



# 2023 CANDIDATES-

ANNOUNCE YOUR CANDIDACY  
BEFORE ELECTION-DAY

*Declare early*

*Your tribal members want to hear from you!*



## CANDIDATES

**submit Pre-register**

your name and email address to Melissa

Puhn: [mpuhn@squaxin.us](mailto:mpuhn@squaxin.us)

**Deadline for each Registration is**

**March 20th**

**April 11<sup>th</sup>**



Announce earlier

*The Klah-Che-Min*

Tribal publication **Due by April 10, 2023**

Send your photo and bio to

Theresa Henderson: [news@squaxin.us](mailto:news@squaxin.us)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*Gain a better understanding of  
those running for open positions  
on Tribal Council.*

Election Committee  
Will be Interviewing each  
candidate.

## Candidacy Forums

**March 22<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.**  
**in the Community  
Kitchen**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. in  
the Community Kitchen**

**(Light Dinner provided)**

*Elections- will be in person at the  
Little Creek Event Center*

**May 6, 2023**





## KLAH-CHE-MIN Squaxin Island TRIBAL NEWS

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

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

Submissions Deadline:  
15th of each month

### SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL:

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## Walking On Ramona Lee Mosier

Beloved Squaxin Island Tribal Elder Ramona Mosier, also known as Rosetta Krise, passed away on December 9, 2022.

A close descendant of Shaker Church founders John and Mary Slocum, she was born on February 13, 1938 to James (Jimmy) Edward Krise and Leola Sanche (Nisqually).

Ramona enjoyed going on car rides, eating at new places, hanging out with her best friend, Evie Allen, shopping, and travelling to Reno.

She was well known for her outstanding beadwork, and she also loved crocheting.

Even in her Elder years, Ramona was often out clam digging . . . well into her 80s.

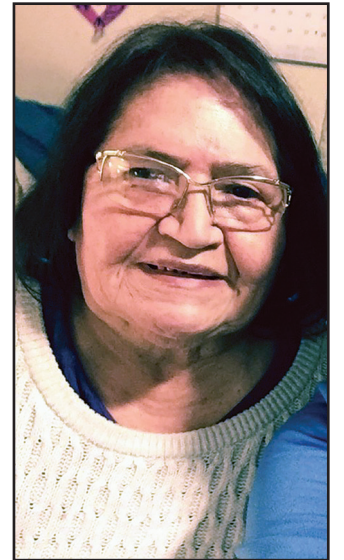
She also enjoyed working at Wa He Lut Indian School for many years.

Ramona was preceded in death by her father, James (Jimmy) Edward Krise; her mother, Leola Sanchez; daughter, Teresa Krise; and sons, Rick Thomas and Allen Mosier.

Her surviving children are Viola Thomas, Brenda Thomas, Bob Koshiway, and Mary Mosier.

Ramona leaves behind many grandkids and great-grandchildren. She had lots of family and friends.

She loved her kids with all her heart, and she will be missed dearly.







## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COMMITTEE & COMMISSION VACANCIES

- **One Percent Commission:** Implements the one percent distribution provisions of Appendix X of the Tribal-State Compact for Class III Gaming. Distributes revenues derived from the TLS to nonprofit charitable organizations.
- **Emergency Management Homeland Security Committee:** An advisory committee to provide guidance, participate in preparation, and implementation of a Tribal Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and all other emergency preparedness plans. These plans are necessary to assist and mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from injury and damage to persons or property resulting from emergencies or disasters, whether natural or man-made.
- **Housing Commission:** Provide recommendations and advice to the Tribal Council and to the Tribal Department of Community Development. The commission is authorized to define policies, identify rules and regulations to the Tribal Council for enactment.
- **Education Commission:** Provides recommendations and guidance to the Tribal Council and to the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center. Participates fully in all aspects of planning, development; implementation and evaluation of all educational programs, including supplemental and operational support; be directly involved in all Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center Programs; recommend appropriate action to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council; evaluate performance and program results; exercise authority delegated by Tribal Council (e.g., monetary awards).
- **Gaming Commission:** Established to ensure on-site regulation, control and security of the gaming operation, and protect the health, welfare and safety of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, and guests. Interested individuals must be able to pass a ten year background check in order to be eligible for a Class III Gaming license.
- **Business Administration Board:** Boards function is to incorporate new businesses in Indian country, and to regulate commerce in Indian country.
- **Island Enterprises Board:** The board of directors is vested with all powers necessary to carry out the purposes of the Corporations and shall have control and management of the business and activities of the Corporations.
- **Museum Board:** Provides oversight to the Museum and it's operations.
- **Child Development Center Policy Council:** The Policy Council is responsible for the direction of the Head Start program, including program design and operation, and long- and short-term planning goals and objectives, taking into account the annual communitywide strategic planning and needs assessment and self-assessment.
- **Natural Resources Committee:** Established to provide advice and recommendations concerning the management, harvest and perpetuation of fish, aquatic sub-tidal shellfish, inter-tidal shellfish, and wildlife resources. The Committee may also be asked to provide comment and recommendations concerning other natural resources issues including and not limited to water resources, forest products, and gathering.



Apply online using the link below OR at [www.squaxinland.org](http://www.squaxinland.org)

Questions? Email Melissa Puhn at [mpuhn@squaxin.us](mailto:mpuhn@squaxin.us)

**Application deadline February 13, 2023**







## New Employees



### Nathan Shelton

#### Regulatory Agent

I have been hired as a Regulatory Agent with Tribal Gaming.

I come from the Krise family and have a security background with Little Creek Casino Resort.

I enjoy learning more in a different department and working for the Tribe.

I look forward to working with Tribal Gaming and for the Tribe.



### James Gusler

#### Regulatory Agent

I have been hired as a Regulatory Agent with Tribal Gaming. I worked as a Regulatory Agent for Tribal Gaming previously from 2012 to 2020.

I left to move to Florida for sunshine, but ultimately missed Washington and moved back.

Everyone in Tribal Gaming is amazing, and I look forward to seeing them on a regular basis.

It feels great to be back.



### Tiffany Jara

#### Garden Field Supervisor

I have been hired as the Field Supervisor at the Tribal Garden/ Salish Roots.

I grew up here in the PNW, and have a background in organic agriculture and herbalism. I love working with plants, watching them grow and sharing them with others.

I am excited to grow good food and medicine for the community.

The garden is so beautiful and the crew is awesome. I am grateful to be a part of it.

I look forward to getting to know the community better and connecting over good food!



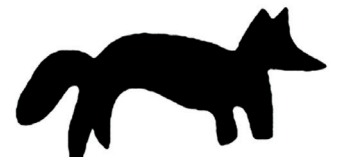
**Please note the following positions are continuously accepting applications:**

- Treatment Attendant (Elma)
- Housekeeper/Cook (Elma)
- On-Call Cook (Elders Program)
- Police Officer

If you would like assistance updating a resume or have questions about any of our open positions, please reach out to Jessica in Human Resources.

**Positions are updated each Friday at:**

[www.squaxinland.org](http://www.squaxinland.org).



**Employment Opportunities:**  
[squaxinland.org](http://squaxinland.org)





# LITTLE CREEK CASINO RESORT



## What's Happening at the Creek

January turned out to be a great month at the resort and a welcome start to 2023! Coming up in February we're ramping up for another series of great promotions, exciting entertainment announcements, and changes to the property.

### Here's a sneak peek of what's happening!

- Starlight Lounge will be closing on February 15th for a complete remodel. The space will be re-introduced with a sports bar theme, all new menu, and will make a great place to enjoy a game as a part of the Sportsbook at Little Creek. During the Starlight closure, Island Grille will be open for lunch during the week to have additional options for guests.

