

Removing barriers to fish under State Route 108

Second around-the-clock closure of SR 108 starts October 30

Major roadwork is set to wind down on State Route 108 near McCleary. Efforts will now shift toward Kamilche.

Coming soon, a new work zone will appear on SR 108 west of Hurley Waldrup Road. The work is related to the Washington State Department of Transportation’s efforts to remove barriers to fish.

Travelers will see daytime one-way alternating traffic as crews begin work at Kamilche Creek. Starting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 30, a section of State Route 108 will close to all travelers. The highway will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 13.

The closure is located just west of Hurley Waldrup Road. During the around-the-clock closure, all travelers will need to detour via US 101 in Thurston County and SR 8.

What’s happening at Kamilche Creek?

Contractor crews will replace the existing culvert with a new bridge. Workers will use large cranes and other heavy equipment parked on the highway. Workers will install reinforced concrete columns. The underground concrete columns will support the future bridge planned over Kamilche Creek. The bridge will be built between spring and fall of 2024.

What is a fish passage barrier?

A fish passage barrier is anything that hinders fish from moving through a waterway. Culverts may allow water to flow, but don’t always provide conditions that fish can swim through. The water that flows through culverts may block fish migration because the flow is too swift, too shallow, or has a waterfall into or out of the culvert.

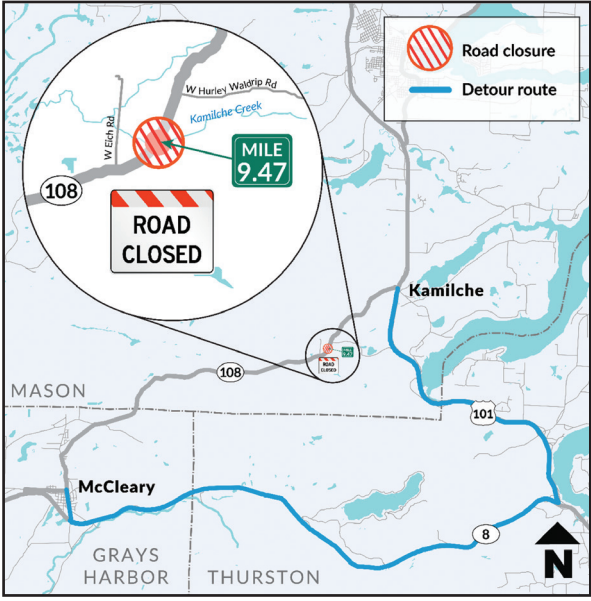
The work is in compliance with the federal injunction about fish passage. A federal court injunction required the state to significantly increase efforts to remove state-owned culverts that block habitat for fish. This project is part of the WSDOT injunction.

*No work will be done in the water this fall, so the work won’t interfere with spawning salmon.* The work that needs to be done in the water includes getting some of the foundation structures built to reduce traffic revisions next year.

Stay connected

Construction schedules can change, and we want you to stay informed. More information is available on the project web page: [wsdot.wa.gov](https://wsdot.wa.gov) and search: Kamilche. Or scan the code to go to our website:

Travelers can get advance notification and real-time information on the WSDOT app and statewide travel map. Sign up for email updates for major roadwork on state highways in Mason County. People can call the project hotline at (564) 225-3289.



Location of SR 108 total closure and detour route through Thurston County.

10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, WA 98584  
Change Service Requested

**Forestry Career Opportunity**

Tribal Council is looking to recruit a tribal member who would be interested in obtaining a two-year forestry degree that could work into a position with the Tribe. This person would be eligible for a paid summer internship with Port Blakely.

If interested, please email Ray Peters: [rpeters@squaxin.us](mailto:rpeters@squaxin.us)

**Need a Tribal ID?**

**Contact Eric Ellerbe:**

(360) 432-3923

[ellerbe@squaxin.us](mailto:ellerbe@squaxin.us)





## Tumwater Locations NOW OPEN!



Huge Thank you to all the staff who had a hand in getting these locations ready!

**Elevation Tumwater**

7249 Old Hwy 99 Tumwater, WA 98501

**Tumwater Trading Post Express**

7233 Old Hwy 99 Tumwater, WA 98501

*Thank you IEI Board and Tribal Council for attending the ribbon cutting for Elevation Tumwater and Tumwater Trading Post Express.*

## Tribal News

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## What's happening at the Creek in October

**Tuesdays - Prime Timers 50+** There will be drawings at 6:00 p.m. for three winners of \$250 in free play and 7:00 p.m. one winner of \$1,000 in cash!

**Wednesdays and Thursdays – It's Pinktober!** We're playing Punchout each week at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for cash prizes up to \$1,000. We'll match the highest prize throughout the month to donate to breast cancer research.

**Mariners Gear Gift Giveaway** – Earn each piece in the collection Saturday's and Sunday's in October by earning 1500 points each week.

**Super Trip Sweepstakes – October 1st to January 5th** Enter to win a trip to watch the Big Game in Las Vegas! Earn entries by using your Players Club card on slots, tables games, bingo, and keno throughout the promotion period and have a chance to be a finalist each Friday! Additional entries for this promotion can be won by staying in the hotel, playing golf, and visiting the spa!

**Halloween Swipe and Win – Monday, October 30th or Tuesday, October 31st** Swipe at the promotional kiosk for a chance to win up to \$5,000 in cash! ~See the Players Club for complete details on all promotions.

## Upcoming Entertainment

The Cult	October 14th   8:00 p.m.
Lit	November 18th   8:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve	Details Coming Soon

## Other News

### HOTEL

We're giving thanks this October and sharing the love. Book now through November 1st, bring in two non-perishable food items for a donation to a local charity and get a discounted room rate. This package is available for deluxe and premium rooms with rates starting at \$124.

### STARLIGHT SPORTS BAR AND LOUNGE

The opening of the lounge has been well received! With a DJ every Friday and Saturday night performing all the hits, a menu that gets raving reviews, and having screens for all the games a sports-fan wants to see, it makes sense that we've added a Game Day Menu! Starlight will open at 9:00 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays only, during football season, and the special menu offers all the football snacks one could ask for, from brisket nachos and prime rib sliders to game-day platters for the undecided. Visit the Starlight Sports Bar and Lounge and elevate your resort experience!

### CREEKSIDE SWEETS

The Boardwalk Marketplace has added a new place to satisfy that sweet tooth... Creekside Sweets! This venue offers Olympic Mountain Ice Cream, cookies, milkshakes, ice cream sandwiches and more. Open from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily, this is a great spot to bring the kiddos and experience the sweet side.

### LITTLE CREEK CASINO MOBILE APP

The mobile app offers an easy and convenient way to keep up on the resort ac-

tivities. Check your tier status, points, free play, and more, all at your fingertips by downloading the Little Creek Casino Resort app available in the Google and Apple Play store!







## Graduation

The Squaxin Island Child Development Center has been a place of wonder, learning, and growth for our graduates. These young minds have blossomed in the nurturing environment of the preschool, and now they are ready to take their next steps into the world of education. Let us reflect on the journey that brought them to this moment and look ahead to the bright futures awaiting these young scholars.

