2013 Summer Youth Employment Training!

Seeking Squaxin Island Youth 
Age 16 - 21

Who Desire Summer Employment
It’s that time of year again to begin recruitment of Squaxin Island Tribal Youth who desire summer employment with Squaxin Island Tribe. If you are a Squaxin Tribal member between the ages of 16 and 21 and are interested in working for six weeks this summer, please contact Astrid Poste in Human Resources to get an application. You must submit an application even if you participated in the program last year.

If you would like assistance with completing your application, writing a cover letter or doing a resume, please attend one of the application workshops scheduled to take place on May 16th and May 23rd from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Squaxin Museum.

Please note all applicants for Little Creek Casino Resort will be asked to attend the May 16th application workshop to complete required Gaming Licensing paperwork.

Your application must be submitted by June 3rd so that we have time to interview all who complete the application process.

Squaxin preference will be exercised in the hiring of these positions in accordance with the Tribe’s personnel policies. If you have questions about this program, feel free to contact Astrid Poste at (360) 432-3865 or aposte@squaxin.us.

Stepping Stones: Youth Pre-employment Training Program
For Squaxin Youth Age 13-15

Youth will participate in group projects, which promote the development of accountability, work ethics, and pride in the community. This hands on model will encourage Tribal youth in learning a multitude of transferable skills they can apply later to employment for Squaxin Island Tribe or elsewhere.

If you are a Squaxin tribal youth who is going to be 13 – 15 years old by July 1, 2013 and are interested in participating in this program, please call Astrid Poste at (360) 432-3865 in Human Resources to leave your contact information. We will want to provide you with additional program information. Please be ready to provide the following:

• Name
• Address
• Phone number
• Date of birth
• Squaxin Island Enrollment number
• T-shirt size

To assist us with the planning and to ensure you get a t-shirt, please stop by or call by June 3, 2013; employment applications are not required for Stepping Stones.

PARENTS: To provide an initial opportunity for training in the employment application process, please encourage your youth to call or stop by on their own, rather than calling on their behalf.

Debut of ESPN’s Friday Night Fights at Little Creek is a “Smashing Success”

A capacity crowd at the Skookum Creek Event Center witnessed history being made as Little Creek Casino Resort played host to its first ever live worldwide TV broadcast when ESPN’s Friday Night Fights came to Shelton on April 12th.

The action in the ring was intense, and the fans were equally pumped up by the bright lights, whirling cameras and flurry of activity surrounding ESPN’s live telecast.
Squaxin Island Tribal Member Weekly Adult Clinic

- Open to all SIT Members
- Pre-set curriculum each week with the ability to focus on individual needs per space available.
- 1-4 Students = 30 minute session; 5+ students = 1 hour session

Dates: Fridays May - October (coincides with SCGC league play)
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Cost: $10 per session

Squaxin Island Junior Golf Program

- Open to SIT Junior golfers between the ages of 7-17

The Squaxin Island tribal member Junior Golf Camp at Salish Cliffs Golf Club has been developed to provide an avenue for tribal youth golfers to learn and improve upon the skills necessary to play the game of golf. The focus will be on the fundamentals of the game, helping each junior player develop a golf swing that he or she can grow with.

Dates:
Summer Session #1 June 23rd, 30th | July 7th, 14th, 28th
Summer Session #2 August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | September 1st

Times: 12:30-2:00 p.m.
Cost: TBD

Get Golf Ready Ladies Session

Get Golf Ready focuses on the various golf skills used while playing. In addition to learning the basics, we will guide students onto the golf course to put their skills into action in a casual, friendly setting. In five sessions Get Golf Ready will cover: Putting, Chipping, Irons, Woods and on-course play. We will also cover rules and etiquette as well as the strategy involved in the game.

Dates:
May 19th, 26th | June 2nd, 9th, 23rd

Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: $99 per student
*Additional classes can be created if requested by group of 4 or more.

Junior Gold Program

- Open to all Junior golfers between the ages of 7-17

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Dates:
Summer Session #1 June 23rd, 30th | July 7th, 14th, 28th
Summer Session #2 August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th | September 1st

Time: 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Cost: $150 per student per session
Free Instructional Clinics
Salish Cliffs’ PGA instructors are dedicated to growing the game of golf and would like to share their knowledge and passion for the game with others. On the first Sunday of each month a free 1 hour clinic will be offered to anyone looking for a few tips to help their golf game. Instruction will include a main topic for each clinic and will cover the fundamentals of the golf swing. The clinic is an open forum for questions and we encourage as many questions as time allows.

Dates: May 5th | June 2nd | July 7th | August 4th | September 1st
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Cost: Free

Ladies 9 Hole League
• Available to female SCGC Club members (GHIN)
• Weekly games

Enjoy the camaraderie of Salish Cliffs’s all women league. It doesn’t matter if you are just beginning or have played your whole life. Come enjoy the spirit of the game with new friends, enhance your skills with weekly clinics and find playing partners who enjoy the game as much as you. Also take an opportunity to establish your handicap and become eligible for team and individual competitions throughout the year.

