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COMPLIMENTARY

Squaxin Island Tribe and Fire District 4 Announce Agreement for new Fire Hall

The Squaxin Island Tribe and Mason County Fire Protection District 4 have reached an agreement to build a new, \$1 million fire station near the intersection of U.S. 101 and Highway 108.

The venture was announced Monday, December 9 at a meeting of fire officials at Little Creek Casino.

According to the agreement, the Tribe will contribute \$500,000 for the new station, as well as the land on which it will be built. The Tribe will raise these funds through the Little Creek Casino 2% Charitable Contribution Fund (a requirement of the state/tribal compact which already supports operations at the fire station) and submission of grant applications.

The district will waive firefighting and emergency medical services costs over 25 years and foot the remainder of the bill, but will not need a bond levy to raise the money.

"This is a perfect example of how government-to-government cooperation should work," said Ray Peters, Executive Director of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

A small truck barn on Little Creek Casino grounds currently houses several District 4 fire trucks.

Since the 1970s, the tribe has leased the barn to Fire District 4 for \$1 a year.

"The Tribe has had a relationship with the fire district for 30 years," Squaxin Island Tribe Executive Director Ray Peters said.

An exact location for the new station is yet to be determined, but it will be within a quarter-mile of the U.S. 101-Highway 108 intersection.

The closest manned station to the casino is about five miles away.

The new station will provide emergency services to the Tribe's residential community and tribal facilities including Little Creek Casino and other enterprises, as well as the surrounding area. This is one of the fastest-growing parts of Mason County, according to Todd Boysen, a District 4 com-

Mason County Assistant Fire Chief Bob Burbridge (right) is working with a team from the Squaxin Island Tribe, including tribal chairman Dave Lopeman (left) and executive director Ray Peters, to improve fire protection in anticipation of growth in the area. Mason County has a longstanding relationship with the tribe, Burbridge said.



Photo by Mike Salisbury/The Olympian

missioner.

District 4 takes in about 100 square miles, roughly bounded by the Thurston and Grays Harbor county lines, state Route 3 and Puget Sound.

In the past decade, call volume to District 4 has increased 154 percent and will likely reach 800 calls this year, with the majority of the increase taking place within the U.S. Highway 101 corridor.

Fire District 4 has six manned stations, with five full- or part-time employees and a crew of 45 volunteer firefighters.

The district's \$250,000 share of the station costs has been raised by regular contributions to a capital investment fund, Boysen said.

"Being able to waive the fees for emergency services will be an incredible savings to the Tribe," Ray Peters said.

The new building, which the district and Tribe hope to have ready by the middle of 2004, will have quarters for up to six resident firefighters, training facilities for up to 100 students, room for four emergency vehicles, and administrative offices. Boysen said it could eventually become the headquarters for District 4.

Boysen predicted that having such a state-of-the-art facility will benefit the rest of Mason County and its neighbors in addition to serving the casino grounds and surroundings.

"This is going to benefit everybody," Boysen said.

Dave Wheeler, the regional director of the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association, said the deal should serve as a model for future agreements between local tribes and the fire districts that cover them. Fire districts have increasingly limited options for raising revenue in the current political climate, Wheeler said.

"We all know that financing for fire districts is in trouble," Wheeler said. "We need to find creative ways to keep providing the services that people need."

Ray Peters added, "This is a really great opportunity to make sure the health and welfare of our people are taken care of as we continue to grow, not just the Tribe, but the whole community of Mason County as well. Without this agreement, we would not be able to seek out funds for this type of project."

Merry  Christmas



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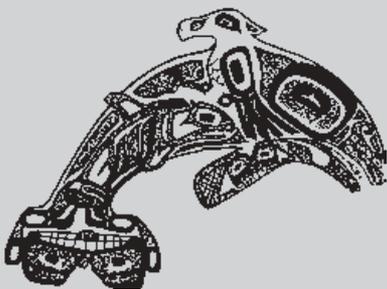
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COMMUNITY



Power of the People

By Will Penn - It is true that we do have the power. For instance, if you like everything the way it is, then its by your agreement that everything is fine. Often when we voice our concerns, or when we disagree, we find that we are not alone. In the community in which we live and work, the people have the power to change what we feel should be changed. Now for instance, say we have an issue on taxes, enrollment procedures, how the general body meeting is conducted or laws, it is by our choice and our agreements that we can make changes. This is given to us by the power of our constitution.

I would like to suggest that we have a community meeting before the annual general body meeting to discuss our issues and concerns. I have scheduled the Mary Johns Annex for Saturday, January 11th to hold a community meeting. I hope to see you all there.



