Little Creek Casino’s Men’s Softball Team Hosts 1st Annual Sports Banquet

Rosetta Thomas

Little Creek Casino’s Men’s Softball team hosted the first annual Squaxin Island Tribe Sports Banquet on July 22 in the Tribal Center gymnasium. Youngsters and volunteer coaches who participated in tribal basketball and baseball teams were invited to feast on pizza and pop while guest speaker Ray Peters, the Tribe’s Executive Director, gave a talk about the important role sports play in academic success. “I was able to get a scholarship, and

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Destination Taholah

Squaxin Island Canoe is Blessed and Sets Off On Paddle 2002

Pulling practice

Skipper George Krise asks the Creator for guidance during the blessing ceremony

The Squaxin Island Tribe’s new, 30-foot, ocean-going, fiberglass canoe, was traditionally blessed in mid-July and pullers then began daily practice for a three week journey to Taholah that began July 23.

Paddle 2002 Celebrating Our Ancestors marks the first time in more than a century that members of the Tribe have embarked on such a journey.

If you would like a map of canoe journey stops and dates, feel free to stop by the front desk at the Tribal Center and pick one up. The pullers appreciate support from their tribe and will be very happy to see you!!!

Fireworks Sales Benefit Tribal Entrepreneurs/Elders and Youth

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Pictured at left: Casey Krise

First Salmon Ceremony

AUGUST 10TH AT NOON
Arcadia Boat Launch Beach

Little Creek Casino’s Men’s Softball Team Hosts 1st Annual Sports Banquet
Fireworks Sales Benefit Tribal Entrepreneurs/Elders and Youth Programs

Larry McFarlane and Clinton Coley greet customers at their fireworks stand July 4th.

Fireworks sales were managed in a new way this year, allowing individual tribal entrepreneurs to make money while continuing to support tribal elders and youth programs.

Sixteen slots were established in the Little Creek Casino parking lot near the Skookum Creek Tobacco Company. The first slot was reserved for a stand to support tribal programs, but due to concerns from non-profit group(s) volunteers, it never opened. Concerns included start up costs, accounting, youth selling fireworks, elders working in a hot stand and coordination, etc.

Each fireworks stand owner paid a $750 fee and a $250 damage deposit. Costs for garbage and sanican services are to be deducted before damage deposits are refunded. The $11,250 collected from stand owners was dispersed equally between the elders and youth programs. An additional $4,000 raised through an auction of last year’s KTP fireworks will be donated to the elders and youth programs as well. Each program will then receive a total of $7,625 this year.

Stand operators were Stand #1 -

Tammy Ford; Stand #2 - Jeremy Walls and Tully Kruger; Stand #3 - Misti Saenz-Garcia; Stand #4 - George Krise; Stand #5 - Larry McFarlane Jr.; Stand #6 - Will Henderson and Barb Cleveland; Stand #7 - Roy Perez and Levi Sanchez; Stand #8 - Lois and Pete Cuch; Stand #9 - David Lopeman; Stand #10 - Russel Harper and Jason Koenig; Stand #11 - Casey Krise and Rick Harper; Stand #12 - Vinny and Margaret Henry; Stand #13 - Angie Lopeman, Ruth Lopeman and Bill Lopeman; Stand #14 - Will Henderson and Misti Saenz-Garcia; and Stand #15 - Mark Johns.

Vernon Sanchez sold concessions, including Indian tacos, chili and frybread and pop.

Fireworks profits varied considerably depending upon location. Stands closest to the Skookum Creek Tobacco Factory did considerably more business, especially during the first few days, due to their closer proximity to parking. Those located at the far end of the row made a very narrow profit after expenses. Rick Harper was set up to accept credit cards which helped him overcome the setback of being near the far end of the Squaxin Island Tribe’s “Thunder Alley” or “Boom City.”

Many customers expressed their appreciation for the stands, and said they were happy not to have to drive so far to other reservations.

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday!!!
2002 Oakland Bay Oyster Transfer

Brian Allen - In June the Squaxin Island Tribe's Natural Resources Department organized an oyster transfer on the Oakland Bay dikes. Our goal was to move oysters from the public dikes on the south side of the Bayshore Peninsula in Oakland Bay to the recreational beach on the north side of the peninsula. We succeeded with the oyster transfer thanks to the help of the many tribal members who took time to participate in our project.

The department's new aluminum barge was used to facilitate the transfer. Over two tide runs the transfer completed moving two full loads of oysters, approximately 600,000 singles. The oyster transfer is one step in a process oriented toward improving the clam production on the dikes. The Squaxin Island Tribe's Natural Resources Department and the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife brokered the transfer. In exchange for oysters being moved to the recreational beach, there were additional pounds of Manila clams available for tribal harvest over the past two years.

This was a good opportunity for the Natural Resources Department to work closely with the tribal community members. We at the department look forward to including our tribal community in future Natural Resource endeavors.
Forestry Team Scheduled to Visit Squaxin Island

Tracy H. Farrell - The Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department has lined up a team of forestry professionals to do a timber inventory and assessment on the island in early September. The information will be used for a revision of the existing Forest Management Plan to address current and future management concerns. The Natural Resources Department is making an effort to integrate a diverse set of values and concerns emphasizing ecology, historical knowledge, archaeology, habitat and multiple-use aspects of the island resources. Federal law requires a periodic update of the management plan and the Department wants to take this opportunity to strengthen the Tribe's management oversight of Squaxin Island.