The Squaxin Island Child Development Center has been more than just a place to drop off children; it's been a community, a family. From those first uncertain steps into the classroom to confidently participating in activities, the growth we've witnessed in our young graduates is truly remarkable.

The dedicated teachers and staff at SICDC have played a pivotal role in this journey. Their passion for early childhood education, patience, and commitment to fostering a love for learning have been instrumental in shaping our little ones into curious, capable, and resilient individuals.

The pre-school experience isn't just about ABC's and 123's; it's about building a foundation of essential life skills. They've learned the importance of sharing, empathy, and teamwork through interactive play and group activities. These skills will serve as building blocks for their future friendships, collaborations, and leadership roles. At SICDC, our graduates have not only learned the skills mentioned above, but have also developed valuable social and emotional skills.

As we celebrate the graduation of our preschoolers, we must remember that this is just the beginning of their educational journey. They are now ready to embark on the next chapter, equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence gained during their time at Squaxin Island Child Development Center.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers, staff, parents, and the Squaxin Island Tribe for their unwavering support throughout this journey. It truly takes a village to raise a child, and our graduates are fortunate to have such a strong and caring community behind them.

We encourage our graduates to continue exploring, asking questions, and embracing challenges. Every day is a new opportunity to learn and grow!







## Appreciation for Kevin Jornlin

Kevin Jornlin has been Squaxin Island Child Development Center's dedicated maintenance man for the last six years. He has an eye for detail and safety, is a jack of trades, and a master maintenance man. Our students have built bonds with him and are more than willing to bring Kevin anything that needs fixing with full trust that he will be able to tackle any project needing his attention. SICDC encouraged all staff and students to dress like Kevin to honor him for all his dedication and hard work. Kevin was surprised and thankful for employee recognition.



## Transitional Housing Opportunity to Plan and Empower

### T-Hope Tiny Home Program

Are you an adult and/or couple who earns at least \$5,000 annually and in need of housing for up to one (1) year?

### This program may be for you!

- Rent calculated at 30% of your adjusted annual income
- Pay for water, sewer, power and garbage

Gain budgeting and home maintenance skills while saving and preparing for your future by living in a drug and alcohol free Tiny Home.



**Policies and application available  
September 11, 2023  
at the Office of Housing  
or Squaxin website**

**Any questions contact Liz Kuntz at  
360-432-3937**







## Bordeaux

Bordeaux Bulldogs are back! We are so happy to be jumping back into gear and have had a great start so far.

We have an awesome group of Kindergarteners joining us this year, and I am so stoked to get to work with them! Sometimes it can be hard getting into a new routine, but I am here to make sure our Kinders have a smooth transition.

We do have a LARGE group of fourth graders, and they are going to have some new hoops to jump through. I want to help our students get through this last year of elementary school, as much as possible. I know these times can be trying for the students and families, so please let me know what I can do! They will have more challenging work, along with homework. Be sure to utilize our homework help at the education center! I want to encourage all our students and families to do the same.

If the kiddos do not have homework and need some extra practice, send them up to us! We are there for all grades K-12th grade.

### Messages for just our Bordeaux families:

All students should be reading 20 minutes a night and need red folders signed. I am more than happy to read with them and sign folders at the afterschool program! I want our kiddos to have all the opportunities (the school offers some pretty cool incentives).

Some important dates to keep in mind:

October 5th is Picture Day!

Tuesday, October 24th – Friday, October 27th is Conference Week  
(the school will have three hour early-release)

Lastly, don't be afraid to reach out to me with any questions. I might not always have the answers, but I am happy to help find them! My Student Advocate Facebook page is still a great spot to reach me. I also have my email and phone number on the Squaxin webpage.

P.S. Enjoy these adorable pictures of some of our students kicking off the new year!



*Blaze swinging  
his way through Kindergarten*



*Nation ballin at recess*



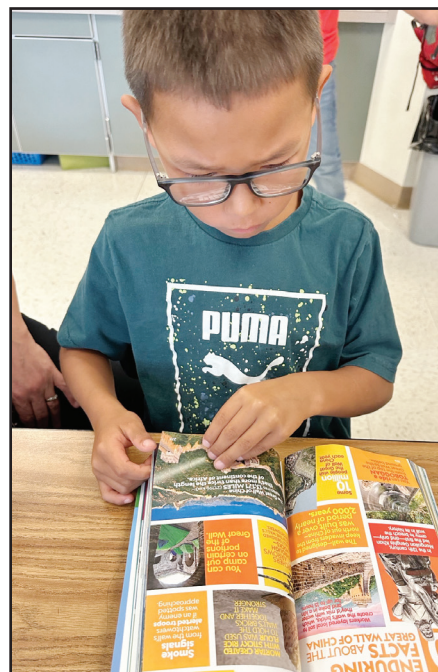
*Danielle excited  
to get the the playground*



*Maddi's All About Me*



*Milah and Olivia doing math with Mrs. Julie*



*Cahsai Reading*







## Oakland Bay Junior High

Hi all, my name is Caleb Kinzner, and I am the Squaxin Student Advocate at OBJH. I look forward to working with all the students again, and am excited for an amazing school year.

We have some new teachers and faculty here this year and our students are already building positive relationships with the new members of the OBJH family. My #1 goal this year is to try and improve relationships and build even more collaboration with teachers and administration. Working together allows for more opportunities for our students.

The students have been off to a hot start this year. There have been very few missing assignments through the first week and a half of school, and I am confident that this trend will continue. One way families can support their students is by asking about homework and helping students make sure they stay on top of due dates. Complete homework is the primary step towards better grades and a less stressful school experience.

This school year, I hope to incentivize good attendance/grades by doing raffles for items I believe the students will like. There will also be more beading/weaving opportunities throughout the school year for students. I hope this can help give our students a positive outlet when they are feeling overwhelmed at school or when they feel the need to be creative!

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. My email is [ckinzner@squaxin.us](mailto:ckinzner@squaxin.us).



*Benito Hernandez, Beau Henry, Zach Johns, and Alex S*

## Shelton High School

Hello everyone! We are off to a busy start over at Shelton High School.

My name is Isabelle LeClair, and I am your Squaxin Island Student Advocate at SHS! I have been working with the Squaxin teens for a little over three years now, and I absolutely enjoy getting to work with our indigenous youth at SHS!

If you have a high schooler that likes to utilize the Native Ed room, we want to encourage them to stay for in-class instruction first then call or get a note to come down to get extra help from the staff in the Native Ed room!

I am also available after school at the Squaxin Learning Center to help with classwork. We have staff available until 5:30 and, once we have homework helpers hire, we will be open until 6:00 p.m. to help students with classwork.

Also, if your student needs access to different services on campus, I am more than happy to help direct them to the right person! I am in the 100 Building, Room 155 directly behind the A building!

Isabelle LeClair's Work Phone: (360) 968.4453

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Diana Gerla	(H-N)
Carol Benek	(O-Z)
Victoria Beeber	(Social Worker)



## Higher Ed

Higher Education students,

I want to remind everyone about the importance of reading through the policy and procedures when signing up for Higher Education funds through the Tribe.

The policy changed in August of 2022, and funding is now based on credits taken.