- The Water's Edge Deli will reopen February 15th and will be featuring new menu items. This venue has been closed since Thanksgiving to expand the kitchen work-space and close the empty hallway between the NorthEnd bar and Water's Edge Café.

- Join us – with guest appearance and Hall of Famer Steve Largent – for the Super Bowl on February 12th in the Skookum Creek Event Center! Watch the game on four massive screens and enter to win cash prizes and signed sports memorabilia. General admission tickets are only \$25 and include a sports themed buffet!

- Salish Cliffs Golf Club and team members from the resort will be attending the Portland Golf Show March 3-5th to promote the course and the property. For information on complimentary tickets, contact Keri at: [keri.re@littlecreek.com](mailto:keri.re@littlecreek.com)

- The promotions for the month of February include some sweet themes!

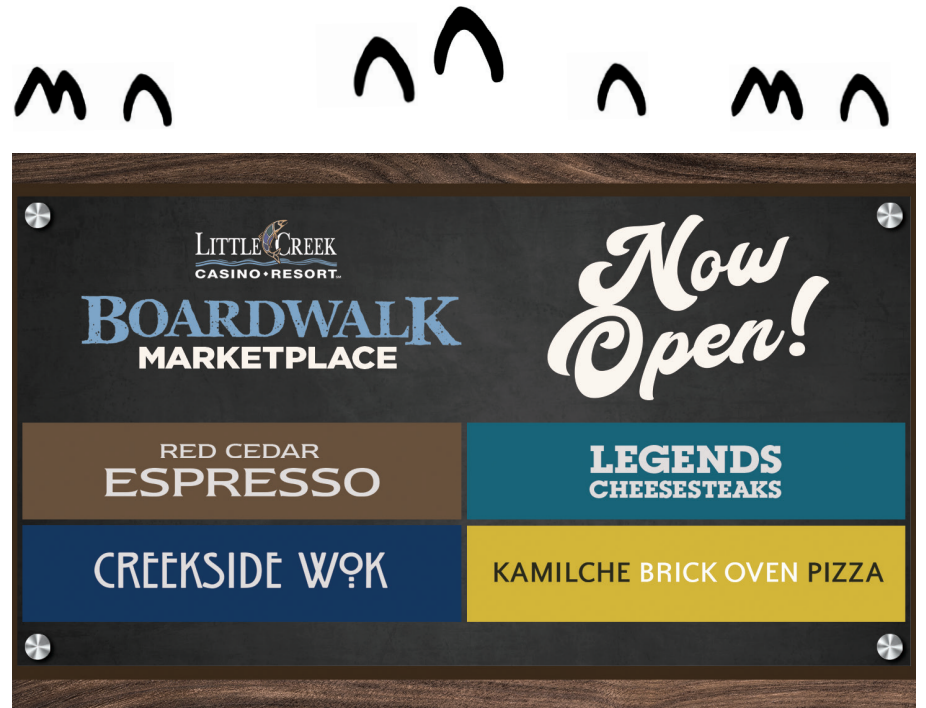
Guy Fieri Cookware Collection – Earn 1500 points Thursday through Saturday each week.

Girl Scout Cookies – Earn 500 points on the promotion day to get a box (once per week only please). Promotion days are Thursday and Sunday.

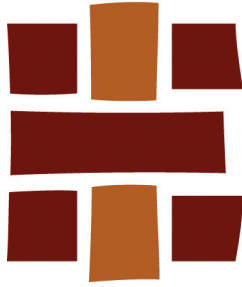
Cupid's Cash – Tuesday's and Wednesday's win up to \$1000 cash at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Forever Young – Seniors 50+ get a free crumble cookie and get entered to win \$1000 each Monday in the month of February.

*\*All promotions may have additional criteria or restrictions so see the complete rules on the website\**







## ISLAND ENTERPRISES INC

Weaving a strong business foundation for the Squaxin Island Tribe's future.

### Tumwater Project

The project near the Olympia Airport is making great progress! We have framed up the new walls, added new windows and doors, and have started putting up the drywall. The contractors have started on the exterior of the existing building. Remodeling this portion on the building will help get the Island Enterprises businesses brand awareness in the Tumwater area. The kiosk has come a long way; what started out as a dirt lot has now transitioned into a drive-up kiosk! Over the last few weeks, the foundation was poured, it was framed up, and it looks to be moving along smoothly! We are so excited for the community to see what we have in store for this location!



### Turkey Baskets

We were so happy to see so many Tribal members during the turkey basket hand out events of 2022. We were incredibly grateful to partner with other departments throughout the Squaxin Island Tribe, Little Creek Casino Resort, and Island Enterprises, Inc. to bring holiday baskets to the community. We had many volunteers who helped fill the baskets and hand them out. Thank you to all who help make this process run smoothly.

In 2022 we handed out just over 450 turkeys to families in the community. We are excited to see what the new year brings!



### Keep Up-To-Date

Island Enterprises, Salish Seafoods, and Trading Post Stores all have separate Facebook pages. Be sure to keep an eye out on our Facebook pages. This is where we post our most up-to-date information!

Kamilche Trading Post and KTP Express will have some fluctuating hours sometime soon so we can clean up the grounds around our ares. When a date has been set, this information will be on our Facebook page, the Daily Scoop and the Klah-Che-Min, if time allows.







## Elders Committee Elections

Elections will be held for the following positions on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., in the Elders dining room:

Chair  
Treasurer  
Secretary

Elders and spouses are encouraged to attend. This is your time to have your voices heard.

### Pictured at right:

Elders working hard for our host luncheon on May 11, 2023.  
*See below.*



## Elder's Luncheon Gift Basket Donation Request

**Date: By May 1, 2023**  
**Time: 3:30**

Elders Inc. is politely requesting donations for the gift baskets given out at the upcoming host luncheon. We're very excited to welcome guests again.

The theme is "Garden Party", if possible please have gift baskets fit the theme.

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance for showing how well Squaxin Island greets our guests.

Please have donations delivered to the Elders building by May 1st, 2023 by 3:30pm.

Any questions please contact Dorinda Thein 360-790-9307 or Traci Coffey at 360-463-3385

## OooLaLa

Squaxin Ladies  
Come get ready for Valentine's Day!  
Relax and enjoy the company of friends & family  
at the Squaxin Museum  
Get your Makeup, Hair & Hands done  
**Feb 13, 2023**  
**4 pm – 7 pm**  
Raffles to win! Smiles to Share! And Laughter to Hear!  
Light refreshments will be provided  
Please call Lisa Johns with any questions  
360-968-9066  
This is a drug/alcohol-free event





## January After School Activities

We hope you all had a Happy New Year!

On Mondays in January, we offered plant teachings with Jerilynn. The focus was willow and the teaching of willow, which is flexibility.

On Tuesdays we held on-going cultural activities. Loom beading took place the first half of the month, and the second half of the month was for the youth to create a Coast Salish art painting on canvas that would be formed into a mural.

On Friday, January 6th, we had a STEM activity, the tallest marshmallow tower challenge. The youth had to build the highest possible tower they could with only toothpicks and marshmallows. The youth developed their own teams and got busy on their towers. Barney, Elias L., Zayne and Owen's team made the tallest tower with the help of some support. Lilie and Paisley had the tallest freestanding tower by the end of the challenge. Way to go all of you!

On Monday, January 9th, we made willow branches into dream catcher hoops and let them dry. The following day Allie Johns made a dream catcher and did a wonderful job, way to go Allie!

