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Skokomish Indian Nation

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SOUNDER

April 2026

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"Time of Green Sprouts"

EDUCATING OUR FUTURE LEADERS

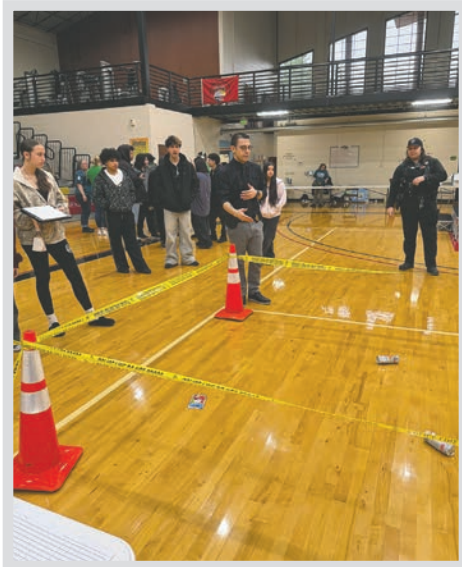
Fire Summit

On March 12th, the department took our 8th – 12th graders to Nisqually for the annual Fire Summit, an event sponsored by South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC). This event is designed to ignite Native youth, giving them a place to start dreaming while exploring their future academic possibilities. This event is also a great place for young people to create and build relationships with college staff and faculty and other native students while learning about a myriad career pathways.



is very supportive of Native American and Alaska Native students, and they strive to support and help them succeed in higher education.

We will be taking a tour of the campus before attending the powwow. 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.



representative, Kimberly Miller and Skokomish Tribal Police Department representative, Detective Alester Beltran. Kimberly showed students how to make cedar roses which brought in a cultural component with the help of Louis Auld and Christie Chambless. Detective Beltran set up a crime scene, and students learned the steps of evidence collection. Students collected evidence, logged the evidence and lifted fingerprints. These two breakout sessions were very well attended and many of our Skokomish students participated in both hands-on sessions.

UW Powwow

In April, we will be taking our students to University of Washington's 55th Annual Spring Powwow. This event is hosted by the First Nations program, an undergraduate intertribal registered student organization at the University of Washington in Seattle. This 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



Youth heard from two Indigenous writers, Kinsale Drake and Cherie Dimiline. Both shared about their upbringing and how it played into their writing today. Their voices inspire creativity, cultural pride, and community connection.

While at the Fire Summit our youth were able to attend a resource fair that included a mix of college and career possibilities. Students were later able to choose from a list of hands-on workshops. Two of the workshops were led by Skokomish Education Department



Graduation

In Education Dept. news, we are planning 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 the graduation ceremony.

For any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to Amber Hanson, Education Manager, at 360-877-2460.

NEWS FROM THE LAND OF LITTLES

Eagle:

Photo credit: Taliah Elguero



Our class has been working on getting ready for kindergarten, reviewing the alphabet, their numbers, and their names. They're growing and learning so much. We just finished our lesson on recycling, we're now learning about pets, exploring what we know about them and what we want to find out, asking which kind of animals are pets and learning about their environments and where they live. We're going to be doing lots of crafts like tie dyeing and egg coloring, and we're going to be growing and learning about plants for



Eagle Child Spotlight:

Eagle Room's student of the month is Valeria! Valeria has grown so much since coming into our program. She used to be so shy and reserved when she first started attending and now she is flourishing and making friends with all of her peers. She is socializing, playing, learning, and loving school! She is so nice and helpful with all of her friends and teachers. She is a sweet girl and everyone loves her and her big

Orca:

Photo credits: Lucille Austin

We are finishing our study on clothing



with spirit week! Happy to celebrate by dressing up: decades day, St Patrick's, pajama and Mario day.

This upcoming study is going to be about music. They all love dancing and making noise. With it getting closer to the end of the school year, we thought the topic would be fitting and fun to learn about. Especially the music from our culture, the songs and dances we learn in our Skokomish community. The earlier the better for the kids to be confident at the Head Start graduation in July.

The kids are continuing to learn their names. Finding their name has become part of daily circle time. They are coloring, playing with playdoh and building all sorts of fine motor skills. Holidays have been fun, planning activities around Billy Frank and St. Patrick's, and soon- Easter.

Orca Child Spotlight



Orca Room's student highlight of the month is Warren! Warren is such a fun kid! He has such a great imagination



and personality to match. He is one of the funniest and brightest children in Orca and plays so well with all his friends.

Deer:

Photo credit: Angel Bean

The children in our room have become more interactive with each other as they play and explore. They have enjoyed the different projects that we have completed based on the recent holidays. Our current study is Light. They will continue to explore different types of objects that provide light to our environment.

Deer Student Spotlight:

Deer Room's student of the month is Theodore! Theo recently moved up to the Deer Room. He really enjoys hands on activities such as playing in the kitchen area or spinning on their spinner. He is super polite and always tells his teachers and peers please and thank you throughout the day. He is a joy to have in Deer Room.

Bear Student Spotlight:

Photo credit: Molly Delacruz

Bear Room's student of the month is Kaeo! Kaeo is a joy to have in class. He is doing really well with colors and is a leader when it comes time to pick up toys to move onto the next activity. Kaeo also is a leader when it comes to the language department visiting the classroom. He enjoys learning Tuwaduq words and phrases.



OUR STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS



This month's student spotlight shines on Jesse (Pup) Thomas, a dedicated 3rd grader who always shows up ready to learn! Pup attends tutoring regularly and puts in great effort to improve every day. Outside the classroom, he stays active playing basketball and shows great teamwork on and off the court. We're so proud of Pups positive attitude and commitment to learning. Keep up the great work!



Rose Smith is a second grader who enjoys reading and working in math groups at school. She shared what she loves most is simply being at school and learning everyday. When she grows up, Rose hopes to become a hairstylist and dreams of owning her very own salon one day. We are so proud of you, Rose keep shining and reaching for your dreams!



Our Middle School Student Spotlight is Hayzel Luengo Carter! Hayzel is an outgoing, fun, and bright student who brings great energy wherever she goes. She's always thinking, wondering, and often asks some of the most creative questions. Since 5th grade, she's been interested in fashion design, and more recently she's developed a strong interest in acting. Hayzel's personality really shines. She is

almost always giggling, full of positivity, and has a way of making any space feel more upbeat. As she looks ahead to high school, she's feeling optimistic and excited about what's next, with her only concern being keeping her current friends close. No matter where high school and beyond take her, Hayzel is sure to stand out, and we can't wait to see all she does and where she goes.





Next class
April 1st and 22nd @
5:30pm
Financial Literacy




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.




PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT



At **Skokomish Head Start**, we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where young learners can explore, discover, and grow.

- ✔ Play-Based Curriculum
- ✔ Nutritious Meals & Snacks
- ✔ Individualized Learning
- ✔ Health & Family Support Services
- ✔ No Fees!

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Shelton, WA 98584



TOM'S AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM *April 2026*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		3/31 Local Trip Twanoh State Park 12:15-4:00pm* Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	1 Local Trip: YMCA 12:15-4:00pm* Basketball Practice 5:30pm-6:30pm	2 Local Trip TBD 12:15-4:00pm* Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	3 Easter Party @ Skokomish CC	4
Conference Week - Early Release 3/31-4/2 5 Happy Easter!	6 Culture Camp 10am-4:00pm	7 Culture Camp 10am-4:00pm Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	8 Field Trip Roller Dome Leave CC @ 12:00pm Return: 4:00pm Basketball Practice 5:30pm-6:30pm	9 Culture Camp/ Youth Program Activities 10am-4:00pm Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	10	11
12	13 Art: Yellow Chicks	14 Art: Comb/Grass Flower Painting Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	15 cultural day Basketball Practice 5:30pm-6:30pm	16 Art: Arm/Pink Blossom Painting Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	17	18
19	20 Art: Bead/Flower Pot	21 Art: Stick Pink Blossoms Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	22 cultural day Basketball Practice 5:30pm-6:30pm	23 Art: Paper Plate Flower Craft Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	24	25
26	27 Art: Plastic Cup/Painted Wind Chime	28 Art: Cupcake Liner Flower Craft Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	29 cultural day Basketball Practice 5:30pm-6:30pm	30 Art: Dried Flower Bookmarks Bo's Fitness 5pm-Youth 6pm Adults	31	

SCHEDULE


Mon, Tues, Thurs - 3:00- 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 1:30pm- 4:30PM

Schedule Subject to Change

*Field trip return times may vary dependent on distance/traffic etc**

Theme:
April Showers Bring May Flowers

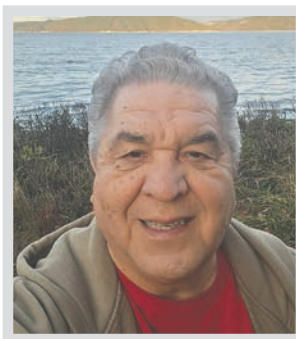


If you have any questions or concerns please contact Chris James @ (360) 490-8161 or cjames@skokomish.org

MOVING ON

I have made the decision to move on to work on development of a company that I started back in 2010. This new iteration of Tribalinx is spurred on by a partnership with a global company called World Mobile, which we are in the process of finalizing. Our primary objective will be to provide assistance to underserved tribal communities with their cellular and broadband connections. There are too many instances where these disadvantaged groups have been overlooked, and they have either poor or no connections. At the same time we can help Tribes who want to own their cellular and broadband systems to provide dependable lower cost services to their members as well as revenue generation and sovereignty over this vital resource. All of this will bring job opportunities for their members, as well. World Mobile brings low-cost solutions which are state-of-the-art technology along with financing, if need be, and management expertise. So, I have decided to take this path and start a new chapter in my life. I have enjoyed learning and teaching our tuwaduq language with two dear colleagues who I know will continue to do a great service in generating more desire and interest in our tribe to learn. LaDean Johnson and Christie Chambless been inspiring and dedicated cohorts whom I will miss. And my other responsibility, reporting and photo documentation of people and events in our community, for the Sounder, has been a wonderful learning experience and growth opportunity which I have done my best to be a good reporter. I owe a big thanks to Mark Warren for his patience and direction. It has been my pleasure to serve Skokomish for these last eight years. I am not relocating so I will see you around.

By Tony Herrera



Free Tax Preparation at SPIPA's Entrepreneurial Program

This past February 28th approximately 25 members of SPIPA tribes showed up at the Entrepreneurial Program's offices, at the Steamboat Island business park. People from Yelm, Chehalis, Shelton, Olympia and other locations within the service area were happy to come, wait their turn, and get their taxes for free. The tax preparation experts on hand were patient, thorough and very pleasant. There were smiles all around and the hospitality exceeded expectations, with Subway Sandwiches, chips and a variety of hot and cold drinks to satiate everyone's hunger.



Arianna Smith, Entrepreneurial Specialist and Shawn McElhenney, Program Coordinator, were the congenial hosts who made sure that all details that needed to be taken tended to, were done so. They even presented t-shirts to all of those who came to the event. And these special shirts were fresh off the direct to fabric applique machine and t-shirt press equipment that they have on hand for local tribal artists and entrepreneurs. Arianna and Shawn were busy making more of these special thank you gifts during the event to make sure that they had ample supply and specific sizes for those who came to get their taxes done.

This is an annual event which they plan on continuing to offer in the future. A special thanks goes out to United Way of King County for providing the tax preparation team members who made all of this possible.

By Tony Herrera



Fireworks 2026-2027 Dates

Open/Close Dates - Summer Season:

Lease Property: Open: Friday May 22, 2026 Close: Sunday July 12, 2026
Private Property: Open: Friday April 17, 2026 Close: Sunday July 12, 2026

Open/Close Dates - New Year's Season:

Private Property: Open: Friday October 23, 2026 Close: Sunday January 3, 2027
Lease Property: Open: Friday December 4, 2026 Close: Sunday January 3, 2027

Permit purchase date: April 10, 2026 9AM
@ Skokomish Tribal Center

PERMIT FEES

Tribal Property (Junction)-\$530

Private Property -\$210.00

WHOLESALE PERMIT FEES-\$0

Wholesalers still need to obtain a permit and provide insurance documentation



Skokomish Tribal Court

Hello Skokomish Community,

The Skokomish Tribal Court is continuing to build and improve how we serve the community. Our goal is to make it easier for people to access court services, get information, and understand the process.

For general court questions, filing documents, or requesting forms, please contact the Court Clerk at courtclerk@skokomish.org, or by calling (360) 426-4740. The Clerk is the main point of contact for the public and can help with filings, court processes, and basic information. Please note: this phone number is for the Tribal Court only and is no longer connected to Public Safety.

For questions related to probation or compliance, please contact Probation at rsnelson@skokomish.org.

If you are experiencing an emergency, please call 911.

If you are not able to get what you need or feel like something is missing, you are welcome to reach out directly to the Court Administrator at ktwiddy@skokomish.org. We are actively working to strengthen our systems and appreciate feedback from the community as we continue to grow.

Our goal is to provide a court that is accessible, respectful, and consistent for everyone who comes through our doors.

Tuwadug Arts and Crafts

SPRING Bazaar

Date: May 2, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Location: Skokomish Community Center

**Tribal Artists
WANTED**

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 H250Q240044

A MOMENT OF RECOGNITION



We extend our sincere thanks to **Officer Tisheina Miller** for her ten years of dedicated service to the Skokomish Nation. Her commitment—working nights, weekends, and holidays—has not gone unrecognized. Officer Miller's dedication to her law enforcement career and to the community she serves is truly next level.

Once again, I would like to thank Officer Miller for ten years of unwavering service and professionalism.

Chief Douglas Smith
Skokomish Nation Police
Department

Housing Wait list as of April 1, 2026

Rental Applicants

- 1 Jonathon Dominguez
- 2 Jonathon Edwards
- 3 Willie Grover
- 4 Brandon Carrington
- 5 Alexie Moon
- 6 Aaron Wilbur
- 7 Tyler Andrews
- 8 Lashya Johns
- 9 Maxamus Miller
- 10 Shera Johns
- 11 Amy Kenyon
- 12 Timber Ware
- 13 Jimmy Byrd III
- 14 Jose Mendoza
- 15 Kristine McMann Sweatland
- 16 Sunsomay Keith
- 17 Angel KingGeorge Parker
- 18 Torina Kenyon
- 19 Billy Allen
- 20 Ben Tinaza
- 21 Anthony Wilbur
- 22 Valani Andrews
- 23 Marilyn Thomas
- 24 Joshua Kennedy
- 25 Baily Plant
- 26 Vera Smith
- 27 Edward Smith
- 28 Harriet Pulsifer
- 29 Charles Henry Jr.
- 30 Joseph B. Peterson
- 31 Doreen Strong

- 32 John Smith
- 33 Beth Burfiend
- 34 Ben Peters
- 35 Taylor Strong
- 36 Hattie Peterson Willams
- 37 Malakai Seymour
- 38 Rachel 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 Beth Burfiend
- 19 Jonathon Dominguez
- 20 Ben Peters
- 21 Jonathon Edwards
- 22 Helen Tinaza
- 23 Willie Grover
- 24 Tyler Auld
- 25 Brandon Carrington
- 26 Alexie Moon
- 27 Chase Burfiend
- 28 Hattie Peterson-Williams
- 29 Tristan Johnson
- 30 Taylor Strong
- 31 Treyton Andrews

- 32 Rachel Smith
- 33 Aaron Wilbur
- 34 Jeremy Wilbur
- 35 Tyler Andrews
- 36 Lashya Johns
- 37 Maxamus Miller
- 38 Shera Johns
- 39 Amy Kenyon
- 40 Timber Ware
- 41 Jose Mendoza
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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 their application in order for the Housing Department to determine if you are still interested.

Check Your Smoke Alarms!

Remember, taking time to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries.

An estimated 900+ lives could be saved each year if all homes had working smoke alarms.

The fire death rate in homes with working smoke alarms is 50% less than the rate for homes without this protection.

In one out of every five homes equipped with at least one smoke alarm installed, not a single one is working.

Why do smoke alarms fail? Most often because of missing, disconnected or dead batteries. Nuisance activations where the leaking causes of disabled smoke alarms.

In fires considered large enough to activate a smoke alarm, hard-wired alarms operated 91% of the time; battery-powered smoke alarms operated 75% of the time.



Native Americans are among the TOP 6 groups at increased risk of fire-related injuries and deaths.

Only 12% of people know that smoke alarms should be replaced every 3 to 6 years.

On average, 8 people died in a fire each day, and someone was injured every 40 minutes.

Remember to change the battery in your smoke detector every 6 months so that it can work at full working capacity.

2026

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 18

STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS
9AM-12PM
Huff'n'Puff Trail, Shelton Veterans Village, Shelton Family YMCA
Free shuttle between sites provided by Mason Transit

FREE ACTIVITIES
10AM-3PM
Outside Shelton Family YMCA

Learn more at
masoncd.org/earthday

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES

WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION STEPS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER DURING A WILDFIRE



VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

1. HOME IGNITION ZONES

To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the **Immediate Zone**: (0 to 5 feet around the house), the **Intermediate Zone** (5 to 30 feet), and the **Extended Zone** (30 to 100 feet).

2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.

FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

3. ROOFING AND VENTS

Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

4. DECKS AND PORCHES

Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.

5. SIDING AND WINDOWS

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows.

BE PREPARED

6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

Ensure your home and neighborhood have legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet for emergency vehicle access.

- Develop, discuss, and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for handling pets, large animals, and livestock.
- Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a predesignated meeting place.
- Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay—don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.
- Conduct an annual insurance policy checkup to adjust for local building costs, codes, and new renovations.
- Create or update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



**TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY
OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK
WHERE YOU LIVE.**

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VISIT FIREWISE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

Order a Reducing Wildfire Risks in the Home Ignition Zone checklist/poster at Firewise.org

Earthquake Preparedness

Earthquake Kits

Earthquake preparation is an ongoing project, but needn't be tedious. A rule of thumb is to check or replace supplies when clocks are changed to or from daylight saving time, twice a year. And when assembling a survival kit, don't forget about food and water for pets.

How Much?

Recommendations vary as to the appropriate amount of emergency food and water to store. Many experts advise one gallon of water per person per day for three to seven days. Also store enough food for the same period of time.

Storing Supplies

Use a large container such as a footlocker or 30-gallon trash can, and label each item with the date of purchase or the last date it should be used. Items with the shortest shelf life should be easily reached. Place the container in a cool place, raised off the ground.

Shelf Life

3 months 6 months 1 year

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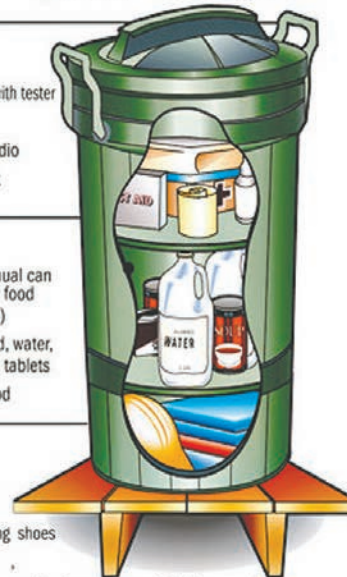
- Batteries, with tester
- Flashlight
- Portable radio
- First-aid kit

Middle

- Water, manual can opener, dry food (pasta, rice)
- Instant food, water, purification tablets
- Canned food

Bottom

- Blankets
- Tarpaulin
- Extra clothing shoes
- Towelettes
- Items for personal hygiene, diapers, toilet tissue and heavy-duty plastic bags for disposal



Additional Supplies

Keep separate from the emergency kit in a spot where they can be easily located.

- Extra batteries stored in refrigerator to last longer
- Spare eyeglasses, contact lenses
- Fire extinguisher
- Wrenches to turn off gas and water
- Cooking equipment: barbecue or camping stove (with charcoal, propane or white gas supply)
- Ax, hammer, crowbar, rope
- Tent and sleeping bag
- Work gloves, hard hat



Car Kit

- Canned food, manual can opener
- Nonperishable food: instant nutrition bars, dried fruits, jerky, crackers, cookies
- Bottled water
- Extra clothing
- Sturdy shoes
- Small first-aid kit
- Blanket
- Flashlight, batteries
- Toilet tissue
- Fire extinguisher
- Street maps

Sources: Southern California Earthquake Preparedness Project, Governor's Office of Emergency Services; Los Angeles and Orange County Fire Departments, Emergency Management Division; Federal Emergency Management Agency; Lafferty & Associates Inc.

Los Angeles Times

WILDFIRE READY DUMPSTER DAYS

May 16th & 30th

West Mason Fire
4650 W Dayton Airport Rd

June 6th

Skokomish Grange
2320 W Skokomish Valley Rd



WHAT IS ACCEPTED?

Yes!

- Grass clippings
- Brush
- Leaves
- Weeds*
- Branches up to 10' in length & 8" in diameter
- Bark mulch

No!

- Food waste
- Plastic bags
- Pet waste
- Construction debris
- Dirt, rocks, and sand
- Chemically treated wood
- Household waste



Questions?
Contact West Mason Fire
admin@westmasonfire.org
(360) 426-7343

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT BILLING, BENEFITS, PURCHASED REFERRED CARE & FRONT DESK



BETH BURFIEND
BILLING & BENEFITS MANAGER/PRC



ADELE LEVERICH
FRONT OFFICE SPECIALIST



KRISTINE MCCANN
FRONT OFFICE SPECIALIST



FRONT DESK

WHAT: Front office specialists are the first point of contact for patients and play a critical role in the overall care process. We ensure that patient information is accurate and up to date at each visit, including demographics, insurance coverage, and required documentation.

We strive to create a welcoming and respectful environment by ensuring a pleasant experience when scheduling appointments and checking patients in.

We are responsible for:

- Ensuring **registration is current**, including demographics, emergency contacts, and Tribal ID
- Confirming **HIPAA authorization forms** and approved contacts
- Scanning and updating **insurance cards** and required documents
- Verifying and selecting **correct insurance coverage** at check-in

Accurate front office processes are essential, as errors in registration or insurance selection can delay care, impact billing, and result in claim denials. We work closely with the billing and PRC department to support a smooth and efficient patient experience.



BILLING, BENEFITS & PRC

WHAT: The Billing, Benefits, and Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Departments work together to support patients in navigating the healthcare system and accessing needed services. Our work focuses on ensuring insurance coverage is verified, billing is accurate, and claims are processed in accordance with payer requirements.

We assist patients in understanding their health benefits, coverage limitations, and financial responsibilities while supporting our care teams to promote timely and appropriate access to services at Skokomish Wellness Center.

PRC supports coordination of referrals and authorizations for eligible patients who require services outside of Skokomish Wellness Center, including specialty care and diagnostic services. PRC eligibility is determined in accordance with **Indian Health Service (IHS) guidelines**, funding availability, residency requirements, and medical priority.

PRC is the **payer of last resort**, meaning all other available resources (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) must be billed first. PRC funds may assist with remaining eligible balances in accordance with IHS regulations and available funding. Prior authorization is required for all non-emergent services. Patients must provide appointment details in advance so that a **purchase order (PO)** can be issued before services are rendered.



- PRC Eligibility:**
- Patients must be enrolled in **Skokomish or a federally recognized tribe** (as applicable under PRC policy)
 - Patients must meet **residency requirements within the PRC delivery area (DA)**
 - Non-Skokomish tribal members must reside **within the Skokomish reservation boundaries. (DA)**
 - Patients must maintain **current registration**, including demographics, insurance, and Tribal ID

PRC Required Processes: Eligible PRC patients must contact the PRC department for **all services outside of Skokomish Wellness Center** to obtain prior authorization. Services obtained without prior authorization may be denied in accordance with federal regulations. For emergency services, **all patients are required to notify Skokomish Wellness Center PRC within 72 hours of the visit.** Failure to meet notification requirements may result in denial of PRC coverage.

We also assist in tracking referrals initiated by SWC providers. If a patient has not been contacted by an outside facility, we encourage them to reach out so we can verify referral status and support coordination of care.

PRC PLAN (PRESCRIPTIVE)

WHAT: All eligible members must be **up to date with their registration and insurance**, and must provide the required documents to be eligible for PRC services.

****Attention****
Must be approved before receiving services.

Skokomish Wellness Center PRC Plan

Member ID: SSN		Pharmacy Plan: #####
Group: SKO		BIN: #####
Submit Claims To: 100 N. Tribal Center Rd. Skokomish, WA 98584		PCN: ###
Fax: (360)877-2399		RxGroup: #####

Skokomish Wellness Center

SDPI is Here for You

The Skokomish Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI) would like to remind and encourage Skokomish community members who have been diagnosed as diabetic or prediabetic to schedule with the Wellness Center for labs. It is recommended to get routine bloodwork on a quarterly (every three months) basis in order to best track and manage prediabetes and symptoms of diabetes.

Additionally, we ask that any Skokomish community members with Continuous Glucose Management (CGM) equipment e.g. Freestyle Libre or Dexcom speak with Wellness Center staff about setting up automated

data reporting between your CGM equipment and the Wellness Center. Doing so allows for our clinical staff to keep a more current reference point for your glucose levels, and by extension allows us to provide you with a higher quality of care.

We will be outreaching to the Skokomish Wellness Center's diabetic and prediabetic patients for quarterly labs, but should any additional diabetes-related concerns arise please feel free to reach out to the SDPI Coordinator, Sasha Redfield, at aredfield@skokwellness.gov or (360) 463-1890.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Diaper Distribution

Skokomish Tribe

04/08/26

Across from Tuwaduq Family Services
10:00am-1:30pm

Pull-ups | Diapers | Wipes | More

Need diapers? You may qualify! Households on or near Tribal lands and enrolled in programs like WIC, SNAP, or TANF may be eligible.

South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program

Delivery Date

Skokomish

04/08/26

Across from Tuwaduq Family Services
10:00am-1:30pm

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.

Next WIC date:
Tuesday, April 7th
SPIPA IPC, phone appts.
Phone and in person appointments. Date subject to change.

Skokomish WIC

Women, Infants, and Children

WIC provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

For appointments and questions, contact:
Debbie Gardipee
360.463.4439
dgardipee@spipa.org

SPIPA main number: **360.426.3990**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Washington WIC doesn't discriminate.

4TH ANNUAL

College/Career/Community RESOURCE FAIR

IN COLLABORATION WITH EDUCATION & HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Friday,
April 17, 2026

AT SKOKOMISH COMMUNITY CENTER
11:00AM - 3:00PM

Find out information regarding
Career opportunities, Continuing Education, Community Resources & Health Related Services!

For more information:
Desiree White ~ 360-426-5755 ext. 2194
Amber Hanson ~ 360-877-2460

Food & Raffles Provided!

Rez Photo of the Month



The young Man/Preacher in this photo is none other than Lee Cush!





Hello,

I'M DR. GINA PEREZ-BARON,

I am so grateful to be back in Indian Country! Proud Chicana/Apache-Descent, my roots are in New Mexico where Mama triumphed over early trauma of foster care and boarding school. I believe culture and community is the strongest medicine, not just for the People but for the Planet. I have worked with Lummi Tribal Health and am the past Medical Director of the Seattle Indian Health Board. I am a graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine and so happy to be part of this wellness team to serve you.

Family Practice, Board Certified. My services offered include:

- Complex Chronic Disease Management
- Chronic pain management (non-opioid)
- Problem use of alcohol, opioids, methamphetamine, benzodiazepines including Harm Reduction, Withdrawal Management and Medication Assisted Treatment
- Trauma, Complex PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, Mental Health
- Women's Health and Primary Care

Community Reinforcement and Family Training

New to the Behavioral Health Department at the Skokomish Wellness Center

Starting in April, the Skokomish Wellness Center is offering a new group called CRAFT. CRAFT stands for Community Reinforcement and Family Training. It helps families and loved one's support someone who is struggling with drugs or alcohol, while also taking care of themselves. CRAFT teaches a kinder way to help someone. Instead of arguing or walking away, it shows people how to encourage good choices.

In CRAFT, you will learn how to reward healthy, sober behavior, not support or allow harmful behavior, talk in a calm and respectful way, avoid blaming, criticizing, or fighting, and let natural consequences happen instead of protecting the person from them.

The group also helps family members, reduce stress, feel better emotionally, and take back control of

their own lives. You will also learn how to guide your loved one toward getting professional help when they are ready.

CRAFT is different from other methods that use "tough love" or punishment. Instead, it focuses on working together and keeping relationships strong. Research shows that CRAFT often helps more people enter treatment and improves the mental health of their families.

CRAFT is open to anyone who cares about someone with substance use problems, including parents, siblings, adult children, partners, and close friends. The group meets for one hour each week for eight weeks.

If CRAFT sounds like it could be beneficial for you, the group starts April 6th at 4:00pm until 5:00pm. You can call the Wellness Center at 360.426.5755 if you have any questions, and ask for Anna or Kirk.

Warrior's Path Crime Facts and Safety Tips Identity Theft Prevention:

Identity theft is not only a giant headache to straighten out, but it can also ruin credit, and leave you feeling that your privacy has been violated. Protect your identity from scammers and online predators.

- Shred financial documents, paperwork, and mail with personal information
- Do not give personal information like your social security number over the phone if you do not trust the caller
- Check your bank and credit accounts monthly for any suspicious transactions
- Check your credit report, you can get a free report annually
- Never click on links from unsolicited emails, or texts



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

Eben Card, Victim Services Manager. Email: Ecard@skokwellness.gov


CRAFT

Community Reinforcement and Family Training
designed to help families and loved ones support someone struggling with substance use-while also improving their own well-being.

First session begins:
Monday April 6th
from 4:00 - 5:00pm in the
Skokomish Wellness Center SUD
Trailer (behind the clinic)

For questions call: please call 360.426.5755
Ask for Anna or Kirk
Snacks will be provided
See you there!!

Skokomish Wellness Center
100 N. Tribal Center Rd.
Skokomish Nation, Wa 98584



WELLNESS SURVEY

in combined efforts with SPIPA



SCAN HERE



Tell us your opinions on the overall health of our community! We will use this as a reference of what health priorities to focus on for the present & future.

****Those who filled this out at the Colorectal Brunch do not need to fill out again.****

Silver Diamine Fluoride (Sdf): Treating Teeth With Medication And Not The Drill

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is a medication that can prevent cavities from growing larger. SDF stops cavities by killing the bacteria that causes cavities and hardening the soft tooth structure.

The procedure is simple and fast. The tooth with the cavity is isolated with cotton and dried with air. A small brush is used to apply SDF to the cavity for a few minutes and then the tooth is blotted dry. No shots and no drilling!

SDF has very few side effects and is safe for most people. The most prominent side effect is esthetic. Any area of the tooth that has a cavity will turn black permanently. Healthy tooth structure does not change color. This esthetic concern is the most common reason people may choose a traditional filling. Often, the stained area can be covered with a white filling material, but the treated area will still appear grey.

SDF is ideal for young children that would otherwise need to be treated with sedation and for cavities on the root surfaces of teeth that are difficult to treat with traditional fillings. Small cavities between the teeth or at the edges of crowns are also good candidates for treatment. SDF can be helpful for anyone with cavities that don't pose an esthetic concern or for anyone who does not want a traditional filling.

Before being treated with SDF we will review the possible side effects of the medication, how we will apply the medication, and show you color pictures of what teeth will look like after treatment.

Silver Diamine Fluoride is a great minimally invasive treatment option.

Additional information regarding SDF is available from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry at:

https://www.aapd.org/media/policies_guidelines/g_sdf.pdf



Tooth after treatment with Silver Diamine Fluoride (note black area where silver has entered the tooth)

SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER

Billing & PRC Department – Community Update

April 2026

Good Afternoon,

The Skokomish Wellness Center Billing and PRC Departments would like to share important updates and reminders for the month of April.

WHAT'S NEW

- ◆ Insurance Verification Updates – Ensuring patient insurance information is current and accurate.
- ◆ Improved Billing Accuracy – Reducing claim denials and turnaround times.
 - ➡ Patients out of compliance may experience delays or denials in PRC services.
- ◆ PRC Notification – 72-hour guideline for outside services.
- ◆ PRC is Payer of Last Resort – PRC funds used after all other resources.

MEDICATION & COVERAGE REMINDER

ATTENTION! All updates need to be completed, including, demographics, emergency contact, HIPAA acknowledgment of approved person(s) to receive notifications. Tribal ID must be valid, and insurance card on file.

OUR GOAL

- ◆ Reduce financial burden on patients
- ◆ Ensure compliance with IHS and Tribal policies
- ◆ Improve access to care and services.

CONTACT INFORMATION

- ◆ Beth Burfiend, Billing Manager / PRC
Extension: 2101
- ◆ Bessie Blacketer, PRC Specialist
Extension: 2120
Phone: 360-426-5755



SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

CALL & SCHEDULE TO COME IN AND GET YOUR VACCINE TODAY!

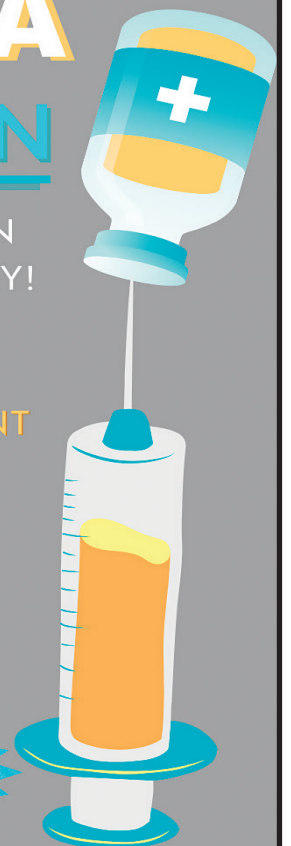
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WHAT: 15 MINUTE APPOINTMENT WITH NURSE FOR VACCINE.

***WE HAVE VACCINES FOR 6 MONTHS+ & SPECIAL VACCINES FOR 65+**



VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL TRIBAL STAFF TOO!



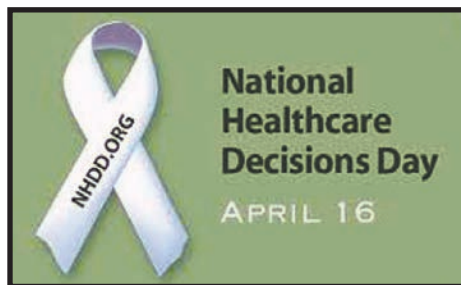
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY IS APRIL 16TH

What is National Healthcare Decisions Day?

National Healthcare Decisions Day is a day to put in writing your wishes for medical care just in case you are too sick or injured to speak for yourself. This allows you to get the care you want and easier for your family so they do not have to guess.

What are the steps to complete the paperwork?

Think about what matters most to you in a medical emergency. Have a conversation with family and friends



about your choices. Write down what treatments that you do or do not want. Ask Skokomish Wellness Center for the paperwork to complete. Your provider is a great resource to answer any of your questions or concerns.

Spring is in the Air

Hello, Spring is here!

The Skokomish Community Health Representatives have had a busy winter season with Nydesta and Danielle obtaining their Washington State Nursing Assistant Certification, joining Tamela, while Tamela and Danielle have also recently become certified for Nurse Delegation.

Our team is also getting more involved with outreach and events around the community, most recently joining Toms' Group afterschool program to talk with the youth about adversity and resiliency. Partnering with Ladean Johnson from the language department, kids made medicine bags, did some language and craft activities during our adversity discussion. We really enjoyed our time and look forward to joining Toms Group again for some wellness education and activities. We noticed that we have some very talented youth in the community!

Please reach out to us if need of a transportation to and from doctor's appointments, Medication pick-up and drop-off on Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays, and navigation through social services department. Call the clinic to schedule the transport or medication pick-up we are here to help.

What we love about being a Community Health Representative:

Nydesta: I enjoy helping people and that I'm compassionate and understanding.

Danielle: I really like being involved with community education and making new friends along the way.

Tamela: I love hearing all the elders' stories and helping support the health and well-being of our community.

Moving forward, each month we will be writing articles on several health and wellness topics, so please stay tuned!

As always, be sure to follow our clinic social media accounts to stay up to date with ongoing events and all wellness center related info.

Skokomish Wellness Community Health Reps-
Nydesta Gouley
Tamela LaClair
Danielle Macomber

RELAX. REJUVENATE. RESTORE.

ZENBODY MASSAGE THERAPY

WITH JULIA LEA

For the week of **APRIL 13th:**
Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Fri.
5 slots are available
from 9am-3:30pm.
***ELDERS & DISABLED WILL BE PRIORITIZED.**
 (For Enrolled Skok Tribal Members ONLY)

CALL THE CLINIC TO MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT:
360-426 5755

Each session is customized to support your unique healing journey.

Chiropractic Clinic Service will be unavailable April 14th.

SKOKOMISH Wellness Center

Thank you for your understanding!

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Skokomish ICW will soon be offering Positive Indian Parenting, an eight-part curriculum that's intent is honoring our children by honoring our traditions. ICW has partnered with Health & Wellness to train our Community Health Representatives as instructors. Currently, we are testing instructional strategies, receiving feedback, and planning to begin offering

classes sometime this summer. Positive Indian Parenting is a curriculum for several different groups along the continuum including young people yet to become parents to seasoned parents who have much to share about parenting and their culture. The eight lessons include **Session 1: Traditional Parenting** which introduces historical Native childbearing practices having

a great deal to teach parents today, **Session 2: Lessons of the Storyteller** explores the tradition of storytelling, communication with children, the development of good judgement, and the importance of nurturing relationships, **Session 3: Lessons of the Cradleboard** examine the use of cradleboards, wrapping, massaging, singing, and nurturing ways, **Session 4: Harmony in Child Rearing** parents examine harmony, balance, and relationships among all as they look at ways Native people traditionally maintained a harmonious living environment, **Session 5: Traditional Behavior Management** explores behavior management through looking at traditional ways and modern skills,

Session 6: Lessons of Mother Nature examines how nature was a teacher and how examples from nature taught people to get along with each other, **Session 7: Praise in Traditional Parenting** introduces the idea that praise, and positive reinforcement are important in child-rearing in the past and are still important today, and **Session 8: Choices in Parenting** addresses the question, What makes it hard to be a Native parent? examines where they have learned to parent, the circumstances in which they now parent, the problems faced by Native children in today's world, and cultural issues parents face in parenting. Watch our website for updates



SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER'S

WELLBRIETY SWEATSHIRT EXTRAS

WE HAVE EXTRA OF THE FOLLOWING SWEATER DESIGNS & SIZES FROM THE WELLBRIETY EVENT.

ADULT SIZES:	
X- SMALL:	2 FRANKIE 2 NIAH
MED:	5 NIAH
LARGE:	7 NIAH 5 KIERRA
X-LARGE:	8 FRANKIE 9 NIAH 10 KIERRA
2X-LARGE:	9 FRANKIE 9 NIAH 8 KIERRA
3X-LARGE:	2 FRANKIE 3 NIAH 3 KIERRA

YOUTH SIZES:	
X- SMALL:	4 NIAH
SMALL:	3 FRANKIE 5 NIAH 4 KIERRA
MED:	2 FRANKIE 2 KIERRA
LARGE & X-LARGE EACH:	2 FRANKIE 2 NIAH 2 KIERRA

PICK UP FROM THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE CLINIC!

CHECK IN. STAY CONNECTED.



It's OK to start with a text. Connection is Prevention.

Text **N8V** to **988** for free, confidential support from trained Native counselors—available 24/7 through the Native & Strong Lifeline.

For mental health resources, visit NativeAndStrong.org




Telemedicine Services Now Available

Telemedicine is used when the patient presents *in person at the clinic* and connects with a remote provider using clinic equipment (computer/video platform).

Is Telemedicine Right for Me?

Telemedicine may be a good choice if you:

- ☑ Want to be seen quickly and don't need a physical exam
- ☑ Need a follow-up for an ongoing condition
- ☑ Need a medication refill
- ☑ Have mild symptoms like UTI symptoms

You may need an in-person visit if you:

- ⊕ Have severe pain or shortness of breath
- ⊕ Need a physical exam or procedure
- ⊕ Feel your condition is an emergency

Telemedicine is available for:

- Primary care follow-up visits
- Chronic disease management (diabetes, blood pressure, etc.)
- Some medication refills
- Behavioral health check-ins
- Minor illnesses like UTI symptoms

How it works:

- Schedule through the front desk
- Come into the clinic to see a doctor virtually

Getting care is easier than ever

- Step 1**
Call or stop by the front desk
- Step 2**
Choose Telemedicine & set your time
- Step 3**
Join virtually from the clinic

Clinic Front Desk: 360-426-5755



**Sexual Abuse
Awareness
Pop-Up**

Tuwaduq Family Services
April 22, 2026
10:00- 3:00

Contact: Linda Charette, DV Advocate
 Starla James, DV Outreach Specialist

360-426-7788

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Earth Day Pop-up

Date: April 22nd Time: 10am-3pm



EARTH DAY

Celebrate Earth Day with us. The TFS building will be doing a Pop-up in the TFS parking lot April 22nd.

Come learn, create, and take home something green.

UPCOMING SPRING EVENTS AT TUWADUQ FAMILY SERVICES

Tuwaduq Family Services will be doing a pop-up Earth Day event on April 22, 2026, in the parking lot at TFS. from 10: to 3:00 p.m. We will be preparing for the upcoming Spring garden growing season, to help the community to prepare for your own personal at home gardens. Supplies to help get everyone started will be offered. This year we also have Mason County WSU Master Gardner representatives to provide us with information on the Mason Bee Fostering Program. Mason Bees are highly effective pollinators for early-spring blooming orchard fruit trees and flowering plants. The bees can help us with pollinating our plants to help them grow and produce better. Stop by and visit with them at a

table that will be provided to ask questions and consider becoming a Bee Fostering Friend. We will also be providing materials reminding everyone the April is Sexual Abuse Awareness month. Information and handouts will be offered for this important event. A barbeque will be taking place to enjoy something to snack on and able to sit and visit while participating in this event. Earth day is an important event for us all and doing our part for climate change. This year because of the rising cost of food, it would be a good idea for all families to take time to try and grow your own food. It doesn't have to be a lot but anything will help the food budget in your home. If you are able to grow a lot, you can

always share with your neighbor or community. Vegetable seeds and plants will be available at the Earth Day event, so we hope that you have time to stop by. Fundraising and self-employment activities are happening in May. Skokomish Vocational Rehabilitation Program is hosting the Spring Bazaar on May 2, 2026, at the Skokomish Community Center. We will be helping the Tribal Elders with a fundraising event again this year. All interested tribal artists that want to sell their crafts and are interested in signing up for a table for \$10.00 fee, which all proceeds go to supporting the elders, please contact (360) 426-7788 and sign up. The elders will be selling food plates during the bazaar

as well as raffle tickets and baked goods and other items to add to their fundraising. Please take time to stop by the bazaar to support the tribal artist and purchase something for Mother's Day, which this year is May 10, 2026. More information will be coming soon. All artists get your art ready to sell. We hope to hear from you soon. Thank you to everyone who provided supplies and hard work to make the Skokomish Elders Indian Taco Fundraiser a successful event. We have wonderful people out there that are so generous and willing to donate to support our tribal elders. We thank you so much for all you do. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM

April will hold a Pop-Up for Sexual Abuse awareness on April 22 in the parking lot of TFS from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. That is also Earth Day so there will be Earth Day happenings at the same time.

