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Skokomish Indian Nation

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"Time of Returning"

DENNIS ALLEN: CELEBRATING OUR OLDEST LIVING TREASURE

Dennis Allen's 90th Birthday Celebration

The oldest male member of the Skokomish Tribe just turned 90 years old on October 19, 2025 and his family threw a party to celebrate. Andrea Wilbur-Sigo put the plan in motion by reserving the Community Kitchen, at the Squaxin Island Tribe, she sent out invitations, via Facebook media, and word of mouth, to come and wish Dennis well on his momentous day. A large crowd of family and friends came, food in hand, to add to the potluck dinner which turned out very well and everyone served themselves a healthy and tasty meal. Dennis recognized some family members for their support after his wife, Esther, passed away recently. He thanked everyone for coming and sharing his day with him. It was noted that Dennis Allen was born in 1935, in Shelton, and he has eight children, Andy, Dennis Jr., Sue, Dawn, Mary, Betsy, Rex and Cody. As a result, there are now twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-eight great grandchildren, and eight great-great grandchildren. Many of them were able to come and join the party.

Cody mentioned that his dad was always fishing on his birthday, as were many of his children, there was never a good time to celebrate together. Now that he's starting to slow his pace, not fishing anymore, this made his ninetieth birthday all that more special. Several of his kids, grandchildren and others took the microphone and shared some memories of how Dennis played such a special part in their lives, taking them fishing for the first time, sharing his artistic techniques with younger ones who wanted to pursue the same passion for being an artist, and providing insight into how to handle situations that we all face

Over his nine decades of existence, Dennis has learned so many talents and most by trial and error. A self-taught hunter who grew up in the woods all over the Skokomish watershed. One



time he was admonished by his father, William "Togo Bill" Allen, for harvesting so many elk and deer. But he always enjoyed sharing meat with elders and others he knew were in need and not able to hunt for themselves anymore. This made him happy to have another reason to go into the woods and gather and be of service to his friends and family.

As a fisherman, he did learn alongside some of his cousins, like Sonny Gillette, how to be a very productive harvester. Over the years he would hire pilots to fly him over the Hood Canal to look for the schools of salmon and know better where he might lay out his net next to catch as many salmon as possible. He has shared his knowledge of the Hood Canal and where best to commercial fish with his friends and family throughout his life and while fishing with his children and grandchildren. He also, while serving on the Skokomish Tribal Council, worked to establish the Skokomish Tribe's Enatai Fish Hatchery in the early 1970's. Starting with convincing his family members to think of the long-term benefits and then to have over fifty-one percent of them to sign a gift deed for the property from their interest in the "Old He He" allotment.

Dennis leased property from his Aunt Jean Smith, on the corner of Highway 101 and N. Minerva Terrace Rd. where

he established the first card room west of the Puyallup Indian Reservation. Robert Satiacum and Bertha Jane (BJ) Turnipseed both had card rooms on the Puyallup Reservation and Dennis learned from Bertha Jane, BJ as she is commonly known, taught him what he needed to know to run a card room. BJ is Dennis' cousin.

He also owned an embroidery business, selling custom ordered clothing all around the Pacific Northwest. These were things he pursued to keep himself productive, in the off-season when he wasn't fishing. For someone who dropped out of boarding school at an early age, he learned to accomplish so much. He built a house

Then he moved into his NW Native art business. The roots of this can be traced back to watching his grandfather, Henry Allen, carve canoes and paddles which were for a practical application. That's how he traveled around the river and canal when he needed too. But other artists helped to develop his interest, like his brother-in-law, Rudy Herrera, who carved miniature totems, canoe paddles, bowls and masks that were of Haida and Tlingit designs. Dennis would bring Rudy red and yellow cedar, alder, yew and other kinds of wood to use. Closer to home his son Andy and his granddaughter Andrea were becoming accomplished carvers who were establishing a following with

museums and collectors of Native Art. He spent time learning the basics of carving and creating his own unique designs. In the end, he found that you just start carving and you develop it to be better with each piece. Each artist has to just apply themselves, develop their passion to improve, and put their own inspiration into it. Soon, he developed a market and demand for his creations. Graphic prints, bentwood boxes, canoe paddles, carved panels, and other pieces, all with his unique interpretations of NW Native Art. Like those before him, he has shared his experience and techniques with young artists who admired his talents and sought his guidance. Now, he's slowing down and just doing his art for his own satisfaction. No more filling orders for others.

These are just a few highlights of a very full life that he's had and at ninety-years he's taking more time to appreciate the joy of family, of being a grandpa, traveling when he wants, and discovering the art of relaxation. Dennis Allen has always applied himself fully to accomplish his goals and objectives and done very well in the process. His family and friends cherish his example of doing your best at whatever you choose to do in this world.

Tuwaduq Word Search ~ Animals

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| č | t | p | g | p | k | y | m | m | l | q ^w | sχ <i>ʷ</i> iχay (s-hx(w)ee-TLeye) goat |
| m | q | † | p | ä | š | p | š | č | d | i | qəba† (Quh-bah-hL) wooly dog |
| c | q | t | m | l | c | l | č | q | † | ? | sq ^w əbaɣ (sq(w)uh-beye) dog |
| ə | s | χ ^w | i | χ | a | y | q ^w | ə | ? | i | cəbaɣqi (tsuh-beye-qee) mink |
| b | q ^w | s | ? | q | w | k | w | j | š | q | sq ^w i?iqubay (sq(w)ee-eeq-o-beYe) puppy |
| a | q ^w | g | q ^w | i | ə | ə | † | p | h | u | pišpš (peesh-psh) cat |
| ý | č | p | q | ə | ? | b | š | k | ñ | b | stiqiw (stee-qaw) horse |
| q | j | i | h | ä | b | i | a | k | b | a | q†päšpš (q-hLp/a/sh-psh) kitten |
| i | t | ? | č | č | p | a | t | † | č | ý | sčsatq†əb (s-chaht-q-hL-uhb) grizzly bear |
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Twana Language News

?asayəb pišuwa Greetings everybody! Things in the Language Department have been busy this fall! We started going into the Head Start five days a week to bring our tuwaduq language to the Littles! It is amazing how fast and eager our children are to gain this connection to our ancestral language and our past. We also go into both first-grade classrooms and both kindergarten classes two times a week, once on Tuesdays and again on Fridays to keep up with the language that we taught them in previous years at Head Start. At the beginning of next year, we will add second grade to our schedule, and third grade the following year. Eventually we will have language lessons with all the grades at Hood Canal. Just a reminder, we are always looking for Tribal artists who have works that they would like to sell to us for our Community Language Night raffles, feel free to reach out to us and let us know what you have! With the holidays around the corner, we like to spread our prize funds around to as many Tribal member artists as possible. Also, if you have ideas about activities you would like us to host, please let us know. You can reach us at the Education building 360-877-2460.

WEX: Helping You Achieve Your Career Goals

Due to current funding limitations, we are unable to offer Work Experience (WEX) opportunities to all interested participants. To ensure fair and effective placement, a protocol is in place that we must adhere to. We have policies that we must follow to ensure that we have the funding available throughout the year. The purpose of a Work Experience (WEX) placement is to support a participant's **career development goals**. It's important that placements align with the individual's interests, skills, and long-term employment objectives to ensure the experience is meaningful and beneficial.