Dates: Wednesdays from May - October
Time: 5:00 p.m.

Salish Cliffs Golf Club League Play
• Open to all SCGC Club members (GHIN)
• Weekly games
• Competition fees based on event
• 9 or 18 holes

What could be a better end to the work week than enjoying a round of golf among friends in our Friday league play? When you become a Salish Cliffs’ Club member you are eligible to participate in weekly games, competitive events, and our Club Championship. SCGC events are open to everyone whether you practice every day or are just picking up the game. Take this opportunity to establish your handicap and monitor your game as you improve.

Dates: Fridays from May - October
Times: 5:00 p.m. (9 holes) or 3:00 p.m. (18 holes)

Native Business: Poise Under Pressure
When I was a child I use to wonder how our elders kept such an even temperament when a tenuous situation surfaced. Whether it was at our annual general council meeting or someone in the village was wronging another I would observe many different kinds of reactions from stoic-silent discontent to shouting. Reactions to events seemed to vary along with the personalities involved but one thing was consistent, elders as a group seemed to sit quietly until the parties involved had calmed down, then they would react, calmly. Sometimes the reaction was to ask a question, other times they would allow the conversation to move on, and my favorite (as the parties involved exhausted themselves) to have the last word and moving the group in one direction. I have witnessed elders do this hundreds of times and I always enjoy watching with excited respect as if it was the first time.

As I grew older I learned something - told to me by an elder - situations are easily forgotten, but the way you react and how that makes others feel will remain for a very long time.

I take this lesson to heart and admit I have not quite mastered the art of remaining calm although I do better today than yesterday. Life throws a lot of things at a person and pressure can build as the obligations of family, business, life-surprises both good and bad, and the needs of others compete for our finite time and attention. I am thankful for this lesson because I have found it is less stressful to react calmly to a situation than to enter in with emotions raging and ending up causing a mess. Often the difference between calm and a strong emotional reaction is the calm reaction gets resolved faster with more clarifying discussion compared to a “knot” of hurt feelings requiring time to be addressed before a meaningful discussion can take place.

I am thankful for the life lessons our elders teach us. It has made a difference in my life. Respect to the elders.

Jim Stanley freely shares his knowledge in an effort to foster economic success in Indian Country. He is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Treasurer of the Tribal C-Store Summit Group, and Chairman of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board. To contact Jim for comments, go to JimStanley.biz.
Salish Seafoods Strengthens the Tribe Today and For the Future

Salish Seafoods is a strong contributor to the Tribe’s economy today, and it’s working to ensure a strong future as well. Here are some things you may not know about Salish Seafoods:

Salish Seafoods has steadily grown its purchases of fish and clams from Tribal members over the past four years. The company bought almost $1.5 million worth of clams and fish from Tribal members in 2012 alone (almost $616,000 in shellfish and over $843,000 in fish). The total dollars direct to Tribal harvesters from Salish in 2012 was 44% higher than in 2011, and more than double the purchases in 2010.

Salish Seafoods is actually the most profitable of all the Island Enterprises family of companies on a proportional basis. While the company produces smaller overall profits than the KTP stores and Skookum Creek Tobacco, its net income is 7.3% of gross revenue, compared with 4.2% at the tobacco factory, and 2.7% at the KTP stores. Salish Seafoods also maintains low operating expenses.

Salish Seafoods continues to study improved methods to increase production of oysters and is having early success with long line growing to deter predators. Salish is also very excited to report higher than expected survival rates and weights for geoduck test plots planted by the Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department on Squaxin Island in 2006. These successes point to a bright future for the company, with the preservation and enhancement of valuable Tribal resources.


congratulations to all of the Salish Seafoods employees for the great work you do.

Look for more exciting news about Salish Seafoods’ successes and plans in this year’s annual report, which will be available at the General Body meeting.

KTP News

Plans are moving forward for selling Shell fuel at the main KTP store within the next two months. While new signage for Shell will be minimal and all Tribal art will be kept in place along with the current canopy, staff are also working on plans to strengthen the Tribal image of the store. We’re also going to do some long overdue deep cleaning and interior painting. Aside from saving money on fuel and credit card fees, we’re very excited about bringing the community a new fuel option and a nicer working environment for our valued employees. Tribal and employee discount cards will work exactly the way they do now, but you’ll enjoy a better shopping experience when our work is finished. Look for more details soon!

Land Acquisition

IEI shares in the Tribe’s mission to re-acquire lands that can be transferred to trust status to meet the Tribe’s future needs and protect its sovereignty.

While the Tribe acquires land for a wide variety of purposes including habitat, natural resources, and cultural resources protection, housing, and others, IEI focuses on properties that will help us carry out our economic development mission. We do in depth due diligence work to ensure that we only buy properties that can be put in trust so that the Tribe has sovereign jurisdiction over those lands, just as it does with the lands in the Kamilche valley that were once bought by the Tribe and transferred into trust.

