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Meaning: "slide paddles" between wall and hanging mats where they are stored for winter; weather too bad for canoeing.

Swinomish: First Tribal Police Department in Washington to Earn State Accreditation and 2nd in Nation



Assistant Police Chief Glenn Hutchings, Police Chief Tom Schlicker, Accreditation Team member Ann Smock, and Accreditation Manager Dave Smailes, show the plaque awarded to the Swinomish Police Department at this November's WASPC (Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs) convention held in Chelan, Washington. It took nearly three years and various changes in structure and procedure to meet WASPC's strict accreditation standards. Of the 269 law enforcement agencies in the state, only 43 have passed WASPC accreditation. Only one of them is tribal—that's Swinomish.

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**Cover photo by Sergeant George
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Keeyoks Kiyuuq^ws Mission

The mission of the Keeyoks kiyuuq^ws news-
paper is to provide monthly communication
within the Swinomish swədəbš Indian Tribal
Community, near and far. It is committed to
serving as an apolitical forum for SITC govern-
ing officials and all community members.



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**SPEE-POTS****CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY BRIAN CLADOOSBY**

The year 2010 has been a year of wonderful and sad moments for us all. Here at Swinomish, we can be thankful for the strength that has come from our family linkages and culture to keep us standing up to all of the challenges we face each day. We mourn the loss of our loved ones and smile with joy for the new babies who have joined us.

I just want to share a few memories of gratitude to my community, as these are some highlights that bring smiles to my day....

In March, we all went on a great adventure of pride as we watched our La Conner Boys Basketball Team travel to the State Tournament in Spokane. We cheered on with our friends as the Swinomish boys brought old basketball memories to life on the court, and made new history of their own. To them I raise my hands, for it takes commitment and strength to rise above it all

and accomplish your dreams. As an aged basketball hoopster like myself, my old basketball shoes are ready for a challenge; just come and knock any time.

Education is a precious gift to our children, and we are committed to providing the best opportunities to help them achieve their goals. Each year our K-8 students take the Washington State assessments, and today we still face the tough challenges of low testing scores and attendance. For many years, our Senate has built programs to address these challenges. Here are a few that have helped us: (1) the Susan Wilbur Edwards Early Education Center, with its preschool and toddler programs, is now one of the leading centers in the Skagit; (2) a para-professional program provides 20 teachers with assistants who work with our children in the classrooms; and (3) a full-time attendance officer supports students and their families achieve regular attendance. We have started a new after school tutoring program, and we are seeking parents and members to volunteer their time to support the program. If you can help, please contact Tracy James in the Education Department. This year turned out to be one of our best for testing scores and attendance. Although there is still a great challenge in front of us, small achievements are being won by our students every year. For this I raise my hands to the students and families who have committed to making a difference.

The sockeye have come! This year, we celebrated one of the largest runs of sockeye in over 70 years. We often say Swinomish has the second largest fishing fleet in Washington, and we are proud to share with the outside world that Swinomish is a fishing community, always has been, and always will be. Our celebration of the abundance of sockeye is felt throughout the Coast Salish Territory, as our brothers from Bella Coola down through the Columbia River all honored one of the largest returns since 1917. We are grateful to our neighboring Coast Salish communities for standing by us to fighting for a clean environment, water and habitat, so that when we are elders, our children and grandchildren can live our way of life, and one day bring fresh sockeye to our doors.

I can reflect upon these wonderful moments of 2010, but I also am realistic about the challenges we have faced within our community. There is a long time battle with the drugs, pills, and abuse. As your Senate, we are committed to providing as much support for our members who suffer from abuse and addiction. It has taken time and funding to provide us the capacity to build and staff a women's shelter within our community. In March 2011, we plan to open the first shelter in order to provide safe shelter and provides support to those who are in a difficult and dangerous situation. I am thankful to our members and community for their commitment to address this challenge. I look forward to working with all of you to continue to provide assistance to those who are in need and seeking help to live a safe and healthy life.

There is much to be done in 2011, and one of them is facing the economic challenges for Washington State. My fellow senators are leading our staff to strategically plan and ensure sustainable social and health programs, safe and prosperous investments for economic development, and protect all of our community programs from federal and state financial and policy impacts. Yes, there are bumps in the road. However, I believe that between the senior leadership of our senators and your qualified staff members, we will endure these challenges and face these hardships.

Yes indeed, I am thankful for my family, community and the Creator for blessing us with his protection so we may continue to live healthy lives in a place we all call home. I am grateful for all of you who have stood together strong, so we may ensure our families get through the tough times, laugh during the good times and depend upon one another at all times. Thank you to all of you for giving me the best life I could have ever wished for as your chairman and friend. May the Creator bless you all during this holiday season and into the new year. ~ Spee pots



Native Plant of the Month



Landscape Value

Black Gooseberry holds many values when planted in your yard. Birds such as towhees, waxwings, woodpeckers, and grouse eat the fruit on or off the stem. Coyote, foxes, mountain beavers, raccoons, skunks, chipmunks, squirrels, porcupines, deer and elk also supplement their diet with the fruit. When in bloom, the flowers provide essential nectar for hummingbirds.

Plant near the forests edge, open forests, seeps or springs, lake shores, streams or riverbanks. This shrub likes partial shade/sun and moist conditions, in lower elevation areas of Washington State.

Historically the bark has been peeled and boiled into tea, drunk during childbirth, general body aches, and as a wash for sore eyes. Berries are eaten fresh when ripe, but generally too small for storage. Leaves and berries can make tea, and some have an allergic reaction from the prickles on the stem.

Black Gooseberry *Ribes lacustre* *tábx^w* (*skágat dialect*)

- Erect to spreading shrub with spiny stems
- Grows up to 6.5 feet tall
- The stem has numerous small golden prickles, and larger spines (to 12 mm) at leaf nodes
- The leaves alternate, with 5 deeply indented lobes and heart-shaped base, somewhat maple shaped, dark glossy green color
- Produces small, saucer-shaped, reddish to maroon, in dropping clusters of 7-15 flowers April through July
- Fruit is dark purple, bristly with stalked glands, shape is spherical, roughly 6-8 mm



əsju?il ʔáxá wəli?əɫdat

(Merry Christmas)

Pronunciation: us-joo-eel haha wul-ee-uth-dot



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Swinomish
Christmas Eve
Program**

**When: December 24th
Where: Social Services
Building
Time: 6:00 PM**

**Christmas Eve
Mass at
St. Paul's Catholic
Church**

**December 24th
10:00 PM**

The Spirit of Giving

Swinomish Tribal
Community employee,
Tiffany Hoyopatubbi, and her
Grandmother Ronnie donated
new Nike jackets and shoes to all
the tribal boys in high school last
year, so they would have a nice
Christmas gift. They are doing it
again this year for all the tribal
girls in high school. Many
blessings to these two
generous women!!

The word Nike comes from Greek Mythology. Nike is the goddess of victory and was often depicted as a small winged figure.



You're Invited to a
Christmas Potluck with
Chief Seattle friends
DECEMBER 17TH
Spiritual Center
6:00 PM

**FIREWORKS SALES
CALENDAR**

New Years Season 2010-2011

Permit Sales	Dec. 7th, 8:30 AM– Dec. 9, 1:00 PM
Public Drawing	N/A
Stand Construction	Dec. 11– Dec. 20, 2010
Retail Sales	Dec. 26, 2010 – Jan. 2, 2011
Stand Removal	Jan. 3, 2011– Jan. 9, 2011

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: ALL ENROLLED SITC MEMBERS

On Wednesday, December 15, 2010, from 10 AM – 6 PM,

the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community will be handing out the following in the Social Services Building:

- GIFT CARDS for all enrolled SITC members.
- SMOKED SALMON for those who come in person.
- CANDY BAGS for those who come in person.