Direct Descendents

The topic of direct descendents has generated interest, questions and concern. Several questions have been posed for consideration. None have been answered to the complete satisfaction of all concerned or involved. Additional questions have arisen and are worth our consideration.

QUESTIONS:

1. How would the Tribe benefit if, as a direct descendent, I were enrolled?
2. What can I offer to this Tribe and community as an enrolled member?

Many thoughts come to mind when contemplating the subject of Indian identity; assimilation being one of them. If you have comments on DIRECT DESCENDENTS contact Dave W. Whitener, Sr. You may e-mail to dwhitener@squaxin.nsn.us or phone 432-3901 or write Squaxin Island Tribe 70 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton WA 98584.

What is a "Real" Indian?

By R. Andrew Hunt, MSW
Kwawatchee Counseling Center
Puyallup Tribal Health Authority
Submitted by Lori Hoskins

Hi! I'm Andy Hunt. I began working at PTHA in March and I am very excited to be here. In the past I have worked as a counselor at the Seattle Indian Health Board and for the Coquille Indian Tribe in Coos Bay, Oregon. I am a member of the Lumbee Indian Tribe of North Carolina. Lumbees are the largest "non-federally recognized" tribe in the country, with over 40,000 enrolled members. We have been recognized by the state of North Carolina for over 100 years, and have been struggling to get federal recognition for just as long. We have had a bill in Congress every session for the last 25 years.

Something that is very important to me in counseling Native Americans is the role of our identity, in other words, how we see ourselves as native people. I feel it is important to foster a sense of positive Indian identity to promote true wellness, and I'd like to share some of my personal experience.

I grew up a "half-breed" Lumbee in suburbia far from my tribal home in North Carolina. I learned about Indian people through television, movies, and inaccurate history books. Therefore, I never thought of myself as a "real" Indian. "Real" Indians had long hair, lived in tepees, and wore moccasins. "Real" Indians spoke Indian so when they spoke English it sounded like Tonto. I always thought that's how real Indians looked, acted, and spoke. I knew I couldn't be a "real" Indian since I had short hair, lived in a nice house, wore sneakers, jeans and T-shirts, and spoke only English. While in graduate school I met other Indian people who didn't fit my image of "real" Indians either. I realized that Indians are a varied group of people. Yet we all have been affected by and to some extent have internalized society's distorted view of Indians.

In reality, Indians have short or long hair. We live in tepees, igloos, hogans, and corrugated tin shacks, mobile homes, or brick houses. Real Indians wear moccasins, mukluks, sneakers, loafers, high heels or combat boots. We wear beaded buckskin clothes, jeans and T-shirts, suits and ties or



silk dresses. Real Indians speak their native language fluently, or just a little, or they may speak only English, Spanish or whatever language is appropriate to where they live. We are all real Indians if we are recognized by our tribal government and people in the community. As an elder once told me: "Being Indian is about what is in your heart and your spirit, not about blood quantum or how you dress."

A good identity as a Native American will give you the strength to get through a lot of things in life. So, if you are confused about being a "real" Indian like I was, I suggest you seek out the wisdom of your elders and family members, and feel free to bring up these issues with a counselor.

Don't Miss It!

Happy holidays. It has been a busy season for me since I am writing, producing and hosting a documentary on SPRINGER, the orphaned orca that was captured here in Puget Sound this past summer and transported back to her native Canadian waters. You probably remember all the stories on her... anyway, it's a real labor of love and it airs this SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 at 10 PM ... on KIRO 7 of course. It has some wonderful moments featuring Native Americans who came out to sing her a safe journey home...and then when the First Nation people were waiting when she arrived in Canada to greet her with a special ceremony and music.

Please try to watch if you can...and pass on the word to others who might be interested. Big hugs,

Penny LeGate
(email to Rhonda Foster)



Native American Astronaut Was Awestruck after Spacewalk

After completing three spacewalks in five days, astronaut John Herrington finally got a chance to relax and reflect on what it was like to hurtle around Earth at 17,500 mph outside his spaceship. He couldn't help but think: "That's a loooong way down."

Herrington said he was somewhat intimidated by the fact that at any moment, he might find himself in uncontrollable motion and break away from the international space station, which would be "a bad thing."

"So I was always constantly on guard that I was maintaining the best control I could and that I had my proper tether protocol," he said. "But it was very awe-inspiring. It's a beautiful sight to look down and see the Earth from this altitude."

Herrington, the first American Indian in space and a member of the Chickasaw Nation, helped NASA get a stalled space station railcar moving again during his final spacewalk of the mission Saturday. In his two earlier outings, he helped install a \$390 million station girder that was delivered by space shuttle Endeavour.

In an interview with Indian Country Today, Herrington said the first time he looked out Endeavour's windows after blasting off Nov. 23, he was amazed at how massive the Earth was and how minute the atmosphere. It made him realize "how insignificant we are in the great scheme of things."

