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Congratulation Newly Elected Officials!

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Nisqually Tribe's newly elected Tribal Council Chairman, Willie Frank Jr. Secretary, Jackie Whittington and 5th Council, Chay Squally. Sargeant of Arms, Derrick Sanchez. Enrollment Sophie Johns, Kahelelani Kalama, Andrew Squally and Shareholder Maury Sanchez.



Tribal Estate and Will Planning

Tribal Estate Planning Services provided by Emily Penoyar-Rambo

Services offered:

- Last will and testament
- Durable power of attorney
- Healthcare directive
- Tangible personal property bequest
- Funeral/burial instructions
- Probate

Zoom meetings will be set up for the first and third Thursday of each month. Available appointment times are 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Please call Lori Lehman at 360-456-5221 to set up an appointment.

NON-EMERGENCY #

360-412-3030

Call this number to leave a NON-EMERGENCY crime tip. You will be asked to leave a message that will be forwarded to all Nisqually Tribal Police Officers.

Please call 911 for Emergencies



FREE Rides

Monday through Friday

Upper and Lower Reservation Route

7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Appointments ending at 3:00 p.m.

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The deadline for the newsletter is the second Monday of every month.

Nisqually Tribal Council

Chair, William (Willie) Frank III
Vice Chair, Antonette Squally
Secretary, Jackie Whittington
Treasurer, David Iyall
5th Council, Chayannah (Chay) Squally
6th Council, Hanford McCloud
7th Council, Vacant

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North Falcon Summary of Actions Impacting Nisqually Treaty Fisheries

The 2021 forecast for South Sound Fall Chum run will impact Nisqually Treaty fisheries and Nisqually Late Chum. We do not have a viable fall chum run in the Nisqually but the lack of abundance will impact Medicine Creek Fishing areas for chum and indirectly help to protect our Winter Chum run. The Area 10 and Area 11 commercial fisheries are not planning to open unless the Apple Cove Point in-season update shows large numbers of fall chum. The exact management process for this fishery is yet to be defined by the co-managers this summer. This fishery can catch winter chum particularly in later weeks. The Nisqually Team was successful in driving the process to protect winter chum greater than any other year as the Nisqually winter forecast is again below escapement needs.

2021 Nisqually Treaty Fishing Schedule:

Medicine Creek:

Chambers Bay will be closed for Chum conservation. Area 13A upper Carr inlet will have gear and time schedule changes to direct fishing on the Fall Minter Hatchery Chum and reduce possible impact to Nisqually winter chum. The regulation change from all gear types including marine drift to beach seine and shore-based set nets only after November 13th. This change directs fishery on the Minter Hatchery stock.

Nisqually River:

The sport fishery will be closed Sunday and Monday while we fish.

The Chinook season will look a little bit different than years past. There was policy direction to forgo the early part of the season



and concentrate the fishery on the peak of the hatchery run. We will have Sunday noon to Tuesday noon fisheries beginning August 22 and continue through September 7th. The

fishery boundary will be from the mouth of the Nisqually River up to Clear Creek at flagging. We were also successful this year in shaping the Chinook impacts during coho to get back on the water one week earlier than last year, the opener will be a 12-hour fishery. The rest of coho season can be Sunday noon to Wednesday noon. The boundary for Coho will be from the Nisqually River mouth up to Clear Creek for the first couple of weeks then move up to Kalama Creek for the rest of the season. Coho will close on November 10th due to concerns over winter chum. Again, this year we are not planning winter chum fisheries because forecasts are below escapement needs. We will have conversations of a treaty fishery opener if the Yelm in-season update tool shows that we have projected escapement. If there is a decision to open a treaty fishery the fishery boundary will be from the mouth of the Nisqually River to Clear Creek at flagging.

McAllister Creek: fishing can open from late July to Halloween 5 days a week.