The Cultural Resources Department will also contribute technical support to the effort of revising the existing plan. The two departments will work together to develop cultural resource guidelines that will apply to forestry activities on the island. They will include surveys of areas that are subject to forestry practices. This will assure protection of any cultural resources that are known to exist, as well as resources identified in the future.

The effectiveness of the Forest Management plan will be enhanced by community input. In recent years Squaxin Island has seen minimal forestry activity while being extensively used by tribal members for other purposes. There has been little impact to the land resulting in a natural state and contributing to the high quality of water, soil and air. However, it has been determined that the current stewardship process may not be satisfactory to secure the desired level of protection. Nor does the current plan assure implementation of protections regarding cultural resources, land use classifications or acquisition for the purpose of gaining more secure economic and political control of the island.

This article is a request for your input, so if you want to share information, an opinion, or have any questions about what is going on please contact Tracy Farrell in the Natural Resources Department at ext. 3818 anytime during the regular working week. When a new draft of the Resource Management Plan is available, sometime this fall, there will be an official community comment period for the document.

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Natural Resources Gets A Weather Station

Tony Moreland - Do you ever wonder about current weather conditions on the Reservation? Well wonder no more. The Natural Resources Department, with installation assistance from the Public Works Department (thank you Bill Sherrill) is now equipped with a wireless weather station at the NR (Fisheries) office to assist in fisheries and environmental studies.

The station is remotely monitored by the Tribe's Watershed Hydrologist, Tony Moreland. The station collects barometric pressure, temperature, humidity, dew point, rainfall, wind speed and direction, and is capable of 24 hour forecasting. Weather data can also be downloaded onto a PC for trend analysis and graphing of the various weather elements. In addition, steps are being taken to add the weather station to an official international web page for all to see.

The closest official weather stations are at the Olympia and Shelton airports, and if NR can maintain consistent data collection, it may be possible for the Squaxin Island Tribe weather station to become an official NOAA certified weather station. If you would like to know more, or just want to see the station, please stop by and check it out sometime.
**Coho Smolts Released from Netpens**

On May 29, 2002 Natural Resource Department staff along with State DFW employees released 1.6 million Coho smolts from the fish pens.

On July 23, a tugboat delivered a new state surplus netpen complex to Squaxin Island from Fox Island. The new galvanized steel pens will replace the deteriorating wooden structure. The department is still deciding how to use or dispose of the existing structure.

Watch for more information in next month's issue.
Harstine Oyster Company Update

R. Frank Givens and Matt Smith - Look. Up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. No. It's Harstine Oyster Company's, seafood supplier. Faster than a speeding bullet (we have an internet site - www.islandoyster.com (thank you Theresa Marie)); more powerful than a locomotive (we accept major credit cards (thanks Lisa and Esther)); able to leap tall buildings in a single bound (we can fly our product into any major city in America).

Yes, we take off our glasses and don our cape. Despite a slow economy and other problems, we have added two new east coast customers and are working with a potential client in China that will introduce our products into luxury hotels and restaurants in Beijing, Tianjin, Chendu, Xi'an and Guangzhou.

We have also hit the local scene recently during the 2002 Forest Festival parade in cooperation with the Dew Drop Inn. This booth showcased our product line and gave us an opportunity to talk with over 100 people who stopped by our booth. Twenty people purchased product from the booth and over 50 people took copies of our brochure.

Closer to home, we are now producing our own cleaned/bagged shell here at the oyster plant. This is not only a savings in the purchase of this vital item in our replanting process (each year's oyster crop must be set on cleaned shell), but also generate future revenues from the sale of surplus bags of already set oyster seed. The beauty of the system is that it allows Harstine Oyster Company to be independent and utilize the ever-growing shell pile. This also allows us to utilize all of the extraneous shell debris that comes from the machine (i.e. all of the tiny shell bits, ground up barnacles etc.) to enhance otherwise muddy and unusable beaches on Squaxin Island.

Currently, we are looking into all the seafood related products that the Tribe has access to and how Harstine Oyster Company may be able to help market those items. We hope to slowly and carefully add as many products as possible to our product line. Some of these possibilities might include geoduck, Manila clams and salmon. In the past and present we have worked with both Lummi and Skokomish tribes to enhance our own oyster supply, while at the same time marketing other tribes' product. These ideas could develop into a tribal co-op arrangement, which could benefit many tribes in the Puget Sound region.

www.islandoyster.com

Frank Givens
Mike Evans - The second annual youth Bicycle Rodeo occurred on June 22, 2002 at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center. This year, in addition to Education, Law Enforcement and community members, we had a crew from Rad Racing NW based out of Olympia. Jim Brown (Co-Director and Head Coach) came out and brought with him a great crew of adults and teenagers to assist our children.

Rad’s mission statement reads, “Our mission is to teach young people life lessons through the sport of cycling, and to develop top level regional, national and international junior cyclists. We provide a platform to help young people achieve their own personal goals in life and in competition as well. At Rad Racing, we work hard toward this goal and focus on providing: A Chain Reaction of Fun.”

