



Squaxin Grads!

CLASS OF 2020

JOIN US FOR A PARADE THROUGH THE REZ TO CELEBRATE YOUR GRADUATION!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST AT 5:00 PM
STARTING AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE REZ AND ENDING AT THE CANOE JOURNEY FIELDS

Join us on Klah Che Min Drive to cheer on our graduates!
(from a distance of course)

Contact Jaimie Cruz
3607426527 or jacruz@squaxin.us to sign up and get a complete list of guidelines for the parade.

More Details on Page 16

NR Auction of Surplus Equipment

Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on July 31st, 2020.

The winning bidder will be notified by August 3rd and have until August 14th to pick up the item(s). If the item(s) are not picked up by August 14th, NR will move on to the next bidder.

Mail in or drop off sealed bids to:

Squaxin Island Natural Resources
200 SE Billy Frank Jr. Way
Shelton, WA 98584

Questions? Contact:

Daniel Kuntz
dkuntz@squaxin.us
360-432-3859

See the items on page 24.

ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAIL-IN BALLOTING

Following the Election Committee's recommendation, Tribal Council has made the difficult decision, based on their Oath of Office to protect the health and welfare of the Tribe, to hold elections by mail in ballots.

The process will be as follows:

- Ballots will be created by a third party (MK Elections), and mailed by them. Each mailing will include two envelopes: postage paid return envelope and a secret ballot envelope.
- Ballots will be mailed by July 3, 2020. They must be returned via USPS to the PO Box listed on the return envelope.
- Ballots need to be received by July 25, 2020. No exceptions. Anything received after July 25, 2020 will not be counted.

IMPORTANT: Do not drop off ballots at the Tribal Center—they will not be accepted and must be mailed for security purposes.

- Please ensure enough time for USPS to deliver the ballot by due date of July 25, 2020.
- Date & time of ballot count will be advertised so that representatives of the candidates may witness the count.
- Barcodes on the return envelope will be scanned to ensure authenticity of each ballot and qualification of voter.
- Once results are certified, a run-off election will take place. Watch for more information to follow.

Information and updates will be available at: squaxinland.org/elections

The ballots will be mailed to each tribal member at their enrollment address. **Please update your address** by contacting enrollment at 360-432-3888 or tford@squaxin.us.

Questions can be directed to: elections@squaxin.us or visit www.squaxinland.org/elections

See the list of candidates on Page 3.



Office of Housing

ATTENTION HOUSING APPLICANTS...

REMINDER - If you are on the Squaxin Island Tribal Housing Waiting List, it is time to update your housing application. The updated application will be mailed to the last address that the Office of Housing has on file for you. If you have recently moved, or have a change of address, please call Lisa Peters at (360) 432-3871.

If you do not update your application by July 31, 2020, your name will be removed from the housing waiting list.



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

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL:

- ARNOLD COOPER: Chairman
- CHARLENE KRISE: Vice Chairman
- JEREMIE WALLS: Secretary
- VICKI KRUGER: Treasurer
- BEV HAWKS: 1st Council Member
- DAVE WHITENER: 2nd Council Member
- VINCE HENRY: 3rd Council Member

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K L A H - C H E - M I N

Walking On Donna Lopeman-Baker

Donna Jean Lopeman-Baker passed away on June 8th at Mason General Hospital. She was 56 years old.

Donna was born in Tacoma, Washington on October 25, 1963. She was raised in Kamilche by her parents, Dave and Shirley (Rogers)Lopeman and, of course, a large extended family.

She was an enrolled Squaxin Island tribal member.

Donna loved her family and friends. She grew up with lots of cousins and friends to hang out with. Her pride and joy were her children and grandchildren. That is what meant the



most to Donna, the relationships with those she loved.

She married Roy Dorland in 1981. Together they had three children, Steven, Cynthia, and David. That marriage ended in divorce and she later married Robert Baker.

She leaves behind her two sons, Steven (Cotie) and David (Melanie) and five grandchildren, Owen, Finn, Zayne, Totten, and Lillie.

Her parents and her daughter, Cynthia, predeceased Donna.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Donna was laid to rest by a small gathering at the Squaxin Island Sacred Grounds on June 14, 2020.



Squaxin Island Tribe - Family Services - Elders' Building

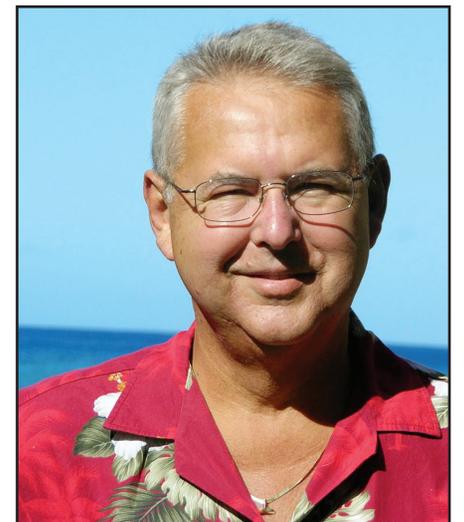
For Elders and Community Members Seeking Services for Elders - 360-432-3844

June 1, 2020

These FAQs are provided in response to phasing in services and Elders receiving ongoing services, support and understanding programs during this time.

- o The Elders' Building will lag by at least a month on opening to all, holding events and not serving meals there.
 - o Why? Elders are still in a risk category and we want to get specialty cleaning and equipment, which is in high demand and yet to be scheduled.
 - o Meals will still be delivered.
 - o Staff will still be available and all the same services.
 - o We want to be able to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to all who eventually return and enter the building and need time to get this, also, in demand item. Call to learn more.
- o How should we apply for, and receive assistance?
 - o It will be the same system.
- o Can we come drop by in person?
 - o No, we will still have the Elders' Building closed and will keep delivering meals to elders. The food bank is still open on Fridays and if you have been getting that, you still will get that on Friday.
- o Will we know when it is reopen?
 - o Yes and if you have a preferred way of communication, let us know. For example, some prefer a call, a text, a Facebook posting and/or a note.

Family Services Director: Charlene Abrahamson - 360-432-3914 cabrahamson@squaxin.us



Ronald Curtis Fletcher

Ronald Curtis Fletcher, the son of Wesley Curtis Fletcher, passed peacefully at home in Hawaii on June 17, 2020.

He worked for Certified Machinests in Shelton and served on the Squaxin Island Tribal Council in 1970, 1972, and 1973.

He is survived by his daughter, Renee'; son, Doug; sister, Jackie Crenshaw; and brother, Wes Fletcher.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mike Fletcher.

He will join his wife, Linda, off the coast in Hawaii.



Squaxin Island Tribe
2020 Elections



Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve: The Next Step

It has been 10 years since Capitol Land Trust purchased Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve. During that time, Capitol Land Trust has been active in restoring the ecological health of the property. And that work continues!

We are excited to share the next step in Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve's journey - the failing bridge crossing Cranberry Creek will be removed this year! If you've ever been to the preserve, you may remember holding your breath as you drove across it.

In partnership with the Squaxin Island Tribe, Mason Conservation District, and support from the Department of Ecology's Terry Husseman Account, the removal of the bridge and nearby streambank armoring will allow the salmon-bearing creek to flow naturally and make space for native re-vegetation.

Twin Rivers Ranch Preserve is just north of Shelton and spans the entire northern shoreline of Oakland Bay. Its 133 acres protects the lower reaches of two salmon-bearing creeks (Cranberry Creek and Deer Creek) and their estuaries; 3,200 feet of Puget Sound shoreline; plus, wetlands, forest, and grassland. And its adjacent mudflats support aquaculture for local shellfish companies and the Squaxin Island Tribe.

The Preserve lies within the traditional territory of the Sa-He-Wa-Mish, who were sustained by the rich natural resources in the area. Native ownership of the property and Oakland Bay was lost in 1854 when the Medicine Creek Treaty went into effect.

Shortly thereafter (possibly as early as 1856), the land was homesteaded by the Jacob Ooley Eckler family. As logging operations expanded in the Shelton area in the late 1800s, a short railroad line was built diagonally across the property by the Shelton Logging Company for transporting logs.

Squaxin Island Tribe received a \$20,000 grant for the Cranberry Creek bridge removal project from the WA State Department of Ecology. The Tribe will use the award to remove the failing 55-foot log bridge over Cranberry Creek. They will also decommission the access road on either side, remove riprap, re-plant native vegetation, and install a new access road that avoids crossing Cranberry Creek. Removing the bridge will allow juvenile Coho salmon and other fish to finally move unimpeded from Oakland Bay to Lake Limerick, Cranberry Lake, and associated wetlands.



OFFICIAL BALLOT LIST CANDIDATES

The names below, members of the Squaxin Island Tribe, have accepted nomination for candidacy for an open position on Tribal Council.

This official list of candidates will be on the Squaxin Island Tribal Election Ballot which will be voted on by the General Body.

2020 General Election Ballots will be mailed out to eligible voters on July 3rd, 2020 and must be received by mail before July 25th, 2020 to be counted. Eligible voters are enrolled tribal members of 18 years or older on or before the Election Date of July 25th, 2020.

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN	TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 1	TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER 2
Arnold Cooper	Sally Brownfield	Steven Dorland
Vincent Henry Sr.	Marcella Cooper	Redwolf Krise
Charlene Krise	Joanne Decicio	Janita Raham
Vicki Kruger	Patricia Green	Misti Saenz-Garcia
Joshua Mason	Beverly Hawks	Michael Ogden
Kristopher Peters	Andy Whitener	Steve Sigo
		David Whitener Jr.
		Patrick Whitener

To find out more about the elections and the candidates, please visit <https://squaxinland.org/elections>.





