

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

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swədəbš kiyuuq<sup>w</sup>s

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## Swədəbš Waterfront Park Ground Breaking Ceremony



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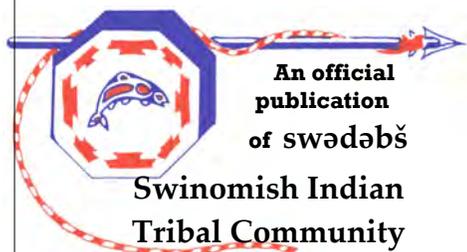


A long-awaited dream of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community took place February 15th. Swinomish has been hoping and planning for this waterfront development since 1999. The site will provide waterfront access for the Canoe Journey landing in July and for future park users. Only 160 days left to the arrival of the canoes!

*Paddle to Swinomish 2011 ~ July 25th to July 31st*

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Tribal Community**

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is in full color.

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"KEE YOKS Newspaper"

Cover photos by: Cathi Bassford and  
Caroline J. Edwards (clockwise: Chairman  
Cladoosby, Barb James, Sophie Bailey and  
Dianne Edwards wielding shovels; La Conner  
Mayor Ramon Hayes and SITC General Manager  
Allan Olson; Swinomish Senators)

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**Kiyuuq<sup>w</sup>s Mission**

The mission of the kiyuuq<sup>w</sup>s 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.



*Lummi Chair Cultee, Representative Don Young  
Alaska, Swinomish Chair House Sub Committee  
Indian Affairs Brian Cladoosby*

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

BY BRIAN CLADOOSBY SPEE-POTS

The snow has melted, and spring has crept up on the Swinomish community. We are getting ready for a busy couple of months. I wanted to take some time to share with you some highlights from our trip to Washington DC this week (2/28-3/2) for the annual National Congress of American Indians (ATNI) Executive Council Winter Session. Tribal leaders from all over Indian Country have descended upon Washington DC to meet with congressional members and address issues which impact our communities. For Swinomish, we shared a few thoughts with our leader as we walked 'The Hill.' In summary, we came to Washington DC with the hope of our ancestors in our hearts. You couldn't see them, but you could hear them in our voices as we addressed our congressional membership. As your tribal chairman, I carried the voices of the past and present Swinomish people, and it was because of your commitment

and strength that I had the endurance to bring our needs to the United States Government.

Last year, we celebrated the most successful congressional session to date. Our president and congressional members stood strong on their words and followed through with their commitment to bring tribes to the early stages of decision making and to respect and honor First Americans in a nation-to-nation relationship.

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community has been a long standing leader in the Northwest in addressing tribal needs and issues at both regional and national levels of government. We have fought hard for our trust resources, health and dental service programs, education, and treaty rights to fish and hunt. Our voices carried through 500 tribal leader's and staff as we urged the national tribal caucus to allow us to take the national stand on the importance of sustainability of National Resources and on true trust reform. As your chairman, I shared the following thoughts on trust reform for our natural resources.

We need to focus on true trust reform as our goal for the next two years. We need our congressional parties to work together and address the need to breakdown the bureaucratic hoops existing in agencies such as BIA. This is a vital priority for Indian Country, as these barriers are hindering many of our opportunities. For example, it hinders our investors from working with us to implement renewable energy and economic development.

As many of you know, President Obama took a stand to cut earmarks, and we are looking to work with our congressional members to advocate for funding to support our federal programs that fall under the definition of earmarks. We see the tribal funding being tossed around under earmarks as a threat to the trust responsibility and the government's responsibility to fulfill federal agreement such as treaties. For tribes, we can help fight for earmarks, but for this budget crisis, why offer this battle tool to fulfill tribal funding under federal agreement? Let us work together to redefine tribal earmarks, state a legal fact straight from the constitution, and make a bold statement. Those Tribal Earmark Funds are not defined as earmarks rather let's state that these funds are part of the US Constitution under treaty and federal agreements with tribes. The United States government, under the Constitution, must fund our programs to a level that fulfills its trust responsibility and federal agreement. This is an old fight, but, considering our economic crisis, we need to advance on it soon.

Our community is facing drug epidemics ranging from pain pills, heroin and crystal meth and other dangerous drugs. We need to improve our efforts to address these issues. We are facing 'reservation hoppers,' meaning drug runners who go from reservation to reservation where drug houses are set up for their use. Tulalip Tribes are cleaning up tribal houses that are being used to make meth, and this is costing millions of dollars each year. Our police departments are striving to improve communication and community information sharing, but we need to continue working closely with one another and with state police departments. We need funding and programs fulfilled under the *Tribal Law and Order Act* to address this crisis.

Our states are facing devastating budget cuts, and in Washington State, our cuts hit some of most critical priorities, most notably Natural Resources. We are harvesters and gathers and rely upon our resources to sustain our economies, our cultures and our human health. The cutbacks in areas of environmental regulation deeply impacts northwest tribes.



Former WA State Senator Claudia Kaufman (Nez Perce), Lower Elwah Chair Frances Charles, WA State Senator Maria Cantwell, Quinault Chair Fawn Sharp Malvini

~photos courtesy Brian Cladoosby

# OBITUARY



## Lisa Carol (Frederick) Turpin

“It is with great sadness I have to announce the passing on one of our most beloved employees. I just got word Lisa Turpin passed away. The family will keep us informed on the arrangements. Please say a prayer in your heart for Lisa's family, and also her close friends here at Swinomish who considered her family.”  
*Brian Cladoosby (Chairman's email to all staff)*

Lisa Carol (Frederick) TURPIN Lisa Carol (Frederick) Turpin passed away 2/08/2011 at her home on Camino Island after a 2 year battle with cancer. Born 1/25/1960 in Kenosha, WI to Lyman Frederick and Margaret Frederick. Lisa attended Kentridge H.S. and got an A.A. degree from Skagit Valley College. Lisa married Ricky Turpin in 1984. She is survived by son Nathan Turpin (wife Arriana), daughter Sarah (husband Austin Meyers) and granddaughter Esme Turpin. She is also survived by 2 brothers: Lyman Jr. "Skipper" (wife Terri) Frederick, Lindley (wife Rhonda) Frederick, 4 sisters: Lorie Lee, Luanne Kinsey, Layna (husband Ted) Pfaff, Leslie Frederick and nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins too numerous to list. Lisa was preceded in death by her father, and grandparents on both sides. Lisa was employed by the Swinomish Tribal Fisheries Department for 11 years. Her coworkers and the Tribal people there will greatly miss her selflessness and generosity.

**“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, only safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”**



## FROM THE ELECTION BOARD

No fewer than three (3) members of the Election Board, including the alternate, if necessary, shall be present at the Polling Place at all times. The Election Board may, if necessary, request the presence of tribal police to ensure the orderly conduct of the election. The Board may also request the presence of the Election Officer to assist it during the election. The Election Board members shall be clearly identified at the Polling Place. In the event of an electronic election, representatives of the electronic election service company may also be present to assist the Election Board during the election.

\*Previously codified as STC 2-01.150, STC 2-01.170 and STC 2-01.80. [History] Ord. 261 (10/2/07, BIA 10/16/07); Ord. 253 (10/12/06); Ord. 243 (11/14/05); Ord. 187 (9/30/03); Ord. 161 (9/10/02); Ord. 138 (2/22/00); Ord. 60 (1/10/89).

### **2-01.200 Electioneering and Campaign Conduct.**

**(A) Prior to Election Day.** Notwithstanding STC 20-3.470, a person may place political advertising, including yard signs, if related to tribal elections,

- (1) On private property after obtaining permission from the landowner; and
- (2) Within public right of ways on the Reservation provided that no such advertising may be placed in, on, or within 150 feet of, the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community’s administrative, planning, fisheries, medical, dental, social services, senior center, and youth center buildings; Community bulletin boards; places of worship on the reservation; or Tribal enterprises.

**(B) Election Day.** No person shall solicit, secure or influence voters, by any means, at the Polling Place during voting hours, or be allowed to congregate or solicit votes for a particular candidate in the building, or within one-hundred and fifty (150) feet of the building, in which the election is being held. A person violating this section shall be guilty of a Class C Offense punishable to the same extent as a Class C Offense that is punishable under STC 4-12.020(C).

**(C) Within fourteen (14) days** of the General Election, all candidates shall be responsible for removing all political advertising, including yard signs, shall be removed from lands within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation and La Conner apartments.

\*Previously codified as STC 2-01.190. [History] Ord. 275 (8/3/10); Ord. 261 (10/2/07, BIA 10/16/07). Ord. 253 (10/12/06); Ord. 243 (11/14/05); Ord. 187 (9/30/03); Ord. 161 (9/10/02); Ord. 138 (2/22/00); Ord. 60 (1/10/89).

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#### **2011 APPLICANTS FOR OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE SWINOMISH TRIBE:**

|                       |          |  |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| Arjuna Adams          | Parents: | Jeremy Adams / Christina Adams           |
| Elijah Adams          | Parents: | Jeremy Adams / Christina Adams           |
| Kalikiano Adams       | Parents: | Jeremy Adams / Christina Adams           |
| Robert W. Cabunoc     | Parents: | Robert G. Cabunoc / Jean Bucsit          |
| Alexia Edwards-Loucks | Parents: | Eugene Edwards / Patricia Loucks         |
| Julie George          | Parents: | Robert George / Becky George             |
| Donovan George        | Parent:  | Julie George                             |
| Karen (Paul) Joe      | Parents: | Isabelle (Alexander) Yakanak / Alex Paul |

**Primary Election**  
**Kevin Paul, Incumbent**  
**Senate Seat #4**



*Photo by Wendy Otto*

**Wah lee hub**  
**Kevin Paul**

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December 28, 2010

Senate Secretary  
Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

Dear Madam Secretary,

Please find below, my Goals and Objectives, if re-elected to the Tribal Senate:

I believe that our children’s education is very important; as their success is the success of our tribe. By respecting the knowledge and wisdom of our elders, we work towards raising their standard of living through well-planned and thoughtful programs. The cultural program we have built for Swinomish is expressed through the Slahal Tournaments, the canoe races and family canoe journey. Years ago we had a festival here called Swinomish Days. Hopefully, with the work from the community, we can bring this back to Swinomish. One of the things I have done, as an elected official is to help our tribal members with tribal employment here at Swinomish. In our growing tribal economy, the contribution by tribal members is tremendous. They compliment the backbone of our tribe—our elders. The opportunity to assist our tribal members continues to be of utmost importance. If re-elected, I stand by the traditional principles of treasuring both our children and elders. Osium!

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kevin Paul*  
Kevin Paul

## Primary Election

### Darlene Peters

#### challenging Incumbent Kevin Paul Senate Seat #4

Photo by Wendy Otto



Dear Swinomish Tribal Community,

Greetings! My name is Darlene Frances Peters (Si-sai-sath). I am seeking election to seat 4 on the Swinomish Senate. As a leader, I am first and foremost a servant, willing to do the necessary work for the continued growth and development of our community. I intend to work diligently as a team member to build and maintain strong healthy relationships and community. As well as, work in partnership with all our existing Swinomish programs.

If elected to the senate, I will uphold the Swinomish Constitution and bylaws, work attentively and carefully on every issue, visit community members on a regular basis (especially our elders), present information at meetings on behalf of you and follow through with requests made. I believe one person makes a difference and as a team we can make an even greater difference.

