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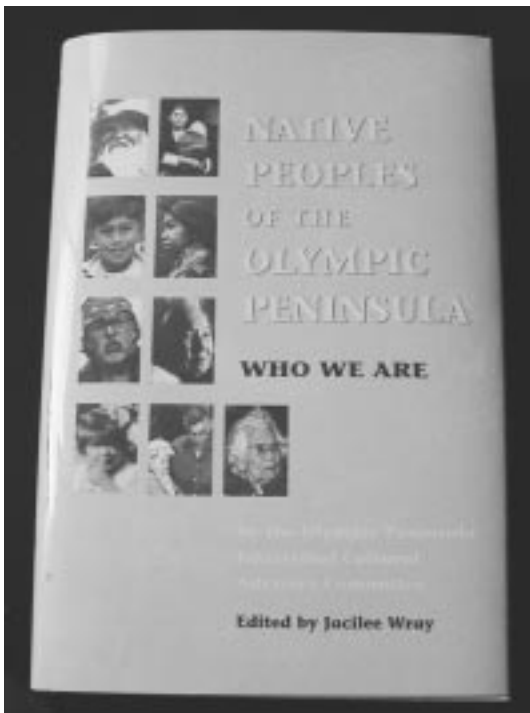
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COMPLIMENTARY

A New Book Tells the Story of Olympic Peninsula Tribes, Including Squaxin Island, In Their Own Words



A new book, entitled *Native Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula Who We Are*, which includes a chapter on the Squaxin Island Tribe is now available for purchase.

The book was authored by the Olympic Peninsula Intertribal Cultural Advisory Committee, a group whose mission includes a directive to further Native and non-Native understanding of all aspects of tribal identity.

Squaxin Island committee members involved in the production of the book were Charlene Krise and Andi VanderWal. Also acknowledged for their contributions were the Squaxin Island tribal elders, the Whitener family, the Henry family, Rhonda Foster, Liz Yeahquo, Margaret Seymour-Henry and Nancy LaClair. The chapter was authored by Andi VanderWal, Theresa Henderson and the Squaxin Island Heritage and Culture Committee.

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Do You Know Someone Graduating?

Do you know a Tribal member of descendant who will be graduating this year? If so, we would like to know so we can honor them in the Klah-Che-Min. Please contact Misti Saenz-Garcia or Theresa Marie Henderson at 360-426-9781.

Summer Youth Workers Needed

The Squaxin Island Tribe will be hiring for summer youth positions available for youth ages 14-21.

Some of the positions will be based on household income; others will be funded by departments and are not income based.

Youth will be expected to fill out their own applications and interview for positions they are interested in. Parent's income verification will be required for positions funded by WIA. Applicants will also need to provide us with identifications, i.e. tribal identification, birth certificate, school identification card (or yearbook picture) voter's registration or driver's license and Social Security card.

For an application, please contact JeNene Miller at 426-9781.

All applications are due by June 14, 2002.

Annual General Body Meeting Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the Tribal Center Gymnasium

Dear Tribal Members,

The General Body Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m. in the Squaxin Gymnasium. Come early, as sign in begins at 8:30 and cinnamon rolls and coffee will be served. The first door prize drawing will be at 9:00 a.m. sharp, followed by roll call.

Elections will be held for the Chairman

position currently held by Dave Lopeman, 1st Council member position held by Sue Henry and 2nd Council Member position held by Herb Johns. A minimum of 60% of quorum will be required for elections to proceed.

New or old business will require a quorum of 30% of eligible voters which is estimated to be 141. Lunch will follow the meeting.

Please plan to attend; your input is very valuable.

Sincerely,

Dave Lopeman
Chairman



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 & staff.

Submissions Deadline:
15th of each month

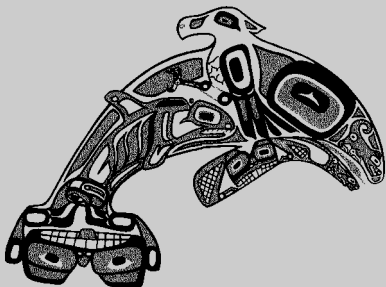
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL:

DAVID LOPEMAN: *Chairman*
ANDY WHITENER: *Vice Chairman*
PETE KRUGER, SR.: *Secretary*
STEVE SIGO: *Treasurer*
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— NATIVE AMERICA —

New Book Tells Story of Olympic Peninsula Tribes *Continued from Page 1*

A photograph of Theresa Nason graces the cover.

Copies of the book can be acquired through the University of Oklahoma Press at 1.800.627.7377 and through the Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble web sites. The cost is \$30. Copies will also be available in the Museum Library and Research Center gift shop beginning in September.



Jacilee Wray, book editor and anthropologist with the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, introduces the book and readers, including Misti Saenz-Garcia, second from right

The book includes a forward by Senator Patty Murray who states, "Of course, no historical account of indigenous peoples would be complete without stories of broken treaties and unkept promises. I hope this book will improve our understanding of these tribes and our shared history. By shining light on our past, this book can help us to build a future together based on mutual respect and understanding.

"This important volume breaks new ground by letting us read their stories in their own words."

During a reading/book signing ceremony that took place in Port Angeles on April 19, Misti Saenz-Garcia, the granddaughter of Theresa Nason, read several passages from the book focusing on the Indian Shaker Church and the Medicine Creek Treaty.

Arlene Strobe signed books on behalf of her sister, author Andi VanderWal who passed away while the book was in the process of publication.

Special thanks go out to all those who helped in the production of this book!

5 Elk Die in Operation to Transfer Them

Five elk died after being captured and moved on two occasions in March as state wildlife agents worked to transfer elk from Grays Harbor and Mason Counties (including some from the Kamilche Valley herd) to Tacoma's Green River watershed.

Four elk died March 14 and 20 others survived, said Craig Bartlett of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. All had illnesses that may have contributed to their deaths, he said.

Earlier, one elk died and 26 survived a March 9 transfer, he said.

The mortality rate of 17 percent was so high that agents quit temporarily. Wildlife agents generally reassess procedures if mortality rates top 10 percent, he said.

For one thing, elk were dispersed in the trees so that helicopters had to chase them more, he said. In addition, there was some groundwater and one elk drowned in a relatively shallow pond.