Higher Education funding may apply for up to 240 credits towards an Undergraduate degree and 48 for a Masters degree. There are still limits, but once again, it is based on credits taken and not quarters or semester.

If you have questions or would like a copy of the new policy, please reach out and I will be more than happy to help! All of this information and more is available at [www.SquaxinIsland.org](http://www.SquaxinIsland.org). Just search TLC.

## Launch of the 2024 – 25 FAFSA® Form

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form. As a result, the new form will be available in December of 2023, not October 1.

The launch date will apply only for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

The changes to the FAFSA form for the 2024–25 aid year include:

- Expanded eligibility for federal student aid
- A more streamlined application process

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to stop in, call, or email for assistance.

I hope the new school year is off to a great start!

Thank you,

Mandy Valley, Higher Education Coordinator  
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## Olympic Middle School

Hey guys! I am Kiana Wily, and I am the Squaxin Student Advocate at Olympic Middle School. This will be my third school year here with our 5th and 6th grade students.

I look forward to working alongside Lori Chappell again this year as we continue to build the Native Ed program at OMS.

We have 13 new staff members in the building, including our new Principal, Mary Johnson, who came from Mt. View Elementary, and our new Vice principal, Mike Craft, who is joining us from the Griffin School District. New or returning, we are all jumping into this new school year with optimism as we find the new balance of our building.

We have a new and improved Native Ed room for this school year located down the sixth-grade hall, first door on the right! Parents and family are always welcome to come visit and check in. We are super excited to have extra space for our students.

Our Native Ed group meetings will be starting up this month, and the kids are looking forward to meeting in our new space and the new opportunities we will have for activities and learning.

We held our second annual Welcoming Ceremony to welcome our Native Ed students into this new school year in a good way. It was about an hour long event with songs, dances, and words of encouragement and wisdom from some of our tribal Elders.

Sis Brownfield came on behalf of Squaxin Island Tribe and gave opening words for our ceremony.

Julie Youngs attended, bringing Education Department staff along to sing the Paddle Song for the youth and Kiona Krise came to share her special gift of dance.



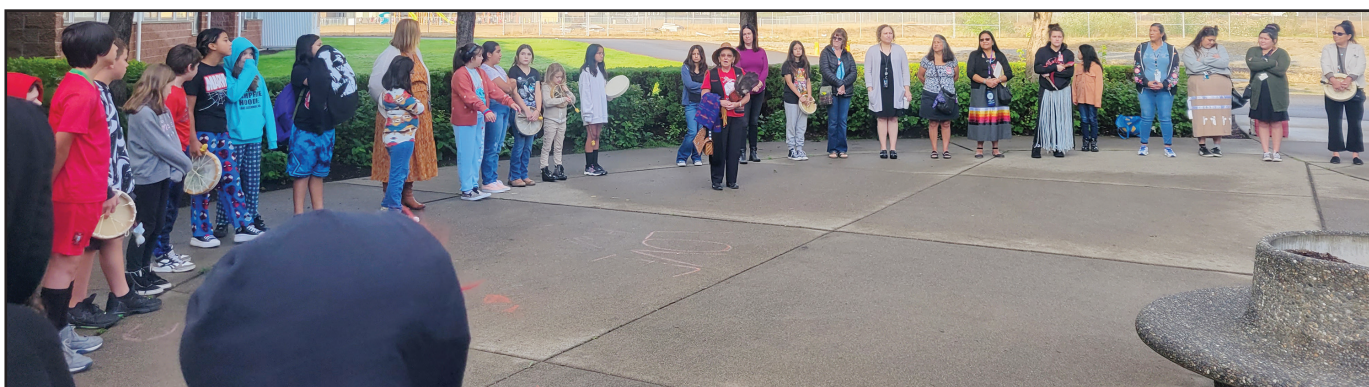
*Luke Rodriguez competing hard at the assembly*



*Mayella Robert's standing patient at the fire drill*



*Lunch time in the Native Ed Room: Alyssa Henry, Thailer Vilter, Luke Rodriguez, Chase Sparr Raham, and Eva Bowcutt*



*Sis Brownfield speaking at the Welcoming Ceremony*



*Alyssa Henry at plc day assembly*





## Parks and Rec

The new school year is here! Here is what September was like in the after-school program (We hope you all had a wonderful start to your first day of school) . . .

The after-school recreation program began on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. The first day was super busy with a ton of fun. We got to learn about all the youth's new teachers and first day of school! We were all so happy to see all of your smiling faces!

On Thursday, September 7th, we held our annual back-to-school BBQ for the youth and we ate hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and fruit salad! It was so delicious! Thank you to Kenna, Billie, and Sara for cooking that yummy meal.

On Mondays we will have traditional plant teachings and September's focus was Salal berries. We took a walk behind the Squaxin Museum to check out the Salal bushes growing back there. This way the youth are able to observe and identify the plants and berries correctly.

Tuesdays are ongoing cultural activities days of the week, and the September focus was beading, in any form, and medicine bags. The youth were able to discover what they wanted to bead and focus on that for the first Tuesday of the month. The last two weeks, the youth were able to create their own medicine bags. The youth either chose to add beads to their bag or paint on them. They did a great job!

Wednesdays are for games in the gym, including volleyball. The awesome games we played were Rez Life, Sharks and Minnows, Capture the Flag and Flag Football. The youth really enjoyed all the fun games we played this past month.

Thursdays are for cooking activities, and the past month we made no bake energy balls, Brookies and pumpkin cheesecake truffles. All of these recipes were so delicious and they did so awesome!

Fridays are for STEM and other science experiments that are so fun to do with the youth. In September, we made popsicle stick bridges and challenged the youth to see how much weight their bridge could hold. They rocked it! We also did a blowing-up-the-balloon challenge, made water compasses, and did a STEM balloon tower challenge. They all had an amazing time teaming up and working together on these challenges. It's awesome to see their young minds at work!

During early releases for Griffin and Shelton school districts, we will be open from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. on all Wednesday early release days for youth and teens.

Stay updated on upcoming events and activities on our new Facebook page Tu Ha' Buts Youth Center or join our Remind app! Text @SquaxinRec to 81010.

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Sara Naranjo Johns, Youth Recreation Mentor

