank my brother as well, Taylor and Derrick Wily you both were there to encourage me.

I am 17 and graduated on April 12th. I attended Gravity Alternative School. Gravity helped me with job training and placed me in a temporary position at Habitat for Humanity as well as McDonalds. I consider this a “stepping stone.” I want to pursue culinary, but my dream job is correctional work. I plan on going to South Puget Sound Community Collage.

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**Elizabeth Campbell**

Hi! I earned my GED at South Puget Sound Community College in December of 2015.

It was a Christmas gift to my parents because they’ve been pushing me for over two years to get it.

My husband and my mother are my biggest support system and without them I wouldn’t have seen myself come this far.

This will be my second year working as a Stepping Stones Mentor.

I enjoy being a mother to my two beautiful baby boys!

Elizabeth earned her GED as a young adult. She got married and raised 3 children. Her husband, Chad Campbell, works as an electrician and has started his own business, part time.

Elizabeth went to school and received her Medical Assistant Certificate in October of 2015.

She presently works as a Medical Assistant with Columbia Asthma and Allergy Clinic in Vancouver, Washington. She enjoys her job very much and plans to go back to school.

She is the daughter of Elizabeth Heredia, Elders Program Coordinator; sister to Audelia Araiza, KTP Store Manager; and sister to Mike Araiza, Woodburn Police Department.
Congratulations Graduates

High School

Chauncey Blueback

Chauncey Blueback, the son of Chauncey Blueback & Eileen Sutton, graduated from Choice on June 9th.

He has been working at KTP for the past year.

He is the proud father of his one month-old son, Kenai Alexander Blueback.

He plans to go to college for mechanics or culinary arts.

"I am proud to be a dad and prepared for what comes next. I know it will be a challenge and I a know I can overcome the challenge. I am a hard worker and good at what I do because I have good work ethics."

From Mom - "I’m so proud of you, Son! Momma loves you so much. The sky is the limit.

From Dad - "I am so proud of my son, Chauncey Eagle Blueback! He graduated school. I knew he could do it!!!! My son is awesome! He can do anything."

Norman Price

Norman Price, the daughter of Norman and Christina Price and granddaughter of Norman and Marlene Price and Sadie and Walter Lorentz, graduated from Sardis Secondary School in Chilliwack, B.C.

"Going through school, I struggled to stay motivated and inspired to achieve until I found a hobby to be passionate about. I am a guitarist, singer and songwriter. With this, people will call it, "musical gift." I have started to make myself motivated and I strive to become an inspirational figure that others can follow so they can achieve their greatest potential. Recently, I performed for the Gather Our Voices conference in the talent showcase. Furthermore, I am looking towards increasing my musical knowledge to move into a career of inspiring others, whether on stage with well known performers or in a classroom conducting a piece for a school concert. My first step in this process is graduating from high school and now working my way in obtaining a music degree. I am glad my journey starts with this first milestone of my career."

Shawnell McFarlane

Shawnell McFarlane, the daughter of Shera Johns and Larry McFarlane, Jr., and granddaughter of Larry McFarlane, sr., and Susan Henry and Lenora Gouley, graduated from Choice High School on June 9th.

She plans to attend a community college for two years, then transfer to a university and major in marine biology.

She enjoys basketball and helping out her community in various ways.

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Katherine Smith

Katherine Smith, the daughter of Don and Kristi Smith and granddaughter of Don and Jackie (Peterson) Smith and Joe and Nancy Snyder, graduated from Capital High School on June 11th with a 3.9 G.P.A.

During high school she participated in band and swimming and loved traveling.

She will attend the University of Washington this fall where she will pursue a degree in biology with the goal of becoming a doctor.

Congratulations, Shawnell Lynn!
Looking back on all you’ve done, celebrating where you are, and feeling excited about your future adventures. We’ll always be cheering you on every step of the way! Remember with hard work and dedication you can be what ever you want to be and don’t forget you will always be Dad’s baby girl. We are so proud of you!

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Congratulations Graduates

High School

Dontae Ortiz

Hi! My name is Austin Penn. I recently completed my last year of high school at Choice. I am so glad to finally be done. Countless times I had felt the urge of giving up, but I stuck through it and look at me today!

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I don’t plan on stopping my education quite yet. In the fall I’ll be attending SPSCC before going to a university and getting a business degree.

Austin Penn

Cloe Martin

Dontae Ortiz, the son of Tiffany York/Hartwell and David Clark, graduated from Shelton High School on June 11th.

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He plans to attend college in the future to take physics and aero-science courses as the major and culinary arts as a minor.

His long time goal is to travel a lot and purchase a small island in Canada.

Dontae Ortiz

Cloe Martin, the daughter of Kari and David Martin and granddaughter of Sue and Reggie Ward and Rose and Phillip Martin, graduated from Taholah High School on June 3rd with a 3.5 G.P.A. She was on the fastpitch team for the school.

She plans to attend Pierce College in the fall to earn her undergraduate credits, then begin dental school to earn certification to be an orthodontist and eventually open her own office on the reservation.

Cloe Martin

David Lewis

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David Lewis, the son of David and Jennifer Lewis and grandson of David Larry "Toby" and Merline Mae Lewis, graduated from Secondary Options on June 13th.