Wildlife agents fire dart guns from helicopters to knock out the elk with a drug, he said.

The agency plans to capture about 100 cow elk in various parts of southwest Washington for transplant to the Green River watershed north of Mount Rainier where the populations is flagging.

Chinook Forecast Looks 'Incredible,' State Says

So far, the news indicates chinook fishing will be the bread and butter of fisheries this summer and fall, and coho expectations will be somewhat better than expected, but not as good as last year.

"The coastal chinook fishery looks incredible, and we haven't seen returns like this since 1986 and '87," said Doug Milward, head salmon resource manager for State Fish and Wildlife.

Three coastal salmon fishing options have been drafted by the Pacific Salmon Fishery Management Council.

Coho runs are expected to be about one-fifth of last year's run size, but it looks better than it did a few weeks ago. The sport coho quota will probably be less than half of last year's catch.



RUNNING FOR COUNCIL



Pete Kruger

Just to let you know I am throwing my name in the hat for Tribal Chairman. This is not a title that I will take lightly. I make this commitment to you the People of the Water that as chairman I will work each and every day to move the Tribe in a positive direction. The Tribe is moving into a new age of economical growth, with the success of the casino, possible hotel, and tobacco factory we need a leader with vision. As a successful businessman of 30 years, position on Tribal council for the last 4 years and a tribal elder I feel I have the life experiences necessary to get the job done. I have lived in the area all my life, dug clams, fished, and hunted side by side with many of you so I feel that I have a firm grip on tribal issues. I feel my honesty and integrity will demonstrate that I am the man for the job. My door will always be open for you, your comments and input. I would appreciate your consideration, support and vote for Pete Kruger Sr. as the next Squaxin Island Tribal Chairman. Thank you.

Vicki Kruger

What will I do during my term if I'm elected to Council?

I'll work hard at ensuring that all of our entities follow the same rules or guidelines. I won't keep secrets from General Council. I'll push for us in upper management, especially at the casino - including training. I'll try to treat people equally. I'll strive to always be honest. I'll make every attempt to do what's best, not just for me and my children, but for all of us.



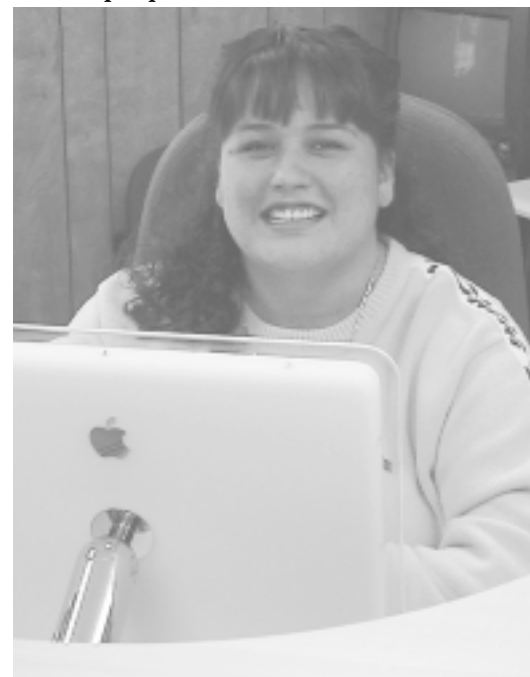
Herb Johns

Hello, everyone. I want to let you know that I plan to run for re-election at the upcoming General Body meeting and I hope that you will vote for me again. It has been a pleasure serving you and I hope I will continue. I'll do everything I can to do my job for the people.



Cal Peters

Hi, for those who don't know me, I'm Cal Peters, a Tribal member, and want you to know that I am going to run for the Tribal Council at the General Body Meeting in May of this year. I have served on the Council for thirty (30) plus years and have always worked for the benefit of ALL Tribal Members. I feel the General Body needs to be better informed on a regular basis as to what's happening and what goals are being set for the future. I would appreciate your support and your vote. Thank you and see you at the General Meeting in May.



Misti D. Saenz-Garcia

I am Misti D. Saenz-Garcia, grand-daughter of the late Theresa Nason (Cooper) and daughter to Susan & Larry McFarlane and I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I am going to give it another chance at running for Tribal Council. I have attended meetings for several years and believe that I (with your support) have what it takes to improve issues from the people and for the people. I am dedicated to our community and have always demonstrated that I will do what it takes to get the job done, whatever the issue. I have been there for several of you throughout my lifetime. I believe in meeting our communities needs by listening to our people and following through. No matter who you are or what your last name is, we deserve to be treated with respect and equality. I am prepared and know it is not always an easy job, but I want to support our community, meet it's needs and represent the people. I am a mother of three and presently raising my neice as well. I have been a foster parent for SPIPA for nearly 9 years. I serve on the aquatics, housing and fireworks committees. I have lived here all my life, and hope that I have proven my dedication to you all individually and collectively. And even if I lose again, I will continue to strive for "The People of the Water." It's time for a change.



Scholarships Are Available

The Squaxin Island Tribe is pleased to announce that it will be awarding four scholarships, \$500 each, to high school Seniors in the Mason County schools.

Award Criteria and Profile

The Tribal Council is looking for high school Seniors who are committed to continuing their educational experience. Interested students must possess and demonstrate initiative, positive attitude and inspiration in regard to their education and their commitment to their community.

The following is required of all interested students

- Must graduate from high school in 2002
- Must have plans to attend an institution of higher learning fall quarter of 2002
- Must submit an application to the Squaxin Island Tribe by the application deadline
- An oral interview

The scholarships awarded in 2002 will be

- Available to eligible students in Mason County
- No greater than \$500 per student
- Paid directly to the institution of higher learning
- Used toward the cost of tuition and/or books only

Application Procedure

Interested students are required to write a letter of application to Squaxin Island Tribal Council. The letter should include:

- Background information
- Educational interests and plans
- Information that demonstrates applicant has initiative, positive attitude and inspiration, including any community service performed by the applicant and how these attributes have been motivational in setting and achieving the educational goals

Students must attach a copy of their most recent high school transcript

(scholarships will not necessarily be based on high GPA)

Application deadline is May 15, 2002
Late applications will not be considered!