High School



AUSTIN BONE

Austin Bone, the son of Jolene Peters, and grandson of Paula and Jeff Peters, graduated from River Ridge High School in June.

He played football and wrestled through high school and loves going on Canoe Journeys and playing basketball.

He was recognized in 2015 on his first journey to Muckleshoot.

He was employed at the Squaxin Island Community Garden last year.

He plans to join the military.

JOCELYN CAMPBELL

Jocelyn Campbell, the daughter of Marvin and Erin Campbell and granddaughter of Jim and Theresa (Davis) Cooper, graduated from Northwest Christian High School in June.

In her spare time, she enjoys bike riding and other outdoor activities.

She plans to earn an Associates degree in Biblical Studies and a Masters in Psychology with a long-term goal of becoming a therapist.

RAYMOND CASTRO

Raymond Castro, the son of Marcella Cooper and Abel Castro, grandson of Rose Cooper Davis and Mauro Rivera, and great-grandson of Buddy Cooper and Estella Teo Cooper, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

He played soccer and attended the Upward Bound Program at The Evergreen State College, finishing with Honors.

He enjoys reading, video games, movies, and hanging out with his brothers and sister.

EMMA COMBES

Emma Combes, the daughter of Daniel Combes and granddaughter of Nancy Combes, graduated from Hermiston High School in June.

She was a four year Varsity starter in volleyball and was in Club Volleyball for six years with two national appearances. She was First Team All League Varsity, MVP, and Captain. She also played beach volleyball and softball her freshman year.

She received award recognition in biology, English, communication, writing, and art classes.

Emma enjoys art, music, reading, and wave surfing.

She will be attending Eastern Washington University in the fall.

Sgwi' Gwi Recap

The annual Sgwi' Gwi Celebration usually includes about 400 people sharing dinner and cheering on students and graduates at all levels. For 2020, in accordance with public health guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribal Council has cancelled large community events like Sgwi' Gwi. However, the Tribal Council, Education Commission, and Education Department would still like to recognize this year's students for their hard work. The gifting that is a part of Sgwi' Gwi continues, with graduates receiving education incentive awards from the Tribal Council.

The Sgwi' Gwi banquet usually includes gifts to the graduates in attendance, and gift cards for the K-12 students in attendance. Without a Sgwi' Gwi banquet, we still want to make sure to acknowledge the college and vocational graduates from Squaxin with a gift. If you have sent your college or vocational graduation information to the Education Department, you should be receiving a gift in the mail.

Children in grades K-12 would have normally been recognized on stage at Sgwi' Gwi and received a gift card. If your K-12 child(ren) would have been receiving a gift card at the 2020 Sgwi' Gwi, we ask that you email us your child's name, grade and mailing address that we can mail a gift card to your child. We want to make sure not to miss any children being acknowledged with a gift card.





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School



SOPHIA COOPER

Sophia Cooper, the daughter of Kim and Anton Cooper and granddaughter of Emory and Ruth Peters, graduated from Pechersk School International in June.

During her time in high school she played basketball and soccer and was able to participate in lots of different sports competitions. She also participated in an activity that helped raise funds for a local animal shelter and another that built kindergarten equipment for other schools in her area.

She plans to attend the University of Washington with the intention to major in Biology.

She is excited to work at the U.S. Embassy this year as a summer hire.

ZOE COOPER

Zoe Cooper, the daughter of Kim and Anton Cooper and granddaughter of Emory and Ruth Peters, graduated from Pechersk School International in June.

During her time in high school she was a member of the soccer and basketball teams. She was fortunate to be able to travel a lot with her teams and participate in multiple international tournaments. She also participated in high school theater productions and enjoyed acting and singing in her school's musicals.

She is excited to be attending the University of Washington in the fall and plans to study education. She would love to become a teacher at an international school.

She is looking forward to working at the United States Embassy in Kyiv this summer before attending college.

ANDREW CRONE

Andrew Crone, the son of Marlo and Anthony Crone and grandson of Linda and Aaron Lake and Bob Plant, graduated from Buena High School, home of the fighting colts, in Sierra Vista, AZ and completed certification in Automotive Repair (four years) in May.

He enjoys Jiu Jitsu, mechanics, motorcycles, and side-by-sides, anything with a motor.

His next adventure will be joining the military.

ASHLEY DOLGE

Ashley Dolge, the daughter of Josh and Jessica Dolge, granddaughter of Barbie Knudsen, and great-granddaughter of Arlene Strope, graduated from Shelton High School and Olympic College (through Running Start) with an Associates degree in June.

This Fall, she will be attending the University of Washington, Tacoma to complete her Early Childhood Education degree.

The past three summers she worked with the Summer Recreation Program as an Activities Assistant and filling in during the after-school program. She plans to continue spending the summer months during her college years working with the youth.





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ERIC ELLERBE

Eric Ellerbe, the son of Elroy Ellerbe and Carol Oathout, grandson of Lila Jacobs, and husband of Mirna Benavides, graduated from the Squaxin Island Tribe's High School and Beyond Program through TANF/South Puget Sound Community College in August, 2019.

He has three children, Jonathan Trevino, Logan Ellerbe, and Hermione Ellerbe.

He enjoys spending time with his family, cooking, football, and computer technology.

He plans to continue his education at SPSCC and eventually earn a degree in business to further his career working for Squaxin Island Tribe.

He is currently employed as the Patient Assister at the Squaxin Island Health Clinic.

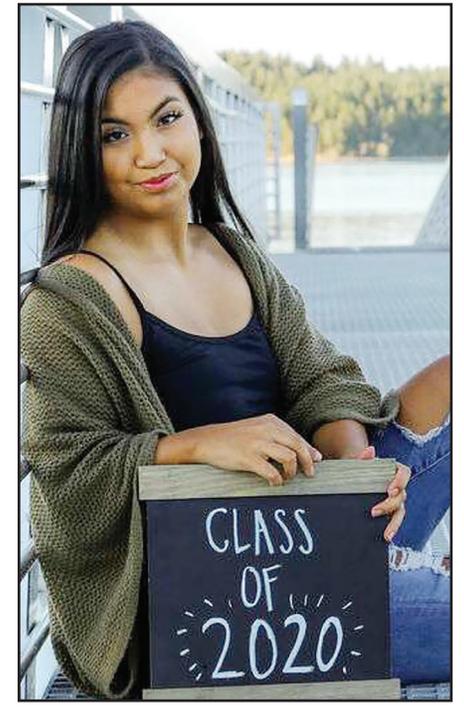


ALEI HENDERSON

Alei Henderson, the daughter of Jaimie Peters and Michael Henderson, Sr. and granddaughter of Jeffery and Paula Peters, graduated from CHOICE High School in January.

She received the Academic Achievement Award for graduating early.

She plans to graduate from Clover Park Technical College, where she is currently enrolled in their automotive program. She is working towards an Associate of Applied Technology degree to be an Automotive Technician.



KIANA HENRY

Kiana Jean Henry, the daughter of Margaret Seymour-Henry and Vincent Henry, Sr., graduated from Shelton High School in June.

Her maternal grandparents were Marjorie Seymour - from Squaxin/Yurok & David Underwood from Quinault/Skokomish.

Her paternal grandmother & great-grandmother were Barbara Henry and Theresa Cooper-Nason.

SQUAXIN TEEN PROGRAM PRESENTS

YOUTH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursday's 4pm
Please contact Jaimie Cruz for meeting ID and code 360-742-6527
jcruz@squaxin.us



JADA KRISE

Jada Krise, the daughter of Heather Edwards and Rodney Krise, Sr., graduated from CHOICE High School in June.

She enjoys travel and practicing treaty rights.

She hopes to work for the Tribe in the future.



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High School



LATOYA JOHNS

Latoya Johns, the daughter of Terri Capoeman and Wilson Johns and granddaughter of Elizabeth Perez, Mel Smith and Joyce and Harry Johns, graduated from the Squaxin Island Tribe's High School and Beyond Program through TANF/South Puget Sound Community College in March.

She enjoys spending time with her family and beading earrings. She has two children, Lolyta Johns and Andre Woody-Johns.

She plans to get a nursing degree, and her long-term goal is to take care of our tribal Elders, especially those who don't have family to take care of them.



NOKOMIS MASONER

Nokomis Masoner, the daughter of Chasity and Mike Masoner, granddaughter of Gerald (Gerry) Masoner and Blanche Hayes and Joanne and Dino Decicio, great-granddaughter of Marcia and Bobby Smith and Barbara Henry, great-granddaughter of Steve Henderson, and great-great-granddaughter of Walter Henry and Theresa Nason, graduated from CHOICE High School in June.

She has been employed at the Squaxin Island Child Development Center for over a year and is interested in tattooing. She also loves camping and hiking.



JACE MERRIMAN

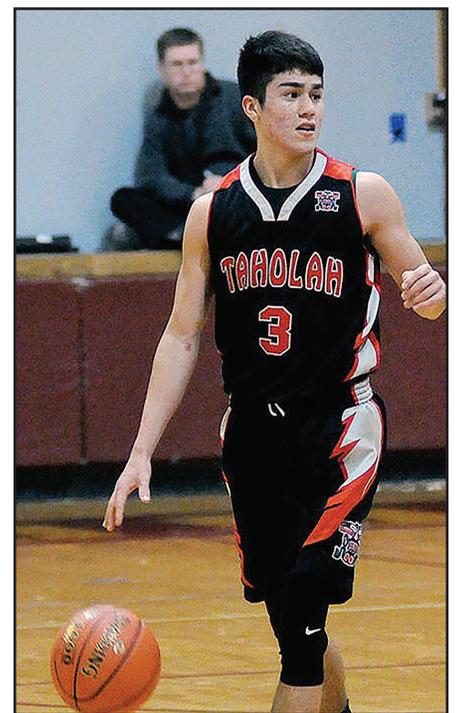
Jace Merriman, the son of Colleen and Dave Merriman and grandson of Bill and Louise Peters, graduated in June from Mandela International Magnet School in Santa Fe, New Mexico with an International Baccalaureate diploma and a 3.7 GPA.