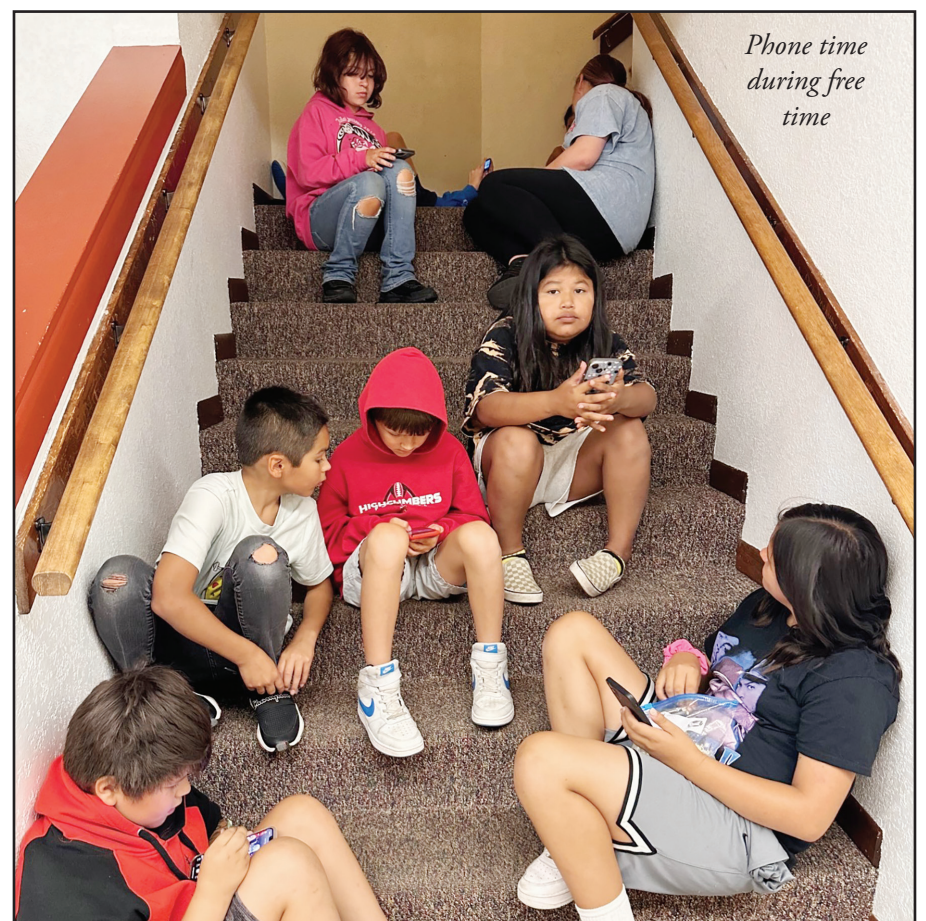
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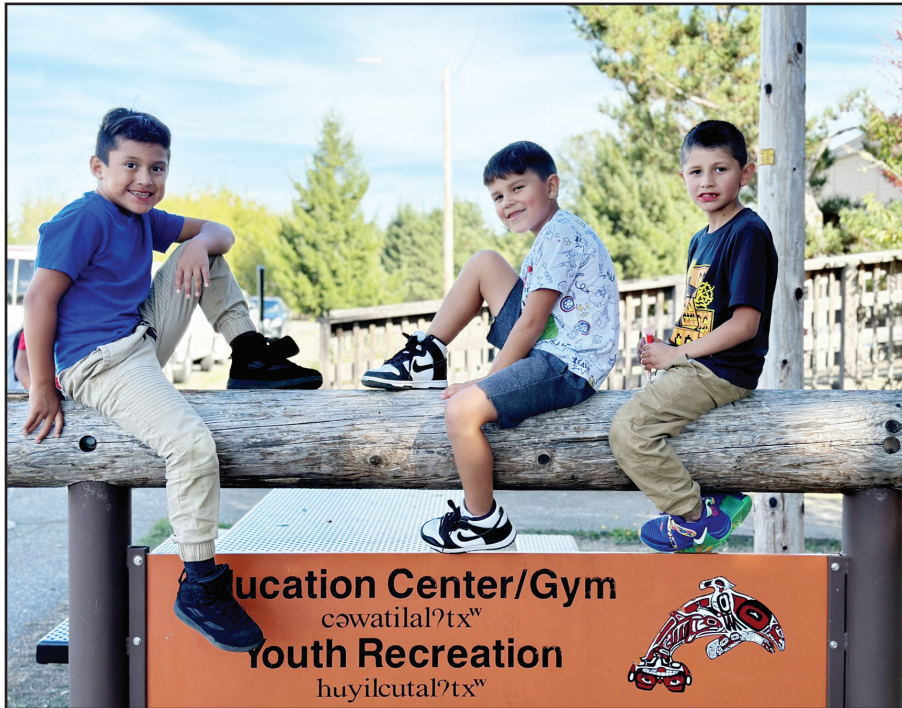


*Sara Aiyana  
slime making*

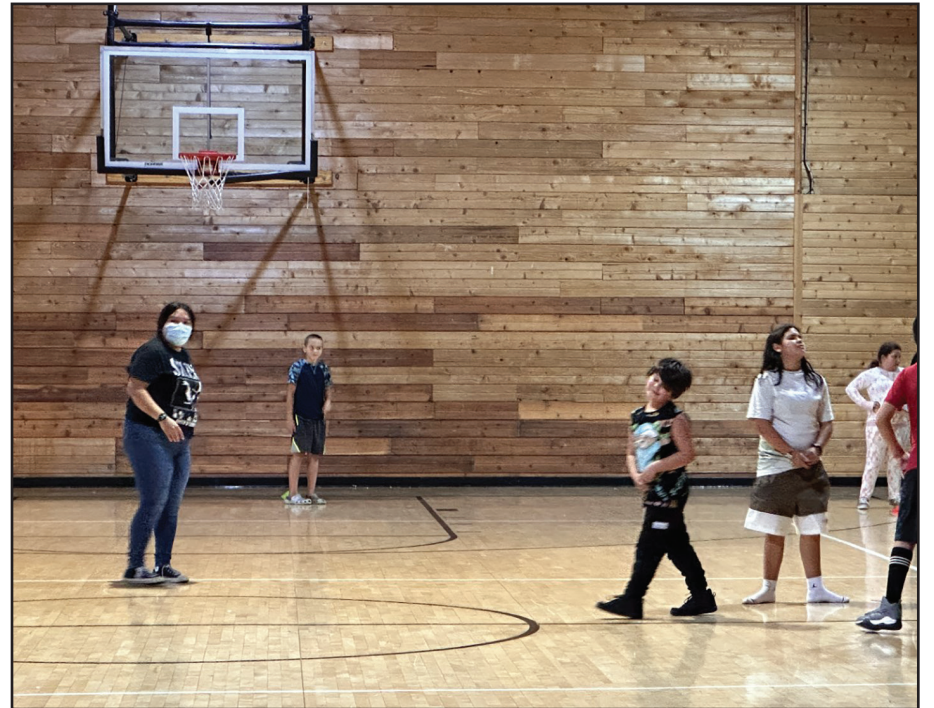


*Phone time  
during free  
time*





*Fox Sam - Kacen Cooper - Walter Hall*



*Capture the Flag*

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Hosted by SICDC & Tu Ha Buts Youth Center

**WALKING TACO'S FOR DINNER**

OCTOBER 26, 2023 | 5-6:30 PM  
IN FRONT OF THE SQUAXIN ISLAND GYM  
70 SE SQUAXIN LANE, SHELTON WA 98584

# TRUNK OR TREAT CAR REGISTRATION

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OCTOBER 26, 2023 | 5-6:30 PM  
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**Register Now**

**SCAN ME!**

**EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CANDY & VEHICLE DECORATIONS!**

**ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR FORM, YOU WILL RECEIVE A TEXT OR EMAIL FROM KENNA KRISE, CONFIRMING YOUR REGISTRATION & THEME.**