Send to

Walt Archer
Squaxin Island Tribal Office
70 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA 98584

Youth Baseball Season Starts



The Squaxin Island Youth Activities baseball season kicked off with the Squaxin Braves (8-10 year olds) and Squaxin Cardinals T-Ball team enjoying their first action on April 6th. The Braves lost their opener 6-5, but it was a very well played game. We made some mistakes in the last two innings that were costly. No score is kept for T-Ball games, but the Squaxin kids had a lot of fun until the weather got really bad.

On April 8, the Squaxin Braves and Squaxin Mariners (8-10 year olds) both saw action with the Braves losing 16-8 and the Mariners winning their season opener 10-2. The only team that hasn't played yet is the Squaxin Athletics T-Ball as their game was rained out on Friday the 12th. All games are played at MCRA in Shelton. The Braves and Mariners play on Mondays and Saturdays while the T-Ball teams play on Fridays and Saturdays. Come on out and support your youth teams.

Other Youth News

The annual youth bike rodeo was to be held on May 4th, but is going to have to be rescheduled for sometime in June. The reason for this is the conflict with the youth baseball program. All teams play on the 4th and there isn't enough of me to around. There are currently over 50 youth in the baseball program, and I want them to also participate in the rodeo. I am looking at either the 8th or 15th of June, but the Learning Center needs to coordinate with law enforcement and the health clinic to see which date is the best.



A special thank-you to our coaches Jeremie Walls, T-ball coach, Roy Perez, T-ball coach, Larry Bradley, Rookie Coach, Derrick Rookie Coach, & all other parent supporters!



Bike Trip to Benefit Squaxin Island Elders

The Long Beach Bike-A-thon to benefit Squaxin Island Elders will be on Saturday, June 15. Pledge sheets and more information are available from Ruth Creekpauum (clinic), Penni Giles (Housing) and JeNene Miller (Tribal Center).

The Bike-A-Thon will consist of five mile segments on a 40 mile route.

If you would like to participate, but don't want to ride, you could help out a great deal by checking on riders, bringing water and taking down signs.

Everyone is welcome, so please come out and support our Elders. That includes you, Shelley (BJ's in!)!

The event will conclude with a hamburger feed. Check out this photo of Rusty Pleines at last year's pig-out! He ate the whole thing!

See you there!



Elder Housing Available

Do you know anyone 55 or older who is a Squaxin Island Tribal member looking for a safe and secure environment with close tribal facilities? If so, please contact Jennifer at the Office of Housing at 432-3937 or Penni Giles at 432-3864 for an application. Units are now available.

Based on the information you provide in the housing application, you will be assigned to the Priority Housing Waiting List by the initial date of application for an elder duplex unit or an elder house. A final review of your qualification and eligibility must be conducted prior to actual assignment of a house.

A Big Thank You to the Squaxin Island Tribe

Everyone has been so generous and supportive throughout our daughter, Heather Upham's battle with cancer.

Thanks to all of you, we were able to keep our jobs and home in Olympia and not have to move back to Neah Bay while Heather gets her treatments.

Love,

Justin and Tracy Parker

Note: Tracy is from Quinault and a second family member to Gloria, Margaret and Meloney. Justin is from Makah.

Congratulations to Office of Housing 2nd Time Raffle Winners!

The Office of Housing sponsored a raffle for all tenants that kept their original scheduled inspection between the months of January and March, 2002. To be considered for this raffle, residents had to have their inspection, and get all required paperwork completed and submitted by the original, appointed inspection day. Out of 22 possible contenders, only 10 residents succeeded in participating in this raffle. Congratulations to:

- Rachel Ford - \$75
- Richard Johns - \$20
- Vernon Sanchez - \$20



The Office of Housing would like to extend appreciation to all residents for cooperating with scheduled inspections and calling to re-schedule in a timely manner. There will be another raffle for residents who keep their scheduled inspection and complete paperwork for the months of April through June, 2002. The names will be drawn during the latter part of June.

Button Robe Workshops

Shelton Middle School @ 6:00 p.m.

May - 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
June - 6th and 13th

Two Familiar Faces Back at the KTP



Tribal Member Tonya Henry mother of 4 (Devina, Beau Michael, Tiana and Terrance. is back at the Kamilche Trading Post, with a big smile to serve you all.



Nettie returns after a leave to Okalahoma where she spent a year and a half with her parents. She is a member of the Mississippi Choctaw. She is the mother of three boys and three grandchildren. She looks forward to serving you all at the Kamilche Trading Post.





Congratulations Bordeaux Elementary School DARE Essay Contest Winners



LIZZY HENRY

I feel that the DARE program has prepared me for the career I want, which is a veterinarian because now I know to be drug free. I know to make good choices, and now I know the right and the wrong people to hang out with. I thought the DARE program was fun because we played a lot of games, and we got really cool prizes. The DARE program, I think, was very useful. It's useful because all kinds of kids all over are learning. Now that children are learning, the chance of kids doing drugs is starting to reduce, and if that's reducing, then the crime starts reducing. More people live longer than they would if they did drugs. I am really glad the DARE programs exists.

I learned some very useful things from DARE, one example out of many is that sometimes it is better to walk away from a situation. This girl was walking on the sidewalk and she saw a gang, instead of running away, she stayed and got beat up because the gang surrounded her. So, sometimes if you stay, it might get you shot or killed. Another useful thing I learned is the eight ways to say NO. They are cold shoulder, no thank you, give a reason or excuse, broken record, walk away, change subject, avoid situation and strength in numbers. My favorite is give a reason or excuse. Another thing I learned that was useful is the

pyramid which is gangs+guns+drugs=jail. Gangs usually do bad things to other people, sometimes shoot them. Gangs usually buy drugs and end up in jail.

I feel it is important to avoid drugs and violence, because they can hurt people. If I got into drugs and was around other people I wouldn't know what I was doing and I could hurt someone bad. I don't know about you, but I really don't want to hurt anybody or be dying from drugs. People who don't do drugs are more likely to live a longer and healthier life. Just a few sniffs of cocaine can kill a person. So, I'd advise people not to use drugs. Some drugs make your brain cells not work right and then kill you. Another reason I don't want to use drugs is if I do, I will get kicked out of school. I need to learn because if I am going to have a good job I have to be smart.

