Everyone has landmarks in their life, dates and events that stand out that you will never forget. The assassination of President John F. Kennedy, President Richard M. Nixon resigning the presidency, the Challenger disaster and 9/11 are examples of milestones in the lives of our current elders. But as individuals we each have our own. Dave Herrera has a couple of those special moments that happened, in 1974, when he was finishing high school, in Tacoma. On June 22, 1974 he married Anna West and on October 12th, of that year, they welcomed their first child, Jessica. These are precious moments in his memory, for sure. On February 12, 1974, in the US District Courthouse, in downtown Tacoma, US Dist. Judge George Boldt issued his decision in the landmass US vs. Washington case, which reaffirmed the rights of WA and OR tribes to half of the harvestable salmon. Prior to this the State of Washington was managing the fishery with non-Indian fishermen capturing 90 percent of the harvestable salmon and Tribal fishermen were told to only fish within the boundaries of their existing reservations. Tribal fishermen had always understood that the respective treaties which their ancestors signed reserved their right to fish in their usual and accustomed areas. Unfortunately, the State of Washington’s Department of Fisheries didn’t agree and so when tribal fishermen did try and fish off-reservation they were met with the heavy hand of the State who would arrest them, confiscate their gear and their catch, and put the fishermen in jail for violating State of Washington fisheries laws. But in the late 1950’s and throughout the ‘60’s what became known as the “Fish Wars” took place with more and more tribal fishermen exercising their rights and getting arrested by the State of Washington. Skokomish fishers were right in the thick of it and many of them were arrested during that time. The Boldt Decision put an end to this controversy, from a legal standpoint.

After the Boldt Decision Dave remembers having a conversation with his uncle, Dennis Allen, where he told Dave that the landscape is going to change in the regulation and implementation of Tribal fishing with this landmark event. Dennis suggested that Dave seriously consider studying fisheries related fields as he was beginning his college education. Tribes were going to need technicians and managers to establish the required Tribal regulation of the fisheries, where the State was the sole regulator before. In fact, Judge Boldt took over the regulatory duties of the fishery until the State and Tribes could assume co-management responsibilities, which resulted from his decision.

Dave moved his young family to Port Angeles, WA while he attended Peninsula College. After completing his first year of studies he received news that the Tribe was getting ready to break ground on a Tribal fish hatchery on Enatai Creek. Dave applied for and was hired to work on the construction crew which laid the pipe to feed water from the creek to the hatchery. The hatchery was completed in 1976 and the first Chum salmon fingerlings were released in 1977. After construction was completed, Dave was hired to be on the hatchery crew, and he worked under the supervision of Tom Gouley who was the Fisheries Manager. At the time Point No Point Treaty Council was the consortium which provided the administration of the fisheries management for the Skokomish, Port Gamble S’Klallam, and later, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribes. Dave now found himself learning on-the-job in the field that he wanted to be in and he and Anna were the proud parents of three little girls.

During this same time the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission was being established as another consortium to assist it’s member tribes with fisheries management and enhancement. On June 4th of 1975 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the US vs Washington (Boldt Decision) after which the State of Washington appealed the case to the Supreme Court. On January 26, 1976 the US Supreme Court declines Washington to appeal thus upholding the Boldt Decision. This exhausted the State’s efforts to repeal the law and they then had to work towards co-management of the fisheries with the Tribes. The Boldt Decision created many changes for Tribes, besides fisheries regulation. Tribal Courts had to be developed to enforce those regulations, as well as environmental resources to monitor habitat, water quality, and shellfish enhancement. So many job opportunities have been created, since the Boldt Decision, for all tribal communities.

In 1980 Tom Gouley resigned from his fisheries manager position and Dave became the new fisheries manager. He served in that capacity until 1984 when he left to work directly for the Point No Point Treaty Council performing stream surveys all up and down the Hood Canal drainage. Again, his education regarding fisheries resources was being developed further. In 1990 he moved into a Shellfish position where he monitored beaches where harvests were occurring. Expanding his knowledge and experience further. In 1996 Dave returned to Skokomish as the Fisheries Manager and held that position until 2007 when he became the Skokomish Tribal Fisheries Policy Representative.

In 1974 another milestone began to emerge, when the Tacoma Public Utilities sought a new license for he Cushman Dam’s continued operation. The Skokomish Tribe has always been in opposition to the Cushman Dam’s wrongful taking of the North Fork property and the subsequent Dam and the loss of our fishery from that resource. Legal efforts were unsuccessful during this time to get the City of Tacoma to resolve this issue.