He received the Minds Move Mountains scholarship and Defender of the Year Santa Fe High School Soccer award.

He enjoys playing the guitar, photography, and singing.

Jace will be attending the University of Oregon, majoring in Business with a focus on Entrepreneurial Studies and Minor in Spanish and Biology.

He is currently employed at Marty Sanchez Links de Santa Fe Golf Course and is a Barista at Java Joe's Coffee House.

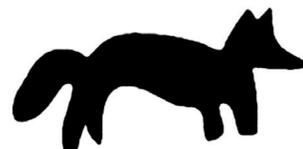


JAMES OROZCO

James Orozco, the son of Mary Mosier and Francisco Orozco and grandson of Ramona Mosier, graduated from Taholah High School in June.

He played football and basketball, earning All League MVP.

He plans to become certified in water treatment and work at a wastewater treatment facility.

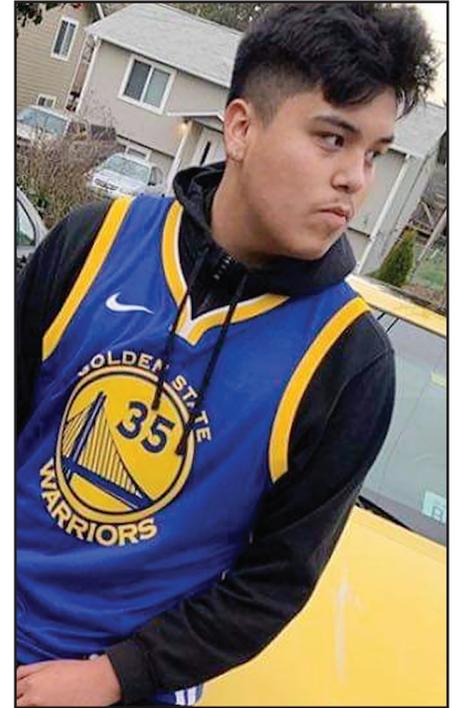




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KAYDEN PALMAS

Kayden Palmas, the son of Rachel Ford and Michael Palmas, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

He received a "Most Inspiring Student" award.

Kayden enjoys bowling, basketball, and golf.

He plans to get a PhD in psychology, "and see where that takes me," he said.

ETHAN PERRY

Ethan Perry, the son of Juana Nelson and Scott Perry and stepfather, Greg Barckley, grandson of Paula Krise, and great-grandson of June Novell, graduated from North Thurston High School in June.

He was the quarterback on the North Thurston Rams football team for one season and liked all the time spent in welding class.

He loves auto shop, cooking, riding recreational vehicles, hunting, fishing, and hanging out with his mom and girlfriend.

He is starting an apprenticeship for a sheet metal company in Olympia and is currently working at Cut Rate Auto Parts.

AARON PETERS

Aaron Peters, the son of Roger and Leslie Peters and grandson of Calvin and Ina Peters, graduated from Franklin Pierce High School in June.

He played 1st Team All League Baseball and was a member of DECA business club.

He enjoys politics, fishing, business and video games.

He will be attending Centralia College for Business Management and to play baseball. He will then transfer to a four-year university and eventually go to law school.

TALON PETERSON

Talon Peterson, the son of Stella Sicade and Paul Peterson graduated from CHOICE High School in June.

He loves video games and hanging out with his girlfriend.

He received an award for being the Most Improved Student.

He plans to secure employment with the Tribe's Natural Resources Department where he has been working during the summers and become a successful harvester/fisherman.





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GRACE PUGHE

Grace Pughe, the daughter of Eric Pughe and Diana Reynolds, granddaughter of Donald (Mowich) and Kathleen Reynolds, and niece of Meloney Hause, graduated from Grants Pass High School (GPHS) with a 3.4 GPA in June.

She was a member of the GPHS Marching Band which won the Northwest Association for Performing Arts (aka Marching Band and Color Guard) (NWAPA) State Championships.

She enjoys history (60-70s pop culture, counter culture, music history), outdoors, and photography.

She will be attending Southern Oregon University in Ashland Oregon, studying elementary education to become a 1st grade teacher.

She is currently employed at In-N-Out Burger.

ASHLEIGH RAMAGE

Ashleigh Ramage, the daughter of Rickie (Case) and Rusty Ramage, granddaughter of Loretta (Peterson) and Richard Case, and great-granddaughter of Hazel Bagley, graduated from Choice High School in June.

She is CPR & first-aid certified and has a food handlers card. She plans to become a Midwife and is currently employed as a nanny.



NICOLE ROWELL

Nicole Rowell, the daughter of Jeb and Candace Case and granddaughter of Loretta and Richard Case, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She plans to attend South Puget Sound Community College for two years and then transfer to Washington State University (WSU) to pursue a career in law.

She is currently employed as a Legal Assistant at Callahan Law, P.S., Inc.

BABY RUNNINGBEAR

Baby Runningbear, the son of Dorothy Huff, grandson of Paula Henry and Larry Nelson, and great-grandson of June Novell, graduated from North Thurston High School in June.

His guardians are Juana Nelson and Greg Barckley.

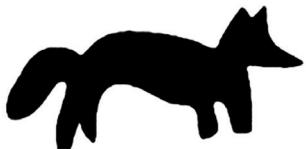
He played unified basketball and soccer and enjoys hanging out with his friends.

He would like to go into law enforcement and is joining a program called Lacey Police Explorers that will help him towards his goal.

Summer Tutoring is Available

With the school year across the country completely disrupted, many students were left academically struggling. The Education Department is hoping to support students through these academic challenges, even through the summer months. If you would like to get tutoring support during July and August, please reach out to our Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center tutors. Different media platforms can be available for this support. Whether you are in elementary, middle, junior high or high school - we want to offer you the support to catch up on what you may have missed in school, and to prepare for the next school year. For more information, please contact:

- For grades 9-12: Julie Youngs at jyoungs@squaxin.us
- For grades 5-8: Lynn White at lwhite@squaxin.us
- For grades K-4: Lynice May at lmay@squaxin.us





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LILLY SIGO

Lilly Sigo, the daughter of Janette Sigo and granddaughter of Dewey Sigo, graduated from Shelton High School in June.

She enjoys baton twirling and babysitting.

She plans to go to college to study chemistry.



JAYDE SMITH

Jayde Smith, the daughter of Carol and Bob Smith and granddaughter of Jackie and Don Smith, graduated in June with a 3.8 GPA!

In high school she was the varsity girls basketball captain, played varsity fast pitch and was a member of the Honor Society.

She received a Saint Martin's University Presidents scholarship, 4.0 award, Rotary Top 10% in Mason County award, and a South Sound Conference All-League Honorable Mention.

She enjoys basketball, hiking, and wakeboarding.

She plans to graduate from Saint Martins University and become an elementary school teacher.

She is currently employed at the Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center.



MATAYA STROUD

Mataya Stroud, the daughter of Shawndra Henry and Todd Stroud, graduated from Kingston High School in June.

In high school, she enjoyed playing soccer, basketball and track, earning a certificate for being a three-sport athlete.

In the summer she enjoys going on the annual Canoe Journey.

Her plan is to become a paramedic in the near future.



MARSHALL TRACEY

Marshall Tracey, the son of Joeline Tamm and Michael Tracey, Jr. and grandson of Marie Snyder, Brad Tamm, and Kathy and Michael Tracey, will graduate from Valley Center High School in July with a 3.6 GPA.

He was GSA President 2020 and a member of Future Farmers of America 2020 and the high school track and field team.

He received the Cal Grant Award, Ceramics 1st Place Valley Center High School, Watercolors 2nd Place Valley Center High School, Rotary Student of the Month, and Poultry 2nd Place Showmanship and Lamb and Rabbit Raising Award at San Diego County Fair.

He plans on attending the University of California, Riverside for a Bachelor's degree in Biology. He hopes to earn a Master's degree in Environmental Sciences. He's not sure what kind of environmental work he wants to do yet, but hopes to move to Washington State one day as well.

He enjoys arts and crafts, mainly drawing and sewing, cooking, and studying language





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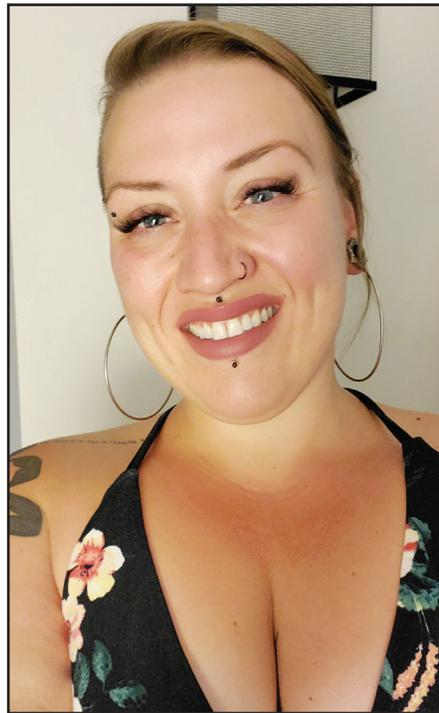
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MATTHEW TROTTER

Matthew Trotter, the son of Kim Elam, grandson of Salle Elam, and great-grandson of Fame Rankin, graduated from Eastern Gateway Community College in May with an Associate of Arts degree.

He plans to pursue a Bachelors degree and is currently employed at the Washington Corrections Center.