Updates from TANF

By Jesse Youckton

May was a busy month for the TANF office. In coordination with Garden staff, we provided each of our TANF families with a Mother's Day Gift, comprising of plant container, dirt, gloves, flowers and a tomato start. We hope you all had a wonderful Mother's Day. We also held a drive through event to honor all the "Foster Care and Relative Placement" families. It is admirable to help raise a child that is not your own. The event was an official "Thank You" for all you do for the children. Also in May, staff went through policy and network trainings. We continued to send out weekly activity kits to our families. The "Tie Dye Kit" which included dye, masks, pillow cases and table placemats to get creative with. One activity set also included Instant Pots, aprons, cookbook and cutting board. To honor Earth Day, Community Services Division collaborated to provide a "Respecting Mother Earth" drive through event. It was a huge success with program staff handing out Earth Day goodie bags, dirt, flowers and lunch!

Thank you for everyone who came through. We will be hosting another event in June, keep your eyes out for more information.

Looking ahead for summer events, SPIPA is considering hosting a "family camp" at Camp Bishop. In the past, this was a summer youth camp. However, due to the COVID Pandemic, accommodations need to be adjusted. The new style for camp would include the whole family, with each family getting their own cabin for the few nights. More details will come out as decided. If you are interested in attending or learning more about this camp, talk to your case manager!

If you have any questions regarding TANF or would like to apply for services, give us a call at 360-456-5237 to arrange a time to pick up an application or email Jesse Youckton at Youckton.jesse@nisqually-nsn.gov and he can mail or email an application to you.



Nisqually Education Graduation & Moving Up Ceremony

**Our department would like to recognize all graduates
and those students who are moving up a grade at our
2021 Graduation Ceremony!**

**Please submit graduate/student information to
the Education Department by
Monday, June 14th**

We want to make sure we honor everyone's accomplishments!

**Ceremony Info:
Thursday, June 24th 2021
Location and Time: TBD
*(Will send out another flyer with updates)***

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LIB LIFE,

Tribal Library Staff

Family Engagement Kits: For Tribal and Community members with school-aged children, we still have **10**



kits to give out. These awesome grab-bags and boxes contain award-winning literature from the American Indians in Children's Literature blog (AICL), STEAM activities, Family activities (games, painting, etc.) and a community collaboration

surprise. Call the Library now to schedule delivery or drop-off of your family's 2nd Quarter kit!

***Also, don't forget to email the Library a picture of a completed work of art (with the paints supplied in the Kit) for your \$25.00 RezMart Gift Card!**

Stay tuned for our 3rd Quarter Family Summer Engagement Activity Kits, which we be given out by the third week of June!

Library Staff can be reached at 360-456-5221
Catalina S. ext. 1222 **OR** Shannon R. ext. 1141

Library Collection Update

Here is an update on some of the new book titles we have just ordered or have already purchased.

- Yellow Bird: Oil, Murder, and A Woman's Search for Justice in Indian Country, Sierra Murdoch
- Looks like Daylight Voices of Indigenous children, Deborah Ellis
- Eyes Bottles Dark with Mouthful of Flowers, Jake Skeets (Winner of National Poetry Series)
- American Apartheid: The Native American Struggle for Self-Determination, Stephanie Woodward
- The Winona LaDuke Chronicles: Stories from the Front Lines, Winona LaDuke
- Indigenous Poetics in Canada, Neal McLeod
- Winter Brothers: A Season at the Edge of America, by Ivan Doig

Hope everyone has a great end of the school year, stay safe and "see" you soon!

Coming Soon: JSTOR Database through NTL

The **Nisqually Tribe Library** has recently purchased access to JSTOR, which includes over "12 million academic journal articles, books, and primary sources" for all patrons interested in an online research and instruction platform.

Once configured to our website:
<https://weusso.softlinkliberty.net/>

Access will be through barcodes, so make sure you have your **Nisqually Library card!**



Nisqually Indian Tribe and Bank of America Introduce you to Financial Literacy and Better Money Habits

We would like to invite you to learn how budget and save money. High School & College Students, or anyone seeking information on better money habits is encouraged to sign up.

Please direct any questions to Nicole Sims at 360-456-5221 Ext:1309

We will be sending out a registration form in the mail, this will be hosted on Zoom.