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with the Tribe. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission held up the license renewal until 1998 when a new license was issued but the Tribe filed a challenge. This time the City began to discuss a resolution. It took until 2007 when substantive measures were agreed to but final approval was required by the Skokomish Tribal Council. Finally, in 2010, the Skokomish Tribe settled and a new relationship resulted between the Tacoma Public Utilities Cooperative and the Tribe. Another milestone realized.

Dave Herrera has been involved in so much since the Boldt Decision that he has played an important role as the Tribe’s Fisheries Policy Representative. He meets with stakeholders in preservation and enhancement of the Tribe’s fisheries, environmental protection, and cooperative agreements between governmental and private parties. Dave has taken on habitat issues through forums such as the Puget Sound Partnership’s Ecosystem Coordination Board and Salmon Recovery Council. He was also appointed to the Puget Sound Partnership’s Leadership Council and was a member of the state Forest Practices Board for 12 years. He also chairs the Northwest Indian Fisheries Council’s Environmental Policy Committee and the Tribal Management Conference of the Puget Sound National Estuary Program.

On this past February six and seven the Muckleshoot Tribe hosted a US vs. WA fiftieth anniversary celebration in their new Hotel and Convention facility.

Dufferey was invited to share his vantage point on the Bold Actions for Salmon Recovery panel. His background and experiences have led him to be a unique historian.

During all of these professional milestones, over the past fifty years, Dave has become a grandfather twelve times and a great grandfather six times. Dave and Anna have traveled to Europe and visited nearly ten different countries over the last few years. He’s always looking for more milestones.

By Tony Herrera

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**Point No Point Treaty Day Dinner**

January 26, 1855 is the date that our Point No Point Treaty was signed by our ancestors. This past January 26th was the 169th anniversary of this event and a special dinner was held to honor our seniors. The inspiration for this dinner was the idea of the Skokomish Workforce Development class members and they did quite a bit of the gathering for the excellent meal that was provided. Most of the class members helped with the preparation and presentation which was enjoyed by nearly 100 community members in attendance. Local artists were solicited for raffle items that were given to the seniors who were lucky enough to have their names drawn. Many of the Workforce Development students also performed the Cedar Dance and sang during the performance. After dinner was served Delbert Miller was the guest speaker. Afterwards the floor was opened up to anyone who wanted to share any memories of theirs.

Times have been hard for our fishers and shellfish gatherers for the last few years. This past year was one of the worst ever for salmon fishers, shrimpers, and shellfish gatherers. Many of them have begun to look for other employment opportunities either to supplement their income or to start new careers. Hopefully these bad years will soon give way to much better ones where they can depend on our natural resources to sustain them again.

The Skokomish Tribe’s Workforce Development program stepped in to provide training and job experience opportunities for some of these members. Augusta “Gussie” Wilbur and Annette “Nut” Smith provided a ninety-day training class to teach thirty of our community members basic skills that are required to seek employment. Putting together their resumes, identifying resources for work experiences, filling out applications completely and gathering the information that prospective employers will need. They even took time to read and understand our Point No Point Treaty, Tribal Constitution, regulations regarding our fisheries, hunting, shellfish gathering, as well as codes and regulations specific to the Skokomish Tribe. They also were provided workforce experience through various tribal departments, like Code Enforcement, Fisheries/hatchery operations, Education, Work Force Development, Youth (Tom’s) program, Housing, Skokomish Park and Skokomish ECE (headstart). So after the ninety days have passed many will remain employed through direct hiring or utilizing the Subsidized Employment resources provided by the Skokomish Workforce Development program.

Everyone involved in this program has been inspired by the desire of the class members to expand their knowledge and skills while gaining a better understanding of the inner workings of the Skokomish Tribal Government. The effort that was shown in planning the Treaty Day dinner and then putting it on is a great example of their pride in being Skokomish Tribal members.

By Tony Herrera
February was a busy month in the Land of the Littles. We celebrated Valentine’s Day by showing love for our families and friends. We’re starting an experiment with lunches for our older students. Lou has turned one of the spaces into a lunchroom. We’re giving it a little time to see how it goes, but so far, so good! We’ve also enjoyed some sun outside after a lot of overcast winter days.

You may have noticed some changes at the ECE. The building needed a little love too, so we’ve been working hard on replacing old, worn-out items and starting deep cleaning. New rugs have definitely cheered up our rooms. The toddlers also received new furniture sized just for them!