MOLLY TROXLER

Molly Troxler, the daughter of Lucy Allen and granddaughter of Virginia Farron, graduated from the Squaxin Island Tribe's High School and Beyond Program through TANF/South Puget Sound Community College in November.

She is employed as a tattoo artist and is currently enrolled at Peninsula College to finish her certification to be a welder.

She hopes to finish the welding program and continue to have a 3.7 GPA or higher.

"After I get my certification, I plan to travel for work closer to Seattle to give myself more career opportunities," she said.

Technical Certification



MISTIFAWN MARTINEZ-SIGO

MistiFawn Martinez-Sigo, the daughter of Andrea and Steve Sigo and Chris Martinez, granddaughter of Andrew and Ruth Peterson of Skokomish and Dewy and Virginia Sigo of Squaxin, and partner of Dakodah Vigil of Squaxin, graduated from the National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM) in June.

She earned certification as a Personal Trainer, Corrective Exercise Specialist, and Nutrition Coach.

She enjoys weight training, bettering her health and helping others do the same with exercise and healthy eating habits.

She's an amazing artist and writer and hopes to further her education in fitness and earn a degree in Performance Psychology.

She is currently employed as a Personal Trainer at Anytime Fitness.

Attention Higher Education Students

By Mandy Valley - New and returning Higher Education students - Fall quarter/semester is starting back up soon! If you haven't got your paperwork turned in yet please do so ASAP or you could lose the opportunity to receive funds for fall. Turning in your required documents early makes the process easier and smoother for everyone involved. If you have any questions, need a Higher Education packet, or need assistance filling out a form, please give me a call at 360-432-3882, or email me at mvalley@squaxin.us.

Squaxin Teen Program News

Jaimie Cruz - During COVID closures, the Squaxin Teen Program has been doing a majority of our connecting via Zoom. We have book clubs on Monday @ 3pm and Wednesday @ 3 pm. On Thursday's, we meet for youth council @ 4pm and have had some wonderful guest speakers. With school ending I am hopeful that teens will have more time to connect through all of this.

If you are willing, I would like any Squaxin Community Member, 12-18 years old, to submit a video about what you have been doing during the COVID pandemic. In the video, please include your name, age, and a few things about what has been helping keep you busy. If you have any questions or comments my number is 360-742-6527, or you can reach me by email at jcruz@squaxin.us.

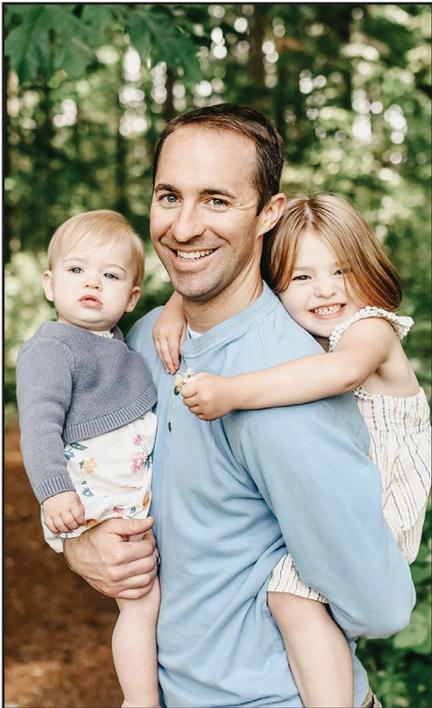


YOU DID IT!
Congratulations





Bachelors



JAMESON PETERS

Jameson Peters, the son of Mark and Marlene Peters, grandson of Cal and Ina Peters, great-grandson of Jameson and Josephine Peters, and husband of Kristin Peters, graduated from Liberty University in March with a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics with a 3.85 GPA!

He graduated Magna Cum Laude and was on the Dean's List 2020.

He enjoys rock climbing, hiking and spending time with his family. He has two children, Cordelia and Gwendolyn.

He is currently employed as a CACI International Pilot in Command/C-12 Pilot in Command/Tactical Operations Officer for the Washington Army National Guard. He plans to continue working for the Washington Army National Guard, and pursue a career with a major airline.



JOELENE TAMM

Joelene Tamm, the daughter of Marie and Charles Snyder and Brad and Margaret Tamm (her aunts are Margaret Seymour and Gloria Hill), graduated with her Bachelors of Science in Biology from California Baptist University in December 2019 with a 3.67 GPA!

She is a full time mother to two children, Marshall and Joseph and Tracey.

She also enjoys basket weaving, photography, and woodworking.

She would like to say thank you to the Squaxin Island Tribe for the scholarship that helped her graduate Cum Laude. She was also awarded the Cobell Scholarship for leadership, community engagement and educational commitment.

She was honored to be part of an American Indian Science and Engineering Society Agricultural fellowship and received the Advancing Agricultural Science Opportunities for native Americans Scholarship.

As a graduate student in the Department of Entomology at University of Riverside, she hopes to bring

a hands-on, community-centered perspective to integrated pest management. She will research cultural and prescribed burning effects on Gold-spotted Oak Borer Beetle reproduction in an effort to protect Oak woodlands against invasive forest pests.

For the past year she has been employed with the La Jolla band of Luiseño Indians developing forest management protocols for invasive species, and this work will continue until they have a working forest management and burn plan.

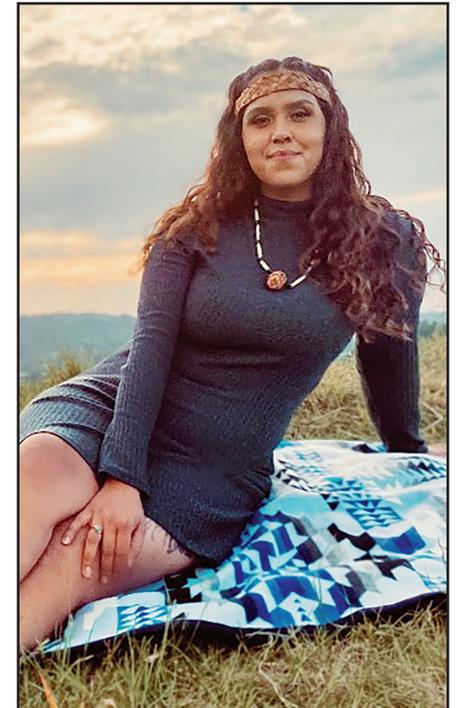


LYSSA WIER

Lyssa Wier, the daughter of Theresa and Jim Davis and wife of Matthew Wier, graduated from Southern New Hampshire University in November, 2019, with a Bachelors in Criminal Justice and Human Services.

She plans to continue working for Squaxin Island Tribe as an Indian Child Welfare Social Worker and eventually earn a Masters in Social Work.

Lyssa has two children, AJ and Gracelyn.



TWANA MACHADO

Twana Machado, the daughter of Lettie and Juan Machado and granddaughter of Standing Raven and Twana Longshore, graduated with a Bachelors from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a Certificate from the Foster School of Business: Tribal Gaming and Hospitality Management.

She plans to continue her education by pursuing a Master of Legal Studies focusing on indigenous law.

She also plans to continue doing what she loves - working in food sovereignty, and start a career with Squaxin Island Tribe.

She is currently employed in Indian Country as an intern at Pyramid Communications in Seattle.





TRANSIT



Squaxin Transit is adding additional routes to coincide with Mason Transit (MTA) and Grays Harbor Transit (GHT). Below you will see the NEW ROUTES connecting to MTA and GHT in McCleary.

With cities starting to open back up, many of them are wondering how to manage their public transportation systems. It is so important, at this time, to take precautions. Without a vaccine or a cure for COVID-19, opening up is risky...

Therefore, we want to add connections to MTA and GHT transit lines in small steps... and continue to open with success!

Reminder: Passengers will be required to wear a mask at all times. If you are ill, or experiencing any type of symptoms, we request that you to please stay home! If you need transportation to the Health Clinic due to any type of illness, please call for special transportation.

Below please review our new schedule. If you have any questions, give us a call at (360) 280-7612 or (360) 789-5936. If you are unable to reach us, we are either driving or assisting passengers. Please leave a message and we will return your call at our earliest opportunity.



Squaxin Transit

Dispatch: (360) 280-7612

Office: (360) 432-3970



Due to route deviations, all times are approximate.

Monday - Friday

Squaxin Island				MTA Shuttle	 <p>Mason Transit Authority (MTA)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Proving shuttle from KTP to Shelton on the hour, until June 12th.</p>	McCleary					Steamboat		
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Take the bus, leave the drive to us.

Wednesday Schedule

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2:00	2:15	2:40
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- Dial A Ride Service: is available for customers who experience difficulty using regular route service or if routed service is not available. A minimum of two (2) hours in advance is required to request a ride. Please call (360) 280-7612.
- Holiday Closures: The bus does not operate on the following holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day (observed), Memorial Day (observed), Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after, and Christmas Eve thru New Years Day.
- Steamboat: Regular Route: from September to June. Dial A Ride Only: June to September

All times are approximate and may vary based on traffic conditions, stops, and pickups.



Unemployment for Treaty Fishers

The information in this article is not intended to be legal advice and you should not consider it legal advice. Reading this article does not establish an attorney-client relationship. This article is providing information only. You should contact an attorney for specific advice about your situation.

If you are a Treaty fisher and are either self-employed or an independent contractor, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. Please read the following.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, Squaxin treaty fishers and shellfishers (“fishers”) may have seen a decrease in treaty fishing income. Treaty fishers rely on this income to support themselves and their families. Their economic losses may have occurred due to falling markets, closed or delayed fisheries, and postponed openings. These losses may also occur due to social distance requirements or recommendations that limit the number of people per clam dig or per boat. Typically, no replacement income source is available to treaty fishers in times of hardship. In response to the pandemic, however, the federal government extended unemployment benefits to self-employed individuals and independent contractors through Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). Treaty fishers may be eligible for unemployment benefits as they are either self-employed or independent contractors.