June 14th, at 3:30 pm



TERO Spirit Week Activities

By Jennifer Underwood and Kayla Sparkuhl

Administrative Professionals Day

Nisqually had Spirit week April 19-April 23, 2021. TERO hosted on April 21st Administrative Professionals Day! We had over 25 in attendance for the special event out of about 38 the tribe has. The event was located in Youth Center, where we played fun games of bingo and also had raffles. Everyone who attended also received a swag bag filled with a reusable cup, notebook, pen, and plug in, flowers to replant. We all enjoyed an elegant meal of chicken and rice pilaf provided by Bayview. Thank you to all the Administrative Professionals that work so hard for us all each and every day. TERO was honored to be able to host this wonderful event. Thank you to Cynthia Iyall, Yolanda Machado, Jennifer Underwood, Victoria Jackson, Yolanda Bracero, Jack George, Aztec Sovereign and Kayla Sparkuhl.



Planting the Seed for Success

TERO hosted Bring Your Kid to Work Day on April 22. We had approximately 57 children signed up. Employees who chose to bring their kids brought them at 8 a.m. and showed their kids what they do for their career until 10 a.m. At 10 a.m. everyone met up in the gravel lot in front of Admin to join in the Earth Day fun. The kids were able to paint rocks to place in the medians in front of the administration building. Take a look when you drive by next time to see all the painted rocks. The Health Department, Tribal Council, TERO, Garden, and Library all joined in on the fun to help celebrate Earth day. Volunteers picked up bags full of garbage and turned them in for a chance to win some fun raffle prizes. Thank you to everyone who helped pick up garbage around the reservation, our home looks beautiful for sure.





Introductions to the Chef/Kitchen Operations Manager- CJ Young

CJ Young is the Chef/kitchen Operations Manager under Emergency Management and Tribal Council. CJ was brought on by Jeff Choke in Emergency Management when COVID started to hit hard in our area to continue feeding the youth while they continued learning remotely from home in a safe manner. Alongside Mila, Alvin, and Krystle the crew worked hard and creatively to bring healthy and nutritious meals for lunches at the youth center drive thru meals grab and go.

CJ is well knowledgeable in what the community needs and is willing to do whatever it takes to serve the Nisqually Tribe and community. While working as the head chef for Wa He Lut Indian School for 15 years he also jumped into many of Nisqually events and Indigenous gatherings in the Pacific Northwest. CJ has cooked for Joyce McCloud and Culture Department for Paddle to Nisqually 2016 as a head chef and also for 2018 Paddle to Puyallup. He has been the go-to guy for all of the cultural events for the tribe in Huckleberry Camps, Pow Wows, and Canoe Journey's head cook for the Nisqually Canoe family during the stops on each shore.

CJ wants to help the community of Nisqually in whichever way possible to help the community in time of needs and to any youth program and elders no matter what it is and just giving his very best at what he does. The future of the community is very important to the Nisqually people and all its future leaders, to all the ancestors who have suffered and indured all the hardships in the past. We owe it to them to give it our all. He looks forward to being of service to the Nisqually Tribe.



Please
Welcome
CJ and
Mila





Nisqually Gaming Agency Acknowledges Employees for Outstanding Job

The Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency would like to acknowledge the following employees for an Outstanding Job they have done and continue to do for our Agency, the Nisqually Tribe and our Team.

Juliette Randall was recognized as Employee of the Quarter. Juliette has been with the Tribal Gaming Agency for 16 years. She displays a great work ethic and is always a team player. Juliette has a wealth of experience that she always shares with new employees as well as other team members that have any questions or need assistance. Juliette was an integral part of a high-profile investigation and was asked by the National Indian Gaming Commission to participate and present the case in a Training Seminar.



The Nisqually Tribal Gaming Commission gave permission to allow TGA to show case their investigation with the National Indian Gaming Commission which was a great honor; Nisqually was one of the first Tribes to share information during the National training seminar to help other Tribes with regulation and investigation.