Assessments are underway for Head Start students. Results will be shared during conferences at the end of March. Teachers will reach out to schedule a time with families. Please contact the ECE if you don’t receive an appointment request.

**SPOTLIGHTS**

Talon is a very active toddler. He LOVES climbing things! He’s going to be quite an athlete someday. He brings a lot of love to the Deer Room.

Miss Kalaiah is a happy girl. She loves playing in our kitchen area and hanging with her sister.

Valani Andrews - 12th Grade, was picked for student spotlight of the month for her personal growth, attendance, and amazing grades. Valani was asked three questions “What do you want to do after graduation?” she said, “I want to move to Utah and go to college at Charter to be a Medical Assistant.” Then she was asked, “What helped you get through high school?” She stated it was her self-motivation and playing on the Shelton Highschool Basketball team. Lastly, Valani was asked who supported her on her journey through high school. She responded, “My mom and brother Chase are my biggest support system, and thanks to their motivation and encouragement, I am almost done with my senior year!”

#ClassOf2024

The secondary tutors at the Shelton Highschool would love to give a special shout-out to our graduating senior of 2024, Weetly Cordova. He is a spectacular student with amazing attendance and stellar grades! He is always smiling, always respectful, and has a very positive attitude. Weetly credits his parents for his high school success.

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Skokomish Head Start
N 91 Reservation Road; Skokomish, WA 98384
P (360) 877-9007 | F (360) 877-9004

An early childhood education program to support native and non-native children’s learning and development.

We are now enrolling preschool-aged children for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact us today for more information!
We have been in full gear with Winter projects and Valentines art. The kiddos are thriving in the gym, love the cold outdoors any chance given and love expressing their creative sides in the art room while a Disney movie quietly plays in the background. Our monthly calendar is shared on the Facebook youth page. Many of the kiddos are gym rats and play basketball from the minute they step off the bus all the way up to the point of leaving to go home. Some of the kiddos are in a phase of playing “survivor” when outdoors. It’s fun to watch because they are using their imaginations widely as if they are living in the wild simply yet roughly surviving. We of course have our creative arts kiddos that cannot wait for the art room to be opened for the afternoon. There are some days where a couple of the kiddos just want to rest after a long school day (mostly Mondays) and chill with the displayed movie for a little while at the end of our day. Tom’s program is still averaging 40+ youth each day. The program is being fed by Chris Tinaza each day. Wednesdays are our culture days. Kris Miller provides culture art activities and Gussy w/ her constitution WFD work crew come and sing and dance with our youth. They sure love singing and dancing. The kiddos also love to do the buffalo yell.

Shelton Saturday league has wrapped up once again. Most of our youth played games on Saturdays in Shelton against some other Shelton teams. We are still practicing on Thursdays for upcoming tournaments. There will also be an additional Tuesday practice for a 3rd age bracket. Matlock traveled out to the Community Center to play two games against our youth and now we will return the favor and travel to Matlock for another match up practice game on Saturday February 24th for 6th grade and under. Hood Canal is in Jr high girls’ basketball season. If you find yourself with a free afternoon, there’s a chance you can catch an HC home game. Spring baseball league in Mason County is most likely in effect. Make sure if you are interested in your kiddo playing this upcoming Spring to make sure to sign up online.

Higher Education Updates

Our Education Department would like to invite our Skokomish high school students to the 53rd Annual Spring Powwow at the University of Washington. This event is hosted by the First Nations program. First Nations is an undergraduate intertribal registered student organization at the University of Washington in Seattle. The student organization works to put on events year-round both on- and off-campus with the intention of educating the community about Native cultures while spreading awareness to issues affecting the Native community. First Nations is very supportive of Native American and Alaska Native students, and they strive to support and help them succeed in higher education.

Prior to attending the powwow, we will be touring the campus. Payton Bordley, who is a graduate from the University of Washington, will be our tour guide. Not only did she complete her undergrad while attending UW, Payton also got her Master’s degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the University of Washington.

This will be a great opportunity for our students to get a feel for what the campus is like and connect with Native students who are currently attending the university. The University of Washington is set in the heart of Seattle and whereas the campus alone has a lot to see, the city is full of fun activities.

If you are a high school student or have a high school student that wants to visit a certain college, university or vocational school please let Amber Hanson know and she can set up a visit. We would love to get more of our students out there to visit schools and dream big. Amber can also help students with college applications, essays, FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), scholarship applications, job searches, resumes and much more! Be on the lookout for a Career Fair in the next couple months and a College Fair in the fall!