"In the spiritual sense, it makes me appreciate how grand the grand scheme is of Mother Earth," he said.

Herrington said he carefully chose a variety of American Indian objects to take into space: eagle feathers, wooden flutes, arrowheads, braided sweet grass "that I think represents a lot of the spiritual sense that we all feel."

He wanted to take tobacco, too, because of its purifying value, but NASA said no. The 44-year-old astronaut, a Navy pilot, said he recognized NASA's position on banning tobacco aboard spacecraft, but noted: "A lot of folks don't realize that we do use it in a spiritual sense."

In fact, just before launch, Herrington said he and a good friend "smudged" outside NASA crew quarters, waving smoke from burning leaves onto themselves for purification.

Just For Fun Fly Me to The Moon

When NASA was preparing for the Apollo Project, it took the astronauts to a Navajo reservation in Arizona for training.

One day, a Navajo elder and his son came across the space crew walking among the rocks. The elder, who spoke only Navajo, asked a question. His son translated for the NASA people: "What are these guys in the big suits doing?" One of the astronauts said that they were practicing for a trip to the moon.

When his son relayed this comment the Navajo elder got all excited and asked if it would be possible to give to the astronauts a message to deliver to the moon. Recognizing a promotional opportunity when he saw one, a NASA official accompanying the astronauts said, "Why ... certainly!" and told an underling to get a tape recorder.

The Navajo elder's comments into the microphone were brief. The NASA official asked the son if he would translate what his father had said. The son listened to the recording and laughed uproariously. But he refused to translate. So the NASA people took the tape to a nearby Navajo village and played it for other members of the tribe. They too laughed long and loudly but also refused to translate the elder's message to the moon.

Finally, an official government translator was summoned. After he finally stopped laughing, the translator relayed the message: "Watch out for these guys. They have come to steal your land."





NATURAL RESOURCES



Squaxin Island Tribe October 2001-September 2002 State of Our Waters Report

John Konovsky, Biologist - Rain usually starts falling in October. Since it is traditionally considered the start of the "water year," I thought it might be a good time to reflect on the past year.

Overall, pollution continues to be a problem in most of the streams, wetlands, and marine waters in the Treaty fishing area. While the pollution sources are generally not highly toxic industrial wastes, they still dirty our water.

The sources of the pollution are generally not big pipes spewing waste. Most often its smaller things like urban stormwater runoff, failing septic systems, poor forestry practices, or livestock too close to the water. Eliminating these "nonpoint" pollution sources involves a change in human behavior which is often difficult to accomplish.

Outside timberlands, much of the problem is driven by continued growth in area population. Once pavement and roof area accounts for more than 15% of the land surface area, there is little hope of achieving water quality levels sufficient to support healthy fish runs.

The good news is that the area surrounding most Treaty streams is still relatively undeveloped. This means that with continued effort, we may eventually turn our water quality around. One day fish may be more abundant and shellfish harvest less restricted.

Oakland Bay Drainages

The Washington State Department of Health monitors the level of fecal coliform bacteria in the marine waters of Oakland Bay. They sample 14 stations throughout the bay monthly to see if the water meets state and federal quality standards. If it does not, further restriction of shellfish harvest is probable. Right now, no harvest is permitted for five days when more than one inch of rain falls within 24 hours.

The immediate pollution problem is at Station 129, located right near the mouths of Cranberry and Deer Creeks. It is very close to being out of compliance with the water quality standards.

The Natural Resources Department

has been sampling the seven named streams that drain into Oakland Bay to try and identify the sources of the pollution. The highest levels we found are in Uncle John and Campbell Creeks. They drain into Chapman Cove, but it is unlikely these bacteria drift to Station 129. So the question of the sources of the pollution remains.

The Natural Resources Department is working with Mason County and the Washington State Department of Ecology to increase the number of water quality samples we take. Perhaps with more information, we will be able to isolate the sources of the pollution problem.

Summer stream water is too warm and too low for salmon and trout. The Natural Resources Department has checked summer stream temperatures and stream flows for several years. Warm stream temperatures may be caused by low flows and are unhealthy for salmon and trout.

Water temperature has been measured in Campbell, Uncle John, Malaney, Deer, Cranberry, Johns, Goldsborough, Mill, Little Skookum and Skookum Creeks. Flows have been measured in Cranberry, Johns, Goldsborough, Mill, and Skookum Creeks.