If someone expresses interest in WEX but doesn't have a clear career goal, Tricia Longshore, Employment & Training Coordinator, can assist you with a career exploration process first. That way we can better match you with a placement that supports your growth.

Tricia can be reached at 360/877-2200

Higher Education Updates

Recently our College and Career Coordinator, Amber Hanson, has started meeting with our high school seniors. She spent a couple mornings at the high school meeting with each senior individually to find out what they are considering for life after high school. Life after high school doesn't have to mean straight into a 2 or 4-year school. Other options include trade school, apprenticeships, traveling, working, joining the military, or taking a gap year to decide what you want to do. Many of our students had a good idea of what they wanted to do. A few want to go right into a 4-year while a couple really wanted to get right out there and start working to earn money. Amber is here to support our students with their goals by applying to college and filling out a resume or job application.

One great opportunity for our students

right now is to attend Evergreen State College under the Evergreen Shelton Promise. "Evergreen's Shelton Promise is a simple and direct offer to Shelton School District graduates. That upfront offer is: 100% paid-for tuition and fees for four years, a need-based Geoduck Grant to offset cost-of-living expenses, targeted help to apply, and guidance and mentorship once you arrive. The Shelton Promise Program is open to all Shelton School District students graduating in 2026. Students are eligible regardless of income or country of birth." (Evergreen College). The Geoduck Grant can be used for housing, transportation and other related fees. Access to support and advising services are essential in guiding students through college and ensuring they have what they need to be successful. Our department will always be available for extra assistance when needed. Some

important things to keep in mind while applying to Evergreen are that you must be a 2026 graduate, have a 2.0, complete the FAFSA, submit any scores from testing (SAT/ACT), attend directly from high school (no gap year) and complete the college academic distribution requirements (CADRs). Amber is available to help and assist with all of this!

It is now that time of year for our high school students and college students to fill out the FAFSA. FAFSA is a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. It's a form used to determine how much financial aid one would be eligible to receive. This can include grants, scholarships, loans and work-study funds. As part of our tribe's

scholarship program, it is required to fill this out annually. The form is available online and on November 21st Shelton high school has a FAFSA night, and Amber is available daily to assist with the application. Many times, the parents will need to also create an account and fill out a portion to ensure the student gets financial aid. This is required until a student turns 25 years old. We are also available to assist parents with filling out their portion of the FAFSA.

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.

College Student Spotlight

For our college student spotlight, we would like to recognize Tricia Longshore. Tricia currently attends Northwest Indian College. Last year Tricia got her AA from Northwest Indian College. She is now working towards her BA in Tribal Governance and Business Management with an emphasis on social work and entrepreneurship. While attending school full-time, Tricia also works for our Work Force Development program as an Employment and Training Professional. She helps our students and clients with finding what their passion is and applying for jobs that are available. After she gets her bachelor's degree Tricia plans to transfer into nursing and do midwifery. Tricia really loves family time when she isn't working or studying. She enjoys music and dancing. She goes on adventures and travels with her kids when she gets the chance and loves troll hunting. She hopes to one day ride a horse, and I know with her dedication she will make her dream come true. Tricia is leading by example for her



five kids. Two have already graduated from high school and have enrolled in South Puget Sound Community College. One is studying criminal justice and the other wants to become a vet technician. Tricia leads to show not only her own kids, but the rest of our community that you can pursue your dreams, and the sky is the limit.

Tom's Program Recap of Octoberfest!!

The first full month back into the swing of things was nothing short of success. We celebrated Halloween, Fall, some last bit of sunshine, and as always health and fitness. There were fun cooking activities such as yogurt parfaits and dirt cups (chocolate pudding) that the youth were able to make themselves. Kris Miller and Alisha Longshore attended one of our Cultural Wednesdays and retaught the youth how to play stick games. In the art room the kids wrapped mummies, wove some spider webs, made some fun 3D candy corns and much more. STEM/STEAM is always a hit in the Sr lunchroom after snack is cleaned up. Speaking of snack, the kids are happy to have all the yummy meals our cook Christine prepares. They are fed well. Our kids are naturally gifted as far as athleticism goes. Coach Willie keeps them busy and active in the gym during breakout sessions. They love volleyball, baseball, football, capture the flag, dodgeball, kickball and basketball of course.

The busy month ended with a fun conference week of our usual half day trips to Rollerdrome, Schilter Farms and the Shelton Cinema. Rollerdrome is a fun skating rink in Centralia with

a bouncy house and an arcade. Schilter is our usual annual Pumpkin Patch located in Nisqually. There, Schilter has a large patch to choose pumpkins from, a zipline, playground, trikes, tunnel slides, corn maze and tractor rides. Every year the "go to" snack at the patch is Costco pizza. Shelton Cinema didn't have a new cartoon, so the youth watched an original favorite, Hotel Transylvania. Tron 2 was offered to the older teens that attended. Lastly the youth painted their hand-picked pumpkins and got to party hardy at the Tribal Halloween party. The most exciting end is that Halloween was FINALLY on a FRIDAY! Most years the kids must trick or treat on a school night and wake up early the next day. This year they can slumber party with their cousins or at aunties or gram's and sleep in on Saturday. Whoop Whoop! Doesn't get any better than this RIGHT!

The first week in November, Tom's staff will be gone to a conference so there will be no Tom's Nov. 3-6th. However, upon returning we will have our contract workers back for our Cultural Wednesdays. That's exciting. We look forward to another busy and eventful month.

HOUSING WAITING LISTS AS OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2025

Rental Applicants

- 1 CarrieAnn Smith
- 2 Kaylean Mendoza-Lopez
- 3 Myranda Andrews
- 4 Addison Emerson
- 5 Beth Burfiend
- 6 Jonathon Dominguez
- 7 Jonathon Edwards
- 8 Willie Grover
- 9 Tahnee Miller
- 10 Shannon Edwards
- 11 Tyler Auld
- 12 Brandon Carrington
- 13 Alexia Moon
- 14 Chase Burfiend
- 15 Hattie Peterson-Williams
- 16 Tristan Johnson
- 17 Taylor Strong
- 18 Treyton Andrews
- 19 Aaron Wilbur
- 20 Jesse Gouley
- 21 Jeremy Wilbur
- 22 Tyler Andrews
- 23 Lashya Johns
- 24 Emily Poulin
- 25 Maxamus Miller
- 26 Shera Johns
- 27 Amy Kenyon
- 28 Timber Ware
- 29 Jimmy Byrd III
- 30 Jose Mendoza
- 31 Kristine Mann

- 32 Sunsomay Keith
- 33 Angel KingGeorge Parker
- 34 Torina Kenyon
- 35 Billy Allen
- 36 Ben Tinaza
- 37 Anthony Wilbur
- 38 Valani Andrews
- 39 Marilyn Thomas
- 40 Joshua Kennedy
- 41 Baily Plant
- 42 Vera Smith
- 43 Edward J Smith
- 44 Harriet Pulsifer
- 45 Charlie Henry Jr
- 46 Joseph B. Peterson
- 47 Doreen Strong
- 48 John Smith
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Ownership MH/ Applicants