Again this year, the Bicycle Rodeo included a safety inspection for all the children’s bicycles and a free bicycle helmet and t-shirt fitted to each child. The teenage riders from Rad Racing NW provided almost all of the support for these stations. Then, after some basic instruction in bike handling and safety, we had the “slow race”. This race is to see who can go the slowest.

After the slow race it was on to the “Tour de Squaxin”. Road races down Klah-Che-M in Drive were conducted in various age groups. The Rad Racing NW teenage riders rode along to provide motivation. Congratulations to all the participants.

After the road races was a wonderful lunch (a special thanks to all the volunteer helpers). After lunch was a road/trail ride from the Tribal Center, down Klah-Che-M in Drive to the woods behind the new housing area. Once off road we went up! All of the riders were challenged with a short but steep hill. ALL of the riders made it to the top! Once at the top we took a short break, took some pictures and then it was back to the Tribal Center.

This year’s Bicycle Rodeo was a great success. A very heartfelt thank you to Jim Brown and crew from Rad Racing NW. More cycling events are on the drawing board for this summer and we look forward to having you there. If you missed this year’s Bicycle Rodeo, make plans for next year because it will be even better.
Niki Fox - Hello! My name is Niki Fox, and when it’s not summer, I attend Shelton High School. I am going to be in the eleventh grade. Last year I worked upstairs in the Tribal Center at the front desk as the receptionist. This year I’m working at the casino in the tribal gaming association. I think that I will have fun doing something different and I will be a new excitement for the association.

Jennifer Johns - Hello, I am Jennifer Johns. This is my first year of summer youth with the Squaxin Island Tribe. I am a Junior at Black Hills High School. I am working for Island Enterprises as an office assistant. I am pretty happy that the Tribe has a program like this, because it helps out the youth in their future and it prepares us for our new challenges.

Samantha LeClair - Hello, my name is Samantha LeClair and I am in the 8th grade. I will go to Wa-He-Lut School next year. I am working for the Squaxin Island Tribe summer recreation program with the kids. I am happy to be working for Squaxin this year.

Marjorie Penn - Hello, my name is Marjorie Penn. I go to Shelton Middle School. This summer I’m working at the Visitor Center. I work well with others. My hobbies are playing basketball and doing chores. I’m going into the 8th grade next year.

Daniel Kuntz - Hello, my name is Daniel Kuntz. I am 16 years old and attend Tumwater High School. I enjoy riding horses and motorcycles. This summer I will be working in the Natural Resources Department with Will Henderson for the third year.
Daniel Snyder - Hello, my name is Daniel Snyder. I am currently heading into the 9th grade at Shelton High School. I will be working at Natural Resources this summer. I am a hard working person. I am also a nice dependable, trust-worthy person, so if you see me around, feel free to stop and chit chat.

Michael Trotter - Hello, my name is Michael Trotter. I’m working in the summer recreation program. I’m going to Shelton High School. I will be in the 10th grade. This will be the second year working for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

Kurt Poste - Hi, my name is Kurt Poste. I’m heading to the 10th grade and I built the micro pipe in my front yard. I’m working in Maintenance this summer. jmm

Christopher Henry - Hello, my name is Christopher Henry. I am 16 years old. I attend Elma High School. I study military history, and I enjoy music, movies and powerlifting. This summer I will be working in Cultural Resources with Rhonda Foster. This will be my third year as a summer youth worker.

Shawn Corby - Hello, my name is Shawn Corby and I attend Elma High School. I enjoy tearing things apart and - if I have to or feel like it - put them back together again. I will be working for the Department of Information Services this summer.

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Ninety-three tribal and community members attended the 5th annual Sgwi’ Gwi Celebration Pride in Education.

The event, held in the Tribal Center gymnasium at 2:00 on July 13, was hosted by the Tu H’a Buts Learning Center and the Squaxin Island Tribe Education Commission.

The event opened with a blessing by Rose Algea and a dinner song by the Sya’ya? Intertribal Drum Group. While the drum group performed, guests were invited to a feast of smoked salmon (thank you Jim Peters, Lewis Denny and Mabel Seymour), frybread (thank you Rose Algea) and a large variety of fruits, vegetables, side dishes and desserts (thank you Soccoro Bernal, Arlene Strope, BJ Peters, Gary Goodwin and Patti Puhn).

Following the meal, students were invited to the stage in groups and presented with awards for their passage into a new grade level. Graduates and GED recipients were gifted with vests; those earning Bachelor’s degrees were gifted with cedar baskets. Every student was given a certificate of accomplishment and a gift card to be used at the Tu H’a Buts Learning Center for school supplies.

**Special Congratulations**

**GED**
Rose Algea
Justin Dobson
Jolene Grover
Marjorie Hill

**Chehalis College Certificate Program**
Dodie Nelson

**Technical School**
Joseph Seymour

**Journey to Success Program**
Jolene Grover
Marjorie Hill
Beverly Hawks
Greg Koenig
Daniel Napoleon

**Bachelors Degree**
Holly Hillstrom
Joseph Peters

Rose Algea is presented with a Pendleton blanket.
In the Face of Meth

John, a twenty-year-old Northern Cheyenne, was raised on the reservation most of his life. During the time of this story he had been using methamphetamines for about two years.