Eligibility:

Are treaty fishers eligible for unemployment benefits because of the COVID-19 pandemic, even though they are not employed by a government or business?

Generally, yes. The federal CARES legislation expanded unemployment benefits to freelancers, independent contractors, and other self-employed workers who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance or PUA. This category includes treaty fishers who have lost income sources due to the pandemic. Reasons may include closure of treaty fishing areas, reduced sales of fish resulting in decreased income, or inability to participate in Treaty fishing due to a government isolation order.

I'm on the ABON program and receive Social Security Income (SSI) due to a disability while also participating in clam digs. Will claiming unemployment for my lost Treaty income harm my SSI benefits?

Possibly. Claiming PUA for lost treaty fishing income may put you over the allowed monthly unearned income for SSI eligibility, and could result in a disruption in or termination of your SSI benefits. Additionally, there may be concerns about your ability to work under disability. You should contact a private attorney to discuss your situation. Northwest Justice Project assists low-income individuals with legal concerns, including SSI and unemployment, and can be contacted at 1-888-201-1014.

My Treaty fishing work is seasonal. I haven't worked since last fall. My fishing season is supposed to have already started, but hasn't yet, or was delayed or limited, due to the pandemic. Am I eligible for PUA benefits?

Possibly. You must have been able to work but haven't due to the seasonality of the treaty fishing and a delayed opening of the fishery for reasons related to the pandemic, and not for other reasons (such as an injury). On your application, use either the date that the fishery opened or the date that you were unable to fish or suffered a loss because of limits on fishing caused by the pandemic, whichever is later. Benefits should be retroactive to either the date you first experience an income loss due to COVID-19 or February 2, 2020, whichever is later.

I am employed by the Tribe or another employer and also participate in Treaty fishing. Are PUA benefits available to me?

Not likely. In order to be eligible for PUA when you continue to receive

one income source, your lost income must have been a substantial portion of your total income. You can use the Washington Economic Security Department's benefit calculator to determine if your lost income would result in eligibility for PUA. You can find this calculator at <https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment/calculate-your-benefit>.

If my Treaty business income is reduced, but not eliminated, am I still eligible?

Possibly. If your income is reduced as a result of the pandemic but not entirely eliminated, you may be eligible for PUA benefits. Complete the claims forms discussed below.

Who administers PUA?

The Washington State Economic Security Department (WESD) administers both regular unemployment and PUA.

How do I apply for PUA benefits?

You must first apply for regular unemployment benefits. If you did not have an employer, WESD will deny your application. A denial may happen right away or could take several weeks. Once you've received the denial for regular unemployment benefits, you will need to apply for PUA by completing the COVID-19 PUA Claim. While you are waiting for a denial, you'll need to file a weekly claim as described below to maintain eligibility and receive retroactive pay.

You may apply for unemployment benefits at <https://esd.wa.gov/> or by calling 1-800-318-6022 (toll free). Additional information regarding unemployment related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) is located at <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19> and <https://www.esd.wa.gov/unemployment/self-employed>.

Use this step-by-step guide for completing the PUA claim form. https://esdorcharstorage.blob.core.windows.net/esdwa/Default/ESDWAGOV/Unemployment/Guide_for_expanded_benefits_COVID.pdf

If I participated in treaty fishing and am also employed full-time by the Tribe, do I have to include my employment with the Tribe on my application?

Yes. You must include on your application your employment with the Tribe and any and all other employment you've held in the last 18 months. If you do not and an award of benefits is later reversed, you will likely have to pay back all unemployment benefits that should not have been awarded to you and may also be subject to penalties.

What documents do I need to submit to WESD to show proof of income?

You'll need to submit a 2019 federal tax document to support your claim (2018 tax documents won't be accepted). Such documents could be:

- 1040-Single Filing
- 1040 – Joint Filing
- 1040-SE3
- 1065 Schedule K-1
- 1099-Misc
- 1125-E
- Schedule C
- Schedule F
- W-2



I'm a Treaty fisher. I and didn't include my fishing income on my federal tax return and don't receive an IRS 1099 Form. Is there something else I can submit as proof of income?

The Squaxin Island Tribe Natural Resources Department can issue a Statement of Income to you that documents all treaty fishing income you earned in January –December 2019. If you meet the other requirements of PUA but do not file a federal tax return, please contact Julie Owens to request a Statement



NATURAL RESOURCES



of Income prior to applying for PUA. You'll need to upload the Statement of Income as part of the application process.

Why am being asked for my employer's information when I don't have an employer?

The PUA application will ask for a list of your employers (in any state) for the last 18 months. If you've only worked for yourself for the last 18 months, select "No" for this question. If you've had an employer at any time during the past 18 months, list all employers as well as your self-employed status.

If I am waiting for a denial of regular unemployment benefits before I can complete the PUA claim form, do I need to do anything while I wait?

Yes. You will need to submit your weekly claim during this time period. If/when you are approved for PUA benefits, doing this will ensure that you receive pay dating back to the week that you were initially unable to work.

Is there a waiting period to receive PUA benefits?

No. Once approved, your benefits will be retroactive to the week that you were unable to work or February 2, 2020, whichever is later.

Payments:

How soon will I begin receiving unemployment benefits after I submit the PUA application?

It may take several weeks for WESD to verify, approve, and begin paying your claim. All benefits will be retroactive to the week that you were unable to work or experienced a loss in income.

Will I receive the extra \$600 per week under the federal CARES Act?

Yes. If you have been approved for unemployment benefits and that benefit is at least \$1 per week, you will receive the additional \$600 a week retroactive to March 29 or the week you became unemployed, whichever is later. This will automatically be included in your weekly unemployment benefit amount each week through July 25, 2020 or when you stop filing weekly claims, whichever is sooner.

Weekly Claims for Benefits

How long can I receive the PUA benefits?

You will receive the PUA benefits until one of the following happens, whichever is soonest: (1) December 30, 2020, (2) at the end of 39 weeks of benefits, or (3) you otherwise lose eligibility or fail to file a weekly claim, whichever occurs sooner. The extra \$600 per week ends July 24, 2020, but you'll continue to receive your calculated unemployment benefits amount for the remainder of your eligibility period.

Do I have to search for work through an employer while receiving PUA benefits?

Due to the pandemic closures, all work search requirements are waived and you are not required to search for work. However, when work search requirements are eventually required, you will have to search for work, either through an employer or through self-employment.

If I'm still receiving payments for services I rendered prior to the Pandemic, will that make me ineligible for unemployment in a given week?

Maybe. You'll need to report this income when you certify for the week. If you do not receive a PUA payment one week due to the income you received that week, you may still be eligible for ongoing benefits the following weeks.

I'm still receiving some income from clam digs, but less than I used to earn due to less frequent digs during the Pandemic. Do I still file a weekly claim?

Yes. You should continue to file weekly claims.

I had a period of lost treaty income related to the pandemic. I have since started earning treaty income again. Do I need to report the Treaty income I earn to Unemployment?

Yes. You are required to report all unearned and earned income, including any Treaty income earned in the benefit week. Failure to report income to Unemployment, including treaty income, may result in a repayment requirement and penalties.

Taxes and Repayment

Do I need to repay any unemployment benefits since I don't have an employer that pays into the unemployment system?

No. There is no repayment requirement for unemployment benefits (unless you are overpaid for some reason).

Treaty Fishing income is tax exempt under Section 7873 of the Internal Revenue Code. Do I need to pay taxes on the unemployment benefits that are replacing my tax-exempt Treaty income.

Yes. Unemployment benefits, including PUA, are taxable.

I've been notified that I received an overpayment and must repay all or a portion of the benefits I received. How did this happen?

An overpayment happens when unemployment or PUA benefits were paid and then the claim was retroactively denied or the award amount diminished. This can be a result of inaccurate information given in the initial application or the weekly claims or a calculation error. You will be required to repay any benefits overpayments. You may want to consult a private attorney concerning any request for repayment.

I've already started receiving PUA related to loss of treaty income due to the pandemic. However, I have not reported either earned income from employment or earned income from treaty income since I started receiving these benefits. What should I do?

You are required to report any earned and unearned income to WESD in filing your weekly claim. If you failed to do so, contact an attorney to determine how to report the error to WESD and what repayment requirements or penalties you may be responsible for.

I have additional questions and may need to contact a private attorney who specialized in unemployment. Who should I contact?

The Unemployment Law Project (888-441-9178) or the Northwest Justice Project (888-201-1012) may be able to assist. Both of these organizations provide legal advice and/or representation and well versed in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits.





Squaxin Graduation Parade

Wednesday, July 1 5:00 pm

STAGING

- Participant vehicles gather in Natural Resources parking lot at 4:40.
- Sign parade guideline form.
- Participate in the "Best Decorated" judging.
- Wait for Parade Escort to begin procession.

PARADE

- Maximum of two vehicles per graduate.
- Graduates should be passengers so they can enjoy their celebration.
- Keep a safe distance between vehicles.
- Don't throw anything from vehicles.
- Stay seated in truck beds
- Participants must stay in vehicle

CANOE JOURNEY FIELD FINISH

- Graduates can exit vehicles for picture taking.
- Graduate families need to maintain a 6ft social distance.

SPECTATORS

- Please join the celebration along the parade route.
- Remember to maintain a 6ft social distance.

If sick or have a fever please stay home



Playgrounds are OPEN

All playgrounds on the Squaxin Island Reservation are now open.

Maintenance will be spraying a sanitizer solution on each playground in the morning daily Monday through Friday.