- 1 Eleanor Smith
- 2 Myranda Andrews
- 3 Jeff Johns
- 4 Jimmy Byrd III
- 5 John Smith
- 6 Addison Emerson
- 7 Jamie Kenyon
- 8 Shannon Edwards
- 9 Spilyay Miller
- 10 Kayla Strong
- 11 Matthew Auld Plant
- 12 Joel Allen-Johns
- 13 Carrie Ann Smith
- 14 Alan Peterson
- 15 William Pickernell
- 16 Christine Tinaza
- 17 Kaylean Mendoza-Lopez
- 18 Ocean Sparr
- 19 Beth Burfiend
- 20 Jonathon Dominguez
- 21 Ben Peters
- 22 Jonathon Edwards
- 23 Helen Tinaza
- 24 Willie Grover
- 25 Tahnee Miller
- 26 Tyler Auld
- 27 Brandon Carrington
- 28 Alexie Moon
- 29 Chase Burfiend
- 30 Hattie Peterson-Williams
- 31 Tristan Johnson

- 32 Taylor Strong
- 33 Treyton Andrews
- 34 Rachel Smith
- 35 Aaron Wilbur
- 36 Jesse Gouley
- 37 Jeremy Wilbur
- 38 Tyler Andrews
- 39 Lashya Johns
- 40 Emily Poulin
- 41 Maxamus Miller
- 42 Shera Johns
- 43 Amy Kenyon
- 44 Timber Ware
- 45 Luanne Kennedy
- 46 Jose Mendoza
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- 53 Marilyn Thomas
- 54 Joshua Kennedy
- 55 Bailey Plant
- 56 Vera Smith
- 57 Joseph B. Peterson
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Eligibility income at the time of admission shall not exceed the most recent amount established either by the Skokomish Tribe or by HUD, but in any case, cannot exceed 80% of the Median Income. Income as defined by 24CFR

You will be required to update your wait list application every (12) months to keep you active on the housing wait list. Applicants who have no change in circumstances still need to update

ENERGY READINESS

Skokomish Housing is pleased to announce that we are seeking Elder applicants from within the Reservation boundaries who may require assistance with replacing their water heaters. We have a limited amount of funding available through a grant to support this initiative.

We encourage interested individuals to reach out to Skokomish Housing for further information or to receive assistance with the application process.

Requirements for eligibility are:

- Must be a Skokomish Tribal Member
 - Must be 55+ years of age
- Must reside within the boundaries of the Reservation
 - Must own and reside in the house



Water trapped in gutters can cause major damage to your roof and walls. Maintaining clean gutters help keep your home in good shape.

How to Clean Gutters

- 1) Gain access to the roof with a ladder. **Place ladder on firm level ground. Ladder should never be place on Uneven or slippery ground.**
- 2) Don't lean the ladder against a downspout or gutter, which can easily bend or break.
- 3) Remove leaves and twigs from gutters by hand or with a large spoon, a gutter scoop or a small garden trowel.
- 4) Wet down caked-on dirt, which can be difficult to remove without damaging the gutter itself, then remove it with the cutter scoop or trowel.
- 5) Put debris in a bucket or plastic trash bag placed on the roof or ladder. If you use a bag, you can just drop it when it's full.
- 6) Check that the downspouts aren't clogged. Use water to unclog your downspouts by placing a garden hose in the opening. But be gentle at first; downspouts aren't designed to withstand the same pressure as a house drain. If plugged downspout can't be cleared with a hose, use a smaller plumber's snake. Again, be gentle. Gutters are not as strong as house pipes.
- 7) Use the hose to flush the gutters with water after cleaning. (This is also the best time to find out if there are any leaks in the system.)

Things You'll Need:

Garden Hose
Garden Trowels
Large Wooden Spoons
Plastic Trash Bag/s
Bucket/s
Extension ladder
Gutter Scoops or gloves for hands
Plumber's Snake (small)

Tips & Warnings

Never hold on to the gutter or downspout for support. They are not meant to support your weight.

Make sure the ladder is **sturdy** and well secured.



Extend beyond the roofline. One of the most dangerous transitions is climbing off the ladder and onto the roof, or vice versa. To do this safely, the top of the ladder must extend 3 ft. above the eave of the roof, and should be tied off securely whenever possible. Always step off the side of the ladder onto the roof; never climb over the top.

Rez Photo of the Month



*The men in this photo are none other than:
L-R: Buddy Cooper, Jake Smith and Chet Pulsifer!*

Don't let it happen



Helpful Safety Tips for Christmas Trees

Trees and holiday lighting

"Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious," the NFPA says. "On average, one of every 32 reported home fires that began with a Christmas tree resulted in a death, compared to an average of one death per 143 total reported home fires."

The NFPA offers these tips for enjoying a freshly cut tree indoors and reducing related fire dangers:

Picking the tree

- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- **Never use** lit candles to decorate the tree.
- **Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.**

After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree after Christmas. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Also, bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.
- Don't overload your outlets. Use surge protectors if multiple outlets are needed and do not insert more than two plugs into one outlet. Never force a three-pronged plug into a two-pronged outlet or extension cord.



Holiday Lights

- Maintain your lights – Inspect the lights, wires, and sockets for wear and tear.
- Electrical Outlets – Don't overload outlets or stretch lights to reach outlets.
- Periodically check the lights; they should not be warm to the touch.
- Turn the lights off when you're not at home and before going to bed.

Each year fire occurring during the holiday season injure 2,600 individuals and cause over \$930 million in damage. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

"The holidays typically bring a lot of happy times with family and friends. "But failing to follow some basic safety rules can turn what should be happy memories into memories filled with sadness and regret."

Preparing Your Home for Winter

As temperatures drop, preparing your home for winter ensures comfort, safety, and energy savings. Start outdoors: clean gutters to prevent ice dams, inspect the roof for loose shingles, and seal cracks in foundations or siding with caulk. Trim overhanging branches to avoid snow-loaded breaks. Indoors, focus on heating efficiency. Replace furnace filters, bleed radiators if needed, and schedule a professional HVAC tune-up. Insulate pipes in unheated areas to prevent freezing—use foam sleeves or heat tape. Reverse ceiling fans to push warm air down. Seal drafts around windows and doors with weatherstripping or draft stoppers. Stock emergency supplies:

flashlights, batteries, non-perishable food, and blankets. Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Finally, prepare your car and walkways with salt or sand. These steps minimize risks and keep your home cozy all season.

Equally important, check on elderly neighbors or family. Cold weather heightens risks of hypothermia, falls, and isolation. Visit or call regularly, ensure their homes are warm (at least 68°F), and help with tasks like shoveling snow or grocery runs. Offer to install grab bars or program emergency contacts. Small acts of kindness can save lives during harsh winters.

Resolutions Passed by Skokomish Tribal Council

**OCTOBER 1ST , 2025
TRIBAL COUNCIL PLANNING
MEETING: WAS CANCELLED**

OCTOBER 15TH 2025, AT A
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING:

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-110:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF WA STATE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION ELDER PROGRAM FLEXIBLE FUNDING APPLICATION
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-111:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) END OF FY25 NON-RECURRING FUNDS
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-112:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION, NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM FOR INDIANS (SDPI) FOR 2026
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-113:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A U.S. DEPT. OF INTERIOR NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS – EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF FOR TRIBES APPLICATION
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-114:** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-115:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING SECTION 105(1) LEASES WITH THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-116:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING SECTION 105(1) LEASES WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-117:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A WORKPLACE SAFETY-WORKERS CLIMATE CHANGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-118:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL TRIBAL CAPACITY GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-119:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF AUSTIN ESCOBAR IN FAVOR OF THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-120:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF SARAH JOHNS IN FAVOR OF THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-121:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RELINQUISHMENT OF MARTI PETERSON IN FAVOR OF THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-122:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENROLLMENT APPLICATION OF SHALEERAE ALLEN FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-123:** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENROLLMENT APPLICATION OF MAILANI RAY AULD FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE

Skokomish Community Assessment 2025 Survey

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM

YOU!