More often than not, summer stream water temperatures exceed EPA

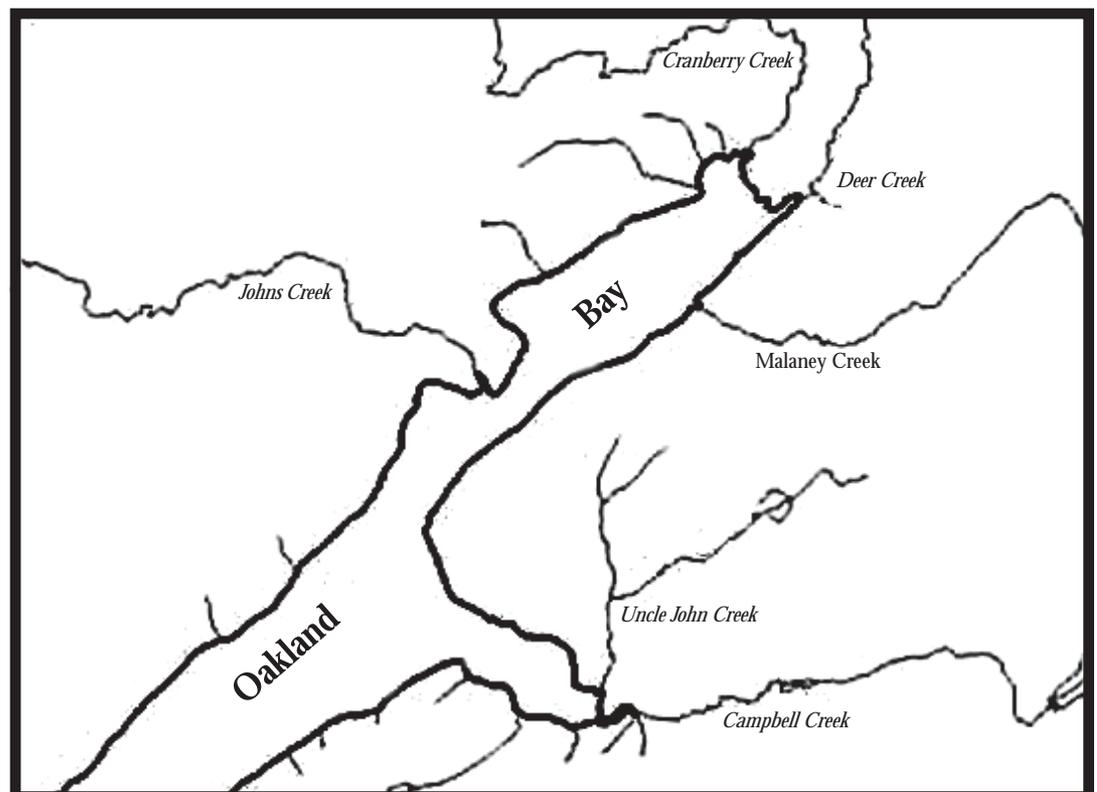
guidelines and pose a significant risk of injury to fish. Continued Tribal investigation into the causes is necessary to protect Tribal natural resources.

New guidance from the Environmental Protection Agency lists water temperatures by life stage that fish need during summer and early fall months.

Summer stream flows almost always fall below levels set by the State of Washington. Even if the streams met these State flow standards, that might not be enough to provide sufficient, cool water and habitat to sustain Tribal fish needs. Natural Resources is beginning to investigate in more detail how much water is necessary to meet Tribal needs.

<i>Salmon or Trout Stage</i>	<i>Water Temperature</i>
Spawning	<55 degrees F
Rearing	<61 degrees F
Migration	<64 degrees F

Water pollution from fecal coliform bacteria continues to threaten a downgrade of Oakland Bay shellfish harvest.





Attention Tribal Members Interested in the Higher Education Program

Are you thinking about taking college courses or attending college in the 2003-2004 school year?

Are you an enrolled Squaxin Island Tribal member?

Do you need additional financial support to help you through school?

If so, you may qualify for funding through the Squaxin Island Higher Education Program. For more information you can contact Walt Archer at 432-3826, or you can pick up an application from the Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center. Applications must be submitted to the Education Commission no later than February 15, 2003.

Learning Center Holiday Closure

The Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center will be closed January 2nd and 3rd. TLC Staff will return to work on Monday, January 6, 2003. The Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center wishes everyone a joyous and happy Holiday Season. We look forward to seeing you in 2003.

Learning Center Staff Hours

The Tu Ha' Buts Learning Center staff is available during the following hours:

Kim Cooper, Director
8:30 – 5:00 432-3904

Mark Snyder, Youth Coordinator
9:30 – 6:00 432-3872

Walt Archer, Education Liaison
7:30 – 4:00 432-3826

Lisa Evans, Administrative Asst.
8:30 – 5:00 432-3882

Sally Scout-Moore, Cultural Act. Asst.
12:00 – 8:00 432-3882 (Wed.-Sat.)