If there is heavy rain, they will not spray until there is a break because the solution will not stay on long enough to kill germs.

There are also hand washing stations at each playground. Please wash your hands before and after you play and use social distancing when playing with children that do not live in your home.

If you have any questions please contact Janita Raham, Parks and Recreation Director 360-432-3869

Squaxin Island Tribe's Graduation Parade

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State awards \$4.4 million for tribal victims of crime services initiative

OLYMPIA, WA -- The Washington State Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program announced a final tranche of \$691,810 in grants to five Washington state federally recognized tribes for the Tribal Victims of Crime Services Initiative beginning July 1. The latest awards take the total funding to \$4.4 million, serving 20 tribes.

State and tribal officials report the supported programs have become even more important since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, as stress on individuals and resources available to serve them escalates.

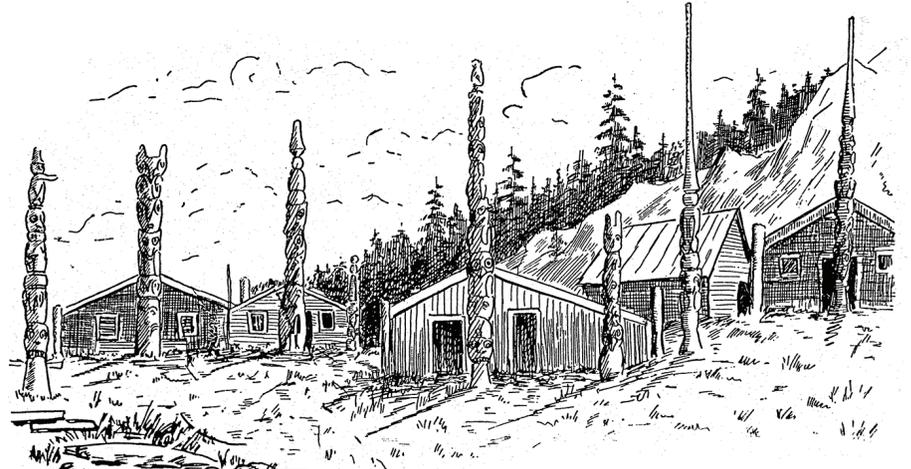
“Tribes are in the best position to provide appropriate services to crime victims in their communities, but resources have been severely stretched by the COVID crisis” said Washington State Department of Commerce Director Lisa Brown. “Helping to fill the funding gap provides services victims need in a challenging time and strengthens tribal communities.”

Squaxin Island Tribe:

Three-year agreement, 7/1/2019 through 6/30/2022, total award: \$414,948 (\$138,316 per year)

The funding supports key goals to develop, enhance and sustain victim assistance programs within tribal communities. These programs provide a coordinated and collaborative multidisciplinary response to support intervention for families and the community.

Components of the tribal initiative include crisis services, advocacy and outreach to individuals who have been harmed. The services are trauma-informed, person-centered and culturally rooted.



Squaxin Island Park & Rec

R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp

Dates: July 13-August 7
Open from: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Ages: 5-12

Our R.O.O.T.S. Day Camp will focus on Recreational, Optimal, On-Ward, Tribal Sovereignty focus activities.

Registration Begins: June 24th
You can find the Forms:
*Pool Lobby
*Squaxin Island Tribe's Website

Please return completed forms to Parks & Rec

Space is Limited

Registration will end: July 6th

Have any questions, contact Janita 360-432-3869
Jerilynn 360-432-3992 or jvail@squaxin.us

Squaxin Island Parks & Rec

Grab-n-Go Meals

Monday, July 6
5 days worth of meals distributed
from 10-12pm

Daily Meals will be distributed to
Summer Rec Youth starting July 13th.

Breakfast will be served at
staggered times between 9:00-9:45am
&
Lunch will be served at
staggered times between 12:00-12:45pm



HEALTH CLINIC




**Squaxin Island WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children)**
provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.
Please have available:
Your child, Provider One Card or paystub and identification for you & your child

**Next WIC:
Tuesday, July 14**
We will continue remote phone appointments due to the COVID-19 virus
We will call you from SPIPA on your WIC day

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:
Patty at 360.462.3224, wicnutrition@spipa.org
Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3990
or
Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360.462.3227 gardipee@spipa.org



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**Foot Exam Day with Dr. Kochhar
(Foot Doctor)**

Wednesday, July 22, 2020

**1—4 pm
At the Clinic**

Priority for people with diabetes
Others will be seen if space is available.




Contact **Patty Suskin,**
Diabetes Coordinator for an appt.
360.432.3929

Our smallest warriors, our strongest medicine Overcoming COVID-19! Parent and Caregiver Resources

Feeling Strong during COVID-19

There are many things we cannot control during this pandemic, but we are still strong. Our ancestors and tribes overcame many difficult and challenging things. By believing in ourselves and our communities, we can rise up and deal with challenges effectively.



Here are some ways to feel strong during COVID-19:

- Separate things that are within your control versus not. For example, we can't control if people get very sick, but we can control washing hands, wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing.
- View problems as tasks to be mastered that can be broken down into smaller pieces. For example, if you are frustrated with cooking, pick one dish to learn to make well.
- Don't dwell on mistakes. View them as learning opportunities.
- Give verbal encouragement. Tell your children you believe in them and love them. Share messages about strength – you and your family are here because of strong ancestors and relatives. Share family stories.
- Difficulty and challenges do not mean failure or defeat. Recommit yourself to overcoming challenges and support your children doing the same thing.

Use the pages of this book to help you talk about this with your children.

- When Tara and Virgil feel scared and worried about COVID-19, Grandma reminds them of things they can do to help. Ask your child:
 - What are some things that help you feel less scared or worried?
 - What are other ways you can help people in your family or community?
- Grandma describes earning Eagle feathers through hard times or showing a lot of responsibility and respect. Ask your child:
 - Tell me about a time when you felt something was very hard? (examples may include something hard at school, climbing something or riding a bike, something difficult with a friendship or family member)
 - What things helped you overcome that challenge?
 - What are ways that you have shown responsibility?
 - What are ways that you have shown respect towards others?
- Ask your child: What makes you feel strong?
 - Who in your family or community do you think is strong and why?



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Managing Stress During COVID-19

There are so many sources of stress right now, including worry about the safety of loved ones, lost jobs, and disrupted routines.

Some signs of stress:

- Low energy
- Quick temper
- Trouble sleeping
- Not hungry OR hungrier than normal
- Feeling depressed, sad, or anxious, worried
- Drinking or using drugs more

Some ways to handle stress:

- Take a break from the news or social media
- Go for a walk
- Take deep breaths or stretch
- Call or video chat with a loved one
- Pray or use traditional medicines

Important numbers to save in your phone, all confidential and free:

- StrongHearts Native Helpline (7am-10pm CDT; domestic/sexual violence): 1-844-762-8483
- National Domestic Violence Hotline (24/7): 1-800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline (24/7): 800-656-HOPE (4673)
- SAMHSA Disaster Distress Hotline (24/7): 1-800-985-5990
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (24/7): 1-800-273-8255



Source: <http://caih.jhu.edu/news/covid19>



HEALTH CLINIC



Help Protect Our Kids, Families and the Environment



Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinet

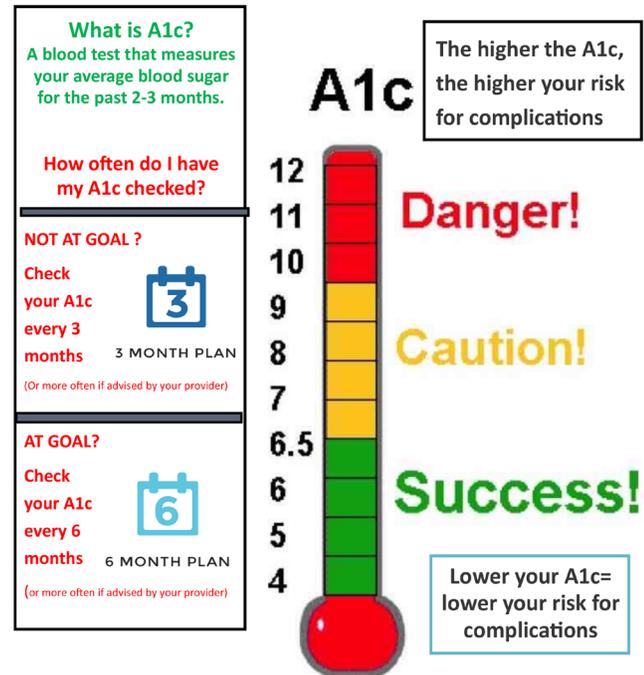
Prescription Drug Take Back Boxes

Located At:
Mason County Sheriff's Office
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



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.