Sean Sweeney has been recognized as Employee of the Quarter. Sean has been with the Tribal Gaming Agency for 13 years. Sean goes above and beyond his duties and is a great example to other employees. Sean has done an outstanding job making sure our Licensing Department stays up to date with all regulations. Sean and the licensing team also ensure that things run smoothly and in a timely manner for the Casino Operations Employees whether it is for a new employee or an employee renewing their yearly license.



Sean and the license team continues to work with Washington State Gaming Commission and National Indian Gaming Commission to receive high marks in compliance every year.

Sefulu Taufetee has been recognized as Employee of the Quarter. Sefulu has been with the Nisqually

Tribal Gaming Agency for 17 years. Sefulu is an integral member of the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency since 2004. Mr. Taufetee's pedigree boasts an incredible amount of experience in managing and supervising law enforcement as well as the United States Army. Mr. Taufetee has worked on a number of high-profile cases in NTGA, protecting the Tribal assets. As his manager, what I am most proud of is Mr. Taufetee's devotion to the employees he supervises. I am honored to work with and manage Mr. Taufetee, as his influence and supervision is an asset to the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency's team.



Michael Pino has been recognized as Employee of the Quarter. Michael has been with the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency for 2 ½ years. Michael has made a great effort to promote better communication between the Casino's security, marketing departments and tribal gaming. Michael has built relationships with outside law enforcement agencies. Michael brings past experience from working within the casino's cage department. Michael has been an invaluable asset by being a great resource for the newly hired staff by sharing his knowledge and experience with them.



Eric Jerenz has been recognized as the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency's MVP. Eric has been with the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency for 18 years. Eric has demonstrated the ability to think outside the box to improve the Nisqually Tribal Gaming Agency. Eric Started in the Nisqually Red Wind Casino Security Department within the first year of the Casino's opening. He later moved to table games dealing where he mainly worked on the craps crew. Eric's total years of service to the Nisqually Tribe including the casino is 23 years. Eric has shared his knowledge and experience providing mentorship to the newly hired staff. Eric has shown great fortitude in his work ethic and is a shining example to others.





I don't like Spam

Tips from the IT-WebDev Department

Let me clarify, I personally do like edible spam especially when used in Spam Musubi (an Asian/Hawaiian fusion blend of fresh rice and a teriyaki marinated slice of spam all wrapped in seaweed).

What we don't like to see in technology communication, is the electronic version of spam. In 2001, around 8 percent of email worldwide was spam. In 2003, spam email accounted for 40 percent of all email. By 2010 spam reached 89 percent of all email. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic impacts, security experts monitored a 90 to 150 percent increase in COVID-19 email attacks.



Spam as a food was introduced as a luncheon meat in 1937 by Hormel Foods. The term spam as applied to unwanted electronic solicitation is believed to have originated during the late 1970s using an ARPANET directory of names/contacts and further grew after a Usenet community message post in the early 90s. No one really knows how the name took off but a Monty Python skit in the 1980s helped promote the word as an annoyance. The word definition of spam was published in the Oxford English Dictionary in 1998 as junk email. Spam now tends to mean deceptive advertising in any electronic form that someone has little or no opportunity to opt out of. Scammers use fake text messages, survey postings on social media outlets, emails and phone calls to trick people into giving them their personal information, such as passwords, birth dates, account numbers, or even a Social Security number. If they get that information, they could gain access to email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell personal information to other scammers.

Examples scammers use in spam emails;

- A promise of free prizes, gift cards or coupons
- An offer for a low or no interest credit card
- The promise to help pay off student loans

Scammers also send fake messages that say they have some personal information about an online account or transaction;

- It might say they've noticed some suspicious activity on an account
- They may claim there's a problem with payment information
- It may include a fake invoice and request to contact them to authorize the purchase
- A fake package delivery notification with a link to fill out more information
- A confirmation link to click on that installs malware

Helpful resource link for more information and how to report scammers;

- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-report-spam-text-messages>
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0108-national-do-not-call-registry>

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New Garden Staff Productions Supervisor

Elsa Haun

Elsa Haun is the new Production Supervisor at the Nisqually Community Garden. She was born and raised in Asheville, North Carolina, where she grew up loving gardening, cooking, and being outside. She stayed in NC to earn her B.S. in Environmental Management from the University of North Carolina Asheville in 2020. She comes to Nisqually with experience working in gardens in North Carolina and Pennsylvania, but she is new to the Pacific Northwest! She's excited be growing food and feeding the Nisqually Community.