**When leaders make decisions, the question is, "What is best for the good of all?"**

#### Goals and objectives

- > Create and display a "Wall of success" for all Swinomish graduates
- > Provide ongoing leadership and motivational workshops and trainings
- > Develop and implement a mentor program for our students
- > Hire a Native American Indian Para-Educator for each classroom at La Conner Schools
- > Provide full tuition and books scholarships for those pursuing high education and technical programs
- > Design and develop a website for learning Swinomish Lushootseed
- > Collaborate with teachers and staff at La Conner schools regarding our culture and traditional ways
- > Continue to improve and maintain two-way communication between senate, staff and our people
- > Expand the ways in which senate information is provided to our people
- > Design and build an improved docking area and locate an area for docking boats and gear
- > Design and construct an elder's assisted home care living facility and secure emergency funding availability
- > Increase the number of volunteers in our committees and community activities
- > Provide incentives for parents to attend parent groups and activities
- > Continue to increase the number of natives employed by our tribe and provide equal opportunity for tribal members to advance in their positions
- > Design and construct a building complex for haircuts, nails, pedicures, manicures, waxing, massages, coffee and tea
- > Design and construct a building for Sal-Hal (stick games) players
- > Design and build a sports complex: swimming, hot tub, roller skating, tennis, rock climbing, weight room, soccer, volleyball, skateboarding, basketball, baseball
- > Continue to protect our land, fishing and hunting rights

I am honored to have this opportunity to come before you as a possible future leader. Please feel free to contact me at 360-466-4920 / Email:dpedwards@wavecable.com / Face book.

Sincerely and God's Blessings,  
Darlene Frances Peters (Si-sai-sath)

## General Election

### Dianne Edwards (Incumbent)

#### Senate Seat #3

I am pleased to announce that I will be seeking another term on the Senate. When I first was elected in, it was very hard. The Swinomish Tribe was going through very difficult times but we always managed to “squeak” by. Through all of that, we humbled ourselves and respected what we had and held onto that.

Look as us now. We have a Casino, Bingo hall and gas station. With these enterprises we have been able to provide an important economic base not only for our tribal membership but for the Skagit County economy as well.

The Tribe provides many services to our membership. Just to name a few, we have free child care for tribal members, we give scholarships for members to further their education, we purchase shoes for all students along with giving each student a gift card, we give our elders Senior Subsidies (which will be increased), all tribal members receive Christmas cards along with tribal gas discounts, we pay for eyeglasses and are now paying for hearing aids. In addition to these services, the Tribe paid for all of the infrastructure on the Talawhalt property and the Tribe is also in the process of building a new cemetery on a portion of the Talawhalt property as well. And finally, in 2011, the Tribe will be welcoming approximately 100 canoes, along with their families, for the canoe journey.

I, along with my co-leaders, would like to continue to coordinate all of our tireless efforts, dedication and advocacy for more services to our Community so all tribal members can benefit from the hard work we have done together for the future of our children and grandchildren.

Thank you all for your continued support,



Dianne Edwards



Photo by Wendy Otto

## General Election

### Brian Porter

#### challenging Incumbent Dianne Edwards Senate Seat #3

First of all I would like to thank our people for their interest in our election process. The more involvement that we have in our elections the more influence our community has on our Tribal Governmental structure, Let the people decide.

We have a lot to be thankful for. Over the years we have made strides forward especially in our economic development and education. We are a growing community with steadily increasing enrollment and more administrative development. We also have the programs to support our growth and enhance our well being.

We are a fishing community with an unstable industry and resources. With the economy the way it is our Fisherman struggle to make ends meet. Our management has been making the effort to monitor and allocate for each fisheries so that our fisheries can continue to be more consistent throughout the year.

Culturally we are making the effort to preserve and retain our traditional ways. By educating our youth we believe that our culture will be passed on from generation to generation. Understanding our language and the history of our ancestors we can make the effort to carry on what we are taught.

We have a solid foundation of government supported by a constitution and bylaws. We have the committee support and the staff advisory for each, With this form of government we can exercise our sovereign right as a tribal nation.

These are some of the issues that I am aware of in our community just to name a few. With the knowledge and experience with our system and the issues that need to be addressed it helps to understand so that we can find and create solutions for these issues. We need to support what is already working for our tribe, not to reinvent the wheel. With that said I would like to be an advocate for our people in reassuring you that the representation that our Senate provides is well aware and well informed on whats going on within our Tribe.

Thank you,

Brian Porter / Ya-Qua-Leouse



*Photo by Wendy Otto*

## General Election

**Tandy Wilbur (Incumbent)**

**Senate Seat #5**

9540 Mc Glinn Dr.  
LaConner, Wa 98257



*Photo by Wendy Otto*

December 27, 2010

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community  
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LaConner, WA 98257

Swinomish Tribal Community Members:

I would like to thank the community for supporting me for the last 10 years. It is an honor to serve and represent Swinomish community in a government position. With your support and guidance I hope to continue to learn and serve the community in this way.

My personal areas of interest include: education, elder services, housing and fisheries.

### **Education**

#### ***Early Learning***

We started a paraprofessional program to support our kids in LaConner Schools. The program has improved school performance for our kids. I would explore additional options such as Sylvan, tutoring, and parent support. If reelected I will welcome ideas from all of you on improving education success for our kids.

#### ***Higher Education***

Swinomish has more members than ever before attending vocational schools, community colleges, and universities. This is an exciting time. To assure this continues we must keep up with rising tuition and living expenses. I want to see us work toward full financial support of higher education.

### **Elder Services**

As a community we have a responsibility to care for and protect our elders. I will support the expansion and development of elders programs. I would like to see an elder care facility that would allow tribal elders to remain in the community.

### **Housing**

With the building of Tallowalt Swinomish has many new and soon to be homeowners. One of my goals is to start a Home Owner Assistance Program that would offer loans for home improvements and repairs. Homes on Trust and Leased land cannot be used for bank collateral making obtaining this type of loan through a bank impossible.

### **Fisheries**

As Chairman of the Fish Commission I have been and will continue to be dedicated to protecting Swinomish fishing rights. I will work to get needed dock improvements including the addition of a hoist. I believe the Swinomish Fish Company, as a tribally owned business should be focused on supporting and buying from tribal fisherman. I know there are many other things that need attention. I am interested in your ideas and opinions, and I am committed to having the work of the Senate be guided by the wishes of the people.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tandy Wilbur III

### General Election

Lydia Charles

challenging Incumbent Tandy Wilbur Senate Seat #5



Photo by Wendy Otto

Goals and Objectives:

- Dedicated Service: 25 years experience working for the Swinomish Indian Senate and 15 years for the Swinomish Tribal Community
- Strong advocate for more economic development
- Stands firm for a strong leadership
- Will continue to support the Northern Lights Casino, Northern Lights Gas Station, North End Development and other Business Ventures



## NOTICE OF TRIBAL ELECTION

SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY

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### GENERAL ELECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

**Senate Seat 3:**

DIANNE EDWARDS  
(Incumbent)  
OR  
BRIAN PORTER

**Senate Seat 4:**

KEVIN PAUL  
(Incumbent)  
OR  
DARLENE PETERS

**Senate Seat 5:**

TANDY WILBUR  
(Incumbent)  
OR  
LYDIA CHARLES

VOTING HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

AT THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BEGIN AT 1:00 P.M.

# SUSAN EDWARDS-WILBUR EARLY EDUCATION CENTER



**PRESCHOOL ANTHONY SMITH DIRECTOR**

Drums are an important part of Swinomish culture. Swinomish drum maker Mike Porter wanted to contribute to making sure that children growing up here were familiar with the drum, and would learn to play the drum with reverence and the proper frame of mind. He made 18 small drums and donated them to the preschool. The small drums are made from red cedar and deer hide; the drum sticks are made of ironwood.



These small drums are just their size, but they are not toys. When asked to hold the drums without playing them, no one had to be told twice. The preschool is grateful to Mike for this wonderful gift to all the children who will learn about them for many years to come.



(left to right) Tia Shannacappo (who was celebrating her 5th birthday), Josephina Adams, Brandon Damien, Randy Ikebe, Lydia Grossglass, and Taylor Rae Cayou stand with Mike Porter to display the drums which he made and donated to the preschool.



Ronald Williams poses with drum

## TODDLER PROGRAM AND CHILD CARE



### Time to Celebrate!

Lydia, Brandon, Jimbo, Savanna and Shaniquah celebrate Presidents' Day (above)

and the Chinese New Year (right)

**Reminder to parents:**  
the preschool closes early (5:00 PM) every other Thursday. The dates for this month are: March 3rd, 17th and 31st.\*



Jeanne Robson  
Director



\* the closure time was printed incorrectly in the February issue. KEE YOKS apologizes for the error.



# LA CONNER BOYS GO TO STATE 2B BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN SPOKANE



## CONGRATULATIONS BOYS! YOUR COMMUNITY IS PROUD OF YOU ALL.



**Landy James**

Landy is a junior at La Conner High School. He is the son of Loran and Theresa James of Swinomish, and grandson of the late Landy James.



**Jamall James**

Jamall is a sophomore at La Conner High School and also the son of Loran and Theresa James of Swinomish, and grandson of the late Landy James.



**Garrett Wilbur**

Garrett is a senior at La Conner High School. He is the son of Mike and April Wilbur of Swinomish, and grandson of Marvin and Joan Wilbur.



**Mike Wilbur, Jr.**

Mike is a junior at La Conner High School. He is also the son of Mike and April Wilbur of Swinomish, and grandson of Marvin and Joan Wilbur.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GIRLS, TOO! GREAT JOB THIS SEASON!



**Varsity:** Aubrey Stewart, Taysha James, Alyssa McCormick, Hilary Edwards, Taylor Edwards



**JV:** Cassandra Salas-Sam, Leila Clark, Korina Kaubin, Siomi Bobb, Courtney Finkbonner

Chairman Cladoosby's Message continued from page 3

My thought is this: states like Washington cannot follow through with their responsibility to manage and protect the resources and the environment due to budget cutbacks, then have the federal government fully fund our natural resources and environmental programs so we can ensure our resources are taken care of during this critical time in our state.

Another important concern is the protection of our resources through management of predators (i.e. sea otters, seals, wolves and other predators that impact our resources) and the over-abundance of elk and deer on some state lands. States are not able to meet their responsibility due to budget cutbacks. Therefore, why can't the tribes harvest these resources for cultural and economic purposes including food to our community members? We can assist in advocating these efforts for Swinomish and our neighboring tribes.

Let me end with this quote from President Obama's speech at the 2010 White House Tribal Leaders Summit,

"I am absolutely committed to moving forward with you and forging a new and better future together. It's a commitment that's deeper than our unique nation-to-nation relationship. It's a commitment to getting this relationship right, so that you can be full partners in the American economy, and so your children and your grandchildren can have an equal shot at pursuing the American Dream. . . I promised you we'd host this conference to develop an agenda that works for your communities, because I believe Washington can't -and should- n't- dictate a policy agenda for Indian Country."



Debra Lekanoff and Representative Don Young of Alaska ATNI



Billy Frank and Juana Majel-Dixon  
NCAI's first Vice President



Billy Frank, Jr. received the **NCAI Leadership Award** February 28, 2011.