John was good friend of mine. I had known him a year before he was really into crank. We would visit at his house in a community on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation for hours.

He would often tell me his hopes for the future. We’d discuss going to college and getting good paying jobs. His main goals were getting a car, a job and a nice stereo system for his two-bedroom apartment.

John’s apartment was fairly decent compared to other apartments in his neighborhood. I always felt his apartment was very comfortable. It was a place I would visit when I wanted to relax.

Also, John was one of those people I looked forward to seeing and being around. He would always tell crazy stories to make me laugh and when I needed someone to listen, he was there.

He would often lecture me about graduating from high school and moving on to college. Meanwhile, he said he was going to get his life together and do something for his tribe.

Crank Changes Everything

It had been quite a few months since I’d had a visit with John. I decided it was time to stop by. However, I was completely unprepared for what I was about to see.

I knocked on his door. He gripped the gun at his side and peered out the window. After seeing that it was I, he unlocked the door, stood back, and shouted for me to enter.

John had been using meth for several days. He sat in his empty house with the curtains drawn closed, trying to fix the stereo he had taken apart the night before. He was paranoid and jumped whenever he heard a car drive by.

The paranoid behavior depicted here is often referred to as amphetamine psychosis. Research suggests that methamphetamine or crank use is closely related to violence and crimes. All across the nation there are increasing reports of drug-related violent crimes peaking around the first of the month, which is a standard payday.

This research corresponds to the situation on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. According to a BIA official, law enforcement is noticing a rise in crime during the beginning of the month (payday). The crimes most noticed are burglary and assault.

According to research, there are several common factors that relate meth use to violence:

- Chronic use of high dosages of methamphetamine (about a gram a day). Imagine one of those small sugar packets. Contained in that small package is one gram of sugar.
- Using either alone or in groups. A person who has been using by him/herself may become extremely paranoid toward other people and react to them in a violent manner. On the other hand, group users have tendencies to quarrel with each other or become paranoid and plot acts of violence against each other or against others.
- Paranoic suspicions, impulsive behavior, delusional thoughts, and disorganized thinking (due to sleep deprivation). John takes his stereo apart which is an example of disorganized thinking and impulsive behavior.
- Carrying weapons, armed robbery, and conflicts (caused by bad drug deals, suspiciousness, paranoia, and attempts to support drug habit).

I noticed the empty beer bottles scattered about. On the floor were the wires and buttons of a once working stereo, “rigs” (needle-syringes) used for “shooting up” (injecting a form of liquid meth into the bloodstream), and a bulb (used to smoke methamphetamine) on the kitchen table.

We sat down at the table. His dilated eyes darted back and forth as he told me about a shooting the night before. Apparently, someone was shot over drugs; however, it was a minor injury so it went unreported (luckily, it wasn’t fatal).

After some small talk, he asked me to go with him up the street. As we were getting ready, he pulled out his gun, and jokingly, pointed it in my direction to get my attention. He then hid it in his jacket, and said that it was in case any one tried to mess with him. At the time I just believed he was paranoid, and believed that he probably wouldn’t use it, except maybe for show.

We came to a house, and he had me knock on the door. A young man came outside, talked a little with John, and they exchanged money and drugs. As we walked back to John’s house, he seemed eager to see the quality of his drugs. Realizing, a little too late, that I needed to head out, I said my goodbyes.

Researcher Paul Goldstein divides drug-related violence into three conceptual types: systemic violence of drug-dealing organizations, economic-compulsive violence (ECV), and psychopharmacological violence (PCV). ECV refers to the violence resulting from drug deals, such as securing money and inspection of quality of drugs. PCV is the violence caused by the psychological action of drugs, such as paranoia, irritability, aggression, and excitability.

The last time I saw John he looked sick. His eyes were black and sunken in, he looked like he lost about 20 pounds; he was
National Immunization Awareness Month

- Childhood immunizations are safe and effective.
- Vaccine side effects are very rare.
- A child's risk of having health problems from an immunization is much less than their risk of suffering complications from the targeted disease.
- Vaccine reactions and complications are rare—manageable when they do occur.
- Seizures following vaccination are rare and are usually associated with a high fever. Such seizures are not known to last, cause brain damage or cause other long term health problems.

- Many pediatricians recommend giving children an aspirin free pain reliever such as acetaminophen (Tylenol) just prior to or immediately after the child receives his/her DtaP. DO NOT give Aspirin to a child under 18. Aspirin can cause Reye's Syndrome, a rare but dangerous disease.
- Vaccines have nearly eliminated measles, diphtheria and polio in the U.S. in the past 30 years.
- Vaccines strengthen the immune system by helping the body to recognize and fight the viruses and bacteria that cause disease.
- Vaccines not only protect the child who receives the immunization: they also protect the community from these terrible diseases. The more children who have been vaccinated, the greater the protection for children and adults who haven't received all their vaccinations.
- The best way to protect our children and society is to vaccinate children ages 2 years and younger according to the recommended schedule.
- National databases monitor vaccines for potential problems, and government vaccine surveillance systems are in place to identify potential issues with vaccines.

