

Holiday Cheer

Leslie Johnson -

Hello, Squaxin Island Tribal Members,

Every year I think, "I sure wish that I knew what to do for all of the members who hate the holidays." I wish I could hug them each. . . or envelope them in the holiday spirit. I worry about those who cry on Christmas Day and feel very alone.

This year, I realized that maybe I could help. I have spoken to many members who are missing a loved one or loved ones. I think that this is a good thing, even though it hurts. But I also think we sometimes keep our grief longer than we need to. I don't mean it should go away; we will always miss those who have passed on. That is not my point at all.

Instead, we should set a place at the table for them. We should honor them. Instead of trying to fake a good time, or just going through the motions, I suggest that we remember and bring them back into our lives with stories . . . we laugh at something silly they used to do to us or how mad we got when they ---

You could buy your loved one presents, deciding, as

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Squaxin Island Tribal Council invites tribal members and their spouses to the Winter General Body Meeting

Saturday, January 6th, 2018

9:00 a.m. in the

**Squaxin Community Kitchen
Potluck lunch! Bring a dish to share!**

Tribal Directors will be available to answer questions.
Information will be available for:



- Enrollment
- Housing
- IEI Businesses

Any questions?
Please call 360-426-9781



Squaxin Island TRIBAL NEWS

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The Klah-Che-Min encourages Tribal Members to submit letters, articles, photographs and drawings to be considered for publication, but are subject to editing.

Contributing writers and artists include Squaxin Island community members and staff.

Submissions Deadline:
15th of each month

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a family, where you'd send those presents after the holiday - a homeless shelter? The Tribe's programs? The Goodwill? As a family, you can choose to remember them and then pick up the pieces and honor your family members who are still with you by having a great holiday.

When we honor our relatives, I believe we are allowing some of the pain out. I know that none of the people who have gone before us would want us to be as unhappy as we are. So I choose to honor them and then I get on with my holiday.

First Year as a Single Mom

I had the worst Christmas of my life when I was a single mom for the first time. Anxious to give my daughter a great Christmas, we bought a tree earlier than ever. The cat toppled it over and I found out that it was dry as a bone. It was nearly like a propane gas leak - if there was a spark, my whole house would have gone up in flames. I got a live tree next. Maybe it was already dying? By Christmas, it was toast too. I do not know how I could have killed it that fast!

My poor daughter watched me crying as I gave her one crappy Christmas.

It was Christmas week and she needed a gift for her best friend. So we went to Spencer's in the mall. I don't know if it still exists. We shopped and she eventually found what she wanted. I was empty inside. No spirit at all. I casually mentioned to the clerk we weren't having a very good Christmas.

I wish I knew where she was because she changed my life with her answer: She said, "My first Christmas alone with the kids was the worst ever too!" Then she went on to tell me that she'd basically canceled Christmas with her kids. She just didn't feel the holiday spirit. No tree. No presents. Nothing. On Christmas Eve she decided that at least they would have a great Christmas dinner so she took everyone to the grocery store.

It was well after all shops had closed except this grocery store. There they all were shopping when suddenly the Christmas spirit jumped up and made her festive. Out of nowhere, she wanted to have a good holiday! Except. Where could she get any presents? There were no trees here.

And then, her heart soared. They'd buy presents here in the grocery. Of course, there weren't many non-food presents. But that didn't matter. She gathered her kids and told them that all of the presents would come from this store. Then, they as a family went down every single aisle spying on presents.

Gifts came in all sorts of ways: They decided to give themselves a party on Christmas day, so they got an ice chest and ice - because it would be a picnic on the floor. They bought the expensive fruits that one child loved because it wasn't really costly at all as a Christmas present. One kid got a hot cocoa set complete with mugs and

Squaxin Island Tribe Annual Youth Christmas Celebration

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

Where: TLC Gym

When: Thursday, December 14th

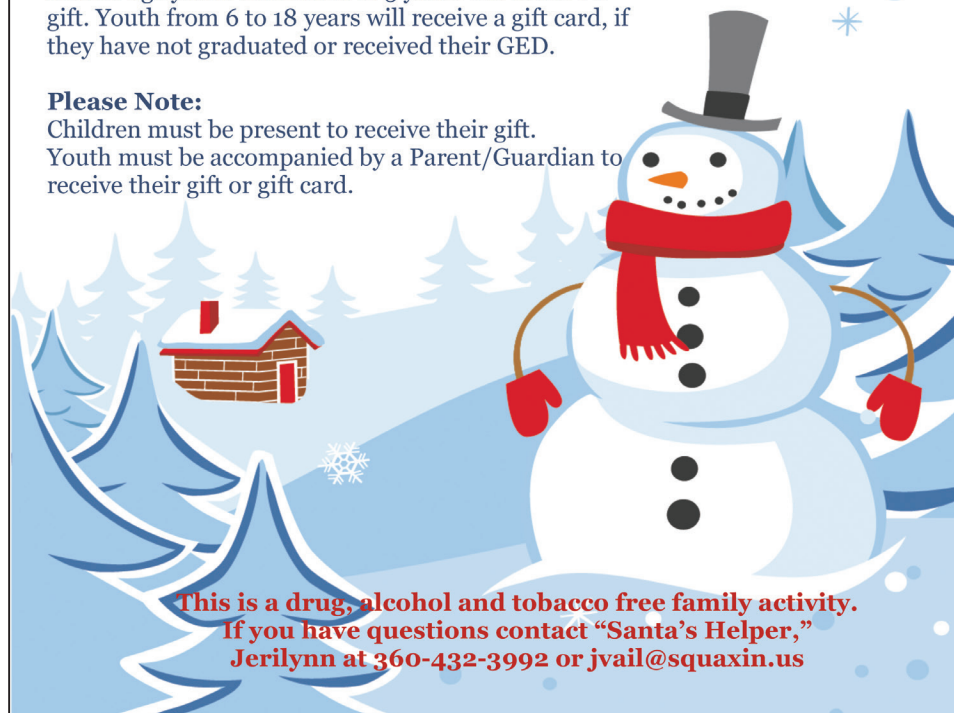
Time: 5:00-7:00pm

Tribal Members Parents/Guardians:

School-age youth from birth to 5 years will receive a gift. Youth from 6 to 18 years will receive a gift card, if they have not graduated or received their GED.

