

Increased Coho production to accompany new netpen facility

Will Henderson - In August of 2020, the Natural Resources department will take delivery of a new net pen facility structure for the Coho fishery enhancement program. The department has worked hard the past couple years to secure grants and other funding sources to make this purchase. This replacement has been needed for several years. The current structure is almost 40 years old and has become dilapidated. This raised concerns about possible equipment failure and an unsafe work environment for staff. The new structure will be double in size, adding an extra eight (40ft x 40ft) pens. This size increase will give us the capacity to rear up to an additional 800k fish.

This year, the enhancement program saw an increase in Coho production. Just over 2.1 million fish were transferred to the pens in January, reared and then released in May. This was an increase from the previous release years of 1.8 million. The program will receive 2.4 million coho for the 2020 rearing season and for 2021, we expect Coho numbers to be somewhere between 2.4 and 2.5 million fish.

Along with the Coho increase, we have an experimental project planned for Chinook production. This pilot project will begin during the 2021 rearing season and the initial duration will be one to two years. We will transfer up to 500k Chinook to the pens for rearing and eventual release. Multiple groups of these fish will be tagged before release for future study and monitoring purposes. This will allow us to evaluate project success, the various size and release timing strategies, along with marine survival rates and fishery contribution rates.

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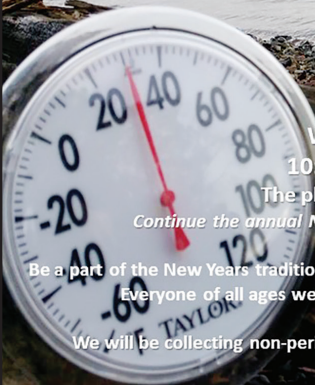


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Change Service Requested



12th Annual Squaxin Community Salish Sea Plunge
Start 2020 with a Salish Sea Splash!



Wednesday January 1, 2020
10:00 AM @ Arcadia Boat Ramp
The plunge will occur at 10:05 AM sharp!
Continue the annual New Years Day tradition of Plunging into the Salish Sea!
Be a part of the New Years tradition by joining us for this fun, drug and alcohol free community event.
Everyone of all ages welcome to participate. Costumes are strongly Encouraged.
We will be collecting non-perishable foods to donate to the Squaxin Island Tribe Food Bank.
For more information contact: Joseph Peters (360)490-6825 - jcpeters@squaxin.us

Squaxin Island Tribal Council invites tribal members and their spouses to the

Winter General Body Meeting
& breakfast with Council!

Saturday, January 11, 2019
9:00 a.m. in the Squaxin Community Kitchen
Breakfast will be ready by 8:30 a.m.



Any questions? Please call 360-426-9781



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Andrea-Wilbur Sigo, Celebrated Squaxin Carver, Tells Stories Through Wood, Stone and Shell

By Jerica Pender, Thurston Talk - There are many ways to tell the stories of our ancestors, and Andrea Wilbur-Sigo does it with her hands. Through adzes and handmade tools, her blades of repurposed, antique cross saws bear handles made of yew wood from a tree her grandfather felled. Andrea brings ancestral stories of the Coast Salish people, mythology and even the story of the wood itself to life in the traditional way – through carving.

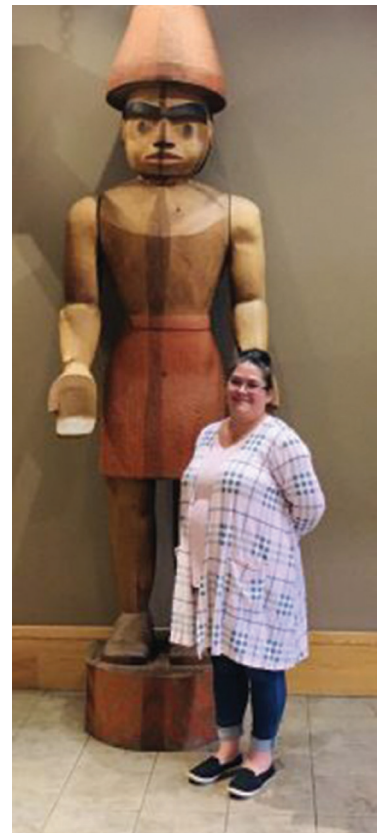
Layer upon layer, Andrea removes only what is necessary for the story to emerge. Whether the final product takes the form of a story pole, welcome figure or house post, the red and yellow cedar logs that Andrea works with shape a narrative where words never could.

Carving is in Andrea's blood. She comes from a long line of artisan storytellers – at least seven that have been documented – but she's sure there are more. Andrea is the first woman carver in her family, taking up an artform that tradition has long said is the work of men.

Through her celebrated works of art, Andrea demonstrates her mastery of the craft, proving time and again that art and storytelling know no bounds. She has been in the studio since around three years old and sold her first international work at age eight.

She gives credit to several family members for teaching her: her father Andy Peterson, her mother Ruth Peterson, her grandfathers Bert Wilbur and Dennis Allen, and her great uncle Pete Peterson. Andy is also a celebrated carver whose work can be found at The Evergreen State College. He helped carve the welcome figure at the top of the College's Red Square, along with the two figures that adorn the front of the Longhouse. Andrea's work is set in stone inside the Longhouse – a wolf figure carved into granite tiles and sandblasted.

Over the years, Andrea has been expanding her repertoire and using technology to her advantage. To create her stone carvings, she sketches an image by hand and then digitizes it on her computer. It's then outputted by laser and etched onto stones and shells of Andrea's choosing. This is a medium she and her mother, who is also a carver, enjoy working in together and they often collaborate to create some



Andrea Wilbur-Sigo poses with her massive Strong Man welcome figure. This piece, among several others (including a print by the artist in every hotel room), can be found at the Little Creek Casino. Photo courtesy: Jerica Pender

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Andrea works as a full-time artist and full-time mom – at the same time! Photo courtesy: Andrea Wilbur-Sigo





Walking On



Michael Curtis Fletcher

August 22, 1959 - November 8, 2019

Michael Curtis Fletcher was born in Enumclaw and moved to Shelton at age three. He was an Eagle Scout, and graduated from Shelton High School. He worked for Mr. Electric for 17 years and was a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

He loved hunting, fishing, picking wild berries and Chanterelle mushrooms. He also enjoyed playing baseball and listening to classic rock & roll (loud).

His mother was the late Linda Dellsgard Fletcher. He is survived by his wife, Julie; father, Ron Fletcher; siblings, Doug and Renee; best friend and uncle, Wes, and aunt Evelyn; aunt Jackie; and uncle, Harold Crenshaw. He had numerous cousins and nieces, and two children, Jacob and Jessica.

A Celebration of Life will be held on January 12th from 3:00 - 6:00 at the Squaxin Island Community Kitchen. There will be a potluck following the service.



You will all be missed!



William "Billy" Lopeman

William Charles "Billy" Lopeman was born in Shelton, WA on April 29, 1946 to Mary Whitener and Ernest Lopeman. Billy grew up in rural Kamilche surrounded by his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

He lived in Seattle for a bit working as a mechanic and at a floor and tile company. He was a commercial fisherman most of his life and a shellfish harvester. Mike Brownfield and Bill fought for our shellfish rights on their own with no support from the Tribe. Both were arrested numerous times and argued about U and A for shellfish rights for Squaxin Island Tribe. As they continued to fight, they brought in other tribal members like Yum Krise.