Welcome a New ICW Caseworker Anastasia

Anastasia (“Ana”) is our new Nisqually Children and Family Services ICW-Caseworker. She has an undergraduate degree in Cultural Anthropology from Central Washington University and a graduate degree in Cultural Studies from the University of Washington. Throughout obtaining her degrees and after graduating she has worked with many different communities in Social and Educational Services.



She worked with the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and Tribal Elders to develop an education program for the Yup’ik and Inuit Native villages of Alaska that focused on infusing the school curriculum with cultural and Traditional ideas and practices to see if this helped Native children relate better to their school work and have higher scores. This program was very successful and is still running today; “*Math in a Cultural Context-UAF*.” Ana has also worked on several other Native American historical and cultural projects in collaboration with Northern Arizona University and the Mandan Tribe of North Dakota, and Central Washington University and many of the Tribes of the Eastern Washington Columbia River basin. She has also worked on other projects with many of the cultures of the Middle East (Israel, Jordan, Syria, and Egypt).

Ana has provided Social Services to adults and children of the Developmentally Disabled communities and those struggling with Mental Health issues in the greater Seattle area and the Ellensburg area as a Caregiver and Case Worker. She also ran a grant program for several years through Central Washington University working with the migrant communities of the West Yakima valley in Naches, Tieton, and Cowiche providing educational, financial, and social services support to High School students in those school districts.

Ana grew up in Southern California until the age of 15 and then moved to a small rural town in Eastern Washington (Roslyn) that she considers “Home.” She has four grown children ranging in age from 21-30 yrs old, and three grandchildren ages two months, three years, and ten years old. And a dog named “Bobby” that keeps her active and happy outdoors. In her spare time she enjoys camping, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, binge watching Netflix, and finding awesome new food!

Ana is passionate about keeping Indian children, families, and people safe, and preserving the Indian family and culture. She is excited to be working with the Nisqually community and looks forward to hopefully spending the rest of her working career in helping people in whatever way she can.

Nisqually Fish and Wildlife Update

The Nisqually police department/fish and wildlife currently has two cadets (one a Nisqually Tribal Member) attending the Federal law enforcement training center basic police academy. The academy is a 13 week basic police academy covering all aspects of law enforcement (Defensive tactics, driving, firearms, handcuffing, tactics, patrol procedures, criminal law, physical training, use of force, domestic violence). The cadets passed their first test and are currently in week four. The Nisqually police department has two cadets attending the next basic police academy in July. The police department has officers scheduled to attend firearms instructor, CPR Instructor, and CEW (taser) instructor this calendar year. The police department/fish and wildlife has two officers set to attend Washington state equivalency academy in July to further their training and experience and keep the community and its members safe!



The fish and wildlife department has been busy on the sound, river, and woods patrolling by watercraft, vehicle, and on foot. The fish and wildlife department currently has two officers attending SSA(surface supplied air) and SCUBA (self contained underwater breathing apparatus) training to better assist the community with natural resource protection.



Social Service Director – Norine Wells

I have worked for the Tribe for many years in the Elders Program, which was a lot of fun. The Elders Program staff are exceptional and work hard to serve the Elders in our community. Being involved in Tribal governance has also been a calling and interest of mine over the years. The Nisqually Tribe has always been home, and I love working for the Tribe and our community.

I have been working to get my health to the best that it can be and have so far succeeded with nutritional change. By changing my eating habits, eating fresh vegetables and cutting carbs and zero sugar, I lowered my labs back to normal within a week. This has been quite the journey into wellness.