YOU MUST COME IN PERSON TO PICK UP YOUR GIFT CARD.

If you cannot come in, you will need to contact Social Services staff:

Teeny Williams 360-466-7307 (phone), cwilliams@swinomish.nsn.us (email) or

Mary Ellen Cayou 360-466-7218 (phone), mcayou@swinomish.nsn.us (email) by 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 9 to update your mailing address so your gift card can be sent to you by certified mail.

If you have been receiving the Kee yoks each month in the mail, you DO NOT need to update your mailing address. It means we already have a valid address for you.

Social Services staff will deliver to elders, those in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and others unable to physically come to the Social Services Building.

Members who are incarcerated on the day of distribution (December 15, 2010) will not be receiving a gift card.

ALSO:

Children in middle school and high school can request to pick up their own gift cards. The child must call by 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 9 if they want their gift card held for them.

In the split household, in compliance with ICW rules and common sense, we will again give the gift card to the parent/guardian that the child physically resides with, regardless of that parent's enrollment status. This assures that the child receives the benefit.

Members residing out of state will receive their gift card by certified mail. Please provide us with any addresses (or phone numbers) you may have of your family members residing out of the area.

The cut-off date for new tribal enrollment will be Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

The gift card may be used in any store where the VISA logo is displayed.



**Staff Christmas Party
December 13 in the Bingo Hall**





The Swinomish Public Works Department is pleased to announce
the start of the 2010 Swinomish Elder & Energy Assistance
FIREWOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

WHEN: The distribution will begin on December 6, 2010

WHO: is eligible?

To be eligible for the firewood distribution program, the following program guidelines must be met:

The head of household must be either:

A Swinomish tribal elder (member of the Swinomish Tribe, and 55 years of age)

A Swinomish tribal member registered with the Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP
(LIHEAP is a Social Services program; see Mary Ellen Cayou or Colleen Williams for more information).

The household must be within the Swinomish Tribal Reservation boundary.

The household must have a wood burning stove being utilized as a source of heat for the household.

HOW: the program operates:

**The public works department will begin receiving validated eligible requests over the phone
beginning December 1, 2010.**

Public Works will verify information for each request, and assign priority.

Eligible Elder requests will be assigned top priority.

These elder request will be scheduled on a "first come, first served" basis.

Energy Assistance eligible request will be handled on a similar "first come, first served" basis;
only after all Elder request have been served.

The Public Works Department will schedule deliveries with eligible households through contact
phone numbers provided during the request.

WHAT TO DO: Call Dennis Dan 466-7380 or Medicine Bear Lone Warrior 466-7378

GATHERING FIREWOOD? KEEP THESE RULES IN MIND

1. Cutting wood, either standing or dead and down, **requires permission** of the property owner.
2. Where there are multiple property owners, you would need permission of a majority of the owners. We would recommend getting permission **in writing** in such cases, so its clear to all the owners of that property. In the case of Tribal owned land, the owners are represented by the Senate.
3. Tribal **permits** are only **needed** for cutting of standing trees in certain situations:
 - a. If clearing an **acre or more** of trees (Land Clearing permit)
 - b. If cutting **within 200 feet of shoreline** or within the buffer of a wetland, stream or similar sensitive area (usually 100 foot buffers) – Shorelines and Sensitive Areas permit. If you are unsure about a specific site call Planning Dept.
4. No Tribal permits required for wood that is already dead and down on the ground, but a standing dead tree (snag) is treated the same as a live tree for permitting because they have value to wildlife.
5. In **Right-of-Ways** along roads, you do not need permission of the owner to take wood that is **already dead and down**. If uncertain about the width of a road right-of-way, you may call the Planning Dept.
6. BIA requires a **Timber Cutting Permit** for cutting any trees with a **commercial value of \$5,000 or more** at the mill. Generally, cutting firewood for your own use (not for commercial sale) does not require this permit. We have the forms for this permit at the Planning Dept., but you would have to deal with BIA on details.
7. **Drift wood** – we **do not recommend** using drift wood as firewood for stoves. Wood that has soaked in salt water and is then burned gives off chemicals that it would be better to avoid as far as long-term exposure.

If you have questions on any of this you may contact the Planning Dept., Scott Andrews, Environmental Management Coordinator

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Northwest Justice Project

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

**Do you need advice or assistance with a civil legal problem (not criminal)
AND is your income lower than 200% of federal poverty guidelines?**

For a household of 2 that would be less than \$2428 per month

For a household of 4 that would be less than \$3675 per month.

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

**Thursday, January 20, 2011
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Swinomish Social Services Building,
Room 206A**

(No appointment necessary)

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

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

- ✓ **Family Law – custody, dissolutions, child support**
- ✓ **Housing – evictions, foreclosures**
- ✓ **Consumer – payday loans, collections, repossessions**
- ✓ **Education – suspensions, expulsions**
- ✓ **Employment – terminations**
- ✓ **Health Care and Welfare Benefits**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO
BRING ALL THE PAPER-
WORK RELATED TO
YOUR LEGAL
PROBLEM.**



**THE ALLIANCE
for Equal Justice**
MEMBER

If you have any questions or would like more information please call
Jean Seeley at 1-888-201-1012, ext. 631.



SWINOMISH INDIAN TRIBAL COMMUNITY NOTICE OF TRIBAL ELECTIONS

**PRIMARY ELECTION (IF NEEDED)
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011
GENERAL ELECTION SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2011**

TERMS EXPIRING:

Dianne Edwards, Ya-so-litza II, Senate Seat 3

Kevin Paul, Waleehub, Senate Seat 4

Tandy Wilbur, Senate Seat 5

NOTE:

**DEADLINE FOR TRIBAL SENATE NOMINATION PETITIONS:
6:00 P.M., MONDAY JANUARY 3, 2011**

**Nomination forms may be obtained from Wendy Otto, Tribal Election Officer, at the Swinomish
Administration Building, beginning on Monday November 22, 2010**

Notice of Appeal Rights: Any person excluded from an Eligible Voter List may appeal his or her exclusion to the Senate pursuant to STC 2-01.150(D)(1)(a). Any person who has been certified as a candidate may appeal the wrongful inclusion of another person in the Eligible Voters Lists to the Senate pursuant to STC 2-01.150(D)(1)(b)

FROM THE SWINOMISH TRIBAL ARCHIVES

THERESA TREBON, TRIBAL ARCHIVIST



Christmas 100 Years Ago

The 1910 newspaper article that you see at right is one of the earliest found so far that reports on how Christmas was celebrated at Swinomish.

But knowledge of the Christmas holiday had come to tribes of the Puget Sound region over seventy years before, when Christian clergy received permission to establish religious missions at Hudson's Bay Company posts, first at

Ft. Vancouver (1838), then Cowlitz Farms, and Fort Nisqually (1839).

As the Native trade at HBC outposts was a robust one, word quickly spread of the priests' arrival among the Indians of today's Western Washington. In 1839 Chief Tslalakom of central Whidbey Island traveled south to Cowlitz Farms to receive religious instruction, and soon missionaries were coming north to tribal villages to spread the Catholic faith.