Remember to have your children vaccinated prior to school this year! Call the Squaxin Island Health Clinic to schedule an appointment 427-9006.

Congratulations Marilee Morken and Sally Johns
For keeping up with your women's health exams and winning the raffle drawings for the Month of June!

Mammogram Day
Our Mammogram Day will be on August 8, 2002 from 9:00 to 4:00. Please call Rose Algea and schedule your appointment. 427-9006.

* This story is based on a real person and on real events; only the name has been changed.

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that is the only reason I was able to continue my education and get a college degree,” he said. “If I had not played sports and stayed away from drugs and alcohol, I probably would not be the Tribe’s Executive Director.”

Each player received trophies and team photos; coaches and volunteers for all the tribal sports programs received “Squaxin Island Volunteer” sweat shirts.

Youth Coordinator Mark Snyder thanks all volunteers for their participation for without them the sports program would not be the success it is.

Next year’s baseball program will start in March for youth ages 5 - 9. All other kids ages 10 - 13 must go to Loop Field to be placed on a team.

Basketball will start in November to prepare for the 6th annual Squaxin Island Holiday Basketball Tourney.

Squaxin Island will also be playing in the Mason County Youth Soccer program next year beginning in May.

PAST TIME
By Emilio de Grazia
Submitted by Dave Whitener, Sr.

A girl, nine years of wonder
still on her face,
stands directly on the bag at third
running amazed fingers
along the wrinkles
of my old leather mitt.
It is the bottom of the ninth,
and everywhere in the world
the bases are loaded.
I would like to thank the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center, Education Commission and the Tribal Council for honoring me with the wonderful Pendleton blanket at the Sgwi' Gwi dinner on Saturday, July 13. I also want to thank everyone in the Learning Center who made it possible for me to receive the nice vest and reward for getting my GED.

Thanks again!

Rose Algea

**Community**

**Which Logo Do you Like?**

Call Museum Library and Research Center Director Charlene Krise at 432-3851 to cast your vote or make comments!

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**Cultural Continuity Considerations**

Deputy Director David Whitener Sr. - The topic of direct descendancy has been brought to the attention of the Tribal council in various forms. Letters have been written expressing concern about grandchildren and great-grandchildren being able to receive health care at the Tribal Clinic. Currently direct descendents are covered by I.H.S. health care.

Direct descendancy is also a requirement for tribal membership. Membership has many levels of significance. A person’s identity and membership are entwined in many ways including spiritually, economically and physically. Tribal families are faced with this issue when a family member meets the direct descendancy criteria, but is not eligible for enrollment.

Tribal identity, membership and direct descendancy are all important in considering intangibles such as self esteem and community well being.

The question of potential impact on Tribal resources also arises. The topic of direct descendancy is not new. Within the past ten years the Constitution Committee has studied the subject.

Hopefully this conversation will continue resulting in the development of similar specific questions.

Please think about this issue and communicate your thoughts to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council Attention: Dave Lopeman, Chairman, 70 SE, Squaxin Lane, Shelton, WA 98584.

**First KTP Cigarette Tax Compact Impact Results Are In**

During the May 22 Tribal Council meeting Island Enterprises Director Barend Van Zanten reported that the first results from the new program implemented as a result of the state/tribe cigarette tax compact are now in. He provided Council with numbers and shared a copy of an invoice which he submitted to Little Creek Casino requesting funds that will be deducted from the distribution to the Tribe. He reported that there is likely to be a loss of $50,000 - $60,000 as a result of the compact. He told Council that he doesn’t feel that KTP will be able to stay in business without a subsidy from the casino.

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**Support Your Squaxin Island MLRC**

If you would like to see your family’s objects or photographs proudly displayed, please consider loaning or donating to the MLRC. Stop by, fill out some quick forms, and then relax with coffee, soda and snacks. If you bring in any photographs, they will be scanned quickly while you snack and returned to you right away. We now have state-of-the-art shelving units and archival collection management systems in place to ensure your objects and photographs will be treated with great respect and professional care. For more information, call the MLRC staff, Liz Yeahquo at 432-3840 or Charlene Krise at 432-3851.
C O M M U N I T Y

Long-term Cognitive Debilities Detected in Crack Cocaine Users

Impaired memory and motor skills have been found in crack cocaine users up to six months after the last use of the drug. Researchers think the deficits are evidence of brain damage caused by drug abuse.

The researchers, supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, administered comprehensive neuropsychological tests to 20 crack addicts, 36 crack and alcohol addicts and 29 individuals with no addition histories. The test measured attention span, decision making, spatial processing, memory, calculation ability, reaction time, verbal fluency and psycho-motor skills.

The drug abusers showed significant cognitive impairments after six weeks and six months.

A Special Thank You

I would like to thank Veronica and Chickie Rivera, Rose Algea and Brad Henry for being there for me and my family when my house was burning.

Mainly Veronica for coming into my house and waking me and my family up and getting us all out safe. You really saved our lives Veronica. I am so grateful. Who knows what would have happened if you hadn’t come by my house that night. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you, Rose, for calling the fire department and thank you, Brad, for helping to put the fire out.

I am very grateful to all of you for saving my family and my home. I love you all.

Thank you and God Bless!