On Wednesday, January 11th, youth created some awesome DIY mini ugly sweaters! It was a fun activity that brought the kids' silly sides out.

On Thursday, January 19th, the youth made some mini apple pies. They turned out great and tasted good!

On Saturdays in January, our Rec Mentors were here for open gym from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Youth and teens came by and shot some hoops and hung out.

On Wednesday, January 25th, the youth made some cool winter themed playdough using some fun colors and scents. This was a fun activity and all the youth enjoyed it.

On Friday, January 27th, we had another STEM activity, snowflake building. The youth were given instructions and had to use all supplies given to create their snowflakes. This turned out to be a great challenge and fun to watch all the youth use their problem-solving skills and creativity to complete this. They did wonderful.

## February 2023 - Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center Calendar

All activities are drug, alcohol, e-cigarette and tobacco free.

\*Activities and Calendar are subject to change at any time.\*

Rec Room Phone Number: 360-432-3986

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 After-School: 2:30-6pm Butterfly Coffee Filters  GSD – ER @ 2:15pm	2 After-School: 3-6pm Make M&M Energy Bars	3 After-School: 3-6pm STEM: Popsicle Gears	4 Open Gym: 2-5pm
6 After-School: 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Nature Walk to Identify Alder Trees	7 After-School: 3-6pm On-Going Cultural: Cedar Roses	8 After-School: 1:30-6pm Tissue Paper Art & Kickball SSD – 1.5 HR ER GSD – ER @ 2:15pm	9 After-School: 3-6pm Make Apple Pie Bites	10 After-School: 3-6pm STEM: Fizzing Art	11 Open Gym: 2-5pm
13 After-School: 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Harvest Alder and learn how to make for lozenges	14 After-School: 3-6pm On-Going Cultural: Beaded Earring w/Sara	15 After-School: 2:30-6pm Abstract Art Painting  GSD – ER @ 2:15pm	16 After-School: 3-6pm Make Whipped Kool-Aid	17 After-School: 3-6pm STEM: Crystal Growing	18 Open Gym: 2-5pm
20 <b>Mid-Winter Break</b> Rec Open: 8:30am-3pm Plant Teaching: Natural Dye with Alder, Beaded Keychains, Making Donuts  <b>Family Paint Night</b>	21 <b>Mid-Winter Break</b> Rec Open: 8:30am-3pm Cup stacking Challenge, Ironing Beads, Soccer	22 After-School: 1:30-6pm DIY Paper Spinners, Galaxy Pastel Art & Games in the Gym SSD – 1.5 HR ER GSD – ER @ 2:15pm	23 After-School: 3-6pm Make Strawberry Cheesecake Tacos	24 <b>CLOSED For Staff Development</b>	25 Open Gym: 2-5pm
27 After-School: 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Plant Bingo	28 After-School: 3-6pm On-Going Cultural: Dreamcatchers				
<b>Key:</b> SSD – Shelton School District GSD – Griffin School District		<b>After-School Meal Times:</b> Early Snack is offered: 3:00pm-3:45pm Late Snack is offered: 4:00pm-4:45pm		<b>Activity Time:</b> School-Age Youth from: 5:00-5:45pm  <b>Contact:</b> Kasia: 360-432-3801 Kenna: 360-432-3895 Jerilynn: 360-432-3992	





**More in Recreation News...** In the beginning of January, we had given some pretty cool pedometers to the youth to track their steps for a healthier start to their new year!

We will also be implementing a 20-minute reading program for the youth and physical activity games as well.

During early releases for Griffin and Shelton school district, we will be open early! We open as the buses arrive. We post the times on our calendars!

Stay updated on upcoming events and activities on the Daily Scoop, monthly calendar, our Facebook page, Squaxin Island Parks and Recreation Dept. or Join our Remind app! Text @SquaxinRec to 81010.

Kasia Seymour, Youth Activities Lead  
(360) 432-3801 or kseymour@squaxin.us

Jerilynn Vail, Youth Activities Manager/Food Program Manager  
(360)432-3992 or jvail@squaxin.us

Kenna Acosta, Youth Recreation Coordinator  
(360) 432-3895 or kacosta@squaxin.us



## Go Squaxin Youth!



Squaxin Island Parks & Rec

## Family Paint Night

Please join us for our First Family Paint Night!  
We will provide all the paint supplies.



**Date**  
Monday, February 20, 2023

**Location**  
Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center  
in the Rec Room

**Time**  
4:30pm - 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact:

Kasia Seymour: 360-432-3801  
Kenna Acosta: 360-432-3895  
Jerilynn Vail-Powell: 360-432-3992

Squaxin Island Parks & Rec

## After-School Program February

### Activities:

MEDICINE MONDAY'S WITH JERILYNN!



SATURDAY'S: OPEN GYM FROM 2:00-5:00PM

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2ND: M&M ENERGY BITES



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3RD: STEM-POPSICLE GEARS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH: CEDAR ROSES W/ SARA



WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8TH, EARLY RELEASE  
DAY: TISSUE PAPER ART & KICKBALL

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16TH: WHIPPED KOOL-AID

MONDAY FEB. 21ST AND TUESDAY 22ND WE  
ARE OPEN FOR MID-WINTER BREAK FROM  
8:30-3PM JOIN US FOR SOME FUN  
ACTIVITIES!!!



THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23RD: STRAWBERRY  
CHEESECAKE TACOS



**Contact Us If You Have Any Question:**

Kasia Seymour: kseymour@squaxin.us

Kenna Acosta: kacosta@squaxin.us





## Bordeaux

Tamika Krise, Student Advocate - Hey everyone!

I hope everyone had a great break and enjoyed the holidays.

I want to share some highlights of our month in December, as we Bordeaux Bulldogs crammed a lot in the little time we had before the break. We had big projects, such as spirit week and Christmas parties! We were busy working hard and having fun.

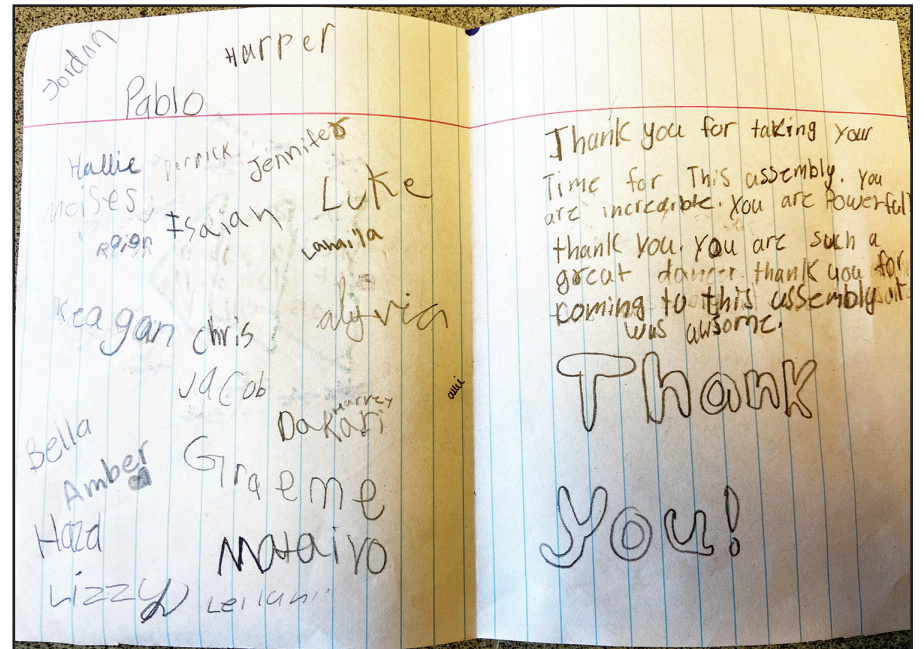
Our fourth and third graders were working on research/writing projects about holidays around the world. I love being able to learn new things with them.