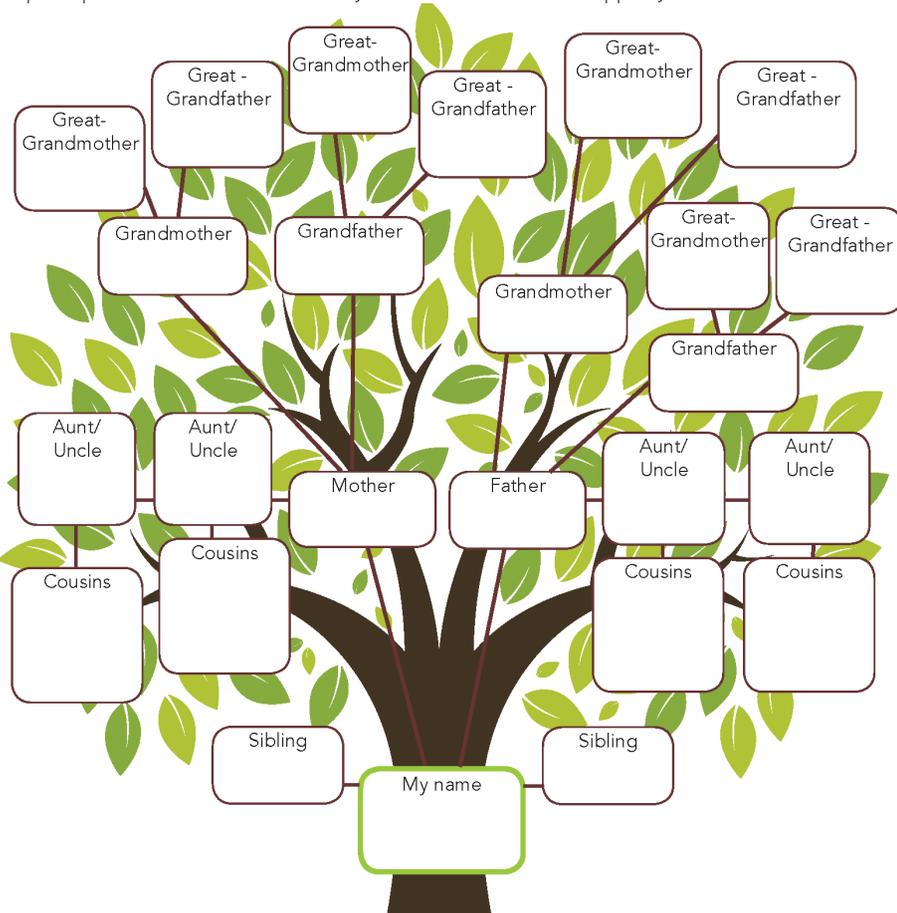


Need help to get your A1c to goal? Contact your provider at the clinic: 360.427.9006 and/or Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator at 360.432.3929 or psuskin@squaxin.us

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My Relatives

Tara and Virgil have many relatives. They live with their Mom, Dad, and Grandma and see aunts, uncles, and cousins regularly in their community or at powwows. They also have friends and family friends who they call auntie, uncle, cousin, sister, brother. Our relatives can help us feel loved, know who we are and where we come from. Below is a family tree. Write or draw your relatives in the spaces provided. Your tree can remind you of all the love and support you have.



The WIC app - A great tool to track your food benefits

Enter your WIC card number on the app. You will have your own family's food benefits on your phone easy to access.

You don't need to buy your WIC foods all at once. But they will expire. Check your app for the dates your benefits are available.

Your WIC benefits will disappear if not redeemed before your monthly expiration date. View your future benefits (benefits after your current month)

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Masking Minimizes Coronavirus “Dose”

Submitted by Kyle Ferguson, PhD (Clinical Psychologist) at the Clinic - As the country reopens for business, does that mean it is now safe to let our collective guard down? Barring a widely available vaccine or effective treatments, as long as there is active coronavirus anywhere, outbreaks are possible everywhere. Therefore, the short answer is “No”; it is not safe to let our guard down.

Experts assume there is a sizable number of asymptomatic (no symptoms) infected individuals who spread the virus unknowingly. Based on limited information, the number of asymptomatic spreaders is possibly over 50%. Barring universal testing, however, we will never know.

Coronavirus particles are smaller than the dust you see in sunlit beams of light. Respiratory (breathing) infections occur from inhaling those particles found in droplets or aerosols (very fine particles). Infected individuals exhale and release virus into the air around them every time they breathe, speak, sing, cough, or sneeze.

Aerosols can accumulate in poorly ventilated areas and remain infectious indoors for hours. It is also important to note that – as infectious aerosols collect indoors – “infected air” can travel distances farther than 6 ft. Accordingly, even if you were appropriately social distancing indoors (though not wearing masks), over time, infectious aerosols might reach you.

So just how many particles does it take to cause COVID-19 (i.e., the disease caused by the coronavirus)? Only one particle? Dozens of particles? Millions? Billions? Please read on.

Viral “Dose”

Scientists do not know the minimum number of virus particles or minimal infectious dose to cause the COVID-19 disease. Other factors, too, increase your chances of infection. Your age (immune systems sadly wear out over time) and whether you are immunocompromised due to some other disease process (e.g., heart disease, diabetes, cancer, etc.) also play key roles in how well your body beats back the coronavirus.

If the novel coronavirus is anything like its older coronavirus sibling, SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome; remember SARS from 2002 and 2003?), an infective dose is only a few hundred viral particles. Given how quickly the coronavirus has spread across the planet, the minimal infective dose is probably somewhere in that ballpark – in the order of a few hundred or, possibly, a few thousand viral particles.

In an influential scientific paper on the influenza virus (“flu”), the investigators reported that the number of viral particles generated from just one cough ranges from 400 particles in one individual to as many as 516,800 particles per cough in another. Accordingly, some individuals exhale considerably more viral particles than others do.

Individuals who produce particles on the high end of the viral-dose continuum are obviously more likely to spread the illness to others (so-called “superspreaders”). Some scientists estimate that superspreaders generally produce 100 times the viral load compared to the average.

Unfortunately, with COVID-19, as indicated, some superspreaders experience no symptoms or only very mild symptoms (e.g., runny nose, slight fatigue, etc.). Perhaps, thinking they are virus free, they might not take necessarily precautions to control the spread of the virus to uninfected individuals around them (e.g., not washing their hands regularly, not covering their cough, sharing food, eating out of the same popcorn bowl, snuggling, etc.).

Back in March of this year, one superspreader in Skagit County, Washington infected almost everyone (87%) in his or her choir during a 2.5-hour choir practice. The 61 members of the choir were not wearing masks. Three individuals were sick enough to be admitted to hospital and, sadly, two people ended up dying from COVID-19.

Washington State New Cases of Covid-19



Although we seen a sharp decline of new cases after the stay at home order was issued, we are seeing a slight increase of cases in the recent month. Restrictions are beginning to be reduced but that doesn't mean we can let our guard down. Let's continue to do our part by following the CDC's guidelines:

- **Social distancing**-stay home! If you must go out, avoid gatherings or crowded places and stay at least 6 feet away from other people,
- **Face mask** – wear a face mask when you must go out in public,
- **Wash your hands** often with either soap and water for 20 seconds, or use a hand sanitizer that has at least 60% alcohol,
- **Cover your cough** with a single use tissue, or cough into your elbow; then wash your hands,
- **Avoid touching your face**; your eyes, nose, or mouth. If you must, then wash your hands afterwards,
- **Clean and disinfect** frequently touched objects daily, such as, door knobs.

Go to our CERT website at: <https://squaxinland.org/community/community-emergencyresponse-team-cert/> for links on Covid-19 and emergency preparedness.

Let's all be responsible because we are all in this together.

After choir practice with one symptomatic person, 87% of group developed COVID-19

● index case ● 32 confirmed and 20 probable cases ● unaffected person

COVID-19 spreads easily

- Avoid groups
- Stay at least 6 feet apart
- Wear face coverings

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Masking Is Our Best Defense at This Time



COMMUNITY



Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

MONDAY 6:
Pork Chops, Potatoes, Green Beans

TUESDAY 7:
Chicken Zucchini Stew, Biscuits

MONDAY 13:
Chicken Casserole w/ Veggies

TUESDAY 14:
Creamy Vegetable Soup
w/ Roast Beef Sandwiches

MONDAY 20:
Vegetable Bake

TUESDAY 21:
Turkey Wild Rice, Soup w/ Biscuits

MONDAY 27:
Tuna Casserole, Peas

TUESDAY 28:
Italian Sausage Potato Soup,
Breadsticks

WEDNESDAY 1:
Shepherd Pie, Biscuits

WEDNESDAY 8:
Cabbage Patch Casserole

WEDNESDAY 15:
Teriyaki Pineapple Chicken w/ Brown
Rice, Broccoli

WEDNESDAY 22:
Salmon, Red Potatoes, Veggies

WEDNESDAY 29:
Cube Steak

THURSDAY 2:
Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Toast

THURSDAY 9:
Seafood Asparagus Stir-fry

THURSDAY 16:
Hot Dogs, Chips

THURSDAY 23:
Grilled Chicken w/ Orange Herb
Sauce, Veggie Rice

THURSDAY 30:
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy,
Carrots



In an effort to provide additional safety precautions, the Elders staff will only be delivering meals to "Homebound" Elders at this current time. Elders who have met the requirements of "Homebound" will still call in to the Elders staff to request meals. Thank you for understanding.

Masking

The superspreader is labeled "index case" in the figure on the previous page. Remarkably, all those individuals appearing in the yellow boxes got sick from that one individual. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.

As silly as it sounds, the rationale for masking is the same as the rationale for diapers. Let me explain.

Parents of boys fully appreciate the challenge of changing diapers. With laser-precision, my son could indiscriminately douse a sleep-deprived parent or grandparent who was not fast enough on the draw for our little sharpshooter.

Had the writer been the one wearing the diaper and, perhaps, Thomas The Tank Engine onesie (I wish! They do not come in my size!), these would provide some protection from a proper soaking. Of course, I would still get uncomfortably wet.

Every parent who has ever been peed on would agree! The best option, obviously, is to put the diaper on him before the waterworks. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of wet clothes!