Please Note:

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



**This is a drug, alcohol and tobacco free family activity.
If you have questions contact "Santa's Helper,"
Jerilynn at 360-432-3992 or jvail@squaxin.us**



marshmallows and lots of cocoa. They spent another hour in the store finding special gifts for each other.

By the time this store clerk finished the story, I was in. I made a Christmas for us. It wasn't all that big of a deal. And it definitely wasn't like it had been before the divorce. This lady's story changed my life forever. I even think of it today, more than 20 years later. It doesn't matter if my Christmas isn't on Christmas. It doesn't matter if I don't get what I thought I was getting for Christmas. I think I don't care if the food won't be turkey (or ham, or whatever). I think Christmas is what I make it. And I choose to make it good!

You know what? Sometimes, you think you're the only one alone without a family to celebrate with. But I bet if you started talking now, today, you'd find out that there are others who don't have anywhere to go on Christmas. You could have a potluck at your house! Or theirs. You don't have to make a turkey if you don't want to. It could be steak. Or Tuna Casserole. Who cares!?? Just as long as you're together to share a holiday meal.

I hope that all Tribal Members can have a great holiday filled with love and good fun! Merry Christmas and remember have Happy New Year!

- Leslie Johnson, Squaxin Island Tourism Director



The Squaxin Island Museum and Tourism Department are opening Santa's Workshop in December. Watch the Daily Scoop for dates!

We know the holiday can be rough for people so we wanted to spread some holiday cheer. We've purchased lots and lots of fun things to make into Christmas ornaments and gifts.

This is a family-friendly event! You can bring your kids to make them too!

- Charlene & Leslie

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Thursday, December 7
10:30 am to 3:30 pm
(closed 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm)

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Sign up online at: www.bloodworksnw.org/drives
or call 1-800-398-7888
Reference Sponsor Code: 4477

Donate blood and give the gift of life this holiday season!



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FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members¹ and Their Spouses

The Tribe is again offering access to end of life planning services. The Tribe has contracted with local attorney Mark Allen. Mark recently retired from the Squaxin Island Legal Department after 12 years. His is available to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents.

- Wills
- Indian Trust Property-Related Documents
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Directives
- Health Care Directives
- Funeral Arrangements
- Estate Planning

Mark is available at a time and date that is convenient for you. If you are interested in making an appointment, please contact Diane Deyette at (360) 432-1771 x 0. We are scheduling appointments now.

¹ Employees, please see Met Life Benefit, p. 50 of the 2017 Employee Benefits Guide.



Early November Snow

Chief of Police Alex Ehler took a moment to play in the snow on November 3rd and make a snowman in front of the police department!

Squaxin Island Pool

70 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton WA 98584 | 360-432-3852

Pool Hours

Morning Lap Swim

(Must be 18 years or older)

Monday: 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 6:00 to 8:00 a.m.

Water Aerobics

(Must be 18 years or older)

Tuesday and Thursday
Low Impact Class: 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.
High Impact Class: 7:00 to 7:45 p.m.

For Party Room Rentals Call

Discover Aquatics
360-867-9283

Open Swim

Monday: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

All children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult 16 or older in the water.

Youth 11 to 15 years must be accompanied by an adult 16 or older on the deck.

Youth 16 years and older may swim unaccompanied.

Children 2 and under must wear a non-disposable swim diaper.





Walking On



Carey Lee Baldwin

June 9, 1953 – October 21, 2017

Carey Lee Baldwin was born on June 9, 1953 in Memphis, Tennessee to Evelyn (Waller) Baldwin and Robert Paul Baldwin. From an early age he loved the outdoors. As a boy he was active in the Boy Scouts, eventually earning the rank of Eagle Scout as well as the God and Country award. He graduated from Cleveland High School and attended Delta State University before moving to Austin TX, where he was a well known local musician. He joined the US Air Force and flew all over the world as a C141 Loadmaster, eventually based out of McChord AFB in Tacoma, WA.

He married Andrienne Whitener of Silverdale, WA on April 8, 1983. On October 21, 1997 they brought their child into the world. On October 21, 2017, with his wife at his side, Carey passed out of this life and into the next.

He is survived by his wife, Andrienne (AJ); his daughter, Maeve; his father, Robert P. Baldwin; sister, Beth Baldwin Casey; niece, Sarah Herr; and nephews, Sean Casey, Clay Casey and Billie Haskett.

Carey had an amazing life. As a young man he was a talented vocalist and successful musician. He proudly served in the US Air Force, traveling the world as a flight crew member. Following that he spent 20 years in various civilian positions supporting the Navy. He loved the outdoors; hiking, horseback riding, backpacking and live role-playing combat. He climbed Mt. Rainer. He worked with the Seattle Knights for years, performing at various renaissance and medieval fairs. He took part in and hosted live role-playing games. Carey never met a stranger. People just loved and trusted him. He truly cared about people and knew how to treat them. He adored his family. He argued with his wife and daughter, but he was intensely proud of them both and loved them more than life. He loved his friends. If he called you brother or sister he meant it. He loved to have fun. He never stopped playing, until he couldn't play any more.

Carey believed in a life after this one, and his memorial pole is more than a container for his earthly remains. It is a home for his spirit and a place for him to meet up with his loved ones who are still here in the next life.

A Family Thank You

The family of Carey Lee Baldwin would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all who 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 their support, the tribal departments who helped plan Carey's Celebration of Life and dinner, and everyone who helped provide us such a delicious meal.

We would like to give a special thanks to Glen Parker, for the Tribal Honor Guard. A very special "Thank you" to Brooks Farrell, who stepped up and officiated the service. 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.



RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

Help Support Squaxin Basketball Teams

We are fundraising to purchase new basketball jerseys for our three teams.

Are you needing to make room for all the new Christmas goodies in your house after the holidays? Rent a table to sell your treasures.

Come support the youth and get a chance to buy retro basketball tournament prizes.