In response, our Tribal Nations stand in a united front to ensure that our United States President keeps his commitment as our partner, and that he continues to treat First Americans with respect and honor. We commend President Obama on his commitment to put us at the decision making table early, rather than at the end when decisions and commitments have already been made. Our President has called for a CHANGE, and he has fulfilled his commitment.



NCAI President Jefferson Keel  
(Chickasaw Nation)

To learn more about NCAI visit their website <http://www.ncai.org>



**Contratulations Brian!!**

**LEADERSHIP, DEDICATION, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & SUCCESS RECOGNIZED AT RES2011**

**Las Vegas, NV. February 17, 2011** - The National Center of American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is pleased to announce the recipients of its most prestigious awards honoring those who have demonstrated leadership, dedication, entrepreneurship, innovation, commitment, and success in areas of Indian economic and business development. The outstanding achievements of these individuals, organizations, and communities will be acknowledged at the **25th Annual Reservation Economic Summit & American Indian Business Trade Fair (RES2011)** took place during March at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Chairman Brian Cladoosby** of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community was presented with the **American Indian Tribal Leadership Award**.

Each year this award is given to outstanding leadership in support of American Indian business and economic development endeavors in tribal communities.





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**Registration for Spring Quarter Begins March 1st (classes start April 5th)**  
Register early - so you can order your books early! Contact Gaylene Gobert for class schedule.

**NEW BUILDING HOURS: 9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday**  
If you need extra help with math, English, or on-line courses, there will be a tutor on site, in the evenings to help. Just stop by!

**Spring Quarter Classes on site:**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| BIOL 101 Intro to Biology w/lab   | Tuesdays/Thursdays 9:30 - 12:00 & Wednesdays - LAB 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
| ENVS 201 Native Plants w/lab      | Fridays 10:00 - 3:00 p.m. & LAB 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.                    |
| MATH 99 Intermediate Algebra      | Mondays & Wednesdays 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.                               |
| ARTD 171 Basic Woodcarving        | Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.                               |
| ENGL 100 Intro to College Writing | Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.                               |

Other classes are available via ITV (interactive television), on-line & independent learning - see schedule

**Interested in a Business Degree?**  
NWIC has the Associate of Art and Science in Business and Entrepreneurship. Student may choose from the concentration areas listed to complete graduation or transfer requirements. They are Tribal Casino Management, Tribal Entrepreneurship, Tribal Business Administration or General Business.

**Interested in Native Environmental Science?**  
We have the Associate and the Bachelors degrees in Native American Science. The first year of the NES degree program consists of general courses in the areas of language arts, math and the sciences along with Native American Studies. Second year courses include language arts and math classes with an increased number of classes in science and the Native American Studies. Third and fourth year programs are largely in the Native and Western science finishing with a capstone project.



**NWIC Swinomish Gardens: March Update**

Things are growing in the gardens! We have two main gardens at the NWIC Swinomish Campus: The Healing Garden, east of the front area features native plants and habitats as well as culturally significant plant species. The Good Food Garden space and greenhouse behind the main building will have fruit and nut trees, berries and some annual vegetables and flowers.

**Berries!** While perennial plants are still dormant in winter it is a good time to transplant them. This month we will be planting native salmon berries (*Rubus spectabilis*) in the Healing Garden. Salmon berries are a native species of berry found in abundance in Washington. These will be located around the parking lot. We will also be planting some raspberries (*Rubus ideaus*) in the Good Food Garden. Raspberries are a common agricultural crop in the Skagit Valley and they generally start to produce fruit in June. Watch as these plants leaf out and flower in early summer!

**NWIC Swinomish Garden Lunch!  
COMING UP: April 2011**

Raspberry fruit



The spring term starts in April. We invite you to come and visit the gardens in early bloom and tour the campus. We will have lunch and a lot of information on plants in the garden and ways you can get involved in planting, harvesting and learning! More information soon!

*Stay connected to the garden on our blog:* [nwicswinomishgardens.wordpress.com](http://nwicswinomishgardens.wordpress.com)



# POLICE



Officer Dave Smailes

## TWO NEW DRIVING LAWS ON THE RESERVATION

On February 8th, 2011 the Swinomish Senate passed two new laws, now awaiting BIA approval, that are very much worth taking a look at. Failure to wear your seatbelt is now a primary reason for being stopped and ticketed. Texting or talking on your cell phone while driving is also a primary offense. We need to take a moment and take a look at the impact of these laws.



### Cell phone use while driving

Cell phone usage and texting while driving continues to be a problem. Cell phone use while driving causes nearly 25% of car accidents. One fifth of all experienced adult drivers send text messages while driving. Texting while driving is about 6 times more likely to result in a crash than driving while intoxicated! Drivers on cell phones are 18% slower to react to traffic conditions, steering, braking and speed adjustments to name a few. Driving is a complex task made up of many small maneuvers combined to retain control of a vehicle. Remember holding the cell phone in your hand and using the speakerphone on it is still a violation. Hands free is the key. Use a Bluetooth device or a plug in earpiece. Also, remember earphones that cover both ears are not allowed.



Despite the risks, many teen drivers ignore cell phone restrictions and laws. Over 60% of teen drivers admit risky driving while talking or texting on their cell phones. Over 21% of fatal car crashes involving teenagers between the ages of 16 and 19 were the result of cell phone use. Talk with your teens and help them understand the dangers of phone and texting while driving.

The bottom line is that distracted driving can cause accident. If you look away from the road for only a moment, your vehicle can drift into a compromising situation. You may need extreme measures to get the vehicle back under control. Not only cell phone and texting, but eating, drinking and distractions from music sound systems can contribute to inattentive driving.

### Swinomish Primary Seatbelt Law. STC 5-01.310

We have always had a seat belt law here on the reservation, but it was a secondary law. This meant you had to be stopped by an officer for a different violation before receiving an infraction notice for not wearing your seatbelt. The Swinomish Police Department has always been active in promoting seat belt usage. For many years, we surveyed passing cars to record the percentage of usage. At one point we had a 96% usage on the reservation.

So why all the fuss about seatbelts? They save lives! Why? Because they prevent you from being ejected in a collision. Today's vehicles are far safer than vehicles of the 1950s, 60s and even the 70s. "They don't build them like they used to" is a something we hear a lot. Actually, we can be thankful for that. Today's vehicles are designed to increase your chances of surviving a crash IF you stay in the vehicle. A properly worn seatbelt will hold you in the car and assist in "riding down" the crash. Seatbelts, airbags and vehicle design all allow the car, and not you, to absorb the full force of impact.



**Remember, drive responsibly and buckle up.**

SWINOMISH ELDERS LUNCH MENU

MARCH 2011

Not going to be home? Please call center at 466-3980 to cancel your delivery.

| MON  | TUES  | WED  | THURS   | FRI |
|--|---|--|---|-----|
| MILK SERVED WITH ALL MEALS   | 1<br>BEEF & VEGETABLE STEW<br>ROLLS<br>PEACHES                        | 2<br>TURKEY & GRAVY<br>POTATOES/ROLLS<br>MIXED VEGETABLES<br>FRUIT SALAD           | 3<br>PANCAKES<br>EGGS & BACON<br>CANTALOUPE SLICES<br>YOGURT<br>VEGETABLE JUICE                           | 4   |
| 7<br>LENTIL HAM SOUP<br>ROLLS<br>SPINACH SALAD<br>ORANGES  | 8<br>SPAGHETTI & MEAT SAUCE<br>GARLIC BREAD<br>GREEN SALAD<br>BANANAS | 9<br>FISH<br>RICE<br>CARROTS<br>BERRIES  | 10<br>EGGS & SAUSAGE GRAVY<br>BISCUIT/ENGLISH MUFFIN<br>PEACHES<br>COTTAGE CHEESE<br>VEGETABLE JUICE      | 11  |
| 14<br>BLT SANDWICH<br>SPLIT PEA SOUP<br>CRACKERS<br>CANTALOUPE SLICES  | 15<br>MEATLOAF & GRAVY<br>POTATOES/ROLLS<br>GREEN BEANS<br>PEARS      | 16<br>CHICKEN TERIYAKI<br>RICE<br>CAULIFLOWER/CARROTS<br>FRUIT SALAD               | 17<br>CORNED BEEF<br>POTATOES/CABBAGE<br>BISCUIT<br>FRUIT COCKTAIL  | 18  |
| 21<br>TUNA MELT SANDWICH<br>VEGGIE PLATTER<br>JELL-O WITH ORANGES<br> | 22<br>CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS<br>CARROTS & CELERY<br>PEARS                | 23<br>INDIAN TACOS<br>MEAT/BEANS/CHEESE<br>SHREDDED LETTUCE/TOMATOES<br>WATERMELON | 24<br>PANCAKES<br>EGGS & HAM<br>PINEAPPLE<br>COTTAGE CHEESE<br>VEGETABLE JUICE                            |     |
| 28<br>SLOPPY JOE SANDWICH<br>FRENCH FRIES<br>COLESLAW<br>ORANGES   | 29<br>FISH SOUP<br>ROLLS/ CRACKERS<br>SPINACH SALAD<br>BERRIES        | 30<br>ROAST PORK/GRAVY<br>POTATO/ROLL<br>GREEN BEANS<br>APPLESAUCE                 | 31<br>EGGS & SAUSAGE LINKS<br>BANANA BREAD/ ENGLISH MUFFIN<br>FRUIT COCKTAIL<br>YOGURT<br>VEGETABLE JUICE |     |



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pronounced:

pud-tloh-huth dot-əɫ



## SWINOMISH MEDICAL CLINIC – PRESS RELEASE

OLYMPIA <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Flu usually peaks in Washington in February or March, so now's a great time for people to get flu vaccine if they haven't yet this winter. Vaccine prevents flu, but it doesn't treat the illness once someone gets sick. That means it's important to get vaccinated before flu cases rise in our state.

"Flu is a serious disease, but sometimes it's not taken seriously," said Secretary of Health Mary Selecky. "Getting vaccinated will help lower your risk of getting flu and spreading it to others."

Anyone can get the flu, even healthy kids and adults. The flu is unpredictable. It spreads quickly and easily. People shouldn't delay getting flu vaccine until someone they know gets sick. The more people get vaccinated against the flu, the less likely flu can spread through the community.

People can spread flu to others before they even know they're sick, and can continue to spread it for five to seven days after getting sick. The best ways to protect yourself and others from flu are to get vaccinated and to practice good health manners - wash your hands, cover your cough, and stay home when you're sick.

Each year in our country, about 20,000 kids under age 5 are hospitalized with flu or flu-related illnesses that could have been prevented. Some people aren't able to be vaccinated against flu - for example, babies under 6 months - and they rely on families and communities to get vaccinated to help protect them from the disease. Kids under 9 may need two doses of flu vaccine about a month apart for best protection. Parents should check with their doctor, nurse, or medical clinic about how many doses their children should have.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that everyone age 6 months and older get a yearly flu shot. Vaccination is especially important for babies, young kids, pregnant women, anyone over 50, and people with certain medical conditions like diabetes, asthma, and heart disease.

The state's "WashYourHandsingTon" flu prevention radio campaign ran through February. It highlighted the importance of getting a yearly flu vaccination and using good health behaviors. The radio jingle and YouTube video <<http://www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/handsington.htm>> ([www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/handsington.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/handsington.htm)), along with other materials, can be found online. People can help spread the word about preventing the flu by sharing the video through e-mail, Twitter and Facebook.