By 1858, Father Casimir Chirouse had established the first mission in the lower Puget Sound region at Tulalip. He began making regular visits to Swinomish and in 1868, founded St. Paul's Mission on the reservation: the church that stands on the corner of Snee-Oosh and Reservation Road is the third there in that parish's 142-year-old history.

In 1861, Father Chirouse established the first school for the Tulalip Agency, where Christmas no doubt would have been observed each year. He soon became the federal "Indian Agent" as well, overseeing all of the reservations in the Tulalip Agency, including Swinomish. His influence here, both as the Catholic missionary, and the primary government representative, was a strong cultural force in the creation of new religious traditions at Swinomish, including the celebration of Christmas. How the holiday has been observed here has changed over the years, for example,

moving for a time to the "Government Day School" that operated on the reservation from 1897-1918, and later to American Hall, but one thing is for certain: every year, Christmas is a time of rich meaning, tradition, celebration, and generosity in the Swinomish community.



DECEMBER 29, 1910

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES

The glad and joyous Christmas time—emblematic of the birth of Christ—when the prevailing motto, "peace on earth, good will to men" is usually carried out on all sides, was duly observed in LaConner this year as usual. Christmas Tree programs were held by the Baptist and Methodist churches on Christmas Eve, the former at the Baptist church, the latter at Good Temple hall; while the various rooms in the La-Conner public schools had programs appropriate to the occasion on Thursday.

AT THE CATHOLIC.

Owing to the absence of a regular full choir, no attempt was made at special services this year. However the altar was prettily decorated as was the interior of the sanctuary generally. Mass was celebrated by the rector, Father Chas. O'Brien on Christmas morning.

AT THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL.

A very appropriate Christmas Tree program was observed at the government day school on Swinomish reservation last Friday afternoon. The tree was beautifully decorated and fairly groaned with its burden of presents. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations and declamations, and denoted careful preparation and drilling. They were in charge of the efficient teacher, Mrs. Mary Moores.

Puget Sound Mail

December 29, 1910

Left: Swinomish Day School, c. 1904

Skagit County Historical Museum

SITC Tribal Archive

OBITUARIES

Eileen A. Charles

Eileen A. Charles, age 82, a resident of the Swinomish Reservation for 60 years, passed away on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at Skagit Valley Hospital.

Eileen was born July 5, 1928 in fountain Valley, British Columbia, Canada, the daughter of David and Seraphine (Saul) Adolph.

She married Melvin Charles. She was a member of the catholic Church. Eileen was a loving mother, grandmother and homemaker.

Survivors are two daughters, Bar and her husband Bruce James, and Janet and her husband Norval Charles; two sons, Ken Edwards and his wife Bernie, and Jeff Edwards; "childhood relative but foremost best friend and sis" Rita Saul;

thirty-three grandchildren: Bruce James, Jr. and his wife Tracy, Warren James and Shauntia Cayou, Sonny James and his wife Lana, Sally and her husband Danny Rapada, Sandy and her husband James Bobb, Candace Charles and Dale Casey, Hawk Wilbur, Johnny Wilbur and Lorraine Charlie, mary James, Ben James and Christie Ward;

Great-grandchildren: Colby, Sydney, Brandy, Ivie, Terrance, Haley, Joslin, Chas, Kaitlyn, Daniel, Siomi, Alexis, James, Jr., Kahneesha, Kalona, Tredamas, Shaniquah, Tori, Lilly, Calli, Johnathan Jack, Aurelia Keo, Xavier, Hamylea, Mayleah, Jenieva, Chenoah, Raylee, Cheryl, Petty, Kyle, Raven, and Kaylee.

A prayer service was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7:00 PM, followed by a funeral service on Wednesday, November 16, 2010. Both services were held at the Social Services Building on the Swinomish Reservation.

Arrangements were under the care of Kern Funeral Home of Mt. Vernon.



Margaret A. (Sampson) Ross



Margaret A. Ross, 98, a member of the Swinomish Tribe, passed away on Monday, October 25, 2010. Margaret was born on October 7, 1912, in Bow, WA, the daughter of James and Mary (Moore) Sampson.

Marge grew up in the Skagit Valley. She attended the Tulalip and Chemawa Indian Schools.

After graduating, she began her career as a nursing assistant in Warm Springs, Oregon.

During WW II, she worked as a riveter, building airplanes. After the war, she returned to the medical field, working in Tacoma at the Cushman Indian Hospital, and later transferring to the United States Public Health Hospital in Seattle until her retirement in 1973.

Marge enjoyed playing bingo, watching the Mariners, traveling with the elder's group, doing crossword Puzzles, and trying her luck at the casinos.

Marge is survived by her daughter, Joyce Reyes; sons, George Meachem, Sr., Jim Hook and his wife Judy, and Jody Hook. She also leaves behind many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Prayer services were held on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM, followed by funeral services on October 29th, 2010 at 10:00 AM. Both services were held at the Social Services Building on the Swinomish Reservation.

Arrangements were under the care of Kern Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon.



OUR TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, PART 4

By Diane Vendiola

So far in this series, we have educated ourselves about the meaning of “**sovereignty**.” The Meriam-Webster Dictionary gives an example of a sentence using the word, **sovereignty**:

*“Nor was the **sovereignty** of the Native Hawaiian race recognized at the time Hawaii became a state.”*

Last month, I wrote about the events happening here in 1543 to 1855, when our traditional homelands were being claimed by foreign countries. We know that the signing of the Point Elliott treaty by our ancestors, one-hundred and fifty-five years ago, reserved rights for them and for us, (their future generations).

These rights have helped preserve elements of our way of life and our culture as Puget Salish Indian people. These rights were, of course, already in existence for our ancestors living here before the treaties. *They are not rights given to us by anybody.* Tribal leaders, still today, protect their and our *Tribal Treaty Rights* to fish, hunt, and gather foods and medicines throughout our aboriginal territories.

Tribal Treaty Rights benefit the non-Indian who claimed ownership to land before Washington became a state and the tribal people who gave up the land for *promises* given by the United States government. The signing of the treaties gave settlers rights to homestead the Northwest. It also secured the new U.S. government (at that time,) ownership of Pacific Northwest territory before Britain, Russia or Spain could get it.

U.S. treaty promises include official recognition of “inherent sovereignty” of tribes, meaning that tribes are partners in a government to government relationship with both the State of Washington and the United States Government.

The right to hunt and fish in our usual and accustomed places were also reserved in the treaties. These are **not special** rights, they are part of the deal our ancestors made in exchange for the 31 million acres Indian people ceded.

As David Nicandri, a non-Indian put it, “*....by what right do we presume to have the land that we have, or the right to buy it, or sell it? Well, we bought it from someone who bought it from someone—who secured it for free from the United States Government who secured it from the Indian people in the treaties.*”

Today, tribes co-manage the fisheries with the state. According to Billy Frank, Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, “*It wasn’t long ago that all salmon returning to Western Washington were lumped together and managed as a whole. Only after the treaty tribes became co-managers in the 1970s did salmon management begin on a river-by-river basis using hard, accurate data. The state co-managers joined some tribes, such as Muckleshoot, Nisqually and Puyallup, in closing coho fisheries this fall because returns were too low to support harvest. No one suggested that we also tear out the river’s dikes or fix the other habitat problems that are the root cause of the low runs. We stop fishing, but habitat loss and damage goes on every hour of every day.*”

We Swinomish have experienced tremendous growth and progress over the past 40 years. Our past and present leaders have stepped up to exercise governmental authority and control in Indian Country. We now have a college right here at Swinomish. Our Tribal leader and Community Education Committee sit down together with our La Conner School District administrators to ensure that our Swinomish children receive the best education possible.