When: Saturday,
January 20th, 2018

From: 10am-2pm
Setup begins at
9am.

Where: At the
Squaxin Gym

Rent a table for
\$10. Fee includes
the use of a table.

SQUAXIN GYM

70 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, Wa

Have any questions, call
Jerilynn at
360-432-3992
Or email
jvail@squaxin.us



Tribal Member Grace Pughe to Perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade 2018

Grace Pughe, an enrolled Squaxin Island tribal member and the granddaughter of Donald Reynolds (Dawson Mowich), great-granddaughter of Lucille (Martin) Hause and great-great-granddaughter of Clara Bagley, will perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in 2018.

She will be performing with the Grants Pass Marching Band, one of only seven bands selected from across the country and the only one from Washington State. The band was chosen after winning second place in the Red Line state championships in 2016.

Grace has been playing the trombone in band since 5th grade. While preparing for shows, the band practices together for 12 hours a day during the month of August and twice a week during the school year. She also practices at home daily.

These photos were taken by Aunt Meloney (Hause) during the Auburn, WA Veterans Day Parade and Competition. Way to go Grace!



Her proud family L - R: sister Faith Pughe, grandpa Donald Reynolds and grandma Kathy Reynolds, sister Hope Pughe and auntie Meloney Hause





Education Liaison Updates

Peggy Peters - We currently have openings for the Sylvan Learning Program for the 5:30-6:30 p.m. slots, for both Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday. If you are able to commit to having your child/children attend at this time, we would love to have you fill out the application for this exciting learning opportunity. The Sylvan program offers Reading, Writing, and Math programs to help students fill in skill gaps. Parents can pick up applications for Sylvan at the TLC. If you have any questions about our Sylvan services, please call me at (360)-432-3826.

Education is a priority and school attendance is very important. Chronic truancy and absences can start early in a young child's life, including arriving late to class, or a variety of excused and unexcused absences. If a student misses school on a day an important lesson is taught (like basic math skills), the student falls behind the rest of the class. This adds up over additional absences, which can lead to a failing grade. It is for these reasons that parents/guardians and students can be held responsible for tardies, or excessive excused and unexcused absences.

Currently, all 9th graders will need 24 credits to graduate. If your child is in grades 9-12 and they are not earning enough credits, it will affect their ability to earn a diploma. The Learning Center is always available to assist you and your child with any school-related matter. A variety of supportive services are available throughout the week.

Squaxin Island Truancy Code Information - The Education Department is responsible for monitoring truancy, and the Public Safety Department, through the tribal court, is responsible for enforcing the Truancy Code.

Significant points of the Squaxin Island Truancy Code are the following:

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

SQUAXIN ISLAND Co-Ed Holiday Tournament 11U & 14U

Tourney Registration
Deadline: December 5th, 2017

Discount Hotel Rate at
Little Creek Casino Resort
Call 1-800-667-7711

Mention - Squaxin Tourney

Reservations must be made by: November 11th, 2017

This is an alcohol and drug-free event.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT December 16-18, 2017

Rules:

- * 12 player maximum per roster
- * Have ID ready if coach challenges age
- * One player of each gender on floor at all times
- * Double Elimination except Championship Game

Prizes For

1st - Fleece Sweatshirts
2nd - Crew-neck Sweatshirts
3rd - Long Sleeved T-shirt
4th - T-shirt

MVP & All-Star - Championship Game

**\$250
Entry Fee**

To register or if you have questions contact:
Jerilynn Vail 360-432-3992 or jvail@squaxin.us



December

C.H.U.M Program

Laurel Wolff teen advocate: 432-3842

Check Facebook @ Squaxin Teens for updates to Calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Christmas Movie Night 5 pm
4 Homework Party 3:00-4:30 Holiday Gift Making 4:30-6:00	5 Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30 Craft Class 3:00-5:00 Drum Group 5-7	6 JR. High VS Suquamish Home Game 7:00pm Lushootseed Class 5-6pm	7 JR. High VS Muckleshoot Home Game 7:00pm Youth Council 3:30-4:30 * Prep for Parade	8 Youth Council Christmas Parade 4:00 pm
11 Homework Party 3:00-4:30 Holiday Gift Making 4:30-6:00	12 Basketball Practice 3:30-4:30 Craft Class 3:00-5:00 Drum Group 5-7	13 Jr. High Game @Skok Van leaves at 5:15 Tree Decorating	14 Teen Center Closed Christmas Party 5:00-7:00	15 Youth Council Ice Skating 11:30 -4:00 pm
16 th - 18 th Squaxin Basketball Tournament		20 Teen Center Closed	21 Teen Center Closed	22 Teen Center Closed
25 Teen Center Closed	26 Teen Center Closed	27 Teen Center Closed	28 Teen Center Closed	29 Teen Center Closed



Olympic Middle School Students Honor Squaxin Island Tribe

Olympic Middle School had a parade of banners representing each class and their work collecting for the annual food drive. Each class made a banner to announce the food their class collected. One class honored the Squaxin Island Tribe with their banner! If you have an OMS student, be sure to ask them about it!

Happy holidays Squaxin Island Tribe!
Submitted by Sheri Peterson-Hale, Indian Education)



Squaxin Youth Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

TLC Hours: M-F 7:30am-7:00pm Front Desk: 360-432-3958

Rec Rm: 360-432-3955 (only 3-6pm)