We are currently in the 90 day due diligence period for a property with an existing business on it that will provide jobs for Tribal members and revenues for the Tribe if we go forward with the purchase. We are proud to help the Tribe continue to expand its land holdings for future generations.
Hey there! I’m sure a lot of you already know me. I’m Marjorie Hill, or as most know me, just Marj... I come from the Bagley Family; my great-grandmother was Clara Bagley. My mom, as even MORE of you know, is Gloria Hill. My first dad was William Stewart Ogden, and a lot of you know my second dad, Mike Hill. My little big brother is Mike 'House' Ogden. I have two AWESOME boys, Dylan Michael, 14, and William Stewart, 4. They are my Reasons.

I have been recently promoted to a position in Point of Sale, (we pretty much keep the books for all KTP store sites, plus the Café) and am very thankful for the opportunity to prove I can handle the job!

I may not be on the ‘front line’ of the store anymore, but I promise, I AM still there, and hope to help keep the store positive amidst all the changes going on.

Thank you!

Emily B. Goehring
Environmental Program Manager

Hi, my name is Emily Goehring, and I’ve been hired as the new Environmental Program Manager for the Natural Resources Department.

I grew up in the Pacific Northwest. My husband and I just moved to this area.

I am excited to work with such talented and dedicated people working to improve the tribal natural resources.

I look forward to working with you.

saynotodrugs.com - It can be hard to deal with pressure to try drugs. If the pressure to try drugs is getting to you, here are some suggestions that can help:

• If you find yourself in a problem situation, make an excuse to leave.
• Ask for support from other friends if someone is really pressuring you to use drugs.
• Make new friends who respect your decision not to use drugs.
• Go to events that don’t involve drugs.
• If you do go to a party where there may be drugs, never put your drink down and come back for it. Someone could put drugs into it without your knowing.
Running for Vice-Chairman Whitney Jones

Hello again,

Thank you everyone who has stepped out and shown readiness for change; I am excited about the good questions being asked and important topics being discussed. The General Body is standing up and making it clear that you want better communication and fresh perspective from your leadership. I agree, and I commit to giving that to you as your Vice-Chairwoman.

I will continue to emphasize the importance of planning ahead and preparing for growth, keeping our children and future generations in mind; of enhancing services and opportunities that help our Tribal Members and community; and of recognizing the General Body and their voices in planning and decision making.

But it takes more than just talking about these things. The Tribal Council is elected to DO for the Tribe, not just plan. As your Vice-Chair I will work to ensure that multiple options are discussed and are thoughtfully considered, that action plans are created and put in place, and that those plans are implemented.

There are so many critical issues at hand... Tribal employment, sustaining our traditions and culture, wellness of our people, education and youth programs, Elder care, natural resource enhancement, and much more. Fulfilling the needs of our Tribal people today, while also planning for the future, requires vision, balance, and the persistent strength of our grandmothers.

Thank you for your support and for your vote in this election.

I have served as your vice chairman for the past six years. My education and ability to work with tribal government policy and procedures has gotten stronger and stronger. We need a strong and consistent government that listens and then acts within reason to make the changes needed for our people. I take time to visit the different departments of the tribal government to better understand the needs and concerns they have. This helps me to be prepared to make the right decisions during council meetings.

I am here to serve the community. After being elected as Vice Chairman, I gave up my regular job to make sure I have time to devote to my duties of representing all tribal members, not only in decisions made by council, but also supporting tribal member needs every day. I live right here. I know the needs of our people and am always around to listen to tribal members. Every tribal member is important, no matter what family they are from or where they live. Our government must be strong for all.

I make myself available to the people and to functions of the tribe, such as welcoming visitors to our lands whether it is organizations having meetings and conferences here or cultural gatherings. I participate in canoe journey, being a support boat for four years. I support the resurgence of our traditions and would like to see a strong language program put into practice.

I am your council representative on the following boards and committees: Family Wellness Team, Housing Commission, Hunting Committee, Fish Committee, Fireworks Committee, Little Creek Oversight Board (LCOB), Island Enterprise Board and SPIPA Board. Besides being on these boards and committees, I also have a strong interest in our youth. We need to strengthen our education programs, get an early learning program going without delay and expand recreation programs for our youth.

As a community member, I see many needs. As a hunter these needs are always on my mind. This year as in past years I donated elk to support the treatment center, to individual families that can not get out and hunt and for use at tribal funerals and cultural gatherings.

I take representing our Squaxin Island Tribe in a good way very seriously and strive always to put our people in a good light with others, whether it be here at home, visiting other tribes or at state and national meetings.

You need a strong voice and balance on the council. With your vote I will continue to listen, represent you and work to improve services for all tribal members.
Running for Vice-Chairman
Billy Hagman

Hello, my name is Billy Hagman, and I would like to announce that I will be running for the position of Vice Chairman in this upcoming election in May. I hope to bring a fresh look at what our tribe’s needs are, and being directly out in the community every day gives me a unique perspective on what this tribe needs to be successful in the future. I look forward to seeing you all at General Body, and look forward to your support in the election. The time for change is here. Let’s stand together and push for a better tomorrow. It is our time to make a difference. Thank you all very much.

Russell Harper

Hello Squaxins and community of families!

My Government name is Russell Harper, and my Indian name is tee-wee-wahas.