We, the Swinomish Tribal people, strive to educate ourselves about our history and our sovereignty. The idea of tribal sovereignty is 15,000 years old, but it lives today, by the people and for the people.

Our state’s schools are charged with teaching their students about Washington State History, and that includes Tribal Sovereignty. We Swinomish parents, grand parents, uncles, aunties have always been obligated to see to it that our young ones are taught well. Rights can be preserved only if they are understood. Agree? *To be continued.*

For more information, visit: [Since Time Immemorial: Tribal Sovereignty in Washington State Curriculum](http://tribalsov.ospi.k12.wa.us) <http://tribalsov.ospi.k12.wa.us>

SWINOMISH EDUCATION

The fall Education Dinner is held during parent-teacher conferences and is always well-attended. The awardees from Swinomish were far too many to fit on a page, but here are a representative few showing their certificates. (below: Cincerra Grossglass)



Tracy James
Education Director



Cora Clark



(left)
Betsy Campbell



Shawn Sampson



Marlon Stone



Alyssa McCormick



8TH GRADE CULTURE FAIR

Will be held on **FEBRUARY 15th!**

This year, the Swinomish After School Program will provide special study nights to help students and families with their Culture Fair exhibit.

The dates for Culture Fair Preparation nights are:

January 11th, 18th, and 25th

February 1st and 8th.

6:00 to 8:00 PM

Take advantage of this great opportunity to get help in preparing your presentation.

LA CONNER SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

December 6 Booster Club meets 7:00 PM

December 13 School Board mtg. 5:30-6:30 PM

December 15 **Band Concert 7:00 PM**

December 17 is a half day.

Christmas Break begins December 20th.
Students go back to school January 3rd.



View of the center from Swinomish Channel

SUSAN EDWARDS-WILBUR EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

PRESCHOOL

TODDLER PROGRAM AND CHILD CARE

The average four year-old child asks over four hundred questions a day.



Anthony Smith
Director

From the Center and the KEE YOKS:

Thank you parents and kids for your patience and cooperation during this fall's picture day. Having the KEE YOKS take and process the pictures saves every-one money, but was also a new experience for many of us. If you have questions regarding your child's photos, please contact the Early Education Center (we are handling all the paperwork & CDs). If a make-up session is needed, we will set it up with the KEEYOKS for you.



Jeanne Robson
Director
and Brent Bobb
on picture day

Fun facts for Kids of all ages



The largest earthworm on record was found in South Africa and measured 22 feet.

A rose imprint that was fossilized in a slate was discovered in Florissant, Colorado, which is said to be thirty-five million years old.

The dragonfly has not changed over the last 300 million years.

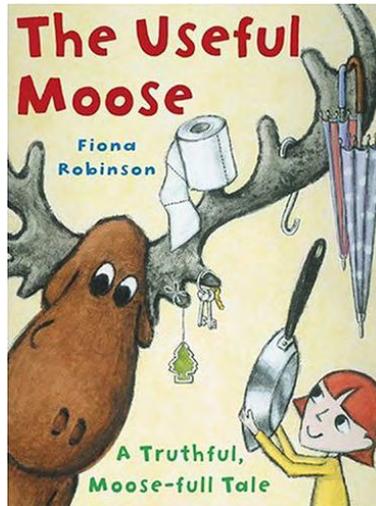
Bugs Bunny was originally called "Happy Rabbit."



Thomas Edison was afraid of the dark. (Hence, the light bulb?)



The word "moose" comes from the native Algonquian Indian word meaning "twig eater."

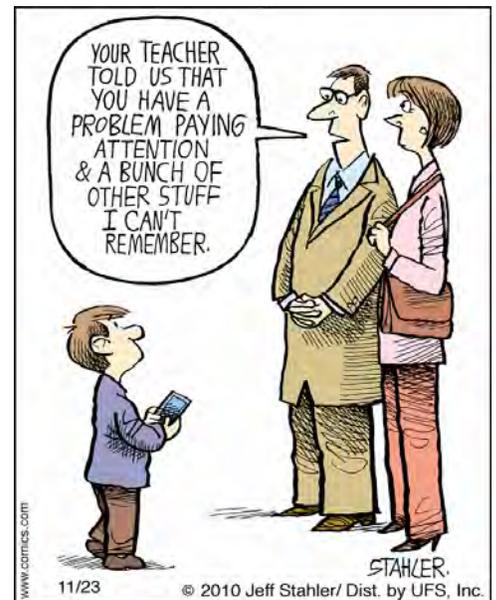


The only woman that has appeared on a U.S. paper currency is Martha Washington.

The Saguaro Cactus, found in South-western United States does not grow branches until it is 75 years old.

Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history.

- Spades - King David,
- Clubs - Alexander the Great,
- Hearts - Charlemagne,
- Diamonds - Julius Caesar.



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Contact:
Gaylene Gobert,
Site Manager
(360) 466-4380
Ext. 1

NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE



LAST DAY WINTER QUARTER: DECEMBER 10

NEW BUILDING HOURS

Until the end of the school year:

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday through Thursday

9:00 Am to 4:30 PM on Friday

If you need extra help with math or English,
there will be a tutor on site to help.

If you need to work on your on-line class,
we have computers available.

REGISTER NOW!!!!

For Winter Quarter 2011

Classes

(January 10th—first day)

***Just a reminder that the online bookstore
will accept vouchers from the dates below:***

Start date: 11/15/2010

End date: 01/25/2011

See: Gaylene Gobert, 466-4380, Ext.1
For class schedule (there have been class
cancellations and additions).

I AM NORTHWEST INDIAN COLLEGE!

"I am Northwest Indian College" is a one minute video produced by Longhouse Media. Longhouse Media interviewed students who shared their thoughts on NWIC to create this public service announcement.

To view the video on Youtube.com search: *I am Northwest Indian College*

Several Swinomish students are in this video!

To learn more about Longhouse Media view their website: *Longhouse Media*





FREE BUSINESS HELP FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Starting Your Own Business: A Step-by-Step Guide

Are you ready to take the first official steps to starting your own business? If so, then there are some important steps to be taken in order to legally establish your business in the State of Washington. You will need to decide what business structure is best for your situation and take the proper steps to submit the necessary applications and obtain the appropriate licenses. This can be a complicated process, but hopefully we can help clear some things up with our publication "Starting Your Own Business: A Step-by-Step Guide" online as a PDF.

The Center for Economic Vitality (CEV) at Western Washington University is available to help Native entrepreneurs. The CEV offers free, confidential business counseling in person or virtually. To schedule an appointment or learn more about us call (360) 733-4014 or visit our website at: www.cevforbusiness.com

Note: Much of this information was taken from a guide provided by Washington State at the following link:
<http://access.wa.gov/business/checklist/checklist1.aspx>.

If you would like more information, visiting the step-by-step guide they provide may be useful.