In Education, we are also starting to plan for our graduation ceremony this June. If you are a college or high school student graduating this year and you don’t already work with our department, reach out to us so we can be sure to include you in our program.

For any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to Kelly Neely (Education Director) or Amber Hanson (College and Career Coordinator) at 360-877-2460.

Tom’s Program

Tom’s staff would like to congratulate our tribal High School athletes on an amazing basketball season. They sure finished their season strong. Good job being such great role models for our younger youth to look up to. We also would like to thank Tiffany Twiddy and her Centralia women’s College team for their time and commitment. The college team visited and provided a basketball clinic a total of three times, once in December, once in January and once lastly in February. Tiffany and her team done an awesome clinic and the youth sure loved the players.

Skokomish High School Students are invited to attend UW’s 53rd Annual Spring Powwow

Presented by First Nations at UW

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Schedule

8:00am - Depart from Skokomish Education Building

**Transportation will be provided for high school students, families may drive, meet and join us at the event.**

10:00am - UW Campus Tour led by Payton Bordley

12:00pm - 7:00pm - Powwow, vendors, food (Indian Tacos will be for sale!)

9:00pm - Arrive back to Skokomish Education Building

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SKOKOMISH TO SPOKANE

In the beginning of the month, the first weekend in February, a handful of young Skokomish teens visited the University of Washington. It was an overnight trip to a supposed sports summit. There were 4 Skok youth teen council members that attended. The members were Tatiana, William, Mahala Hernandez-LaClair and Naomi Capoeman. These youth were accompanied by Lea Miller, Corbett Gamber and Fawn Gouley.

The group left on a Saturday morning February 3rd, traveling all day across the state toward Pullman. They reached their destination by dinner.

On Sunday morning February 4th the youth sat through a WZU admissions presentation, attended a campus tour, and was able to ask some Native upperclassmen some questions regarding their college classes, groups, or anything else relevant regarding their lives on campus. When the questionnaire portion of the session wrapped up, the summit group were able to attend the WZU women’s basketball game taking on the Utah Utes. Although visiting the WZU, all the attending fans of the summit including the Skokomish group, were all cheering for Alissa Pili of the Utah Utes. #35 Alissa Pili is a beautiful baller of Samoan and Alaskan Native descent. She has become a major role model and influencer for our young Native American youth. She is an all-around beautiful soul taking as much time as needed after each game for each one of her fans, allowing pictures and autographs. The Skok youth were beyond ecstatic to get their autographs and have a picture taken with her after the game.

We've had another great month with the Skokomish Teen council, with some cool things we've had the opportunity to learn about. We learned about Magnetism, and everybody received a cool magnet fishing kit. We learned about beginners sewing, and all the participants received some awesome new beginners sewing kits that came with a bunch of mixed threads for any colors you need. We also learned about STEM Projects with an awesome RC Car Stem build kit.

There is always something new and interesting happening with Teen Council and we're so proud of youth participants for their willingness to try new things and learn new skills. We're really looking forward to the next lesson requested by our youth participants. We are going to learn about carving, everyone will get a holiday ornament carving kit!

If teens are interested in joining Teen Council:

Participants get an opportunity to collaborate with other Skokomish teens (ages 13-19) in regular meetings, activities and other events to learn, create and have fun while encouraging positive change in our community. We also get dinner and really cool stuff to go along with our lessons! If you have any questions about Skokomish Teen Council or would like to sign up a participant, please contact Corbett Gamber at (360) 506-8570.

Bingo Night (Get Out the Vote)

This past January 31st the Tribe hosted a Bingo Night, at the Tribal Center Elder’s Lunchroom. This is not a regular event, but it was a draw to get as many people to attend, as possible, to inform them about the upcoming Mason County Special Election which was scheduled for February 13, 2024.

The reason for such an effort was that an important ballot measure was the Bond Issue for the expansion of the Hood Canal School. This measure failed to acquire the 60% approval vote, in November of 2023, so the School District wanted to run it again hoping to gain additional support to ensure the approval of the bond, this time. The purpose of the Bond request is to expand the Hood Canal School and make improvements to the existing structure. The current school building isn’t sufficient to accommodate the number of students currently attending and expansion would address those needs. Some of these funds would also be used to build a new transportation building to better service the school’s bus fleet.