Rose Blueback and family

Squaxin Island Tribe
(360) 426-9781
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* Stops on Squaxin Island Reservation
  1) Corner of Klah-Ches-Min and T’Peeksin
  2) Corner of T’Peeksin and Stahl’s Place
  3) Loop of T’Peeksin
  4) Corner of Klah-Ches-Min and Skalpin (by Clinic)

* Connects with Mason Transit to Shelton
* Connects with Mason Transit to Olympia
* Connects with Grey’s Harbor Transit to Aberdeen
* Connects with Grey’s Harbor Transit to Olympia Greyhound Station

* Dial A Ride Service is available for customers who experience difficulty using regular route service.
  Please call at least 1 day in advance to schedule your ride.

* Each Monday a scheduled trip to Shelton is available that will include stops, as requested, at Safeway, the library, Fred Meyer and Walmart. The bus will leave Squaxin Island Tribal Center at 9:00 a.m. For more information, please call Tammy Ford at (360) 426-9781 or (360) 432-3888.

* Service is Monday thru Friday only – The bus does not operate on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President’s Day (observed), Good Friday, American Indian Day, Memorial Day (observed), Fourth of July, Labor day, Thanksgiving, the day after (Friday), Christmas Eve thru New Years Day, and any day that Squaxin Island Tribal Center is closed.
Chinooks at White House Party, Then Lose Their Federal Recognition

By Linda Shaw, Seattle Times staff reporter

July 3, Gary Johnson traveled to the White House, invited to represent the Chinook tribe at a White House luncheon where President Bush spoke.

Two days later, as the tribal chairman and his wife shopped for gifts for friends and family back home, he got a call on his cellphone informing him the federal government no longer recognized the Chinook tribe.

"This is a disappointment and an outrage at the same time," said Dennis Whittlesey, attorney for the Chinook tribe.

It was the second time in the past three months that Bush administration officials have overturned last-minute Clinton administration decisions to recognize a Washington tribe. "This is a disappointment and an outrage at the same time," said Dennis Whittlesey, attorney for the Chinook tribe.

In May, the Duwamish tribe, based in Seattle, learned it would not get the tribal status approved in January 2001 by outgoing Clinton officials. The Interior Department announced its stripping of the Chinook tribe's recognition on July 5, which means its members won't have access to health, education, housing and other benefits it sought but had not yet received.

Neal McCaleb, the Interior Department's assistant secretary of Indian affairs, said the Chinooks failed to demonstrate three of seven criteria required to be acknowledged as a tribe.

He said the Chinooks failed to show they have maintained political influence over their members since historical times, that a predominant portion of their members comprise a distinct social community, and that outside observers have historically identified them as an Indian entity.

The decision came as a huge blow to the tribe, which has fought for nearly a quarter-century to gain federal recognition.

"To us, this is a very political decision," said Johnson, who traces his ancestors back to the 1850s. "We're just very frustrated and very angry. The thousands of pages that we have provided prove, beyond any doubt, the areas where they question tribal existence and tribal political authority."

"This is a legendary tribe," said Whittlesey. "It's the tribe that fed and clothed and housed the Lewis and Clark expedition and literally kept them alive.

"There is no tribe for which there is a more remarkable historical record than that of the Chinook tribe," said Stephen Dow Beckham, a history professor at Lewis and Clark College and the tribe's historian.

The two decisions were worrisome for tribes, said Frederick Ike, second vice president of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. "We believe the Bush administration is not friendly with the tribes," said Ike, of the Yakama Nation.

Beckham said more than 100 tribes nationwide are petitioning for federal recognition.

The Chinooks have lived in Southwest Washington along the mouth of the Columbia River since before the first European explorers arrived. They met the Lewis and Clark expedition in 1804 and are credited with helping the group survive the winter. The White House luncheon served to kick off the bicentennial celebration of the expedition; the Chinooks were one of several tribes invited to attend.

They now have about 2,000 members, though Johnson said that's not nearly the number of Chinook descendants who live in the area and would join if the tribe was recognized. The tribe owns roughly an acre of land in Southwest Washington, donated by a tribal member, and meets in an abandoned schoolhouse in the town named for them, Chinook.

Beckham and Whittlesey said the Chinooks' history is almost identical to the Cowlitz tribe, based in Longview, which received federal recognition in 2000.

They point to a 1931 U.S. Supreme Court case in which the Chinooks were named as a federally recognized tribe, and the fact that Chinook tribal members have land allotments on the Quinault reservation that are maintained to this day.

They have helped prepare thousands of pages of evidence to document the tribe's social and governmental continuity, including names of people who attended funerals and legal fights the tribe has waged over fishing rights, land claims and a criminal case in the 1950s in which an amateur artifact collector was found guilty of sacksing a Chinook burial ground.

But the staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs didn't find the record convincing. Clinton appointee Kevin Gover granted tribal recognition for the Chinook over staff objections.

The Chinook fight for recognition also was opposed by the Quinaults, a historical enemy. They argued that the Chinook tribe no longer exists, but the Chinooks argue that the Quinaults are threatened by the fact that Chinook tribal members were allotted large portions of the Quinault reservation in the 1800s when the federal government created a single reservation for six Southwest Washington tribes.