He is married to Keely Kilmer and has a son, David Toby Lewis.

He is currently employed as a Busser for Little Creek Casino Resort Buffet.

He and his wife hope to purchase property with a home and build a farm.

In his spare time he enjoys longboarding.

David Lewis

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Congratulations Graduates

High School

Shawn Lincoln

Andrew Sigo

Alex Brown Garcia

Rodney Krise

Shawn Lincoln is #8 of 12 and loves to play basketball, collect shoes and quad. Shawn had to work hard for his diploma, but he set his mind to it and did it. His family is very proud of Shawn and so glad he never gave up!

Shawn plans on getting a job and buying a car.

He has considered trade school, but right now wants to work and enjoy being out of school.

Andrew Sigo, the son of Andrea and Steve Sigo and granddaughter of Ruth and Andy Peterson, graduated from Shelton High School on June 11th.

He hopes to pursue a career in diving and welding.

In his free time he enjoys fishing, hunting and diving.

Alex Brown-Garcia graduated from Shelton High School at Saint Martin’s University’s Marcus Pavilion on June 11, 2016. His senior year at SHS was a very successful year. He competed on the swim team and the track team. In swimming, he was district champion in the 100 yard freestyle and competed in State for the third year; he was voted most valuable on the team. In track, he was a hurdler and sprinter and competed in the 4x100 relay and the 4x400 relay and made it to districts in all of his events. He also competed in the Shelton Invitation-al which is the hardest track invitational to qualify for in the State of Washington. He enjoys going on hikes with his friends and spends most of his time outdoors. Alex leaves for Navy boot camp in Chicago on November 21 this year for nine weeks. Once graduated from boot camp, he will go to Navy Diver school in Panama City, Florida for two years then will be stationed somewhere in the world. His siblings are Krissa (Class of 2015), Casey (Class of 2019), Journey Bear (Class of 2024), and Josiah (Class of 2026). His mother is Jennifer Brown, and beloved grandparents Dan and Patty Brown. They are looking down on him and are very proud of his successes, as is the rest of his family.

Rodney Krise, Jr., the son of Heather Edwards and Rodney Krise, graduated from Shelton High School on June 11th.

He plans to study ecology and work outdoors. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

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**High School**

**Tania Korndorfer**

Tania Korndorfer, the daughter of Lori Simonson and Steve Korndorfer and granddaughter of Percy James, graduated from Chief Leschi School on June 11th with a 3.7 GPA.

While attending Chief Leschi, she played on the volleyball team.

She plans to attend Pacific Lutheran University to study in the medical field and become either a veterinarian or a pediatric nurse.

**Keenan Vigil Snook**

Keenan Vigil Snook, the son of Alexsii Vigil and Heth Snook, and grandson of Jose and Lila Vigil, graduated from Olympic College with an Associates degree on December 13th. His field of study is welding.

He is currently employed as a Fisheries Technician for the Squaxin Island Department of Natural Resources.

His future goal is to earn more money. He enjoys exercise and playing video games.

**MistiFawn Martinez**

MistiFawn Martinez-Sigo, the daughter of Andrea and Steve Sigo and granddaughter of Ruth and Andy Peterson, graduated from South Puget Sound Community College on June 17th with an Associates in Social Work.

She is a Zumba and Piyo instructor and also enjoys writing.

She hopes to work for the Tribe in Indian Child Welfare.

**Nathaniel Bisson**

Nate Bisson, the son of Lori Simonson & Joseph Bisson, and grandson of Linda Soria & Joseph James, graduated from Green River Community College on June 12th with an Associates in Arts.

He has a son, Roman, as is employed by Muckleshoot Security.

“My passion is in athletics, particularly basketball,” he says. “I love spending time with family and friends, and also maintaining a healthy living through clean cooking and exercise. I enjoy learning new things and educating myself on my people’s Indigenous ways, for they are the only traditions that can save the wellness of our future.

“The only goal I have for myself is simply progression. Every day, I am only trying to be better than the man I was yesterday. I thrive to be the best son, father, brother, cousin, nephew, friend, student, athlete, coach and man I can be. The realization has come to me that all I have is today. We cannot change the past, we can only make the most of today, and look with hope towards tomorrow. One day at a time.
**Congratulations Graduates**

**Bachelors**

**Kassidy Whitener**

Kassidy Whitener, the daughter of Melissa Whitener and Lenny Hawks II and granddaughter of Nancy Archer, Joe Whitener, Bev Hawks and Lenny Hawks III, graduated from the University of Washington, Tacoma, on June 10th with a Major in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Business Administration.

She plans to find a job in her field of study in California where she will probably be living for about a year and then return to Washington to complete a masters degree.

She says she wants to gather experience from other states and tribes so she can come back with more knowledge to implement new techniques and influence progress within the Squaxin Island Tribe. She is leaning towards working with juveniles in the criminal justice system and wants to potentially start her own business one day.

**Karina Farr**

Karina Farr, the daughter of Karen and Robert Farr and granddaughter of Ina and Calvin Peters and Helarne and Jim Kirkendall, graduated from Emory & Henry College on May 7th with a Bachelors in Biology.

She has applied to nursing school (accelerated BSN).