Another activity I enjoy is going to school, debating issues and looking for good sources of new knowledge that can create changes or solutions to current social or health issues. I am applying for continued education to learn to write in our language and translate our stories into foreign languages, like English.

Social Services Program

I started work as the new Social Services Director providing oversight of the Vulnerable Adult Program and Nisqually Children and Family Services. This is a newly revamped department that is being restructured to focus on our most precious members.

The Social Service Department is one that will serve our members and community by creating services. The Social Services Department is getting up a rolling. We are reorganizing and focusing services to meet program needs identified by the community and Tribe.

I want to welcome all Tribal members to come in and look at the services that will be in place by the end of the year. We have wonderful plans for our vulnerable adults and Elders to live a safe and healthy life.

Vulnerable Adult Program

The Vulnerable Adult Program will provide services for people with disabilities and other vulnerable Adults, especially Elders, and is going to be developed to help our families for many years to come. The Vulnerable Adult Program will assist with assessments, building a care plan, which may include an employment plan to help vulnerable Adults move towards independence and ensure our clients are able to reach for their goals. This program will provide ongoing support for clients and their families. Within the 2021 Budgeting Process, I will request “Tribal Community Support” to address shortfalls in housing and employment/training for Vulnerable Adult Program clients.

Currently, we are working on drafting job descriptions for a Rehabilitation Counselor, Mental Health Counselors for Youth, Adults and Families. And a Social Worker to help our clients and their families pull their care plans together and provide client assistance with working on their plans.

Adult Protection Services

The Social Services Program is putting together an Adult Protection Program and drafting an Elders and Vulnerable Adult Protection Code to help families keep their vulnerable family members from harm or exploitation. The Social Services Program will work with WA State, other Tribes and Tribal agencies to develop good adult protective services program and create strong policy and procedures. Several Tribes have excellent programs developed by their own Elders, Tribal members and leaders. We hope to work with our Elders and their families to develop a good program for our Tribal community, and its members. Several Tribal Leaders pulled together in support of this very important Tribal program and project.

Nisqually Children and Family Services

The Nisqually Children and Family Services Program (NCFS) used to be known as the ‘ICW Program’. The NCFS Program is primarily a Tribal program that may work collaboratively with State or other Tribal agencies, like SPIPA as needed. NCFS will work to ensure our children are protected and maintain their social and cultural ties with our Tribe. The NCFS also assists families to keep their children in their home, and help family’s access services. The NCFS has hosted a few events already this year, and looks forward to continuing to reach out to community members again. NCFS will be working on recruiting possible Foster Homes / relative Care Placements and schedule training opportunities for those interested in getting a Foster Care license.

This program is no longer limited to ICW, but will look at assisting families to provide the best care and home for our children. Especially those families with a children who may have a disability. Our NCFS Program may work with the Vulnerable Adult Program to coordinate care for our children as they move into adulthood. This is to make sure our kids have the best medical care and support for a bright future in our community.

A big thank you to the other Departments who have assisted with providing services and worked to coordinate care with our clients.

So, come by and see me, I am across from the Community Services offices located in the Billy Frank Jr. Community Center. Or feel free to give me a call with ideas, recommended program activities or any concerns. If you have any questions, contact me at 360-456-5221 ext, 2103 or by email at wells.norine@nisqually-nsn.gov.



Notice to Community

Nisqually Tribe Behavioral Health Program Restructure

May 6, 2021

Good Day Nisqually Tribal Membership and Community,



As you may have heard, the **Nisqually Behavioral Health Program** is going through some very exciting changes; a time of renewal for generations to come.

We listened to your recommendations collected from the many surveys you provided and will be restructuring the program over the next several months. We are working closely with Tribal Administration for approvals on all levels of this restructure. **We want to hear from you** about your needs, and how we can improve our program.

What does that mean?