ATTENTION SKOKOMISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

The Skokomish Community Assessment Survey is available online or at the Tribal Center. Please call 360-426-4232 to pick up a hardcopy or scan the QR code to take the survey online



TAKE THE FREE SURVEY & BE ENTERED INTO OUR RAFFLE
To receive a ticket for the raffle, please show you completed the survey to Jackie Smlth, CDO Manager, at the Skokomish Tribal Center. You can screenshot the completed survey online or fill out a hardcopy. The raffle drawing will take place on Monday, February 2, 2026, after the survey closes!

TAKE OUR SURVEY BY JANUARY 31, 2026!
Scan the QR code or visit the Tribal Center at 80 N. Tribal Center Road or call 426-4232

THE SURVEY IS AVAILABLE ON SEPTEMBER 22

CALLING SKOKOMISH TRIBAL ARTISTS

WE NEED ART FOR OUR NEXT RAFFLE!

Are you a Skokomish Tribal Member?
Do you have artwork for sale?
If you answered YES—we want to hear from you!

CONTACT: Bobbi Blacketer
PHONE: 360-426-4232 ext. 2021
EMAIL: bblacketer@skokomish.org

First come, first serve—Don't miss out!

| Category | Price Range | # of Prizes |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Small Prizes | \$20-\$50 | 19 |
| Medium Prizes | \$51-\$100 | 6 |
| Large Prizes | \$101-\$200 | 3 |
| Grand Prize | \$201-\$300 | 1 |

RAFFLE DRAWING IS ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026!

Skokomish Gaming Commission Vacancy

*Letters of Intent Requested
To fill*

*One (1) vacant position for the
Skokomish Gaming Commission*

The Skokomish Tribal Council is currently seeking Letters of Interest from enrolled Skokomish Members who are 18 years or older and wish to be considered for appointment to the Skokomish Gaming Commission. This opening is to fill One (1) vacant position.

Please address letters to the Skokomish Tribal Gaming Commission and the Tribal Council then forward your letter to Jeff Faubion, TGA Director at the Lucky Dog Casino. In your letter, state why you feel you should be appointed and why you feel you'd be the best candidate.

If you would like more information regarding the Gaming Commission and the responsibilities of being a Gaming Commissioner please contact Jeff Faubion, Tribal Gaming Agency Director, at (360)877-2831.

All letters received will be forwarded to the Skokomish Tribal Gaming Commission and reviewed at the first available meeting following the deadline to submit letters. The Commission will interview applicants and make a recommendation to the Tribal Council, who will then make a final decision regarding appointment.

The deadline to submit letters of interest is: November 5, 2025 by 5PM



**November
5th and 19th**



When: Wednesdays, 5:30pm to 7pm

Where: Skokomish WFD building (old TANF building)

What: Career Building Activities/ Food Provided



Who: WFD clients and community who want to get signed up for WFD.

Government Shutdowns and How they are Affecting Tribal Services

Government Shutdown Update, Tom Strong CEO

As the government shutdown continues into the month of November there are a few updates to provide:

All services in health, education, general welfare, and public safety remain intact as we have had access to the payment portals through the Federal Government.

Additionally, we continue to offer the general welfare program that is available to help our people meet some of their basic needs.

There is a measure of concern for our programs funded through the Bureau of Indian Affairs as they do not receive their appropriation the same way that IHS does. IHS has the full year of funding approved and available, but that is not the case with the Bureau so we are continuing to track that and will address any impacts as they arise. If there are impacts, we will share information on any changes to the Tribe's Facebook page to keep our community informed in between our regular issue of the Sounder.

Unfortunately, we are seeing that State programs that are funded with Federal dollars are being impacted. For instance, the Basic Food Benefit through the State of Washington is funded by the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

With the shutdown that program no longer had funding to support any clients beginning on November 1st. It isn't clear which State programs will see their funding cut, but as we learn more we will work to get that information out to the community as quickly as possible.

Lastly, I wanted to touch on programs that are run through SPIPA and the challenges the shutdown has had on them. The SPIPA Board has authorized the use of Board reserve funds to continue to operate the programs through the end of the calendar year, or 12/31/25. This will ensure that services are not interrupted for the clients in our communities that rely upon those services. Should there be any changes to those services we will ensure prompt communication with our community. Fortunately, the portals to draw down funds have remained open and SPIPA has not needed to utilize any reserve funds to this point, but with the shutdown likely to persist for several more weeks the funding backstop is more and more likely to become necessary.

As I mentioned we will continue to share updates as we receive them, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me and I will share any current information I have. I can be reached at 360.426.4232 ext. 2022 or tstrong@skokomish.org.

Government Shutdown 2025 – SPIPA maintaining Agency and Program operations

As the federal government shutdown continues with no clear resolution in sight, we remain in a period of uncertainty regarding federal funding for SPIPA programs and services. In response to this ongoing situation, the SPIPA Board of Directors has approved an extension of the Board Reserve Fund authorization through December 31, 2025. This extension ensures that SPIPA maintains operational stability and continues delivering essential services to our Tribal communities without interruption, even if conditions change between now and the end of the year. The Board's authorization has been instrumental in helping us avoid any reduction in force (RIF) or temporary layoffs of administrative staff.

Program Updates:

- 477/Workforce Development and Vocational Rehabilitation programs are not impacted by the shutdown and will continue operating under their regular funding sources.
- Health and Wellness Programs with existing awards received prior to the lapse in funding are able to continue drawing funds from those prior awards during the appropriations lapse.
- Family and Community Resources Programs, such as Food Distribution, are being covered by reserve funds until a final budget is approved.

Although we have not yet drawn significantly upon the Reserve Fund having successfully utilized existing grant resources to sustain operations, we remain prepared should the need arise. Any further extension beyond December 31st will be evaluated on a month-to-month basis and will require additional Board approval.

Kyle Rogers, Executive Director
South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

DIABETES FAIR

NOVEMBER 12th, 2025

12-3pm

At the Tribal Center in the Elders Room.

Join Us For:

- A1C Testing & Screening
- Information on diabetes management
- Coffee & Tea
- Raffle for Singer Sewing Machine

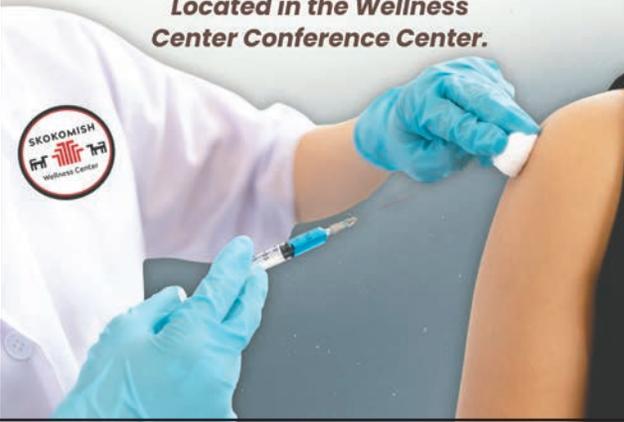



VACCINATION CLINIC FOR ELDERS

NOVEMBER
4TH: 9AM - 12PM
7TH: 1PM - 4PM

FLU SHOTS & LIMITED COVID VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE

Walk-ins only.
Located in the Wellness Center Conference Center.