She enjoys basketball, and, in college was a member of Alpha Beta Chi (sorority) and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

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**Thinking About College?**

**Let Olympic College Shelton help you!**

The community is invited to an Information Night at the Olympic College Shelton campus on Wednesday, July 13th from 5 – 7:00 p.m. Information will be available on everything a new student needs to know about enrolling in college, including: scholarship and financial aid options, university transfer and professional/technical degrees and certificates and career planning.

Join us for light refreshments. We are ready to help you figure out your educational options.

Olympic College Shelton is located at 927 W. Alpine Way. Call 360-432-5406 for more information.
Lawanna (Bonnie) Sanchez graduated with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from the University of Portland on May 1. She is the Director of Health Services for the Squaxin Island Tribe. She is married to Ernie Sanchez, Chemical Dependency Counselor at the Quinault Indian Nation and has 17 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She is looking forward to being commissioned by the Seattle Archdiocese as a Lay Ecclesial Minister and hopes to do chaplaincy volunteer services at Providence St. Peters Hospital in Olympia WA.

Thank you:
I want to thank the Squaxin Education Department, specifically Mandy Valley, and the Squaxin Education Commission for your support. I also want to thank Island Enterprises Inc. for the higher education scholarship. I am truly blessed. I would also like to thank the Squaxin Island Tribal Council for your support and making education a priority to our tribal members.

Finally to my beloved Brandi: Your enduring love, support and dedication is beyond measure. These last two years have been hard; the long nights of studying and the many weekends away at school and then the overall mental anguish on me, put a burden on this family. Your strength to carry the family through this time was amazing and is a testament to our relationship. I love you and I look forward to getting our evenings and weekends back.

Kris Peters graduated on June 10th from The Evergreen State College with a Masters in Public Administration.

He is the grandson of Emory (former Squaxin Island Police Chief) and Ruth Peters and the son of Mike and Linda Peters.

Kris was recently promoted from Squaxin Island Chief of Police to Tribal Administrator.

Kris has two children, Kody and Shae, and enjoys camping, fishing, hunting and just spending time on the water with his family. He is a Seattle Seahawks season ticket holder and spends time with his father and brothers on game days, which he says is one of the great joys in his life.

Santana Krise
Hi! My name is Santana Krise and I am your new Paralegal Trainee in the Legal department.

My parents are Vernon Sanchez and Leanora Krise. My grandparents were William (Buddy) Miller & Evelyn Miller Krise and Marlene Henry.

I am a part time student and have been doing on-the-job training at Legal since December of 2015.

I’m excited to work for my tribe and represent Tribal Council.

I look forward to obtaining my higher educational goals and continuing to work for my tribe.

New Employee
Kindergartners Burfoot Park Field Trip, Puget Sound Sea Life, Scuba Divers too!

It’s that time of year when classrooms take a day to go on an end of the year field trip, somewhere fun, but somewhere educational. On Tuesday May 24th, Griffin School and Olympia Regional Learning Academy (ORLA) kindergarten classes planned a trip to Burfoot Park along Budd Inlet, where they were greeted by Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources staff in scuba gear and two wading pools full of sea life. “It’s always fun to do this for the students. To see the excitement in these young learners faces when we come to shore in all our scuba gear is priceless,” says Joseph Peters, Natural Resources Policy Representative for Squaxin Island Tribe. This is the second year that Griffin School kindergarten classes have coordinated with Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources to have a “touch tank” of sea life for the class to learn about. It was great that we could extend this to be a full day event so ORLA could participate in all the fun. The hope is that we can make an impression on these young learners about the importance of the Puget Sound and the life it contains. "Watching them interact with the sea stars, crabs, moon snails, and other sea creatures is amazing. We like to keep our eye on those kindergartners that stay around the touch tank the longest. Those kids are our future marine biologist or scientists”, boast Peters. There are plans to do this again next year with Griffin and ORLA. Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources does a number of educational outreach activities throughout the year. Over three days in late April the Tribe and Shelton School District conducted the First Grade Field Experience. First graders from Evergreen, Mountain View, and Bordeaux Elementary visited Arcadia Point where Squaxin Island Tribe set up three exploration stations and traditional story telling station. Explorations stations included touch tank, watershed demonstration, and scavenger hunt.
Thank You

The Shelton School District’s Indian Education Program, on behalf of the staff, students, and their families, would like to say thank you to the many individuals who made this year’s Banquet & Button Robe Ceremony a great success.

Many thanks to the Squaxin Island Tribe for their financial assistance in support of the Banquet and the Button Robe Project. Thanks also to the Skokomish Tribe for their financial assistance in support of the Button Robe Project. We appreciate Mr. Andy Whitener and his Natural Resources staff for donating the fish, Mr. Cooney Johns and his crew for cooking the fish, and Nakota and Joseph Flores for serving the fish. Maria Littlesun, Julie Martinez and Rebecca Watts helped make the wonderful fry bread and we are thankful. Thank you goes out to the many families who brought their favorite dish, they were all delicious.