- Behavioral Health patients will continue to receive services, just in a slightly different way
 - We are partnering with Royal Life Treatment Centers and South Sound BH Hospital to refer out for continuation of IOP, Group and Mental Health services.
 - We will be reaching out to all of our patients to link each person with needed services and accommodate everyone's needs to the best of our ability.

- Royal Life has offered to host a Nisqually-specific recovery group.
- Coordination of patients back into the Nisqually BH program will take place with the program reopening.
- Transportation to and from appointments will be scheduled and arranged by staff to support out patients Individual Service Plans.
- Amy Sohler, LMHC will continue to be available for Mental Health Counseling, however appointment availability will be limited. Please call with questions
- Our offices will be closed to the general public for the time being, with drop in hours below.
 - Drop in hours are available during the following times:
 - Thursdays from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
- Due to COVID19 safety precautions, the program is also developing telemedicine options to support social distancing and alternative access to patient care.

We appreciate everyone's support during this time of transition.

For questions please call or email Pam James, Interim Behavioral Health Manager at 360-413-2727 or pam.james@nisquallyhealth.org

Youth Basketball Tournament

On May 14th and 15th Nisqually Tribe's youth basketball team of 3rd and 4th graders participated in the 'Rock your Mocs' basketball tourney hosted by the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho.

As we all know, the Youth Center has been closed for quite a while due to COVID-19. Upon re-opening, Coach Maury Sanchez organized two practices assisted by Robert Edwards. The kids have been working on drills and the basic rules of the game.

The boys arrived in good spirits, turned in early and were ready to play their 8:30 a.m. game. Though they did not win any games they played hard and with good sportsmanship. Their team work is improving quickly. They were very entertaining to watch and when they weren't working hard on the court they enjoyed long swimming sessions.

When asked his thoughts on the tourney Coach Maury said "The kids played hard and had a great time but they still have a long way to go." Coach Maury will be increasing practices and adding the team to any tournaments they can participate in. Please contact him at the Youth Center for practice times.

The team would like to acknowledge a special thanks to Jack Simmons and Jeremy Spencer for assisting on the tourney and working with the kids. Thank you to Robert Edwards for assisting at practice, and all of our parents and grandparents that support us no matter where we go.



3rd/4th graders: Zugwats. Coach Maury Sanchez
L to R: Marcus McCloud, Desmond Lynch, Wah Tah Shon Spencer, James Valencia, Chucky Garcia, David Blueback, Brannen Lee-Sanchez, John Squally, Leo McCloud, Kalum Williams





Youth Center Gets Buses from Red Wind Casino

By Billy Henry

Billy Henry met with Tyron Kruger from the Red Wind Casino a few weeks ago and he offered to gift the three shuttle buses to the Tribe. The end result is Nisqually Youth Center, Kevin Moore will be getting these buses to transport the youth to various activities. Kevin has staff who are in the process of getting their endorsements needed to operate the buses. I wanted to let the Tribal members know about the generous gift from the Casino.

The youth services program has been in search of buses for over four years and now it's finally happened! The buses consist of two 2012 Ford F-450 shuttles with seating for 24 and a 2013 shuttle with 30 seats along with monitors hooked up to a DVD player. They are in the process of getting detailed now.



FREE entry to the



**Hands On Children Museum
for Nisqually Families
Friday June 4, 2021
5:30-7:30 p.m.
Question please contact
Sandy at Nisqually Head Start
360-819-8245**

CLOSURE NOTICE

All Nisqually Health Department offices will be CLOSED:

- **Friday July 2, 2021** - Moving to New Health Facility
- **Monday July 5, 2021** – Holiday Observed by the Tribe
- **Tuesday July 6, 2021** – to reassure the new facility and operations are in good standing after the holiday

All departments will resume normal business hours on Wednesday July 7, 2021 at 8 a.m.

If you have an Emergency, please call 911 or go to either Providence Immediate Care Lacey or West Olympia OR the St. Peter's Emergency Room. Please call 360-486-9599 within 72 hours for notification.

Prescriptions can be taken to Rite Aid in Yelm, Hawks Prairie, or Sleater-Kinney, or Tim's Pharmacy in Yelm.