Learning Center Update

Since December is a very short month for the TLC staff, we have been working very hard to prepare for the Christmas Party and Holiday Basketball Tournament. The Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 20th (Look for an article and pictures in next month's issue). Basketball practice is held on Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:00 for 6th grade and under. Practice for 7th Grade and up is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 4:30-6:00.

Unfortunately, we were forced to close the computer lab due to vandalism and misuse of the education software. Current plans are to open the computer lab in January to those students doing homework or research. If things go well during January, we will allow the use of educational software again in February. If we have any more problems with vandalism or misuse of software we will close the lab immediately.

Staff has had several meetings this month with Shelton High School to discuss service improvements. We have been meeting with Wa He Lut staff to discuss problems that have been occurring on the bus and hope to see a resolution to these problems soon. Please contact TLC staff if your child is experiencing any problems on the bus or at the bus stops. Your input is needed and appreciated.

**Happy Birthday to My Beautiful
Wife for Life
Love,
Your Huz Vinny and all Our Kids**



Cultural Activities Update

Hello, My Name is Sally Scout-Moore and my title for the Tribe is Cultural Youth Assistant. My job is to help the youth learn about and identify with their Heritage.

Since September, I have been working hard on gathering information about the Puget Sound Tribes. Later in the year I plan to learn and teach how to weave with cedar and the significance that this tree has to your people, as well as how to make Dance Robes, sing songs and dance your dances.

I feel the Tribes across the U.S. are all related; we are Brothers and Sisters. We should understand each other and cross our personal barriers. So I have included other curriculum that includes Plains culture with beading and leatherwork; Southwest using pottery; and a little Southeast using reeds or cattails for weaving. I also made plans to meet with cultural leaders such as the elders, the Heritage Committee members and the museum staff this month to get their input, ideas and activity's that focus on the lower Puget Sound Indian way of life as our ancestors lived it.

Recently I have been working on gathering youth from the community to form a Teen Council. There has been a great turn out and our youth have expressed their needs and concerns for the community. They are all very willing and have great ideas. I am really excited about what our youth have to offer.

I am very honored to have this title and appreciate your support. With my work I have learned a great deal of appreciation and patience and love for our youth. I want them to succeed in life for these are our future leaders.

Thank You,
Sally Scout-Moore





Brandon Turner



Brandon Chase Turner a Squaxin Island Tribal member, longtime Aberdeen resident and four year resident of Shelton, died on Thursday, November 28, at Mason General Hospital. He was 17.

He was born June 28, 1985 in Aberdeen to Trevor Briggs and Vicky Turner.

He was a junior at Shelton High School. He loved the outdoors: fishing, hunting, clam digging and gardening. He was a top speller at Montesano and a member of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps there. He was also known as a natural comedian, his family said.

Survivors include his father, Trevor Briggs and his wife Christine of Washington; mother Vicky Turner of Aberdeen; foster parents Nancy Barker and Russel and Jackie Cooper of Shelton; brothers John Briggs of Washington and Roger Hartung Jr. of Shelton; sister Christy Briggs of Washington; grandparents George and Billie Briggs of Montesano, and Mabel Seymour and Louis Denney of Shelton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.



A funeral service was held at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center on Wednesday, December 4. Burial was Thursday, December 5, at Fern Hill Cemetery in Aberdeen.

Memorials may be made to the Squaxin Youth Prevention Program, 70 SE Squaxin Lane, Shelton, 98584. Arrangements are under the direction of McComb Funeral Home in Shelton.

We Will Miss Him

*When she took him in
As one of her own,
He knew this had to be
His new home.*

*He felt the love
She has in her heart,
Enough that would
Never split them apart.*

*If he needed more
None of us knew,
He didn't even
Leave us a clue.*

*And he always did
For you and me,
But God decided
He needed to be.*

*So when he left us
Later that night,
He went to heaven
Without a fight.*

*Yes,
We will miss him
Very much.
But God will always
Keep us in touch.*

By Lydia Algea
November 29, 2002





Some Words of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone from the Health Clinic who helped with the dinner after Brandon's funeral. The flowers were very pretty B.J.

I can not express my love and gratitude enough to my daughter's, Rachael and Theresa Lee for all the Love and Support they gave me and the kids during this hard time for us. You were there for us everyday and night and we will never forget it. This is what being a family is all about, being there through the good times as well as the bad ones. I don't know what I would have done without you.

Shelley, thank you for being there for me. You did a wonderful job on the pamphlets. You have always been here for me when I needed you. You are my calm in the storm and my best friend.

- Nancy Barker

Planning for Parent Support

Parenting is too exciting to keep to yourself. A small group of parents will begin planning for a parent support group to start early next year.