Most will remember Bill as the Pull Tab Man. He started in the original Bingo Hall in the gymnasium, then continued working at Little Creek Casino Resort where he eventually retired. He spent his leisure time hanging out with his daughters and grandchildren on their daily visits. He liked having friends and relatives stop by to visit and gossip. He also enjoyed daily text messaging with Ken Selvidge, Mary Kuntz, and BJ Whitener. He's also remembered for being a prankster.

Billy is survived by his lifetime companion, Janice Lopeman; daughters, Traci Lopeman, Ruthie Lopeman (Jr. Johns), Christina Bragg (Wyatt), Angela Lopeman (Derek Hunt); four grandchildren, Justin, Gerad, Adam, Jordan, and Billie Marie; and numerous cousins and loved ones.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernst and Mary; brother, David Lopeman and sister-in-law Shirley Lopeman; and grandniece, Cynthia Dorland.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 12, at the Squaxin Island Tribe gymnasium. Viewing was at 10:00 a.m. and the funeral was at 11:00 a.m. followed by a graveside service at the Squaxin Island Sacred Grounds Cemetery. A meal followed at the Community Kitchen.



Steven D Lehman

November 27, 1959 - December 07, 2019

Steven D. Lehman, Sr., age 60, a resident of Shelton, died on December 7, 2019, at his home in the Squaxin Island Village. Mr. Lehman was born on November 27, 1959, in Tacoma, Washington to Theodore Buerge and Christine Annette (Williams) Lehman.

He attended primary schools in Tacoma prior to moving to Taholah to live with his grandparents, Elmer and Eva Hayden. He graduated from North Beach High School in 1978. He then worked at Motor Village in Pacific Beach for several years before beginning work with the Quinault Nation Sanitation Department. He then worked for the Quinault Nation in Housing until 2014, when he moved to Squaxin Island and worked for the Squaxin Island Tribe Housing.

He and Margaret "Tootsie" Pickernell were married on August 14, 1982, and later divorced on September 15, 2004.

Steven loved being a part of his grandkids' lives as well as his grand-dogs. He was also a proud owner of a Harley and rode it whenever he could.

Surviving relatives include four children, Steven Lehman, Jr. of Missoula, Montana, Lisa Lehman, Anthony Lehman and Gregory Lehman, all of Shelton; three grandchildren, Anthony Lehman, Jr., Mason Lehman and Hazel Lehman; a brother Michael Lehman; and two sisters, Lori Lehman of Olympia and Debbie Kautz of Olympia.

In addition to his parents, a sister, Teri Lehman died previously.

An Indian Shaker Service was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Squaxin Island Gymnasium on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 with Wayne Barr officiating.

Cremation arrangements were by the Coleman Mortuary in Hoquiam.



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Net pen production increases are due, in part, from funding sources our department will receive through the Governor's office and the Southern Resident Orca Task Force.

Due to continued declines in the southern resident killer whale population, this task force was conceived and is charged with developing long-term plans to help recover the Orcas. Lack of available prey is one of the key limiting factors for recovery of southern resident killer whales. Recommendations were made by the group to increase hatchery production, primarily for Chinook, but to include Coho and Chum in higher priority watersheds. Chinook salmon is the primary prey for southern resident killer whales, making up 80-90 percent of their diet. Chum and Coho salmon also make up a portion of their diet at certain times of the year.



WHAT IS IT?

A small intertidal shore crab that has recently invaded WA waters. Its preferred habitat is mudflats and marsh habitat, but can persist in a variety of environments. Native to the coasts around the Atlantic Ocean, it has found its way to the West Coast of the US where it has slowly invaded Northern waters along the WA Coast and Vancouver Island. Trapping studies have shown they are now in Inland waters of WA.

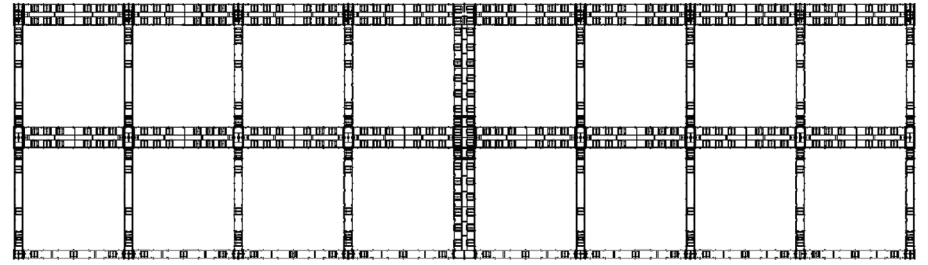
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

As with many non-native marine species the concern is that they will disrupt the ecosystem – or negatively impact other species that are important to us. Specifically, this aggressive crab could outcompete other crab species, or become a predator of juvenile Dungeness crab – a resource that is important both economically, recreationally, and culturally. They may also become a predator of other important shellfish that we all rely on such as clams, oysters and geoducks.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Early detection is key! Many Tribes, State agencies, organizations and citizens are trapping in areas where crabs are known to exist, and in areas they have not yet colonized. Pay close attention while working or playing on the beach! Snap a picture and send to me with the location (as specific as possible) or bring me a shed carapace (back) that you might suspect to be a green crab. Many of our inlets in South Puget Sound are ideal habitats for these critters so the more eyes we have out there looking the better! Please see the following page for specific identification tips.

Email sightings to rbrown@squaxin.us
Or call Rana Brown Lewis @ 360-432-3816



Please Report Take of Any Marine Mammals

Please send me a take report of any and all marine mammals (seals and sea lions) during fishing season. We are required to report take of marine mammals to NOAA by January 15, 2020. This report will not include names, only total take of marine mammals during our fisheries. Please email or call in to me any incidental (death by entanglement) or lethal take of marine mammals, date of take, species (seal or sea lion), fishing gear type (gill net, beach seine) and marine area. If you happened to take a porpoise or another marine mammal, please report as well. The report form was provided in your annual regulations.

Thank you!

Joseph Chetwoot Peters, Natural Resources Policy Representative



CRAB TEAM ID GUIDE



Filled, yellow stars indicate organisms that are expected to be common in traps

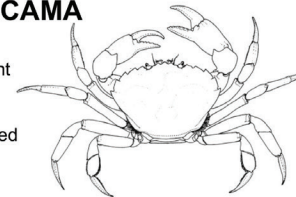


Filled, yellow triangles indicate organisms likely encountered in molt/shore survey

EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB - CAMA

Carcinus maenas

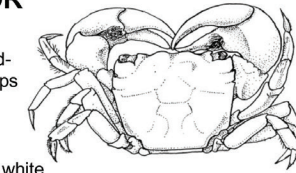
- Carapace: oval to 90mm; 5 prominent marginal teeth, 3 rostral bumps
- Claws: not rounded
- Walking legs: last pair slightly flattened
- Color: green, brown, or reddish, typically with orange joints



HAIRY SHORE CRAB - HEOR

Hemigrapsus oregonensis

- Carapace: square to 50mm; 3 forward-pointing marginal teeth, 2 rostral bumps
- Claws: rounded, often w/ fleshy tufts, typically no spots
- Walking legs: with fine sparse hairs
- Color: variable, green, brown, yellow, white