ELDER CARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

November 1ST - January 15th

**Heila is available the first Friday of every month 1pm-4pm to help you enroll.

360
426
5755

Call the Wellness Center to set up an appointment.



GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT:

A Community Commitment to Tobacco-Free Living

On **November 18**, the **Skokomish Health and Wellness Department** and **SUD** will host a pop-up event in honor of the *Great American SmokeOut*. This national movement, held annually on the third Thursday of November, encourages individuals to take the first step toward quitting tobacco. Our event will offer **free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), herbal medicines, lung cancer screening materials, and culturally grounded resources** to support our community's journey to wellness.

What Is the Great American SmokeOut?

Launched by the American Cancer Society nearly 50 years ago, the Great American SmokeOut is more than a symbolic day, it's a powerful opportunity to begin a tobacco-free life. It's a moment to reflect, reset, and rally around those who are ready to quit smoking and reclaim their health.

Why Quitting Tobacco Is Urgent—Especially for Indigenous Communities

Tobacco use remains the **leading preventable cause of death** in the United States. While it affects all populations, **American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities face disproportionately high rates of tobacco-related illness and mortality.** According to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB):

- 29.4% of AI/AN adults in Washington report current cigarette use, compared to 12.4% of the general state population.
- 26.2% of AI/AN women in Washington smoked during pregnancy, nearly triple the state average of 9.4%.
- These elevated rates contribute to increased risks of lung cancer, heart disease, and infant

health complications, including low birth weight and preterm delivery.

The Washington State Department of Health also reports that:

- AI/AN populations experience higher rates of tobacco-related chronic diseases, including cancer and cardiovascular conditions.
- Tobacco use among Indigenous youth remains a critical concern, with early exposure increasing the likelihood of lifelong addiction.

A Holistic Path to Healing

The November 18 pop-up event is designed to meet individuals where they are, physically, emotionally, and culturally. In addition to NRT and lung health resources, we'll offer herbal medicines and traditional healing practices that honor individual values and support holistic wellness.

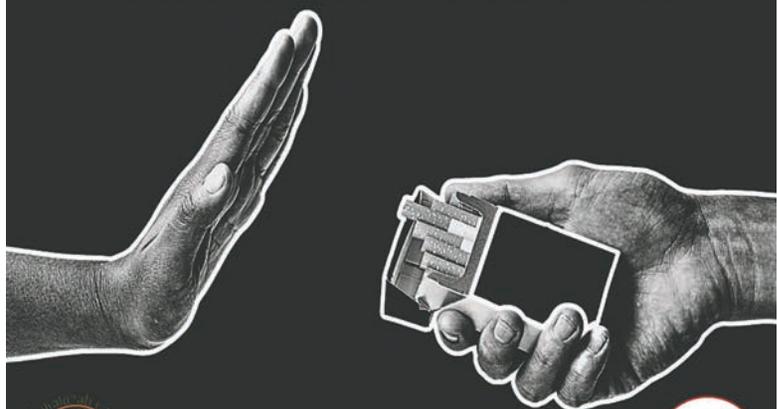
Quitting tobacco isn't just about stopping a habit, it's about **restoring balance, reclaiming health, and strengthening community.** Whether you're ready to quit or simply exploring your options, we invite you to join us, ask questions, and take the first step.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Location: Skokomish Wellness Center Parking Lot
Time: 10 AM – 3 PM
Offerings: NRT, herbal medicines, lung cancer

GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT

STOP SMOKING POP-UP
AT THE WELLNESS CENTER
NOVEMBER 18TH FROM 10AM - 3PM



WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU FINALLY QUIT FOR GOOD.



screening materials, culturally tailored resources, and more

Let's make this year's Great American SmokeOut a powerful moment of transformation. Together, we can breathe easier, live longer, and uplift our community.

Hello,



I'M ALEXANDRA REDFIELD,

....but please feel free to call me Sasha! I'm the Wellness Case Manager at the Skokomish Wellness Center; I facilitate the Care Coordination Team's biweekly meetings, work to streamline communication between the clinic's providers and staff, and act as the clinic's SDPI Coordinator (Special Diabetes Program for Indians).

I graduated from The Evergreen State College in December of 2021 and have been devoting my life to social work ever since. I have worked as an advocate for a multitude of disenfranchised people including but not limited to the homeless, those experiencing substance dependency, domestic violence and human trafficking survivors, injured workers, LGBT youth, and undocumented people. I am proud to derive my passion for social work from my lived experiences, and I am proud that passion led me to the Skokomish. I am an amateur car mechanic, aspiring roller derby player, and cat mom of two.

Thank you!



WARRIOR'S PATH

RISE UP AGAINST CRIME
FACTS & SAFETY TIPS

Scam Texts

Scam texts, also known as smishing, are on the rise. These scammers are using clever tactics to convince their victims out of hundreds and thousands of dollars. Here are some tips to help protect yourself:

- If you don't recognize the number or name do not reply to the text, even if it is to say "STOP"
- A text that instructs you to click a link for a delivery, pay a bill, too good to be true job offers, unpaid tolls, or fake prizes. If you are unsure if it is real call the company directly
- Block the number that has sent you the scam text
- Delete the text
- Report the text by forwarding to 7726

If you would like more information, you can contact Warrior's Path at 360-462-7954



Eben Card
Victim Services Manager
Ecard@skokwellness.gov

OVC under 15POVC-22-GG001255-TVAG Office for Victims of Crime

STAY SAFE ONLINE!

3 RULES OF EMAIL

99% of all hacks start with a simple email. You can avoid all these attempts to hack you by following three rules. This applies to all email – work and personal.

1. RECEIVE AN EMAIL YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING? DON'T RECOGNIZE THE EMAIL ADDRESS? DO NOT OPEN IT.
2. RECEIVE AN EMAIL YOU ARE NOT EXPECTING, BUT YOU RECOGNIZE THE EMAIL ADDRESS? DO NOT OPEN IT.
3. RECEIVE AN EMAIL YOU ARE EXPECTING, BUT DON'T RECOGNIZE THE EMAIL ADDRESS? DO NOT OPEN IT.

Click on it and drag it into your junk or spam folder. Open it in there and see if it is legitimate. If it is then you can move it back to your inbox. If not, then just delete it.

If you have any questions or concerns contact:
JIM RIZZUTO
WELLNESS CENTER IT MANAGER
JRIZZUTO@SKOKWELLNESS.GOV



RELAX. REJUVENATE. RESTORE.

ZENBODY MASSAGE THERAPY WITH JULIA LEA

For the weeks of
NOVEMBER 10th &
NOVEMBER 17th:

Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, and Friday,
5 slots are available
from 9am-4:30pm.



CALL THE CLINIC TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:

360-426
5755

Each session is customized to support your unique healing journey.






Dementia Legal Clinic

Get free help navigating the following documents: Power of Attorney for Finance, Power of Attorney for Health Care, Health Care Directive, & Dementia Directive.