Abel Elguero did a beautiful job in designing the artwork that graced our invitation and program. Thank you to Mr. Alex Apostle, Shelton School District Superintendent, for the welcome address and the introductions; and thank you to CHOICE High School graduate, Kasiiah Brown, Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Thank you to Gary Peterson for the blessings. Many thanks to Vicky Engel, Pam Hillstrom, Melanie Willig, Staci Miller, Carri Fennel, Rosetta LaClair, Jenna Adams and Diva Roberts for providing the materials and guidance for the button robes through the project workshop. We also greatly appreciated all those that drummed and performed, help from Gussy Blacketer and Norma Cagey, Little Wolves, Seven Generations Canoe Group, and the 4th grade students from Mt. View Elementary. Thank you to all those individuals who helped with the cleanup.

We appreciate the support you provide to our students. And very importantly, CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates and their families, the button robes were all so beautiful! We are so very proud of you!

- The Indian Education Staff

Tami Stoutnar, Interim Director of Indian Education
Melanie Willig, Parapro - BORDEAUX & CHOICE H.S.
Ruth Bowcutt, Parapro - EVERGREEN, MT VIEW & OMS
Nichole Hillman, Parapro - OBJH & SHS

Youth Program Update

Jerilynn Vail - Summer Rec is ready to begin and we want to make sure every youth has renewed their registration forms for this summer. The new forms need to be turned in before your child starts Summer Rec. For each registration form, we are asking that you provide at least two emergency contacts in addition to the parents/guardians. The registration forms let us know what permissions you allow your child for the end of each day. If your youth is supposed to do something differently then you indicated on the registration form, please make sure to notify the staff at the sign in/out table. If we are unfamiliar with an adult sent to pick up your child, we will require some type of photo ID before we will release your child.

For 2016, Summer Rec hours will be 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Some other important information:

- We are part of the USDA Summer Food Program. Our meal times for the youth are 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and 12:00 p.m. for lunch. Due to field trips, on some days we are scheduled to leave at 9:00 a.m., and we will serve breakfast from 8:15-8:45 a.m. This will ensure we have enough time to get the youth into their groups prior to loading the buses.
- We will hand out field trips t-shirts on the first field trip. We will write each youth’s name inside on the collar of the t-shirt. Field trip t-shirts are required when we are traveling off-site.
- Each youth will have a storage cubby assigned to them. We will give reminders for them to take their swimming stuff home on a weekly basis.
- Our swimming days are going to be Wednesday and Friday. Ages 5-8 will swim from 10:30-12:00 p.m. and ages 9-12 will swim from 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- If you are sending your child with a cell phone to keep in contact with them throughout the day, we support your child staying in touch with you, but we will ask them to put the phones away during activities.
- If we have any changes on our summer calendar, we notify the families through our weekly take-home newsletter, and on the ‘Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center Facebook page.
Teen Center / CHUM Project Update
Laurel Wolff - July is a busy month with Summer Rec, Stepping Stones and summer youth employment starting. To kick off the summer in the Teen Room we will have a tie-dye party on July 6th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Some other teen activities to keep in mind for July:

- Willow Henry will continue to offer strength training classes throughout the month on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30. All ages are welcome to participate. This is a fun class that works on strength, agility and form.
- On July 7th, the CHUM Project and Behavioral Health are hosting “REAL TALK,” an open forum where Behavioral Health staff answer anonymous questions submitted by teens. Food will be provided. Topics are driven by the questions teens turn in, but could include things like: how to talk with parents, how to help friends who are depressed, or how to handle a jealous ex. Join us at 4:00 p.m. in the Teen Room.
- Jolene Grover will be hosting another Traditional Skills class on July 27th. Come make herbal first aid kits for summer. Call me for class times.
- Join us for Rock Climbing at the brand new Warehouse Rock Climbing gym, July 26th and 28th. The van will leave the TLC at 4:00 p.m.

The CHUM Project has varying hours throughout the summer, so make sure you check out our Facebook page for the most up-to-date activity information.

Higher Education News
Mandy Valley - New and returning higher education students - fall quarter/semester is starting back up soon! If you haven’t got your paperwork turned in yet, please do so ASAP or you could lose the opportunity to receive funds for fall. Turning in your required documents early makes the process easier and smoother for everyone involved and gives us a chance to clear up any challenges that may pop up. If you have any questions, need a Higher Education packet, or need assistance, please call me at (360) 432-3882, or send me an email at mvalley@squaxin.us. I will be happy to assist you.

GED and Summer Credit Retrieval
Jamie Burris - Are you interested in GED preparation classes? Summer time is a great time to start studying for your GED. During July and August, GED prep and summer credit retrieval hours will be from 9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday through Wednesday. For more information, email me at jburris@mccleary.wednet.edu or go online at www.ged.com. And, don’t forget I offer homework support throughout the school year. I am really looking forward to help you start the next school year off in the right direction. Plan on coming up for support and encouragement as soon as school begins!

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
# Learning Center

## Summer Rec Hours 8:00 - 3:30

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* Field Trips & times could change. Families will be notified. Please look for our weekly newsletters.
Way to go Squaxin Island students!!!
Learning Center
Sgwi' Gwi 2016

7th to 8th

10th to 11th

8th to 9th

11th to 12th

9th to 10th
Community

Leadership Roles
Effective Community Mobilization requires an active governing board that represents the local community perspective. Community members must step up and take an active role. We recommend each group have the following people in place as it forms, but please contact the Squaxin Community Watch staff if you are having trouble finding people to fit each role:

1. Leader/Facilitator – Convenes the meeting and facilitates the work action plan.

The leader/facilitator is typically someone with organizational skills, the ability to motivate members of the team and should be impartial with the ability to bring the group to consensus.