The Quinaults could not be reached for comment.

Johnson, the tribal chairman, said he has been frustrated with trying to document tribal continuity when the federal government has actively tried to disrupt it.

"The U.S. military drove our fishermen off our fishing grounds in the 1920s, and then they say we didn't maintain those village sites or maintain a tribal government there," he said.

"Well, how can you do that when you're pushed out of your territory and then they take my grandmother's generation and my father's and they send them off to Indian schools, and I think we all know the story of what that was about.

"It's almost a miracle that the Chinook have maintained as well as they have," Johnson believes the tribe also was hurt by the timing of its application, which came as groups based in the eastern United States sought recognition, with plans to open casinos.

The Chinooks have never discussed opening a casino, Johnson said. Their goal, he said, is tribal survival on traditional lands, which are 100 miles south of the Quinault reservation.

The Chinooks, like the Duwamish, can continue their fight in court, or in Congress, which also has the right to recognize tribes. In 1996, the Samish tribe successfully sued to gain tribal status after being denied by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Building Educational Excellence at American Indian Schools

Gale Norton / Secretary of the Interior, Submitted by Kevin Lyon - On a recent visit to the Santa Fe Indian School, I was struck by the symbolism at ceremonies marking a new chapter in the school's history.

I had joined tribal leaders to break ground for school buildings funded by $23 million in President Bush's 2002 budget. A new dormitory will be built with $15 million proposed in the President's 2003 budget.

When completed, the school, which now has 550 students, will serve about 1,200 children from 26 tribes, including the 19 New Mexico Pueblos, Jicarilla and Mescalero Apache Tribes and Navajo Nation.

The event also underscored preserving the past. The old school site, which we visited, and 24 original buildings qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. They will be preserved and transferred to the All-Indian Pueblo Council of New Mexico when the new school is finished.

The ceremonies reflected the school's role as a unique cultural institution that helps the tribes weave the traditions and accomplishments of older generations with the hopes and aspirations of younger ones.

Founded in 1889, Santa Fe Indian School was the first BIA school whose operations were turned over to the community, more than 25 years ago. Pueblo leaders provide political support and spiritual guidance, appointing the school board that oversees the superintendent.

The school is accredited by national and state associations, and graduates 88 percent of its students; seven out of 10 graduates receive higher education. Many return to put their education and experience to work for their tribes. As a Pueblo leader remarked, "Our educational program is a reflection of who we are as Indian people."

The Santa Fe Indian School's success rests on a strong sense of community, commitment to local control, and belief in the pursuit of excellence the same principles that guide President Bush's Indian Education Initiative. The President cares deeply about our children's education and is committed to closing the achievement gap so that no child will be left behind.

That means improving the quality of education in all 185 BIA schools, two-thirds of which are managed by tribal groups under grants or contracts. It means working with parents, teachers, administrators and school boards across Indian country. It means higher standards, higher expectations and greater accountability. Meeting these challenges won't be easy. Dramatic changes won't happen overnight.

All of us want to provide these students the opportunity and tools to achieve their full potential. The outcome we all seek is a brighter future for the 48,000 Indian children in BIA schools. And President Bush's Indian Education Initiative provides the tools to carry out this reform.

Providing safe schools is a first step. Many BIA schools have serious structural and mechanical problems that pose a health and safety threat and make learning difficult. The President's 2002 budget provided $293 million for BIA school construction, including $123 million for new buildings at Santa Fe and five other BIA schools and $61 million for major repair projects at 10 more. His 2003 budget calls for another $293 million for BIA school construction, including $120 million for new buildings at Santa Fe and five other schools. When these 12 replacement schools are completed, 4,200 Indian children will go to classes in new, adequately equipped and maintained buildings.

But it takes more than brick and mortar to build a student's mind. Improving academic achievement, the more complex challenge, is of paramount importance in the President's initiative. The effort supports the goals for BIA schools identified by Indian tribes, school boards, and educators.

Through increased budget support, curricula reform, information technology, and new education laws that provide parents greater involvement in their school's development, the President is providing American Indian communities the means to work with us to build educational excellence.

We are placing renewed emphasis on improving reading, math and science education, as well as the teaching of tribal languages and cultures, and expanding the use of educational technology.

All BIA schools now have Internet access and the BIA's Office of Indian Education Programs is giving teachers the knowledge, training and resources to use this information superhighway.

The President's No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 promotes higher academic standards; increased parental involvement and local control; expanded flexibility in using federal education funds; and program consolidation and streamlining. It also requires greater accountability for student progress and academic achievement, offers funding for what works and expands parental options for children in failing schools.

Under President Bush's Indian Education Initiative, integrating tradition with the modern world in the pursuit of educational excellence can become the standard at all BIA schools.
New Employees

Ken Brownfield
Hi, my name is Ken Brownfield. I am a new employee at the Kamilche Visitor Center. I was a trucker for the last 23 years and have lived in Mason County for 60+ years, so I can give directions pretty good. I enjoy talking to the people who come by so stop by and visit.

Kim Heller
Hi, my name is Kim Heller. Prior to coming to Squaxin Island, I was with a literacy company helping bring literacy programs to tribes throughout the United States. My background is primarily in accounting and I am happy to have the opportunity to use these skills once again.