Flyers that were sent out asking registered voters to bring their ballots with them so that they could fill them out and then turn the ballots in, if they would like to, to be deposited, en mass, ahead of the Feb. 13th deadline. There was a special guest in attendance, Steve Duenkel, Mason County Auditor, and he spoke regarding the importance of getting the vote out. He stressed that there were going to be five elections held this year, due to it being a Presidential Election year. But he asked that attention be paid to all of the elected offices that were going to be on the ballots, as well as the bond issues for schools, Fire Districts, and other interests. He invited anyone in attendance who was not currently a registered voter to get signed up.

Unfortunately, the Feb. 13th Special Election results showed that the Bond issue fell short of passage with 56% of the vote, when 60% being required. Simply, if the Bond issue had received an additional 80 votes for approval it would have passed.

Thanks go out to Bobbie Blacketer, Tribal Council Secretary, Norma Cagey, Receptionist, and everyone else who made this night a great event and educational experience.

By Tony Herrera
March is Colorectal Cancer awareness month, and the month of the American Indian Cancer Foundation’s Blue Beads campaign to raise awareness about this disease. Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in American Indians and Alaskan Natives. The good news is that it can be prevented! Here are some common questions about Colorectal cancer.

Q: Who should get screened (tested)?
A: Everyone 45-75 years old. If you have certain medical conditions or have family members with colorectal cancer, you might need to start screening earlier. If you are over 75 and still want to be screened, talk to your doctor.

Q: What are the symptoms of colorectal cancer?
A: Sometimes there are no symptoms at all. Other symptoms are blood in the stool (poop), change in the shape of stool, stomach aches that won’t go away, or losing weight without trying to.

Q: What kinds of tests are available?
A: There are stool-based tests and medical procedures that can detect colorectal cancer. Some stool-based tests can find hidden blood. Others find abnormal DNA from cancer cells. These tests are only for people who have never had colorectal cancer and are at average risk of getting it. A colonoscopy is a medical procedure where a doctor uses a long, thin, tube with a camera to check for polyps (abnormal growths) and cancer inside the colon. If the doctor finds polyps or certain cancers, they can remove them right then and there.

Q: How can I reduce my risk of getting colon cancer?
A: Eat a diet low in red and processed meat like hot dogs, sausages, deli meats, and bacon. Get at least 150 minutes of moderate physical exercise each week. Limit alcohol intake and do not use (commercial) tobacco.

We want to help you live your healthiest life and stay protected against colon cancer. During the month of March, receive a gift card for completing your stool-based FIT test. Call the clinic at 360-426-5755 to get screened for colorectal cancer today!

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) is an annual awareness day observed on the first day of Spring, which falls on March 19, 2024, this year. It serves as a day to provide hope and support to people in American Indian/Alaskan Native communities regarding HIV, draw attention to those fighting the disease, and honor those who have been lost due to it. The theme for this year’s observance is “It’s All Relative, Our Experience Makes a Difference.” The National Native HIV Network organizes this mobilization effort each year, encouraging Native people (including American Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians) across the United States and Territorial Areas to get educated, tested, involved in prevention, and treated for HIV.

The Skokomish Public Health and Wellness program during National Condom Week had supplied the Language Department, Youth Program, Workforce Development, Community Center, Tribal Center restrooms, and the Skokomish Wellness Center with bags that contain information about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), PrEP and PEP (medications that prevent HIV in different situations), condom 101, and STI, Syphilis, and HIV testing available at the clinic. Each bag also includes condoms and lube to encourage safe sex practices. The bags are available for anyone over the age of 13. If you would like additional information or need answers to questions you may have, please feel free to visit Desiree White, at the modular that sits between the old Tribal Center gym and the Wellness Center or by calling 360.426.5755 x2194.

Greetings from your Skokomish Wellness Center
Dear Skokomish Community Members,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. We are writing to inform you about a special opportunity available to those who applied for health insurance through the Health Plan Finder (Apple Health Insurance) in 2024.

As a token of appreciation for your commitment to maintaining your health and well-being, you are eligible to receive a $25 gift card. We believe that taking care of your health is a crucial aspect of leading a fulfilling life, and your proactive step toward obtaining health insurance deserves recognition.

Please get in touch with the Skokomish Health Clinic at 360-426-5755. An appointment will be made to verify your application details and facilitate the gift card distribution process. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure that your health insurance application is in order and receive this small token of appreciation. Y our health is of utmost importance, and we are here to support you in your journey towards a healthier and happier life.