To find an immunization clinic, call your health care provider, use the Department of Health Flu News website <<http://www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/default.htm>> ([www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/default.htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/FluNews/default.htm)), or call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588. The Flu Vaccine Finder <<http://www.lungusa.org/lung-disease/influenza/flu-vaccine-finder/>> is also a good resource ([www.lungusa.org/lung-disease/influenza/flu-vaccine-finder/](http://www.lungusa.org/lung-disease/influenza/flu-vaccine-finder/)).

Visit the Washington Department of Health website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov> for a healthy dose of information.

### FLU

"People can spread flu to others before they even know they're sick, and can continue to spread it for five to seven days after getting sick."

## Struggling to feed a young family? Let us help provide healthy foods.

Swinomish WIC Nutrition Program

Open to pregnant & postpartum women, and all children from birth to age 5.



**Children & women with DSHS medical qualify regardless of income**

For appointments and information, please call us at  
466-3167



## SWINOMISH DENTAL CLINIC

### Little known fact:

In ancient times, the same person that would shave you and cut your hair was also the person who would extract your diseased teeth. Yup, that's right, the *barber*! Obviously dental care has come a long way since then, thank goodness.

### History of Dental Care – The First Floss

Anthropological evidence shows that ancient man showed a concern for his teeth, or at least a concern for the discomfort that food lodged between the teeth can cause. Grooves on the teeth of ancient man shows that dental picks and dental floss were used even in antiquity.

The very first dental floss on record was actually comprised of silk. Then nylon string came along. The wax coated floss we've come to know and love these days came about through the Johnson and Johnson manufacturing conglomerate.

### The History of Dental Care: The First Toothpaste

The first known toothpastes in the western world contained regular soap for cleaning, and date back to the 1800s. In China, however, historians believe that toothpaste was in use in some way, shape or form as early as 500 BC. Luckily, the harsh soap was replaced some hundred years after to include emollients and baking soda as scrubbers, reducing the horrible gag reflex the soap caused.



The Colgate Company was the first manufacturer of modern toothpaste, and is still a leading producer in the field today. In fact, if you visit your dentist, you're likely to receive a tube of Colgate toothpaste before leaving the office.

### Dental Care History: False Teeth

While a good set of artificial choppers is still hard to come by these days, historians say that artificial sets of teeth were carved from animal bones as early as 700 BC! We no longer have to chew with bones borrowed from animals; today's false teeth are made from modern man-made materials that hold up well to years of munching and crunching.

Since there are probably going to be children reading this, stick to the 'cleaner' version of dental history – as there are a few sordid stories in its history. After all, we adults do not like having our mouths washed out with soap either! Brush and floss!



Dr. Dailey

*Our dentists say,*

*“Brush and floss  
everyday!”*



Dr. Sahi

## SWINOMISH swəpəbš COMMUNITY ART ✍ SWINOMISH swəpəbš

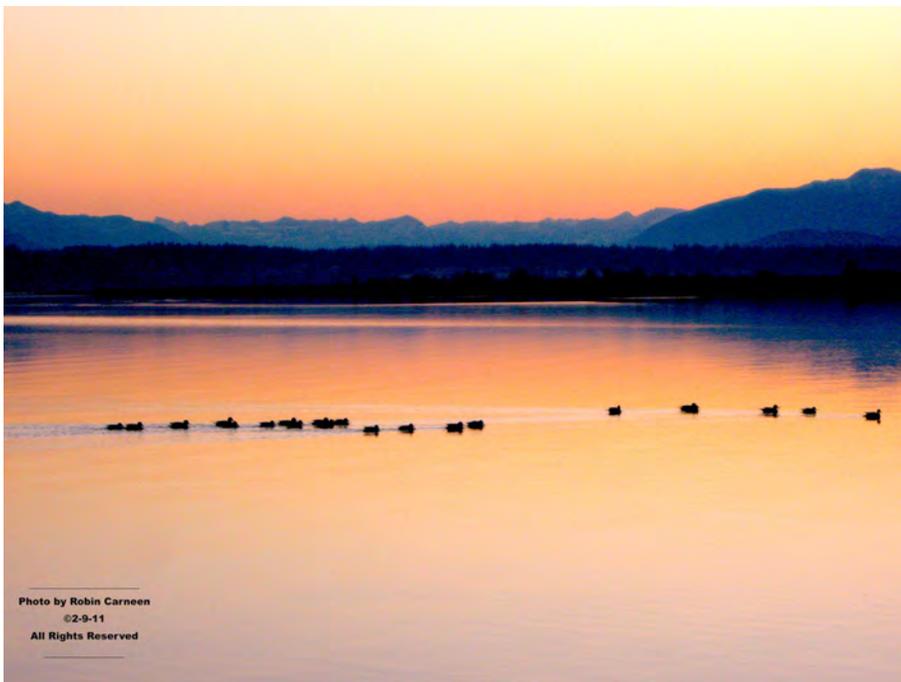


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"when ducks quack it will rain"

Quacking Ducks at Padilla Bay by Robin Carneen

**THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS**

When despair for the world grows in me  
 ...and I wake in the night at the least  
 sound  
 in fear of what my life and my children's  
 lives may be,  
 I go and lie down where the wood drake  
 rests in his beauty on the water, and the  
 great heron feeds.  
 I come into the peace of wild things  
 who do not tax their lives with fore-  
 thought  
 of grief. I come into the presence of still  
 water.  
 And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
 waiting with their light. For a time  
 I rest in the grace of the world, and am  
 free.

By Wendell Berry

Source: *Collected Poems, 1957-1982*  
 (Counterpoint Press, 1985)

***Eagle Spirit***

*Soaring like an eagle, with all my beauty and grace,  
 Watching below the serene splendor of Mother Earth,  
 In the distance, the mountain so might and majestic,  
 Near to my wings, the clouds so white and untouched,  
 Observing below, wildlife and nature in perfect harmony.  
 Meandering rivers and streams, taking their course,  
 Inside, my body and spirit feeling clean and free.  
 Soaring to greater heights, choosing my own destiny.  
 Homeward bound I fly, to soar yet another day.*

*Michael E. Porter*

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Eagle by Caroline Edwards

COMMUNITY ARTISTS ⚙️ SWINOMISH swədəbš COMMUNITY ART



Photo by Laura Day



Photo by Laura Day



**An Artist at Work!**

Shaniquah Casey creates beautiful art at Childcare recently. Researchers stress that this type of fun is more important to child development than we might think.

*Photos by Ann Smock*



Brown Anole, baby Praying Mantis,  
Church on Maui  
*Photos by Ann Smock*





Diane Vendiola

## OUR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

By Diane Vendiola

Over the past 6 months, we have learned that **tribal sovereignty** explains:

- 1) the rights of *federally recognized tribes* to govern themselves,
- 2) the existence of a *government-to-government* relationship with the United States.

Therefore a tribe is an independent nation with the rights:

- a) to form its own government,
- b) to decide legal cases within reservation boundaries
- c) to charge taxes within its borders
- d) to determine its membership (enrollment)
- e) and to decide and plan its own future.

Our Swinomish Tribe's government, the Swinomish Senate, is composed of eleven senators, who are chosen and voted into office by the Swinomish Tribal Community (our families, you and me). These 11 elected tribal officials oversee the departments that provide day-to-day services to our Swinomish Tribal people, as well as to the public at large. Services to the Swinomish Reservation population include: community development and planning, human resources, social services, (police force and the tribal court), public works, (building, facilities maintenance, streets, utilities and special project operations/ construction management).

Each one of us, as enrolled Tribal members 21 years and older, have a voice and a vote in our tribal affairs. Each voice, each vote, contributes to the whole, which is our Swinomish Tribal Community. Each time that we express our voice and our vote for the welfare of our community, it is an act that exercises our right to govern ourselves; it is our tribal sovereignty.

Below, is a very old Snoqualmie story about how our people all worked together in the planning and arranging of the world of long ago.

*A long time ago, before the world changed, all the animal people came together for a big meeting. Eagle was the headman of the gathering. He lived up high, at the very top of the tallest tree. Whenever the people wanted to decide anything important, they came to Eagle, and asked him. And he gave them his opinion.*

*Each animal at the meeting had his or her chance to say something about what he or she thought. Even the slaves, Mink and Raven, said what they believed to be true. And the others listened. They agreed that Raven's opinion was good. Raven's opinion was so good, he became known as a wise one.*

*The people went round and round, for a long time, arguing about which direction the rivers should flow. Should they flow up? Or should they flow down? Or should they flow both ways? Everybody but Raven thought that the river should run up the mountain and flow back down the same side. The river should flow up all the way to the falls, and then turn around and flow back down, was the idea.*

*The people asked Eagle what he thought of this idea.*

*Eagle agreed with the people. He said, "If the river goes both ways, the new people who are soon to come, will have an easy time. It will not be hard to go upstream, and it will not be hard to go downstream. What does Raven think?"*

*Actually, Raven did not agree with everybody, so he got a lot of dirty looks from everybody except Eagle. Raven said, that if the river gets to the falls and then turns around and comes back down, think about it, the salmon will have no chance to stop. Where will the salmon spawn? And where will the new people to come catch them??? I believe that all the rivers should flow but one way.*

*Eagle said that Raven's reasons seemed good enough for him.*

*The animal people said, "Raven's reasons seem to be very good."*

*So they followed Raven's plan.*



*The End.*



**Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission**

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**“Being Frank”**



Billy Frank

**Coho Creek means Jobs and Salmon By Billy Frank, Jr. Chairman**

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission

OLYMPIA, WA (03-01-11) More than 1,500 salmon were seen spawning in Coho Creek on the Tulalip Tribes' reservation last fall. Pretty good considering 10 years ago, the creek was nothing but a drainage ditch in the Quilceda Creek watershed.

The Tulalips created spawning habitat out of that ditch right next door to the nearby and growing Quil Ceda Village, a business park developed by the tribe.

Like many tribes in western Washington, the Tulalip Tribes have worked hard to create businesses that provide jobs and income for their members and for our neighbors. The Quil Ceda business park is expanding, but the Tulalips plan to build only on one-third of the undeveloped 1,500 acres there. The rest is going to be preserved or restored as fish and wildlife habitat.

Outside Indian Country, that kind of development can come at a high cost to the environment.

We tribes, on the other hand, make sure to keep things in balance. We have to preserve our natural resources and provide an economic future for our children. When we develop businesses on tribal land, we take salmon into account. We can have both salmon and a healthy economy. It doesn't have to be a choice between the two.

Our salmon are running out of places to spawn because people are using up all the habitat. Fish need cool, gravelly places to build nests. The Tulalip Tribes saw this need in 2000 after they replaced a fish-blocking culvert and found chum salmon trying - and failing - to spawn in the sandy ditch.

That sandy ditch became Coho Creek after the tribes brought in tons of spawning gravel and created 2,500 feet of stream channel. They removed more fish-blocking culverts, planted native vegetation and last year, more salmon than ever were seen spawning there. They counted more than 50 coho and 1,500 chum.

We know these salmon are spawning successfully too, because last spring, the Tulalips saw several thousand chum fry and coho smolts swimming from Coho Creek out to sea.