Some people I would like to thank are Officer Ses, because he took the time to come to our classroom and teach us. I will admit we weren't exactly Good-As-Gold. Instead of quitting, he still came back, and that is really nice. I would also like to thank the parents, because they made sure we made it to school, they also supported DARE by paying taxes. Some other people I would like to thank are the teachers, because when we weren't behaving for Officer Ses, they would teach us how to improve our behavior. They let Officer Ses come to our classroom so we could learn about drugs and violence and they helped us learn how to write the best essays we could.

Best Birthday Wishes
to my son,
Justin Cruz
Saenz-Garcia
(8 years)
on May 6th
Love,
Mom & Dad



LEILA WHITENER

What DARE has done for me

DARE has taught me about drugs and DARE taught me how to stay away from drugs.

What I learned in DARE

In DARE I learned the ways to say no. The ways to say no is to walk away, another way is to ignore them like they are not there. Another way is to change the subject to something else. The last way is to say no thanks. I have also learned how to stay away from drugs and not to go near people who do drugs.

Why it is important to be drug free

It is important to be drug free because you can get kicked out of your house. You can get kicked out of your house because your parents could be sick of you taking drugs. If you did get kicked out of your house, you would be living on the streets. You will also lose your friends. Another reason why it is important to be drug free is you can get brain damage. Brain damage is when part of your brain stops working. You also won't be as smart as before.

How I feel about DARE

I feel that DARE is a fun program. DARE is fun because you get to see how it feels to



be drunk without actually being drunk so you feel what its like and know that its wrong. DARE is also a good program because it teaches you how to stay away from drugs and how to say no.

I have been talking about how I feel about DARE, what I learned about DARE and why it is so important to be drug free.

Journey to Success Program

CAREER AND COLLEGE PREP CLASSES FOR NATIVE STUDENTS

April 1, 2002 through June 13, 2002
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

College classes offered to assist you in making your career choice

FREE - NO COST!!!

Must meet eligibility requirements
High School/GED preferred but not necessary

Five Tribes' Career Center & Olympic College

For more information contact:
360-426-2433 or 1-800-341-6162

**Happy Birthday Dad
From your kids,
Davina, Beau, Tiana and Terence
and your wife
We miss you!**



New Employees

John Konovsky
WATER RESOURCES BIOLOGIST



Although I am a newcomer, I have lived in the South Sound area for 20 years. I grew up in Indiana on a farm that my mother still owns. I have two sisters: Barb teaches high school in Indiana and Mary teaches at Tulane University in New Orleans. During high school in the 70's, I came out here to work trail crew in Olympic National Park and fell in love with the area. After attending Earlham, a Quaker college in the Midwest, I returned here to study Japanese. I eventually spent several years working and studying in Japan and at WSU before settling down.

Now I live near Gull Harbor with my partner of ten years, Don Martin. We raise lambs and keep track of the wood ducks and frogs that nest and breed every year in our wetland. Don works for the Department of Health as a health educator and grew up in Yakima. We spend much of our free time sea kayaking the waters of South Sound.

Professionally, I worked for the Thurston Conservation District on water quality protection and habitat restoration projects for eight years. More recently, I worked for the Washington State Conservation Commission helping 16 conservation districts in Central Washington address those same issues. I am very pleased to be back working in the South Sound and will strive to make a meaningful contribution

to the protection of the natural resources of the Tribe.

If you have any questions or comments about your water, feel free to call me at 432-3804. I would be more than happy to talk to you.

Brian Allen
SHELLFISH BIOLOGIST



Hello, I'm Brian Allen your new Shellfish Biologist at Natural Resources. I have been involved with fisheries research for 6 years in Washington and California.

My interests with marine invertebrates are in community ecology and recruitment. My latest work, with the California Department of Fish and Game, was with Red Abalone in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. I'm glad to be back in the Puget Sound and am excited to be working with the Squaxin Island Tribe. I, along with my wife, Sandra, and 5 month old son Reuben are settling in to Mason County. We are so grateful to be out of Seattle!

I am looking forward to working with Ian and the rest of the staff at Natural Resources.

When I'm not looking for Geoduck or playing with my little boy, you'll find me surfing at Westport or freedive spearfishing at Neah Bay. Thank you everyone for making me feel so welcome!



LITTLE CREEK CASINO



Little Creek Casino Chip N' Win GlowRange

Matt Nichols - The Chip N' Win concept comes from Phoenix, Arizona. It was started as a glow-in-the-dark golf range for golf course and public driving ranges. In early 2001, International Sports Systems, Inc. paired the concept of gaming and casinos with the concept of GlowRange, to develop "Chip N' Win." It was an immediate success, and after a successful trial at Sandia Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the product has been launched nationwide.

At a gaming convention in Albuquerque last February, Michael Peters of Little Creek Casino was introduced to GlowRange and saw the potential for its success at Little Creek Casino. The response of customers since the April 2 opening has been overwhelming.

Chip N' Win gives customers a chance to hit golf balls, win prizes and enjoy golf and music in an atmosphere that is fun and enjoyable. You don't have to have ever played to enjoy the game. The majority of players are non-golfers or have never hit a golf ball before. It's fun for the newcomer and a challenge for the seasoned golfer.

Customers buy buckets of balls where they are immediately entered into a raffle for a daily, weekly and monthly prize, and then try their luck and skill at hitting bullseyes for casino cash. There is even the chance to qualify for a shot at a million dollars! The first \$1,000,000.00 shoot-out will be held Friday, May 3rd.

Customers winning raffles and bullseyes are given Little Creek gift certificates and Chip N' Win bucks that they then take into the casino to enjoy the games, restaurants and gift shop. Kids under 21 receive Chip N' Win coupons to use for more balls, in the gift shop or the restaurants with their families.

Any age can play, but children 14 and under MUST be accompanied by a parent. The range is open Tuesdays through Thursday from 6:00 to Midnight and Fridays and Saturdays from 6:00 to 1:00 a.m.

Customers will soon be offered the ability to host corporate, group, fund-raiser and league events at the casino. It will be great exposure for both the casino and the community. Sure to be fun for everyone!