All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
				1 SSD-1.5 HR ER Rec Rm: 1:30-6pm Pool Party: 3-4:15pm Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Open Swim: 5-8pm
4 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Team Building: 5-6pm Open Gym: 3-6pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	5 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Drum Group: 5-6pm Open Gym: 4:30-5pm JR High: 3:30-4:30pm Elem: 5-5:45pm	6 GSD-ER @ 2:30pm Rec Rm: 2:30-6pm Arts-n-Crafts: 5-6pm Open Gym: 2:30-6pm ITL – TBA Open Swim: 3-6pm	7 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Crafty Kitchen: 5-6pm Open Gym: 4:30-5pm JR High: 3:30-4:30pm Elem: 5-5:45pm	8 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Movie Night: 5-7pm Open Gym: 3-6pm Open Swim: 5-8pm
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18 December 16th-18th Youth Basketball Tourney 11U & 14U	19 <i>No After-School Programs</i>	20 <i>No After-School Programs</i>	21 <i>No After-School Programs</i>	22 Tribe Closed
25 Tribe Closed	26 Tribe Closed	27 Tribe Closed	28 Tribe Closed	29 Tribe Closed
After School Snacks: Computer Lab: Sylvan: Homework Help, GED Prep:	M-F 3-4:45pm M-Th 3-7, F 3-5pm M-Th 4:30-6:30pm T-TH 4-7pm	ER = Early Release WHL = Wa-He-Lut Indian School SSD = Shelton School District GSD = Griffin School District		I.T.B. – Inter-Tribal B-Ball High School: 9-12 Grade Middle School: 7-8 Grade Elementary: 4-6 Grade



Annual Basket Conference Hosted by Puyallup Tribe



*Puyallup Tribe Hosting Committee
Photos by Margaret Henry*



Community basket that the NNABA board wove to gift the Potlatch Fund for their generous donation to NNABA

SUNDAY | DEC 31

2018

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

HOTEL PACKAGES

CASH DRAWINGS

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Skookum Construction, LLC is a **Minority-Owned, Native American** general contractor specializing in commercial and residential construction. TERO (Tribal Employment Resource Ordinance) Certified, the core of Skookum Construction proudly consists of tribal and community members alike.

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Our in-house services provide you with additional cost savings. These include:

- Misc. steel fabrication and welding, such as:
 - catwalks, handrails, and ladders
- Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings
- Architecture and Planning
- Carpentry, Drywall and Acoustical Ceilings
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- Utilities
- Infrastructure
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- Interior Finishes including Ceramic Tile

KEY PROJECT TYPES

New Construction
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Retail

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Offices

CORPORATE PHILOSOPHY

We create a team atmosphere on every project by working with the owner, designers and sub-contractors to produce the highest quality project.

Our team is committed to building projects that our customers, employees and communities are proud of. We build with the highest standards of **safety, quality and integrity.**



HUMAN RESOURCES



New Employees



Susan McFarlane
TANF Case Manager

Hello, my name is Susan McFarlane, aka Wicket. My parents are Susan Henry and Larry McFarlane. I am a mother of 6 children. My daughters are Sophia, Monique, Anita and Ana. And my sons are Anthony and Edwin. My mate is Patrick "Moose" LaClair.

I was just recently hired on as the Squaxin Island TANF Case Manager. I have been working at TANF since 2013; I started as a Case Aide and did Intake as well. I love working for TANF because it is a privilege for me to be able to help people in so many different ways.

I was once a TANF client myself and now I work here. It has been an amazing experience for me!

I am super grateful to everyone who helped me get here and to have this opportunity to better my future.



Marjorie Hill
**Parent Educator/
Home Visitor**

Hi! I have been hired on as the Parent Educator/Home Visitor in the Healthy Families program in the Family Services Department.

I come from the Bagley family. My great-grandmother is Clara Bagley, my grandmother is Marge Hill, and my mom is Gloria Hill.

You may have seen me during my time at Kamilche Trading Post before I left there to work at the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company.

I am really excited to be working in a position that will allow me to help my community, meet new people and learn new things.

I look forward to working with the Family Services team and I can't wait to start helping my people. I am extremely honored and thankful to have been given this opportunity.



Isaac Ackerman
TANF Intake Specialist

Hi everyone! I am very excited to be part of the team at Squaxin Island Family Services.

My parents are John and Katherine Ackerman. On my mother's side, my grandmother was Verna Henry and my great-grandmother was Theresa Nason.

Here at Family Services, I am most excited about working for a department that provides vital resources for our community. My passion for serving our community began in 2012 while working as a youth employee for the Squaxin Island Museum. I acquired a sense of belonging, as well as a responsibility to help preserve and uphold our ancestor's traditions and values. So it is with great pleasure and honor that I have been welcomed to work for the Tribe again.

I am very grateful to Squaxin Island Family Services for this opportunity and look forward to seeing everyone around!



Mauricio Austin
Pharmacist

Hi, I grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and went to school at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Fifteen years ago, I moved to the Pacific Northwest and have enjoyed and appreciated living in the area. The Columbia River Gorge is my favorite place on earth, and I have hiked most of the trails there.

I've always been curious about my heritage, so a few years ago, I had my DNA tested.

According to 23&me.com, I am about 20% Native American which makes me proud.

I am excited about serving the Native American community, learning new things and working with a group of dedicated people at the clinic.

I look forward to working with the Squaxin Island Native American Tribe.

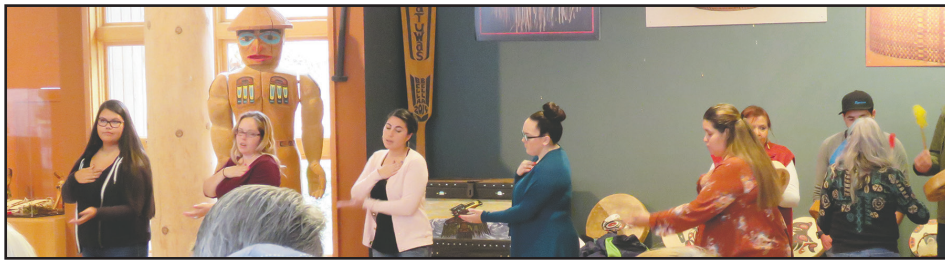
Thank you.





Veterans Day BBQ photos

Photos by Jennifer Motteler





Early Learning Coalition of Mason County

Early Learning Fun Fair

Saturday, December 16th, 12:30-2:30
Mason Transit-Community Center

FREE

FREE Fun Family Activities Including:

- Block Play
- Free Books
- Screenings
- The Smoothie Bike
- Free Lunch
- Fun Take-Aways
- Story Times
- And More!


The mission of the Early Learning Coalition of Mason County is to support parents, caregivers and the community in developing the skills children need to be successful in school and life.