PURPLE SHORE CRAB - HENU

Hemigrapsus nudus

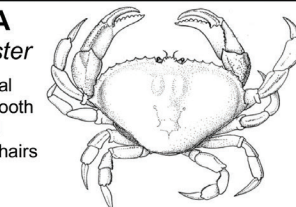
- Carapace: as HEOR above, but to 60mm, marginal teeth rounded inward, 2 rostral bumps less pronounced
- Claws: as HEOR, but often with spots
- Walking legs: no hairs
- Color: variable, purple, red, yellow, green



DUNGENESS CRAB - MEMA

Cancer (Metacarcinus) magister

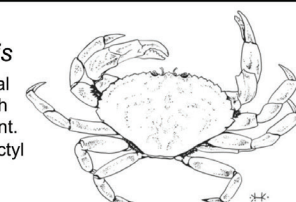
- Carapace: oval to 230mm; 10 marginal teeth and widest at pronounced 10th tooth
- Claws: serrations on outside of dactyl
- Walking legs: Long light-colored with hairs
- Color: light reddish-brown to purple



GRACEFUL CRAB - MEGR

Cancer (Metacarcinus) gracilis

- Carapace: oval to 115mm; 10 marginal teeth and widest at 9th tooth. 10th tooth appears as a notch behind widest point.
- Claws: no serrations on outside of dactyl
- Walking legs: Long purplish hairless
- Color: light reddish-brown to purple





Where Are They Now?

Russel Cooper, LCCR, Director of Security



Serving at Little Creek Casino Resort as the Director of Security for over 14 years is a pretty big deal, right? But speaking to him, Russel Cooper, you'd hardly recognize that fact because of his overwhelming humbleness.

"The Security Department is in charge of keeping the property, employees and patrons safe," he says with a gentle smile.

"What does that entail?" I ask. "Just keeping everyone safe," he says with another gentle smile.

"What are you most proud of?" I ask. The smile gets bigger as he finally begins to brag, but not about himself. Rather, he brags about his family. "My kids, the Mini Coopers, . . . Shannon, Cody, James, and Russel . . . they are my life!" he says.

Russel has also raised "countless" Native American foster children and coached numerous Squaxin Island tribal youth basketball teams, leading them to victory, not only on the floor, but in life.

"I did that for a lot of years and those were my best years," he says, grinning ear to ear. "As long as they were interested in sports, they were doing good . . . We had great teams!"

Russel has a heart for foster kids because he was in the foster care system himself from age five to adulthood, living in nine different foster homes

- all over the state - and none of them tribal. Some treated him well, but not all. Sometimes state foster care system employees would pick him up at school without warning and take him to a different home in an entirely different city.

At age 16, and living in a foster home in Shelton, he decided to have himself sent to Chilocco Indian Boarding School in Oklahoma.

"I loved it there. It saved me. It made me independent. I knew I wouldn't graduate in Shelton."

He graduated from Chilocco in 1974, tried attending Haskell Indian College (which didn't work out), and moved to Omak where he got into a law enforcement reserve program and found his niche.

He eventually moved back to Shelton and was offered a position as a Squaxin Island Tribe Law Enforcement Officer under Chief Bob Gouin. He worked his way up to Sergeant and, after extensive law enforcement training, became Chief of Police.

"I love training!" Russel said.

He completed multiple trainings through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' U.S. Indian Police Academy in Marana, Arizona and also completed Washington State equivalency training and became state certified.

In 2003, he transferred to Little Creek Casino Resort because he was interested in a new challenge, he said.

"What do you want people reading this to know," I ask.

"Don't give up. Keep working hard. It will get better," he says with another one of his gentle smiles.

Although he won't brag about himself, you should know 40 people are employed under Russel's supervision. He has kept the casino, its employees and patrons safe during bomb threats and countless emergency situations.

His favorite past time? Silly question, right? Fishing of course! He is back on the water, even after breaking his hip a couple years ago.

Steady the course!

COMING NEXT MONTH:

Maylynn Foster

World Renowned

Squaxin Island Tribal Member Artist



New Employee



Jesse Brown

Hi! My name is Jesse Brown, and I have worked for the Squaxin Island Tribe as a Hardware Technician for over two years now. I was born and raised in Shelton and graduated from Shelton High School in 2005. I recently attended South Puget Sound Community College and received a degree in Network Administration. The Information Services Department, as well as the entire Tribe, have welcomed me with open arms, and I truly enjoy what I do here. My mother, Sandy Brown, works at SPIPA, so I also get the pleasure of visiting her and occasionally having the opportunity to work with her. My background is in customer service as well as in-home care for the elderly and developmentally disabled. I have always enjoyed tinkering and technology since I was a child. I have successfully avoided doing the new employee article until now, but I think I'm about done being timid - since I'm approaching my third year with the Tribe. Getting to know the people and culture is an extremely rewarding experience which I look forward to continuing.





We are proud of the youth for working hard and playing together as a team in the Taholah Tourney!



Taholah 8U Champions

Back Row: Coach Larry, Samson Castellane, Benito Hernandez, Wyatt Wentworth, Janelle Krise, Carmela Valencia and Taylor Krise

Front Row: Ma'sye Taylor, Erik Andrews, Camilo Krise, Markus Synder and Beau Henry



Our Squaxin Team warming up before their game. Markus, Wyatt, Janelle, Benito and Camilo



Erik and Markus were All-Stars



Squaxin/Skokomish Youth Basketball Tourney

Jan. 3-5, 2020
Entry Fee \$250
Skokomish Community Center

Champ Jackets
Runner Up Hoodies
Finalist Hooded Tees
Finalist Tees
Allstar Hoodies
MVP Backpacks

9u either/or
11u
either/or
13 u boys
13 u girls

Info:
Larry McFarlane 360-490-3283
Demus Cordova 360-490-7589



Ana and Tanalee. Ana Pinon was All-Star for the 13U Girls



13U took 2nd Place in the Taholah Tournament. In the back: Jasmine Rivera Middle Row: Niah, Tanalee Mendoza, Ana Pinon, Nyah, Abree Allen.

Front Row: Kessliab Williams,



Come show your support for these kids at the Squaxin/Skokomish tournament coming up January 3rd, 4th, and 5th . . .



Squaxin Island Tribe's *Get Movin* Challenge!

January 6 - April 24

Just in time for summer!!

A great way to try out your new fitness center!!

\$20 cost for all participants - funds will be used for prizes & incentives.

The more participants = bigger the prize!

Open for everyone to participate!

Sign up at the Tribal Center front desk!

Questions or for more information contact

the Parks & Rec Department at **360-432-3852**.

It takes 2 months to make or change a habit.

Consistency and accountability are key!

This challenge is designed to motivate movement and add healthy habits into your day.

Daily goals to consider:

- **Drink more water!**
- **Take 10 minute active break every four hours at work.**
- **Spent at least 30 minutes doing an activity that elevates your heartrate.**
- **Decrease your "screen time." Set a time in the evening to log off for the day.**
- **Stretch!**
- **Spend 15 minutes learning something new!**

Watch for class offerings at the Squaxin Fitness Center!

Buddy up— it's easier to hold someone else accountable!

Sign up and commit to a better version of you for 2020!