Additional topics and publishing schedule include:

- ☞ Intro to marketing – who are customers and how to find them
* December 10, 2010 *
- ☞ Intro to advertising, January 10, 2011
- ☞ Advertising on a shoestring, February 10, 2011
- ☞ Key concepts in customer service, March 10, 2011
- ☞ Selling Native Art – local festival/events & how to sell at them,
April 11, 2011

Selling Native Art – selling on Etsy or similar sites, May 10, 2011

Other topics, TBA

Contact: Tom Dorr, Director, Center for Economic Vitality
College of Business and Economics
Western Washington University
(360) 733-4014, extension 123



Northwest Indian College

Native Art Market

December 11 & 12, 2010
12:00pm-4:00pm

New location- Whatcom County History & Art,
250 Flora St, Bellingham, Wa

Participant Admission Fee: \$3.00
Vendor Fee: \$35



Edhyl Warbus



Lora Boome, Upper Skagit



Tiffany McKenney, Makah

*N*ative Artists will sell items including: cedar baskets, cedar hats, coastal carvings, jewelry, paintings, ornaments and more. Make checks payable to Northwest Indian College. To reserve a table or for more info please contact Ruth Solomon at 360-392-4259 or e-mail: rsolomon@nwic.edu

Winter Lushootseed dx^wlǎšucid Language Classes now forming

If you are interested,
contact Carmen Pastores-Joe
cpastores-
joe@swinomish.nsn.us
Office: 360-466-7356
Cell: 360-610-0021

Proposed time: Tues/Thurs
evening
5:30-6:30 PM
*Please let us know if this time
would work out for you*



POLICE



Officer Andrew Thorne

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Here we are; another Christmas Season is upon us. Since most of us have been good this year, I am sure there won't be any lumps of coal finding their way into stockings. This means most of you will be braving the crowds again, shopping all day (and night) in order to be sure Junior gets the latest gadget or gizmo everyone has been raving about.

As you prepare for your assault on the local shopping malls, your Swinomish Police Department would like to remind you that though you are in a spirit of giving, there are those out there who made the naughty list this year. These naughty elves could be watching you, waiting for a chance to take what you have planned to give. Please, take a few moments and read through the following simple and effective crime prevention tips. Put the odds in your favor that what you have will remain yours, and what you plan to give will end up with the person you planned to give it to.

WHEN YOU ARE OUT AND ABOUT

- * Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- * Shop with a friend(s). There is safety in numbers.
- * Avoid carrying large amounts of cash. If you do, avoid letting people see it. If it is possible, only carry your driver's license, personal checks, and/or necessary credit or debit cards with you.
- * If you must carry a purse, carry it tightly under your arms or, better yet, wear a fanny pack.
- * Do not carry a wallet in a back pocket. For better security, wallets should be carried in the front pocket of your pants or jacket.
- * Be aware! Naughty elves are looking for the "high dollar" shopping bags to see where you have been shopping. When possible, put your purchases in plain non-descript bags that don't advertise what stores you have visited.
- * Educate your children about what to do if they are lost. If your child should get separated or lost, instruct them to seek a store clerk or mall security guard in order to ask for help.
- * If you do return to your vehicle to unload purchases, place them in the trunk if possible, or place them out of sight in the car, under a blanket or a coat.
- * Finish your shopping before the store closes, so you can be sure there are still other people around. You don't want to become a lone target.

WHEN YOU ARE IN PARKING LOTS



- * Try to shop as early as possible to avoid the darkness of night time.
- * Park in highly visible areas in case you do get stuck after dark.
- * Before you arrive at a mall parking lot, lock your valuables inside your trunk or at least hide them under a blanket or coat. Keep valuables "out of sight."
- * Try to leave the stores with other people and not alone.
- * As you approach your vehicle, be watchful to anyone "loitering" around who may not belong there. Look around and even under your vehicle as you approach it.
- * Watch for anyone who may be following you. If you suspect someone is following you, return to the store and contact security.
- * Have your car keys out and ready BEFORE you get to your car. Once safely inside your car, lock the doors immediately.
- * If you plan to put purchases inside your car and then return to the store for more shopping, do not leave your car in the same place. Those same naughty elves are looking for this very opportunity to grab what they can while you are away. It is best to drive to another area and re-park away from where you have been. Then return to your shopping.

TIPS FOR THE HOME

- * Keep the outside of your home well lit in the front and back.
- * Keep your doors locked and the curtains closed when you are away.
- * Do not put gifts under the tree if they can be seen from outside by people looking into your windows or doors.
- * After the holidays, do not advertise the gifts you have received by placing the boxes out by the garbage cans. Instead, destroy the boxes or place them in garbage bags that are black and non-see-through.



Finally, from all of us at the Swinomish Police Department;
May your hearts and homes be blessed and filled with the joys of this Christmas Season.



SWINOMISH WELLNESS PROGRAM

Have a Safe and Sober Holiday

What comes to mind when you think of the Holidays? For many, the holiday season is a time of joy and celebration. Spending time with loved ones, sitting in front of a warm fire, or maybe even eating too much. A time for gifting and prayer, time spent with our children and for the children.

The holidays are also a time when it can be culturally or traditionally accepted and sometimes expected, to celebrate the season with alcohol use. Alcohol is often the central focus of holiday celebrations and holiday parties give people more chances to use alcohol or other drugs. Substance use increases and drinking is seen as a way to socialize with loved ones. For some, the holidays can be a time of high stress, depression, or loneliness, often leading to thoughts or use of alcohol or other substances.

It can be difficult to find places where people are not drinking, and it may mean that our children are exposed more to alcohol or drug abuse- whether it's a family member that drinks too much at Christmas dinner or a friend smoking pot on New Years Eve.

Some tips to help with holiday celebrations and alcohol free holidays:

At your holiday gatherings, offer plenty of nonalcoholic foods, beverages, and activities. Plan a nonalcoholic holiday party with your child so they can learn that they don't have to drink to have fun.

Have a plan in place about what you and your family will do if you are at a party where there are people that have had too much to drink.

For your holiday meal, prepare and serve traditional foods and drinks without alcohol.

Let your children help prepare the meals and drinks.



The holiday season is upon us, and this is a reminder that we would all like to spend this time of the year celebrating joy, tradition, and family. Please be aware of the problems associated with alcohol abuse in our community during the holidays, act responsibly, and if concerned, feel free to contact one of our staff at the Swinomish Wellness Program.



*Wishing every one a safe and happy holiday season from the Wellness Program,
Heather, Dawn, Jennifer, and Dave*



SWINOMISH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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Happy Holidays to Everyone

This time of the year brings families, friends and the community together in celebration. There is always so much to do and not enough time in which to do it all. While you're managing this time, remember to take moments to de-stress:

1. Try not to do everything. Make a list and give yourself a pat on the back when you get 3 things done.

2. Remember that you need breaks during the day. Have a cup of tea, take those deep breaths. You'll enjoy the family more when you're relaxed.

3. Don't try to buy the most expensive gifts for the kids. Board games are great family fun and not too pricey. Build positive memories with a game night.

4. Turn off the TV and turn on the music. This is a great stress buster. Try it!



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Diana, Yoli, Shirley and Jay

SWINOMISH FITNESS CENTER

MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF EXERCISE . . .

- LOWER RISK OF DEPRESSION
- LESS COGNITIVE DECLINE
- IMPROVED SLEEP QUALITY
- INCREASE IN GRAY AND WHITE BRAIN MATTER
 - White carries the nerve messages (Network cables connecting)
 - Grey is the neuron cells (The components of the computer)

WHAT TYPES OF EXERCISE WORK?