My mother’s name was Martha Anne Whitener and my Grandmother was Ethel Martha Anne Whitener. My Great Grandmother was Annie Krise.

I am writing to inform the Squaxin community that I will be running for Tribal Council in May, and would like to mention my qualifications:

• Bachelors of Arts degree in Business Administration
• Certification from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in Executive Development
• Two-year degree from Antioch University in group dynamics
• Seven years management at Shelton Safeway
• Four years as an executive in the gaming industry and 3 years as Tribal Council Treasurer
• 35 years working in the treaty rights industry and Squaxin cultural events

As a people, we must seek the knowledge to create positive change for the Squaxin, present and future. We, as a people, are carrying our cultural past with us along the Journey.

Priorities for the tribe and building a brighter tomorrow must be the language we are speaking at the council table and to each other.

I will always advocate for employment and jobs for tribal members and truly say there should be ZERO unemployment. If elected, I will advocate for benefits that fit the tribal needs and accountability for all areas within the tribe.

I recall when those building the gaming opportunity and other business enterprises began to understand that we, as a Native people, come from a natural resource based economy. Promises were made detailing how the leadership would guarantee succession planning, mentorship, and on-the-job training. Instead, we received the “sink or swim” mentality.

I vow to advocate for employment and training needed to prepare the present generation and the next to succeed into the family business with pride and ownership.

Ask yourself this question. “Is the next generation ready to step into all that we have? Gaming, government, retail and future planning” I say this loudly, “We must prepare for the future by lifting up our tribal members to succeed into their family responsibilities.

I vow to pursue the needs of education. We must shape the stepping stone to tribal ownership in all areas of employment.

We need a legacy that builds on a culture that formulates opportunities for tribal entrepreneurs.

We must bridge the gap between the tribal council and the tribal people.

We must not move any farther forward without structuring an opportunity to care for and build an elder’s care center.

We must have businesses that can stand on their own and not be subsidized at the cost of others and other tribal businesses.

There is so much to do, so much to accomplish. I have the experience, and have reinvented myself to fit the needs of the Tribe. I have a plan, and am hoping to find the opportunity to accomplish and speak out as a tribal member and tribal council member.

We are a tribe that is small enough to respond to change at lightening speed.

I seek to be elected to do something - not to be something.

Beautiful South Sound
Think Spring!
From Gordon James

The Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center offers a wide variety of educational support – opportunities to advocate for families of children who are struggling with truancy issues, tutors in the public schools or after school, GED and homework help for youth and adults, funding for higher education or job placement and training, and more. For example:

- **Sylvan.** The department has a new Office Assistant, Jaimie Cruz, who will be here supporting the Sylvan classes Monday through Thursday evenings. The Sylvan program has spaces available. If you would like your child to enroll in Sylvan, we have enrollment forms at the TLC building.

- **Higher Education.** By the time this article reaches you, the newly hired Higher Education Coordinator will have started work in the department. She will be immersing herself in the many ways the program can assist students in their higher education efforts. If you haven’t already completed your FAFSA for the 2013-2014 school-year, it is important to get this submitted ASAP. If you have any questions about higher education programs of the Tribe, call the TLC at (360) 432-3882.

- **Job Training and Placement.** Does your job require you to improve your skills? The Education Department has funds available for those taking a vocational or job related training class or short course to earn certificates or to enhance their job skills.

- **Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Academy (TLA).** For those under 21 who are not in school but would prefer to work toward a high school diploma, the TLA program can accommodate this through a partnership with the East Valley School District in Spo-

### Squaxin YOUTH Education, Recreation and Activities Calendar

**TLC hours:** M-F 8:30am-5pm  
**Front Desk:** 432-3958

**YOUTH Gym/Recreation hours:** M-F: 3-6pm  
**Rec Rm:** 432-3275 (only 3-6pm)

**All activities are drug, alcohol and tobacco free.**

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**After school snacks:**  
M-F 4-4:45pm  
M-Th 3-6, F 3-5pm  
M-Th 4:30-7:30pm

**Key:**  
ER = Early Release  
SSD = Shelton School District  
GSD = Griffin School District  
TLA = Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Academy

**REMINDER:**  
Tutors are available everyday afterschool from 3:30-5:00pm.  
Homework Help is every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 4:00-7:00pm in the TLC classroom.
Thank you to Danny Snyder for working the kids each week and taking the time kids putting their whole hearts into playing and having fun together!

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Spring Break was a fun-filled week of activities and field trips. We stayed busy with science experiments and arts-n-crafts. The kids were so interested to hear about the wolves and as we took our tour. Thank you to the volunteers who came in to join us during the field trip.

We also ventured off to Westside Lanes in Olympia. I think we have quite a few little bowlers on our hands. The youth were so excited when they got a strike or spare! Each time the youth got excited, it brought a smile to my face and reminded me how much I love working with the youth!

Coach Judy of the Fantasia Baton Corps is continuing to provide free baton clinics from 4:45-5:30pm on Monday's in the gym.

GED and Homework Help by Jamie Burris

Please note there will be NO Homework Support or GED classes for the following dates: May 2nd and May 23rd.