Like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Mason-County-Early-Learning-Coalition-397027420426364/>.

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Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program

Who

Must be 18 years of age or older to apply

When

December 4th 2017
9:30am-5:30pm


Where

SPIPA Office

What to bring

- Twelve months of light bill or twelve months usage report
- Income verification: Aug, Sept & Oct 2017 for everyone 18 And older
- Social Security cards

Need help paying your light bill?



For more information call Debbie Gardipee-Reyes at 360.462.3227



WSU College of Veterinary Medicine

TOP TEN HOLIDAY TIPS FOR PET HEALTH

By Laura Lockard, Communications & Public Affairs Director, WSU Veterinary Medicine - Holidays are special times for family and friends, but have you considered your pets? Too often, well-meaning family members and guests injure pets with kindness and simple oversight during the busy holidays. The Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine's teaching hospital offers the following top 10 pet tips to prevent a costly trip to your veterinarian during this festive season.

1. Give your pet plenty of clean water, not ice. An outside bowl of water can freeze and leave your pet without water. Ensure your pet's health by providing free access to a clean, fresh water source.

2. Don't give your dog left over turkey. Abrupt diet changes can upset a dog's digestive system. The result can be simple diarrhea or a severe and life threatening inflammation of the pancreas. For your happiness and your dog's health, don't share your holiday dinner.

3. Chocolate isn't a dog treat. Chocolate contains a chemical called theobromine. It's similar to certain powerful drugs and can be poisonous to dogs.

4. Keep tinsel away from your pet. Tinsel can lodge in your pet's digestive system and either plug it up or become stretched tight and cut their stomach or intestine. Simple precautions can eliminate this costly and preventable problem.

5. Provide adequate shelter from the cold. Dogs are susceptible to frostbite just like humans. The tips of their ears and toes can freeze and require surgery, so make sure your dog has insulated shelter out of the wind and low temperatures.

6. Use caution with space heaters and electrical cords. Shock injuries and fires can occur when pets chew electrical cords or knock over heaters. Space heaters can burn a dog's skin if they get too close. The easiest way to keep your pet warm is to provide them with good shelter or allow them in the house.

7. Mistletoe and poinsettias are pretty poisons. Both common holiday plants contain poisons that can upset your dog's digestive system, causing vomiting and diarrhea or, if enough is eaten, fatality. Keep these festive plants where you can enjoy them, and your dog can't eat them.

8. Walk your dog on a leash. Leashes are always a good idea for walking with pet but especially when the roads are slick and drivers can't stop easily. Pets are safe when they are under close control of a responsible owner.

9. If you leave town, provide for your pets. Travel is a common part of the holiday for many families and frequently pets aren't included. If you are unable to professionally board your animals, have a friend or neighbor check on them at least once a day to ensure they have water, food, and shelter.

10. Don't give pets as presents. Animals are magnificent companions only if their owner is ready to accept the responsibility for their care. Rejected pets often end up in animal shelters, so instead consider offering to help pick out an animal when their person is ready. Have a happy Holiday.

- Gus the doggie guy



THE HONORABLE ANITA ESTUPIÑAN NEAL

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
YOUTH COURT
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:

Case No.: SQI-CW-2017-1708-0019

JT,

Indian Child

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL FAMILY COURT TO THE SAID: Chicki Rivera.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to Section 10.08 of the Squaxin Island Youth code, Fact Finding and Dispositional Hearings for the above named youth have been set in the Squaxin Island Youth Court. The hearing on this matter shall be held on the 4th Day of January, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME OR RELATIVE PLACEMENT. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

Dated: _____, 2017.

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SQUAXIN ISLAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT
3711 SE OLD OLYMPIC HWY
SHELTON, WASHINGTON 98584
360.4362.1771



Please Join Us
Building Strong Families Through Culture

BSFTC

Community Kitchen

Tuesday's
3:00 to 5:00

For the Formation and Maintenance of Two-Parent Families



We will be making drums in December until we run out of supplies and we continue to do shawls and cedar weaving.

Sponsor a Foster Child for Christmas

Squaxin Island ICW is currently looking for individuals or departments to sponsor a child/children that are in our care for Christmas. Let's help these children have a Christmas they will not forget!

Lyssa Wier at 360-432-3886 or
lwier@squaxin.us

Or

Terri Capoeman at 360-432-3987 or
tcapoeman@squaxin.us

Culture Night

at the Community Kitchen

Every Tuesday

3pm - Craft Class

5pm - Drum Group

Squaxin families are invited!

**Join us for craft making class sessions
with community artists**

**Participate in drum, song, and dance rehearsal
or simply enjoy the atmosphere
with just your presence**

*Craft Class and Meal
provided by Family Services by the
Building Strong Families Through Culture Program*

This is a drug, alcohol, cigarette, and e-cigarette free event

Any questions please contact
Family Services 360.432.3906
Jeremiah George 360.432.3968



Cancer Awareness Information

(obtained from Internet)

Submitted by: Traci Lopeman - Cancer often first reveals itself as a subtle, yet persistent change to your normal health. Lots of people ignore or minimize health changes like these or accept them as their new normal. This gives cancer time to progress to advanced stages that are more difficult to treat and most difficult to cure. That's why it's important to understand how to recognize the early warning signs of cancer.

Why is a subtle and persistent health change the most common cancer symptom? Cancer is a complex disease; there are over 100 different types of cancer. They start when one cell or a small group of cells begins to divide and multiply too much. These cells often form a tumor; it starts small but then continues to grow. In the next stages of growth, cancer cells may travel through your bloodstream to other organs where they form more tumors.

Some cancers grow slowly; others are more aggressive. Early stage cancers have not grown enough to cause major health changes. Instead, you notice subtle health changes that persist.

What causes cancer?

We know that some cancers are very likely caused by a person's behaviors. For example, tobacco use can cause cancer of the lungs, mouth, throat, bladder, kidneys, and many other organs. Spending a lot of time in the sun without protection or using tanning beds can cause skin cancer.