***Please note: authorization is for eligible members only**



Meet the Nisqually Tribe's New Denture Specialist Marvin Huber

Hello my name is Marvin Huber. I am looking forward to joining the Nisqually dental team. I am a Denture specialist and I will be working at the clinic on Thursdays. I am looking forward to addressing all your denture needs and creating many *Artistic Smiles*.



I was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta Canada. I attained my Denturist Degree in 1995. I worked with Swiss Denture Clinic before moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1999. Some would say, I traded my snow boots for gum boots!

However, rain is a lot easier to shovel than snow! I do not miss those harsh winters! In 2001 I started *Artistic Smiles Denture Clinic*, and I am celebrating

my 20th anniversary! I am very passionate about my profession, and I appreciate the relationships that I have formed over the years! I am currently working with the Muckleshoot Tribe dental team, and have really enjoyed the experiences I have shared in serving and educating the tribal community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to do the same for the Nisqually Tribe.

In my leisure time, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two kids. I like to travel, hike, play golf and tennis. I enjoy watching all sports, and I am a huge SEAHAWKS fan! I have a quirky sense of humor and an enormous sweet tooth!

Thank-you for the opportunity to make a difference in your community. Please call the dental clinic at 360-413-2716 to schedule your denture appointment, I look forward to meeting you!
Marvin Huber D.D.





South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program June Dates

PT. GAMBLE S'KLALLAM 6/3/21
SQUAXIN ISLAND 6/8/21
SKOKOMISH 6/11/21
CHEHALIS 6/17/21
NISQUALLY 6/18/21

NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities. If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff. For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360.426.3990

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





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WIC Program June Dates

SQUAXIN ISLAND 6/8/21
NISQUALLY 6/9/21
CHEHALIS 6/10/21
SKOKOMISH 6/16/21

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider. Washington State WIC Nutrition Program does not discriminate.

NOTE: These dates are future projections. While we strive to keep these dates and times, they may be subject to change. This program is not always able to accommodate walk-ins due to their other duties.





Announcements

June 7th

Happy 21st Birthday
to our baby, Masie Lu!
We love you! ~ Mom and Todd



June 7th



Happy 84th Birthday
Harold Merz!

Happy 90th Birthday Pete Svinth!



Peter has his 90th Birthday June 20th

He has been keeping a positive mind set during this COVID outbreak. He has had his vaccinations! However since he is such a social man it's been hard not seeing all his friends! He hopes everyone is doing well! He has kept busy on his orchard as much as he can, and has seen his cousin Harold Merz, his brother Al and two nephews have come out too visit. **JUST KEEP ON KEEPING ON everyone! -Pete**

Lewis Squally Memorial

Saturday, June 19, 2021

Nisqually Youth Center

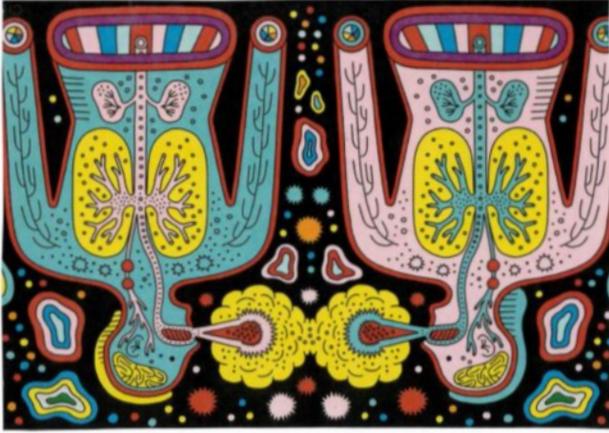
Headstone Setting at Noon-Leschi Cemetery

Dinner and giveaway

For info please contact Marlene Squally -Choke, Lou Ann Squally or Laverne Squally
CJ Young, Headcook

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Nisqually POST & PRINT

HOURS:
Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Location:
12820 Yelm Highway SE #C
Olympia, WA 98513

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360.810.8600

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