November 19th, 9am – 4pm
in the Gathering Room
Skokomish Community Center
 19731 N. US Highway 101, Skokomish Nation, WA, 98584

Call Desiree to make an appointment: 360.426.5755

Dementia Action Collaborative Washington State This program is funded, on behalf of the Dementia Action Collaborative, by Aging and Long-Term Support Administration/DSHS. If you have questions, contact Jill at jill@probonocouncil.org or call (425) 780-5589






Advanced Legal Planning Presentation

Unsure about navigating advanced legal planning? Join us for a free presentation covering next steps!

November 13th, 12:00pm
at Elder's Lunch
Skokomish Community Center
 19731 N. US Highway 101, Skokomish Nation, WA, 98584

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TOPICAL MEDICATION CHOICES IN THE DENTAL CLINIC

- Fluoride Varnish*
- Silver Diamine Fluoride*
- Povidone Iodine*

Fillings aren't the only way to treat cavities. Topical medications are a treatment option for preventing and treating cavities. Below are some of the topical medications that we use in the dental clinic.

Many of you are already familiar with the topical fluoride varnish that we paint on the teeth after a dental cleaning. We do this most often for children, but this is a treatment option for anyone with an elevated risk of getting dental cavities. The fluoride is incorporated into the

enamel of the teeth making them more resistant to the acid produced by bacteria in your mouth. Fluoride can assist in repairing small cavities that have not yet broken through tooth enamel.

Silver Diamine Fluoride is a medication that can directly kill bacteria present in dental cavities and stop a cavity from growing. The tooth is dried, and the medication is applied for 2 minutes. There is a slight metallic taste that is present for about 20 minutes after treatment. This medication is especially useful in areas that are difficult to treat with a traditional filling. Because this medication has silver as an ingredient, any area of a tooth that has a cavity will turn dark and

hard. Healthy tooth structure is not affected. Depending on the location of the cavity, this color change is a reason that you may not want to choose this treatment option.

Povidone Iodine is another medication that we are offering in the dental clinic. Historically, povidone iodine has been used to prevent infection before and after surgery. In dentistry povidone iodine is utilized to kill the bacteria in your mouth that cause cavities. A very small amount of povidone iodine is applied to the teeth with a small brush and allowed to remain in place for 10 seconds. The patient then swallows. There is a slight metallic taste that remains in the mouth for about 20 minutes. Research is still



ongoing to determine the optimum number of applications per year to reduce dental cavities.

Keep brushing those teeth, and we'll look forward to seeing you on your next visit to the dental clinic.

“WE DO NOT WANT THE INCARCERATED TRIBAL MEMBERS TO GIVE UP HOPE”

By Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, Lummi Nation/Tahltan Band of B.C. The Evergreen State College

The Evergreen State College and the Washington Correction Center's Tribal Sons have partnered with local Tribes to make a positive difference. The Tribal Sons are a Native American group whose members are individuals incarcerated at the Washington Correction Center and include enrolled members and descendants from Tribes across the U.S. and from Indigenous nations of the Pacific and Asia.

Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters said, “We had a lovely meeting with Tribal Sons members, the Skokomish Tribe's Vice-Chairman and C.E.O. Tom Strong, Sustainability in Prisons Project and the Evergreen State College Tribal Liaison, Lyn Dennis.” He went on to say, “It was amazing to see all the SPP programs, the Native Garden and Sweat Lodge of the WCC facility located in Shelton, Washington. In the way of our people, I want to lift my hands to WCC Superintendent Dean Mason and all of your staff's hard work.”

Skokomish Vice-Chairman Tom Strong said, “We would like to build partnerships and share our culture to help with the healing.” He added that communication is key and some of their elders may want to participate.

Skokomish Tribal member, Charles Longshore, of The Tribal Sons, said, “We, the Tribal Sons, would like to restore Tribal cultural programs and address intergenerational trauma and be able to work towards healing.”

Members of the Tribal Sons participate with the Native American Medicinal Garden and Restoration Project including growing medicinal herbs, restoring traditional plants, learning indigenous teachings, and building community. The Squaxin Island Tribe and Skokomish Tribe have committed their Natural Resources Departments to meet with the Tribal Sons to enhance this project.

In 2024, Evergreen State College and Washington State Department of Corrections initiated a Sustainability in Prisons Project. Evergreen State College President John Carmichael, Doreen Swetkis, Dean for the Prison Education Project, Kristina Ackley, Dean for Native Programs and Experiential



Learning, Lyn Dennis, Lummi Nation/Tahltan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison, and Prison Education Project Co-Directors Kelli Bush and Eirik Steinoff and Administrator Emily Passarrelli actively participate in this Project. With vital input from many additional partners, the Project develops and delivers a wide range of science, sustainability, and environmental education programs in all 11 Washington state prisons. Incarcerated individuals collaborate with scientists, corrections staff, students, and program partners to support education, conserve biodiversity, practice sustainability, and build health communities. The Project aims to offer a rich learning exchange benefiting tribal and non-tribal people, communities, and ecosystems.

At the Washington Correction Center, for instance, incarcerated individuals earn academic credit through Evergreen State College when they complete courses offered by the Project's partners. Current offerings include beekeeping, gardening and composting courses and a Salish Lowland Prairie conservation nursery program. The Tribal Sons had asked for help in expanding the higher education and Native cultural workshops at the prison. Through this collaboration, the Project has expanded access to educational resources and workshops at the Washington Corrections Center and provided supplies to its Sustainable Practices Lab.

Similarly, founder of the HUY non-profit organization, attorney Gabe Galanda, Round Valley Indian Tribes of California, is highly supportive of incarcerated Tribal members throughout correctional facilities in Washington State. Huy in the Coast Salish Indian Lushootseed language, means: “See you again/we never say goodbye.”

The organization provides economic, educational, rehabilitative and religious

support for Indigenous prisoners in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the U.S. HUY sponsored the successful Tribal Sons Annual 2025 WCC Pow Wow Celebration during Labor Day weekend which brought Tribal Sons members and their families together at the Washington Corrections Center for a day of enjoying native foods, games, and dancing competitions.

Over 75 families, friends and supporters attended the Pow Wow on Saturday, August 30, 2025. Honored guests included Washington State Supreme Court Justices Raquel Montoya Lewis and Steven Gonzalez; Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters; Skokomish Tribal Council Member Chris James; Washington State Department of Corrections Secretary Tim Lang; and Washington Correction Center Superintendent Dean Mason and his management team.

Squaxin Island Chairman Kris Peters emceed the Pow Wow. He opened the event saying, “We want you to enjoy the ceremony and honoring the Creator.” Chairman Peters thanked Superintendent Mason and prison administrators for supporting the gathering which took place on a sunny day in one of the prison courtyards. “We appreciate the D.O.C. leadership in having the Pow Wow outside.” Chairman Peters said, “Cedar is our grandmother who protects us and shields us. And ceremony helps us to be connected like our ancestors, through the language, singing and the drums.”

WCC Superintendent Dean Mason provided a land acknowledgement of the local Tribes.

Skokomish Elder and Shaker Church member Peggy Johnson provided an opening prayer and song. Skokomish Tribal Council Member Chris James followed by sharing a traditional story

he learned from his grandmother about the creation of the Skokomish people.

The incarcerated Tribal members had a lively competition of traditional dancing. The competitors all individually made their own regalia. The Asian Pacific Island Dancers also performed. There was a Friendship Dance where everyone joined in the circle dancing and shaking each other's hands.

The Tribal Sons honored Superintendent Dean Mason for his support of their organization, presenting him with a canoe shaped planter painted red and white with a whale on the side, using sustainable, re-cycled pallet boards.