Ultimately, we don't know exactly what causes most cancers. Some people who have no family history of cancer, lead healthy lives, and engage in low risk activities, get cancer. Whereas, some people with a family history of cancer, who engage in high risk activity (smoking/tanning etc.) might not get cancer. We just don't know the exact reasons why.

What we do know is if you do get cancer, early detection is critical to treatment options and survival.

EMPOWER YOURSELF

You're the expert on your own health.

No one knows your health like you do! It's your awareness, your voice, and your actions that can help you recognize cancer symptoms early, and take steps to give yourself a lifesaving advantage.

The 3 Steps

Follow these simple steps and start taking control of your health today.

Remember What Great Feels Like

Knowing how you feel when you're at your best will help you notice small changes in your overall health that could be signs of larger health problems. That means paying attention to your energy level, sleep patterns, weight, skin, and bathroom habits on a regular basis.

Use The 2-Week Rule

If you notice a subtle change in your normal health that lasts two weeks or more, it's time to call your doctor and learn what is causing the changes. While not every change is cause for concern, seeing a doctor after two weeks will not cause harm—waiting could.

Share with Your Doctor

Taking action and talking to your doctor about small health changes is your best pathway to earlier diagnosis and more effective treatment. It's important to communicate openly and honestly so you and your doctor together can make the most informed decisions, and get you back to full health. Even if it's a hard or embarrassing conversation to have, what's most important is getting the best care possible.



Tuesday,
December 12th is
WIC DAY at
SPIPA

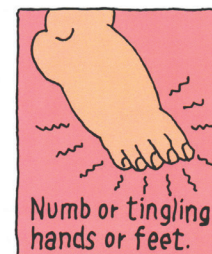
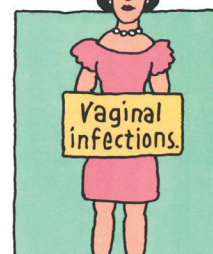
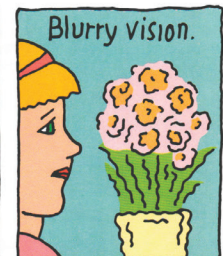
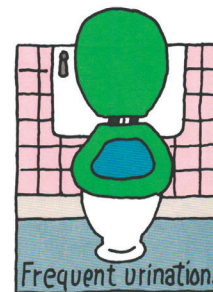
WIC at SPIPA
(Women, Infants, and Children)
provides healthy foods &
nutrition information for you and
your child up to age 5.

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

DIABETES

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS



If you have any of these symptoms, see your doctor. For more information about diabetes call Eli Lilly and Company at 1-800-545-5979 or Boehringer Mannheim Corporation at 1-800-858-8072.

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Happy Holidays

Healthy Holiday Nutrition Food Word Search Puzzle!



APPLES
COOKING
HOLIDAY
SALAD
VITAMIN A

BAKING
CRANBERRIES
MILK
SQUASH
YAMS

CARROTS
HEALTHY
PUMPKINS
TURKEY
ZUCCHINI



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MOVING MORE, EVERYDAY, EVERYWHERE

**Make active choices
during your day...**



Take a walk
(10 minutes)



Choose the stairs instead
of the elevator (5 minutes)



Park farther away
and walk (5 minutes)



Dance with your
children (10 minutes)

Move more



**Help your
children run,
jump, and play.
Encourage
about 2 hours of
active play time
every day.
Have fun!**



Produced by IHS Division
of Diabetes Treatment
and Prevention.
www.diabetes.ihs.gov



Important to Note

MAMMOGRAM DAY

December 19th

FLU SHOTS

Call the clinic at 427-9006 to make an appointment.

PURCHASE REFERRED CARE

Annual federally mandated PAO-21 forms, along with updated insurance information, are due and required prior to appointments being made.

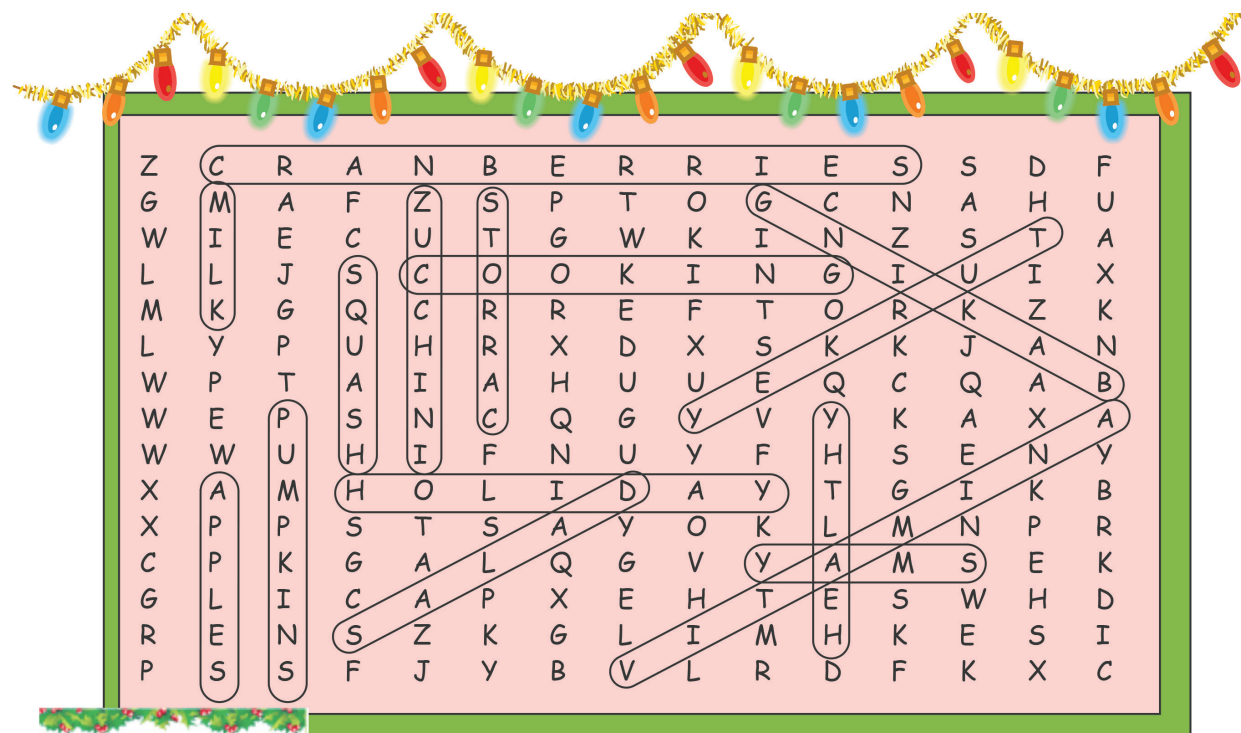
Jaclyn and Misti are state certified Tribal Assistors to help you sign up for state medical insurance benefits and renewals.