Cost

Small bucket (25 balls) - \$5

Large bucket (50 balls) - \$10

Super Shootout Balls (Minimum 5 balls) - \$5, \$1 each

Buy any bucket and receive a raffle ticket to win:

Daily - \$50 / Weekly - \$225 / Monthly - \$500

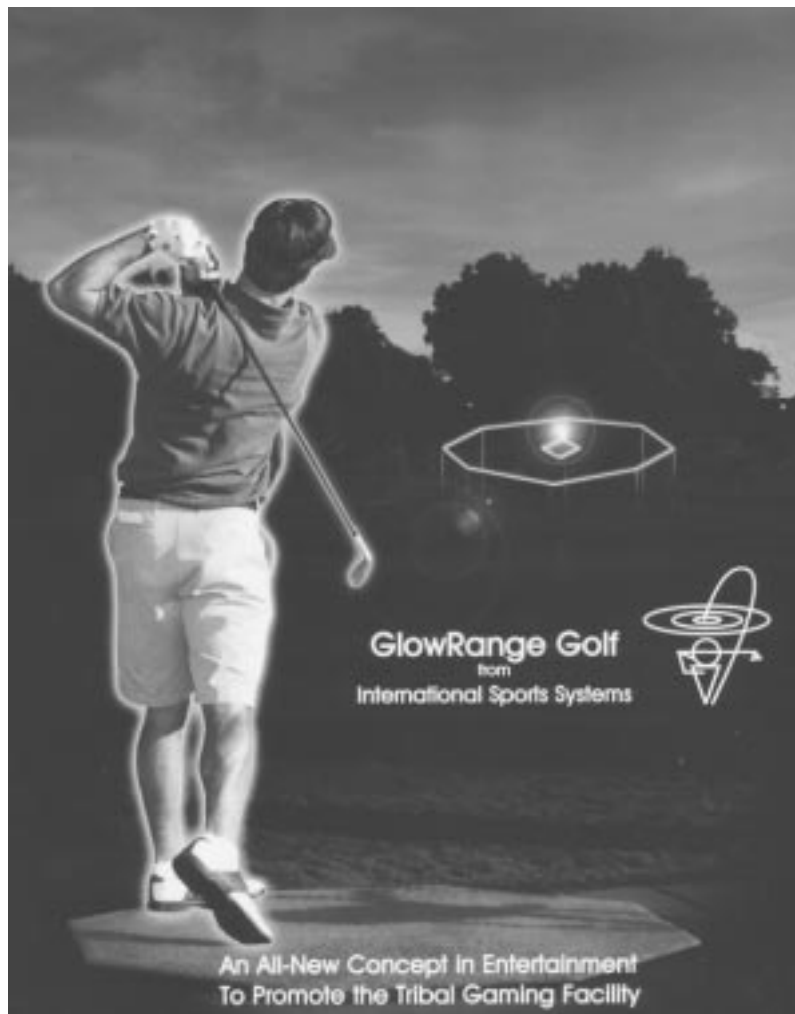
Win

Red Target (100 yards) - \$3 each bullseye / Super Shootout \$15

Yellow Target (85 yards) - \$2 each bullseye / Super Shootout \$10

Green Target (50 yards) - \$1 each bullseye / Super Shootout \$5

5 bullseyes on any target or combination of targets qualifies a person for the Million-Dollar Shootout. Super Shootout Bullseye also qualifies.



**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE
FOSTER PARENT
APPRECIATION DINNER**

Please be our guest
as we honor the ones who care
for our children in care.

Tuesday, May 14, 2002 6pm

At the Senior Center

Call 427-9006 for reservations



Oyster Corner

Harstine Oyster Company

By R. Frank Givens and Patsy Glaser-Gibson - This is the first in a series of articles that will appear in the Klah-Che-Min newsletter each month. The purpose of these articles is to keep you, the tribal members, informed on what is going on and how and what we plan for the future of Harstine Oyster Company. Different people will give you information about the company: Matt Smith, General Manager, - goals directions and operations; Arnold Cooper, Tidelands and Beaches Manager, - what we are producing and what we can produce; R. Frank Givens, Plant Operations Manager, - sales, shipping and plant functions; Patsy Glaser-Gibson, HACCP Coordinator and Production/Quality Manager, - safety, quality and health concerns and updates as per the State of Washington Department of Health, Shellfish Division.

The Harstine Oyster Company markets Palela Bay Pacifics, named for a bay on Squaxin Island. The oysters grown in the waters of Pickering and Peale Passages are like no others from Puget Sound. The texture, taste, size and appearance is found only in these waters. The Palela Bay Pacifics have become world renowned.

The primary focus of this month's article is to introduce you to one of Harstine Oyster Company's outstanding employees, our Employee of the Quarter, Arnold Cooper.

Arnold is a native Squaxin Island Tribal member, an advocate for the tribal community as well as a spokesperson and supporter for the general community on Harstine Island. He has been with the company nearly eight years.

He is the son of Francis (Buddy) Cooper and Mable Cooper. Arnold's family has ties with the Harstine Island and Pickering/Agate area. Born near the old ferry landing and raised there for many years, he is well connected with the population and the "old timers" on Harstine. Buddy Cooper, Arnold's father, has many years of oyster cultivation and harvesting experience with the Pacific Oysters. Working with the Glaser Oyster Company, Saeger Oyster Company and Chapman Oyster Farm many years until the late 60s, the Cooper family has much understanding and



familiarity with the oyster industry. It is no wonder oyster farming comes so naturally to Arnold. His experience and knowledge on the process of cultivation from the larvae sets to harvesting the product is truly an asset to this company.

Arnold takes great pride in his work, always keeping in mind this is a tribal owned operation with the Squaxin reputation as a huge selling point. Arnold knows the beaches. He has the personal connection with Squaxin Island needed to translate the scope of his duties to the community and our customers in general.

Arnold is willing to take the time to address school classes, giving tours to educate the young and old alike about the importance of caring for the beaches and the sea creatures that inhabit them.

He lives by one simple rule, "Putting back on the beach is as important as taking off or harvesting. The generations ahead need to be educated about our natural resources, always remembering where they come from and what our ancestors have taught us to plan for future generations."

Arnold manages 40 acres of tidelands year round. He manages his crew efficiently and is willing to work the tides any time of day or night in all types of weather to fulfill the orders needed to satisfy our customer.

New KTP employee



Ben Stubbs

Hi, my name is Ben Stubbs. I'm a new employee at the KTP store. Before I was over here, I was a student at the Evergreen State College and a music teacher in South Dakota.