2. Secretary – to record the minutes of the meetings and send out information to block group members.

It is beneficial to have someone detail-orientated with the ability to record and organize information. The secretary should follow through on tasks and keep all members of the group informed about meeting details.

Depending on the size and boundaries of the group, other positions may be helpful in addition to the ones stated above. These are:

1. Co-Leader or Section Leader – This position may also take responsibility in facilitating the meetings and be the lead on phone tree.

2. Treasurer – Keeps accurate accounting of income and expenses. The treasurer generates regular reports to share with the group.

Next gathering:
Tuesday, July 19th
4:30 p.m.
Community Kitchen

At the next Squaxin Safe Streets gathering we will have John Taylor from Emergency Preparedness in attendance to go over family preparedness planning. Our Block Watch Captains will be delivering the family preparedness packets out to the community. Once they’re filled out you can turn them in at the meeting or drop them by Patricia Green’s office in the Admiration building. Squaxin Safe Streets is planning on hosting a Cultural Day Trip at Squaxin Island August 20th. We’re still very much in the planning stage so feel free to reach out for any input or ideas. It will be a community event and there will be the option for people to stay over and camp.

Stats for June 2016:

Total reported Drug/Alcohol incidents: 21
Drug 21
Alcohol 7
Arrests 5
Citation/infractions 1
Referred to other agency 2
Tribal Court 3
Adults 18
Youth 2
Married 4-1-16

**To My First Love**
© Eleanor J. Jones

Published on March 17, 2016

I want to see you live your dreams,
Achieve greatness and be happy.
And I want to be a part of your life when you do,
'Cause I keep imagining spending my life with you,
Seeing amazing places with you,
Sharing moments where we are both breathless, lost for words.
I want to see you smiling, hear you laugh,
And I want to love you.

I want to be able to share memories with you, good and bad.
I want to be able to hold you when you’re upset
And tell you things are going to be okay,
Because I would try my best to make it okay,
To make it better for you.
And I know you would do the same for me.

I want to see you when I wake up, a smile would flood my face.
I want to talk to you deeply
About things we don’t have answers to.
I want to get to know you every single day,
Because I understand that people change.
You will change, but so will I.

I not only want to share my mind with you, but my body too.
I want to kiss you like it’s the first time, every time.
And I want to feel my love for you flowing through my veins like blood,
Warming me up and making my heart beat faster
Every time I see your beautiful face.

You stole my heart years ago, and you can keep it,
Because forever I am yours.

I love you Leo Beau Henry~
Love your Wife

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**Leah,**
I will always have a limitless supply of three things for you in life – advice, love and cookies.

**Hailey,**
You have made us proud in every way.
May your day bring you nothing but happiness and fond memories.

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**Happy Birthday, My BUB!**
Love, Mom, Dad, Skylehr, Leo

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Happy birthday baby.
Love, G-MA

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**Allottees Association Annual Meeting**

Little Creek Casino Resort - Sa-Heh-Wa-Mish Room
91 West State Rt. 108, Shelton, WA 98584

July 16, 2016

Registration: 9:00 am - Meeting: 10:00 am

- *Speakers & Presentations*
- *Nominations & Elections*
- *Raffle & Auction*
- *Bring this postcard for drawing*

Chehalis | Chinook | Cowlitz | Hoh | Quileute | Quinault | Ozette | Shoalwater

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2015 Consumer Confidence Report

Your Water Source
Your water comes from two wells located in the Kamilche Valley near Little Creek Casino Resort. These wells, along with a 250,000 gallon storage tank and water treatment building, were completed in December 2006 as part of the Indian Health Services Squaxin Water System Improvement Project. Your water system is maintained and operated by the Squaxin Island Tribe’s Public Utilities.

Every day, SIT Public Utilities reliably delivers high quality and safe drinking water to your home or business. In fact, we are proud to report that your water meets or exceeds drinking water standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The SIT Public Utilities vigilantly safeguards your water supplies. Each year we conduct hundreds of water tests, including daily tests to ensure that your water is safely disinfected. These water tests are performed by an independent and certified laboratory.

While we do our utmost to protect your water, it’s important for you also to help keep our water clean. The aquifer in which our wells are located is an underground deposit of sand and gravel where groundwater is stored. The aquifer is replenished by rainfall that seeps down through the soil. Contaminants like motor oil, gasoline, pesticides and fertilizers can also seep through the soil and pollute groundwater. Some things you can do to prevent contamination is to use slow release or organic fertilizers and non-toxic pest control. Store household hazardous products such as paint, pesticides or oil in leak-proof containers and never dispose of these on the ground or into storm drains.

Conservation Tips
The average U.S. household uses about 350 gallons of water a day. Here are some ways to save water and money on your utility bill:

• Don’t over water your lawn or garden. Your lawn only needs an inch of water a week.
• Water your lawn in the early morning or late evening to avoid water loss through evaporation.
• Fix toilet leaks and faucet drips.
• Take showers instead of baths and save as much as 40 gallons.
• Turn the faucet off when shaving or brushing your teeth. Three to five gallons of water go down the drain every minute.
• Teach your kids water conservation. Make it a family effort to reduce your water bill.