# LEARNING CENTER



Joseph, Evelyn, & Nutella @ Squaxin Garden



Elias Laney - Bridge Challenge



Nutella Roklyn Sydney with Walking Sticks

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After-School 3-6pm Plant Teaching: *Oak Tree 2	After-School 3-6pm Cultural: Making Moccasins 3	After-School 3-6pm Taco Day! Apple Pie Tacos with Ice Cream 4	After-School 3-6pm Pumpkin Rice Krispies 5	After-School 3-6pm Pumpkin Science with Skittles 6
After-School 3-6pm Plant Teaching: *Oak Tree 9	After-School 3-6pm On Going Cultural: Making Moccasins 10	After-School 1-6pm Halloween Bracelets SSD-ER 1.5 Hour GSD - ER @ 2:15pm 11	After-School 3-6pm Halloween Cake Pops 12	After-School 3-6pm Dissolving Pumpkin Candies 13
After-School 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Plant BINGO 16	After-School 3-6pm On Going Cultural: Making Moccasins 17	After-School 3-6pm Pumpkin Yarn Balloons 18	After-School 3-6pm Graveyard Pudding Cups 19	After-School 3-6pm Pumpkin Catapults 20
After-School 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Outdoor Walk 23	After-School 12-6pm On Going Cultural: Making Moccasins SSD-ER 3 Hour Conferences 24	After-School 12-6pm Painting Rocks / Mini Pumpkins SSD-ER 3 Hour Conferences GSD - ER @ 2:15pm 25	Closed for Trunk or Treat 5-6:30pm 26	After-School 12-6pm Mummy Pizzas SSD-ER 3 Hour Conferences 27
After-School 3-6pm Plant Teaching: Outdoor Scavenger Hunt 30	After-School 3-5pm Happy Halloween On Going Cultural: Making Moccasins 31			
<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> 5:00-5:45pm	<b>Contact:</b> Kasia: 360-432-3801 Kenna: 360-432-3895 Sara: 360-432-3992 Rec Room # 360-432-3986	

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**





## Squaxin Teens

Happy Fall Squaxin Fam!!!

For our "That's a Wrap for Summer" event, the teens went to Arcadia for the Pier Peer. This was a collaboration between our Squaxin teen program and the Puget Sound Estuarium. The teens got to hang out and enjoy some s'mores while also learning about the sea critters in our waters! The Estuarium had one station on the dock to attract and catch critters using cool underwater lights. We were able to investigate those critters up close! Then they offered another station with an underwater drone that showed us the sea floor at night. We had never seen a kelp crab before, so cool!

Our first fall event was kicked off by our Tribal Council. Tribal Council and the Teen Program collaborated to host a Youth Talking Circle. The teens got to share many ideas for the community. Kids of all ages showed up to talk about what is important to them. It is always so awesome to see what kinds of awesome ideas the youth come up with. All the youth appreciated having the Tribal Council sit and listen to what they want to see for the future of our people. The kids also really appreciated the ice cream treats from the council.

## Extreme Fun Zone with the teens

As a "Thank You" for participating in the Youth Talking Circle, we took eight teens to the Extreme Fun Center in Aberdeen. The kids had a fantastic time on the go karts, laser tag, and arcade games.

## Haunted House

We are planning a haunted house with the teens this year, and we are looking for anyone who would like to help out! The haunted house will be happening Thursday, October 26th, the same time as the Trunk-or-Treat. If you want to help, reach out to Keesha!



*Nito, Will, Milo, and MJ @ Pier Peer*



*Nito and Kye*



*Janelle and Lolyta  
@ Pier Peer*



*Nito  
and Milo*



*Teens Bonfire @ Pier Peer*



*Kye, Nito, Will, and Keona*

MESSAGE KEESHA TO  
SIGN UP  
360-463-0681

JOIN OUR

## HAUNTED HOUSE COMMITTEE!

Join us to plan a Haunted House for the  
Squaxin Trunk or Treat!

WE WILL VISIT ANOTHER HAUNTED HOUSE PRIOR!

next meeting Tuesday, Sept 26, 3:30pm @education



*Youth Talking Circle  
with Council*





# FIRST SALMON CEREMONY







# CANOE JOURNEY PROTOCOL



*Photos by Margaret Seymour Henry*







# CANOE JOURNEY PROTOCOL



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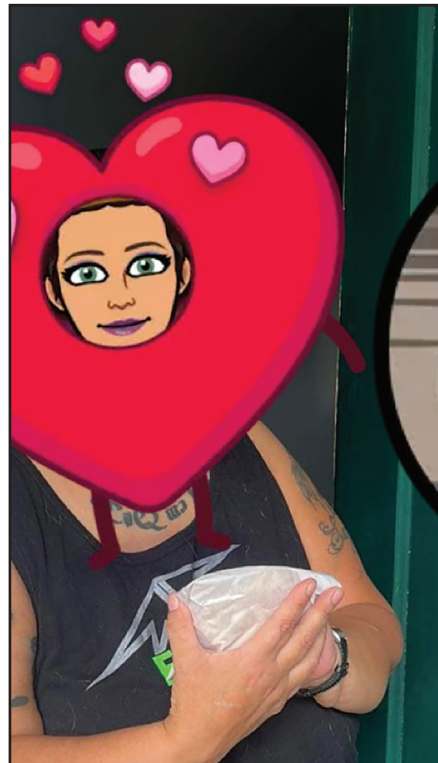
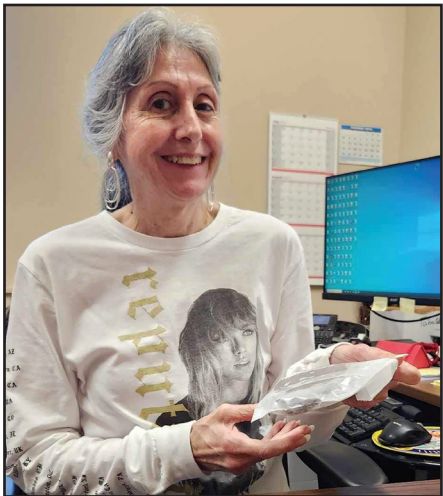
## Thank You for the Cookies

A big **Thank You** to LCCR for donating cookies for distribution to the Elders. Thanks for the long-standing practice of donating to the Elders program!

All the Elders appreciate it! We had Elders who work, who are home bound, who are at the Elders building, and those who were ill all enjoy the cookies.

If you didn't get one, please email [jqueen@squaxin.us](mailto:jqueen@squaxin.us), as the cookies will be rotated for delivery to all Elders so all can enjoy - as long as they are provided weekly. :)

*Photos by Jamie Queen*







## Homeownership Assistance Funds (HAF)

The Squaxin Island Tribe was awarded Homeownership Assistance Funds through the Department of Treasury. The Office of Housing has been able to assist qualified applicants with the following expenses to prevent displacement from their homes:

Roof replacements	Heating systems	Septic Repair
Electrical evaluation	Property Taxes	HOA Fees
Replace deteriorated siding		Utilities
Mortgage Assistance and Reinstatement		Home Insurance

*There is still funding available!*

### Help for Homeowners in Need

If you, or someone you know, 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 on- or off-reservation 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:

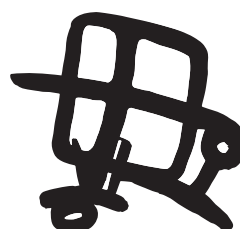
1 person	(\$67,350)
2 persons	(\$77,000)
3 persons	(\$86,600)
4 persons	(\$96,200)
5 persons	(\$103,900)
6 persons	(\$111,600)
7 persons	(\$119,300)
8 persons	(\$127,000)



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

### 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



## Homeownership Assistance Fund Testimonial

I want to thank the Squaxin Island Tribe and especially the Housing Office and the Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF). I purchased my cousin's home here on the REZ several years ago knowing general maintenance would be needed. Some of the work, me and (mostly my wife) were able to accomplish. However, we needed Tribal Housing assistance and the HAF program. With the approval of the HAF program, we received replacement of a 30+ year-old roof. Approximately a year later, it became apparent, at 79 years of age, I would need assistance with my daily bathing. Again, Housing and HAF stepped in and replaced the old tub and shower, with an approved handicap rail walk-in shower stall. This has helped me a lot.