All of the kiddos had to do testing, and it was so awesome to see a lot of our students have such great improvements. As we get back into our normal routines, I want to encourage families and students to keep up the great efforts and reach out to me for in-school and after-school resources.

Consistency is key! The kiddos can most benefit by having good attendance. If your student is struggling, let us at Education know, and we will do everything we can to help!

A small jump back to November, a HUGE THANK YOU to Granny Vicki and Greg Lehman for coming to the school for Native American heritage month and letting our students enjoy a little of our culture. They loved it and truly appreciated it. I will begin sharing a picture of a thank you note a student wrote for the two of you, one letter of many.

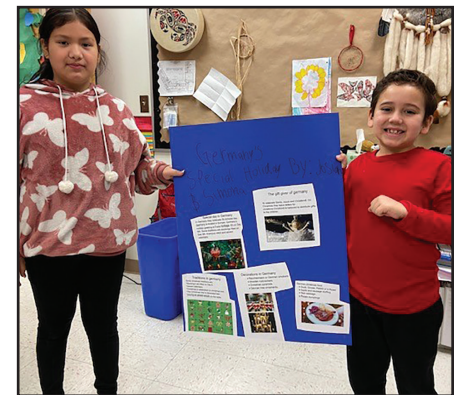
One last thing, before I share some pictures of our spirit week and holiday fun, I want to recruit some Elders to come and volunteer at Bordeaux to share lunch and stories with the youth. I think this idea can turn into something great and would love to make it happen before the school year ends. Incorporating our community and Elders can make such a significant difference in the lives of our students. If you are an Elder and are interested in this idea, reach out to me via email [tmkrise@squaxin.us](mailto:tmkrise@squaxin.us) or via Facebook on my advocate account, Tamika StudentAdvocate.



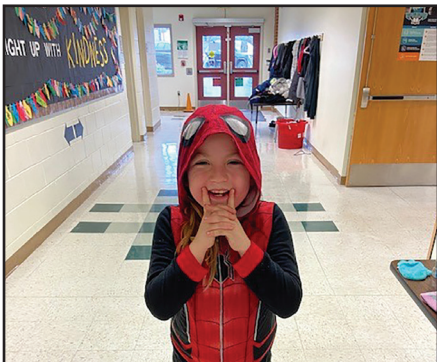
*Letter for Granny Vicki*



*Barney Cooper*



*Josiah Saenz-Garcia  
and Simona Fransisco-Coley*



*Daniel Hartwell*



*Roselani Ogden and  
Roklyn Peterson-Sigo*



*Edwin LaClair*



*Milah Hawks*



*Josiah Saenz-Garcia  
and Milah Hawks*



*Redwolf and Atawit Krise*



*Lillie Dorland and Turumi Bush*





## Olympic Middle School

Kiana Wily -

### Books with Beau!

Reading is an important skill that helps our students succeed in all their subjects through school. Here at OMS, we have been working hard to improve our reading literacy levels.

We are so proud of Beau Henry Jr., as he puts in extra work to be a good role model and help some of the fifth graders in their reading journeys. Beau is a 6th grade basketball player and student hosting "Books with Beau," a 5th grade Native Ed reading group! Each afternoon, for about an hour, Beau has a small group join him in the Native Ed room and he leads them in reading and understanding their books. On Fridays, the group will meet as a whole and read aloud together. The first book Beau is reading with the 5th graders is the story of Balto. He made all the worksheets and has done such an amazing job in creating his reading group. If you see Beau around, don't forget to give him a shout out!

### OMS Native Ed

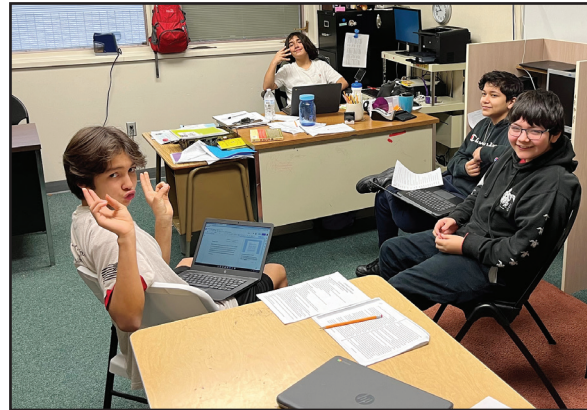
OMS Native Ed students will get to be meeting more often now, which we are all very excited about. Each grade will get to meet two times a month now instead of just once. This means we will have more time to get some cultural crafts and learning done. Our focus will still be academics in the classrooms, but we look forward to getting to start a couple of days of the month with each other making some memories and some art. Meetings will be during homeroom right after the morning announcements. Ms. Chappell and Ms. Wily have some fun activities planned for the next few months. We are looking forward to our Valentine's day gathering . . and Billy Frank, Jr. Day after that! So many fun things coming up at OMS, so make sure your students are getting up and to school on time as often as they can!



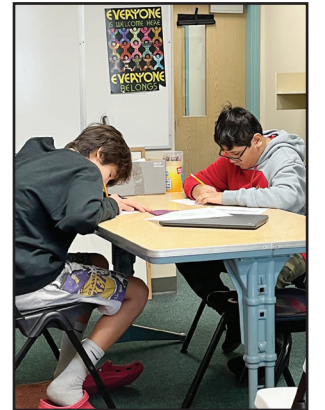
*A few of the OMS Native Ed kids*



*Books with Beau Henry*



*Kiyote Sparr, Skylehr Henry  
and Benito Hernandez*



*Zack Johns  
and Kiyote Sparr*



*Will Weythman and Taebni Fox*



*Zack Johns*

## Oakland Bay Junior High

Caleb Kinzner, Student Advocate at OBJH - Hi all! It has been a great trimester for many of the students here at OBJH with grades going up, disciplines going down, and a much better relationships between students and teachers.

I would like to remind everyone that we have to keep up on missing work. This has been the number one reason students are falling behind in classes. It is very rare for students to not have homework, so please do not let them tell you otherwise.

During our last assembly we had multiple students recognized for outstanding grades, including Nyelli Henry, Zach Johns, and Will Weythman, just to name a few. I am extremely proud of our students who are putting in the extra work at home and at school because they are setting a great example for struggling students.

Our Native students had an extremely positive month because we had an average GPA increase along with discipline decreasing for the 3rd month in a row.

A student that I would like to highlight this month is Zach Johns. Zach has been a model student in terms of social and academic standards. He has been able to excel in all his classes throughout both trimesters and supports his fellow students when needed. I fully believe that he will be able to keep this up and that his peers appreciate his help!





## Shelton High School

Isabelle LeClair, SHS Student Advocate - Hello and Happy New Year!