The Tribal Sons also honored various individuals, gifting and wrapping them with blankets for their advocacy and support of their organization. They presented Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, with their “Lifetime Achievement Award” for her work in the media, with the Tribes on various issues, her previous service as the Tribal Relations Director for the Washington Department of Corrections, and her continued support and help in bringing new sponsors to create partnerships with the Tribal Sons.

The families and guests received beautiful gifts from the Tribal Sons including Native beaded jewelry hand-crafted by its members, hats, blankets, and more. They also provided a delicious lunch of salmon, vegetables, and dessert. The fried bread was good.

In closing the Pow Wow, Charles Longshore of the Tribal Sons said, “Tribal Sons would love to send a special thanks to all of our special guests for coming to pow wow and enjoying a day with us all. Chris Peters rocked the mic. Chris James rocked the stories. Our community rocked the dance floor. So much fun and excitement! Another historical day down where our Tribal leaders, Secretary, Superintendent, and sitting Supreme Court Justices all danced, had fun, and enjoyed an amazing day in community. Thank you all!!!”

We look forward to next year's WCC Pow Wow. For additional information or questions, please contact Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, at lyn.dennis@evergreen.edu or cell: 360 819-7028.

News from the Domestic Violence Program

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Domestic/Violence/Vocational Rehab dinner at the Skokomish Community Center on October 22, 2025. There was good food, visiting with friends and of course the bags of program community outreach supplies that Domestic Violence and Vocational Rehab presented.

Thank you to the Skokomish Community for the continued support of the Domestic Violence and Vocational Rehabilitation Programs.

Change of seasons brings time colder weather causing time together with family and others. To keep yourself safe and happy with the cold weather

the following guidelines may help to keep your home life peaceful:

Recognize that you are on the front lines of a difficult war. Increase your self-compassion and care. Say no, to too many activities. Preserve your energy for what matters most.

Build your safety plan. Consult with professionals on how to do that. They won't judge you and are used to helping plenty of others like you. Know that you do not have to do it alone and can rely on your support network.

Alcohol and other intoxicants can exacerbate already heightened emotions. The rise in drinking and substance use during the holidays precipitates more

violence. Abusers consumed substances immediately before 47% of domestic assaults, and 92% of abusers used substances that day. My advice is to drink responsibly or not at all. My advice is to drink responsibly or not at all. Get an accountability partner who is not your abuser and whom you can call in a moment of crisis. Try to limit the amount of alcohol available if you're going to someone else's home by talking with the host in advance.

Remember that shorter days bring shorter patience and a quicker temper sometimes. Working with your loved ones to bring peace and tranquility to your home is the key. Enjoy the outdoors, even in the rain. Remember

dancing in the rain always brings a smile to everyone. Enjoy the snow in the mountains, who does not love building a snowman??

You are not alone, reach out for help if needed, even just someone to talk to could bring light at the end of a long winter tunnel.

If you need help, please call 911, they will contact our law enforcement that will also contact us. Your Safety Matters.

Linda Charette, Domestic Violence Advocate: 360-545-2303

Starla James, Domestic Violence Outreach Specialist: 360-426-7788

Domestic Violence Awareness Dinner a Huge Success



We have been busy in the Domestic Violence corner. We had our annual Domestic Violence Dinner which went great. It was wonderful to honor the brave survivors who have courage to speak up. It was a great experience to come together and have a wonderful group of people pitching in to make a great meal and serve our community. We are so thankful for the seasoned cooks and kitchen staff like Rosetta, Linda, Brian, and Tahnee who worked tirelessly

to bring an awesome meal. The tie blanket healing circle was rewarding experience to spend time with members of our community in creative hands-on activity. We will be offering two healing Circles in November with our skilled seamstress, Linda leading the way. The first class- beginning sewing and the second -Christmas Skok Dog Stockings. Looking forward to bringing in the holiday season creatively with warmth and thanks to all of our Skokomish Community.



Saint's Pantry Food Bank
205 W Cota Street,
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-8847
Tues and Weds 9:30am – 11:45am
www.thesaintspantry.org

Hood Canal Food Bank
331 N Finch Creek Rd,
Hoodspport, WA 98548
(360) 877-0085 or (360) 877-6507
Food distribution 1st & 3rd Monday of
each month 12 pm – 2:30 pm
www.hoodcanalfoodbank.org

Squaxin Tribal Food Bank
90 SE Klah Che Min Dr,
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-9006
Fridays 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 3 pm

Matlock Food Bank
218 W Matlock-Brady Rd,
Elma, WA 98541
(360) 426-3091
Wednesdays 12 pm – 2 pm
www.matlockcommunitychurch.com

Community Food Pantry of Belfair
71 NE Old Belfair Hwy,
Belfair, WA 98528 (360) 277-4038
Monday, Tuesday & Friday,
12pm – 5 pm
www.ampleharvest.org/find-food/

Pioneer Community Food Bank
Bridge Community Church
500 E. North Island Dr.,
Shelton, WA 98584
www.pioneerfoodbank.org

North Mason Food Bank
24131 WA-3, Belfair, WA 98528
(360) 275-4615
www.northmasonfoodbank.org



UPDATES FROM YOUR SKOKOMISH ELDERS PROGRAM

Wrapping up the summer going into fall we look back and are thankful to have been able to take the Tribal Elders to the Puyallup Fair, Ocean Shore, a trip to the Oregon Coast, and attend the Puyallup elder luncheon.

Looking ahead, we have a couple fundraising events coming up. On November 7th we will be hosting a Breakfast Fundraiser at the Skokomish

Community Center. Volunteers and donations would be appreciated to make this fundraising event successful and fun. On Sunday, December 7th, at the Skokomish Winter Bazaar hosted by the Cultural program we will have our Elders Bake Sale table. We will need volunteers and lots of donated baked goods to make this a successful fundraising activity.

I will be reaching out to Elders and

volunteers for breakfast items like eggs, bread, juice, pancake mix, hashbrowns, and breakfast meats, and for those awesome baked goods we will need for the bazaar table.

A big heartfelt thank you to all our Elders and community members who have donated or volunteered at our fundraisers. Your support is what makes trips like the Oregon Coast possible, and we couldn't do it without

you! Time to get ready for the holiday season and get your warm hats and gloves on. Looking forward to serving you.

Any questions call me on 360-426-7788 or 360-963-3416

Respectfully, Perry Carrington
Skokomish Elders Coordinator

National Native American Heritage Month

Honoring Our Strength and Connection

Every November, National Native American Heritage Month reminds us to celebrate the stories, traditions, and resilience our people across the country. This isn't just about history, it's about living culture and the strength that comes from community, creativity, and purpose.

This past month, we came together for a rattle-making class, two feather beading workshops, and our Vocational Rehabilitation and Domestic Violence Program Outreach Dinner on October 22. Each event reflected the heart of what we do: building skills, sharing traditions, and creating space for growth. Making art by hand connects us to generations before us, while supporting career goals and personal wellness in the present.

The Skokomish Vocational Rehabilitation Program is continuing that spirit in November with **more cultural classes and activities** that bring people together to learn, create, and reconnect with tradition. These gatherings remind us that culture and opportunity belong side by side, each strengthening the other.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program is about more than employment, it's about empowerment. It's about helping community members see their potential, gain confidence, and take steps toward independence, all while honoring culture as the foundation of success. As we celebrate Heritage Month, we also look ahead to the work still to be done, strengthening opportunities, supporting each other, and passing on knowledge to the next generation.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, please contact Rosetta LaClair or Chinook Miller at (360) 426-7788. You must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe and have a documented disability and the want to work to meet eligibility requirements.