In these times of lost and damaged habitat, it is rare to see brand new habitat being created. There's no question that the need is great. Salmon began making themselves at home in the new habitat of Coho Creek almost as soon as it was created. And there's room for more.

The tribe isn't done with Coho Creek yet. Another half-mile of the ditch is set for restoration, along with the addition of wetlands to help naturally treat water runoff from the business park. Besides salmon, other fish, as well as frogs, birds and other wildlife will benefit from the tribes' work.

We know more and more people are coming into western Washington. Almost a million people are expected in the next 20 years just here in the Puget Sound region. We have to be ready for them. We can take a page from the Tulalip Tribes playbook to show how we can have both jobs and salmon. *CONTACT: Tony Meyer or Emmett O'Connell (360) 438-1180 www.nwifc.org*

**Awarded for Leadership at NCAI**

Billy Frank, Jr. receiving the **National Conference of American Indians Leadership Award** in Washington D.C. at February's NCAI 2011. (see page 14)

Photo by Brian Cladoosby



# SWINOMISH HOUSING & UTILITY AUTHORITY



To reach SHA/SUA contact:  
 (360) 466-4081  
 Robin Carneen  
 Life Skills Office: (360) 466-7354

**PADDLE TO SWINOMISH 2011**  
**July 25th-31st**  
 We have 1000's of guests coming to visit our community this summer and SHA is encouraging everyone to get a jump start on Spring Clean up!



**SHA can help TENANTS remove unwanted vehicles and boats.**

**Contact Robin Carneen for details & to get on the list to have your boat and vehicle removed-ASAP!**

**LIFE SKILLS OFFICE: 466-7354**



**Clean Up 2011**

SHA will be working with its tenants during the next month to get a head start on Spring Clean-Up. Notices will be delivered to households about when clean-up will be conducted in their neighborhoods. SHA will provide dumpsters and some labor to assist residents.

Stockpiling garbage and other unwanted items inside and outside homes can attract rats, pesky insects, stray cats & dogs, etc. This can also lead to fire safety and indoor air quality issues that can physically harm or make ill community members and members of your family.

SHA is asking its residents to please look around their homes now and start getting general garbage ready to be disposed of such as: old furniture, toys, & clothes; excess garbage, cans, bottles, etc. stored in carports, garages and sheds; litter in yards; old lumber and old wood; and other general clutter in and around your home.

This clean-up **does not include** items such as batteries, tires, used oil & anti-freeze, electronics, and large metal items. These items will be cleaned-up separately during the regular Tribal clean-up day in April. Please do not put these items in any dumpsters on the reservation or down at Conner Place apartments. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Carneen 466-7354.



**Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)...Putting More Money in Families Pockets!**

**APRIL 18th LAST DAY TO FILE!**

Do you need help understanding how to get an Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) back this year. If you are in the low income category, you may also qualify for free help in filing your taxes and receiving larger tax refunds. Please contact Robin Carneen and she can explain what Earned Income tax credit is and she can see if you qualify.

Mon-Friday, 8:30am-5pm and is available by appointment. Her office is located upstairs in the Social Services building on Reservation Road. Call (Robin Carneen at 466-7354



**MARCH 2011 Reminder: 10TH OF EACH MONTH... RENT & UTILITIES DUE !!!!**

**DON'T LET THOSE BALANCES CREEP**

**Utility Rates 2011**

The Swinomish Senate adopted the 2011 Swinomish Utility Authority operating budget and rates at its February meeting. The new rates will take effect with the March 1<sup>st</sup> billings for February services

Base fees, which cover the fixed operating costs of the Authority, will remain unchanged in 2011. Base fees are \$22 per month each for water and sewer. Weekly garbage pick-up rates will increase from \$23 per month to \$24.00 per month. Extra cans, bags or boxes will remain at \$3.60 each. Water use fees will increase from \$1.00 per hundred cubic feet to \$1.25 per hundred cubic feet. Sewer use fees will increase from \$3.70 per hundred cubic feet to \$4.00 per hundred cubic feet.

The rate changes will mean that an average family of three will see their overall monthly bill increase about \$4.30 per month. Please call 466-7223 if you have any questions about the 2011 rates.

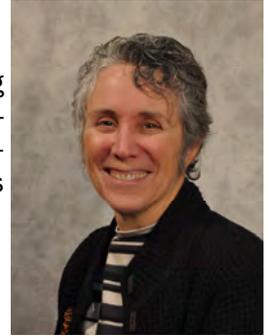
**Tired of being charged for extra garbage bags? It pays off to add recycling to your garbage service! Call Waste Management at (360) 757-8245 and ask to be added as a curbside recycling customer for the rate of \$7.40 per month.**

**Recycle~ Save Money on Garbage**

# OFFICE OF TRIBAL ATTORNEY

## RECENT TRIBAL CODE AMENDMENTS: HUNTING AND GATHERING CODE

In January, 2011, the Senate approved changes to Title 18, Chapter 4 - Hunting and Gathering Code. The amendments authorize the Game Manager to revoke or suspend any hunting privileges, permits or licenses as issued under STC Title 18 – the Natural Resources Code pursuant to Senate Resolution or a valid court order. The amendments also set out the process which the Senate shall follow in determining whether to suspend or revoke any such permit.



Additionally, these amendments **make it illegal for any person to knowingly hunt or gather on privately owned land**

- (1) without the Tribe having obtained the written permission of the landowner or lessee; or
- (2) where such written permission exists and a key is required for entry, without the Game Manager assigning a key to the person to enable that person to access private property for purposes of hunting or gathering under tribal law.

If **convicted**, a hunter faces a maximum of one (1) year in jail and \$5000.00 fine as well as the loss of hunting privileges for the remainder of the season and the succeeding two (2) years.

It is a civil violation for any tribal hunter issued a key by the Game Manager, enabling that hunter to access privately owned land under an agreement between the Tribe and the private land owner,

- (1) to transfer the key to another individual;
- (2) to receive or possess the key from an individual other than the Game Manager; or
- (3) to fail to return the key within the period of time allotted to the individual for accessing such private lands.

If a tribal hunter is found to have committed this violation, he or she can be fined up to \$50.00 as well as lose his or her ability to hunt for the period of time described above.

The amended Hunting and Gathering code is 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.



Ann Smock  
Editor

### FROM THE EDITORS

Ann would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members for your cooperation and patience in getting new staff photos for the 2010 Annual Report. If you were not able to do so in February, contact me as soon as possible and we'll try to get you in before publication.

Caroline– It's hard for me to believe that I've had the opportunity to work with Ann for a whole year this month. Each month I learn something new about the Keeyoks and my community in general. March Madness is coming up, and it may not feel like it, but Spring is slowly creeping up as well, even with the late snow. Don't forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day!



Caroline J. Edwards  
Assistant Editor



**ATTENTION!!!**  
**Daylight-Saving Time: Spring Forward**  
**Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour on March 13 at 2:00 am**



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509-444-2350

**COURT-ORDERED NOTIFICATION IN \$3.4 BILLION INDIAN  
TRUST SETTLEMENT TO BEGIN**

*Hundreds of Thousands of Native Americans must act soon to participate in the Settlement*

**Washington, D.C. – January 26, 2011** – The Court-ordered process of notifying individual Indians of their right to participate in the historic \$3.4 billion class action Settlement, *Cobell v. Salazar*, is underway. The Settlement resolves claims related to Individual Indian Money (or IIM) accounts and land held in trust by the federal government for the benefit of individual Indians.

Class Members all over the country are receiving detailed information about their legal rights and options via U.S. Mail. Information will also be provided through an extensive media campaign, which includes Native America print media, television and radio ads, and online advertising.

On December 21, 2010, U.S. Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan granted preliminary approval of the Settlement, setting in motion a process through which hundreds of thousands of individual Indians who have or had government-managed IIM accounts or trust lands may receive some of the \$3.4 billion Settlement Fund.

The judge's approval came after Congress passed and the President signed legislation approving the Settlement. Current estimates project that most Class Members will receive about \$1,800, with some Class Members receiving much more depending on the level of activity in their IIM accounts.

The \$3.4 billion Settlement was reached between the Departments of the Interior and Treasury and the individual Indian plaintiffs in December 2009. The Settlement resolves the government's failure to provide an historical accounting for IIM accounts and also resolves claims that the government mismanaged funds and other trust assets, including royalties owed to individual Indians for oil, gas, grazing, and other leases of individual Indian lands, mostly in the West.

The Settlement provides a \$1.5 billion fund to compensate an estimated 500,000 affected individual Indian trust beneficiaries who have or had IIM accounts or own trust land. The Settlement creates two groups of Class Members eligible to receive money from the fund—the Historical Accounting Class and the Trust Administration Class.

- **The Historical Accounting Class** comprises individual Indians who were alive on September 30, 2009, who had an open IIM account anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and whose account had at least one cash transaction.
- **The Trust Administration Class** comprises individual Indians alive on September 30, 2009, who had an IIM Account at any time from 1985 through September 30, 2009, recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems, as well as individual Indians who, as of September 30, 2009, had a recorded or demonstrable interest in land held in trust or restricted status.
- **The estates of deceased Class Members will also receive a Settlement distribution** if the deceased beneficiary's account was open as of September 30, 2009, or their land interest was open in probate as of that date. Other eligibility conditions and requirements for each Class are detailed in the Settlement Agreement.

Under the Settlement Agreement, \$1.9 billion will fund a Department of the Interior program to buy fractionated interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers to benefit tribal communities and aid in land consolidation. Depending on the level of participation in the land consolidation program, up to \$60 million will be set aside to provide scholarships for higher education for American Indian and Alaska Native youth.

***Information about the Settlement and legal rights is available to all American Indians and Alaska Natives.***

The website [www.IndianTrust.com](http://www.IndianTrust.com) and toll-free number 1-800-961-6109 are available to provide more information about the Settlement and the legal rights of Class Members. Individuals who are unsure whether they are included in the Settlement should visit the website or call the toll-free number for more information.

Class Members who receive a formal notice in the mail about the Settlement and who are currently receiving IIM account statements do not have to do anything to receive payment. Individuals who believe they should be part of the Settlement but do not receive a notice in the mail or are not receiving IIM account statements need to fill out a Claim Form as soon as possible, available at the Indian Trust website or by calling the toll-free number.

Individuals wishing to keep their right to sue the federal government over mismanagement claims covered by the Settlement must exclude themselves from the Settlement by April 20, 2011. Class Members can also submit written comments or objections about any Settlement terms that concern them by April 20, 2011.

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**Tammy Cooper Woodrich**

Are you an enrolled Swinomish Tribal Member? Are you currently in college or starting college soon? Have you ever thought about becoming a dentist, teacher, lawyer, doctor, or accountant?