Terri Capoeman has volunteered to chair the start-up planning group. "We don't know what it is going to look like, we just know it takes a tribe to raise a child". Sharing parenting stories, learning about resources, developing play groups, child care exchange, inviting guest speakers, sharing teen years survival strategies, supporting school success, exploring activity based education models, parenting skill building opportunities, field trips, play ground development, parent advocacy and policy input are just a few of the possibilities. The importance of dads in their children's lives will not be forgotten. ICW and the Learning Center could be asked for staff support. "Parenting is a big job, it helps when it is a team effort".

A brown bag lunch planning session will be held in the health clinic conference room noon Friday, January 8th 2003. Parents or any interested persons with a stake in the future are encouraged to attend.



New Employee



Jason Todd Computer Technician

Hi, my name is Jason Todd. I work in the Department of Information Services as a Computer Technician. Before coming to work with the Squaxin Island Tribe, I worked for two years with the Skokomish Tribe. For eight months I have been contracted here at Squaxin Island, and I am very excited about becoming a full time part of the DIS team. I look forward to continuing to serve the Tribe to the best of my ability, and most of all, to have the chance to meet and work with everyone here. Thanks for having me.

xʷəłšucid Update

The xʷəłšucid "Drop-In" sessions are ongoing. Join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays between Noon & 3:00 in the Museum Classroom. Come for all or only part of the sessions. Participants are encouraged to take the language out of the classroom and begin living it. If you would like to share in the revival of the traditional language of the Squaxin Island people, bring small phrases and single words you use repeatedly throughout the week in a variety of places. I will help you pronounce the xʷəłšucid equivalencies.

I am also available to tutor individuals and small groups. The Planning Department, Education Department and The Northwest Indian Treatment Center have taken advantage of this opportunity. Please call me to schedule tutoring sessions. (426-0041 or 490-2720).

Are you interested in becoming a "Language Keeper?" The Education Department is looking for community members who will be committed to learning xʷəłšucid and "keeping" it for the Squaxin Island Tribe. As levels of fluency are achieved, these people will be called upon to assist others with xʷəłšucid during project sessions and gatherings. If you would like to see if this fits with you, please call the Education Department.

The computers in the Museum have xʷəłšucid program games for you to explore. Come try your hand at this!



The Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center (MLRC) is now open.

The hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Costs are \$5.00 for adults, \$4.00 for Seniors, \$2.00 for students and children under 12. Children under 5 get in free. Mondays and Tuesdays are available for school and other group arrangements. Interested groups may also rent the facilities on a fee basis. Memberships are now on sale.

Currently, the MLRC is hosting the "Pacific Rim Artist Exhibit" put together by The Evergreen State College. It is a stunning exhibit of quality indigenous art and is definitely worth seeing. The exhibit will run through January 31, 2002.

The next temporary exhibit will be a Weaving exhibit which will be accompanied by weaving demonstrations and workshops beginning February 1, 2002. Watch for upcoming announcements.

Those interested in archeology will be hard pressed to pass on the Mud Bay exhibit featuring artifacts and objects from the Archeological Site at Mud Bay. Many date back 500 years or more.

A must see is the six (seventh coming February 1) graphic panels representing the inlets of South Puget Sound. Combined with creative graphic images, historic and contemporary photo's and text, the panels are a visual pleasure for all to see. The seven inlets represent the original bands of tribal people that now make up the Squaxin Island Tribe.

We invite you all to come and see the MLRC, to meet the staff and visit our gift gallery. Although in its infancy, the gift gallery inventory will soon be well-rounded featuring Northwest Native Wear, cards, and Native artwork. There is a 10% Discount to all museum members.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The MLRC is hosting Lushootseed Language Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Non-community guests will be asked to pay a nominal fee for attending.

Storytelling with Bruce Miller

December 21 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Storytelling with Cecil Cheeka

December 27th, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Cecil will be telling stories he learned them from his mother, Joyce Cheeka who lived on Squaxin Island.

Salish Weaving Exhibit

On February 1, 2003, the MLRC will proudly open the Coast Salish Weaving Exhibit which will run through June 30, 2003.

International Wetlands Conference

On April 1, 2003, the MLRC will be co-hosting an International Wetlands Conference coordinated by Dr. Dale Croes from the South Puget Sound Community College. The conference will feature wetland artifacts on display here from several museums throughout the world. The conference will run through April 4th.

Watch for other upcoming announcements.

Call if you have any questions.

Charlene Krise, Executive Director
360.432.3851 or 432.3853

Dale Clark, Development Officer
360.432.3853

Admission is free to all Tribal members!

Christmas Shopping Made Easy



Denny Hurtado

The MLRC Gift Shop is full of great gift ideas. Stop by and fill up Santa's bag!