We took the youth on a field trip to Kennedy Creek Salmon Trail on Veteran's Day. The youth were able to watch salmon make their way up the creek. It's always a nice field trip to get out and go for a little walk while talking to them about the life cycle of the salmon. We hope you all have a safe and happy holidays. If any families have an updated contact number, please stop by or call to

update your new number. When we take the youth outside, we encourage the youth to wear a sweatshirt or a coat. On the early release days, we will be taking the youth over to the new playground. Feel free to stop by and pick-up a calendar.



Squaxin's Parks & Rec January Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Tribal Holiday Open Swim: 3-6pm	2 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Muddy Buddies Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	3 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Wii Extravaganza. Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 5-8pm
6 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Marshmallow Shooters Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 3-6pm	7 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Drum Group: 4:45-5:30pm Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	8 <i>GSD-ER @ 2:30pm</i> Rec Rm: 2:30-6pm Popsicle Ornaments Open Gym: 2:30-6pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	9 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Snowman Marshmallows Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	10 <i>SSD-1.5 HR ER</i> Rec Rm: 1:30-6pm Pool Party: 3-4:30pm Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 5-8pm
13 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Popsicle Stick Towers Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 3-6pm	14 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Drum Group: 4:45-5:30pm Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	15 <i>GSD-ER @ 2:30pm</i> Rec Rm: 2:30-6pm Paper Plate Weaving Open Gym: 2:30-6pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	16 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Cheesecake Cookies Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	17 <i>SSD-3 HR ER</i> Rec Rm: 1:30-6pm Pool Party: 3-4:30pm Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 5-8pm
20 No School – MLK Day Rec Rm: 7:30-4pm Pool Party 10:30-12:00pm Open Gym: 7:30-4pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	21 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Drum Group: 4:45-5:30pm Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	22 <i>GSD-ER @ 2:30pm</i> Rec Rm: 2:30-6pm Pipe Cleaner Icicles Open Gym: 2:30-6pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	23 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Apple Pie Bites Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	24 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Movie Night: 5-7pm Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 5-8pm
27 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Balloon Tower Challenge Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 3-6pm	28 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Drum Group: 4:45-5:30pm Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	29 <i>GSD-ER @ 2:30pm</i> Rec Rm: 2:30-6pm Pony Bead Bracelets Open Gym: 2:30-6pm Open Swim: 3-6pm	30 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Pretzel Turtles Open Gym: 3-4:30pm Bball for 11 & Under 4:30-6pm	31 Rec Rm: 3-6pm Science Projects Open Gym: 1:30-6pm Bball for 12 & Up: 4:30-6 Open Swim: 5-8pm
Activity Time is scheduled for 5:00-6:00pm		<u>ER = Early Release</u> SSD = Shelton School District GSD = Griffin School District		<u>I.T.B. – Inter-Tribal B-Ball</u> High School: 9-12 Grade Middle School: 7-8 Grade Elementary: 4-6 Grade
Rec Rm: 360-432-3955 (only 3-6pm) & Jerilynn: 360-432-3992				
All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.				



Julian and Kodiak



Sataya and Kodiak



Sataya



LEARNING CENTER



Gordon James, Education Director - Happy New Year to everyone! On behalf of the Education Department, I share a wish that everyone has a happy, healthy and safe start to the new year. In this month's Klah-Che-Min, we are reminding tribal members that the 'Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center has services available for adult community members.

- Adult Education or GED provides financial assistance for Adult Basic Education, which includes expenses for basic skills acquisition. It can also help pay for GED testing fees and study materials. The GED testing itself generally takes place at either Olympic College Shelton (by appointment) or at South Puget Sound Community College (walk-in times available) in Olympia.
- Job Training and Placement is a program that provides financial assistance to Squaxin tribal member students taking vocational or job-related training classes or short courses to earn certificates, enhance their job skills, or maintain employment. That is, these funds can help if you want to take a class that helps you qualify for a job, if you want to take a class to improve your skills in the job you're in, or if you want to take a class that helps you advance in your job.
- Higher Education funding support is available for tribal members attending accredited vocational programs, colleges and universities. The amounts of funds available will vary depending on the school, college or university you are attending. Funds are available for up to 15 quarters or up to 10 semesters for

those pursuing an undergraduate degree. Funds are available for up to 9 quarters or up to 6 semesters for those pursuing a graduate degree. The Tribe does not currently provide funding for a doctoral degree, but discussion of the possibilities is ongoing in that area.

The Tribe has students currently attending colleges and universities in several states besides Washington. If you are a local student wanting to attend higher education programs out-of-state, or if you are a tribal member in another state wishing to attend your local college, these services are available to you. The Tribe's enrollment packet will describe the steps needed for you to apply for tribal funding.

If you are interested in any of these programs and services, please contact Mandy Valley at the Education Department. Call her at (360) 432-3882, or email her at mvalley@squaxin.us. Of course, students and potential students are always welcomed to drop by the TLC, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

For any other services of the Education Department, please call us at (360) 432-3958 and we will connect you to the right folks in the department to get you started. Next month, we will explore the many services available to pre-K youth and their families in the Squaxin community. Until next month, Happy New Year!

January



Squaxin Teens



Jaimie Cruz teen advocate: 432-3842

Check Facebook @ Squaxin Teens for updates to Calendar!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Teen Center Closed Happy New year	2 Youth Council 5:00-6:00	3 Teen Room 3pm-6pm
6 Homework Party 3:00-4:30	7 Craft Class 4:00-7:00 Drum Group 5-7	8 Lushootseed Class 5:30-6:30	9 Youth Council 5:00-6:00	10 Teen Room 3pm-6pm
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Native American Inmates at Washington Correction Center Make Gifts for Squaxin Island Youth in Foster Care

Native American inmates at the Washington Correction Center have made and donated Christmas gifts for Squaxin Island youth in foster care again this year.

The initiative started last year when Squaxin Island Tribal member Jay Powell thought it would be great way to help both the kids in foster care and the inmates themselves, by offering them a way to help others. After getting proper approval, he solicited help from his friends and they began creating wonderful beaded necklaces and bolos, dream catchers, etc.

A small luncheon was held at the correction center on December 17th to thank the inmates and staff as well as the Squaxin Island Tribe Family Services Department.

Jay thanked the Squaxin Island community for accepting their gifts and the correction center administration for allowing him the opportunity to do this great project.

Inmates Supervisor Stella Jennings said, "Everyone got involved, and it became a common goal that included staff at the facility as well."



Jay Powell and Stella Jennings



Jay Powell, above left, and the Tribal Sons group also host a powwow at the prison each year





Andrea-Wilbur Sigo *Continued from Page 2*

beautiful finished pieces.

Over the years, Andrea's ancestors had to fight to keep the vital art and stories of carving alive. When they were first forced onto the reservation, colonizers aimed to eliminate their Native art, craft and culture. Carving was not permitted, and even in a richly historically documented family such as Andrea's, there is a time period where the story went silent and no records were recorded.

Just like how each layer of cedar is carved away by Andrea's hands, her family began to carve away at any barriers to carving.

"Every generation has played a big role," Andrea says, "in keeping carving where it is, and making sure it continues."

For a long time, Andrea was the youngest carver in her family, but not anymore now that her children have begun to work in the art. Andrea is a mother to seven. Her children range in age from 27 to 1, and all of them have grown up in her carving studio. Not only is that how the artform and stories are passed down, but it is also Andrea's preference to hold her children close. She is a glowing mother, and her face lights up when she talks about her children's many successes. We share a knowing nod when she talks about nursing a baby in one arm, and continuing her work in the other.