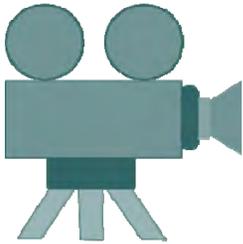
If so, there is an enhanced program that would match you with one of our Swinomish Tribal directors. Our directors would act as a mentor and source of support throughout your education toward one of the above degrees. You would work with them on goal setting and career planning. If you are interested please contact John Stephens at (360) 466-7216 or leave a message with Mary Ellen Cayou at (360)466-7218

**Invitation to Swinomish Tribal Community Members**

**FILM NIGHT**



Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:30 pm – Film Night (w/popcorn)  
 at the **Shelter Bay Clubhouse**  
 Feature Film:  
**Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to RE-Energize America**



*Hosted by the Shelter Bay Ad Hoc Eco-Sense Education Committee*



**Invitation to Swinomish Tribal Community Members**

**SPRING INTO SPRING DAY**  
**Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
 Look for the signs in Shelter Bay

**Annual Eco-Sense Fair Exhibits/Demonstrations**  
 Free Shredding Day/Computer Equipment Recycling (E-Cycling)Yard Waste Chipping  
**More details in your April Newsletter**



# Swinomish Water Resources Program



## The Swinomish Pavilion at Swadabs Park—a new home for people AND nature

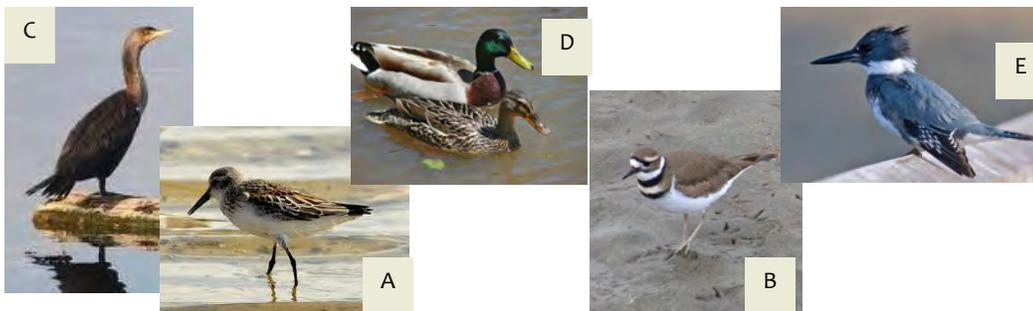
With the new Swinomish Pavilion being built along the channel, all of us are starting to look at this area with a new perspective. Some of us have many memories of this beach, the many float homes and docks. We remember swimming and sunshine, family and friends. For many years this beach was buried in dredge spoils; large amounts of sediment dug-out from the bottom of the channel to keep it passable to water craft. The upcoming Canoe Journey has helped this long awaited dream of removing the dredge spoils and returning the beach to its original state. As you watch the pavilion take shape, remember that there are other important changes to the landscape in this area. Did you know that Swadabs park is a restored *tidal marsh*? This is one of **four marshes** restored along the channel on the Reservation side.

### Let's learn more!

- A tidal marsh is a type of wetland, influenced by the movement of the tides from the ocean.
- Usually found along a protected stretch of coastline (the channel) it helps buffer against storm surges and shoreline erosion.
- The marsh area absorbs excess nutrients that can lead to over algae growth and more unwanted complications, before they reach the ocean and estuaries, helping the water quality.
- Typically tidal marshes contain salt-tolerant plant life (halophytes) that provide vital food and habitat for a wide range of wildlife, including salmon on their journey to the ocean and many shorebirds.

Tidal marshes are very important for the quality of the water surrounding the Reservation, water that will eventually feed the seas. As this area becomes a proud representation of the community, look around for the wildlife that depends on this area as well. Learn to identify and appreciate each piece of nature, helping us all heal and prepare for the journey.

**Can you match these shorebirds to their correct name? Look for them next time you are visiting the marsh!**



- \_\_\_ Killdeer
- \_\_\_ Kingfisher
- \_\_\_ Mallard Duck
- \_\_\_ Cormorant
- \_\_\_ Western Sandpiper

A. Western Sandpiper B. Killdeer C. Cormorant D. Mallard duck E. Kingfisher



# Swinomish Water Resources Program

March 2011

## TIDE TABLE: MAR '11 - Lone Tree, Snee-Oosh, N.Skagit Bay (ft MLLW)

| Date   | High Time/Height | Low Time/Height | High Time/Height | Low Time/Height | High Time/Height | Moon          | Sunrise | Sunset |
|--------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Tue 01 | 04:24 10.91 ft   | 10:11 5.32 ft   | 14:55 9.39 ft    | 21:38 0.45 ft   |                  |               | 6:51    | 17:53  |
| Wed 02 | 04:53 10.99 ft   | 10:46 4.68 ft   | 15:46 9.52 ft    | 22:18 0.66 ft   |                  |               | 6:49    | 17:55  |
| Thu 03 | 05:14 10.99 ft   | 11:15 4.07 ft   | 16:31 9.63 ft    | 22:54 1.03 ft   |                  |               | 6:47    | 17:57  |
| Fri 04 | 05:32 10.98 ft   | 11:42 3.45 ft   | 17:12 9.72 ft    | 23:28 1.55 ft   |                  | New Moon      | 6:45    | 17:58  |
| Sat 05 | 05:49 11.01 ft   | 12:07 2.82 ft   | 17:52 9.78 ft    |                 |                  |               | 6:44    | 18:00  |
| Sun 06 |                  | 00:01 2.19 ft   | 06:10 11.03 ft   | 12:35 2.19 ft   | 18:32 9.82 ft    |               | 6:42    | 18:01  |
| Mon 07 |                  | 00:34 2.92 ft   | 06:34 11.00 ft   | 13:05 1.62 ft   | 19:14 9.81 ft    |               | 6:40    | 18:03  |
| Tue 08 |                  | 01:08 3.72 ft   | 07:01 10.86 ft   | 13:39 1.16 ft   | 19:59 9.72 ft    |               | 6:38    | 18:04  |
| Wed 09 |                  | 01:43 4.55 ft   | 07:29 10.62 ft   | 14:17 0.86 ft   | 20:48 9.56 ft    |               | 6:36    | 18:06  |
| Thu 10 |                  | 02:22 5.38 ft   | 08:00 10.28 ft   | 14:59 0.71 ft   | 21:45 9.33 ft    |               | 6:33    | 18:07  |
| Fri 11 |                  | 03:06 6.16 ft   | 08:34 9.90 ft    | 15:48 0.67 ft   | 22:55 9.15 ft    |               | 6:31    | 18:09  |
| Sat 12 |                  | 04:03 6.82 ft   | 09:17 9.50 ft    | 16:45 0.66 ft   |                  | First Quarter | 6:29    | 18:10  |
| Sun 13 | 00:22 9.18 ft    | 06:27 7.20 ft   | 11:17 9.16 ft    | 18:49 0.58 ft   |                  |               | 7:28    | 19:12  |
| Mon 14 | 02:47 9.51 ft    | 08:06 7.05 ft   | 12:34 9.02 ft    | 19:54 0.37 ft   |                  |               | 7:26    | 19:13  |
| Tue 15 | 03:40 9.97 ft    | 09:16 6.40 ft   | 13:52 9.18 ft    | 20:56 0.12 ft   |                  |               | 7:23    | 19:15  |
| Wed 16 | 04:16 10.44 ft   | 10:04 5.43 ft   | 15:02 9.61 ft    | 21:51 -0.02 ft  |                  |               | 7:21    | 19:16  |
| Thu 17 | 04:46 10.90 ft   | 10:45 4.22 ft   | 16:05 10.14 ft   | 22:41 0.10 ft   |                  |               | 7:19    | 19:18  |
| Fri 18 | 05:15 11.33 ft   | 11:25 2.86 ft   | 17:04 10.65 ft   | 23:28 0.54 ft   |                  |               | 7:17    | 19:19  |
| Sat 19 | 05:45 11.71 ft   | 12:06 1.51 ft   | 18:01 11.04 ft   |                 |                  | Full Moon     | 7:15    | 19:21  |
| Sun 20 |                  | 00:14 1.28 ft   | 06:18 11.97 ft   | 12:49 0.30 ft   | 18:57 11.25 ft   |               | 7:13    | 19:23  |
| Mon 21 |                  | 01:00 2.24 ft   | 06:53 12.05 ft   | 13:33 -0.62 ft  | 19:55 11.26 ft   |               | 7:11    | 19:24  |
| Tue 22 |                  | 01:48 3.30 ft   | 07:30 11.90 ft   | 14:19 -1.14 ft  | 20:53 11.08 ft   |               | 7:09    | 19:25  |
| Wed 23 |                  | 02:38 4.36 ft   | 08:10 11.51 ft   | 15:07 -1.22 ft  | 21:57 10.76 ft   |               | 7:07    | 19:27  |
| Thu 24 |                  | 03:33 5.31 ft   | 08:55 10.88 ft   | 15:59 -0.91 ft  | 23:07 10.38 ft   |               | 7:05    | 19:28  |
| Fri 25 |                  | 04:38 6.05 ft   | 09:47 10.08 ft   | 16:55 -0.32 ft  |                  |               | 7:03    | 19:30  |
| Sat 26 | 00:29 10.10 ft   | 06:06 6.40 ft   | 10:50 9.24 ft    | 17:59 0.35 ft   |                  | Last Quarter  | 7:00    | 19:31  |
| Sun 27 | 01:54 10.06 ft   | 07:52 6.17 ft   | 12:08 8.57 ft    | 19:09 0.93 ft   |                  |               | 6:58    | 19:33  |
| Mon 28 | 03:03 10.20 ft   | 09:12 5.46 ft   | 13:35 8.28 ft    | 20:18 1.33 ft   |                  |               | 6:56    | 19:34  |
| Tue 29 | 03:52 10.35 ft   | 10:05 4.64 ft   | 14:55 8.39 ft    | 21:20 1.61 ft   |                  |               | 6:54    | 19:36  |
| Wed 30 | 04:27 10.43 ft   | 10:44 3.83 ft   | 15:59 8.70 ft    | 22:10 1.92 ft   |                  |               | 6:52    | 19:37  |
| Thu 31 | 04:53 10.44 ft   | 11:15 3.08 ft   | 16:52 9.06 ft    | 22:53 2.31 ft   |                  |               | 6:50    | 19:39  |

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**SAFE TO EAT!**

### Did you know that we encountered more than 1 earthquake recently?

Thousands of earthquakes happen across the US each year, almost all of them are too small to feel.

#### What is an earthquake and why do they occur?

Our planet is divided into a three main layers: a solid core, a liquid magma mantle and a crust, which floats on top. That top crust is made up of individual plates, which are kept in constant motion. Earthquakes mostly occur at the boundary where one plates meets another. In some places, the plates become locked together. Energy builds up in the locked plates, which is released in the form of an earthquake when the plates finally give.

#### Are they predictable?

There are many factors that lead up to earthquakes but so far scientists have yet to develop a reliable way of predicting earthquakes. Did you know that before a quake, pets like dogs and cats might get a little freaky? It is because they seem to be able to feel the trembling well before we do!

#### So what happens next time there is an earthquake?

Place something protective on your head and crouch under a table or stand in a doorway. If you are outside, quickly find an open space and stay away from things that will fall on you.

#### How can I learn more?

Check the local library for books, or go to <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/neic/>





## Native Plant of the Month- Spirea

March 2011



You can find native Spirea in the Fornsby restoration area on the North side of the reservation!

## Landscape Value

Growing by rhizomes (root cluster), it forms dense thickets in shrubby wetlands and along lake shorelines. Tolerates a variety of settings, from moist soil to seasonally-inundated areas such as marshes and bogs. It requires full sun to partial shade. Spirea provides valuable cover for birds and small mammals. Flowers are a nectar source for butterflies and other insects, and some wildlife eat the seed capsules. It can be a good choice for hilly wetland areas with both shallow and deep water, as these variations will prevent it from taking over.