Tribal Artists Beautify the MLRC Storytelling Circle

Tribal member/artist Mike Krise has designed the artwork that will beautify the MLRC storytelling circle. It depicts the salmon people “that give life to the Squaxin Island Tribe: Chinook, Coho and Chum.”

Mike is being assisted by young tribal artists Bob Koshiway, Ed Thomas, Red Wolf Krise and Sam Castellane.

Make sure to stop by and check it out. It's fantastic!!!



Tribes Urge Public to Heed Water Problems

The Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission called for citizens of the state to take heed of a report by the World Water Council (WWC) that named the United States the most inefficient water user of 147 countries studied.

“The report does not surprise me,” said Billy Frank, Jr., chairman of the NWIFC.

“The tribes have told people repeatedly that water is a critical resource that cannot be taken for granted. It is needed, in the streams and rivers, to sustain fish and wildlife as well as every living being in the Pacific Northwest. Yet there never seems to be an end to the increasing demand for it by municipalities, developers and the agriculture industry. They consistently demand more quantity, just as they persistently poison what's left with everything from pesticides to sewage discharge,” he said.

“Water shortages and water borne illnesses kill millions of people and even more animals in the world every year. This is a very serious issue. These tendencies to demand and pollute more water, and to fail to be efficient are jeopardizing the health of everyone who lives here, and yet local, state and federal governments have failed to do much about it. In effect, the state has encouraged it,” he said, citing water bills

that have emanated from the state legislature over the past few years.

“People who want to take a stand for good health and quality of life must speak out and be heard on this issue,” said Frank. “The tribes are working on it, by demanding that treaty rights related to instream flows be protected, but we can't do it alone,” he said.

Tribal leaders are putting the final touches on a series of guiding principles they believe the state must abide by to be in concert with tribal water rights. It is anticipated the principles will be published in January, along with a concerted effort to inform and educate the Governor's Office, legislators and public about these rights, as well as continue efforts to encourage the state to enforce water law.

“The Attorney General's recently published report regarding federally reserved water rights falls well short of the mark,” said Frank. “Tribes are senior water right holders in this state, and the retention of water in streams and rivers for fish and wildlife is our most pressing environmental issue. Tribes will not be ignored or pushed aside on this,” he said. “Nor should other people.”

Tribal task forces are following through on the guiding principles and related objectives initiated by the tribal water summit, focusing on legislative, public relations, technical and legal options.

“We really want to encourage people to get involved with this issue, by letting their legislative and other government officials know how they feel,” said Frank.





Myths About Domestic Violence

MYTH: Domestic violence occurs only in poor, uneducated, minority or dysfunctional families.

FACT: There are doctors, ministers, psychologists, judges and persons from all professions who batter or are battered. About half of the couples in this country experience violence at some time in their relationship.

MYTH: Battering is about couples getting into a brawl on Saturday night and beating each other up.

FACT: In domestic assaults, one partner is typically beating, intimidating and terrorizing the other. It's not "mutual combat" or two people in a fistfight. It's one person dominating and controlling the other.

MYTH: When there is violence in the family, all members of the family are participating in the arrangement, and therefore all must change for the violence to stop.

FACT: Only the perpetrator has the ability to stop the violence. Changes in the behavior of other family members will not stop the abuse.

MYTH: Domestic violence is often a one-time event.

FACT: Battering is typically part of a pattern, a reign of force and terror. Once the violence has begun, it usually gets worse and more frequent and is one of many tactics, which could include threats, intimidation and deprivation.

MYTH: Persons who batter have poor impulse control or are stressed.

FACT: Batterers are usually not violent in any relationship except those with their spouse/partner and children. Batterers who are stressed at work do not beat their co-workers or boss. Sixty percent of battered women are deliberately beaten while they are pregnant, often in the stomach. Many assaults last for hours. Many are planned.

MYTH: Drinking causes battering.

FACT: This is often used as an excuse for the battering. Alcohol abuse and domestic violence are separate problems and need to be addressed separately.

MYTH: If a battered woman wanted to leave, she would just go.

FACT: Battered women who consider leaving their partner are often faced with the increased possibility of severe physical injury or death. Batterers deliberately isolate their partners and deprive them of jobs and/or an education. This, combined with unequal opportunities for women in general and the shortage of affordable childcare can make it exceedingly difficult for women to leave.

If you or someone you know needs help, I might be able to help. I believe that sometimes we just need someone who will allow us to vent. I'm not going to tell you what to do; I'm here to listen. If I can't help, I will find someone who can. If you would like to make an appointment, call Gloria Hill at the Squaxin Island Health Clinic, 427-9006 or on my direct line, 432-3927. You could also just stop by my office downstairs or I could meet you somewhere if that is better.