Tap Water VS. Bottled Water
Bottled water is not necessarily cleaner or safer than the water provided by the Squaxin Island Tribe Consolidated Water System.

Your tap water is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Bottled water is regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

In bottled water a certain amount of bacteria is allowed, but your tap water must be free of E-coli or fecal coliform bacteria.

Water provided by the SIT Consolidated Water System is disinfected to kill bacteria. Bottled water is not required to have a disinfection process. All public utilities, including the SIT Consolidated Water System, must have their water tested by certified laboratories and these results must be reported to state or federal agencies. Such testing is not required for bottled water.

And as an added bonus, tap water costs only pennies a day to drink compared to $2-$8 for a gallon of bottled water.

The SIT Consolidated Water Utility wants its valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please visit the Department of Community Development during normal business hours.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact:
Vince Henry, Sr.
Public Works Manager
360-426-9781
vhenry@squaxin.us
Water Quality Information

There are no known sources of contamination, of the SIT Consolidated Community Water System. However, drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate a health risk. To ensure that your tap water is safe to drink, EPA regulations limit the amount of contaminants present in the water provided by public water systems. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The SIT Consolidated Community Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials using in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead. (from National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Part 141.154, in the section called “Required additional health information.”)

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised people, including those undergoing chemotherapy, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care provider.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Hotline at 800-426-4791 or going to www.epa.gov.

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Note: Also during this testing period, the Water Quality parameters of each well and the entry point were tested. Samples were also analyzed for Conductivity, Calcium, Temperature, PH, Alkalinity, TTHM and HA5. All observed test results were within EPA acceptable parameters, and the testing results for these constituents will be made available upon specific request.

Glossary of Terms Use Above

Contaminants: There are hundreds of potential contaminants in well water. We have listed only the contaminants that were detected during our testing.

Amount Detected: Copper and lead samples were taken from the LCCR and several homes in the Community. Nitrate samples were taken directly from the wells.

Maximum Amount Allowed: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed to be in drinking water as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Source of Contaminant: As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals or pick up substances from animal or human activity.

mg/L: Milligrams per liter is a unit of measurement. This unit is interchangeable with ppm, parts per million. One mg/L is equivalent to about half of an aspirin dissolved in 50 gallons of water.
Experts share tips for keeping pets cool in summer heat

No one ever told Linda Pegram not to leave her dogs in the car.

On a mid-80s day in April, Pegram cracked the windows for her 7-year-old Cocker Spaniel and 5-year-old Cockapoo as she shopped at a Walmart in Chester, Va. About an hour later, a passerby called police, who arrived to find the dogs dead inside the vehicle. Pegram, who was charged with two felony counts of animal cruelty, told local media outlets that she’s devastated and didn’t intentionally kill her animals.

It’s a grim reminder that, as the weather gets warmer, we need to pay extra attention to our pets. And keeping them inside vehicles on hot days isn’t the only health risk. U.S. News turned to veterinary experts who shared advice on how to keep our four-legged friends safe and healthy this summer:

Be careful with high-risk dogs. Animals cool by panting, and those that can’t breathe particularly well have the highest risk for health problems during the summer. This includes brachycephalic dogs, or those that have a short snout or are flat-faced – like bulldogs and pugs. Pay special attention to seniors and overweight pets, too. If your pet ever breathes in and out in a noisy way, he may have some trouble with airflow, which in turn means he may have a harder time cooling off.

Don’t keep your pets in parked cars. Research from San Francisco State University suggests that in 10 minutes, the temperature inside a car rises by 19 degrees. Make it 20 minutes, and the temperature spikes by 29 degrees; 30 minutes and it goes up 34 degrees; and after an hour, the temperature soars by 43 degrees. Dogs and cats have a baseline body temperature of 100 to 102 degrees, and their organs begin to shut down at 106 degrees. “Very quickly, you can literally be threatening your animal’s life,” says Cathy Unruh, an animal welfare advocate based in Tampa Bay, Fla. She cautions that you should never put your pet inside a car that’s been parked outside in the blistering sun – the seats could be so hot that they burn your animal.

Make sure the car is cooled down ahead of time.

Provide shade and water. Seems like a no-brainer, right? You’d be surprised, experts say. Always make sure your pets have ample shade and water when they’re outside. Kiddie pools and sprinklers are a smart idea, too, says Jessica Almeida, transfer director at the Humane Society of Utah. “A lot of the time, they’ll just go lie down in the kiddie pool and get their bellies wet,” she says. But never spray your dog down with a hose: Chances are, it’s been lying in the sun, and the water inside is scorching hot – enough so to seriously burn your pet.

Beware of heatstroke. It’s more common in dogs than cats and often arises when exercising in hot weather. Louise Murray, vice president of Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York, suggests taking your dog out early in the morning or later in the evening, when the sun isn’t so high in the sky. Try to keep animals indoors between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., which is typically the hottest part of the day. Symptoms of heatstroke include increased heart rate, excessive panting, increased salivation, a bright red tongue, red or pale gums, vomiting and diarrhea. “Just think – our pets are furrier than us, and they don’t process heat as well as we do,” Almeida says. “So if it’s too hot for you to be hanging outside, it’s probably too hot for your dog.”