*Spirea - Spiraea douglasii***Alternate common names** hardhack, steeplebush

- This common deciduous wetland shrub grows 4-7 feet tall, with slender straight stems.
- Leaves are up to three inches long, oblong to oval with a rounded tip, and lighter on the underside. Leaf margins are serrated along the outer half of the leaf.
- Flowers are dense small pink elongated clusters at the ends of stems. The distinctive, dry, brown flower heads remain on the plant through the winter and are the best clue for winter identification.
- Easily grown from seed, root division or hardwood cuttings.

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**FROM THE ARCHIVES** Theresa Trebon, SITC Archivist

**Visiting the Dentist: A look back**

In the midst of getting ready for Canoe Journey, this past February brought another change to the Tribal Village: the demolition of the old Dental Trailer by Swinomish Public Works. Now, for *many* adults in the community, the trailer's demise was most likely a happy occasion, for in the not-so-distant past, a visit to that building was something to be feared. Dental care on the reservation was a painful and unpleasant experience, one focused on pain management [i.e. tooth extraction], rather than preventative care.



Senior Center and Dental Trailer c. 1985

In year's past, Swinomish residents had limited access to the dentist via the Indian Health Service "Dental Clinic Mobile" that came to La Conner two months a year. Larry Campbell recalled that "Many of the dentists who came to work were fresh out of dental school, repaying their scholarship money by working in Indian Country for awhile. The tools they were forced to work with were hand-me-downs from various I. H. S. facilities around the country." Sometime around 1975, the "dental mobile" was replaced by the brown and white dental trailer at the corner of Snee-Oosh and Front Street. But, based on recollections of tribal members, the dental care did not improve.

When John Stephens became head of Social Services in 1980 he realized that the first thing the Tribe needed to deal with from a health standpoint was dental care. He recognized that the Federal Government had never adequately provided that service so the only way the Tribe would ever obtain good dental care would be to do it themselves. He prepared a report for the Senate and, under the Self-Governance Compact, the Tribe was able to move forward towards the construction of its first full-service dental clinic. Construction began in August 1996 and, as the bulldozer was scraping the lot, two people stood there watching them: John Stephens and Tribal Chairman Bob Joe. Bob Joe turned to Stephens and said, "John, this is a great day. This means that my grandchildren will not have to go through what I went through," and he reached into his mouth and pulled out two full sets of dentures, the result of poor dental care all his life.

John Stephens observed that Bob Joe's simple statement and gesture illustrates the stark difference between the Federal Government handling things for Indian reservations, versus tribes providing for themselves through self-governance. And for those who once feared the tribal dentist, nothing better illustrates the stark difference between the old dental trailer and present-day dentistry at Swinomish than the 1997 dental clinic where, under the guidance and skills of Dr. Daley, preventative dentistry is now the standard of care.

In 1993, Swinomish became the 19th tribe in the U. S. to sign a Self-Governance Compact.

"The dental health clinic mobile of the I. H. S. stays in La Conner for a period of about two months out of the year. During this time they provide dental service to local Indians, attention mainly given to children of grade school age. When asked, Mr. Wilbur calculated the cost of this unit and its dentist, assistant, etc. amounts to about \$30,000 a year."

*Puget Sound Mail*  
November 30, 1972



**"Swinomish facility is boost to community."**  
Dedication of **x'oli Hli'** [Place of Wellness], new dental clinic and senior center that is Phase I of Swinomish improvements for health care. Channel Town Press, 5-7-1997.

*The old dental trailer was a harsh reminder to many of us of that basic health and welfare deficiencies in our community at the time."*

*I observe that trailer again as a reminder how far our tribe has progressed since our younger days. Many our younger people will take it for granted since they haven't had the experiences of our day.*

Larry Campbell  
February 2011

# CANOE JOURNEY 2011



Carneen Allen demonstrates how to weave a small cedar basket in a recent crafts class.



## Cedar Gifts for the Canoe Journey

The Canoe Journey 2011 office, located on the first floor of the Social Services Building, has been a very busy place lately. Regular craft classes are being hosted for Journey volunteers to come and help make give away gifts.

*photos by Ann Smock*



Aurelia Washington



Melissa Miller

## Next Community Dinner

March 16, 2011

6:00 PM



## Protect Mother Earth Task Force



A time for healing, The Paddle to Swinomish 2011 is about five months away. The Protect Mother Earth Task Force has been meeting each month, planning, and organizing for this low-waste event. We are currently recruiting more group members and volunteers to help in our efforts for this cultural event. All are welcome to join the group, if you are interested in learning more of what the Protect Mother Earth Task Force is doing, please join us in our next meeting.

### Our Purpose:

We will support the waste reduction efforts and initiate recycling, and educational opportunities for volunteers and other interested parties during the Tribal Canoe Journey 2011.

### Would You Like To Become Involved?

Please Email: Annitra Ferderer- Environmental Educator  
aferderer@swinomish.nsn.us

**NEXT MEETING:**  
Wednesday, March 9th  
in the Planning Department  
Conference room from  
2:30- 5:30 pm

PME Group Members: Annitra Ferderer, Britta Eschete, Caroline Edwards, Cathi Bassford, Eric Day, Kelley Gemmell-Bruce (Advisor), Medicine Bear, Ray K. Williams, Sandra Radin, Theresa Trebon, Tiffany Hoyopatubbi, Shelly Vendiola (Facilitator).

Protect Mother Earth Task Force – is a subcommittee of the Canoe Journey Steering Committee, formed to plan the recycling and research composting options for a “low-waste” Canoe Journey 2011.

# SWINOMISH SHINES AT LCMS 8TH GRADE CULTURE FAIR

photos by CJ Edwards

Jacob Cruz with his project- 'Salmon Cooks'



Cordell Manibusen with his project- 'Sew Neat'



Allen John with his project- 'Just Dance'



Mathew Damien with his project- 'Swimming Through My Past'



Mariah Clark with her project- 'Dancing in the Kitchen'



Kiana Williams with her project- 'Weaving My Past Together'



Austin Stewart with his project- 'Scuba Steve'



Darrell Williams with his project- 'Good with the Law and the Saw'



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YOUTH CENTER CALENDAR

MARCH



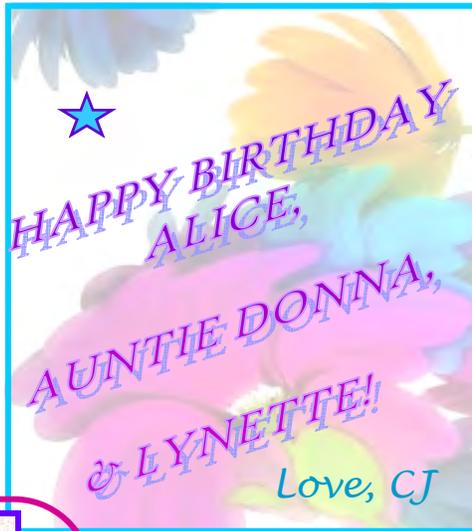
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|     |  | 1                      | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5  |
|     |  |                        | Mid-Winter Break<br><br>10-6pm<br><b>IMAX Theater</b><br><br>MS Youth Group 5:30<br>HS Youth Group 6:30 | Mid-Winter Break<br><br>10-6pm<br><b>Jungle Playland</b><br><br> | Mid-Winter Break<br><br>10-6pm<br><b>Sledding</b><br><br><br><br>Planet Jupiter<br>Chief Seattle Club |  |
| 6   | 7                                      | 8                      | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12   |
|     | Open Swim 6pm<br>Ages 8 and up<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>MS Youth Group 5:30<br>HS Youth Group 6:30  | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>   | Swimming<br><br>  | UW Softball Game<br><br>                               |
| 13  | 14                                     | 15                     | 16  | 17   | 18  | 19   |
|     | Open Swim 6pm<br>Ages 8 and up<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>MS Youth Group 5:30<br>HS Youth Group 6:30  | St. Patrick's Day<br><br>  | Movies<br><br>  | Seattle Thunderbirds Game                              |
| 20  | 21                                     | 22                     | 23  | 24   | 25  | 26   |
|     | Open Swim 6pm<br>Ages 8 and up<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>MS Youth Group 5:30<br>HS Youth Group 6:30  | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>   |   | Trip to Mt. Baker<br><br>TBA                           |
| 27  | 28                                     | 29                     | 30  | 31   |   |  |
|     |  | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br> | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>MS Youth Group 5:30<br>HS Youth Group 6:30  | Open Gym 7-9pm<br><br>   | High School Youth Group Activity in<br><b>Red</b>   | Middle School Youth Group Activity in<br><b>Purple</b> |

# CELEBRATIONS

MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>  
 HAPPY  
 BIRTHDAY  
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 From, your  
 sister Ada



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 Love, CJ

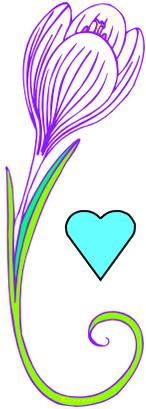


Eva Bea Porter  
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 lots!  
 Love from the  
 Whole  
 Family.






Happy 1st Birthday  
 Miss Tori Wilbur!

Taylor Edwards    Kaleb Parker    Siomi Bobb





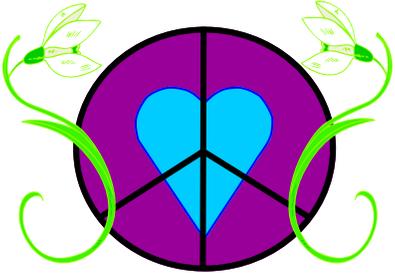
Tons of Love from  
 your whole Family!

Happy  
 Birthday  
 To You!



Miss Jamie  
 Damien!  
 We Love You!  
 Mommy & Daddy

Happy Birthday  
 Jillian Wolf-John!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
 SHERI!!!



Happy Birthday  
 Sheri Chagnon &  
 Rachel Morris

★HAPPY★  
 BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday  
 Phillip  
 Morris!