These projects, through the Tribal HAF program, required an application process. But, at 79 years old, I was able to complete said application meeting the HAF requirements.

I feel very fortunate the Tribe has funding through the HAF program. This 35 year-old home is now giving me great peace of mind and comfort, as it will the next Tribal member, who is fortunate to be able to purchase it.



## Dog Vaccination Clinic

Another successful pet vaccination clinic was held September 9th for dogs on the Squaxin Island reservation. A total of 21 dogs owned by 15 pet owners received free vaccinations, deworming, and flea treatments. The Office of Housing and Rez Animal Resources & Education partnered to provide this wonderful service for dogs and their owners. This was the ninth year for this event that has become an annual tradition to provide necessary health services to our furry family members. Once again, Steamboat Animal Hospital staff provided vaccinations and veterinary services. We are so thankful for Dr. Capsey, veterinarian, and veterinary technician, Kyrie, for their professional experience and heartfelt compassion to all the pups. This event couldn't have happened without them. Vaccinations are an important part of health care for your pet to protect them from life-threatening diseases such as parvo and distemper. Please keep your dogs and cats current on vaccinations to ensure they live a long and healthy life.

By:  
Amy Loudermilk  
RARE







# FAMILY SERVICES



## Voc Rehab Dinner

Squaxin Island and Nisqually Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) programs partnered to put on the first VR dinner in 10 years. The event started with a blessing by Gloria Hill and a delicious steak and shrimp dinner served by Little Creek Casino. From our partners at the Nisqually Tribe, Amber Sutterli, VR Counselor and Marie McDonald, Community Services Director were present. They are both dedicated and expert advocates for their people.

Squaxin Island VR Counselor, Will Marchant, has worked in VR for many years and has helped lots of clients by walking them through creating a plan for their own successful outcome, whether that be training, education, or employment. The VR program's requirement is having a disability noted, but it's really about people's ability to overcome obstacles and obtain goals.

The event design and new VR logo was created by Taylor Krise. He, himself, is a client of VR, and is on his way to becoming a well-known Coast-Salish artist. Taylor spoke about his appreciation for Will, June Krise (before Will), and Charlene Abrahamson and talked about what the VR program has done for him and his family. Taylor explained that the basis for his art for VR was the canoe. He talked about how all the pullers have to be in unison to pull in a strong way and get where they need to be. He noted the design also symbolizes Squaxin Island and Nisqually's VR program working together and that the VR programs are the skipper in the canoe. If clients are getting off track and not pulling together, VR is the skipper to support and guide them.

Along with Taylor's success story, two more VR clients shared their stories. Yvonne "Puddy" Bell shared about her time being incarcerated and how VR helped her transition back into society go smoother than she imagined. Through hard work and a little help, Puddy now is actively bettering herself, has two jobs, a great credit score, and is enjoying time with her family and community. She also thanked Marcella Cooper and her program for believing in her and the support she's received.

Twana spoke about her first encounter with the VR program as a college student and how she really was able to utilize and appreciate the VR program. After graduating, she found herself hitting rock bottom and needing to change paths. "I was never judged or asked about where I had been but only asked where I wanted to go." Twana now is the Squaxin Island VOCA Advocate and will be done with her masters degree soon.

The highlight of the night was recognition of June Krise's 15 years of service in the Squaxin Island Tribe's VR program. Although June retired, she was a welcome guest and speaker. Charlene mentioned that the saying about how our successes are due to standing on the shoulders of giants is very true about June. The care she took, with intelligence, dedication, and a love of serving the community, built the program. June talked about how the self-sufficiency she saw was the inspiration and driver to continue this work. She also noted that while eligibility is based on a diagnosable need, this also provides learning and resilience, that with support, leads to achieving the goals you have in your heart.

After a great dinner, and a night filled with laughter and a few tears, the event ended with a huge raffle.





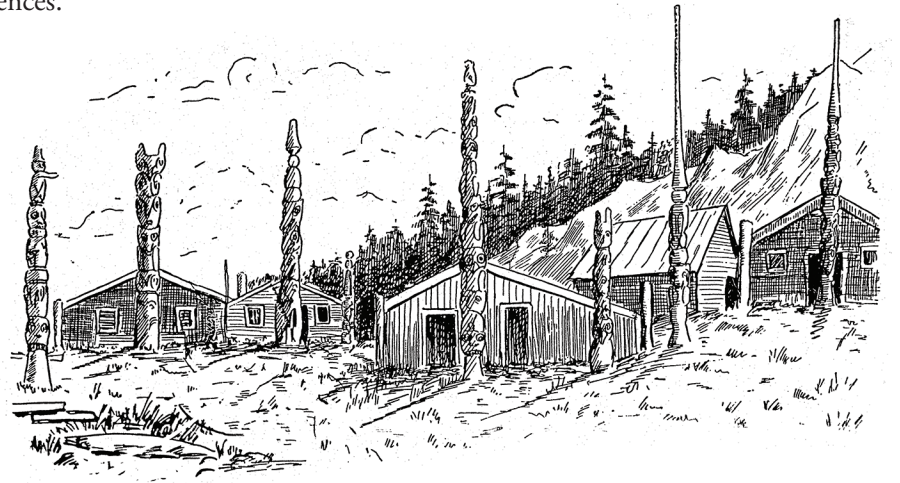


## Pharmacy Closures

The pharmacy is closed every first and third Thursday afternoon for staff trainings.

Please plan pickups around these closures.

Thank you for your understanding and sincere apologies for any inconveniences.