Thank you for prioritizing your health; we look forward to assisting you further. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to make your appointment. Wishing you continued good health and well-being.

Sincerely,
Beth Burfiend
Billing and Benefits Manager - CAC
Skokomish Health Department

New Employee

Hello, my name is Laila Longshore. Here is a bit about me. The Skokomish Wellness Center recently hired me as the Program Advocate within the Tribal Victims Assistance Program. I will work at our Skokomish Wellness Center in our old exercise room. I hope to be in the community soon to discuss this fantastic program! I am very excited and can’t wait to get started!

Our Program Further heightens the community’s understanding of victimization while promoting the services available through the Skokomish Crime Victims Service Dept through focused outreach and education within the community and beyond, along with providing support and services for victims of crime and their families.

I love to learn and explore new things. I am a passionate learner who believes in the power of knowledge. Always eager to learn more. I am a creative individual who loves to create things from scratch and bring ideas to life. I am also a people person who loves to socialize and build relationships with others. I am an optimist who loves to see the good in every situation—Who believes that anything is possible.

I am a great communicator, and I strive to communicate effectively with others. Believe in an open-door policy.

If you have a question, give me a call or pop in and say hi.

Rez Photo of the Month

The fishermen in this photo are none other than: Sonny Gilette and Eddie Green Sr.
As we age, our mouth changes right along with the rest of our body. One oral symptom that is common as we age is Dry Mouth (or Xerostomia). Dry mouth can be the result of several causes, but the most common cause is due to medications. Common medications taken to relieve allergy symptoms, manage diabetes, and some cancer therapies can reduce the amount of saliva in the mouth. Saliva is incredibly important to keep your mouth and teeth healthy. Saliva helps clear food debris from the mouth, protect the teeth from acidic foods, moisten the mouth and aid with swallowing. Saliva is the first line of defense your body has to protect your teeth from cavities.

When patients are suffering with Dry Mouth, it is common to get cavities on the smooth surfaces of the teeth - that is the area of the tooth that is near the gum line, or around the edges of existing crowns. If you lift your lips, it is the area of the tooth near where it enters the gums. Cavities in this area can start as white or “chalky” in color and then proceed to looking brown or black. You may also notice a break in the enamel. The tooth is this area may start to filled pitted, rough, or broken. One of the devastating things about cavities from Dry Mouth is that they can develop rapidly and appear on several teeth at the same time.

If you or a family member is preparing for cancer treatment, I highly encourage you to schedule a dental exam so that we can discuss a strategy to address Dry Mouth before it occurs. You can also have this discussion with your treating oncologist. Often your oncologist can help you manage oral symptoms that result from cancer therapy such as oral ulcerations or Dry Mouth. If you are experiencing Dry Mouth now, we can complete an evaluation to find existing cavities and attempt to stop their progression.

Things you can do if you have Dry Mouth:
1. Rinse your mouth with water throughout the day and after eating
2. Chew sugarless gum or suck on sugarless candy
3. Try a saliva substitute when necessary (available at the dental clinic)
4. Utilize a high fluoride toothpaste or mouth rinse (available at the dental clinic)

Please call the Skokomish Dental Clinic to schedule a dental exam.
(360)-426-5755
SKOKOMISH TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS JANUARY 24TH, 2024, BY A TRIBAL COUNCIL PHONE POLL:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-008**: A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Skokomish Indian Tribe’s 2024 Annual Intertidal Clam and Oyster Regulation

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2024, AT A REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-009**: A Resolution Appointing Sashina Ware to the Housing Committee Pursuant to the Appointment Procedures Contained within S.T.C. 1.06, the Skokomish Committee Standards Ordinance

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-010**: A Resolution to Approve SLD Contract No. 2024-AGREE-00010, Interlocal Agreement for Mason County Public Works Services

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-011**: A Resolution Appointing a Source Check Form for the US Department of Education Impact Aid Section 7003 Program for Hood Canal School District No. 404

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**Skokomish Community Artists**

Tuwaduq Arts and Crafts SPRING Bazaar

May 4, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Skokomish Community Center

The Skokomish Vocational Rehabilitation program will be hosting a Spring Bazaar that will be open for tribal artists, vendors to sell their artwork at the Spring Bazaar. This will be a place to sell your artwork just in time for Mother’s Day. Please get your artwork prepared and ready to participate. We will be signing up interested vendors to participate. Please call (360) 426-7788 and schedule a table. A $10.00 donation per table will be requested to help support our tribal elders program.