Program Updates from Tuwaduq Family Services

Tuwaduq Family Service programs have been impacted by the **FY-26 Tribal Fiscal budget** which was approved on October 15, 2025. You will notice changes within the program that resources that had been previously funded with **Tribal funds** may not be available. Changes to reflect the approved budget will become apparent when you notice that services may no longer be available due to budget reductions. Please do not take it personally when we may need to let you know the service is no longer available. We appreciate the support that the community has provided, and we will continue to provide what available resources there are. During these times, please reach out to help one another and offer help if you can. Holidays are coming and the Federal shutdown is impacting those around us. We don't know how all the necessary changes will play out, but we will continue to work together the best we can to support the community of Skokomish.

Approved Federal Grant funded programs will operate business as usual.

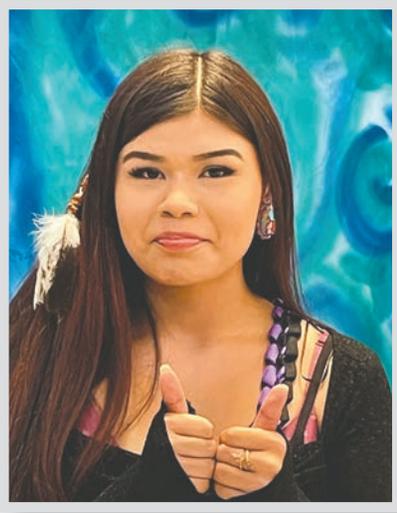
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at Family Service to see if we can offer any guidance to possible other resources (360) 426-7788 and ask for Rosetta LaClair.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program
November Delivery Date

Skokomish
11/7/25
Across from Tuwaduq Family Services
11:00am-1:00pm

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.



I would like to do a birthday shout out to Nellie Capoeman!! Happy 15th birthday!! Love you my girl!!

Tamela,

Happy Birthday to my Amazing Daughter! I am so proud of you and all you are doing with your life. Know that I am there for you always!
Love Dad

Tribal Members with Birthdays in November

1st

Kayti Deese
Kale Wingfield

2nd

Mona Miller
Cheyenne LaClair

3rd

Karl Miller
Mary Pavel
Ava Tinaza

4th

Richard Gouley
Tami LaClair

5th

Tom Pulsfier Jr.
Brandie Sweitzer
Corbett Gamber, Jr.
Ira Stong-Villines

6th

Mona Allen
Darrel Smith
Bo Tinaza
Paul Wingfield
Russell Cagey

7th

Perry Carrington
Jonathan Dominquez
Denny Hurtado
Denise Miller

8th

Delveda Kenyon

9th

Mark Kremen
Lyle Wilbur
Aya Byrd

10th

Alfred RC Smith

11th

Tahnee Miller

12th

Jasmine Johnson-
Krise
Abigail Wilbur

13th

Robert Blacketer
Aaron Johnson
Ben Peters

14th

Logan Longshore
Setiva Smith

16th

Willow Grover

17th

Anita Peterson

18th

Billy Allen
Joey Andrews

20th

Antoinette Longshore
Tom Longshore

21st

Marty Allen

22nd

Kingston Andrews
Oto Villines

23rd

Leslie Lincoln
Ruth Peterson-
Bluebird

24th

Marcy Tinaza
Nellie Capoeman

25th

Carrie Ann Smith
Marvin Cultee Jr.

26th

Timber Ware

28th

Lawrence Kenyon, III

29th

Spilyay Miller
Sayalts Miller

30th

Richard Henry
Calista Miller

Winter Bazaar / Skokomish Tribe

2025

Shopping is
Open to Public

**19731 US-101,
Skokomish, WA 98584**

**Contact Kris Miller for
vendor info**

360-426-4232 X 2015

Sunday Dec 7th 10am -4pm

Tribal Art—Smoked Seafoods—Baked goods—

Clothing—Jewelry

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SALE**

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NOVEMBER PROMOTIONS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS



CLUB LUCKY MULTIPLIER

EVERY TUESDAY IN NOVEMBER
10AM – 6PM

Based on your Club Lucky level, receive an **EXCLUSIVE** multiplier.



KITCHEN GADGETS GIFTING

EVERY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER
NOON – 6PM

Earn 200 Same Day Points to receive a **FREE** gift.

Points must be earned on the date of gifting to receive the gift.



THANK-SPINNING

EVERY THURSDAY IN NOVEMBER
10AM – 8PM

One **FREE** Thank-spinning game play on your favorite gaming machine!

Every spin wins Free Play up to the \$5,000 progressive.

THANKSGIVING DAY BONUS: At 8PM, **FIVE** Hot Seat winners receive **\$500** Lucky Bucks.



WEARABLE WEDNESDAYS

EVERY WEDNESDAY IN NOVEMBER
10AM – 8PM

Earn 50 Base Points. Get a **FREE** Wearable.



LUCKY LEAVES

EVERY FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER
6PM – 9PM

Visit the Club Lucky kiosk to play the Lucky Leaves game to identify your personal drawing value up to \$5,000 Lucky Bucks!

If your name is called at one of the drawings, your value will be awarded!



LUCKY'S SUNDAY FOOTBALL PICK 'EM GAME

EVERY WEEK DURING THE FOOTBALL SEASON COMPLETE SELECTIONS BY SATURDAY AT 11:59PM EACH WEEK

Cash, Free Play and The Drift Gift Card prizes.

Prizes are awarded for the most correct picks each week, each month and the entire season!

Over \$10,000 in Cash, Free Play and Gift Cards will be awarded.

Play Lucky's **Football Pick 'Em** game at any kiosk.

Winner's list will be posted on the Lucky Dog kiosk on Monday.

A monthly and season-long leaderboard will also be awarded.

One play per Club Lucky member per week.



CLUB LUCKY DRAWINGS

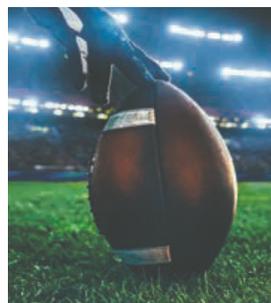
EVERY SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER
6PM – 9PM

CASH Hot Seat Drawings every 30 minutes until 9PM

CLUB LUCKY = \$100 CASH
LUCKIER DOG = \$200 CASH
LUCKIEST DOG = \$300 CASH

BONUS CASH Hot Seat Drawing at 9PM

CLUB LUCKY = \$500 CASH
LUCKIER DOG = \$1,000 CASH
LUCKIEST DOG = \$1,500 CASH



SUNDAY NIGHT WATCH PARTY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
KICK-OFF 5:20PM

Drawings after each quarter for Seattle Football Team Gear Basket + \$50 Drift Gift Card



Rez Photo of the Month



Can you name the young men in this photo?
Please turn to page 5 for the answer! Good luck!

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Rez Sudoku Puzzle of the Month

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| | | | | 6 | | 7 | 5 | |
| 8 | | 2 | | | 1 | | | |
| | 6 | 4 | 3 | 9 | | | | 1 |
| 9 | 3 | | | | | | | |

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!

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