I have two children. My daughter is currently a student at St. Martin's college and my son is in middle school. I enjoy gardening and interior design. I look forward to working with all of you.

Hey Cowboy, nice work on the business grounds landscaping!
Finally got your picture!

Help!
We lost our “Lady”
A very old black, brown and white Sheltie/Collie. She’s hard of hearing and has arthritis. If you’ve seen her, PLEASE Call Kim or Richard Burrow at 701-2935. Thank you!

Tribal Telephone Assistance

That’s right! You may be eligible for $1 per month telephone service (plus monthly fees and taxes). If you participate in one of the programs listed below call your local telephone company and ask about the Enhanced Tribal Lifeline Program.

- Are You Eligible?
  Head Start (those meeting the income requirements)
  Tribal TANF
  BIA-GA
  National School Free Lunch
  DSHS Chore Service
  SSI-disability
  TANF
  COPES
  Food Stamps
  State Family Assistance (GAUX)
  Medicaid or Medicare Cost Sharing Programs

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians – Economic Development Corporation
Tracey Rascon, Tribal Telephone Outreach Coordinator
P.O. Box 506
Nash Bay, WA 98357
Phone 360-645-2477 Fax 360-645-2477
E-mail traceyr@atniedc.com
**Tribal Council Resolutions**

02-50: Authorizes contracts with (1) McKesson HBOC Group Rental Agreement and (2) Express Scripts, Inc.

02-51: Supports the SPIPA funding proposal to the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, Office of Community Development, Community Services Facilities Program and authorizes the Tribe's management staff to administer jointly the grant dollars for the design and construction of the building if awarded.

02-52: Authorizes membership in the National Tribal Environmental General Council (NTEC) and designates Andy Whitener to serve as the delegate and Robert Whitener and Ray Peters to serve as the alternates.

02-53: Enrolls Tamie Rieoux.

02-54: Approves relinquishment of Dawn, Dustin and Tyler Barnwell to the Puyallup Tribe.

02-55: Approves relinquishment of Carrie and Nicole Hilla to the Puyallup Tribe.

02-56: Approves relinquishment of Paula, Anthony, Andrew and Raeanne LaFlame to the Puyallup Tribe.

02-57: Directs Council members to submit to drug test within 36 hours of annual General Body meetings.

02-58: Approves the Intertribal TANF Plan and authorizes SPIPA to submit, negotiate, execute and administer with the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families on behalf of the Tribe from August 1, 2002 through July 31, 2005.

02-59: Adopts a document describing the role and responsibilities of the Advisory Committee for the residential treatment program.

02-60: Commits to allocating no less than $1,665,000 for the purpose of completing the Squaxin Island Child Development Center from cash reserves, proceeds from its commercial operations or from commercial bank borrowings or a combination of all three in addition to the commitment from a Rural Development Administration grant of $335,000.

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**Congratulations**  
Dodie Nelson!!!

Dodie graduated from Chehalis Community College on June 15th, and is currently employed at the Chehalis Tribal Center. She plans to continue her education and would like to eventually become an Office Assistant.

Dodie wants everyone to know that she appreciated her achievement being recognized at the Sgwi Gwi Celebration. She put her award certificate in her resume notebook and is enjoying the vest she received as a gift. She says she also greatly appreciates all the support she has received from the Tribe.

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Happy 13th Birthday  
Lisa Fawne  
We Love You!  
Mom, Dad, Brother,  
Grandma and Grandpa,  
Auntie Ton and Kids
**C O M M U N I T Y**

**Congratulations Newlyweds!!!**

Vince Henry and Jade Yost

Vince Henry and Jade Yost were married on Saturday, July 29th at 3:00 at Chapel of Grace in Olympia. The reception was held at St. Edwards Parish Hall in Shelton. The bride is the daughter of Michael Yost of Shelton and the late Belinda Yost of Shelton. She graduated from Shelton High School in 1998. She is employed by Zingaro’s Espresso.

The groom is the son of Vince Henry Sr. and adopted by Barbara Henry. He attended Shelton High School and is employed by Little Creek Casino.

**Church**

Tuesday Nights at 7:30

**Good News Book Club**

Saturday Mornings at 10:30

**NWITC Youth Recovery Services**

is inviting youth 13-18 years old to participate in drug and alcohol awareness classes held each Monday from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Group Room downstairs at the health clinic.

For more information contact Jenny Castaneto 432-3913 or stop in any time.

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**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.

Congratulations Vinny (Auggie my son, my son Sr.) and Margaret on your 6th wedding anniversary, Love, Mom and the Whole Family

Late Happy Birthday Malia
Love,
Gramma, Bro Dump, Jade and Family
(the Whole Henry Clan)

Happy Belated Birthday Marvin Sr.
(July 27th)
Love You,
Your Elder Sister Barb and Family
(the Whole Henry Clan)

Happy Birthday Roy
Love,
Mom, Sisters, Brothers and the rest of the family

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Love,
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### Happy Birthday!

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- Darla Whitener: 8/1
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- Tyrone Seymour: 8/4
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- Leighton Case: 8/4
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- David Johns: 8/7
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August Youth Activities

Squaxin Island Tribe
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Shelton, WA 98584