Best wishes  
 from Mom  
 and your  
 families at  
 Swinomish

Flower:  
Daffodil



## March Birthdays!

### Birthstone: *Aquamarine*



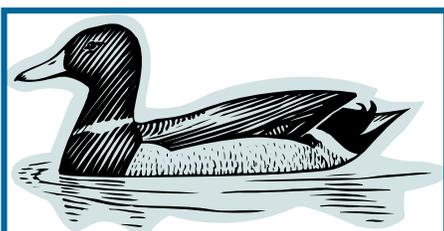
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| <p>3/1 Edith Marie Palmer</p> <p>3/3 Jillian Harene Wolf-John,</p> <p>3/3 Jason Owen Paul</p> <p>3/3 Rachel Louise Morris</p> <p>3/3 Tori Hazel- Annette Wilbur</p> <p>3/3 Alice Charles</p> <p>3/4 Alice C. Topaum</p> <p>3/4 Sheri Naomi Chagnon</p> <p>3/5 Derek Anthony Damien</p> <p>3/5 Marvin Roger Archuleta</p> <p>3/5 William L. Washington</p> <p>3/5 Keith David Perry</p> <p>3/5 Andrea Mia Wilbur</p> <p>3/6 Donna Jean Charles</p> <p>3/6 Mailee Athena Marie Nguyen</p> <p>3/6 Barbara A. White</p> <p>3/7 Gertrude Jacqueline Damien</p> <p>3/7 Joshua Johnston</p> <p>3/7 Herbert Franklin Murchison</p> <p>3/7 Marco Damien</p> <p>3/7 Sarah Anne Cook</p> <p>3/8 Jeffrey Craig Moore</p> <p>3/9 Velma Suzette Lockrem</p> <p>3/10 Claude Anthony Wilbur Jr.</p> <p>3/10 Johnny, Robert Andrew</p> <p>3/10 Ace Cory Baker Jr.</p> | <p>3/11 Jamie Nicole Damien</p> <p>3/11 Alta R. Cassimere</p> <p>3/12 Javaughn Bill</p> <p>3/12 Levi Donald Paul</p> <p>3/12 Ishmael Malik Joseph Villaluz</p> <p>3/13 Bettina Vivian Louise Joe</p> <p>3/13 Carol John</p> <p>3/13 Jenieva Leemarie Tom</p> <p>3/13 Jennifer Nahleen McAbee</p> <p>3/14 Phillip Roland Morris</p> <p>3/14 Larry Kenneth Bill</p> <p>3/15 Clara Rose Seward</p> <p>3/16 Dianna F. Paul</p> <p>3/17 Eva Bea Porter</p> <p>3/17 John Phillip Cayou Jr.</p> <p>3/17 Dave William Johnston</p> <p>3/17 Jeff Patrick Shongutsie</p> <p>3/17 Alfonso Joseph Sampson</p> <p>3/18 Warren Henry Fornsby</p> <p>3/18 Adam Michael Day</p> <p>3/19 Bill, Douglas Anthony</p> <p>3/19 Raymond Kanim Williams Jr</p> <p>3/19 Jaydin R. L. F. Eagleheart-Clark</p> <p>3/19 Nellie Angelina Edge</p> <p>3/19 Kailee Lynette Elain Merian Perry</p> | <p>3/20 Rudy Paul Vendiola</p> <p>3/21 Cheyenne M. Weatherby</p> <p>3/21 Isaias Martin J. Guzman</p> <p>3/21 Larry Wm. Campbell Jr.</p> <p>3/21 Kaleb John Parker</p> <p>3/22 Ariel LaPointe</p> <p>3/22 Elijah David Nguyen</p> <p>3/22 Taylor Shae Edwards</p> <p>3/22 Tandy Wolf Wilbur III</p> <p>3/22 Sabrina Maria Joe</p> <p>3/22 Devin Wilbur-Blankenship</p> <p>3/23 Richard J. Cayou Jr.</p> <p>3/23 Emily Angela Mae Jimmy</p> <p>3/23 John Carl Grossglass III</p> <p>3/24 Phyllis Audrey McCoy</p> <p>3/25 Donald J. F. Damien III</p> <p>3/27 Bruce Thomas James, Sr.</p> <p>3/27 Siomi Lee Bobb</p> <p>3/28 Clayton Charles Day</p> <p>3/29 Brent Jason Bobb Jr.</p> <p>3/29 Arthur Roderick Billy, Sr</p> <p>3/30 Brenda Elizabeth Williams</p> <p>3/30 Alex Stewart</p> <p>3/31 Raymond Mitchell</p> <p>3/31 Roberta Ann Cladoosby</p> |
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Constellation:  
Aries the Ram  
3/20-4/20



Constellation:  
Pisces the Fish  
2/20-3/20



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DONALD!**

**From, your sister Ada**



### Takeo Coen Hart

Born February 24, 2011  
Bellingham, WA 7:04 AM  
8 lbs 6 oz and 21" long

Parents:

Sarah Chagnon & Ian Hart

Maternal Grandmother: Julie Bobb  
Gunther

Maternal Great Grandmother: Wi-  
nona Bobb

*Baby Boy*



## BULLETIN BOARD



**JOB FAIR**  
**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**SWINOMISH SOCIAL SERVICES BLDG**



**All Employees:**

Please remember it is your responsibility to maintain your own pay stubs for future reference. It is very time consuming and cumbersome on accounting staff to pull / copy prior pay stubs.

In the future, we will not provide copies of pay stubs. If you have misplaced your pay stubs and have a letter from a third party requesting the information, we can provide a payroll history report. This information will be returned to you within one business day.

*From the Accounting Dept.*

COMING IN APRIL



**10th Annual 4 TRIBES  
FITNESS CHALLENGE**

**APRIL 3RD TO MAY 28TH**

**CONTACT THE FITNESS CENTER FOR MORE  
INFORMATION: 466-3151**

**FREE LEGAL CLINIC FOR LOW INCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**Thursdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Social Services Building-Room 206A**

**Next Clinic: March 17, 2011**

On February 17, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., an attorney from the Northwest Justice Project will be providing its monthly service of free legal consultations to eligible tribal members. The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a not-for-profit statewide organization that provides free civil legal services to low-income people from 13-offices and 4-satellite locations throughout the state of Washington. An NJP attorney will meet with individuals in a confidential setting at the Social Services Building on the Swinomish Reservation the 3rd Thursday of each month to discuss civil legal matters (no criminal issues). Such civil legal issues may include:

- (1) Housing - evictions;
- (2) consumer - payday loans, predatory lending, collections;
- (3) education -suspensions, expulsions;
- (4) employment - terminations, wage disputes;
- (5) family law issues - custody, dissolutions, child support;
- (6) health care and welfare benefits.

To be eligible for services an individual's income must be lower than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines.

For a household of 2, that would be less than \$1,517.75 per month.

For a household of 4 that would be less than \$2,296.92 per month.

No appointment is necessary. Please bring all paperwork related to your legal problem. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Brooke Pinkham at 1-888-201-1012; ext. 632 or Jean Seeley at ext. 631.

**[Please Note: The next Legal Clinics will be held on: April 21, 2011; May 19, 2011; and June 16, 2011.]**

**Volunteer Categories:**

1. Protect Mother Earth (recycling).
2. Facilities (waste, grounds, water).
3. Medical and First Aid.
4. Safety & Security (traffic, parking).
5. Food & Meals (preparation, service, set up, clean up).

To download your  
**"Volunteer Agreement and Release"**  
 visit the Canoe Journey website:

<http://paddletoswinomish.com>

Or email [Volunteers@PaddleToSwinomish.com](mailto:Volunteers@PaddleToSwinomish.com).



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Center for Indian Law &amp; Policy

## Have you written your will?

If you die without a will, it is called dying "intestate" which allows the Government to determine:

- Who receives your property;
- What amount they will receive; and
- Whether your trust property may be subject to a forced sale at probate.

## You Need a Will If...

- You are over 18.
- You have, or may acquire, trust land, non-trust land, or personal property.
- You have children or step-children under 18.
- You want to leave property to someone who is **NOT** in your immediate, blood family.
- You want to leave income from an interest to a non-Indian spouse.
- You want to stop further fractionation of your land.

## Confidential Free Estate Planning and Will Drafting Service provided for Swinomish Tribal Members

If you are interested in drafting a new will OR changing an existing will to comply with Tribal, State, and Federal Law, please contact the:

**Institute for Indian Estate Planning & Probate at (206) 398-4284.**

\*Tribal members will be placed on a waitlist for Estate Planning Services between May and August 2011. We look forward to hearing from you!

## INDIAN BUSINESS NEWS- TRUST



Jim Stanley

There will be many uncertain moments as a tribe, band, or first nation move to achieve economic diversification and prosperity. I believe that the Sovereign Nations that will enjoy the most success are those that have learned the principle of trust between people. Personal relationships are the key to the possibility of progress because it is impossible to know all things about everything. It is peoples' connections, experience, and knowledge that allow entrepreneurs and leaders to traverse the business world and achieve goals. There is no better way to put oneself into position to succeed or defend against failure than to build the right team made up of players that can help you when a situation matches their skill set.

To set the stage for what I am about to write I first want to acknowledge that historically the Indian has been taken advantage of by many parties and this rightfully has created a suspicion of outsiders that do not understand our culture or history. With that said, I make the argument that today, the futures between tribal businesses and off reservation businesses are inextricably linked. I have been witness to the fact that the success of any company is due to the relationships that the owners make with others. The magic between people in business is when two parties grow to know each other so that they understand the other's wants and needs. And the relationship is such that one will help the other even if it does not result in

direct benefit of the helper. This kind of relationship is the key to achieving extraordinary success. Let me give you an example in my life.

When I first entered banking I toiled with the balance of building my contacts and closing business to keep my job. I was mediocre at best but I tried hard and was given a chance to prove myself because my boss could see that I was a natural relationship builder where I genuinely liked people and listen to the events in their life that give background to how they came to be (I think this is one of my good Indian traits). As time went on I found mentors much smarter than myself with long track records of sustained success. They taught me that the first step to achieving extraordinary results is to relate to people and build trust; then find ways to help them because help almost always finds a way to come back. Helping someone does not need to be a big thing, it can be something simple. At a networking event I was introduced by a mutual friend to a banker that worked for a competitor. I took their card and asked them how they built their business. I liked this person and discovered that I could possibly help them so during our conversation I said there was a customer of mine that I should introduce her to. I explained I did not have a product that they needed but it sounded like there was a fit. We parted and I followed up a few days later after discussing this person with my customer. It was a match. A couple of months passed then I received a call from the banker I helped. This time she had a client that exceeded her lending limit and I was offered the opportunity to bid on the business. I won a \$2 million dollar deal that I otherwise would not have known about.

If you have the desire to build your business and would take suggestion on how to start, I suggest finding the right relationships. Talk with those you trust or someone you connect with at a tribal sponsored event. Let them know your challenges and listen to theirs. Offer anybody who you know and ask for introduction to anyone they think you should meet. If you do receive an introduction that is a name and phone number and feel nervous about calling, know that that is ok. Don't make it into a big deal. You do not have to divulge sensitive information but instead ask them how they know the referring party. It will give you a basis for the conversation and depending on what they say you can decide if you want to further the discussion. If not that is ok, keep looking. Also, if you get on the phone and the person starts talking about money like you are a meal ticket and not trying to determine a true connection that is ok too. They just don't get it, keep looking. Also, I think it is valid to point out that the people in best position to help are those that currently provide services to tribes. I am talking about the lawyers, CPA's & auditors, bankers, food service providers and other vendors that already serve tribal businesses and governments. They want a stronger customer that can do business with them for a long time, why wouldn't they want to help? If they have been around for a while their network of good people is likely to run deep which is a gold mine of resources. Start a conversation.

*Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Vice president of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber. He freely shares his knowledge and resources with you, his cousin, for your economic benefit. Jim can be reached at: [sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com](mailto:sovereigndevelopment@hotmail.com).*



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Tribal Community



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# *2011 Sobriety Dinner*

## **Swinomish Elder's Sobriety Recognition**

## **Joe Dunn Inspirational Sobriety Recognition**

# *Vote Now!*

By calling Mary Ellen Cayou @ 466-7218 (leave a message)

or

email at [mcayou@swinomish.nsn.us](mailto:mcayou@swinomish.nsn.us)

**Deadline for voting is  
March 10th, 2011**

The Sobriety Dinner is April 27th