Apply sunscreen. You’re not the only one who can get sunburned: Your pets can, too. Dogs are most likely to get sunburned on the bridge of their nose, in the groin area, on the tips of the ears and on their bellies, and animals with a thin coat are at particularly high risk. Invest in sunscreen that’s specifically designed for pets. Don’t share your own because some common ingredients, like zinc oxide, are toxic to animals, Murray says.

From Gus the doggie guy . . .

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Community Development

Planters For Sale

Beautiful handmade planters for sale

Call Cowboy at 426-3023
Health Clinic

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
July 12th

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

WIC Staff at SPIPA want Your Child to have Healthy Teeth.

Healthy Teeth Last a Lifetime: You have the Power to Protect your Child’s Smile

Courtesy of Kristi Burke, RDH, BSDH at Chehalis Tribal Dental Clinic and Kristen Rezabek, MS, RDN, CD, CDE

Tips from the Experts

- **Water to bed**: Once first tooth erupts, put baby to bed with water. This reduces Baby Bottle Mouth/ Early Childhood Cavities caused by formula, milk or juice when left in baby’s mouth while sleeping. Cavities are preventable.

- **Fill sippy cups with water only**: Milk and juice should be served with meals, not in a sippy cup. Repeated exposure to the natural sugars in milk and juice contribute to cavities. Limit juice to 2-4 ounces a day (That’s only 1/4 cup to 1/2 cup a day)

- **Brush Daily**: Use a smear of fluoridated toothpaste to brush baby’s teeth morning and night. Baby’s pinky fingernail is about the amount of a “smear”. Before baby has teeth, wipe gums with a wet washcloth.

- **Primary Teeth are important**: for good nutrition and speech development. They are also a guide for permanent teeth and important for your child’s self image.

- **All the Family**: Cavities are contagious! Family members need their teeth cleaned and cavities filled. This reduces the amount of aggressive bacteria being transferred from family members to baby. Avoid prechewing foods, sharing toothbrushes, and sharing eating utensils.

- **Introduce a cup** at 6 months, wean from bottle at 12-18 months.

- **Avoid snacking or sipping sweet liquids** throughout the day or “grazing”. Clean teeth after eating & swish and swallow with water if necessary.

- **Dental appointment**: Schedule an appointment with a dentist when first tooth erupts for a fun “chair ride” appointment. Take your child to the dentist once a year, beginning with their first birthday.

- **Flouride**: find out if your water has fluoride. If not, talk with your pediatrician about supplements. Flouride can help prevent early tooth decay.

- **Questions?** Call your child’s dentist. If your child doesn’t have a dentist, call your pediatrician for a referral to a dentist in your area.
Health Clinic

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Tobacco Cessation Support Group

Tuesday, June 14, 2016, 12 Noon to 1 PM. Light lunch will be provided.

Each Participant creates “Quit Plan.” A system of support develops within the group.

Beaded Necklace activity to follow lunch discussion.

For more information, please contact Bobbie Bush, 360-432-3933.

http://www.becomeanex.org/

www.smokefree.gov

http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/Tobacco/SmartQuit

http://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/quit-smoking/basics/quitsmoking-basics/hlv-20049487


CDC’s “Tips from Former Smokers,”
1-800-QUIT-NOW
(1-800-784-8669)

or in Spanish:
1-855-DÉJELO-YA(1-855-335-3569)

Tobacco Cessation Program News

Bobbie Bush - The Tobacco Cessation Classes met previously in the Behavioral Health Building on Tuesdays from 4 PM to 5 PM. After a month of no shows, it was decided to move the meeting/classes to the Health Promotions Building to 12 Noon on Tuesdays with a light lunch provided for all who attend. There were three people who attended the first meeting in the new location. So, the noon meeting is working better at recruitment of people. We will work on strategies to keep occupied and focused on the goal of becoming commercial tobacco free as we continue to meet. Our group has been working to develop their quit plans and will continue to set the quit dates, each person determines their quit date and the method they want to use to quit commercial tobacco consumption. We talk and visit. All that is shared is confidential.

Another effort is to build some commercial tobacco prevention and cessation strategies for our youth. There will be some digital stories, videos and printed materials ready for the summer youth program.

One of the challenges that I have heard from many EX smokers is the need to be busy with their hands and mouth. So, we will be working on some cultural art projects such as medicine bags, beading and maybe some little baskets, if I can get some cedar for our group.

Please look over the links listed below for information and tools to help you become commercial tobacco free if that is your desire. You may also call me or email me. Since my schedule is varied, it may take a day or two for me to return your call or inquiry, but I always return emails and phone calls. 360-432-3933 is my phone number and bbush@squaxin.us is my email address.

smokefree.gov

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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 One Card or paystub and Identification for you & your child

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment: Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360 462-3227, gardipee@spipa.org

or Patty Suskin 360 462-3224

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Elders Menu

4th - 7th
MONDAY: Closed for 4th of July
TUESDAY: Bean & Ham soup, ham sandwiches
WEDNESDAY: Stroganoff, fresh green beans
THURSDAY: BBQ pork loin, vegetable rice, rolls

11th - 14th
MONDAY: Tater tot casserole, salad, jell-o
TUESDAY: Clam chowder, fry bread
WEDNESDAY: Chicken chow mein, white rice
THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls

18th - 21st
MONDAY: Chicken enchilada casserole, jell-o
TUESDAY: Hamburger soup, turkey sandwiches
WEDNESDAY: Fajitas
THURSDAY: Casino Buffet

25th - 28th
MONDAY: Chicken fettuccini casserole, parmesan flat bread, asparagus,
TUESDAY: Minestrone soup, salami sandwiches
WEDNESDAY: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, brussel sprouts
THURSDAY: Flank steak, roasted red potatoes, peas

Happy 17th birthday to Cristian Hall!!