- AEROBIC: Fast walking, running, jump rope, swimming, 150 minutes per week
- STRENGTH: Weight lifting, Bands, push-ups
Core strengthening activities such as Yoga

COME BY THE FITNESS CENTER TO START 466-3151

Over 90% of diseases are caused or complicated by stress.



Medical Clinic and Fitness Center

HELPFUL ACTIVITIES:

- WRITE DOWN 3 POSITIVE THINGS THAT HAPPEN EVERYDAY
- GET ENOUGH SLEEP
- GET OUTSIDE
- LIMIT ALCOHOL
- FIND AN EXERCISE YOU ENJOY
- EXERCISE WITH A FRIEND
- FOCUS ON YOUR BREATHING



Laura Kasayuli

SWINOMISH DENTAL CLINIC

Proper care of baby teeth is not only important now but for the future as well!



- ☺ Healthy baby teeth are important in helping your baby learn how to speak properly.
- ☺ Healthy and nice looking teeth are important in building self-confidence and self-esteem. This is especially important at such an early age.



Unfortunately, small children can be cruel to one another and quick to tease peers about ugly looking or decayed teeth. Furthermore, bad breath resulting from poor dental hygiene can make your child an outcast among peers.

- ☺ Baby teeth serve as spacers which maintain the proper spacing and alignment of the teeth so that permanent teeth have enough room to come in.
- ☺ Baby teeth are important in proper feeding and nutrition. A recent study has illustrated a potential link between the number of cavities a child has and the probability of the child being under-weight.

You see, early dental care gets a child accustomed to a clean cavity free mouth. Because children become accustomed to clean teeth, they will continue with the proper habits to ensure this clean feeling in the future as well.

Poor dental care can easily lead to childhood gum disease. This is a condition in which bacteria invade the gums and ligaments supporting the teeth. Unchecked, gum disease can cause teeth to fall out and bone to erode, creating major problems for permanent teeth if and when they do come in. *(below: progression from healthy baby teeth to decaying teeth)*



Remember to wipe a baby's mouth with a clean gauze pad or washcloth to remove plaque. If your child is old enough, get them in the habit of brushing their own teeth, but always remember to brush their teeth after they are finished brushing.

Finally, make sure your child sees a dentist regularly starting by the age of 1. Please call the dental clinic at **(360) 466-3900** to schedule your baby's dental appointment! We look forward to seeing you!

Our dentists say , "Brush and Floss!"



Dr. Dailey, DDS

Pondering the deeper meaning of tooth decay.



Dr. Sahi, DDS

SWINOMISH swədəbš COMMUNITY ART ✍ SWINOMISH swədəbš

Swinomish preschool students used their beautiful voices to wish Social Services staff a happy Thanksgiving. They sang and signed the song, "Thanks A Lot." Thank you children!



Bald Eagle, Padilla Bay
by Robin Carneen, all rights reserved ©
November 2010



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November 2010



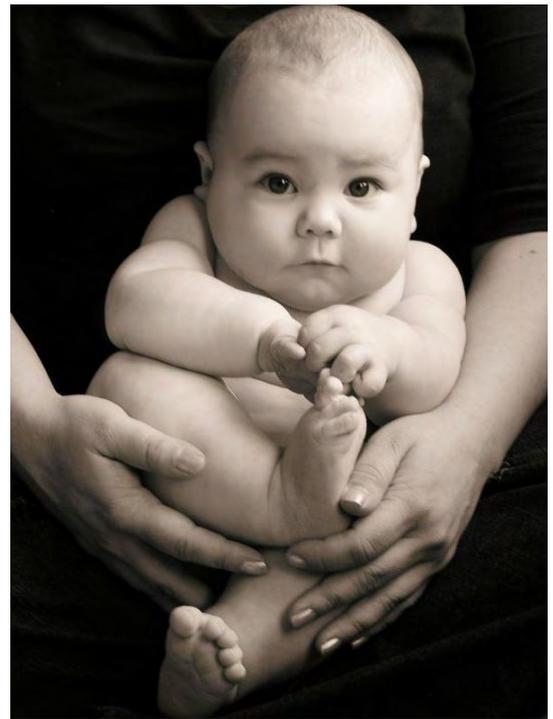
Drawing by Jonathan Jack (submitted)

COMMUNITY ARTISTS ✨ SWINOMISH swədəbš COMMUNITY ART



"Mother and Son"

3 photos by Laura Day



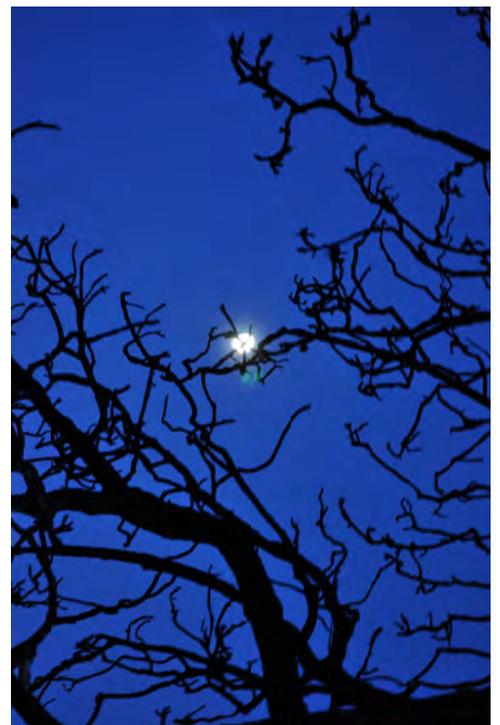
"A Mother's Hands:"

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Regal Reflection

by Ann Smock



Dissected Moon

by Ann Smock

FORAGE FISH HABITAT RESTORATION BEGINS ON MARCH'S POINT

By Richard Walker, Today correspondent
Story Published: Nov 6, 2010

ANACORTES, Wash. – The state Department of Natural Resources and the Skagit River System Cooperative began restoration work at Fidalgo Bay Oct. 4 through 7 to improve habitat for forage fish.

Fidalgo Bay is a state-designated aquatic reserve. Restoration is being funded through the Oil Pollution Act's Natural Resource Damage Assessment for oil spills that occurred in Fidalgo Bay in 1990. Shell and Tesoro oil refineries are located on March's Point, which separates Fidalgo and Padilla bays. The Samish and Swinomish nations monitor shellfish health and water quality in Fidalgo Bay, a traditional source of marine food – a source that is precarious because of pollution. And the Skagit River System Cooperative provides natural resource management services for Swinomish and the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.

The cooperative works to improve fisheries management within Swinomish and Sauk-Suiattle's usual and accustomed fishing areas, including the Skagit River basin. Fisheries management carried out by the cooperative includes environmental review, habitat restoration, harvest and hatchery management, and research.

The first restoration work: New sediment of beach sand and pea gravel are being placed along disappearing shorelines to replace naturally occurring sediment that has been lost due to modifications made to the shoreline. Forage fish, a primary component of the marine food web, use shoreline sediment as spawning grounds and rearing habitat.



"Conflicting beauty"

photo by Ann Smock

FEDS: SOMALI-BORN TEEN PLOTTED CAR-BOMBING IN ORE.

BY WILLIAM MCCALL AND NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – Federal agents in a sting operation arrested a Somali-born teenager just as he tried blowing up a van he believed was loaded with explosives at a crowded Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Portland, authorities said.

The bomb was an elaborate fake supplied by the agents and the public was never in danger, authorities said.

Mohamed Osman Mohamud, 19, was arrested at 5:40 p.m. Friday just after he dialed a cell phone that he thought would set off the blast but instead brought federal agents and police swooping down on him.

Yelling "Allahu Akbar!" - Arabic for "God is great!" - Mohamud tried to kick agents and police after he was taken into custody, according to prosecutors.



AP Photo/Torsten Kjellstrand
Oregonian

CANOE JOURNEY UPDATES-DECEMBER 2010



Aurelia Washington



Melissa Miller

We are moving rapidly; things are coming together, and it will be amazing once things are finished. The Construction for the pavilions will begin the second week of January.

The first Community Canoe Journey/ Veterans Day Dinner was a lot of fun. We had 140 attendees! We gave away several awesome door prizes.

We will have even greater door prizes and time to discuss our plans for community involvement for Protocol.

We will have community dinners every month until the 2011 Canoe Landing. We want all our Swinomish kids to be part of the Canoe Journey performances.

We will be starting projects for giveaway in January. These items will include: cedar baskets, cedar hats, drums, necklaces and regalia for our dance troop.

Next Canoe Journey meeting will be **December 15, 2010 @ 10 AM** in the Casino's Cabaret Room. Lunch will be served. Please let Melissa or Aurelia know if you have any questions.

Journey 2011
Community Dinner
December 8th, 2010
Swinomish Gym
6:00 PM



Swinomish Youth at Journey 2010, Makah ~photo by Todd Denny



Protect Mother Earth Task Force

Our Purpose:

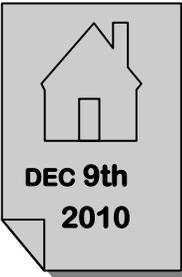
We will support the waste reduction efforts and initiate recycling, composting and educational opportunities for volunteers and other interested parties during the Tribal Canoe Journey 2011.

PME Group Members: Annitra Ferderer, Britta Eschete, Caroline Edwards, Cathi Edwards, Dennis Dan, Eric Day, Medicine Bear, Ray K. Williams, Tiffany Hoyopatubbi, Shelly Vendiola (Facilitator).

All are welcome to join the group; and if you are interested in learning more of what the Protect Mother Earth Task Force is doing please join us in our next meeting

Wednesday December 8, 2010 in the Social Service Library at 10:00 AM.

SWINOMISH HOUSING & UTILITY AUTHORITY



The SHA will be conducting up to three Community Meetings for homes it plans to build on Tallawhalt in 2011 and 2012. The October and November meetings were already held; with the next meeting scheduled to happen on *December 9th 2010* from 4-6 PM.

Raffles and refreshments will be part of the meeting.

We hope many community members will join us and share your ideas and suggestions about our plans.

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



Are We Ready for Winter???????

On 11-15-2010 we had our first big storm roll in, reports of flickering lights, wind torn bushes flying from backyards to the front yards, and even some storm related damage were being shared amongst tribal members the next morning. The weathermen say this is going to be a winter to be prepared for!

"AccuWeather.com has just released their forecast for Winter 2010-2011 The Pacific Northwest, western and central Canada, the northern plains, and Midwest are expected to be hit hard this year with above average snowfall and colder temperatures. Cities like Seattle, Portland, Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, and others may be in for a long, cold winter."

BUILD A KIT :

Here are some tips so you won't be caught how to be safe during a power outage: (Via 3 Ways/3Days program)



In case you have to shelter-in-place at home, work, school or car, have a kit with essential survival supplies:

- 1. Have a Disaster Supply Kit at home** with a **minimum** of three days worth of food, one gallon of water per person per day and including a battery-operated radio, flashlight, batteries, blanket, extra clothes, sturdy pair of shoes, ibuprofen, thermometer, alcohol-based hand wash.
- 2. Have basic items** such as food, water, light, first aid kit and a blanket for your car, work or school. Include extra change should you need to use a phone booth.
- 3. Have special needs items in your kit** like a supply of needed medications for a minimum of three days, an extra pair of eyeglasses or extra cane, surgical mask, and food/water/leash for your pet.

More info:

<http://www.govlink.org/3days3ways/buildakit.html>



DEC 2010 Reminder:

10TH OF EACH MONTH...RENT & UTILITIES DUE !!!!

Happy Holidays from all of us at SHA/SUA!

IN THE NEWS

2010 NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS CONFERENCE

Hi KEE YOKS,

All is good. I was in Albuquerque for a Native Arts & Cultures Foundation Board meeting and then we attended the opening of the National Congress American Indians Conference. I ran into Dussy and Chester, Jr. I got to talk with Diane Edwards, Lydia, and of course Brian Cladoosby. It was good to see Swinomish members again. I can't express how much I miss the people and community of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. I don't think one can really understand until they leave for a year or so. I know you understand Ann, because you left and came back. I enjoy the work I am doing and the many artists that I am meeting. We provided \$394,000.00 to artists and communities last year. I included an attachment of the press release that went out a week ago about our grants programs. Take care,

Frank Dunn



Aurelia "Dussie" Washington, Frank Dunn and Chester Cayou, Jr. at the NCAI conference last month. Aurelia is Canoe Journey 2011 Coordinator for Swinomish, Chester is a tribal senator. Frank is the former editor of the KEE YOKS who now works for the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation in Vancouver, WA. The press release about the Arts and Cultures Foundation's grant programs can be found on page 28 of this issue.

photo submitted by Frank Dunn

CONGRATULATIONS

BECKER-WILBUR WEDDING

Stephanie Joy Becker and Tanner Douglas Wilbur were married Saturday evening, August 21, 2010, in Mt. Vernon on wooded property owned by the bride's parents.

The bride is the daughter of Glen and Frances Becker of Burlington.

The groom is the son of Roxanne Wilbur of La Conner and the late Doug Wilbur of La Conner.

Kurt Hildahl was the officiate for the double ring ceremony. Acoustic guitar and harmonica music was provided by Lane Fernando of La Conner. The bride carried a bouquet of magenta roses and Gerbera daisies.

The maid of honor was the cousin of the bride, Jessica Armev of Mt. Vernon. The best man was brother of the groom, Chase Wilbur of Sedro-Woolley. Bridesmaids were Bobbi Jo Drysdale of Concrete, Orielle Dokson of Everett, Crystal Rueb of Bellevue and Corina Garza of Wenatchee.

Groomsmen were the groom's son, Devin Wilbur of concrete, Johnny Grossglass of La Conner, Erik Marandola of Sedro-Woolley and Travis Harriman of Mt. Vernon. Cathleen Menger of Anacortes served as flower girl. Carter Latting of Mt. Vernon was ring bearer.

A reception was hosted by the bride's parents. DJ Jeff Rasar of Burlington provided music.

Stephanie graduated in 2000 from Edison High School and became a licensed esthetician in Everett in 2008. She is clinic manager of Unite Medical Spa in Anacortes.

Tanner attended school in La Conner and Sedro-Woolley. He is employed as a commercial fisherman out of La Conner.