The store is a lot of fun and I'm grateful to be working in this community. I'm looking forward to seeing you down here. See you around.



Church

Tuesday Nights at 7:30



Good News Book Club
Saturday Mornings at 10:30



Walking On...

Barbara Schuffenhauer

Squaxin Island tribal Elder Barbara L. "Betty Boop" Schuffenhauer died of liver cancer Friday, March 29, in Olympia. She was 69 and had lived in Shelton for 60 years.

She was born September 9, 1932 in Olympia to Martin and Pearl (Clark) Brownfield.

She married Verne Schuffenhauer on July 7, 1951. He preceded her in death in 1996.

She was a homemaker, grandmother and worked as a garland supervisor for Hiawatha in Shelton.

She enjoyed her grandchildren, embroidering and flowers, especially roses. She also loved feeding birds, reading and taking day trips with the Squaxin Island tribal elders.

Mrs. Schuffenhauer was also a member of the Shelton Moose Lodge.

Survivors include her daughters Christine Thompson and her husband Chris, Nancy Moore and her husband Thomas, and Carol Phipps and her husband Brian, all of Shelton; son Rod Schuffenhauer of Shelton; brothers Kenneth Brownfield of Shelton; Don Brownfield of Rochester, Gary Brownfield of Tacoma and Mike Brownfield of Shelton; and sister Carol Hagmann of Shelton.

Also surviving are her mother, Pearl Satterthwaite of Shelton; 10 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center Friday, April 5. Out of respect for the family, all non-essential tribal offices were closed on that day.



Check out our website at <http://www.squaxinland.org>

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

June Krise and Paula Henry are available to provide services for disabled tribal members to develop a long range employability plan tailored for each individual's needs. Voc Rehab offers native people the opportunity to obtain/retain employment.

Disabilities include: Alcohol/substance abuse, allergies, amputations, arthritis, asthma, burns, cancer, cardiovascular disorders, carpal tunnel syndrome, cerebral palsy, dillusional disorders, diabetes, eating disorders, fractures, hearing problems, visual problems, hemophilia, HIV/AIDS, low back pain, mental retardation, motor-nuron disease, multiple sclerosis, obesity, personality disorders, post polio syndrom, renal-kidney disease, respiratory disorders, schizophrenic disorders, sicklecell anemia, specific learning disabilities, spinabifida, stroke, tramatic brain injury.

Other services provided to tribal members are General Assistance, and the Native Employment Works Program (for hard-to-serve clients), as well as on-the-job training/work experience and classroom training (income based programs). For more information or assistance, please contact June Krise or Paula Henry at 432-3897.

Congratulations Jaimie



On receiving your High School Diploma on 4/5/02



Museum Library and Research Center Receives Computers



MLRC Librarian Liz Yeahquo

Squaxin Tribal Virtual Library

Liz Yeahquo - What is a "virtual library?" A virtual library is a collection of information allowing the user to access, explore and research topics of interest from around the world. It will be like having one of the largest libraries available at the touch of your fingertips. Yes, it is happening here at MLRC and it is for you! The Squaxin Island Museum Library Research Center now has ten computer workstations for future use by community, elders, tribal staff and students. The Squaxin MLRC will have on-site tribal monitors that will help teach how to navigate through the virtual library during evening and possibly the weekend hours. The Evergreen State College and the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute received a U.S. Department of Education grant for purchasing computers and increasing the technology in Nisqually, Quinault and Squaxin Tribes.

The future activities and programs the Museum Library Research Center will be offering include:

- Tribal Puget Salish language class (currently in fourth week of the quarter), also available on interactive CD's.
- A computer web design course for Squaxin Tribal youth
- Training in computer use, Excel, Microsoft Word and e-mail
- Research opportunities with levels of restricted access to information:

Community Users - allow both tribal and non-tribal members alike to access to all "public" information, information that is owned by the public.

Tribal Member Users - Only these individuals would be allowed to access information pertaining to family genealogy, ceremonies, cultural artwork methods, and cultural stories and songs.

K-12 Users - Restricting these individuals from accessing inappropriate web information and materials

- Pro-Quest

The Pro-Quest Direct database contains over 3,000 magazines, articles from journals, 6 major newspapers and other academic resources. In most cases, the complete text of the article is available and can be printed, faxed or emailed. The database provides an archive for many of the publications that date back to 1980. The pilot project has been partially funded by a grant from the Institute of Museums and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act and the Washington State Library has requested the legislature to continue the program through state funding.

The Museum is in the planning stages of hosting its own web page. It will use "virtual reality" which is a software program specifically used by museums and functions as an interactive web site for the user. It will serve as a link off the main Squaxin web site to eliminate competition between the web sites.

For more information you may call Elizabeth I. Yeahquo, Librarian 432-3840, or email at eyeahquo@squaxin.nsn.us.

Family Photographs Wanted

The Museum Library and Research Center wants to ensure that all tribal families are represented. Please feel free to stop by and share your family photographs any time. We can scan the pictures and give them right back to you, so there will be no need to leave them with us. Please contact Charlene Krise or Liz Yeahquo.

Reminder about Language Classes

Lushootseed classes are held every Wednesday at the MLRC

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for advanced

4:30 - 7:30 for beginners

All community members are welcome to participate. The cost is \$25, but you can stop in and see if want to participate before you pay.

June Golf Tourney Will Benefit MLRC

Little Creek Casino will host a golf tournament to benefit the Museum Library and Research Center on June 17 at Olympia Country Club. The cost is \$125 per person. More detailed information will be provided in next month's Klah-Che-Min. You may also contact Kelly Fisher at Little Creek Casino, 427-7711.





Hepatitis Awareness Month

Viral hepatitis has historically been common in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. However the good news is that the number of viral hepatitis infections in these communities has been reduced with the assistance of the CDC (center of disease control) and with the expertise of the health care professionals of the Indian Health Service and Tribal Clinics.