Numbers

Health Clinic	427-9006
Purchase Referred Care (formerly Contract Health Services)	432-3922
Pharmacy	432-3990
Dental	432-3881
Behavioral Health (chemical dependency counseling, mental health) (one-on-one, group, assessments, etc.)	426-1582

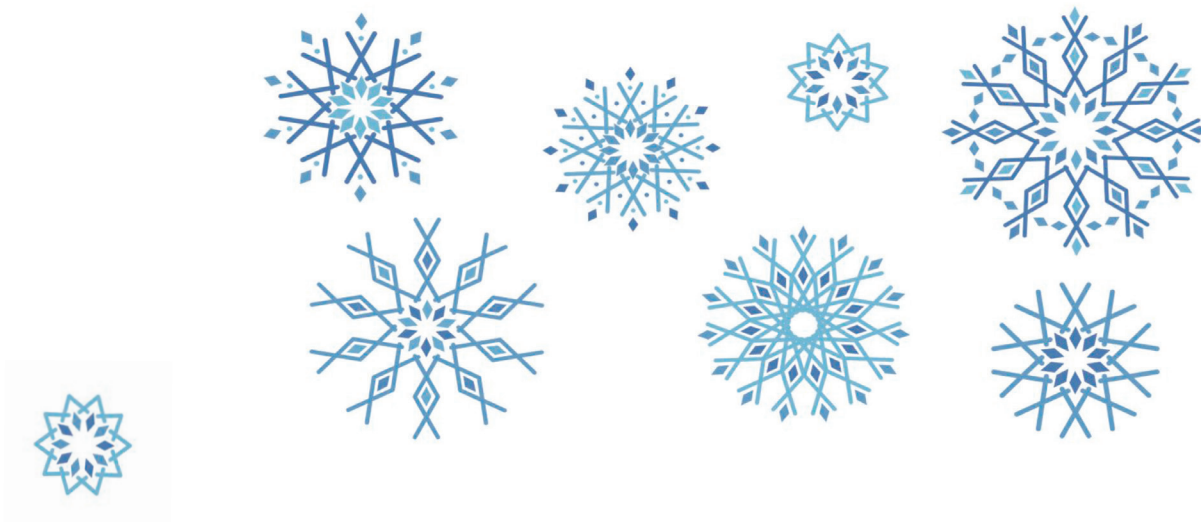


Word Search Answers



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Whatever Works

We gather together in recognition that there are battles that cannot be won in isolation. Meetings will be a safe place for men and women to share their experience, strength, and hope.

Join us!
Monday Nights
6:00-7:30pm

Located at the Mason Transit-Community Center- Upstairs in the Family Education & Support Services room.

Be Encouraged, Be Bold, & Embrace the Process!

Questions Call Abe @ (360)628-3966



Opiate Overdose Prevention Workshop

Join us at Community Lifeline! The last Thursday of each month @ 10:30 a.m.

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO SAVE LIVES

Come Join us for an educational presentation at Community Lifeline, 218 N. 3rd St., on the last Thursday of each month @ 10:30 a.m. Learn what opioids are, what happens, how to identify and most importantly how to react to an opiate overdose! Immediately following the presentation there will be an opportunity to ask questions as well as to receive a FREE Naloxone kit from Mason County Community Services-Public Health/Human Services.