- Homework Support. Finals are just around the corner! Now is the time to start completing all of those missing assignments and start studying for your end of the year finals! Don’t wait until June to start completing those missing assignments! Homework support and tutoring are offered in the classroom of the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning at 4:30. I am here to help you with any projects, essays or homework you may have throughout the school year. I will also help you study for upcoming tests. Please feel free to drop in. You don’t need an appointment to receive help from me.

- GED Preparation Classes. Now is the time to start taking GED tests if you want to be recognized at this year’s Squigwi! GED Preparation Classes are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 -7:30pm in the classroom of the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center. I am here to help you take practice tests, identify what subjects need further study, identify specific skills needed further study and help you work through any and all areas needing further study. Those who have attended classes regularly and studied have had a high success rate of passing the GED tests. Actual GED tests will need to be taken at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia. The classes at the Tu Ha Buts Learning Center are designed to prepare your for the actual GED tests.

For more information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Jamie Burris (360) 292-3301 or email me at jburris@mccleary.wednet.edu.

Registration for Kindergarten by Peggy Peters

Registration for Kindergarten will be beginning for many Washington state schools next month. Is your child ready to enter Kindergarten? A well prepared Kindergarten student should be able to:

1. Name simple shapes
2. Name colors
3. At least count to ten
4. Count objects
5. Listen and follow a simple direction
6. Express themselves such as to tell a story
7. Recognize some or all of the letters in the alphabet
8. Hold a book right side up and recognized that the progression of text is left to right and top to bottom
9. Recognize their own name
10. Understand that “School is a place to Learn”

The follow information was provided by Carey Murray, the Principal of Bordeaux Elementary School. Kindergarten registration will begin on May 1st at all three Shelton Elementary Schools - Bordeaux, Evergreen, and Mountain View. In order to register a child for kindergarten in Washington State, a birth certificate showing that the child will be five by August 31st and a record of up-to-date immunizations is required. Families may pick up registration packets beginning May 1st from school offices and return the completed packet, along with the required documentation back to the school office. Offices close for the summer on Friday, June 28th. They are open until 4:30 pm each day.

Parents are encouraged to register their kindergarten student as early as possible, as classes fill up quickly. For questions please contact your neighborhood school:

- Bordeaux Elementary at 426-3253
- Evergreen Elementary at 426-8281
- Mt. View Elementary 426-8564

Youth Activity Program by Jerilynn Vail

The afterschool program will be closed on May 13th and 27th for the holidays. We hope all of you enjoy safe three-day weekends.

- We are wrapping up our Inter-Tribal Basketball League for the Middle/Jr. High. The youth have had a lot of fun traveling and hosting teams. It has given the kids a time to get out and build relationships with teammates. I have really enjoyed watching the kids putting their whole hearts into playing and having fun together!
- Thank you to Danny Snyder for working the kids each week and taking the time to travel with us! We wrapped up our season with a tournament up in Lummi. We took two teams - a Boys 14-and-Under and a Girls 16 & Under. It was fantastic to get the youth traveling and exciting to think about what next season has for us! The 11-and-Under team sure had a great time in the Muckleshoot tourney, playing their hearts out until the buzzer sounded. I was proud of everyone. Please take a few minutes to check our Facebook page for pictures.
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Another highlight of the evening was Native American Landon Horsemen, of Yakima who fought gamely but was stopped in the third round of his bout against hard-charging Ray Lampkin of Vancouver, WA. A colorful procession of Squaxin Island tribal drummers and dancers in full regalia led Horseman out of his dressing room and around the ring. And an inspired Horseman responded by using his height and reach advantage to keep his hard-punching opponent away in the first round. Horseman brought the partisan crowd to its feet when he stunned Lampkin with two straight right hands to open the second round. But Lampkin, whose father was a great pro boxer, quickly recovered and began to bore in on Horseman with a battery of crunching up-the-middle shots. He finally sent a bruised and exhausted Horseman slumping to the canvas with 1:48 left in the third round.

“Having ESPN come to Shelton and showcase Little Creek Casino and the Squaxin Island Tribe exceeded all our expectations,” said Little Creek CEO Michael Starr. “Everyone at the casino and Tribe should be very proud of, not just rolling out the welcome mat, but stepping up to be courteous and professional to the ESPN crew, the boxers and their camps and promoter Goossen-Tutor. From what I’ve heard, ESPN officials were impressed and are anxious to return to Little Creek for future Friday Night Boxing shows.”
New Employees

Terri Capoeman  
**ICW/TANF Family Support Specialist Trainee**

Hello some of you know who I am, but for the ones who don’t, my name is Terri Capoeman. I’m an enrolled Squaxin Island member. My parents are Elizabeth Perez of Squaxin Island and Herb Capoeman of Quinault Nation . . . and Lea Krise. My grandparents are Roy and Clara Bagley Seymour and Herbert and Lizzie Capoeman. My children are Latoya, Lachell, Kreena, Elena, Clara, Larain, and my one son, David J Seymour.