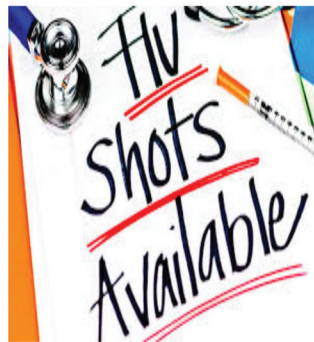


### SQUAXIN ISLAND HEALTH CLINIC COMMUNITY WALK-IN FLU DRIVE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**  
**0930-1230 @ SQUAXIN ISLAND HEALTH CLINIC**

\*Refreshments will be available\*

**GET THE FLU SHOT**





### SPIPA WIC Cares About Your Health

**Breast Cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death for American Indian Women.**

#### What can you do to reduce your risk?

- BREASTFEED**  
Breastfeeding reduces estrogen exposure that helps prevent breast cancer
- WEIGHT CONTROL**  
Overweight or obese women are at higher risk
- REGULAR MAMMOGRAM**  
Women 40+ should have the option to have a mammogram once a year.
- BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE**  
Exercising 3 days a week may lower your risk
- LIMIT ALCOHOL**  
Alcohol can increase estrogen which can increase risk
- REGULAR BREAST EXAMS**  
Speak to your health care provider for options

**wic WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Washington State WIC Nutrition Does not Discriminate  
**Information adapted from the American Indian Cancer Foundation**

## HEALING REMEMBRANCE TALKING CIRCLE

Tuesdays starting October 3rd, 2023  
at Squaxin Museum  
from 4:30-5:30pm

Please join us for a 6 week gathering  
in remembering lost ones and  
supporting each other

Contact Squaxin Behavioral Health  
for more information  
360-426-1582





## Congratulations Joe and Kris Peters! Recipients of NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

At the August 24th Tribal Council meeting Joseph and Kristopher Peters were presented the NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

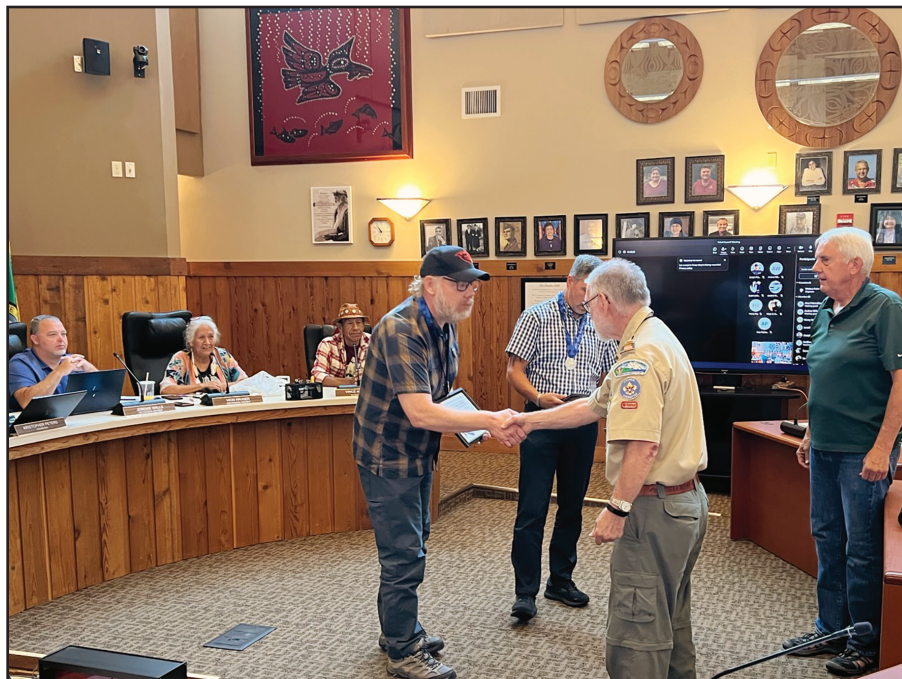
The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) created this award in 2010, during the 100th anniversary of scouting. This award recognizes Eagle Scouts who have brought great honor to the highest rank of the BSA through their personal and professional contributions at the local, state, and regional level.

Joseph earned his Eagle Scout in 1992 and Kristopher earned his in 1995.

Since 2010, Pacific Harbors Council has awarded more than 1,300 Eagle Scouts and has only awarded 31 Outstanding Eagle awards.

Joseph's son, Nairn, and Kristopher's son, Kody, both earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2021. Only 2% of Eagle Scouts achieve Outstanding Eagle.

Joseph and Kristopher would like to thank Gary Steadman for nominating us. Mr. Steadman received his Outstanding Eagle award during the covid-19 shutdown without a ceremony. He also was recognized at Tribal Council.



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5	SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
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9	IN RE: Case No.: CW-2015-1503-0081
10	EP NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING
11	Indian children
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13	THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL YOUTH COURT TO: Juanita Pugel and Anton Pugel
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15	YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to the Squaxin Island Youth code, the Court has
16	set a guardianship hearing in the above captioned matter. The hearing on this matter shall be held on
17	November 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR
18	AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN
19	A GUARDIANSHIP. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed
20	address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.
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SQUAXIN ISLAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
3711 SE OLD OLYMPIC HWY  
SHELTON, WASHINGTON 98584  
360.432.1771





**In crisis?**  
**Text INDIGENOUS**  
**to 741741.**  
**for free, 24/7 support.**



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

**If it is an  
EMERGENCY  
CALL 911**

THE HONORABLE ANITA ESTUPIÑAN NEAL

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT  
YOUTH COURT  
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE:

Case No.: SQI-CW-2016-1610-0156

N.O.  
DOB: 01/26/2017

NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP HEARING

Indian Child

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL YOUTH COURT TO: Robert Koshiway

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to the Squaxin Island Youth code, the Court has set a guardianship hearing in the above captioned matter. The hearing on this matter shall be held on November 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN A GUARDIANSHIP. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

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SHELTON, WASHINGTON 98584  
360.4362.1771

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT  
YOUTH COURT  
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE

Case No.: SQI-CW-2016-1611-0171

K.R.

NOTICE OF HEARING

An Indian Child

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL FAMILY COURT TO THE SAID: Rolando Rocero and  
Alexandria Cooper-Lewis.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT pursuant to Section 10.08 of the Squaxin Island Youth code, a Guardianship Hearing for the above-named youth has been set in the Squaxin Island Youth Court. The hearing on this matter shall be held on November 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at 10 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, Washington. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING OR TO RESPOND IN WRITING MAY RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING PLACED IN A GUARDIANSHIP. File your written response with Squaxin Island Tribal Court at the above listed address or call 360-432-3828 for more information.

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SHELTON, WA 98584  
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# COMMUNITY



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Carmen Dee Orsillo  
Donna Penn  
Jess Travis Ehler  
Shirley Marie Monahan

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Adam Wade Mowitch  
Joshua Gregory Smith

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Lorenzo A. Solano  
Nicole Lee Seymour  
Steven Robert Sigo Jr.

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Amanda Lee Maynard  
Beth Ann Robinson  
Lydia Ann Buffington

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Jeremiah Micah Schlottmann  
Michael Shawn Todd  
Russell Lane Pleines  
Shiloh Ann Henderson

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Kalani Amor Castillo  
Michael David Krise  
William Raymond Peters

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Alea Lynn Janine Shea  
Audelia Marie Araiza  
Theresa J. Davis

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Addison Yvette Peters  
Colton Jeffery Gott  
Mathew Anthony Nelson  
Ronald Day Jr.