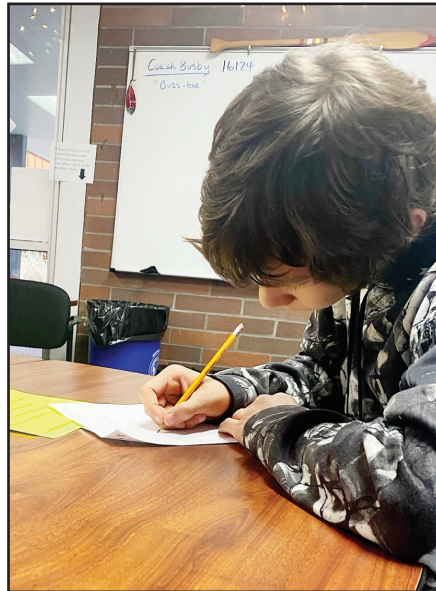
Our high schoolers are starting the new year off strong! I have a couple of students I would like to honor this month because their hard work has certainly paid off and I don't think it should go unnoticed. It's important to recognize and lift up hard work!

Miss Ana Pinon is showing up and getting the work done. She is passing all her classes along with being a basketball player. I have been working with Ana in the Native Ed room at the high school. She has also been such an amazing advocate for herself. She is taking the initiative to ask her teachers for work and for help before or after classes. I know it isn't easy advocating for yourself, so I am so very proud of you, Ana. It has been so awesome seeing Ana crush it at school and on the court!

We also have John (Bubba) Krise! He is one of our seniors. Bubba is always willing to lend a hand whenever he can, along with helping the cousins get to school with those rides to school in the morning! This year I got to work with him at school and I know it's a hard senior year after Covid. I just want to uplift Bubba. This year has been challenging, but he is sooo close to the finish line! I am incredibly proud of him. All the work he has done and these last four years hasn't gone unnoticed! Keep up the good work, Bubba. We are rooting for Ya' and always here to support you!



*Kiona Krise learning anatomy*



*Josiah working hard*



*Kiona Krise, Josiah Perez, Kassidy Burrow*



*Raiatea and Jasmine*





## Squaxin Teens Vs Admin

Squaxin youth redeemed themselves by winning the second Youth Vs Admin basketball game 54 to 48! There were nearly 100 fans present to cheer on the teams in this spirited competition.

Halftime drumming and singing led by Granny Vicki was enjoyed by all, and Indian tacos greeted the crowd at the end of the game.

Thanks so much to Granny Vicki, all of the basketball players, and Deanna Hawks and Kenna Acosta for helping with the fry bread. Thanks to the Squaxin Youth Council for planning this most awesome event!



*Youth strategizing*



*Trey and William on the score board*



*The score*



*Adults strategizing*



## Kiana Henry Joins the TLC!

For those of you who don't know who I am, I am Kiana Henry, or as most know me, Keeks, daughter of Margaret Seymour-Henry and Vincent Henry, Sr.

I am proud to announce that I will be the Cultural Education Liaison up at the TLC! I am totally stoked to get hands on with the Education Department and create fun and engaging new ways to submerge these youth into our culture.

I'll be bouncing around from the schools, collaborating with Native Education on significant Native holidays and assisting with incorporating culture into the curriculum.

Once again, I am so excited and honored. Thank you!



## Higher Education

Mandy Valley - Higher Education students, if you haven't done so already, please turn in final grades from fall quarter/semester ASAP. Also, if you have not completed your FAFSA (2023-2024 school year), please do so ASAP. FAFSA launched on October 1st, 2022 and is open until June 30th, 2023.

I hope everyone has a great winter quarter/spring semester.

If you have any questions regarding Higher Education or need assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you!

Mandy

Phone: (360)432-3882

Email: [mvalley@squaxin.us](mailto:mvalley@squaxin.us)





## Teen Program

Keesha Vigil, Teen Program Coordinator - Hello everyone! December was a super fun month for the teen program!

The teens started off their winter break ice skating in downtown Olympia. Even though we had a few falls, the teens had a blast and had some good laughs figuring out how to ice skate together.

The following day, I had the opportunity to teach some teens how to bead! Tanalee and Ariana came up and were so eager to learn. They both finished a beautiful pair of earrings. Beading and teaching beading is one of my favorite things to do, and I am so excited to do more beading activities in the future.

The last thing we did for break was go see some Christmas lights. Although our Zoo Lights plans were ruined by the weather, the teens still had a blast visiting the Olympia Lights Extravaganza.



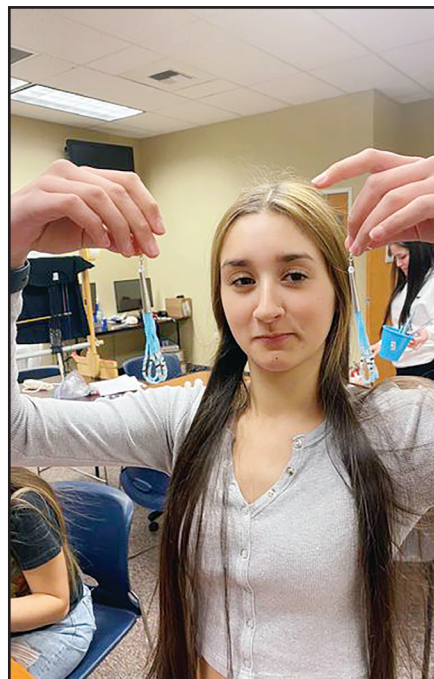
*Cora, Tanalee and Alysa*



*Alysa and Cora*



*Tanalee Mendosa*



*Ariana Salazar*

Ho!  
Ho!  
Ho!



## Breakfast with Santa

Kaitlin Krug - On December 16th Squaxin Island Child Development Center hosted their annual breakfast with Santa event.

During this event families were encouraged to share a meal with SICDC teaching staff and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

This year we served sausage and had a pancake bar with various toppings and a choice of milk or orange juice.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus were photo ready with a photographer and photo printing station, so that families could receive their photos on site along with a digital copy sent via email.

Breakfast with Santa 2022 was a great success with students and families engaging with teaching staff by creating an assortment of handmade keepsakes for them to take home.

Each classroom was set up for students and families to create age-appropriate holiday ornaments alongside teaching staff.

The students enjoyed painting salt dough ornaments in the Frog classroom, coloring with paint pens on wood cookie ornaments in the Coyote room, filling clear ornaments with "snow" and coloring snowmen faces in the Raven room, and filling clear ornaments with paint and swirling them to create colorful designs in the Raccoon room.

In the River Otter room, students' heights were measured and we had them use their fine motor skills to place the ribbon in their clear ornament.

In the Black Bear room, we assisted students in tracing their hands, then instructed them on how to cut out their hands and glue them to a band for festive reindeer head bands.







## Christmas Caroling for the Elders

On December 21st Squaxin Island Child Development Center spread holiday cheer by singing Christmas carols to the Elders. The children sang, Santa Claus is Coming to Town, Jingle Bells, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. At the end of their performance, the children gifted the Elders with handmade gifts that they had been excitedly waiting to give. The students learned many skills from this quick field trip, such as improving memory (by practicing the songs), rhythm, working together, bus etiquette, and the joy in giving.



We  
LOVE  
Our  
Elders





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## Fisheries WaterCorps Tribal Internship

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Lacey, WA)



**Duties:** Biological field sampling, lab, and fish hatchery support  
**Workstation:** Lacey, WA  
**Duration:** 6 months, likely starting in mid-May.  
**Benefits Include:**

- \$600 per week living stipend, insurance, and student loan forbearance
- A \$3,247 education award and a 2-year federal non-competitive hiring status certificate upon successful completion of the internship
- Career building experience and professional development training

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Registered Tribal Member
- Age 18-34
- High School Diploma or GED
- Coursework, experience, or a strong interest in Natural Resource Conservation Science



**For more information and to apply, contact:**  
Dan Spencer: [Daniel\\_Spencer@fws.gov](mailto:Daniel_Spencer@fws.gov)



### What:

Fisheries Conservation Science Internship

### Where:

Lacey (WA). Western Washington Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

### When:

This position will likely start in mid-May, with a 6 month duration



A SPoRE Event...