All calls are kept confidential.

Special Thanks to the Budget Committee

I would like to give special thanks for helping out with the funding for the Thanksgiving baskets. I know you had to look for other sources to cover this for our tribal community. They really appreciated it. Thanks again - Marcella Castro.

Special Thanks to Little Creek Casino

I would like to thank Little Creek Casino for helping out the Tribe's Food Bank through your food drive. It helps us out so much and I want you to know its appreciated. Thanks again - Marcella Castro.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO CONNIE, DARLENE, AND
LEANORA
LOVE,
BEV

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO MY DEANNA MARY
JANUARY 9TH
MERRY CHRISTMAS DAUGHTER.
LOVE YOU SWEETIE!
FROM MOM
AND ALL THOSE BROTHERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAD (CHRIS)
FROM YOUR TRIBE,
LENNY, MIKE, JOHN,
JOEY AND DEANNA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO MY NUMBER ONE SON, LENNY
LOVE,
MOM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
BIG BROTHER LENNY
FROM,
MIKE, JOHN, JOEY,
DEANNA & ANTONE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
SANTANA LEE MESPLIE SANCHEZ
JANUARY 20TH
LOVE,
MOM, BOTHERS AND SISTERS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TRACI LOPEMAN
JANUARY 21
LOVE,
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SENIOR LUNCHEES AND TRIBAL EVENTS

		1	2 <i>Cook's Choice</i>	3 Housing Commission @ Island Enterprises 9:00 - Noon	4 Good News Book Club 10:30	
5	6 <i>Chalupa</i> Shellfish Mtg. @ 9:00	7 Church 7:30 Court	8 <i>Scalloped Potatoes and Ham</i> Aquatics Meeting 9:00 Bingo @ 6:45	9 <i>Beef Stroganoff</i> Tribal Council Scrapbooking @ 1:00	10 AA Meeting 7:30	11 Good News Book Club 10:30
12	13 <i>Hamburgers</i>	14 Church 7:30	15 <i>Pot Roast</i> Bingo @ 6:45	16 <i>Taco Salad</i> Tribal Council Sr. Mtg. @1:00 Sr. Room Scrapbooking @ 1:00	17 AA Meeting 7:30	18 Good News Book Club 10:30
19	20 <i>Lasagna</i>	21 Court Church 7:30	22 <i>Chicken & Rice Pilaf</i> Bingo @ 6:45	23 <i>French Dip</i> Scrapbooking @ 1:00	24 AA Meeting 7:30	25 Good News Book Club 10:30
26	27 <i>Navy Bean Soup and Sandwich</i>	28 Church 7:30	29 <i>Cook's Choice</i>	30 <i>Homemade Pizza</i>	31	

Happy Birthday!

Jessica Solano	1/1	Stephanie Peters	1/10	Traci Lopeman	1/21
Nancy Moore	1/1	Natasha Gamber-Chakos	1/11	Shawnell Lynn McFarlane	1/22
Patrick Braese	1/2	Cassidy Gott	1/11	Kahsai Riefel Gamber	1/22
Tory Hagmann	1/2	Patricia Green	1/11	Guy Cain	1/23
Mary Garrett	1/4	Darlene Shelton	1/12	Linda Peters	1/23
Two Hawks Krise Young	1/5	Marvin Campbell	1/13	Dawn Sasticum	1/23
Holly Henderson	1/5	Connie Plumb	1/13	Miguel Saenz-Garcia	1/24
Christopher Stewert	1/5	Sheena Glover	1/14	Margaret Seymour-Henry	1/25
David Whitener, Sr.	1/6	Carrie Smith	1/14	Robert Bucher	1/26
Sherry Whitener Haskett	1/6	Kayla Peters	1/15	Dakota Hodge	1/26
Lincoln Villanueva	1/6	Shelby Riley	1/16	Guy Cain	1/27
Melissa Whitener	1/7	Whitney Jones	1/17	Amanda Larios	1/27
Charlene Blueback	1/7	Leanora Cruz	1/17	Cheryl Melton	1/27
Shila Blueback	1/8	Barbara Cleveland	1/17	Rebeckah Ford	1/28
Francis Cooper, Jr.	1/8	Tristen Coley	1/17	Sharleina Henry	1/29
Meloney Hause	1/8	John Ackerman	1/18	John Parker	1/30
Janita Meyer	1/9	David Dorland	1/18	Nikolai Cooper	1/31
Paula LaFlame	1/9	Lorna Gouin	1/18	Alicia Obi	1/31
Deanna Hawks	1/9	Santana Sanchez	1/20	Brandon Stewert	1/31
Isaac Ackerman	1/10	Leonard Hawks III	1/20		

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