Happy Belated 13th Birthday Dominique Rosalee! (6/06)
Welcome to your teens! It will be an exciting experience — and we will be here to guide you through it, every step of the way;
We love you will all our hearts!
Love, Mom, Dad, brother and sister!

Happy 17th Birthday Seth William! (7/15)
We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Dominique

To My Son (Jaime Charles)
Love You More than Words Could Describe
Happy Be-lated, Son
Love Always, Mom

Happy B’Day Shi (July 14)
The Big 18
Love Always, Mom

Dad, I Love You
Love Always, Bear

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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

- Drum Group every Tuesday
- AA & ALANON every Wednesday

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Drum Group every Tuesday
AA & ALANON every Wednesday

Housing Commission

Elders Committee

Utilities Commission

Family Court

Elders Committee

Family Court

Gaming Commission

Tribal Council

Tribal Council
**Committees and Commissions Listed on Calendar**

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<td>Eric Sparkman</td>
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**July Happy Birthdays**

1. Del Allen Johns
   Isaac Patrick Johns
   Malynn A. Foster
   Mark Louis Jones
   Tully James Kruger

2. Fay Annette Monahan
   Janessa Faye Kruger

3. Phinatue Lee Hodgson

4. Annie-Beth Whitener Henry
   Jeremie Walls

5. Elijah Raul Garcia
   Gary Shawn Brown
   Jon Brady Whitener

6. Celeste Rene Forcier
   Dale Allen Brownfield
   Martin Regius Sequak Jr.
   Sadie Carla Lorentz

7. Todd Loren Hagmann

8. Ariah Hazel George
   Clayton James Edgley
   Diana L. Van Hoy
   Kui Lee Tahkeal Sr.

9. Keonon Vigil-Snook

10. Mary Jane Monahan
    Nyla Elizabeth King

11. Leah Marie Gentile
    Ruth Mildred Creekpaum

12. Jonie Renee Fox
    Terence Jevin Henry

13. David Michael Lewis
    Donald Lee Daniel III
    Elizabeth Ivy Yeahquo
    Jennifer Ann Evans
    Moody E. Addison

14. Antonio Alex Rivera
    Cristian Andres Hall
    Emery Isabelle Peters
    Ivy Lynn Hawks
    Shaiaann Rene’ McFarlane

15. Adrianna Fawn Hartwell
    Brett Devin Orozco
    Mario Antonio Castillo
    Seth William Thomas

16. Mary Lois Kunzt
    Nikita Laudine Mowitch
    Olivia Kinzee Henry
    Viola Lorine Thomas

17. Alan Wayne Depo
    Daniel Jacob Johnston
    Kristina E. Betchold
    Matthew John Bell
    Tiffany Faye Henderson

18. Alexander Long Van Horn
    Charles Edward Mickelson, Jr.
    Victoria Rainier Allen
    Violet R Garcia

19. Clara Rose Capoeman
    Dana M. VanCleave
    Elena C. Capoeman
    Jearid Duane Williams

20. Allie Mae Ann Johns
    Bailie Barbara Henry
    Wilson Charles Johns Jr.

21. Corri Clae Coleman
    Leila Lorine Whitener

22. Cara Marlene Price
    Tyler Steven Morlock

23. Austin Pedro Solano
    Bette Jo Peters
    Chicki Mae Rivera
    Richard William Piersol

24. Misty M. Kruger

25. Eileen Renee Faye George
    Hailey A. Blueback
    Thomas Blueback, III

26. Brenda Lee Day
    James Darol Brownfield
    Loretta J. Case
    Malia Red-Feather Henry
    Shawnene Breeze Mac Cooper

27. Chas M. Addison
    Dorian War Eagle Williams
    Jackson Cooper Napoleon
    Marvin Stanley Henry

28. Felcia Joy Berg
    Kira Nakia Coley

29. Marissa Ann Morken
    Markiemihio Charles Johns
    Nathan Jay Armas

30. Alex Paul Anderson
    Billie Marie Lopeman-Johns
    Marcus Imteus Johns
    Rose L. Arzate
    Tasheena M. Sanchez

31. Jaelin Christopher Campbell
    Jordan Ray Lopeman-Johns
    Michael James West
    Nyah Rose Sicade
    Serenity Masoner
    Stanton Todd Sicade Jr.
JULY 15 | OPEN @6PM EARLY BIRDS @8PM SESSION @8:30PM

NOW ON FRIDAYS!

BINGO BINGO BINGO

DAUBIN IN THE DARK

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

4th of July themed drawings
1 ticket for donating school supplies
2 tickets for donating Backpack

Cocktail SPECIALS
Ages 21 and over only.

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??
*See our website for details

$100 cash every hour

Canned Food Drive

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