## Medicinal Mushrooms in the Pacific Northwest

Led by Renee Davis



Medicinal mushrooms have many health benefits to offer. We will focus on the use of several, including reishi, turkey tail, red belted polypore, and lion's mane.

**February 11, 1-3pm**  
**AT THE SALISH ROOTS FARM**  
541 W. ST ROUTE 108, SHELTON, WA 98584  
RSVP at [metamimicry.com/spore](https://metamimicry.com/spore)  
*Limited Space. Tribal Access Prioritized.*

## CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

- FREE to Olympia Residents
- Hands On Skills Training
- 7-weeks Registered Pre-Apprenticeship



**Earn Certificates in:**  
Flagging  
OSHA 10 Safety Standards  
Forklift Operating

**1st Cohort**  
Jan. 23rd -  
Mar. 10 2023

Learn More: [bit.ly/3NZtADI](https://bit.ly/3NZtADI)



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Office of Housing  
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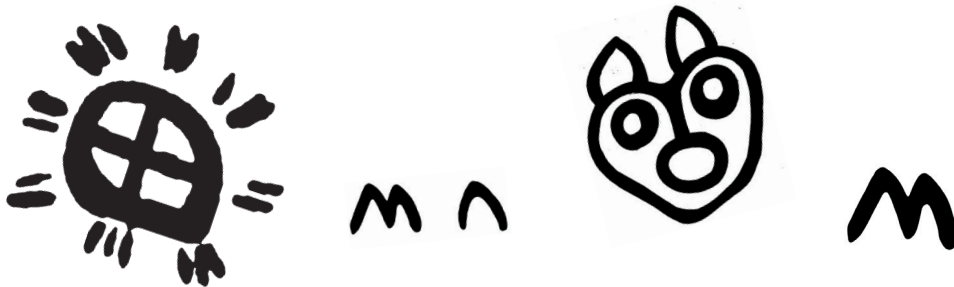
## Attention Housing Applicants

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 known address that the Office of Housing has on file for you.

If you have recently moved or have a change of address, please call Juana Nelson, 360-432-3863.

*If you do not update your application by March 31, 2023, your name will be removed from the housing waiting list.*



### WORKING FAMILIES TAX CREDIT



## A new tax credit for Washington workers starts in 2023!

Working Families Tax Credit will provide payments up to \$1,200 to individuals and families who meet the requirements.

#### Who is eligible for a tax credit?

Individuals and families are eligible if they meet all of the following requirements:

- Lived in Washington a minimum of 183 days.
- Are at least 25 and under 65 years of age OR have a qualifying child in 2022.
- Filed a 2022 federal tax return with a Social Security Number (SSN) or an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).
- Eligible for the federal Earned Income Tax Credit on their 2022 tax return.
  - Go to [www.irs.gov/eitc](https://www.irs.gov/eitc) to learn more.
- Meet the income requirements (see table).

#### How much will individuals and families get back?

It depends on the number of qualifying children and income level. See table for estimates based on the 2022 income eligibility thresholds.

#### What are the income thresholds?

Number of qualifying children	Applicant must make less than the following		Maximum refund
	Single	Married (filing jointly)	
0	\$16,480	\$22,610	\$300
1	\$43,492	\$49,622	\$600
2	\$49,399	\$55,529	\$900
3 or more	\$53,057	\$59,187	\$1,200

Applications open on February 1, 2023 and are accepted through December 31, 2023.



[info@pimsavvy.com](mailto:info@pimsavvy.com)  
Main: 206-565-2961, option 3



To access additional information or sign-up for updates, visit our website: [WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov](https://WorkingFamiliesCredit.wa.gov) or call 360-763-7300.



## Squaxin Island Tax Site

### BASIC RETURNS

January 30, 2023 -  
April 6, 2023



***By appointment only***

***Contact Lisa Peters to schedule an appointment 360-432-3871***

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Proof of identification (photo ID)
- Social Security cards for you, your spouse and dependents, ITIN
- Documents showing all income (W-2, 1099)
- Expenses — to claim tax deductions (Childcare, donations, college tuition, property taxes)
- Any other tax documents or notices you received
- A copy of last year's federal return, if available
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace Statement, to reconcile advance Premium Tax Credits for Marketplace coverage
- Proof of bank account routing and account numbers for direct deposit such as a blank check



IRS Certified Volunteers Providing  
**FREE TAX PREPARATION**

Sponsored by Squaxin Island Tribe—Office of Housing





## Attention: Squaxin Island Tribal Homeowners (on or off reservation)

### Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) Help for Homeowners in Need

If you have experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19 that resulted in mortgage delinquency, we may be able to help.

The Squaxin Island Tribe, Office of Housing has received funding through the Department of Treasury for the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF). *We are accepting applications from Squaxin Island Tribal homeowners who meet the following criteria:*

1. You own the home you live in and it is your primary residence, on or off reservation.
2. You have you experienced financial hardship due to Covid-19 (after January 21, 2020) from one of the following:
  - Mortgage delinquencies
  - Foreclosure
  - Unpaid property tax
  - Past due utilities
  - Home displacement due to critical home repairs (roof, structure damage)
3. Your income falls at or below these guidelines:

1 person	(\$63,000)
2 persons	(\$72,000)
3 persons	(\$81,000)
4 persons	(\$90,000)
5 persons	(\$97,200)
6 persons	(\$104,400)
7 persons	(\$111,600)
8 persons	(\$118,800)

Please go to: [squaxinland.org/government/departments/community-development](https://squaxinland.org/government/departments/community-development) to fill out the forms listed below. You may also request a copy of the application from the contacts listed below.

- Squaxin HAF application
- Squaxin Financial Assistance Form – HAF
- Release of Information

#### *If you have any questions please contact:*

Lisa Peters / [lpeters@squaxin.us](mailto:lpeters@squaxin.us) / (360) 432-3871  
OR  
Liz Kuntz / [lkuntz@squaxin.us](mailto:lkuntz@squaxin.us) / (360) 432-3937

### Speeding Tickets

#### Northwest Justice Project

Dear Legal Aid Abby,

I got a speeding ticket recently, and I can't afford to pay the fine in full. I heard there is a new law that might help me. I'm concerned that my driver's license might get suspended.

- Concerned Driver

Dear Concerned Driver,

With the caveat that Tribal law applies if your speeding ticket was issued by a Tribe - A new Washington State law went into effect on January 1, 2023 that might help you in three important ways.

First, you have more time to respond to the traffic ticket. Under the new law, you have 30 days from the day you got the ticket to respond. The traffic ticket should tell you how you need to respond. Make a copy or take a photo of your ticket before giving it to the court.

Before the new law, there were three ways to respond to a ticket: 1) pay the ticket in full, 2) contest it, or 3) ask for a lower fine, which is also called mitigation. Now, you have a fourth option - you can request a payment plan. When you request a payment plan, you admit you committed the infraction and ask the court to establish a payment plan for you based on your ability to pay. The court is required to provide you with information about how to sign up for a payment plan. In some cases, you may be able to sign up for a payment plan by completing a form online or by contacting the clerk. The court can request proof of your financial situation. Check with the court clerk first to figure out what evidence, if any, is needed and how to submit it. Evidence can be something like a pay stub or a public benefits statement.

Finally, as long as you respond to the traffic ticket before the 30-day deadline, failure to pay your traffic ticket alone should not suspend your driver's license. But, be aware that if the court requests additional information from you or sets a hearing for you, you must appear or respond. Failure to appear for a hearing or respond to the court will likely result in your driver's license getting suspended.