I also have four grandbabies, Loylyta Daniel Jr., Emilio, and Jack. I have a couple of extra kids that come over too, so my house is always busy. I also have lots of sisters and brothers.

I have worked in other tribal entities, like Little Creek Casino, NWITC and KTP. Am happy to say my new job is working with the Family Services department. My title is ICW/TANF Family Support Specialist Trainee.

I love participating in the annual canoe journey. It helps me connect with extended family and spend time with my little family which seems to be growing fast. I would like to say thank you to my tribe for supporting our own people.

Jaimie Cruz  
**TLC Office Assistant**

Hi! I am the new Office Assistant for the education department.

My mother is Leanora Krise. My grandparents are Evelyn Miller and Walt Mesplie (Yakama), so I’m sure most of you know me.

I grew up on the Rez, and am very excited to be working at the Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center. I graduated from the Learning Academy.

I can’t wait to see what my new adventure has in store for me! I am grateful for my new position and look forward to helping my fellow tribal people.

Joanne Decicio  
**Higher Education Coordinator / Office Assistant**

Hello Everyone! Most of you know already know me. For those who do not, I am happily married to Dino Decicio; we have been together since June of 1981. We have one daughter, Chasity Masoner who is married to Michael Masoner, one son, Dillon Decicio, as well as 4 grandsons, Mykah, Julian, Kodiak, & beloved Kyot Blubear (RIP), and 1 granddaughter, Nokomis, and seven step-grandchildren as well. I am quite proud of all of them. I am also a spiritual Mom and Grandma to many others I love dearly.

My Grandma was Theresa Nason (Cooper/Henry Clan). She was a Master Basket Weaver, and my grandpa was Walter Henry, Sr. of the Skokomish Tribe. My Dad was Steve Henderson, originally from North Carolina and my Mom is Barbara Anne Henry, Master Basket Weaver.

I am happy to join the TLC team and look forward to assisting tribal members with their educational goals. Please contact me if you are interested in obtaining your AA or BA degree.

Tuck Wilson  
**Senior Project Administrator/Project Coordinator**

Hi, my name is Tuck Wilson, and I have been hired as the Senior Project Administrator/Project Coordinator in the Finance Department for the Squaxin Island Technology Enhancement Project.

I am married and we have three wonderful children and five even more wonderful grandchildren, who all live within a five mile radius of us. We also have two long haired dachshunds, Loui Vutton & Jimi Choo and Scooter the cat.

What I am most excited about in being in this position is that I get to work with an incredibly talented team of people who are truly dedicated to the betterment of the people they serve. Also, as part of my duties in this position, I get the opportunity to interview several folks throughout the tribal organization for input into this project.

I am really looking forward to being a positive addition to this outstanding organization.
Month of March

Kurt Poste - March 24, 2013 the Elders attended “Ama Luna” that is put on by Cirque Du Soleil in Marymoor Park in Renton. We boarded a charter bus rented in Rochester and left around 2:00 p.m. for Renton. We found our sitting area close to the stage. After the show we had a buffet dinner at the Emerald Queen Casino in Fife. All the Elders had a great time, so we intend on making the Cirque Du Soleil shows an annual activity.

On March 27th, the children from the Squaxin Island Childcare Center came up for craft and traditional storytelling with the Elders. We also had a small egg hunt at the park next to the gym/pool. The children from SICCC came up the last Wednesday of every month and we invite all Elders and their spouses to join us.

If any Squaxin Island Tribal Elders would like to attend an event at the Little Creek Casino, please contact: Janita Raham -360-432-3972. Some of the events the Elders have attended so far include: boxing matches, “America” music performers, and Rita Coolidge. The Friday Night Fights on April 16, was entertaining and the Elders enjoyed themselves.

Safeway in Shelton donates bread products to the Elders program and is available for pick up for Elders on Tuesdays after 11:30 a.m.

Elders’ Corner

Elizabeth Heredia - Greetings to all our beloved Elders. Spring has finally sprung. April was a busy month. Kurt Poste wrote an article telling all about our fun activities. May promises to be just as busy. Elders’ Host Luncheons are beginning to take place. On May 10th, we plan to take our Elders to Warm Springs to their 23rd Annual Honor Seniors Day. We will spend one night away from home. Then on May 30th we will travel to Tulalip for their Annual Host Luncheon. We have sign up books at the Elders’ Building. If you do not make it into the Elders’ Building that often you can call me or Kurt at 432-3868 and we can tell you what activities are coming up. We also have a Facebook page under the name of Squaxin Island Elders. Like us on Facebook, then upload a picture onto your page and share it with us. We have over 150 Squaxin Island Elders all over the United States. We should have a very active Facebook!!!

Squaxin Island Elders’ Inc. is planning our Elders Host Luncheon to take place on Friday, October 11th. We have had a few Elders coming in to work on beading and have several other projects in the planning stages. We could definitely use your help. We are planning a “Community Crafts Night” soon as well as an “Intergenerational Activities Night” to help us get gifts done for the Elders Host Luncheon giveaways. We are in desperate need of seasoned cedar. Please contact Kurt or myself. We would love donations but if there is any for sale, please let us know. We have over 500 gifts to make with cedar before October.