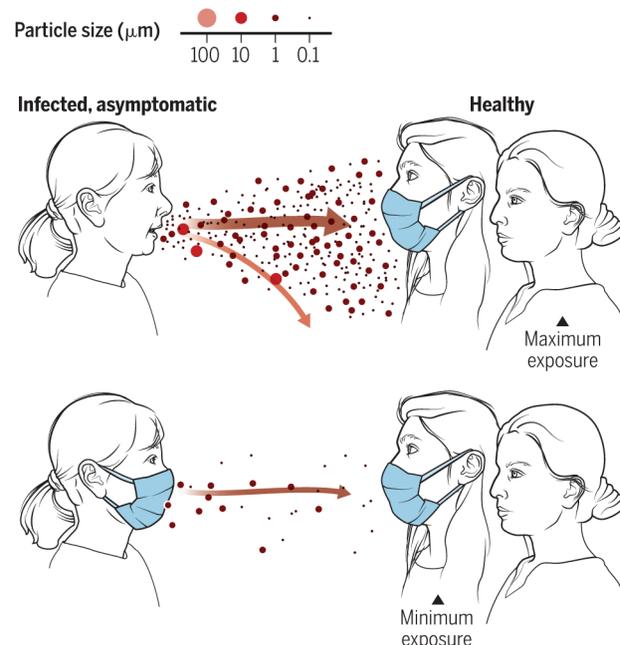
The idea behind masking is the same. An uninfected person wearing one filters out some of the virus particles but particles can and often break through anyway. Virus particles from a cough or sneeze also spread all over surfaces; so if you touch your T-Zone (eyes, nose, mouth – get your head out of the gutter!) you introduce virus into your body. Furthermore, it is hard wearing those dang things perfectly, 100% of the time. They slip. They shimmy. They slide down. And lest we forget: Masking gets a little awkward approaching a bank teller with a slip of paper in your hand.

Ideally, when a sick person (knowingly or unknowingly) wears a mask, the mask traps most if not all of the virus particles before they become airborne droplets or aerosolized (piggybacking on tiny particles floating in the air).

Masks, therefore, offer modest protection for uninfected individuals. Masks offer even greater protection for uninfected people if infected individuals wear them. To lower the spread of infection even further, masking provides maximum protection when EVERYONE wears one when out in public ("universal masking"), as illustrated in the figure below.

Masks reduce airborne transmission

Infectious aerosol particles can be released during breathing and speaking by asymptomatic infected individuals. No masking maximizes exposure, whereas universal masking results in the least exposure.



even further, masking provides maximum protection when EVERYONE wears one when out in public ("universal masking"), as illustrated in the figure below.

In conclusion, masking benefits those around us most. It is a gesture of kindness (which, hopefully, infects others!). It conveys to the world: I'm masking because I care about you!



July Happy Birthdays

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|---|--|---|
| 1
Azmira Ann Tom
Malynn A. Foster
Mark Louis Jones
Tully James Kruger | 12
Jonie Renee Fox
Terence Jevan Henry | 20
Allie Mae Ann Johns
Bailie Barbara Henry
Kamryn Carter Lutolf
Wilson Charles Johns Jr. |
| 2
Fay Annette Monahan
Janessa Faye Kruger
Milo Romeo Giles | 13
David Michael Lewis
Donald Lee Daniel III
Elizabeth Ivy Yeahquo
Jennifer Ann Evans
Moody E. Addison | 21
Corri Clae Coleman
Eliza Mae Naranjo-Johns
Leila Lorine Whitener |
| 3
Phinatue Lee Hodgson | 14
Antonio Alex Rivera
Cristian Andres Hall
Emery Isabelle Peters
Ivy Lynn Hawks
Shaianne Rene` McFarlane | 22
Cara Marlene Price
Tyler Steven Morlock |
| 4
Annie-Beth Whitener Henry
Jeremie Walls | 15
Adrianna Fawn Hartwell
Brett Devin Orozco
Seth William Thomas
Totten Ezera Dorland | 23
Austin Pedro Solano
Bette Jo Peters
Chickie Mae Rivera
Jaelynn Jesse James
Richard William Piersol |
| 5
Elijah Raul Garcia
Gary Shawn Brown
Jon Brady Whitener | 16
Mary Lois Kuntz
Nikita Laudine Mowitch
Olivia Kinzee Henry | 24
Misty Manette Kruger |
| 6
Celeste Rene Forcier
Dale Allen Brownfield
Martin Regius Sequak Jr.
Sadie Carla Lorentz | 17
Alan Wayne Depo
Daniel Jacob Johnston
Kristina E. Bechtold
Matthew John Bell
Tiffany Faye Henderson | 25
Catori Jade Blueback
Eileen Renee Faye George
Hailey Ann Henry
Thomas Blueback III
Walter E. Lorentz Jr. |
| 7
Todd Loren Hagmann | 18
Alexander Long Van Horn
Charles Edward Mickelson Jr.
Isabel Rose Leonor Trinidad
Victoria Kruger-Neilsen
Violet R Garcia | 26
Brenda Lee Day
James Darol Brownfield
Kacen Jay Cooper
Loretta J. Case
Malia Red- Feather Henry
Shawnene Breezy Mae Cooper |
| 8
Andre William Anderson
Ariah Hazel George
Clayton James Edgley
Diana L. Van Hoy
Kui Lee Tahkeal Sr.
Steve George Witcraft
Virginia Mae Berumen | 19
Clara Rose Hernandez
Dana Marie VanCleave
Elena Capoeman-Johns
Jearid Duane Williams
Soren Emerson Jimmie | 27
Chas M. Addison
Dorian Alike Williams
Jackson Cooper Napoleon
Marvin Stanley Henry |
| 9
Keenon Vigil-Snook | 28
Angelica Francisco-Coley
Edward Wayne Sigo
Felicia Joy Berg
Kira Nakia Coley | |
| 10
Mary Jane Monahan
Nyla Elizabeth King | | |
| 11
Leah Marie Gentile
Ruth Mildred Creekpaum | | |

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| 29
Marissa Ann Morken
Markiemih Charles Johns
Nathan Jay Armas | 31
Jaelin Christopher Campbell
Jordan Ray Lopeman-Johns
Michael James West
Nyah Rose Sicade
Serenity Masoner-Tucker
Stanton Todd Sicade Jr. |
| 30
Alex Paul Anderson
Billie Marie Lopeman-Johns
Marcus Imteus Johns
Tasheena M. Sanchez | |





Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Don't Forget.....

WASHINGTON FAMILIES GET HELP TO BUY FOODS DURING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits will be available July 2020

Families, including those children who attend a school where meals are free for all students, will need to apply. Families with children who are eligible but not currently receiving free or reduced-price school meals must fill out a meal application with their school district before June 30, before they apply for P-EBT. Call the school if you are not sure if your child is already receiving the free/reduced lunches.

*******Families who already receive food benefits and whose children are already receiving "free or reduced" lunches do not need to apply, and a one-time amount up to \$399 per child in each household will automatically deposit on existing ebt cards in July.*******

P-EBT applications will be available on Washington Connections <https://www.washingtonconnection.org> starting Sunday June 28, 2020.

Due to the COVID – 19 outbreak DSHS has no in person services

Your DSHS Tribal Outreach worker, Terri Butler is now working from home but still available to help the Tribal Communities

You can still contact Terri Butler (Tribal Outreach Worker) @ butletm@dshs.wa.gov or call 360-701-3429, provide your contact information and she will call you back, or call the DSHS Customer Service Call Center @ 1-877-501-2233



What's Happening



- July 15th** **Graduation Parade at 5:00**
- July 25th** **Election Ballots Due**
- July 31** **Updated Housing Applications Due**




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





South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency



USDA Foods Program July Dates

PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM 7/8/20

SQUAXIN ISLAND 7/10/20

CHEHALIS 7/16/20

SKOKOMISH 7/21/20

NISQUALLY 7/23/20

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 SPIPA at 360.426.3990

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IRS reminder: File now, choose direct deposit or schedule tax payments electronically before the July 15 tax deadline.

There's a way to find help.

www.irs.gov



Early Head Start

Now Recruiting Pregnant Women and Children Birth to Three



Early Head Start Provides:

- Parent Training
- Health Screenings
- Family Support



We are committed to a high-quality Program. Ask us about:



Early Head Start programs provide family centered services for low income families with very young children.

Squaxin Island Child Development Center
Sabrina Green or Savannah Fenton
(360)426-1390

NR Auction of Surplus Equipment

Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on July 31st, 2020.

The winning bidder will be notified by August 3rd and have until August 14th to pick up the item(s). If the item(s) are not picked up by August 14th, NR will move on to the next bidder.

Mail in or drop off sealed bids to:

Squaxin Island Natural Resources
200 SE Billy Frank Jr. Way
Shelton, WA 98584

Questions? Contact:

Daniel Kuntz
dkuntz@squaxin.us
360-432-3859



One 2013 ETEC 200HP, 25" shaft with oil reservoir and control box. Just under 1,000 hours. As-is, no warranty, no refund. Minimum bid: \$1,000.00



One 2007 Honda 225HP Engines - 30" shaft with control box. Ran fine at time of removal. As-is, no warranty, no refund. Minimum bid: \$800.00



One EZ Loader Single Axle Boat Trailer, 19'-21', 8-10 years old. Broken weld on the winch stand, seized rear tire and brake system needs complete overhaul to be road legal. As-is, no warranty, no refund. Minimum Bid: \$100.00



One 2011 EZ Tandem Axle Loader Boat Trailer, 19'-23' No brakes. Needs complete replacement for legal road use. As-is, no warranty, no refund. Minimum Bid: \$300.00



One SMART SBX885 Interactive Whiteboard. As-is, no warranty, no refund. Minimum bid: \$20



Free Quality Preschool for Your Child

ECEAP helps all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed

Who is eligible?

Children 3 years old or 4 years old by August 31st who are:

- ▶ From a family with a low annual income; or
- ▶ Qualify for school district special education services; or
- ▶ Have developmental or environmental risk factors that could affect school success.



Questions?

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ECEAP Provides:

- Preschool
- Nutritious meals & snacks
- Health screenings
- Family support

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