Andrea explains that she is among the handful of traditional bentwood box makers that are left. The boxes are made by heating and bending strips of cedar that are crafted into a watertight box. These boxes were, and are, very important to Andrea's tribe, and all of the Coast Salish people. The watertight feature is key in our climate and many bentwood boxes were used in cooking.

Andrea says her first carved works were small, but now her story poles, welcome figures and house posts have achieved heights up to 18 feet tall. Though she may rough out the images with a chainsaw, each piece is finished by hand in the traditional way with an adze, which also does a major part of the sealing of the piece as it crushes the fibers of the cedar.

Cedar is hard to come by these days. Andrea shares that the price has tripled since she first started carving. Her family has always been adept at not only making do with what they have, but also turning it into something beautiful. "Carving is a living culture," Andrea says, "it adapts to whatever is there at the moment."

Her husband, Steve Sigo, is especially good at adaptation, and is highly skilled in removing rot from wood and replacing it with healthier pieces. He's also mastered stitching cedar together to make one solid piece.

Stunning examples of this can be seen in the Little Creek Casino where Andrea's Strong Man, a welcome figure, and her eight-foot-wide spindle whorl, Salmon People, are on display. Salmon People is 14 pieces of yellow cedar stitched together, and it won Best of Show and People's Choice Award in the Washington State History Museum's In the Spirit show.

Additional works by Andrea Wilbur-Sigo can be found throughout the region. Look for her pieces at the Salish Cliffs golf course, and at the Squaxin Museum in the Veteran's Memorial Garden. She has done a lot of work for the Suquamish Tribe in Silverdale, including Chief Seattle's (Sealth) gravesite memorial, and has a piece at the Brightwater Treatment Facility in Woodinville. You can even spot her art in the Cruise Terminal at the Port of Seattle where her work greets visitors in a traditional way and showcases the best of the Pacific Northwest.

To reach Andrea, contact her via email at awsigo@msn.com



Chief Seattle's (Sealth) gravesite memorial

A Great Big - Huge - Thank you!

I would like to take the time to express my gratitude for the help and support I received these past few months, before and after my back surgery.

I am overwhelmed and humbled by the Squaxin community. Because of this situation, I am a changed person. I realize how lucky and blessed I am by you all.

Rose Davis, Misti Saenz-Garcia, and Theresa Henderson, thank you for renewing my spiritual faith in so many ways. I will forever be grateful.

Rose Davis and Marcella Cooper, thank you for surprising me and being at St. Pete's for me the morning of my surgery. I am still in awe that you drove in the early hours of the morning before work to pray with me, as you knew I was so scared. Rose, Lydia and Marty Trinidad, and the Mud Bay Shaker Church, thank you for blessing me during your Sunday service. Terri Capoeman, Marcella Cooper, Madeena Rivera and John Krise Sr., thank you for attending the blessing and being by my side.

Jolene Peters, Famie Mason, Melanie Palmer, Jamie Queen, Arnold Cooper, Vicki Kruger, Davey Whitener, Jasmine Johnson Krise, and Rene Klusman, thank you for taking the time to visit me in the hospital. Jasmine, thank you also for checking on me before and after your shifts. I love you.

Andrea and Steve Sigo, Sr., thank you for the lift chair. I have no idea how I would have managed without it. Thank you, Elizabeth Krise, for the loan of the walker.

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, phone calls, texts, and emails. My mind was totally blown by your concern and generosity. Steve Sigo, Jr. and David Michael Lewis, thank you for your conversations and the laughs you gave me.

Dr. Angela Tobias what do I say? You are the most amazing, caring doctor I have ever known. Without your care and knowledge, I would not have gotten through this. The community is so very lucky to have you.

Jolene Peters, thank you for the support you have given me all the way. You are amazing, and I will be forever in your debt. I will always be there for you.

Last, but not least, thank you, Rachel Buckle, for taking on my workload together with your own at such a busy time of the year and making it so easy for me to get back into the swing.

I am sorry if I have forgotten anyone; it isn't my intent.

Thank you, Squaxin, for adopting me into your community and showing me the true meaning of "Community."

- Julie Evenhuis



ELDERS TRIPS





HOUSE METHOD PRESENTS

TYPES OF HOME REPAIR GRANTS



LOW INCOME SENIORS

USDA SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REPAIR GRANTS

Covers the removal of health and safety hazards for senior homeowners who are 62+ years old, living in eligible areas whose income is below 50% of their county's median income and would be unable to repay a repair loan.



VETERANS/SERVICE MEMBERS

VA SPECIALLY ADAPTED HOUSING (SAH) GRANT

Covers the purchases, construction, or renovations of a home to be disability-adapted for veterans or active service members that have experienced certain injuries and conditions.



AMERICAN INDIANS/ALASKAN NATIVES

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP)

Covers various home repairs, replacement housing, or new housing for American Indians or Alaskan Natives whose Income is not exceeding 150% of the U.S. DHHS Poverty Guidelines and who have no other resource for housing assistance.



THOSE AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTER

FEMA GRANTS

Covers various home repairs, lodging expense reimbursement, temporary housing, replacement housing, and other needs assistance for U.S. homeowners who have been affected by a natural disaster.



STATES/NON-PROFITS

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

Grant is given to for states, localities, or non-profits with plans for investing in the creation of affordable housing purchases, construction, or rehabilitation for low-income people.



COMMUNITES

HUD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Grant is given to communities looking to address developmental needs that pose an urgent threat.

Cybersecurity Awareness

The Internal Revenue Service urges families and teens to stay vigilant in protecting personal information while connected to the internet. Although the IRS is making huge strides in fighting identity theft and thwarting fraudulent tax returns, help is needed. During National Work and Family Month, IRS asked parents and families to be mindful of all the pitfalls that can be found by sharing devices at home, shopping online and through navigating various social media platforms. Often, those who are less experienced can put themselves and others at risk by leaving an unnecessary trail of personal information for fraudsters.

The IRS has joined with representatives of the software industry, tax preparation firms, payroll and tax financial product processors and state tax administrators to combat identity theft refund fraud to protect the nation's taxpayers. This group, the Security Summit, has found methods to help reduce fraudulent tax returns entering tax processing systems.

Staying safe online

Here are a few common-sense suggestions that can make a difference for children, teens and those who are less experienced:

- Remind them why security is important. People of all ages should not reveal too much information about themselves. Keeping data secure and only providing what is necessary minimizes online exposure to scammers and criminals. Birthdates, addresses, age and especially Social Security numbers are among things that should not be shared freely.
- Always use security software with firewall and anti-virus protections. Make sure the security software is always turned on and can automatically update. Encrypt sensitive files such as tax records stored on computers. Use strong, unique passwords for each account. Be sure all family members have comprehensive protection especially if devices are being shared. Teach them to recognize and avoid scams. Phishing emails, threatening phone calls and texts from thieves posing as IRS or from legitimate organizations pose risks. Do not click on links or download attachments from unknown or suspicious emails.
- Protect personal data. Don't routinely carry a Social Security card. Keep it at home. Be sure any financial records are secure. Advise children and teens to shop at reputable online retailers. Treat personal information like cash; don't leave it lying around.
- Teach them about public Wi-Fi networks. Connection to Wi-Fi in a mall or coffee shop is convenient but it may not be safe. Hackers and cybercriminals can easily intercept personal information. Always use a virtual private network when connecting to public Wi-Fi.