If you are unsure whether your license has been suspended, always check the status of your license before you drive by either:

Calling DOL's automated line: (360) 902-3900; OR

Going online for free at [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/checkstatus.html](https://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/checkstatus.html).

If your license is suspended for failure to pay non-criminal moving violations, like speeding, you can get legal help. Contact a private attorney or, if you are low-income, you might qualify for free legal help from the Northwest Justice Project: Apply online at [nwjustice.org/get-legal-help](https://nwjustice.org/get-legal-help) or call CLEAR 1-888-201-1014 weekdays 9:15 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. This line is often busy. Keep trying!







## Covid-19 Statistics November 15 - January 15

### Vaccinations

VACCINE	1st Dose	2nd Dose	Booster 1	Booster 2	Bivalent
Moderna	0	0	0	0	30
Moderna (12-18 y)	0	0	0	0	0
Pfizer (5-11 y)	0	0	0	0	0
Pfizer (12 and up)	0	0	0	0	0
Pfizer (Under 5)	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	30

THROUGH PANDEMIC Fully Vaccinated  
2,509

Vaccines Provided  
2,825

### Test Results

	Non-Vaccinated	1 Dose	2 Doses	Boosted
Positive	7	2	9	4
Negative	20	6	13	38



### Need Diapers?

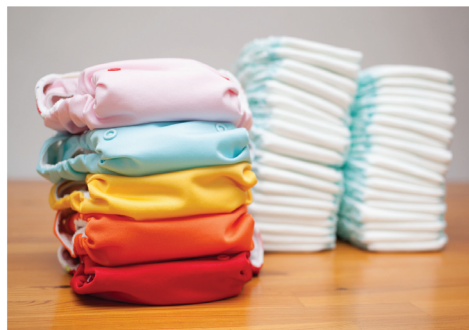
#### Diapers are NOT CHEAP

Often times, those in low income families face high costs and limited supplies of this essential need.

**1 in 3 Mothers** in the United States struggle with diaper scarcity.

#### Diapers are necessary

When supplies are low or absent, it can add to the challenges of maintaining consistent childcare and steady employment.



### SPIPA is excited to be able to provide Diaper Distribution services to eligible Consortium Tribal Members

The Diaper Distribution on Reservations Project works with other SPIPA Programs to deliver diapering needs to eligible families with children age 0-18 residing in the SPIPA service area.



#### For more information

fill out this form today, or for questions, email  
DDOR@spipa.org



Form is available at:  
[spipa.org/family-and-community-resources/](https://spipa.org/family-and-community-resources/)

#### Eligibility

- At least one household member is enrolled in a SPIPA consortium Tribe
- Must meet income guidelines

#### If you qualify for:

Food Vouchers  
LIHEAP/ Weatherization  
USDA Foods  
WIC  
Workforce Development Programs  
**You are eligible to receive diaper distribution.**



### When Do I Switch my Baby from a Bottle to a Cup? How much Milk Should my Child be Drinking?

Tips to switch to an open cup from a bottle:

**Starting at 6 months, start your child practicing with a cup.**

Slowly swap out bottles to cups one feeding at a time.

**Start the swapping with the mid-day bottle**, then add the morning bottle. Get your child used to eating something in the morning before removing the morning bottle.

**Removing the nighttime bottle is the hardest.** Consider going "cold turkey" and get rid of all the bottles. To make things easier, have a bedtime ritual in place such as brushing teeth, a warm bath, reading a story, and snuggling so that the bottle is just one part of the bedtime routine and will be skipped. Have all caregivers agreeing to the process and don't give in.

**By the time your child is a year old, he/she has mastered the using in cup and say goodbye to bottles.**

**Skip the sippy cup!**

Resource : <https://feedinglittles.com/>

Consider working with your baby starting at 6 months with an small open cup with water.

As they explore, they will spill the water, but by practicing they will likely learn to drink from an open cup by their first birthday.

Stop the bottle by the  
first birthday



Recommended fluid amounts  
for 1-5 year olds:

**Milk:** 16-24 ounces per day ( 2-3 cups)  
**Whole milk:** 12 to 24 months  
**Fat Free or 1% milk:** 2 years old and up  
**Water:** 8-32 ounces per day ( 1- 4 cups)  
**100% Juice:** 2-4 ounces or less per day  
(1/4 cup to 1/2 cup)



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Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn't discriminate.**





## Thank you for 20 years!

### ***Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator***

As I depart after 20 years of working with the people of the Squaxin Island community, I have many thoughts and emotions and will share a few here. First, I want to thank you for welcoming me into your hearts and homes as part of the Squaxin family. I was embraced by your friendliness, honesty, generosity, and expressions of gratitude from the start.

It has been an honor to focus on the health and well being of your community. Many of you have shared your struggles and successes with me and I cherish my time with you on your paths.

Not only have you taught me about your culture and community, but you have also shown me what it means to be part of a community that cares so much about each other. You have touched my life in ways that will stay with me forever.

I will miss working with you and walking the path of wellness with you, but I know you will continue as a community caring for each other. I will be close by and hope to see you around.

Thank you for honoring me with a farewell party with kind words and gifts, including the presentation of the Squaxin flag by Tribal Council.

Hoyt!

Patty Suskin (aka Princess Three Horses, Nag, Nag, Nag)

### **Farewell Party January 13th**

***Photos by Kim Olson***



### **New Employee**



### **Old Employee**







# COMMUNITY



## Elders Menu . . . Fruit and salad at every meal

- MONDAY 6:**  
Tuna Casserole, Peas

**MONDAY 13:**  
Baked Potato Casserole, Carrots

**MONDAY 20:**  
Enchilada Bake, Black Beans

**MONDAY 27:**  
Chicken Pot Pie
- TUESDAY 7:**  
Chicken Rice Soup,  
Egg Salad Sandwiches

**TUESDAY 14:**  
Shrimp Scampi, Asparagus

**TUESDAY 21:**  
Chili, Corn Bread

**TUESDAY 28:**  
Split Pea Soup,  
Roast Beef Sandwiches

- WEDNESDAY 1:**  
Hamburgers, Chips

**WEDNESDAY 8:**  
Spam with Cabbage, Rice

**WEDNESDAY 15:**  
Clam Chowder, Fry Bread


**WEDNESDAY 22:**  
Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Veggies
- THURSDAY 2:**  
Chicken Fajitas

**THURSDAY 9:**  
Steak, Red Potatoes, Mixed Veggies

**THURSDAY 16:**  
Chicken Fried Steaks,  
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Corn

**THURSDAY 23:**  
Salmon, Veggie Rice





# EMERGENCY

**CALL 9-1-1** FIRE POLICE MEDICAL RESCUE

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

### Non-Life Threatening Emergencies

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline**  
(Information only - no voicemail)  
(360) 432-3947

**Community EOC Hotline**  
(Questions and voice mail message)  
(360) 443-8411

**Emergency Management Coordinator**  
(360) 443-8410

**Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
(360) 426-5308

**Squaxin Police Department**  
Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00  
(360) 432-3831

**PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline**  
(360) 426-8255

**Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency**  
(360) 426-4441

**Mason County Fire Non-Emergency**  
(360) 426-3348

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SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT  
YOUTH COURT  
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE: E.B.R. C.B.R. Indian Children

Case No.: SQI-CW-2023-01-05  
SQI-CW-2023-01-03

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: Casey Robinson.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to the Squaxin Island Youth code, the Court has set fact finding and dispositional hearings in the above captioned matter. The hearing on this matter shall be held on March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington and/or online. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILDREN BEING PLACED IN AN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information regarding online hearings.