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Christina Smith Claridy  
Ernest Leonard Pluff Jr.  
Justina Marie Hess  
Kade Benavente Whitener  
Owen David Dorland  
Susan Ann Clementson

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Dontae O. Hartwell  
Michael Alan Peters

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Larry Douglas McFarlane Jr.  
Paxton John Ackerman  
Sharen I. Ahrens

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Jericho Lon Hartwell  
Julian Sorin Hawk Masoner  
Steven Robert Sigo

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Savannah R. Fenton

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Bobbie L. Filipetti  
Leo Eugene Henry Jr.  
Troy Tye Baxter

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Kelly Leanne Bell  
Mitchell Elliot Coxwell  
Ruth Branch Allen  
Wilson Charles Johns

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Christina E. Price  
Clara Rose Seymour-Luby  
Danielle Charlene Whitener  
Micha James Roberts  
Shanika Rose Diane Cooper

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Chloe E Kirk  
Christine Thompson  
Trelace` Rose Sigo

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Jacey Cruz Gonzales  
Michael Henderson Jr.  
William Austin Randy John

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Bear Jon Lewis  
Draven Brown  
Giovanni Xavier Solano  
Leroy Yocash Jr.  
Sean Robert Spezza

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Anthony Raymond James  
Danielle Lyne White

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Erik Jason Johnson

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Marjorie S Hill  
Roger Allen Turner-Ford  
Rolayno Jay Charters  
Rose Ann Davis

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Cloe' Angelique Martin  
Erika Ada Thale

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Kasia Lee Seymour  
Lisa Marie Johns  
Selah George Thale

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Ellen M. Davenport  
Grace A. Scout  
Mario Lee Rivera

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Andrew Stephen Crone  
Gavin Anthony Bell

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Adrian James Wier  
Arthur Barragan  
John Edward Krise  
Mariano C. Bello  
Marvin Stanley Henry III  
Ronnie Patrick Johns  
Zackary Taylor Sayers

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Autumn Dancing Fire Wily  
Carie Ann Kenyon  
Josef Turner Sigo  
Tori Anne Willis

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Chantel Vendella Afo-Krise  
Hayden Joseph Seymour  
Leanora Isabella Afo-Krise  
Marvin Stanley Henry Jr.  
Sam Emilio Luby  
Tanya Gaylene Zock  
Tarvail Roy Garcia  
Wilma Moneaka Morris



**AA MEETING**  
**Every Wednesday**  
**7:30-9:00 p.m.**  
**Elders Building**

## 2023 Quileute Recovery Campout



Great healing with newer and older friendships. I am looking forward to next year. We love you, Sally Heath, and all that you do across Indian Country!  
- Tamika





## What's Happening

### WALK-IN FLU SHOTS DRIVE

October 7

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

October 26

### Court:

Family Court:  
Criminal/Civil Court:  
Vulnerable Adult Court:

October 5  
October 10  
October 19

### WIC USDA

October 10 & 17  
October 6

**Addiction is real.  
So is Recovery.**

YOU MATTER AND WE CARE.

Let us help you back to recovery.  
Make the call today, and find  
out what resources are available.

- Opioid treatment
- Outpatient services
- Treatment services,  
referrals & more

Business Hours  
Monday - Friday  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**360-426-1582**

  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE  
Behavioral Health  
Outpatient Services

**SQUAXIN ISLAND CHILD  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
IS LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO**

HONOR INDIGENOUS IDENTITY  
AND CULTURE THROUGH  
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STORY TELLING  
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MEDICINAL MEDICINE

INTERESTED VOLUNTEERS  
REACHOUT TO MARTI PETERSON  
[mpeterson@squaxin.us](mailto:mpeterson@squaxin.us)

  
SQUAXIN ISLAND MUSEUM

**Christmas  
MARKET**

NOVEMBER 3RD 9:00 - 5:00  
NOVEMBER 4TH 9:00 - 4:00

**FREE ENTRY**

150 SE KWUH-DEEGS-ALTXX  
SHELTON WA 98584

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

### MONDAY 2:

Twice Baked Potato Casserole, Carrots

### TUESDAY 3:

Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Biscuits

### WEDNESDAY 4:

Stroganoff, Brussel Sprouts

### THURSDAY 5:

Indian Tacos

### MONDAY 9:

Chicken Alfredo, Green Beans

### TUESDAY 10:

Tomato Basil Ravioli Soup

### WEDNESDAY 11:

Chicken Burgers, Mac Salad

### THURSDAY 12:

Salmon, Roasted Red Potatoes,  
Spinach

### MONDAY 16:

Tuna Casserole, Peas

### TUESDAY 17:

Chicken Noodle Soup,  
Egg Salad Sandwiches

### WEDNESDAY 18:

Hot Dogs, Chips

### THURSDAY 19:

Steaks, Ranch Mashed Potatoes,  
Broccoli

### MONDAY 23:

Chicken Pot Pies

### TUESDAY 24:

Baked Potato Soup,  
Turkey Sandwiches

### WEDNESDAY 25:

Soup and Sandwich

### THURSDAY 26:

BBQ Ribs, Man-N-Cheese,  
Baked Beans

### MONDAY 30:

Fish-N-Chips

### TUESDAY 31:

Minestrone Soup, Ham Sandwiches





**“ Save the date “**

**Puyallup Tribe of Indians**

**Elders Inter-Tribal Luncheon**

**Thursday**

**October 19, 2023**

**@Emerald Queen**

**Casino Showroom**

**2920 E. R St. Tacoma, Wa 98404**

**Doors Open 9:30am**

**This event is for 55 years and older**

**No children will be allowed at this event**

**RSVP WITH GROUPS OVER “4”**

*State of Washington*

*Division of Child Support*

*Outreach Availability*

The Division of Child Support’s Tribal Liaison will be available for any and all of your child support questions on the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays** of the month at the Work Force Development office from 1 pm to 3 pm.


**\*\*\*\*Please note; this is a change from our previous schedule of the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month\*\*\*\***

Come meet with DCS’s Tribal Liaison to discuss any of the following ways and more that we can help you;

- Opening a child support case (for either the paying party or receiving party)
- Establishing a child support order and/or paternity
- Child Support Order Modifications
- Potential to seek relief from overwhelming existing back support
- Potential for assistance with obstacles to paying child support (housing, employment, education, etc.)

For questions or concerns, please reach out;

Dorothea Dunn  
Support Enforcement Officer / Tribal Liaison  
(360)664-6863 dorothea.dunn@dshs.wa.gov

 South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency


**USDA Foods Program**


**October Dates**

<b>PT. GAMBLE S’KLALLAM</b>	<b>10/3/23</b>
<b>SQUAXIN ISLAND</b>	<b>10/6/23</b>
<b>SKOKOMISH</b>	<b>10/12/23</b>
<b>CHEHALIS</b>	<b>10/20/23</b>
<b>NISQUALLY</b>	<b>10/18/23</b>

**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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 **EMERGENCY**

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

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

**Non-Life Threatening Emergencies**

<b>Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline</b> (Information only - no voicemail) (360) 432-3947	<b>Squaxin Police Department</b> Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00 (360) 432-3831
<b>Community EOC Hotline</b> (Questions and voice mail message) (360) 443-8411	<b>PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline</b> (360) 426-8255
<b>Emergency Management Coordinator</b> (360) 443-8410	<b>Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency</b> (360) 426-4441
<b>Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)</b> (360) 426-5308	<b>Mason County Fire Non-Emergency</b> (360) 426-3348

**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., Oct. 10 & 17, 2023**

**We’re offering both phone appointments and in person appointments.**

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Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn’t discriminate.

 **WIC** WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN