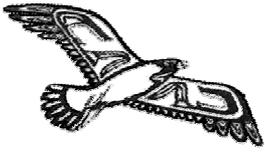


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Moon of the Digging Time  
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Eagle

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(yuh-(x̣)uh-lah)

*Springtime Eagle in flight*



Eagle Pictures by Caroline Edwards

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Because we are now on the internet, when submitting information or photos, please be aware that everything published in Kee yoks will also be on the internet and available to the world. Please consider carefully whether anything you are submitting might have information or images that may not be appropriate for the internet. By submitting information or photographs to Kee yoks for publication, we consider that you are agreeing we can publish the information or photo in both the paper version of the Kee yoks and on the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community website.



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**qyuuqs Mission**

The mission of the qyuuqs newspaper is to provide monthly communication to swədəbš, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, near and far. We are committed to serving as an apolitical forum for SITC governing officials and all community members. The newspaper is not intended to reflect the official position of the governing body of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, but rather reflects the ideas, events, and thoughts of individual community members and tribal staff. As such, the Swinomish Tribe makes no claim as to the accuracy or content of any of the articles contained therein.

## Chairman's Message:

In the past 16 years Swinomish has grown not only in membership population, but also in our governmental services. Our membership is now over 850 and growing. With this growth comes the increase in responsibility to provide governmental services, a prosperous economy and a safe community. I want to take a little bit of time to not only share a bit of our success, but to thank our community for investing their trust into our Senators to ensure our membership is taken care of today and tomorrow.

This past month our Senators held a retreat to discuss the strategic planning for our Social Service Programs. One of our primary goals was to focus on the concerns and opportunities of the Tribal Education Program. As we all know, we have suffered from the quiet crisis in our community for generations and that is the challenges of education from early learning to graduation; and one of our most primary concerns is the early drop out of our high school students. The Senate is committed to helping our members, young and old alike, achieve their education goals, whether it is in the GED program, alternative high school, or returning to finish their degree at a public high school.

We have invested in the future of our children by enhancing our programs from birth to graduation and today the community has several success stories with higher education. Presently we have numerous students who have furthered their educational opportunities, whether it is a technical or specialty school, all the way to bachelors and masters programs. As we know, the educational costs have increased as has the cost of living, and to ensure our students are able to afford to obtain their educational goals the Senate increased the financial support. If you are looking to return to school, please contact John Stephens to discuss higher education opportunities.

*“One of our greatest attributes of being Swinomish together is being invested in helping one another—it is the Swinomish way.”*

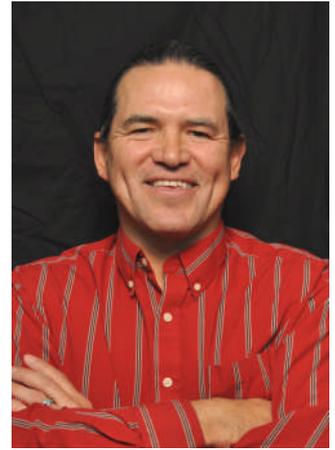
Together with the Health, Education and Social Service Committee we would like to also address the concerns of our youth attendance, testing and grades. This is not a new concern and we have faced tough times with educational challenges. Yes, there are many recommendations that come from experts; but the one that stands strong is the reality that it will take our community working together to address the challenges. We have to remember, it takes one success story to continue to carry the hope for the future.

Each and every one of us have always taken the time to help a child in some manner; whether it is a breakfast, a ride to school, help with homework, or even just being there to listen. One of our greatest attributes of being Swinomish together is being invested in helping one another...it is the Swinomish way. I believe with our strength and commitment to our children, we can overcome difficult times and provide a hand to help them succeed.

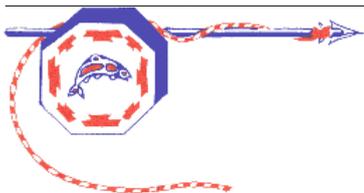
Spring is here and there are several important events we celebrated and a few more coming up in the next few weeks! We celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>! To all those who staff and community members who helped to take care of our Mother Earth; we thank you. A much deserved appreciation to Todd Mitchell and his staff members, Tiffany Hoyopatubbi and Tanisha Gobert from the Planning Water Resource Department for their efforts to continuously coordinate a monumental event for our community.

Mark your calendars; as we gear up for the Blessing of the Fleet on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The community gathering is to provide us the protection for our fisherman, crabbers and shrimpers as they head out on the Salish Sea for this year's harvesting season. We are so thankful for the Creator for providing us the resources that sustain our culture, rights, human health and way of life. Join us at the Swinomish gym for the Gathering at noon.

Please enjoy this wonderful spring weather and may the Creator bless you all.



Spee-pots  
(Brian Cladoosby)



## RECENT TRIBAL CODE AMENDMENTS

STC Title 19, Chapter 2, Clean Air Act was amended recently by the Swinomish Senate. Changes in the code include:

- Exclusion of certain sections of the Act which previously adopting the regulations of the NW Clean Air Agency as the Tribe's regulations
- Setting out general rules for open burning including when a permit is required
- Basic fire safety and suppression
- Setting procedure for calling of burn bans for both air quality and fire safety conditions
- Detailing the information required for a burn permit; sets out requirements for special use permits for agricultural burning and training fires
- Increasing fees to \$100 for the first day of burning and \$50 for subsequent days
- Setting out standard conditions typically to be included in burn permits
- Detailing enforcement and appeals process including potential penalties

The amended codes are available for review on our website at <http://www.swinomish-nsn.gov>. Paper copies are available for review at the Swinomish library, the Tribal Clerk's office, the Office of the Tribal Attorney, the Senate's Executive Assistant, Social Services and Planning.

### MEMORANDUM

To: Fireworks Stands Owners  
 From: Fireworks Committee  
 Date: April 23, 2012  
 Re: Calendar for Summer Fireworks Sales - 2012

The calendar has been modified to provide more time for stand construction.

Fourth of July Season

Permit Sales

April 30, 2012, 8:30am - May 17, 2012, 12:00 p.m. (NOON)

The Accounting Office is closed for lunch each day from 12:00 to 12:30.

Accounting cannot make change, please bring exact amount owed.

Please note we are on a 4-day work schedule (Monday thru Thursday). Thanks

Public Drawing

May 17, 2012, 3:00 pm

Stand Construction

May 19, 2012 - June 3, 2012

Retail Sales

June 1, 2012 - July 11, 2012

Wholesale Sales

May 25, 2012 - July 23, 2012

Stand Removal

July 9, 2012 - July 23, 2012

Rates:

Stand Owners

Permit Fee: \$125 North End and \$100 Village, Sani-cans \$70 Dumpsters \$85 North End Improvement (First Year Only) \$100 Refundable Clean Up Deposit: \$100 Insurance: \$415. All must be paid before the drawing.

Wholesalers

Permit Fee: \$500 + \$275 per container. Refundable Clean Up Deposit (on removal of container and inspection of the site) \$500 North End Improvement Fee paid annually \$100. Wholesalers have the time constraints listed above.

Proof of general liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$2,000,000 aggregate is required. The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community must be listed as 'additional insured'. It is required that the insurance deductible not exceed \$1,000.00. If your deductible is a higher amount, you may contact your insurance company to make a change OR deposit the difference with us. We cannot issue a permit nor accept containers on our premises until this requirement is met. All Insurance Certificates will be approved by our Legal Dept.

Food Vendors

Permit Fee: \$100, Sani-cans \$70. Must have Food Handlers permit from Social Services. Stands must be at least 50 feet from the nearest fire-works stand.

### Job Announcement:

The Swinomish Human Resource department is now accepting applications for temporary employment for the Tribal crabbers and fishers. The rate of pay is \$10.00 per hour and no benefits. Requirements are a High School Diploma or GED, in some cases a Driver's License, and able to pass a drug test and background check.

Positions available will be in Public Works Department, Prevention and any other department.

Applications are available at the Human Resource office, Monday thru Thursday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

Thank you,  
 Wayne Bill, H.R.

### Corrections:

- Due to the production of the Swinomish Annual Report, there was not a February 2012, issue #2.
- In the April issue of the qyuuqs La Conner School attendance may have created the impression that students had missed only 2 or less days from the beginning of September. In fact, the attendance record was for only the month of February. A perfect attendance recognition for the year will appear in the qyuuqs after school has ended in June.

**From Shelley Roberts:**

All tribal members and tribal employees are able to obtain employee rates (which is approximately 40% off) at all hotels within the Wyndham Group. If you are attending a conference, this would be good not only to save your department money from the travel budget, but also for personal use. Those hotels are:

- Wyndham Hotels and Resorts
- Wyndham Grand Collection
- Wyndham Garden
- Tryp
- Wingate
- Hawthorn Suites
- Planet Hollywood
- Dream Hotels
- Night
- Ramada
- Days Inn
- Super 8
- Baymont Inn and Suites
- Microtel Inns and Suites
- Howard Johnson
- Travelodge
- Knights Inn

To make employee and tribal community member reservations at any of these hotels (EXCLUDING the Ramada in Ocean Shores), you will need to come see me and I can make the reservation for you. Once the reservation is made, I will print out an employee voucher for you to take with you to the hotel and present upon check-in.

To make employee reservations at the Ramada in Ocean Shores, you will need to phone them at: 360-289-7700 and inform them, before making your reservation, that you are either a Swinomish tribal member or a Swinomish tribal employee.

If anyone should have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,  
Shelley

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## From the qyuuqs (Kee Yoks) Editor: *Michael M. Vendiola*

**W**ith this issue we focus on past events that have occurred in and around the Swinomish Community. We had a tremendous Swinomish Clean-up Day/Earth Day. We've included some photos of this event. However, please read next month's issue where we will provide in depth information of the impact community members made on that special day. A hearty thank-you should go out to all of the planners and participants of the event. Great job!

Further, in this issue we look at community events like the opening of the new Swinomish Lodge, the Education Din-

ner, the Tulip Festival Parade, the newly formed Calling All Colors club at La Conner High School and the Story Pole dedication at Skagit Valley College. These were tremendous occasions that empower the Swinomish Community. We are very pleased to share the happenings at these events!

In addition, there were several events outside the community that were concerning to the Swinomish Community. We feature stories and photos from the Lushootseed Language Conference, the American Indian Higher Education Consortium National Conference, and the International Indigenous Education

Gathering & Conference held at the University of British Columbia.

Lastly, we are happy to provide information on upcoming events that all of the Swinomish Community should check out!

Thank you for reading the qyuuqs (Kee Yoks)! Please feel free to contact me at: [mvendiola@swinomish.nsn.gov](mailto:mvendiola@swinomish.nsn.gov) or 360.466.7258

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<http://www.swinomish.org/news.aspx>  
Facebook: 'Swinomish Kee Yoks Newspaper'  
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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

# Women's Health Fair May 24th, 2012



From 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

We will be offering the following

- PAP Exams
- Mammogram's
- Bone Density Screening
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Lipid Testing (fasting only)

Tobacco Cessation Education

Please Call BCHP (2-888-652-8932) to get Pre-Authorized for Women's Health Fair. If you need assistance with this please don't hesitate to contact us at the Clinic.

As well as, tasty treats, beverages, and a variety of pampering gifts.

Pre-Registration packets for Take Charge and Mammogram forms are available at the clinic upon request.

Come by to see if you qualify for "Take Charge" or "Breast & Cervical Health Program." Those of you with Medicare or Private Insurance qualify for this as well.

If you don't think you qualify for any of these programs, please Call the Clinic at 466-3167.

Partly funded by the Susan G. Komen Foundation



## Women's Health Fair is coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup>!

This is an opportunity for the women of the community to convene at their medical home in order to connect with each other and representatives from various departments of the tribe. We hope to celebrate our quest for the greatest quality of life we

can achieve in part through good health of mind, body and soul. Your medical clinic will offer full physical exams, mammograms, bone density screening, a full spread of healthy, delicious foods, beautiful gifts generously donated by various artisans of the community and lots more. Even if it is not time for your annual exam please come by to enjoy the other services offered. We look forward to celebrating with you!

## qyuuqs feature

### The Meaning of Earth Day

By Caroline Edwards

What is your view on the meaning of Earth Day? My interpretation of what Earth Day is involves being outside and beautifying the Earth and teaching others how to do the same. We take and use fundamental resources from the Earth everyday to benefit ourselves, sometimes rarely ever thinking about giving back. Every time the sun rises and sets there needs to be a deeper connection with the Earth and human beings. My ancestors didn't have the commodities that I use today, so these recent necessities that I feel I need are what changed the way I eat, travel and communicate.

What happens when all of these necessities are a burden to the health of the planet Earth? Let's use a family classic, macaroni and cheese as an example. Think about how the macaroni and cheese got to the convenience store. It had to travel all the way from where it was packaged in a factory, shipped out of state, then transported and stocked. My point is that there is always a trail that follows food, or what some might call a carbon footprint.



Looking West From Deadman's Island

We all make our own carbon footprint, but some of us choose to lighten our carbon footprint by making different living choices. I asked a few people in the community what their views are on what the meaning of Earth day is, here is what one woman said. "Being respectful to the Earth all the time, not just on Earth Day." Another woman said, "Protecting, cleaning and being aware that we do have issues we have to face." Yes there are issues we do have to face, especially when we're dealing with the health of our planet Earth. The Earth can't revive itself fast enough to enable the re-growth of itself.

So how do we plan to fix this problem we have caused? Where do we begin? One person can make a difference. You can make a difference by making healthier living choices such as taking shorter showers, unplugging your electronics when you leave the house, recycle at home, recycle your electronics through e-cycle, buying local foods. There are plenty of ways you can make a difference in this world, it's up to you to make the change happen.



Sources: Google Images



Check out the June issue of the qyuuqs (Kee Yoks) for an in depth report on the impact of the Swinomish Clean-up/ Earth Day effort!



# 2012 Swinomish Clean

# 2012 Swinomish Education Dinner

The Education Dinner was full of family, friends, teachers and students. From the smallest toddler to the graduating senior many students were awarded for academic advancement and were given small gifts. The dinner included Indian tacos with a sweet ending of cake. Before the dinner actually started teachers and their students met for an end of the semester conference. This event takes place twice a year with great awards and good food.



**2012 Graduating Seniors**  
 Michael Wilbur, Martin Sampson, Landy James,  
 Tiyanna McCraigie, Madeline Cayou.

Graduating Seniors who are not pictured here are Kelci Douglas and Dianne Quintasket.



**up Day/Earth Day!**

# Calling All Colors club at La Conner High School explores theme of multiculturalism



On April 18 Michael Vendiola visited the Calling All Colors club meeting to facilitate leadership exercises with students.



## Calling All Colors

At La Conner High school (LCHS) there is diversity among the student body that includes a rainbow of races and diversity. Rich cultures residing at LCHS can be shared with others in order to help make positive changes within the community by students! The club sponsors action plans for change by students for students.

—Calling All Colors Facebook page

# Easter Baptism



Congratulations to to all the Swinomish babies who were baptized on Easter Weekend!

Children baptized: Brayden Moses, Athena Williams, Masen Williams, Heidi Wilbur, Lauren Edwards, and Timara Morris



*Michaela Vendiola at the University of Washington Pow Wow  
Photo: Michael M. Vendiola*



*Lookout at Mt. Erie  
Photo: Caroline Edwards*

# Swinomish community celebrates opening of new Swinomish Lodge



The new Swinomish Lodge conference center was filled to capacity during the community dinner and blessing on April 04, 2012. A delicious meal was served. Witnesses were called for the blessing and good words were shared by the tribal leaders.

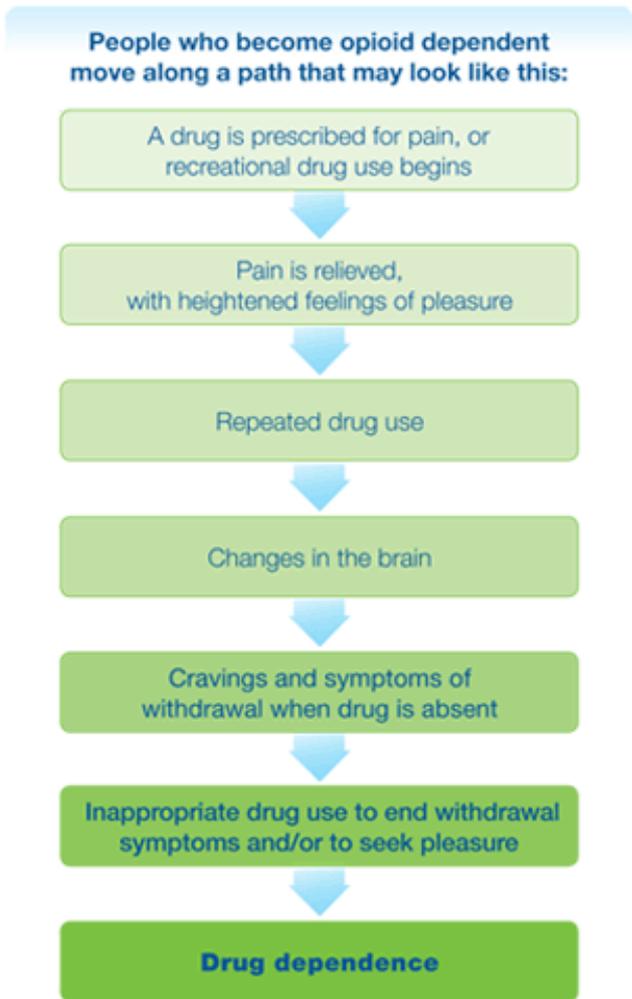
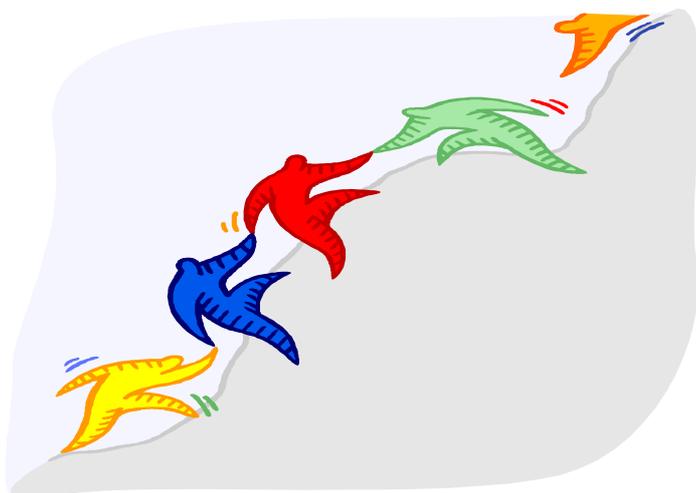




## From the Wellness Program:

### Opioid dependence support available

Opioid dependence is a challenging and complicated condition, but it can be treated. If you're working to overcome opioid dependence, you know the experience can sometimes be overwhelming. The Wellness Program is expanding services in early summer 2012; we will be providing more treatment options for opiate dependence. If you have any questions please call 466-1024.



## Mrs. V's 2 cents!

By Diane I. Vendiola



### “We come from this Earth”

Sometime in life, as is our Swinomish Way, a fortunate member of the community might be called to witness during one of our gatherings. It just so happened that I was called to be an official witness during the dedication of the story pole at Skagit Valley College.

On that day, Monday, April 16, 2012, the skies were offering us a down-pour of huge raindrops which caused me to remember soaking memories of standing on the beach next to my niece, Dussie Washington, as the rain pounded down upon us and all the others who had gathered together to welcome our Canoe Journey guests to our place in July 2011. I remember that on that wet day, I avoided standing under the umbrella with Dussie as she spoke into a microphone, granting permission to come ashore to each canoe family and inviting them to join us in celebrating the completion of their journey. ( I didn't want to stand too close to her because I was afraid that the microphone she was holding might short circuit and electrocute both of us). I recall that every time Dussie gestured and moved, the umbrella she was holding dumped about a quart of water on me. Thank Goodness I was wearing my traditional Coast Salish wool shawl which kept me partially dry.

But I digress. ... Let me get back to witnessing the story pole dedication at Skagit Valley College (SVC). The skies were pouring down rain, I mean buckets. A podium had been set up with a tiny awning covering it. I sought shelter, standing under the covered SVC entrance along with a group of umbrella-less students and SVC staff.

Standing under the awning, Janie Beasley, Swinomish Tribal member and president of the SVC Foundation welcomed everyone and introduced

the new president of SVC, Dr. Tom Keegan, who spoke of his happiness regarding this occasion. Margaret Rojas, Vice Chair of the SVC Board of Trustees followed him, thanking the audience, which included two young children of our Tribe, Michael Paul and Brandon Mitchell, for withstanding the wet weather and acknowledged the importance of having the representation that this story pole afforded in recognition of the first inhabitants of this territory. When she finished speaking, I thought I heard my English name “Diane Vendiola” called. I suddenly realized that a few people had turned their heads and were looking at me. I left my sheltered position and stepped forward out into the rain. Once again, my niece Dussie was in the picture, only this time she was not holding a microphone, she was holding a blanket, which she draped over my left shoulder. She hugged me and pressed into my hand the customary 2 quarters, and we both said, “Thank you.” Following her was Josephine Peters, who made the same gesture. Tom Wooten Samish Tribal Chairman was also called as the second Witness. We stood side by side along with my son, Michael, in the pouring down rain listening to Kevin Paul, our own Swinomish carver, artist and Tribal Councilman tell the story of the creation of the pole.

First Kevin introduced his wife Pat Paul, who came out of the audience (and the rain) to stand by his side. Then Kevin told us how Dr. Tollafson the ex-president of SVC, had contacted him and related to him how strongly moved he and his culinary arts students had been by their involvement during the Swinomish Canoe journey hosting last July. He had attended our initial planning meetings and had volunteered to assist in the provision of meals during the week long event. Dr. Tollafson wanted a

remembrance marking the collaboration and the joy that the college's volunteers felt during their work with our Swinomish Community. He suggested a story pole that might convey this. Kevin gave this request deep thought and referred to his remembrances of what he had been taught by his Elders.

Kevin went on to say that after a few months, it came to him that the story pole would symbolize the act of welcoming, as well as the feeling of being welcomed which is our traditional gesture of a human figure raising both arms, followed by the canoe, symbolizing all of us pulling together as a family and the act of hard work as exemplified in our culture by the beaver totem, the final form symbolizes our spirits guided by the eagle located at the very top of the story pole. He spoke of the value of learning and how he had learned so much from his elders and teachers, and also how fitting it was to locate the story pole exactly where it was in front of a learning institution.

Retiring President of SVC, Dr. Tollafson was called forth to pull the rope that would unveil the story pole. The rope was pulled and the veil came down revealing the new story pole. A big “Ah-h-h” came from the audience. It most certainly was a breath taking symbol of our efforts to welcome each other with respect and work together like a family guided by the eagle spirit which flies higher than any other bird. Kevin took the time and did the work to remember our peoples past. So now that Goodness and that Wisdom of thousands of years of tradition are shared once again on this day and into the future when many others see the story pole.

Continued—see ‘Vendiola’ on page 30

# The American Indian Higher Education Consortium 2012

By Caroline Edwards

“AIHEC is the collective spirit and unifying voice of our nation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). AIHEC provides leadership and influences public policy on American Indian higher education issues through advocacy, research, and program initiatives; promotes and strengthens Indigenous languages, cultures, communities, and tribal nations; and through its unique position, serves member institutions and emerging TCUs.” (AIHEC Website).

The annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium was held in Rapid City, South Dakota and occurred on March 23rd through March 27th. Over 30 tribal colleges participated in this year’s AIHEC. I was proud to be there representing the Northwest Indian College (NWIC) from Washington State. There were at least 30 other NWIC students who I traveled with to AIHEC; amazingly the NWIC is the only tribal college that represents the Pacific coast.



Above— NWIC Students.  
Below(5)- AIHEC Pow wow.  
Left— Student Congress at the Student Banquet.



Honoring the Flags



Honoring the Flags

Students could sign up to compete against other tribal colleges in the AIHEC Knowledge Bowl, Science Bowl, Speech Competition, Art Show, Play Competition, Pow wow competition, Bone Game Competition, and Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament.

**Regular Members of AIHEC:** Aaniiih Nakoda College, Bay Mills CC, Blackfeet CC, Cankdeska Cikana CC, Chief Dull Knife College, College of Menominee Nation, Diné College, Fond du Lac Tribal and CC, Fort Berthold CC, Fort Peck CC, Haskell Indian Nations University, Ilisagvik College, Institute of American Indian Arts, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa CC, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa CC, Leech Lake Tribal College, Little Big Horn College, Little Priest Tribal College, Navajo Technical College, Nebraska Indian CC, Northwest Indian College, Oglala Lakota College, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Salish Kootenai College, Sinte Gleska University, Sisseton Wahpeton College, Sitting Bull College, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, Stone Child College, Tohono O’odham CC, Turtle Mountain CC, United Tribes Technical College, White Earth Tribal and CC. **Associate Members:** College of the Muscogee Nation, Comanche Nation College, Red Lake Nation College, Wind River Tribal College. **International Member:** Red Crow CC, Canada

## Being Frank



### Stop the slow down to save Puget Sound

April 2, 2012

By Billy Frank, Jr., Chairman NWIFC

Polluted stormwater runoff is one of the biggest obstacles to salmon recovery and the cleanup of Puget Sound.

Scientists have seen adult coho salmon dying within 24 hours of returning to some polluted urban streams in western Washington. In some cases, 60 to 90 percent of the coho are dying before they can spawn.

What's killing the fish? It's a poison soup of brake pad dust, oil, gasoline and other pollutants that are washed by rain or melting snow from yards, sidewalks, parking lots and roads, right into our streams and Puget Sound.

We need to stop the pollution from getting into our waters in the first place. Prevention is a lot cheaper and more effective in the long run than trying to clean up waters once they are polluted. Development has changed the way rainwater runs off here in western Washington. Our watersheds were once like giant sponges, absorbing rain in the fall and winter, releasing it slow and steady in the spring and summer. As our watersheds are paved over, rainfall has nowhere to go except downhill. Fast. Winter floods are becoming more intense, causing increased damage to property and salmon habitat, while summer stream flows are becoming too low for salmon returning to spawn.

We know there are ways to grow other than those that hurt salmon. The Nisqually Tribe, for example, is working closely with the Eatonville community to reverse its stormwater impacts on two important salmon tributaries. The aim of the joint project is to completely disconnect the city's stormwater system from the two rivers.

The Tulalip Tribes recently retrofitted a school's stormwater drains on their reservation with low impact design technology. Engineered wetlands help absorb stormwater runoff from the school, while vegetation helps filter pollutants before they can reach Tulalip Bay.

Low impact development reduces impacts to salmon and our environment, and in most cases, it actually costs developers less to do the right thing.

The state Department of Ecology is working toward a stormwater permitting process to help cities and developers stop polluted runoff from getting into our waters. One way is by requiring low impact development practices that help preserve the natural conditions that we still have left in our watersheds.

These stormwater permits have already been delayed by the political process. They need to move forward, and

soon. Puget Sound chinook have been on the Endangered Species Act list for more than a decade, yet there have been no substantial improvements to the environmental laws that got us into the problem to begin with. That needs to change, and the stormwater permitting process is a step in the right direction.

*Billy Frank Jr. is the chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.*

**For more information, contact:** Tony Meyer or Emmett O'Connell, NWIFC, (360) 438-1181 or visit [nwifc.org](http://nwifc.org).

**“We need to stop the pollution from getting into our waters in the first place. Prevention is a lot cheaper and more effective in the long run than trying to clean up waters once they are polluted.”**

## From the Tribal Archive: Theresa Trebon, Tribal Archivist

For over a century, the people of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community have cared for the village cemetery with loving attention. The cemetery, set aside in the village plat in 1903, is first mentioned in written accounts in 1910 when the *Puget Sound Mail* reported, *"The Indians on the Swinomish reservation have recently fixed up the reservation cemetery on the south end of the reservation and it makes a very nice appearance. The plot of ground is 350' x 150' in dimensions and a neat wire fence has been built around same. The cost of material alone amounted to \$250.00 besides the labor involved. A collection was taken up at the reservation church for the purpose of defraying the expenses. In ten minutes time \$270.00 was raised and since that time amounts have been handed over to a total of \$300.00 to cover the expenses of fixing up the cemetery in a neat and attractive manner."*

But when did Swinomish begin observing Memorial Day? That yearly holiday began in 1866 when the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), Union veterans from the Civil War, set aside May 30<sup>th</sup> to "remember the sacrifices of their fallen comrades." Observance of the holiday, known as "Decoration Day," grew each year to encompass remembering all military veterans. By the early 1900s, GAR posts across the country marked the event in local cemeteries. That included La Conner where the "Larabee GAR Post" and American Legion, led observances at Pleasant Ridge.

Swinomish did not start observing the event at the Village Cemetery until 1925. The delay in adopting the holiday, which became known as Memorial Day, is understandable given that tribal members did not partake in the armed conflicts of the Civil or Spanish-American War. But by the 1920s, that had changed. Despite not being allowed the full benefits of American citizenship, tribal members Garfield Day, Sam Kadim, Martin Sampson, George McLeod Sr., and Alfred Edwards had served in World War I and the concept of honoring military veterans was embraced by the community. The earliest written account, from May 1927, reported that *"Charles Wilbur gave a welcoming speech in which he explained that according to old Indian customs, the serious service was held in the morning and games and feasting in the afternoon."* Swinomish soon made the holiday their own with "Memorial exercises and decoration," followed by a salmon barbecue at American Hall, (served by the indomitable Ladies Welfare Club), speakers and then sports. Baseball took center stage most every year as did canoe racing on the Swinomish Channel and sometimes bone games.

### Memorial Day On Reservation

The Memorial Day service and celebration held Monday on the reservation under the auspices of the Northwest American Society, attracted large delegations of visitors from many reservations in Western Washington, as well as many white visitors.

Memorial exercises and decoration of the graves were held at the cemetery at 10:30, after which the people repaired to American Hall where the big salmon barbecue was held. More than 700 persons were served at the tables.

Speakers of the day were William Steve, of Tulallip; Bill Kitsap, of Suquamish; Charles F. Gaches and Grant Sisson, of LaConner. Mrs. Gaches, Mrs. Sisson, and Mr. and Mrs. George Gaches were other honor guests present.

Two baseball games were played in the afternoon, Tulallip defeating LaConner, and LaConner later taking the big end of the score from the Lummi team.

In the war canoe race three entrants battled to an exciting finish, the Question Mark winning handily, with about three lengths to spare, the Telegraph taking second place and the Golden Arrow third, by little less than a length.

The celebration closed with a dance at American Hall Monday evening, with a crowded floor and with Glen Blas and his Revelers making the melody.

By the late 1940s, the Swinomish Memorial Day event had become renowned in the county. The Tribe began charging a small fee for the barbecued salmon dinner, or selling salmon-to-go for "your Memorial Day picnic." All proceeds were devoted to caring for the Tribal Cemetery. In 1962, the Memorial Day salmon sale brought in \$206 for the cemetery, (over \$1500.00 in 2012 dollars) and Tandy Wilbur Sr. noted *"The idea carrying out the ceremonies etc. of Decoration Day as started by the older people ahead of us (is) a good one and it is one way of gaining more cooperative feeling and community spirit and working together."*

The Memorial Day salmon fundraising dinners, which benefited the cemetery fund, appear to have ended by the late 1980s. However, the Tribe's dedication to remembering its military veterans, departed members, and caring for their final resting place, is as strong as ever.

*Puget Sound Mail*  
May 28, 1970

#### AN INVITATION TO ...

**Memorial Day at Swinomish, Saturday, May 30th**

## First Barbecued Salmon of The Season

Barbecued Salmon Dinner Served at Swinomish Community Center at Noon. Also Available To Go. (Proceeds Go To The Cemetery Committee Fund)

★ ★ ★

10:15 Father Michael Cody will conduct Morning Church Services at the Swinomish Cemetery.

10:40 Father Cody will bless the graves.

11:00 Color Guard from Marine Barracks of Whidbey Naval Air Station will honor the memory of departed Swinomish Servicemen. (Bruce Cornwall of LaConner will serve as bugler).

Noon — Barbecued Salmon Dinner and Speaking Program at Swinomish Community Center. "Old-Time Memorial Days, and What It Means To Us Today."

**2:30 — Start of 11-Man War Canoe Races (Makahs of Neah Bay, Lummi and Swinomish). Also 1-Man and 2-Man Canoe Races. (There will also be a war canoe race by the ladies).**

4:00 — Baseball Game, Swinomish vs Lummi.

**8:00 — Traditional and Colorful Indian Bone Games.**

9:30 — Start of Modern Dance at Swinomish Community Center.

# SWINOMISH YOUTH CTR

Prevention and Recreation

May 2012

## Northwest Indian Youth Conference



NWIYC 2012 co-ed basketball tournament , photo by Greg Edwards

**Cassie Salas-Sam reports on NWIYC**

Myself and twelve Swinomish youth crammed in the coach, began making our way over to Spokane, WA

Some of the highlights of the trip were, getting to walk around the park that surrounds the convention ctr. I enjoyed learning many new lessons; respect for other people from all walks of life, an eye opening experience that I gained a lot from.

There were many fun activities at the conference and my favorites were the ice breakers that got everyone involved and out of their comfort zones. We attended a banquet dinner and enjoyed a hypnotist show. We also got to enjoy a dance with a mix of native beats and music that our generation listens too.

So all in all I enjoyed the conference and was able to meet many other Native youth from across the Northwest. In closing I would like to express my thanks to the Swinomish Tribe and Youth Center staff for providing this fun and exciting opportunity.

**Sonny James reports on NWIC Co-ed 3-3 Tourney**

Colby James played with 2 other non-Swinomish youth, 9 games & 5 back to back, placed 1st. Wayne Fornsbys played with 2 non-Swinomish youth & took 3rd, Terry Jimmy played with 2 non-Swinomish he placed 5th. It was a total of 19 teams & the boys' did really good! Had lots of fun playing against each other. Games were played first team to score 21 points wins.

**May Events:**

Bridging Comm. for Positive Chg.'s	11
Community Dinner 6:30 PM	16
Blessing of the Fleet @ NOON	17
Youth Ctr Closed Observe Memorial Day	28
Sobriety Dinner 6 PM	30

**Special points of interest:**

- 5/2.Middle/High School Youth Group Night @ 5:30
- 5/9.Middle/High School Youth Group Night @ 5:30
- 5/23.Middle/High School Youth Group Night @ 5:30
- High risk nights activity TBA

### Spring break: Something Old Something New



Youth was splishin & splashin at Fidalgo Pool, *Mirror Mirror* a retelling of Snow White, at AMC Lowes. Then staff strapped on skates to join in the fun at

Skagit Skate. Off to YMCA rock wall climbing; Bellingham. Lest not forget 'girls' slumber party' they cooked/colored 8 cases eggs for the Grand finale; annual Easter egg hunt at Swinomish Lodge. Whew!

Most all events were filled to capacity, our deepest gratitude to the families who

entrust your child and/or children on these outings.

Thank you so much for all who are involved in helping us to keep our coaches on the road, all those in Admin, Social Services, Early Edu. Ctr and mostly our dedicated youth leaders!



# Swinomish Community Health Fair with Dinner

Please come join us for our first  
Community Health Fair with dinner.

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm at the Swinomish gym

We will have booths with information  
on health and domestic violence,  
sexual assault, chemical dependency,  
smoking cessation and youth  
prevention.

This is a community dinner for  
everyone, please come and share a  
great meal and have some good door  
prizes

For questions please call April James  
360-399-1018 or Yoli Quevedo  
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# swədəbš Community Arts swədəbš Community Arts

## Unwind—Learn

Unwind.

Allow wisdom and knowledge to  
flood the mind.

Yearn to earn.

For there is a plethora in life to  
learn.

*Theikomot #2  
Jonathan Harvey Jack, 2012*

An ear  
Of corn  
It heard.  
Two eagles  
Soaring, cavorting  
Spinning round  
And round  
Thermaling up.  
Til 2 dots  
I wonder...  
What has  
Stirred butterflies  
Within them?

—Paul Villaluz



Deadman's Island

Photo: Caroline Edwards

# swədəbš Community Arts swədəbš Community Arts Swinomish Canoe Family participates in Tulip Festival Parade

All photos by Robin Carneen-Edwards





# *Swinomish Memorial Day Services*

**Monday, May 28, 2012**

Swinomish Cemetery

Memorial services at 10:00 AM

## **Memorial Day Softball Tournament**

May 26 & 27, 2012

John K. Bob Ball Park

Call Steve Edwards, Jesse Edwards or Aly John for more information.

Please join us for

## *The Annual Blessing of the Fleet & First Salmon Ceremony*

**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

**@ 12:00 noon**

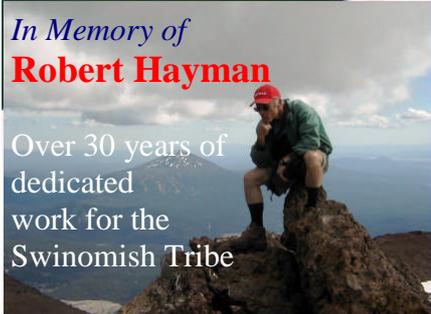
The luncheon will take place

At the Swinomish Gymnasium

**Blessing to Follow**

*In Memory of*

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# Swinomish Elders Lunch

# MAY 2012

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Milk served with all meals	1 Pork Roast & Gravy Pork Stuffing/Rolls Green Bean Bake Applesauce	2 Baked Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Baked Beans Watermelon	3 Eggs & Bacon Waffles Berries Yogurt Vegetable Juice	4
7 Submarine Sandwich Coleslaw Lay Chips Fruit Bowl Yogurt	8 Beef Pot Roast & Gravy Sweet Potatoes/Parsnips Peas Rolls Pears	9 Fish Rice/Rolls Carrots Melon Slices	10 Sausage Gravy Biscuit/English Muffin Peaches Tomatoes	11
16 Fish Sandwich Potato Salad Veggie Tray Fresh Fruit Bowl Yogurt	15 Ranch Chicken Potato Salad/Roll Baked Beans/Green Beans Melon Slices	16 Meatloaf & Gravy Mashed Potato/Roll Green Salad Mixed Fruit Salad	17 Eggs & Ham Fruit Cobbler Vegetable Juice	18
21 Clam Chowder BLT Sandwich Fresh Fruit Bowl Yogurt	22 Ground Beef Tacos Refried Beans & Rice Shredded Cheese Shredded Lettuce/Chopped Tomato	23 Fish Parsley Potatoes/Bread Green Beans Berries	24 Eggs & Sausage Links French Toast Peaches Vegetable Juice	25
28  Memorial Day No Service	29 Hamburgers Oven Tatar Tot Veggie Platter Fresh Fruit Bowl Yogurt	30 Baked Chicken & Gravy Brown Rice/Rolls Carrots Mixed Fruit Salad	31 Eggs & Ham Hashbrowns/English Muffin Fruit Cocktail Yogurt Vegetable Juice	



Photo: Caroline Edwards



Happy belated birthday to La Hail By (Ivan Willup), Director of Senior Services. He celebrated his birthday with cake and friends at the Senior Center! Pictured with Diane Vendiola.

## Lushootseed language conference challenges participants to use new technologies



*President Stephen Sundgor & Jill LaPointe*



*Swinomish tribal members amongst attendees*

design, the historical role, impact, and implications of spirituality in the language and culture of the Puget Coast Salish, an update on the Vi Hilbert Website Project, a review of an upcoming book by Pauline Hillaire (Lummi) entitled, “A Totem Pole History: Uses of Digital Media to Preserve Oral Literature,” and an art workshop focused on Puget Salish textile weaving and language.

The conference concluded with an interactive plenary session led by Cassy George (Suquamish). Cassy engaged all conference attendees by creating a “Lushootseed only” space whereby everyone had to communicate through the Lushootseed language. Further, she conducted games that served as learning tools for the language. The workshop was challenging and highly engaging.



*Cassy George, Suquamish, demonstrating language instruction*

Seattle, Washington—One Saturday, April 21, Swinomish elder Diane Vendiola, Swinomish Senator Brian Porter, Swinomish Culture Department staff Aurelia Washington, Director and Josephine Peters and qyuuqs (Kee Yoks) Editor, Michael Vendiola attended the 3rd Annual Lushootseed Language Conference. The event was hosted by Seattle University’s Office of the President. Seattle University President, Stephen Sundborg, SJ, offered words of welcome to all of the attendees. The theme of this year’s conference was ‘A New Canoe: Teaching Language and Culture with today’s Technology.’ Approximately 40 people were in attendance representing tribes such as Swinomish, Lummi, Upper Skagit, Sauk Suiattle, Tulalip, Snohomish, Suquamish, and Puyallup. There were several non-native scholars and attendees as well.



*Fr. Pat listening to Lummi elder Margaret Greene*

Jill LaPointe (Upper Skagit) also welcomed everyone in her role as Director of the non-profit organization Lushootseed Research. During her welcome she related that the mission of this year’s conference was to challenge participants to engage in the use of modern day technology to help preserve the Lushootseed language. Deryle Lonsdale (Upper Skagit) and professor at Brigham Young University emphasized the challenges of technology in his presentation entitled, “Online dictionaries for Native American languages including Lushootseed.” Other topics included an analysis of Coast Salish



*Laurel Sercombe, UW, discusses the Vi Hilbert Website Project.*

Although challenging the interactive was impressive to all the attendees, whether beginning learners to seasoned speakers.

The day concluded with closing words from Jill and a closing song from attendee Snohomish Chairman Michael Evans.



*Father Pat sends his love from Seattle University!*

# The Village Store

# GRAND OPENING!

Friday, May 18, 2012  
11:00am to 3:00pm



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**Janie Beasley, President of SVC Foundation & Swinomish tribal member, addresses the audience.**



**Swinomish Senator, Ya qua leouse (Brian Porter), shares words on behalf of the Senate.**

Approximately 100 attendees endured a downpour of rain to dedicate a new story pole that now sits at the entry way of Skagit Valley College (SVC). Wa lee hub (Kevin Paul) carved the pole so that stronger relations could be built between SVC, Swinomish tribe and all tribal nations. Visitors who drive onto the main entrance of the college campus will be greeted by the approximately 35 foot tall story pole. This greeting will have different meanings to different visitors. Native visitors will see the pole and immediately know that the college is a place of welcome for tribal people. Non-Native visitors will see the pole as an expression of cross-cultural understanding where differing backgrounds and perspectives are welcomed.



**Wa lee hub (Kevin Paul), Swinomish Senator and carver of the pole, stands with one of the figures.**

Various dignitaries were on hand for the occasion including SVC President Tom Keegan, Swinomish Senators Sapelia (Sophie Bailey), Wa lee hub (Kevin Paul), and Ya qua leaous (Brian Porter), Swinomish tribal member and SVC Foundation President Janie Beasley, SVC Board of Trustee Vice Chair Margaret Rojas, and Samish Chairman Tom Wooten. Witnesses were called to remember the dedication ceremonies. Immediately following the dedication attendees retreated from the rain for a reception. The Swinomish Canoe Family presented songs and dances for the occasion.





MAY 2012

### EXPLORER PROGRAM TAKES OFF

The Swinomish Police Department has launched its new Police Explorer Program. The goal of the program is to bridge the gap between the police department and the youth of our community. Explorer Cadets are encouraged, equipped, and trained to explore various aspects of law enforcement. The police department hopes that by encouraging our youth to become police officers they will be a positive influence in our community.



Officer Staat

Five local youth have now been sworn in as Explorer cadets. They are: Danika McCoy, Ted Edge, Wayne Fornsbys, Jonathon O'Brien, and Courtney Finkbonner. The first meeting was April 17th. Meetings will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. They will soon receive a uniform, though it will be distinctly different from the uniforms of the commissioned officers. Explorers must keep family and school commitments as their top priority. They will be asked to volunteer 8 hours per month to the program, including meetings, trainings, special details and ride-a-longs with officers. They will also have the opportunity to take their skills as Explorers and compete against other Explorers in statewide and national competitions.

These Explorer cadets are in for a lot of fun and unique opportunities while learning about the law and the field of law enforcement. If you are interested in joining the program, please contact the Swinomish Police Department by calling 466-7237.



Shown with Chief of Police Schlicker are the new members of the Police Explorer Program, Wayne Fornsbys, Danika McCoy, Ted Edge and Jonathon O'Brien. Not shown is Courtney Finkbonner.



The Swinomish Police Department swore in Officer Rick Nauman on April 17th. Officer Nauman comes to Swinomish from the Stanwood Police Department, and is a resident of Stanwood. Swearing in Officer Nauman is Swinomish Senator and master carver Kevin Paul.



## Native Business: Memoirs from the Battle Field

During this economic down turn I have witnessed companies crippled by the shockwave of recession. I share with you lessons from survivors.

Face reality and think worst case scenario. Hoping for positive results is not a management strategy. Putting off tough decisions in some cases may increase the likelihood of total business failure.

Look big picture; devise a strategy for recovery and base short term decisions on your long term strategy. "Winging-it" from day to day will not work and is likely to waste valuable resources.

Recognize that which needs to be done and follow through.

Be patient, stick to your strategy, and make small changes when necessary but do not continuously change strategy when things get tough.

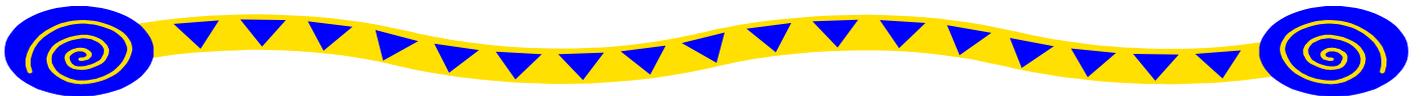
Increase the mobility of people during crisis. Help them move to more productive jobs within the company or encourage them to find work outside of the company where their skills can be compensated.

The alternative option to the points mentioned above is to hold onto an overhead structure that is not supported by sales and continue doing things the same -as the world changes. Over time, sometimes a short period of time, the company and personal resources of the company owner will be depleted until the business fails. Everybody loses in total business failure. This is a very sad thing to witness and unfortunately I have seen it too many times as companies ignore reality and ultimately close their doors when they may have had the option of surviving if they committed to acting on tough decisions.

Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Past-Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He is a senior lender with Craft3, a non-profit loan fund lending to Sovereign Nations and tribal member owned businesses. Jim freely shares his knowledge and can be reached for comment at: [jstanley@craft3.org](mailto:jstanley@craft3.org).



Jim Stanley



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# Indigenous education conference seeks to amend educational practice through traditional knowledge

Occurring at the First Nations Longhouse on the University of British Columbia (UBC) campus, the organizers of the International Indigenous Education Gathering & Conference (IIEGC) strongly recognized that the gathering was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Musqueam First Nation. This set the tone for the gathering/conference that focused on its theme of ‘Hands Back, Hands Forward: Sharing Indigenous Intellectual Traditions’.

The theme itself gained inspiration from Musqueam wisdom that expressed that individuals should always seek knowledge as well as share knowledge with the community.

The gathering was held April 11 & 12 prior to the American Educational Research Association gathering that would play host to some 20,000 participants in downtown Vancouver, BC. However, participants in the IIEGC deeply appreciated the much smaller gathering because it allowed for more intimate and focused dialogue on issues and topic related to Indigenous education. World renown Indigenous scholars from many nations across the world convened to share educational methods they use in their home communities. Jo-ann Archibald, from the Sto:lo Nation and faculty member at UBC, hosted the event with faculty from Simon Fraser University. Each day began and ended with a prayer from Musqueam elder Rose Point. Rose and other community elders were witness to the gathering, staying throughout the entire event and commenting when called upon. Each day consisted of keynote speakers and panels of educators who shared the research they had spent many hours developing.



Youth delegate from Alaska



Participants engage in experiential activity



Sto:lo tribal member & UBC faculty, Jo-ann Archibald



Tribal members from the U.S. listen in



## FREE LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME SWINOMISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS

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If so, take advantage of the free legal clinic on:

Thursday, May 17, 2012  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Swinomish Social Services Building, Room 206A  
(No appointment necessary)

An attorney from the Northwest Justice Project will be coming to Swinomish the third Thursday of each month to provide free legal consultations to eligible tribal members on civil legal matters (not criminal).

Civil legal aid issues may include (among other things):

- ✓ Family Law – custody, dissolutions, child support
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## Vendiola—continued from page 14

Dr. Keegan then invited all to proceed into the multipurpose room in order to get out of the downpour of rain.

We marched into the SVC and stood as Dussie introduced the Swinomish Canoe Family; drummers, singers and dancers. She went on to explain that the Canoe Family's wish was to honor the event and those present by singing and dancing the Welcome Song and the Healing Song. (I have been told that songs and singing are a gift. And that to dance is an expression of gratitude for our life.)

Dussie expressed gratitude and good wishes to the college and the new President. She said, that an Elder had told her that to have rain pour down on a ceremony indicates that the Creator is blessing the occasion

Dr. Keegan then graciously invited us to sit down and help ourselves to the cookies and beverages at the rear of

the room. He thanked us for attending the dedication and asked us to take time to dry off and stay and visit one another for as long as we wanted.

I know that when I am called forth as a witness, I am then responsible to look, learn and listen in the spirit of passing what I see, understand and hear on to the people. When I accept the gift of the blanket and the coins I am accepting an honored responsibility. Each time I am honored to be called as a witness good memories of times past in the place come to my mind. On this particular day a few among many memories came to me; my son, Rudy's graduation from SVC, and myself graduating with Willie Bailey, being in classes with Jim Wilbur, attending Minority Advisory Committee meetings with the late Bob Joe, and most of all I remember my late husband and my dear friend and colleague, Mary Lou Cladoosby studying

at SVC.

It is an honored responsibility to be called as a witness. Witnesses must keep memory-record of the occasion so that they can authenticate it later on. It is a legacy of thousands of years that we continue today to build and strengthen good relationships. It is who we are. It is difficult to try to write about who we are and the ways. Putting words on paper in language not our own is a very poor vehicle to try to communicate about our ways. The huge difference is just that, reading it is definitely not being with it and practicing the discipline of our long ago ancestors—The discipline of listening in human- to- human encounters.

*Diane I. Vendiola, Swinomish tribal elder, is a regular contributor to the qyuuqs (Kee Yoks), continues to serve the tribe in her retirement, and is a loving grandmother.*



### How to REGISTER to vote in state and federal elections

If you will be 18 by the next election (November 6) and are not registered to vote, you may pick up mail-in Voter Registration forms from Mary Ellen Cayou in the Social Services Building. You can use the same form to update your registration if your name or address has changed. If you need help completing the form, Mary Ellen will help you. You can also register to vote online at <https://wei.secstate.wa.gov/olvr/site/>.

**Monday, October 8, 2012 is the last day to submit voter registration forms by mail or to register online** in order to vote in the November General Election, scheduled for November 6, 2012. **You may register in person at the Skagit County Auditor's Office until October 29, 2012.**

Any registered voter who fails to transfer his or her residential address by the above deadline may vote according to his or her previous registration address.



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### Seventh Annual Vine Deloria, Jr. Indigenous Studies Symposium



Hosted by  
Northwest Indian College  
Lummi Campus

July 12, 13, 14, 2012

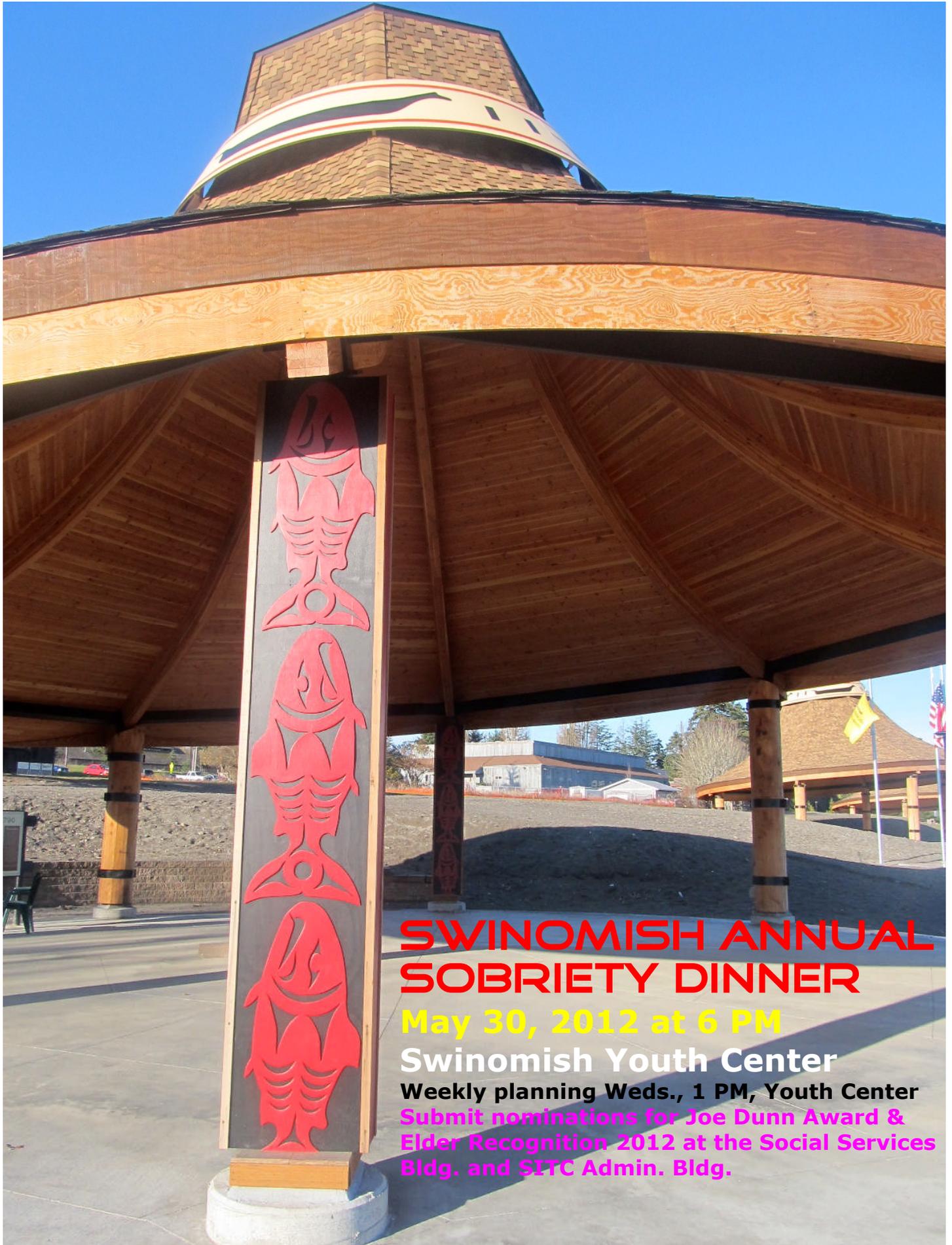
The purpose of this symposium is to bring together Native and non-native scholars and tribal elders who are interested in honoring the life and work of our friend, colleague, and mentor, Vine Deloria, Jr., and in presenting new ideas and expanding knowledge in several key areas that Vine devoted his life to. There will be no topical focus or theme this summer. The symposium itself will be organized as a series of *intellectually driven* panels – no “workshop” type presentations – and specially invited speakers addressing these issues. Individual presentations may be formal or informal, but in keeping with the spirit of Vine, *there will be no PowerPoint or other electronic presentations.*

*The deadline to receive abstracts is June 15th*

**For more information please contact:**

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**SWINOMISH ANNUAL  
SOBRIETY DINNER**

**May 30, 2012 at 6 PM**

**Swinomish Youth Center**

**Weekly planning Weds., 1 PM, Youth Center**

**Submit nominations for Joe Dunn Award &  
Elder Recognition 2012 at the Social Services  
Bldg. and SITC Admin. Bldg.**

# Island County Historical Museum seeks visitors and volunteers in Snakelum canoe restoration

Greetings to the Swinomish Community!

Late last year, our museum was granted financial assistance, from the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to restore the Snakelum Family Canoe. Additionally, Swinomish supplied the cedar logs that will be used in the restoration. Since it was gifted to Wylie Hesselgrave, organizer of the Water Festival, back in the 1930's, it has grown tired from age and weather damage.

The restoration, being undertaken by conservator Steven Brown, will replace missing wood, and will stabilize the canoe - hopefully for at least another 150 years, and for many more generations to admire and learn from. Most importantly, to honor the people that first lived here.

As members of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, I would like to invite you to observe the work in progress, and watch the conservator and ask him questions about his restoration work. He's had much experience in this area, and is friendly and interesting to speak with. I know he would be happy and honored by your visit. At some point in the project, a limited number of volunteers could also be helpful.

He's agreed to greet Tribal members on Tuesdays and Fridays, from 1pm, until probably 4-5pm, until the project is completed, sometime in June. If you'd like to pay a visit, please let me know, or contact Theresa Trebon in the Swinomish Tribal Archive, and (as other things

sometimes "pop" up) I will confirm that he will be here for you.

I hope you'll be able to see him work, and watch as the Snakelum Family Canoe proudly returns to its former beauty and physical strength.

Thank you for your support and friendship.

Kindly,  
Rick Castellano - Director Island County Historical Museum



*The Snakelum Canoe in front of Charlie Snakelum home Snakelum Point, Whidbey Island  
Photo courtesy of Island County Historical Society*

### Contact information:

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Theresa Trebon 360-466-7351 [ttrebon@swinomish.nsn.us](mailto:ttrebon@swinomish.nsn.us)



## Receive a copy of the electronic qyuusq!

Thank you to qyuusq (Kee Yoks) reader, **Ben LaPointe**, who was the very first person to sign up for the electronic version of the qyuusq (Kee Yoks)!

We announced via Facebook that we were starting a new electronic version of the qyuusq (Kee Yoks). We are very pleased with the amount of response we received from the community. Thank you to all those who made the switch to the electronic version!

If you are interested in switching to the electronic version please send an email to:

mvendiola@swinomish.nsn.us

and we will add you to the list!

Benefits:

- Receive the qyuusq (Kee Yoks) earlier!
- Reduce your carbon footprint by helping us reduce the amount of paper we use to print the qyuusq!
- Look cool showing off your qyuusq on your smart phone!



## Bike to School Day is Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>!

www.walkbiketoschool.org

### Ride Your Bike Safely

Submitted by: Tara Satushek

Bicycling can be a fun way to get to school. Review these safety points before you ride.

#### Before riding your bike

- **Talk with your parents.** Are you allowed to ride by yourself or with friends? What route will you ride to school?
- **Practice riding the route to school with your parents.** Doing so will help you know where to stop, signal, and walk your bike.
- **Dress to be seen.** Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective gear, such as a reflective vest, book bag tags, or pant leg straps. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn't mean the driver can see you.
- **Tie and tuck.** Loose laces and pant legs can get caught up in your bike and cause you to crash. Tie shoelaces and tuck the hanging ends into your shoe, and tie wide pant legs with a reflective strap or tuck them into socks.
- **Check your bike for safety.** Make sure the tires have enough air, the brakes and gears work, the chain isn't loose, and the wheels and bolts are tight. You should also have reflective gear on your bicycle. Have your parents help you fix anything that's not right.
- **Put on your helmet.** Make sure it's properly adjusted, fitted, and buckled. See sidebar for instructions on checking helmet fit.



#### Take the helmet fit test

Put your helmet flat on your head. If it moves when you shake your head, you need to tighten your helmet or get a smaller one. Check:



**Eyes:** The helmet should sit low on your forehead – two finger widths above your eyebrows.



**Ears:** With the helmet buckled, the straps should meet just below the ears.



**Mouth:** When buckled, you should be able to fit no more than two fingers between the buckle and chin.

#### While riding your bike

- **Look and listen for traffic.** Also, look for things that could make you fall, like potholes and storm grates. Never use a cell phone or wear headphones.
- **Watch for vehicles going in and out of driveways.**
- **Keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling.** Carry books and other items in a backpack or bag designed to fit on a bicycle.
- **Stop before crossing the street, entering a road, or turning.** Look left, right, left, and behind you for traffic, including pedestrians, bicycles, and cars.

If you are allowed to ride in the street,

- **Ride single file and in the same direction as cars.**
- **Ride to the right side of the road,** but far enough from parked cars to avoid any car doors that suddenly open.
- **Obey traffic laws.** Follow all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- **Be predictable.** Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Use hand signals.

These tips include concepts from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Safe Kids Worldwide and Bicycle Coalition of Maine.



Developed by the National Center for Safe Routes to School of the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center and funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation

## CORNEL PEWEWARDY FRI. MAY 11TH, 2012

Comanche-Kiowa

### BUILDING BRIDGES - Workshops & Performance

As a Native American, Cornel Pewewardy tells his students, "Columbus didn't discover us." For the director of Portland State University's Native American Studies program, it's a way of teaching students to think critically about U.S. history, tribal sovereignty, bullying, talking with teachers/parents, identity politics, and negative ethnic stereotypes. Pewewardy's efforts were recognized by the National Indian Education Association, which named him its 2009 Teacher of the Year.

8:45 am - Swinomish Youth Center

special flute performance and strategies to help tribal families and children at school, working with non-native teachers/faculty. Call Dorraine or Randall for more info

Afternoon training - TBA La Conner Schools





# Swinomish Water Resources Program

Spring

## Native Plant of the Month



*Fawn lilies emerge in spring with mottled leaves and create a splendid show with unique lily-like blooms.*



### Landscape Value

Fawn lily is a charming woodland groundcover plant. Most of our *Erythronium* species tend to live in higher elevations but this lily thrives in lowland forests.

Fawn Lily is usually grown from an unusual corm, but can also be propagated from seed. It is easy to cultivate and will increase to form "delightful drifts of their lily-like splendor."\*

Best grown in moist, shady parts of the garden, mixed with mosses, shooting star, and other native *Erythroniums* and lilies.

\* Arthur R. Kruckeberg

### Fawn Lily

*Erythronium oregonum*

- The mottled leaves resemble the spotted skin of a newborn fawn, the most likely reason for its name. Also said to be named for the leaves that appear like the "pricked ears of a fawn."
- Fawn lily is a native species of the westside lowland forest.
- Tentatively listed as extirpated in Seattle, this species still occurs naturally in eastern King County, and is now being re-introduced in Seattle habitat restoration projects.

Text by Heidi Bohan  
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# Swinomish Water Resources Program

## TIDE TABLE: May 2012 - Lone Tree, Snee-Oosh, N.Skagit Bay (ft MLLW)

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon	Sunrise	Sunset
Tue 01	01:41 9.97 ft	08:33 3.65 ft	13:52 7.58 ft	20:00 2.63 ft			5:50	20:25
Wed 02	02:20 10.20 ft	09:16 2.20 ft	15:04 8.28 ft	21:00 3.26 ft			5:48	20:26
Thu 03	02:57 10.47 ft	09:56 0.67 ft	16:08 9.11 ft	21:56 3.89 ft			5:46	20:28
Fri 04	03:34 10.71 ft	10:38 -0.79 ft	17:06 9.91 ft	22:50 4.51 ft			5:45	20:29
Sat 05	04:12 10.88 ft	11:20 -2.01 ft	18:01 10.56 ft	23:42 5.07 ft		Full Moon	5:43	20:31
Sun 06	04:53 10.92 ft	12:04 -2.85 ft	18:54 11.00 ft				5:42	20:32
Mon 07		00:35 5.54 ft	05:36 10.78 ft	12:49 -3.24 ft	19:47 11.21 ft		5:40	20:33
Tue 08		01:30 5.87 ft	06:22 10.42 ft	13:37 -3.15 ft	20:41 11.22 ft		5:39	20:35
Wed 09		02:28 6.03 ft	07:14 9.86 ft	14:26 -2.61 ft	21:35 11.08 ft		5:37	20:36
Thu 10		03:31 5.99 ft	08:11 9.13 ft	15:18 -1.71 ft	22:31 10.87 ft		5:36	20:38
Fri 11		04:43 5.71 ft	09:16 8.31 ft	16:12 -0.56 ft	23:26 10.65 ft		5:34	20:39
Sat 12		06:02 5.12 ft	10:33 7.55 ft	17:10 0.74 ft		Last Quarter	5:33	20:40
Sun 13	00:20 10.45 ft	07:17 4.23 ft	12:03 7.09 ft	18:14 2.03 ft			5:31	20:42
Mon 14	01:09 10.29 ft	08:19 3.18 ft	13:38 7.11 ft	19:22 3.18 ft			5:30	20:43
Tue 15	01:53 10.15 ft	09:08 2.14 ft	15:05 7.58 ft	20:29 4.13 ft			5:29	20:44
Wed 16	02:30 10.01 ft	09:47 1.20 ft	16:15 8.26 ft	21:32 4.87 ft			5:28	20:46
Thu 17	03:03 9.86 ft	10:20 0.42 ft	17:09 8.92 ft	22:26 5.46 ft			5:26	20:47
Fri 18	03:33 9.71 ft	10:49 -0.21 ft	17:54 9.46 ft	23:14 5.92 ft			5:25	20:48
Sat 19	04:03 9.56 ft	11:17 -0.71 ft	18:32 9.85 ft	23:57 6.27 ft			5:24	20:49
Sun 20	04:34 9.40 ft	11:46 -1.09 ft	19:05 10.12 ft			New Moon	5:23	20:51
Mon 21		00:36 6.49 ft	05:06 9.22 ft	12:18 -1.35 ft	19:36 10.30 ft		5:22	20:52
Tue 22		01:14 6.61 ft	05:41 9.03 ft	12:52 -1.49 ft	20:08 10.41 ft		5:21	20:53
Wed 23		01:54 6.63 ft	06:17 8.80 ft	13:29 -1.47 ft	20:42 10.48 ft		5:20	20:54
Thu 24		02:35 6.56 ft	06:56 8.52 ft	14:09 -1.28 ft	21:18 10.51 ft		5:19	20:55
Fri 25		03:20 6.37 ft	07:40 8.17 ft	14:50 -0.89 ft	21:57 10.52 ft		5:18	20:56
Sat 26		04:10 6.04 ft	08:32 7.77 ft	15:34 -0.26 ft	22:38 10.51 ft		5:17	20:58
Sun 27		05:05 5.48 ft	09:35 7.34 ft	16:21 0.60 ft	23:19 10.50 ft		5:16	20:59
Mon 28		06:03 4.65 ft	10:50 7.01 ft	17:13 1.68 ft		First Quarter	5:15	21:00
Tue 29	00:01 10.52 ft	07:00 3.51 ft	12:14 6.99 ft	18:11 2.86 ft			5:15	21:01
Wed 30	00:42 10.58 ft	07:52 2.13 ft	13:41 7.40 ft	19:16 4.01 ft			5:14	21:02
Thu 31	01:24 10.68 ft	08:41 0.64 ft	15:02 8.17 ft	20:24 4.98 ft			5:13	21:03



### CLAM PSP UPDATE

Lone Tree Point: NTD



Butter Clams sampled by Swinomish Water Resources Department and analyzed By WA Dept of Health for Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) on 4/23/2012 were found to be

**SAFE TO EAT!**

**Swinomish Tribal Members may conduct Subsistence Harvesting on the Reservation** when the Swinomish Fisheries Dept indicates beaches are OPEN and the Dept has issued the digger a valid Ceremonial and Subsistence Shellfish Harvesting Permit.

### FREE Guided Tours for Tribal Members on Kiket Island the first Wednesday of every month!

Approximately 2 hours- Take a short walking tour and learn about the history of this special place to our Swinomish ancestors.

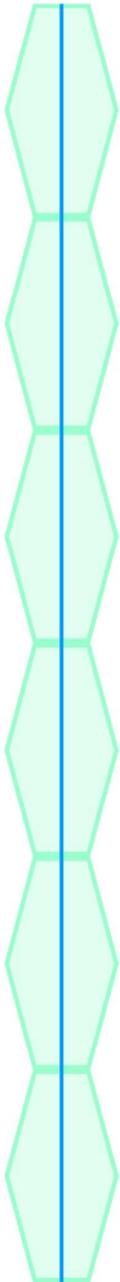
Call Todd Mitchell @ 466-7201



# May Birthdays



May Birthstone-  
Emerald Stone

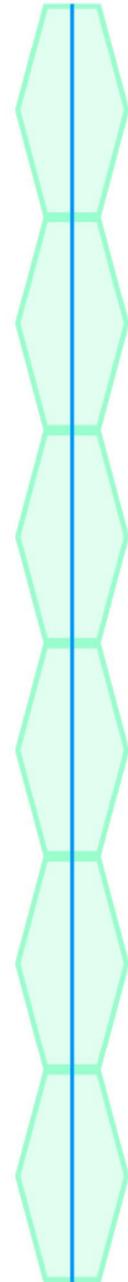


- 5/1 Claudia Jack
- 5/1 Braxton Ruzicka
- 5/2 Joslin James
- 5/3 Lydia Grossglass
- 5/3 Frances Bob
- 5/3 Tanner Wilbur
- 5/4 Lawney Lapointe
- 5/4 Russell Kaubin
- 5/4 Clifford Perry
- 5/5 Dale Barron
- 5/5 Ronald Loomis Sr.
- 5/5 Amalia Cochran
- 5/5 Johnny Wilbur
- 5/6 Ernest Perry
- 5/7 Raymond Baker
- 5/8 Charles Edwards
- 5/8 Sydney James
- 5/9 Caroline Edwards
- 5/9 Kialah Seymour
- 5/10 Jermaine Wade
- 5/10 Michael Smith Sr.
- 5/10 Marvin Knight
- 5/11 Floyd Merian
- 5/11 Theodore Edge Jr.
- 5/11 Joseph Quintasket
- 5/11 Albert Dan
- 5/11 Dustin Weatherby
- 5/12 Carol Hillaire
- 5/12 Joseph Williams
- 5/13 Lance Fornsbey
- 5/13 Jacobey Kinley
- 5/13 Melvin Cladoosby
- 5/14 Valerie Strang-Sam
- 5/15 Jumada Schwinden
- 5/15 Chester Cayou Jr.
- 5/15 Kaylee Bailey
- 5/15 Joseph McCoy
- 5/16 Colleen Williams
- 5/16 Lenora Cook
- 5/19 Margaret Finkbonner
- 5/19 Mark Joe Jr.

- 5/20 Valentino Villaluz
- 5/20 Dianne Quintasket
- 5/20 Timothy Wanchena
- 5/21 Jade Souryavong
- 5/21 David Jack Jr.
- 5/22 Nikaya Peters
- 5/23 Edmond McCoy
- 5/23 David Nguyen
- 5/23 Kerriah Paul
- 5/24 Robert Cabunoc
- 5/24 Margaret Perry
- 5/24 Elaine Walker
- 5/24 Daniel Rapada III
- 5/25 Mario Merian
- 5/25 Jacob Jarnagin
- 5/25 Savanna Edwards
- 5/25 Theodore Edge Sr.
- 5/25 Shaun Beasley
- 5/25 Nevaeh McCoy
- 5/26 Lori Cayou
- 5/26 Katie Bassford
- 5/27 Lorena Edwards
- 5/27 Chelsea Tom
- 5/27 Keaton Bailey
- 5/27 Nina Cladoosby
- 5/27 Carol Keel
- 5/27 Anthony Damien
- 5/28 Lindsay Minks
- 5/28 Anthony Williams
- 5/28 Mekayla Smith
- 5/28 Amy Topaum
- 5/29 Nolita Bob
- 5/29 Natasha Damien
- 5/30 Joseph Bailey
- 5/30 Anthony Cladoosby
- 5/31 Marissah Williams
- 5/31 Marriah Williams
- 5/31 Jesse Wolf-John
- 5/31 April Kinsman
- 5/31 Melissa Miller
- 5/31 Wayne Fornsbey



May Flower-  
Lily of the Valley



# Happy Birthday!

\*From the Enrollment Department

# May Birthday Wishes!!!

## Happy 18th Birthday

Dianne and Anthony !!!

## Happy 14th Birthday

Joey!!!

## Happy 6th Birthday!!!

Marissah and Marriah

♥ Love Auntie Caroline!



## Happy 5th Birthday Lydia!!!

We Love you to the Moon  
and Back!!!  
Love Dad, Mom and Sister.



1986 May Birthday's  
Happy 26th Birthday  
Johnny, Cubby, Caroline, Katie &  
In Loving Memory of John Dan Jr.



Marjorie Evelyn James will graduate from Harvard Law School on June 24, 2012. Margie is the youngest child of

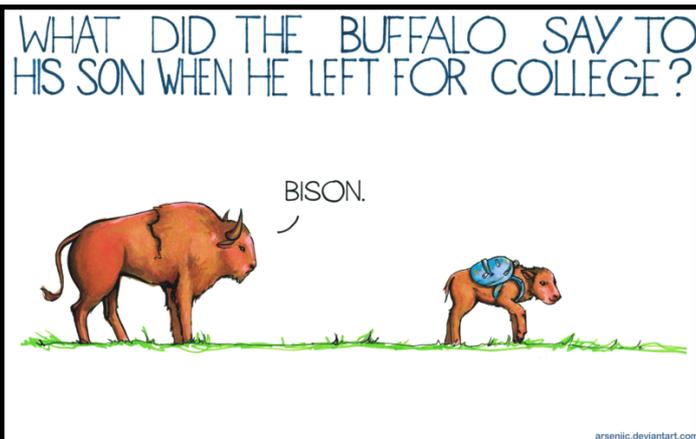
Jeanne (Williams) James and Mark (Butchie) James. The Williams, Edwards, and James Clans are all very proud of Margie and wish her the best! We Love You.



### To the Swinomish Community:

My Name is Ernie Reynolds and I am new the area. I would like to give a special thanks to Theresa Trebon for giving me a picture of Grandville Preston Knight (my dad) who I have never seen before and all the helpful information she has given me. I will be working for Fisheries and am glad to be in the area. Thank you much,

Ernest Joseph



### St. Paul's Catholic Church, Swinomish Submitted by Bev Peters

Funds are being raised to support 4 parishoners who have the opportunity to attend a monumental occasion for Catholics all over the world, but especially for Native American Catholics. The canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," has been approved by the Pope because of a miracle that happened here in the Northwest for a 6 year old Lummi Nation boy, with ties to St. Paul's at Swinomish.

Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be venerated in the roman Catholic Church. Tekakwitha was beatified by the Blessed Pope John Paul II in 1980, and will be canonized on October 21, 2012 at the St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican, Rome, Italy.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MAY

- 9—Community Health Fair & Dinner, Gym, 6pm
- May 11—Youth, Staff, & Community Workshop, Youth Ctr., 8am-noon
- 12—Tribal Journeys Skipper's Mtg. at Swinomish, Gym, noon
- 12-13—Nooksack Days CR, Lummi Stommish Grounds
- 16—Canoe Family Community Dinner, Gym, 6PM
- 17—"Blessing of the Fleet", Youth Center/Gym, 11am
- 17—Food Commodities
- 19—Coupeville Water Festival CR, Coupeville, WA
- 19-20—Chillawack Landing CR, Chillawack, BC
- 19-20—Annual Hibulb Pow Wow, Everett Community College
- 23—Tribal Mental Health Conference, Skagit Resort
- 24—Swinomish Women's Health Fair, Clinic, 9am-4:30pm
- 26-27—Memorial Day Softball Tourney

- 26-27—Seabird Water Festival CR, Seabird, BC
- 28—Memorial Day Services, Swinomish Cemetery, 10am
- 30—Swinomish Sobriety Dinner, Gym, 6pm

## JUNE

- 2-3—Cultas Lake Water Festival CR, Cultas Lake, BC
- 04—Swinomish Elder's Luncheon
- 07—NWIC Graduation
- 15-17—Stommish Water Festival CR, Lummi, WA
- 23-24—Cowichan Days, Cowichan CR, BC
- 30-July 1—Scowlitz CR, Scowlitz, BC

## JULY

- 7-8—Whey ah wichen Days CR, Cates Park, Vancouver, BC
- 12-14—7th Annual Vine Deloria Symposium, Northwest Indian College
- 14-15—Ambleside CR, Vancouver, BC

- 21-22—West Saanich CR (TENTATIVE)
- Chemainus Bay CR, Chemainus Bay, BC
- 30-31—Paddle to Squaxin Protocol, Squaxin Island Tribe

## AUGUST

- 01-05—Paddle to Squaxin Protocol, Squaxin Island Tribe
- 11-12—Swinomish Water Festival CR, Swinomish, WA
- 18-19—Chief Seattle Days, Suquamish, WA
- 23—Swinomish Community Clam Bake
- 24-26—Makah Days, Makah, Washington

## SEPTEMBER

- 17—Fall Clean-up Day

## OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

- 12—Christmas Distribution

\*Please submit important dates to the qyuuqs (Kee Yoks)!

\*\*CR' denotes 'canoe race'.

\***Bolded** text denotes Swinomish Community event.

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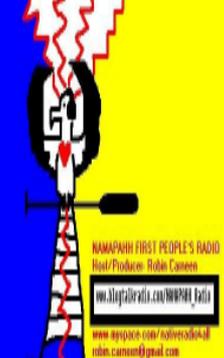
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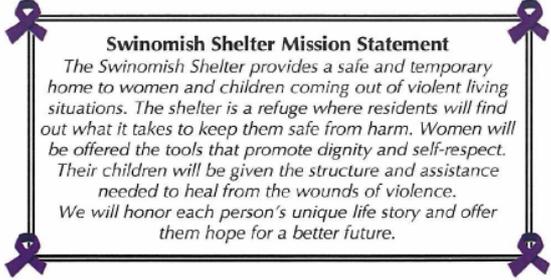
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**Swinomish Shelter Mission Statement**  
The Swinomish Shelter provides a safe and temporary home to women and children coming out of violent living situations. The shelter is a refuge where residents will find out what it takes to keep them safe from harm. Women will be offered the tools that promote dignity and self-respect. Their children will be given the structure and assistance needed to heal from the wounds of violence. We will honor each person's unique life story and offer them hope for a better future.




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*Craft Island*

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