Please call Abe Gardner with any questions or concerns @ 360-463-2238



MASON COUNTY
COMMUNITY SERVICES



December Happy Birthdays

1
Benito Bear Hernandez
Douglas Matthew Bloomfield

2
Gregory Thomas Lehman
Manuel A Castillo

3
Cathlene Diane Riker
Deborah Diane Obi
Jess Daniel Brownfield

4
Daniel Thomas Sigo
Kaya Rose Johns
Peggy Ann Peters

5
Austin William James Penn
Lilly Faye Lutolf

6
Brendan James Bellon
Cora Rosa Krise
Evan Lance Ellerbe
Michael Duane Foster

7
Jason William Koenig
Sophia Amineh Cooper
Zoe Gabriela Cooper

8
Cedar Reaching Bear Wily
Rhonda M. Whitener

9
Dustin Dean Kruger
Elizabeth H Campbell
Garrett William Todd
Misti Dawn Saenz-Garcia

10
Brenda Lee Bailey
Davina Marie Braese
Jayden Christine Eagles
Marlena Star Bradley
Sierra Jasmine Blueback

11
Kelli Jean Dahman
Kendra Blueback
Kestle Mae Coley
Lydia Indiana Andrews
Tonya Velma Henry

13
Anthony Glenn Forcier Jr.
Karen Annette Farr
Lucy Ann Aldrich
Madelynn G Henderson

14
Cecelia Marie Black
Elianna Kristine Perez
Nicholas J. W. Dorey

15
Amber Louise Guzman Snyder
Frankie Metcalf
Judith Kay Arola
Lisa Mae Bennor
Priscilla C. Dolores- James
Xzandrea King

16
Angel Marie Henry
Rodney James Krise Sr.

17
Donovan Nicholas Henry
Vernon L. Sanchez
Wendy J. Bowman

18
Ethan Ty Baxter

19
Patrick Von Stapleton
Shashoney Elizabeth Fenton
Theresa Ann Henderson
Tyson D. Kruger
Winona Kathleen Crone

21
Ronnie Nicole Penn

22
Kyler Joshua Gall

23
Jaimie Lee Cruz

24
Darrius James Rau
Holly Lee Henry
Jeremy Turner Sigo
Tahnee Marie Kruger
William B. Penn

25
Astrid Kristen Poste
Carol Tadios
Jasmine Marie Rose Rivera
Jayanne Diane Gamer

26
Karina Helaine Farr
Nicolas Francis Cooper

27
Andrea Lee Rossmeier

28
David B. Clark
Jessica Mary Stone
Jocelyn Elizabeth Campbell
Kathy Jo Block
Quinton Benavente Whitener

29
Patti A. Puhn
Penni L. Giles

30
Koreena Ann Capoeman
Matthew Taylor Sayers
Richard John Gouin

31
Rebecca Black

**Happy Birthday
and Merry Christmas
Mitzie
December 8th**



**Love all Your Friends
and Family**





Committees Commissions & Boards With Infrequent Meeting Times

Committee and Commissions

1% Committee (Bylaws & Appendix X2)
Elections Committee
Explorers Program Committee
Fireworks Committee (TC 6.04.040)
Gathering Committee
Law Enforcement Committee, Law and Order
Veterans' Committee
Budget Commission
Business Administration Board (TC 6.24.010)
Little Creek Oversight Board (TC 2.26.010)
Museum Library and Research Board
Tourism Board (TC 2.34.010)
Island Enterprises Board
Skookum Creek Tobacco Board



Council Rep.

Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Vicki Kruger
None
None
None
Charlene Krise
None
None
Vicki Kruger
None
Arnold Cooper, Vicki Kruger, Charlene Krise
Bev Hawks
Arnold Cooper
Arnold Cooper
Vinny Henry



Staff Rep.

Kris Peters
Tammy Ford
Rene Klusman

Rhonda Foster
Kevin Lyon
Glen Parker
Kris Peters

Charlene Krise
Leslie Johnson
Dave Johns
Mike Araiza



Months

Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
March, April, May

May and June
Not yet determined
Not currently meeting

June and August
As needed

Sept., Dec., March, June



What's Happening

Building Strong Families Through Culture and Drum Group Tuesdays 3-5					1	2
Smoking Cessation Classes Tuesdays (Adult 5-7) & Wednesdays (Adult noon & Teen 3:15-4:15)					Housing Commission	
AA & ALANON Wednesdays 7:30						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Criminal/Civil Court		Shellfish Committee	<i>Blood Drive</i>	<i>Christmas Parade</i>	
				Family Court	SPIPA Board	
			Elders Committee	Utilities Commission	Education Commission	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Child Care Board of Directors	Criminal/Civil Court	Golf Advisory Committee	<i>TLC Christmas Party</i>		<i>Basketball Tourney</i>
		Enrollment Committee		<i>Tribal Council</i>		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Basketball Tourney</i>	<i>Basketball Tourney</i>				<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>	<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>	<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>	<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>	<i>Tribal Center Closed</i>



Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

4th - 7th

MONDAY:

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans

TUESDAY:

Baked potato soup, chicken salad sandwiches

WEDNESDAY:

Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice

THURSDAY:

Meatloaf, veggie rice

11th - 14th

MONDAY:

Tuna Casserole, peas

TUESDAY:

Tomato basil soup, grilled cheese sandwiches

WEDNESDAY:

Tacos, black beans

THURSDAY:

Flank steaks, roasted red potatoes, mixed veggies

18th - 21st

MONDAY:

Baked potato bar

TUESDAY:

Chicken noodle soup, egg salad sandwiches

WEDNESDAY:

Roast, Ham, Mashed potatoes & gravy, brussel sprouts, rolls

THURSDAY:

Casino Buffet

12/25 - 12/31

Closed for Christmas Holiday



More from the Veterans Day BBQ

Committees and Commissions Listed on Calendar

Committee 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

Council Rep.

Arnold Cooper
Charlene Krise
Charlene Krise
Vicki Kruger
Arnold Cooper
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry
Steven Dorland
Per Tribal Code None
Arnold Cooper
Vicki Kruger & Charlene Krise
Vacant
None
Vicki Kruger

Staff Rep.

Jeff Dickison
Traci Coffey
Tammy Ford
Joseph Peters
Kris Peters
Joseph Peters
Eric Sparkman
Gordon James
Dallas Burnett
Richard Wells
Bert Miller
Ray Peters
Vacant
Patti Puhn

Meetings

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

*STORE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 22ND THRU JAN. 1ST



FACTORY OUTLET STORE

**DECEMBER
"HOLIDAY SPECIAL"**

**ALL CARTONS
\$15.00
DISCOUNT**



LOCATED AT THE FACTORY
HOURS: M - F 9 AM - 3 PM

MUST SHOW TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

*STORE WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 22ND THRU JAN. 1ST

Happy Holidays

DECEMBER 8 | OPEN @6PM
EARLY BIRDS @8PM | SESSION @8:30PM



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



Cocktail SPECIALS

Ages 21 and over only.



LITTLE CREEK CASINO • RESORT.
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Live DJ Spinning at 7:30pm



BINGO

Merry Christmas

Friday • December 8th
Daubin' in the Dark Black Light Bingo
Doors Open 6pm | Early Birds 8pm | Session Starts 8:30pm

Saturday • December 9th
Doors Open 9am | Early Birds 11:30am | Session Starts 12pm
Doors Open 2:30pm | Early Birds 4pm | Session Starts 4:30pm

Sunday • December 10th
Doors Open 2:30pm | Early Birds 4pm | Session Starts 4:30pm

- **ALL LEVEL 3 WILL PAYOUT \$1,199**
- **Ugly Sweater Contest - Top 3 Contestants receive \$50**
- **\$100 Hot Seat drawings**
- **Anyone that donates a new toy will receive a free level 1-3-on (\$4 pack) with initial buy-in.**



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*Multiple winners split the payout. See Keno or call (360) 427-3005 for more details
\$79 room rates during bingo sessions! *Ages 21 and over only for 8:30pm session
Must show Bingo Room Rate Coupon at time of check-in to receive special room rate.
Customers can call in advance to book rooms. Must be 21 or older for Bingo Specials