The IRS does not use text messages or social media to discuss personal tax issues, such as those involving bills or refunds. For more information, visit the Tax Scams and Consumer Alerts page on IRS.gov. Additional information about tax scams is also available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube videos.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE (BASIC RETURNS)

Administration Building – 2nd Floor
February 10 – April 10, 2020

* By appointment only *

The Squaxin Island Tribe Office of Housing will be sponsoring their Annual FREE TAX PREPARATION SITE for the 2020 tax year. The site will be open to the public and operating evenings from February 10 to April 10, 2020. Don't pay high or unnecessary fees to a commercial taxpayer! Use your local free tax prep site. THINK OF THE MONEY YOU WILL SAVE!!! This site offers Visa Debit Cards for your tax refund.

Call Lisa Peters @360-432-3871 to schedule an appointment.

<https://housemethod.com/maintenance/home-repair-grants>

If you need assistance filling out the application contact:
Lisa Peters @ SIT Office of Housing 360-432-3871.



Tobacco Cessation & Wellness Dinner

Submitted by Taylor Owens, Tobacco Cessation Specialist at the clinic - In honor of lung cancer awareness month, the Squaxin Island Tribe's Tobacco Cessation program, in collaboration with SPIPA's Comprehensive Cancer Control program, hosted the 2019 Tobacco Cessation and Wellness Dinner on November 20th, 2019. Jan Ward Olmstead presented a short piece of the American Indian Cancer Society's "Pulling Together for Wellness" framework that discusses the seven generations and the epidemics Native American populations are experiencing. Keynote speaker Darryl Tonemah, who is an award-winning artist, but also has several degrees, including a PhD in clinical psychology, spoke about intergenerational trauma and the need for a strong community to heal these wounds. Jeff Evans ended the night with an outstanding comedic magic show that the audience loved. SPIPA provided "quit kits" for anyone wanting to quit using tobacco products that contained flavored gum, fidget toys, toothpicks, inspirational quotes, Quitline cards, and additional informational pamphlets on health and wellness. We would also like to give thanks to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) and the American Lung Association (ALA) for their participation and help!



L-R: Keynote Speaker Darryl Tonemah and American Indian Health Commission's Jan Ward Olmstead



L-R: Ryan Sealy (NPAIHB), Darryl Tonemah, Kerri Lopez (NPAIHB), Rosamaria Frutos (NPAIHB), Deidra Essman (SPIPA), Taylor Owens (Squaxin Island Tribe), and Antoinette Aguirre (NPAIHB)



L-R: SPIPA's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program Coordinator Deidra Essman, Squaxin Island Tribe's Tobacco Cessation Specialist Taylor Owens, and SPIPA's Community Outreach Liason Melissa Johnson



Tobacco Cessation Specialist Taylor Owens at the registration table handing out "quit kits"



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 at 360.462.3224,
wicnutrition@spipa.org

Tuesday, January 14 is WIC day at SPIPA
(Dates may change)

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Foot Exam Afternoon was December 4th

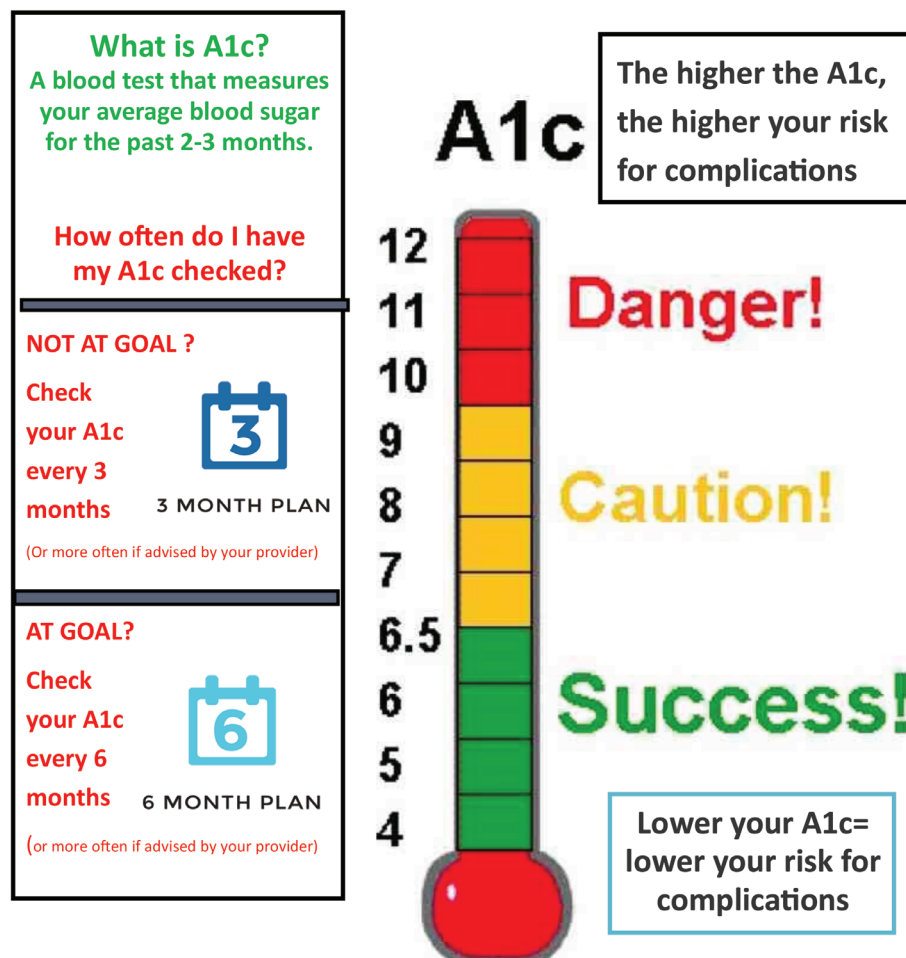
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator - Thank you, Traci Coffey, Meloney Hause, Dodie Huff, and others for having your feet checked by Dr. Molina Kochhar, Podiatrist. If you have diabetes, make a habit of taking off your shoes & socks at our clinic so Tiff, Dr. Tobias, Dr. Ott, or Dr. Wilton can check your feet when you come to the clinic. Taking care of your feet by checking them daily can help you to know what is "normal" for you. See your provider right away for any problems or changes in your skin.



L to R: Dodie Huff and Dr. Kochhar, Traci Coffey & Dr. Kochhar, and Meloney Hause & Dr. Kochhar.

What is your A1c?

If you have diabetes, you probably know that working to get your A1c to goal is an important part of your diabetes management.
Check with your provider for the best goal A1c goal for you.



Need help to get your A1c to goal? Contact your provider at the clinic 360.427.9006
and/or Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator at 360.32.3929 or psuskin@squaxin.us

Diabetes Support Group

Everyone is welcome—
those with Diabetes or not.
Come for a few minutes or
the whole time

Monday, January 27th, 2020
during Elder's Lunch
in the lunch room at Elder's Building
12:15– 12:45 pm

Speaker & topic to be determined

**You can Take Charge of your Diabetes &
Live a Long, Healthy Life**

Questions? Contact Patty Suskin,
Diabetes Coordinator at (360)432-3929



INSTRUCTIONS:

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add olive oil, squash, garlic and salt. Saute until lightly browned and squash is cooked through, about 12-15 minutes.

NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities.

If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff.

For USDA Food, call the Warehouse at Nisqually 360.438.4216

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South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program

SERVING SQUAXIN ISLAND 1/10/20

Butternut Squash Soup

INGREDIENTS:

2 Tablespoons Olive oil
1 medium butternut squash peeled, seeded, and cubed (about 3-4 cups)
1 yellow onion chopped
2 cloves of garlic peeled and smashed
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
1 1/2 teaspoons salt or more to taste
1 1/2 cups milk

If mixture becomes dry and starts to stick to the pan, pour in some stock a little at a time to help cook through.

Place cooked squash mixture in a blender and add the milk. Blend until very smooth, about 1-2 minutes. Salt to taste, serve with your favorite toppings. Its also delicious alone.

Note: when blending hot food, make sure you leave a hole for the steam to escape, otherwise it may explode!



January is Glaucoma Awareness Month, an important time to spread the word about this sight-stealing disease.



More than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma.

Glaucoma is called "the sneak thief of sight" since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it's permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing.

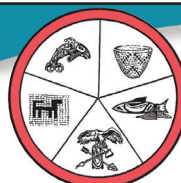
Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness.

Over 3 million Americans, and over 60 million people worldwide, have glaucoma. Experts estimate that half of them don't know they have it.

Early detection, through regular and complete eye exams, is the key to protecting your vision from damage caused by glaucoma. Ask for glaucoma testing when you have your eye exam.

It is important to have your eyes examined regularly. Get a baseline eye screening at age 40. Early signs of eye disease and changes in vision may start to occur at 40. Your eye doctor will tell you how often to have follow-up exams based on the results of this screening.

Once you have an appointment, call Jaclyn at the clinic at 360.432.3922 for a purchase order (po).



Start a New Winter Fitness Tradition with the Family

Flashlight walk:

Bundle up and take a flashlight walk after a meal or family gathering.

Find some SNOW:

Drive to the mountains and enjoy the snow—sledding,
Snowshoeing :(free & ranger-led at Mt. Rainier through March) ,
Build a snowperson



Skating or Ice Bumper Cars:

Only on Ice (Ice Skating)Downtown Olympia(529 4th Ave W) —
only thru Jan 20! <http://olympiawa.gov/city-services/parks/recreation/oly-on-ice.aspx>

Sprinker Recreation Center (Ice Skating & Ice bumper cars)
14824 C St. South
Tacoma, WA 98444 253.798.4000
<https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1310/Sprinker-Recreation-Center>



Dance

Turn on your favorite tunes & boogie!



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Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal



MONDAY 6:

Teriyaki Chicken, Rice,
Oriental Veggies

MONDAY 13:

French Dips, Potato Salad

MONDAY 20:

Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast

MONDAY 27:

Baked Potato Bar, Broccoli

TUESDAY 7:

Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese

TUESDAY 14:

Chicken w/ Rice Soup, Tuna Melts

TUESDAY 21:

Beef Stew, Biscuits

TUESDAY 28:

Pork Pozole, Tortillas

WEDNESDAY 1:

CLOSED
Happy New Year

WEDNESDAY 8:

BBQ Ribs, Mac-N-Cheese, Veggies

WEDNESDAY 15:

Tacos, Spanish Rice

WEDNESDAY 22:

Baked Chicken, Roasted Red
Potatoes, Green Beans

WEDNESDAY 29:

Enchiladas, Refried Beans

THURSDAY 2:

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes,
Cauliflower

THURSDAY 9:

Tatar Tot Casserole, Brussel Sprouts

THURSDAY 16:

Casino Buffet

THURSDAY 23:

Pork Chops, Stuffing, Carrots

THURSDAY 30:

Garlic Parmesan Chicken Wings,
Veggie Rice



Notice:

Kamilche Trading Post Deli is open.

There is a limited Menu at this time.

Over the next several weeks more items
will be available.

Thank you for patience during this time.



Early Head Start is a home visiting program designed to support you as your child's first and most important teacher!

Families with children of all abilities are encouraged to apply. Call to hear about how this



Provides:

- Parent Training
- Health Screenings

Call Squaxin Island Child Development Center

at 360.426.1390 for
further information
or to schedule an
application and
eligibility
appointment.





January Happy Birthdays

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| 1
Aaron Nathaniel Evans
Jessica Kay Solano
Nancy A. Moore | 11
Anthony Joe Armas
Cassidy J. Gott
Emilie Rose Burgain
Lolyta Jean Johns
Natasha Gamber-Chokos
Patricia Johnna Green
Seilyah Emily Louise Smith | 22
Kahsai Tiefel Gamber
Percy James Welcome
Shawnell Lynn McFarlane |
| 2
Fernando M. Rodriguez
Patrick Allen Braese
Sydney Marie Tuso
Tory Lee Hagmann | 13
Connie Renee Whitener
Marvin Eugene Campbell Jr. | 23
Keona Anahoi Rocero
Linda Kay Jones |
| 3
Nohea S. K. Robinson-Black | 14
Sheena Marie Lewis Glover | 24
Jeremy Turner Sigo
Miguel Jordan Saenz-Garcia
Mini Marie Gamber |
| 4
Aaron M. Raven Peters
Elias Dade Coley
Halia Marie Cooper-Lewis | 15
Ashton Ryder Coble
Jesse Raymond James
Kayla Marie Scelopin Peters
Theresa Maiselle Bridges | 25
Adonis Micheal Bradley
Debra Ann Brownfield
Jace L. Merriman
Margaret Catherine Henry
Percina Erin Bradley |
| 5
Christopher Wade Stewart
Two Hawks Krise Young | 16
Imalee Rose Tom
Shelby V. Riley | 26
Dakodah Delaney Vigil
Jayda Evelyn Leigh Hawks
Myeisha Marie Pearl Little
Sun
Nutella Natt Obi
Robert Charles Lacefield |
| 6
Lincoln L. Villanueva
Moses Elijah Kruger
Samantha Elizabeth Ackerman
Sherry Lynn Haskett | 17
Barbara Eileen Cleveland
Charlotte Sky Bradley
Leanora Christine Krise
Tristan Isaiah Coley
Whitney Amber Jones | 27
Alohna J. Clark
Amanda R. Salgado
Cheryl Rae Melton
Emily Ann Baxter
Guy Tatum Cain |
| 7
Charlene Holly Blueback
Kaleb Darrell Krise
Melissa Rose Dawn Whitener
Zachery G. Clark | 18
David Norman Dorland
John A. Ackerman
Lorna Lee Gouin | 28
Eva Alexandra Rodriguez
Rebeckah Jeanette Ford |
| 8
Francis Arnold Cooper Jr.
Melanie Evelyn Sequak
Meloney R. Hause
Patti Lee Riley
Shila Mae BlueBack | 19
Emily Ruth Whitener | 29
Sharleina E. Henry |
| 9
Deanna Mary Hawks
Emmalee Georgena James
Janita Lee Raham
Jazmin Victoria James | 20
David Micheal Bear Lewis
Jadha Ann James
Leonard William Hawks III
Santana Lee Krise | 30
Buck Gene Clark Jr. |
| 10
Isaac J. Ackerman
Samantha S. Armas
Stephanie Michele Peters
Tiffany A. Valderas | 21
Jacob Wesley Campbell
Traci Lynn Lopeman | 31
Alicia Ilene Obi
Brandon Lee Stewart
Nikolai A. Cooper |



To contact a
Squaxin Island
Police Officer Call:
360-426-4441

If it is an
EMERGENCY
CALL 911

**SQUAXIN ISLAND T.A.N.F. SPONSORED
LUSHOOTSEED
CLASSES**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS @ FAMILY
SERVICES CLASSROOM**

5PM-6:30PM
DINNER IS PROVIDED

QUESTIONS? Contact Rose Henry 360-432-3950
We will notify you of any changes in schedule due to holiday
or Tribal closures.