Contact Rosetta LaClair or Chinook Miller

Skokomish Vocational Rehabilitation program
if you have any questions, (360) 426-7788

Program funded by Dept. of Education

[Contact Information]

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SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE’S 2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Tribal Council Meetings**

Community Center @ 12 PM

**General Council Meetings**

Community Center @ 10 AM

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**SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE’S 2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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**General Council Meetings**

Community Center @ 10 AM

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**Submitting Agenda Items for Tribal Council Meetings:**

Agenda items and supporting documents for Tribal Council meetings shall be presented by the deadline indicated for the meeting you wish to present your item. If received after the deadline your item will be scheduled for the following meeting agenda. Please include how much time you think it will require. Otherwise 5 minutes will be allotted for your item. The preferred method for submitting your agenda items is in Microsoft Word, Excel, or pdf. Please email them to: bbblacketer@skokomish.org.

**Procedures for Staff to beplaced on the Agenda:**

To place an item on the agenda you must provide documentation that has been approved by your supervisor and/or CEO for placement on the Tribal Council Agenda. If you are presenting a resolution it must be reviewed by the Legal Office. If it’s a grant application it must be reviewed by the Community Development Office’s Planning Review process. If you are presenting a contract, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), it must get legal review according to the Legal Office’s process. Council directed an introduction of all new employees so an item on every agenda. You don’t need to be placed on the agenda to introduce new staff.

**Tribal Members:**

If you wish to address the Council you may attend any meeting and sign in at Tribal Members’ Comments. The sign-in sheet is on the Council Table in the main room. If it is a program issue it may be referred back if you haven’t tried to address it with the appropriate supervisor, manager, director, or CEO. New Policy: The Council adopted the General Welfare Benefits Policy so an application process for donation requests was implemented. Applications are available in the administrative department as well as copies of the policy.

**Are you interested in doing business on the Skokomish Indian Reservation?**

Business License Ordinance (S.T.C. 4.08.014)

The Skokomish Indian Tribe has a simple Business License application process. Information can be found by stopping by the Skokomish Tribal Center or you can go online https://skokomish.org/skokomish-tribal-businesses/.

If you have questions please contact Jackie Smith at 360-426-4232 ext. 2004. Thank you for your interest in doing business with the Skokomish Indian Tribe.
On February 14, 2024, Kirk Larson, from Seattle office of Social Security came out and provided information about questions that people have about when you are eligible to receive retirement benefits. How does early retirement affect your benefits, do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits? How do you get the most from your benefit. Questions were asked about Social Supplemental Security Income, which could provide many of our fishermen a possible income if determined eligible. Kirk Larson has agreed to come back sometime in April as a follow-up to this presentation. Please look for flyers for the announcement of the scheduled date, if you have any questions regarding Social Security. Thank you to those that came and participated and hope that you will join us in April.

On Saturday May 4, 2024, we will be hosting the Annual Spring Bazaar. This will provide an opportunity for self-employment activity for those that want to sell their craft items to make extra money to supplement their budget. Now is the time to get your cultural craft ideas together in preparation for the bazaar. If you would like a table, please contact us at (360) 426-7788, Tuwaduq Family Service. The bazaar will be held at the Skokomish Community Center. We will be doing craft classes every other Friday working on cultural items that can be used as a self-employment activity. Flyers will go out to let you know what date the classes will start and what we will be working on. We will also be collaborating with the domestic violence program on a variety of classes as well.

We recently interviewed for the Elder Coordinator, and Perry Carrington has accepted the position. He will be starting the new position in March. We will welcome him in this new position and begin to get activities and ideas scheduled for our elders. With the new bus scheduled to be delivered in March 2024, this should allow for trips to be planned for and to attend different outings that are being offered. We will be asking for input and ideas from the elders, once we get this position established. We will also be looking for a qualified CDL bus driver to be able to transport when a trip has been decided. If anyone is interested, we would be glad to hear from you. We will need to have them trained in how to operate and maintain the new bus once it gets delivered. The bus will have wheelchairs, handicap accessibility and be able to seat 20 people.

With Spring just around the corner, we are getting ready to buy seeds and preparing to get ready for planting season in the garden. Now is the time to order your seeds for delivery if you are going to plant a garden this year. Most of the time if you wait too long to order your supplies, what you want will be “sold out”. Now is the time to plan for and prepare for gardening season. With this in mind, as the weather changes, we will also be slowing down on woodcutting. If you are in need of wood, please make sure to contact Tuwaduq Family Services and let us know. (360) 426-7788.