We will be hosting another “nDigiDreams” workshop the end of May. The digital storytelling workshop will host 8 to 10 participants at the Skokomish Community Center from May 28, 2026, through May 31, 2026. n-DigiDreams staff will conduct a story circle for participants and assist them with writing a script recording their voices, providing photos/videos, and completing a digital story. If you would like to “tell your story”, contact Linda Charette, DV Advocate at 360-426-7788. It is a 4-day commitment of reflection, sharing and healing.

May will also celebrate Mother’s Day and honor Missing and Murdered Indigenous People’s Day. More information is coming soon.

Denim Day takes place on the last

Wednesday of April. This day of action and awareness is an event in which people are encouraged to wear denim to combat victims, blaming and educating others about sexual violence. The day comes following a high-profile Italian rape trial where the survivor was blamed for her rape because of the type of jeans she was wearing. In protest and solidarity, individuals are encouraged to wear denim to combat the idea that rape and sexual violence are the fault or responsibility of survivors.

In 1992 in Muro Lucano, Italy 60 miles from Naples, an 18-year-old girl came forward after experiencing sexual violence following her first driving lesson. The teenager recounted how the driving instructor, a 45-year-old man, drove her to an isolated area, forced her to get out of the vehicle, forcibly removed one leg of her jeans, enacted sexual violence and raped the teen, then told her that if she was to tell anyone he would kill her. Immediately following the incident, the girl alerted her parents and the police.

The rapist was convicted and sentenced to the lesser charge of indecent exposure. The survivor appealed the sentence resulting in a subsequent conviction on all charges. The (then) convicted rapist appealed to the Italian Supreme Court, which overturned the conviction in a 1998 decision that indicated since the survivors’ jeans were very tight she must have participate in the rape. The “jeans alibi” was used to argue that since the jeans were so tight, the only way to have gotten them off was if the survivor aided her attacker in removing her jeans thus making the act consensual. The Italian Supreme Court stated in its decision “it is a fact of common experience that it is nearly impossible to slip off tight jeans even partly without the active collaboration of the person who is wearing them. As of 2008 the Italian Supreme Court has overturned their findings, and there is no longer a “denim defense to the charge of rape”.

The indication that women’s choice of jeans or clothing is indicative of con-

sent sparked widespread outrage and protest starting with the Italian government officials. The day after the decision, members of the Italian Parliament protested by wearing jeans and holding placards that read “Jeans: An Alibi for Rape”, no male members of the Italian Parliament participated.

It has since become an annual, international event, involving over 12 million people around the world, according to Peace over Violence. As of 2011, at least 20 US states officially recognize Denim Day in April. Wearing jeans on this day has become an international symbol of protest against such attitudes about sexual assault. IF you are in danger or need help or just want to talk, please call the Domestic Violence Program. (360) 426-7788 Linda Charette, DV Advocate or Starla James, DV Outreach Specialist, we are here to help.

Tribal Members With Birthdays In April



1st

Lisa Johnson
Joseph Longshore
Kalaiah Andrews
Lakota Andrews

2nd

Denise Emerson
Chanowha Miller
Amira Ware

7th

Ed Green Sr.
Jennifer Green
Elena Miller

8th

Travis Twiddy

9th

Ted Smith
Jordyn Peterson

10th

Daniel Emerson
Elijah Miller
Ned Miller

11th

Charles WalkingEagle
Georgia Burfiend
David Johnston
Frankie Mork

13th

Samantha Miller

14th

Josiah Limburg

15th

Frank Cousins
Ray Gouley
Ashley Longshore

16th

Matt Warren
Marti Peterson
Lexi Moon

17th

Amanda Twiddy
Jay James
Chris Miller
Malakai Seymour

18th

Marissa Cagey

21st

Angeline Peoples

24th

LaDean Johnson
Tyler McLain
Starlit Sparr

25th

Sean Bowcutt

26th

Rebecca James
Melanie Willig

27th

Treyton Andrews
Kylar Cadle

28th

Doreen Strong
Aisa Grover

29th

Payton Bordley

April 9th-Happy Birthday, Jordyn, I hope you have a great one! We Love you lots!
Love Dad, Tahnee & Kyan

April 10th- Happy Birthday, Elijah Chase Miller, I hope you have the BEST day! Love you so much!
Love Sister & Kyan

April 16th- Happy Birthday Lexi, I hope you have a Special Day, I Love you!
Auntie Tahnee~

April 16th- Happy Birthday Sister Marti, I hope you a great day!
Love you, Dad, Tahnee & Kyan~

April 17th- Happy Birthday, Malakai J. Seymour, I hope you have a great day Golfing ☐Love you lots, Mom, Marty & Kyan

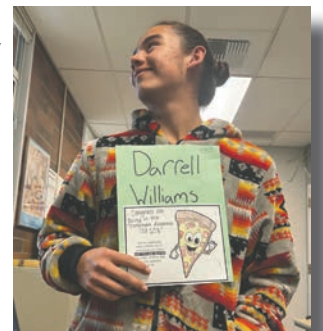
April 27th- Happy 1st Birthday to My Sweet Grandson Oakland Charles Seymour! You are such a blessing to me, & I am thankful to have such a special bond with you! I cherish my time with you each and every day!
Love you Bunches ♥

Matthew, WOW hard to believe that you are ?? years old! What a blessing you were to us and still are to this day. You are an amazing Man my Son!
Love Dad

Freshman Shout Out!!!

Darrell Ray Williams
“Ray Ray”

Is now part of the National Honor Society !!!



He was invited to the National Honor Society to be a part of a celebration ‘Scholarship’ where he was honored for maintaining a 3.8 GPA at Shelton High School and celebrated with a pizza party for being one of the Freshman that is academically in the Top 10% of his class.

35 Freshman maintained a GPA above 3.82 through the end of 2nd Tri.

21 of them have a perfect 4.0! Good job young #HighClimbers!!

Darrell Williams is a multi-sports player but also maintains one of the highest-Grade Point Averages way to go Ray on representing your community, peers and your family.

#LetsGoRayRay!!



Rez Photo of the Month



Can you name the young man in this photo?
Please turn to page 9 for the answer! Good luck!

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Rez Sudoku Puzzle of the Month

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

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!

The Sounder

3sXeXa?! "It's All Written Down"
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 Skokomish Nation, WA 98584
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 Mark Warren, *Editor*

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