What's Happening



SATURDAY

Jan. 4

*Youth Basketball Tourney
Skokomish Community
Center*

SUNDAY

Jan. 5

*Youth Basketball Tourney
Skokomish Community
Center*

SATURDAY

Jan. 11

*General Body Meeting
Breakfast at 8:30
Meeting Starts at 9:00*

MONDAY

Jan. 6

*Walk Inn Beauty
5:00 - 7:00
Fitness Center*

MONDAY

Jan. 13

Childcare Board of Directors

TUESDAY

Jan. 7

Criminal/Civil Court

Freedom from Smoking
Noon - 1:00 p.m.
Health Promotions

Culture Night
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Drum Group
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 14

Hunting Committee

Enrollment Committee

Freedom from Smoking
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Culture Night
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Drum Group
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 21

Criminal/Civil Court

Freedom from Smoking
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Culture Night
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Drum Group
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 28

Skookum Creek Tobacco
Board

Freedom from Smoking
Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Culture Night
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Drum Group
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 1

*Salish Sea Plunge
10:00 a.m. @ Arcadia*

Happy New Year

Jan. 8

Golf Advisory Committee

Tribal Council

work session with IEI???

AA & ALANON: 7:30 p.m.

Lushootseed Class: 5:00 - 6:30

Bible Study: 5:00 - 7:00
Community Kitchen

Jan. 15

AA & ALANON: 7:30 p.m.

Lushootseed Class: 5:00 - 6:30

Bible Study: 5:00 - 7:00
Community Kitchen

Jan. 22

AA & ALANON: 7:30 p.m.

Lushootseed Class: 5:00 - 6:30

Bible Study: 5:00 - 7:00
Community Kitchen

Jan. 29

AA & ALANON: 7:30 p.m.

Lushootseed Class: 5:00 - 6:30

Bible Study: 5:00 - 7:00
Community Kitchen

THURSDAY

Jan. 2

Family Court

Gaming Commission

Utilities Commission

Tribal Council

Jan. 16

Tribal Council

work session with LCCR???

Jan. 23

Tribal Council

FRIDAY

Jan. 3

*Youth Basketball Tourney
Skokomish Community
Center*

Housing Commission

Jan. 10

Education Commission

SPIPA Board

Jan. 17

*Tribal Council work session
with Tribal Government???*

Holistic Lifestyle & Coaching @ WholeisticFit.com

January 6, 2020 @ 5pm - 6pm

Connection Private website and Facebook group for online learning in the WIB community. **VIRTUAL**

Creativity Hands-on activities inspiring you to achieve your goals. **LIVE SESSION**

self-care A combination of fitness styles paired with self-care practices. Both **VIRTUAL & LIVE**

Please Register With SPIPA, Space Is Limited
LIVE SESSIONS @ SQUAXIN FITNESS CTR.
Monday's 5pm - 70 SE Squaxin Ln. Shelton, WA. 98584
Instructor: Ho'omālamalama Brown

Consult your physician before joining the fitness sessions.

BIBLE STUDY
The Teachings of Jesus Christ
Wednesdays
5-7pm PST
Community Kitchen
50 SE Squaxin Ln, Shelton, WA 98584



Please Join Us
Building Strong Families Through Culture
BSFTC 2019-2020
Community Kitchen
Tuesday's
4:00 pm — 7:00 pm
For the Formation and Maintenance of Two-Parent Families

COMMITTEES COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Committee

Aquatics Committee
Elders Committee/Inc.
Elections Committee
Enrollment Committee
Fireworks Committee (TC 6.04.040)
Fish Committee
Gathering Committee
Golf Advisory Committee
Hunting Committee
Shellfish Committee
Veterans' Committee



Council Rep.

Arnold Cooper
Charlene Krise
None per code
Charlene Krise
Noneper code
Vicki Kruger
Charlene Krise
Arnold Cooper
Arnold Cooper
Vince Henry
None

Staff Rep.

Jeff Dickison
Traci Coffey
Tammy Ford
Tammy Ford
TBD
Joseph Peters
Rhonda Foster
Marvin Campbell
Joseph Peters
Eric Sparkman
Kim Kenyon

Meetings

2nd Wednesday in Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
1st Wednesday or Thursday
March, April, May
2nd Tuesday
May and June
2nd Wednesday in March, June
TBD
2nd Wednesday or Thursday
2nd Tuesday of July, Oct., Jan., April
1st Wednesday of March, June, Sept., Dec.
TBD

Commission

1% Committee (Bylaws & Appendix X2)
Budget Commission
Education Commission
Gaming Commission (TC 6.08.090)
Housing Commission
Utilities Commission



Council Rep.

C.Krise, V. Henry, V. Kruger
Vicki Kruger
Vacant
None per code
Charlene Krise
Vacant

Staff Rep.

Marvin Campbell
Marvin Campbell
Gordan James
Dallas Burnett
Liz Kuntz
Vacant

Meetings

Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
June and August
2nd Friday
1st Thursday
1st Friday
1st Thursday



Board

Business Administration Board
Child Care Board of Directors
Island Enterprises Board
Museum Library and Research Center Board
Skookum Creek Tobacco Board
SPIPA Board of Directors
Tourism Board (TC 2.34.010)

Council Rep.

None per code
Vicki Kruger & Charlene Krise
Arnold Cooper
Bev Hawks
Vinny Henry
Vicki Kruger
Vacant

Staff Rep.

Nathan Schreiner
Bert Miller
Dave Johns
Charlene Krise
Mike Araiza
Marvin Campbell
Leslie Johnson

Meetings

As needed
2nd Monday

Sept., Dec., March, June
4th Tuesday
2nd Friday
TBD

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322 North 3rd Street in Shelton

&

Mason Regional Fire Authority
460 Northeast Old Belfair Highway in Belfair

For More Information Call Mason County
Public Health & Human Services

360-427-9670 ext. 400



Squaxin Island Tribe

Family Justice

The Family Justice Program is here to assist people that have been incarcerated, released from Inpatient treatment for substance abuse and/or have obligations with Probation, DOC, BHR and ICW.

The primary focus is to assist clients with finding resources to remove barriers and obtain self-sufficiency and reduce the risk of reoffending.

Contact: Family Justice Services Coordinator

Phone: (360) 432-3906

Cell: (360) 485-5150

Address: 2750 SE Old Olympic HWY

Shelton, WA 98584

Social Security Disability

If you have been denied Social Security benefits because you receive a "Per Capita" distribution or other Tribal assistance, please contact Diane at the Squaxin Legal Department for assistance.
(360) 432-1771 ext. 0

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