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





# COMMUNITY



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Camden Bear Adams-Lewis  
Harry James Johns Jr.  
Winter Raven Perez

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Aaliyah Emily Ann Garcia  
Donald John Briggs  
Mistifawn Andi Martinez  
Rome Luis Ramirez Henry  
Tatum Guijosa-Bryson

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Isaiah Lewis Rees  
James Arnold Cooper  
Kalea Anne Johns  
Lareciana Broussard-James  
Larry J. Bradley Jr.  
Lydia Anna Trinidad

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Anthony Andrew Pinon  
Dylan Lee Suarez  
John Clayton Briggs  
Shannon R Cooper

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Stephanie Jeanne Starr

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John Edward Tobin  
Michael James Mosier  
Ruth Ann Lopeman  
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Barbara Lynn Knudsen  
Fawn Patricia Ann Parker  
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Justin Lopeman-Dobson

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Stefanie D. Kenyon

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Eugene Russell Cooper

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Santino Saenz-Hernandez

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Alicia Nicole Boyette  
Owen Francis Bell  
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Sonja Mae Clementson

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Jennifer Lynn Reboin  
Justine Susan Crone

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Antone Hidalgo-Hawks  
Clayton Mc Cloud Bethea  
Micheal Scott Kenyon  
Raul Cristian Avalos  
Sophia Lynne Martin

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Haley Nicole Wilson  
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Rachel Fame Ford  
Robert Wesley Whitener Jr.

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Kristopher Klabsch Peters  
Margaret Mary Witcraft  
Steven Ray Peters  
Timothy Lee Linn

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Lydia Cecile Parrott  
Marlo Lynice Andrews  
Marvin Dale Newell Jr.

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Alkaiyas Cedar-Wolf Cooper  
Fayila Prae Hewitt

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Jonathon Joseph Fry  
Zachariah Ashton Mirka

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Fisher Warren Sigo  
Katrina F. Parker  
Samuel Joseph Penn

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Alex Ryan Salgado  
Amar'e Lucio Carrington  
Cameron Fitzgerald Henry  
Juana Cherati Rose Nelson  
Leilani Georgia Blueback

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Katherine Mae Ackerman

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Dennis Lloyd Sigo

**NEED A  
TRIBAL ID?**

Enrollment ID's will be available by  
appointment only.  
Call Tammy at 360-426-9781.

Wednesdays from 11am-1pm

**SQUAXIN COMMUNITY  
CULTURE  
NIGHT**

**Wednesdays  
5pm-6:30pm  
@ the  
Squaxin  
Museum**

**Meals Provided**

*This is a drug & alcohol free event*







## What's Happening

<b>Valentines Lunch Hour Event</b>	February 7
<b>Medicinal Mushrooms Workshop</b>	February 11
<b>Ooo La La:</b>	February 13
<b>Family Paint Night</b>	February 20
<b>Court:</b>	
Family Court:	February 2
Criminal/Civil Court:	February 14
Vulnerable Adult Court:	February 16
<b>WIC</b>	February 14

**Valentines**

LOOKING FOR GIFT IDEAS FOR YOUR LOVED ONES, KIDS OR EVEN YOUR PET?

**LUNCH HOUR EVENT**


FEB 7th @ 12-1PM

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**


CARDS, BAKED GOODS, GIFT BASKETS, PERSONALIZED ITEMS AND MORE GIFT IDEAS.

COME SUPPORT YOUR FELLOW CO-WORKERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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 South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

**USDA Foods Program February Dates**



<b>PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM</b>	2/3/23
<b>SQUAXIN ISLAND</b>	2/8/23
<b>SKOKOMISH</b>	2/10/23
<b>NISQUALLY</b>	2/15/23
<b>CHEHALIS</b>	2/22/23

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. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



 South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

**Local Food Purchasing Assistance Program**



**For a limited time**

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency is partnering with regional disadvantaged farmers to provide Tribal members with fresh local produce, meat, eggs, dairy products, and breads. **(not all items will be available at the same time.)**

**Availability**

items will be available monthly on a first come, first serve basis (one pick up per household) Each month will feature different items. Items will be available on tailgate days with USDA Foods deliveries by Tribal Location.

**Eligibility**

You must present proof of Tribal ID at time of pick up: Chehalis, Nisqually, Port Gamble, Puyallup, Shoalwater Bay, Skokomish, Squaxin Island Tribes. No holds, No unauthorized pickups for others.

**February 2023 Dates**

<b>Chehalis</b>	2/22/23	@ 11:00am
<b>Nisqually</b>	2/15/23	@ 10:00am
<b>Port Gamble</b>	2/3/23	@ 11:00am
<b>Shoalwater Bay</b>	2/24/23	@ 11:00am
<b>Squaxin Island</b>	2/8/23	@ 11:00am
<b>Skokomish</b>	2/10/23	@ 11:00am



For more information, call 360.426.3990 or visit [spipa.org/family-and-community-resources](https://spipa.org/family-and-community-resources)



# HAPPY Valentine's Day



**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's height & weight,  
Provider One Card or paystub  
and identification for you & your child

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

Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3990

**Next WIC:**  
**Tues., Feb 14, 2023**  
**We are continuing**  
**remote phone appointments**  
**through April 2023 due to the**  
**COVID-19 virus**  
**We will call you on your appt day**

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider.**  
Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn't discriminate.

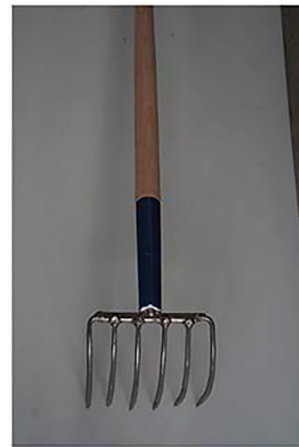


Clam Fresh has 25 Clam Forks for sale.  
If you are interested, or have any questions please  
email Tyler at [tjohns@clamfresh.org](mailto:tjohns@clamfresh.org)



Large Fork

Tribal Member Price:  
\$175.00



Small Fork

Tribal Member Price:  
\$145.00

## GOOD MOVES GOOD MOODS



**LIVE: Monday's 5pm, 2022**  
Squaxin Island Tribe @ Gym

**LIVE: Wednesday's 5pm, 2022**  
Nisqually Tribe @ Billy Frank Jr. Center

**VIRTUAL: Tues. & Thur. 12pm on Zoom**

**ZUMBA® with Ho'o & Paish**  
For Tribal Members & Community  
Sponsored by SPIPA

- ✓ No Fuss Fitness
- ✓ No Worries
- ✓ Yes to FUN
- ✓ Yes to Health

Classes are subject to change,  
please join our text updates.  
Questions: [WholesticFit@gmail.com](mailto:WholesticFit@gmail.com)




## ATTENTION: FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members and Their Spouses

The Tribe is offering the services of Mark Allen, an attorney who has worked for the Squaxin Community for 10 plus years. Mark Allen is ready to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents.

- Wills
- Powers of Attorney
- Advance Directives
- Health Care Directives
- Estate Planning

If you are interested in these services, please contact  
**Lindsey Harrell**, Paralegal for the Squaxin Island  
Legal Department, at (360) 432-1771 ext. 6 or  
[Lharrell@squaxin.us](mailto:Lharrell@squaxin.us)

If you schedule an appointment and you decide you cannot  
make it, please respectfully cancel **PRIOR** to the day of the  
appointment.