I am also pleased to report that Port of Shelton is allowing Skookum Rotary Club use of the fairgrounds for the Annual Oyster Fest the first weekend of October. Squaxin Island Elders Inc. is planning to continue their active participation in this event also. Last year Elders Inc received second place best place to eat recognition. Way to go Elders!!! Let’s go for first place this year.

Squaxin Island Elders Inc. is no longer mailing out the minutes of their monthly meetings. Minutes are now being posted on the Elders Web Site. Just go to:

www.squaxinisland.org/elders-program

and click on Meeting minutes. If you do not have computer access and really want to continue receiving the minutes by mail, please call us at 432-3868 and give us your name, address and phone number and we will be happy to mail you a set each month.

A big thank you to Little Creek Casino’s Michael Starr. Thank you for all you have been doing for Squaxin Island’s elders. We truly appreciate you, Rickie, Takarra, Shelly and everyone else. All of your staff is ever so helpful to us as we plan our Host Luncheon in October.

Elders, Little Creek Casino hosts a monthly Squaxin Island Elder’s Ambassador Dinner on the third Thursday of each month. They also provide a set number of free tickets for Elders to all of their events, as well as meet and greet passes for after the concerts. They have been spoiling us in a grand way. Thank you Little Creek!

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May is National High Blood Pressure Month

What is YOUR Blood Pressure?

High Blood Pressure Can Cause More than Heart Attacks & Strokes

Source: Mayo Clinic, Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

Five additional reasons to control your blood pressure

Most people know that high blood pressure can lead to heart attacks & strokes. Here are some other problems that can occur if blood pressure is not controlled:

1. **Damage to your Brain**: besides strokes, high blood pressure can increase risk for dementia, memory loss, and TIAs or ministrokes.

2. **Damage to your Kidneys**: high blood pressure is one of the most common causes of kidney failure. If your kidneys fail, you will eventually need dialysis or a kidney transplant.

3. **Damage to your Eyes**: blurred vision, bleeding in the eye & complete loss of vision.

4. **Sexual dysfunction**: high blood pressure can affect both men & women.

5. **Other possible dangers of high blood pressure include**: bone loss and trouble sleeping.

Check with your primary care physician or make an appointment at the clinic to have your blood pressure checked.

If you take blood pressure medications, please remember to take them as prescribed. If you have not checked your blood pressure lately, please do. This is another way you can help yourself to long, healthy life.

The first Thursday of each month, our local firefighters take blood pressures at the Elder’s Building from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Come & have yours checked!

4 Sock awardees announced at Diabetes Support Group March 21

Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator, approved by Dr. Carl Ott

Great work & congratulations to the following people for taking care of their diabetes, L to R: (seated) Glen Parker, Bob Whitener Sr. (standing), John Krise, Sr. and Rose Davis. These four people and 7 others completed all the 2012 tests & exams recommended by the IHS Standards of Care for Type 2 Diabetes. There are a lot of tests and exams to be completed to earn the socks. Thank you for showing that you can live a long, healthy life with diabetes! Socks to be distributed in April. Watch the Klah-Che-Min for more photos & announcements.

Squaxin Island’s Food Bank at the Health Promotions

Monday-Friday Between 10 am & 4 pm (our lunch break is from noon to 1 pm)
If possible, Wednesday is the best day.

If you need access to the food bank, stop by once a week

If you would like to be on the call list for fresh produce or bread.
Please call Melissa Grant: 360-432-3926
**Dr. Ott Shares Heart Care Knowledge at Diabetes Support**  
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator

On March 21st, Dr. Ott discussed the importance of a healthy lifestyle with the 20 attendees with and without diabetes. Lifestyle changes for a healthy heart include: quitting smoking, blood pressure below 140/80, a healthy weight, blood sugar in range, cholesterol in range, and being active.

Dr. Ott focused on the importance of quitting smoking and being active. Here are some of the “take home” messages:

**Advantages of being active:**
- Can increase your life by 7 years
- Increases bone density & balance
- Does not need to be strenuous - just do something - walking, cleaning house, water aerobics - you decide
- Gets your blood moving & strengthens your heart
- Has an antidepressive effect
- Decreases risk of heart disease, diabetes, cancer
- Is equally as important as taking your medications
- Activity Goal: 30 minutes a day at least 5 days a week (150 minutes a week)

**Smoking Cessation**
Consider attending the smoking cessation group at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Community Kitchen for tips & ideas to help you quit. Dr. Ott will be discussing quitting with the group in the future.

Thank you, Dr. Ott!

May is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month - Enjoy a more active life!
Recognizing a Stroke
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator with approval from Dr. Carl Ott

Remember the "3" steps, STR. Read and Learn! Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S: Ask the individual to SMILE.
T: Ask the person to TALK and SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (coherently) i.e., "It is sunny out today").
R: Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke: Stick out Your Tongue

Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his/her tongue. If the tongue is crooked (if it goes to one side or the other), that is also an indication of a stroke.
**WSU Msaon County Master Gardener Plant Sale Festival**

Friday, May 10th 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, May 11th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
**KNEELAND PARK, 100 TURNER AVENUE**

The sale will feature Mason County’s best selection of vegetables, herbs, perennials, annuals, and much more! Local vendors will be offering food and crafts for your home and garden. Come replenish your garden and find the perfect Mother’s Day gifts!

Michelle Lapp  
AmeriCorps  
WSU Mason County Extension  
Food $ense Nutrition and Master Gardener Program  
303 N. 4th Street  
Shelton, WA 98584  
360-427-9670 Ext. 689
Happy Birthday

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Please join Family Services - Domestic Violence Program

Please join us for
Bridge The Gap
Presentation on
“Sexual Assault”
“It’s Time ... To Talk About It!”
Prevent Sexual Violence
Presenter is Margaret Spikes from
Prevention, Advocacy and Specialized Services
In Shelton
Friday—May 17,2013
Elders Building—Door—1:30pm
Lunch Provided
Questions/Comments
Gloria J. Hilt
Domestic Violence Coordinator/Advocate
360-432-9292 or 360-463-7051
May Menu
Wed. 1 Chicken & Dumplings
Thurs. 2 Chalupas
Mon. 6 Garden Penne
Tues. 7 Soup & Sandwich
Wed. 8 BBQ Spare Ribs
Thurs. 9 Hot Dogs
Mon. 13 Closed for Indian Day
Tues. 14 Soup & Sandwich
Wed. 15 Baked Pork Chops
Thurs. 16 Beef Stroganoff
Mon. 20 Tuna Noodle Casserole
Tues. 21 Soup & Sandwich
Wed. 22 BBQ Chicken
Thurs. 23 Pork Roast
Mon. 27 Closed Memorial Day
Tues. 28 Soup & Sandwich
Wed. 29 Sweet Beans
Thurs. 30 Baked Chicken

Dear Family
and Reservation
I, Leonard Gene Cooper, am sorry for my mistakes
I made when I was out there.
I just want you to know I am truly sorry.

Love,
Leonard G. Cooper

Dear Gene,
I owe you an apology too.
I forgot your other submission last month, and I’m sorry!
- theresa

Happy 18th Birthday
Jeffrey & Jenica
May 27th
We love you,
Mom & Dad,
Grandma & Grandpa

Happy Late Birthday
I love You!
Mom

Welcome to Our
New Tribal Member
River Rae Guardipee
Love,
Miguel

Happy Birthday to
My Angel
Kassidy Whitener!!!
May All Your Wishes and Dreams Come True!
You’re Simply THE Best!

Love,

Notice to creditors in the matter of the Estate of
David Terry Seymour Deceased.
No. CV-2013-1303-0034
The personal representative named below has been appointed as personal representative of the estate of David Terry Seymour. Mr. Seymour's address at the time of his death was 71 SE Sa-Heh-Wamish Court, Squaxin Island Tribe Reservation, Shelton, Washington, 98584.

Any person having a claim against the decedent, or claiming to be an heir under the decedent’s will, must, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the date of the first publication of this notice, present the claim in the manner as provided in Squaxin Island Tribal Code, §8.07.010, by serving on or mailing to the personal representative or the personal representative’s attorney at the address stated below a copy of the claim and filing the original of the claim with the court in which the probate proceedings were commenced. If the claim is not presented within this time frame, the claim is forever barred. This bar is effective as to claims against both the decedent’s probate and nonprobate assets.

Date of First Publication: ___________
Personal Representative declares under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the forgoing is true and correct:

David Babcock
Squaxin Island Legal Department
3711 SE Old Olympic Highway
Shelton, Washington, 98584

Squaxin Island Tribal Court, Case No. CV-2013-1303-0034
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, Washington, 98584
Squaxin Island Tourism Director Appointed to WA State Tourism Alliance

Squaxin Island Tribe Tourism Department Director Leslie Johnson (Puyallup) has been appointed to the Washington Tourism Alliance (WTA).

The WTA was formed in March 2011 in anticipation of the June 30, 2011 closure of the Washington State Tourism office. On July 1, WTA became Washington State’s official tourism marketing organization and assumed ownership and operation of tourism office assets in order to preserve Washington’s tourism market share. www.experiencewa.com. WTA procures and administers funds for state destination tourism marketing activities and creates and implements a strategic statewide destination marketing plan. www.watourismalliance.com

“Leslie has a tremendous amount of experience in the tourism industry. She has clearly established herself nationally, regionally and within our state,” said Charlene Krise, Squaxin Island Tribal Council Member. “The WTA’s Board will benefit greatly from her knowledge.”

Leslie has created and sustained valuable partnerships within the tourism and hospitality sectors to encourage cooperative alliances. She has served as a member of the Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Visitor & Convention Bureau; a Northwest representative of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA); and is currently Co-Chair of Northwest Tribal Tourism (NWTT).

The appointment of a tribal representative to the WTA board is an important milestone as it acknowledges the contribution that the Tribal Nations within WA State make to state and local economies.

"I’m delighted with the opportunity to serve our 29 Tribes and to support the growth of Washington state tourism,” Leslie said of her appointment.