**TUWADUQ WOMEN’S DAY**
**MARCH 8, 2024**
**“POP-UP EVENT”**
**TUWADUQ FAMILY SERVICES**
10:00am - 4:00pm
Raffle prizes, sweatshirts, gift bags, food, and fun!
Contact: Linda Charette, DV Advocate
360-426-7788

This project was supported by Grant # 15-JOVN-21-GO023777-71B awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, US Dept. of Justice. The opinions, conclusions & recommendations expressed in this publication/exhibition are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the DOJ/OVW.

**Skokomish WIC with SPIPA**
(Women, Infants, and Children) provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.
Please have available:
Your child’s height and weight, Provider One Card or pay stub and identification for you & your child

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:
Patty at 360.462.3224, wicnutrition@spipa.org
Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360.462.3227 gardipee@spipa.org
Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3990

This institution is an equal opportunity provider, Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn’t discriminate.

**CALL FOR TRIBAL ARTISTS**
Skokomish THPO seeking proposals for
Cedar Weaving Class
Up to 10 students
Submit your cost proposal to Kris Miller at shlany1@skokomish.org
Please include in your proposal the following:
* supplies list
* length project will take
  - fee for instruction
* image of proposed project
### Tribal Members with Birthdays in March

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| 14th       | Sienna Blair         |
| 15th       | Rachel LaClair       | Katrina Twiddy |
| 16th       | Jordan Andrews       | Ryan Johns         | Sparrow Peterson |
| 17th       | Peggy Johnson        | Emery Mount Jr.    | Theodore Pulsifer III | Jennifer Adams |

| 18th       | Shauni Emerson       | Gary Peterson |
| 19th       | Trevor Peterson, Jr. | |
| 21st       | Theresa Kenyon       | Alecia Plant      | Jesse Cultee |
| 22nd       | William Pickernell   |
| 23rd       | Magen Allen          | Mike Pavel        | Shanoha Cloud   | Kassie Dominquez |
| 24th       | James Byrd III       | Marlene Johns     | Wayne Wilbur   |

### Shout Outs

Shout out from the Pulsifer family thanking everyone for their prayers, and support, for Ralph Pulsifer. He suffered a stroke, in January, but he’s doing much better now. He’s hoping to be cleared to go back to work, at the Lucky Dog, soon.

Happy Birthday Deidrah! Love Kyan!

Happy Birthday Deidrah have a good one! Malakai~

Happy Birthday Deidrah Love you lots, Gramp

Wishing Gramma’ Peggy & Aunt Tutsie a Happy Birthday in March. We love you 2 so much 😊

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**WEARABLE WEDNESDAYS**
EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MARCH
10AM – 8PM
Earn 50 Base Points & Get a FREE Wearable.

**CLUB LUCKY MULTIPLIER**
EVERY TUESDAY IN MARCH
10AM – 6PM
Based on your Club Lucky level, you receive an EXCLUSIVE multiplier.

**FILL YOU TOOL BOX GIFTING**
EVERY THURSDAY IN MARCH 1PM – 8PM
EARN 100 Points on each date below and receive a gift.
THURSDAY, MARCH 7: Metal Tool Box
THURSDAY, MARCH 14: Slip Joint Pliers, Screwdriver & Measuring Tape
THURSDAY, MARCH 21: 11-piece Socket Set, Socket Wrench & Pliers
THURSDAY, MARCH 28: Hammer, Wrench Set & Screwdriver bit set

**LUCKY’S LOOT**
EVERY SATURDAY IN MARCH
10AM – 10PM
Find Lucky’s Loot and Win up to $2,500.
Play Lucky’s Loot on the Kiosk or in the Lucky Dog Casino app to reveal your bonus games.
BONUS: Earn up to FOUR additional plays of the Lucky’s Loot base game.
200 Points earned = 1 additional play.

**ST. PATRICK’S DAY SPECIAL**
SUNDAY, MARCH 17
Enjoy Corned Beef & Cabbage paired with the beverage special.

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Rez Sudoku Puzzle of the Month

Fill the empty squares with numbers 1 to 9 so that each row across, each row down, and each 3x3 square contains all the numbers from 1 to 9. Good Luck!

Can you name the fishermen in this photo?
Please turn to page 7 for the answer! Good luck!