The help has come by

- Recommending routine vaccination of children against hepatitis A and hepatitis B
- CDC consulted with the Indian Health Service to integrate viral hepatitis prevention messages into existing HIV and sexually transmitted disease prevention programs
- Developing programs to identify American Indian and Alaska Natives with viral hepatitis
- Helping to improve access to medical care and treatment options
- Funding education and prevention projects
- Examining risk factors and co-factors for viral hepatitis and assisting in calculating the number of people with viral hepatitis and chronic liver disease in American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

Hepatitis A

Not as common as it used to be

Until recently, epidemics of hepatitis A caused by hepatitis A virus (HAV), occurred every 5-10 years in most American Indian and Alaska Native communities. In 1996 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommended routine hepatitis A vaccination for all American Indian and Alaska Native preschool children beginning at age two years and catch-up vaccination for school-age children. Following these recommendations, American Indian and Alaska Native communities began widespread vaccination programs, the number of people infected with HAV has decreased dramatically. Today, hepatitis A is less common in American Indian and Alaska Native communities than in the rest of the nation.

Hepatitis B vaccine prevents HBV infections, saves lives

Hepatitis B, caused by hepatitis B virus (HBV), was quite common in Alaska Natives before the early 1980s. In some Alaska villages, greater than 80% of the population had been infected with HBV. Alaska Natives had the highest rates (about 8%) of chronic (long term) HBV infection and the highest rates of liver cancer of all racial / ethnic groups in the United States. However, when hepatitis B vaccine became available in the early 1980s, a program was started to vaccinate all newborn Alaska Natives and to also vaccinate as many older children as possible. Since that time, few Alaska Natives have gotten infected with HBV. A generation of Alaska Native children has grown up without worrying about HBV infection and its consequences.

Recently, outbreaks of hepatitis B among American Indians have occurred in the lower 48 states. These outbreaks have primarily occurred among illegal injection drug users and highlight the continued need for vaccination of adults who practice such high-risk behaviors.

Hepatitis C: Prevention Strategy

Hepatitis C, caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) occurs among persons of all ages, but more new cases of hepatitis C are found among persons aged 20-39 years and among males. Very little is known about how common acute or chronic HCV infection is among American Indian and Alaska Na-

tives. However, infection with HCV can lead to chronic liver disease and chronic liver disease is the 5th leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Natives compared to the 9th leading cause in the general United States population.

Native American and Alaska Native community leaders are working with CDC to prevent HCV infections and progression to HCV-related chronic liver disease in their communities. Some of the prevention activities include:

- Screening national blood, tissue, and organ supplies
- Finding, testing, and counseling those at risk for HCV infection
- Providing proper medical management to those who are chronically infected
- Implementing practices in health care settings that reduce risks for HCV infection
- Counseling people about how to reduce their risk for HCV infection
- Educating health professionals and community members, and tracking and recording numbers of new cases of hepatitis C to evaluate the effectiveness of prevention activities.

Help us Celebrate National Women's Health Week

MAY 12-18 2002

We will be playing breast cancer bingo! Please join us in the health center conference room on May 17th from 3:00 to 5:00pm. We will be having refreshments along with our bingo game, so come and join in the fun and test your knowledge of breast cancer prevention awareness. If you have any question please call Rose Algea at 427-9006.

Melinda Schuffenhauer is the winner of our annual women's exam drawing and Brenda Dorsey is the winner of our mammogram drawing. Congratulations ladies, but more important kudos for keeping up on your women's health.

* The next mammogram clinic will be June 13.



Little Creek Shuttle Bus (Free Shuttle Service)

FROM SQUAXIN TRIBAL CENTER TO LITTLE CREEK CASINO

Starting SUNDAY, Jan. 13, 2002

Leaving Tribal Center—4:30PM

Leaving Casino— 5:00PM

Leaving Tribal Center—5:15PM

Leaving Casino—9:15pm and after last Bingo Game



Scheduled Days: Sunday through Thursday

Time: 4:30PM through end of Bingo Session

Place: Squaxin Tribal Center

This schedule will be altered as needed—notification will be issued before any changes.

Other locations in surrounding areas to be added at a later date, Hotels, Retirement Centers, etc.

Little Creek Casino
 551 Hwy 108
 Shelton, Washington 98584
 Phone: 360-425-7111
 Fax: 360-427-7888
 Email: info@lcc.com





National Indian Youth Police Academy

The National Indian Youth Academy was created to offer tribal youth an opportunity to experience and explore law enforcement and the criminal justice field.

This year, there will be a Junior Academy (ages 13-16) from June 16 through June 29. Then there will be a Senior Academy (ages 17-19) from August 4 through August 17. Sessions will be limited to 60 students.

Successful applicants will experience 14 days of information and hands on training in numerous areas of police and justice work. Travel and all expenses are paid by the Academy.

Application deadlines are May 3 and July 3.

To receive an application, please contact the Public Safety Department at the Tribal Center, 360.426.9781.



Lottery For Fireworks Permits to be Offered

The Tribal Council has approved the Fireworks Committee's request to set up a maximum of sixteen stands in a designated area of the Little Creek Casino's parking lot. The first stand is reserved for the governmental programs that earned proceeds through the sales of fireworks at the KTP in previous years, i.e. the elders and the youth, etc.

Additionally, the Tribal Council has approved a one-year only designation of a slot to each of the seven permit holders from the 2001 season, contingent upon the completion of the application process, which is required of all applicants. The process is spelled out below.

The application process will take place between May 1 and May 20 at 4:00 p.m. and includes the following:

- Pick up a Use Agreement from Ray Peters, Dave Whitener, Sr., or Patti Puhn
- Sign and submit the Use Agreement with a \$500 deposit. Deposits will be refunded if not selected.
- The Lottery will be held on May 21, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Government stand will be selected first; the names of those who were stand permit holders last year, who have met application requirements for this year, will be drawn next.
- All remaining names will be drawn to establish a priority list with the remaining slots being awarded in the order the names are drawn.
- Upon selection, the chosen individuals will be required to pay the remaining balance of \$500. Payments must be received by 4:00 p.m. on May 22, 2002. If the balance is not received by the deadline, the slot will be forfeited and the next person on the priority list will be offered that slot. Payment must be received by 4:00 p.m. the day after the applicant has been selected.
- All Use Agreements must be submitted in person to Ray Peters, Dave Whitener, Sr. or Patti Puhn.

WANTED!

Information leading to a drug arrest and conviction. Money paid for information that directly leads to a narcotics related conviction. For more information contact: Chief Russel Cooper or any Squaxin Island Police Officer.



LITTLE CREEK CASINO



Happy Birthday
Dad (Levi)
Love,
Vanessa, Victoria and Tasheena

Happy Birthday Dad
(Francis Cooper Sr.) and Mom
Love,
the kids, grandkids and
all your relations

Happy Birthday
Veronica Rivera 5/2
Lots-A-Love,
Mom, Lydia & all your relations



Welcome
Kiana Jean Henry
Born 3:36 p.m. on 4/9/02
to Vinney Henry
and Margaret Seymour-Henry,
weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and
being 18 1/2 inches in length



Happy Birthday Krystal
Love,
Mom, Ben, Kendra and Hailey

Little Creek Casino

May 2002

Little Creek Casino

BINGO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Cinco de Mayo Special May 5 th - Buy 1 get 1 free on level one admissions. Mother's Day Special- Double Punch Session & Free gift to Mom's!!			1 \$20 LOW ELECTRONIC BUY-IN	2 \$2 PULLTAB MATCHPLAY	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
5 WIN UP TO \$750 ON REGULAR GAMES!	6 MISER MONDAY DISCOUNTS	7 SENIOR TUESDAYS	8 \$20 LOW ELECTRONIC BUY-IN	9 \$2 PULLTAB MATCHPLAY	10 CLOSED	11 CLOSED
12 WIN UP TO \$750 ON REGULAR GAMES!	13 MISER MONDAY DISCOUNTS	14 SENIOR TUESDAYS	15 \$20 LOW ELECTRONIC BUY-IN	16 Single Mystery Envelope!!	17 CLOSED	18 CLOSED
19 WIN UP TO \$750 ON REGULAR GAMES!	20 MISER MONDAY DISCOUNTS	21 SENIOR TUESDAYS	22 \$20 LOW ELECTRONIC BUY-IN	23 \$2 PULLTAB MATCHPLAY	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED
26 WIN UP TO \$750 ON REGULAR GAMES!	27 MISER MONDAY DISCOUNTS	28 Triple Mystery Envelope!!	29 \$20 LOW ELECTRONIC BUY-IN	30 WINNER'S CIRCLE DRAWING!!	Memorial Day Special- Free Dauber!!	

SENIOR LUNCHEES AND TRIBAL EVENTS

* Wednesdays are evening meals.		1 <i>* Chicken Enchiladas</i> Education Commission 4:00 p.m. Bingo @ 6:45		2 <i>Beef Stew</i> Button Robe Workshop Senior Meeting Senior Room @1:00		3 Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00 AA Meeting 7:30		4 Good News Book Club 10:30	
5	6 <i>Chicken Caesar Salad</i> Child Care Mtg at Noon Heritage Committee at MLRC	7 Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00 Housing Commission 9:00 a.m. Church 7:30	8 <i>* Meat Loaf</i> Aquatics Mtg 9:00 a.m. Bingo @ 6:45	9 <i>Baked Ham</i> Tribal Council Button Robe Workshop Scrapbooking @ 1:00	10 Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00 AA Meeting 7:30		11 General Body Meeting 9:00 a.m.		
12	13 <i>Closed Indian Day</i> Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00	14 Church 7:30	15 <i>* Halibut</i> Bingo @ 6:45	16 <i>Spaghetti</i> Button Robe Workshop Scrapbooking @ 1:00	17 Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00 AA Meeting 7:30		18 Good News Book Club 10:30		
19	20 <i>Roast Turkey</i> Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00	21 Housing Commission 9:00 a.m. Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00 Church 7:30	22 <i>* Seafood Fettuccine</i> Aquatics Mtg 9:00 a.m. Bingo @ 6:45	23 <i>French Dip</i> Tribal Council Button Robe Workshop Scrapbooking @ 1:00	24 Senior Room Open 1:00 - 5:00		25 Good News Book Club 10:30		
26	27 <i>Closed</i>	28	29 <i>* Steak</i>	30 <i>Taco Salad</i> Button Robe Workshop	31				

Happy Birthday

Leo Henry	5/1	Kevin Harper	5/10	Melissa Henry	5/22
Fame Rankin	5/2	Breanna Peters	5/10	Richard Monger	5/22
Veronica Rivera	5/2	Kassidy Whitener	5/10	Rebecca Napoleon	5/22
Krystal Koenig	5/3	Linda Allen	5/11	Carly Rose Peters	5/22
Kim Cooper	5/3	Richard Johns, Jr.	5/11	Tiffany Hartwell	5/23
David Lewis "Toby"	5/3	Jeremy Meyer	5/11	Michael Ogden Hill	5/23
Brian Tobin	5/4	Wesley Whitener	5/12	Levi Sanchez	5/23
Todd Hagmann, Jr.	5/5	Connie Napoleon	5/12	Theresa Sanchez	5/23
Sally Brownfield	5/6	Julie Smith	5/13	Donald Hartwell	5/24
Nancy Rose	5/6	Tyler Barnwell	5/14	Raymond Peters	5/25
Justin Saenz-Garcia	5/6	Kenneth Wilbur	5/14	Spirit Jones	5/25
Raven Thomas	5/6	Donna Wood	5/17	Tyler Johns	5/26
Eric Castro	5/7	Bryan Johnson	5/17	Craig Parker	5/26
Dustin Barnwell	5/8	Jaclyn Meyer	5/17	Mildred Wagner	5/26
Francis A. Cooper, Sr.	5/8	Shawnee Kruger	5/18	Jeremyha James	5/27
Morningstar Green	5/9	Gary Brownfield	5/19	Kurt Poste	5/28
Justin Johns	5/9	Richard Harper	5/21	Jack Selvidge	5/29
Colleen Peters	5/9	Jennie Kuntz	5/21	Carol Phipps	5/31
Stanley Black	5/10	Tamatha Ford	5/22		

MAY YOUTH CALENDAR

Note: M stands for MCRA fields		1 Tutoring 3:00 - 5:30 Open Gym 3:00 - 6:00 15 & Under 6:00 - ? 16 + Baseball 4:30 - 6:00	2 Tutoring 3:00 - 5:30 Open Gym 3:00 - 6:00 15 & Under 6:00 - ? 16 + Baseball 4:30 - 6:00	3 T-Ball games Cardinals 6pm M7 A's 6pm M6 Baton 3-7 Open Gym 7-?	4 Braves 11:30 Calla Mariners 9:00 Calla Cardinals 2:00 M5 A's 4:30 M5	
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