Tanner and Stephanie Wilbur are planning a wedding trip to a tropical destination next year. The newlyweds will live in La Conner.



published in the Skagit Valley Herald October 31, 2010

REFLECTION ESSAY BY CAROLINE J. EDWARDS

A summary of "The Ideal Tribal Society Model" by Robert K. Thomas

Written by Caroline J. Edwards

In his book, The Ideal Tribal Society Model, Robert K. Thomas creates a model society revealing five different characteristics of an ideal tribal society. Bob Thomas was introduced to this theory of ideal types through the influence of Edward Spincer. Edward had introduced Bob to the work of a German sociologist, Max Weber, who was one of the four founding fathers of the field of sociology. Max Weber developed this concept of an ideal type to use as a useful tool in analyzing social or economic phenomena. Many scholars were beginning to use this theory throughout their field of study during that time. Edward Spincer studied under an anthropologist named Robert Redfield, who had used Max Weber's model to get an ideal understanding of two anthropological types to study and understand indigenous cultures. Mr. Redfield's field of work was with indigenous people of Mexico, and he used Weber's model to help him write the book The Primitive World and its Transformation. Bob was introduced to both Spincer's and Redfield's ideas, but he was mainly driven by his own interpretations, personal experiences and knowledge of his own people, the Cherokee Tribe.

One of the first and foremost characteristics of an ideal tribal society that Bob starts with, is the theory that members are kin-based. Usually, these small societies consisted of very small populations. Within this small community, there is a personal connection between the families. This kinsman-ship really shapes the theory Bob was trying so hard to announce to the Native world. This close bond was only a relationship that was between the Indian communities. Bob states, "the only person that a tribal Indian saw in his community until very recently was a kinsman." He defined the term *tribe* as "a group of kinsman who have lived together as kinsman forever." Now this statement is one I personally will never forget, because it justifies how people today forget about this and need to be reminded of who they are....kinsman. As Thomas states, "a person's status in the community is a function of one's maturity and standing as a relative, in addition to, or in some cases in spite of, one's achievements." These theories are not based on one particular tribe or person, and it is only a model that is describing the ideal tribal society.

The second theory from Thomas's model is that tribal people are traditional. Bob begins with personality and makeup of the tribal individual, and he defines the term tradition as "a body of knowledge that has been accumulated over time by a social group and which regulates life." Therefore, as an individual myself, my personality relies on the structure of kin relations, and it needs to be definite, have social control, and be used as a guide. The traditions that I have absorbed through blood have always regulated my life, and this "law" is one that I graciously abide by, because there is no other way of living.

His third theory is that tribal individuals are sacredly sanctioned. American Natives are sacred people who have a sacred history. That history or knowledge is passed down through the teachers of the tribe: the elders. The elders would sit the young children down and tell them stories about different traditions and sacred beliefs to pass on to that generation of people. The spiritual realm created the sanction of law and passed it down to the specialists who were the people who could interpret the sacred. As Bob summarizes the nature of sacred society, he writes, "You live in a world which is filled with supernatural beings which are personified, or "The supernatural is casual." He continues, "The world that tribes lived in was not one of beliefs, but rather of self evident reality." To be sacredly sanctioned is to know that your way of thinking, living, and doing embraces you in a spiritual way that can only be recognized by those who come from the same origin.

Bob Thomas moves on discuss how tribal individuals are extraordinarily responsive to their natural environment. This sense of place is very important to the Native culture. Land was their sacred homeland; it was a place that gave them emergence and growth. Native Americans were the first environmentalists; this connection between them and the land is one of unending harmony. Survival knowledge in nature was necessary to the people before the settlers arrived. This knowledge that Native people have possessed is known as today as being *Traditional Ecological Knowledge* (TEK). As Bob states, "(these tribes) are not simply responding to their environment, but are consistently learning from it, always expanding their knowledge, and continually working to improve the quality of their lives."

Last but not least, is the theory that tribes are bounded and closed. Bounded determines membership, so closed meant that others who were not members were kept out for the protection of the people. For example, one who could not speak the language obviously did not belong. In order to be balanced, the boundary was always a closed boundary, because strangers were considered enemies. There are good reasons for why the land is bounded and closed. Certain things were threatened, and therefore creating an unbalanced and inharmonious atmosphere. Looking at diseases the European settlers brought over is a great example of why these tribes wanted to be closed and keep all of the bad things out.

Through my interpretation of these writings, I can see that Bob had many ways of making you realize his thoughts were more than just some small talk; they were visions that he tried so hard to put into other peoples' minds. It was almost as if he wanted them to take action over his ideas and theories.

SENIOR LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 2010

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

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Milk served with all meals		1 Meat Chili Cornbread Sliced Cucumbers Pears	2 Chicken & Dumplings Carrots/Celery Jell-O with Fruit	3
6 Turkey Cheese Sandwich Split Pea Soup Crackers Orange	7 Meatloaf/Gravy Potatoes/Roll Carrots & Parsnips Grapes	8 Fish Rice/Roll Green Beans Cantaloupe	9 Pancakes Eggs/Bacon Berries & Yogurt V8 Juice	10
13 French Dip Coleslaw Lay Chips Banana	14 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Spinach Salad Fruit Cocktail	15 CHRISTMAS DINNER	16 Roast Pork & Gravy Potato/Roll Acorn Squash Pears	17
20 	21 HOLIDAY WEEK NO SERVICE	22	23 	24
27 Chicken Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Soup Crackers Apple/Applesauce	28 Breaded Pork Chop Rice Green Beans Peaches	29 Fish Potato Salad/Roll Baked Beans Jell-O with Fruit	30 <i>New Year Holiday</i> <i>No Service</i> 	31

Fascinating food facts:

Color is not an indicator for the taste or ripeness in cranberries.

A one-third pound stalk of broccoli contains more vitamin C than 204 apples.

A one ounce milk chocolate bar has 6 mg of caffeine.

Pumpkins contain potassium and vitamin A .

During the Renaissance, Romans used to believe that walnuts could cure head ailments since their shape was similar to that of a brain.

Apples are part of the rose family.

Eating eight strawberries will provide you with more Vitamin C than an orange.

The term "The Big Apple" was coined by touring jazz musicians of the 1930s who used the slang expression "apple" for any town or city. Therefore, to play New York City is to play the big time - The Big Apple.

Tomatoes were once referred to as "love apples." This is because there was a superstition that people would fall in love by eating them.

Black pepper is the most popular spice in the world.

¡Yo Quiero Taco Bell!



The name of the Taco Bell dog is Gidget.

NATIVE ARTS AND CULTURES FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANTS TO NATIVE ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON STATE

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 4 – The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) recently awarded its first grants to 26 American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and organizations. This year’s Washington recipients include two Native arts and three Native arts and cultural organizations.

The NACF, incorporated in 2007, is a permanently endowed national organization dedicated exclusively to the revitalization, appreciation and perpetuation of Native arts and cultures. This is the first year the Foundation has awarded grants. The year’s total grant allocation is \$394,319, with grant sizes ranging from \$7,000 to \$20,000.

The recipients include: John Feodorov (Navajo), Seattle; Lisa Telford (Haida), Everett; Longhouse Educational and Cultural Center, Olympia; Potlatch Fund, Seattle; and Ke Ke Kukui Foundation, Vancouver.

Grants were awarded in three categories: “2010 Artistic Innovation – Through the Soul of an Artist,” support for individual artists’ projects (total allocation \$136,070); “2010 Mobilizing the Community Through the Arts,” support for community based programming (total allocation \$168,249); and “2010 Strengthening the Arts and Cul-

tures Infrastructure” (total allocation \$80,000). The Rasmuson Foundation generously provided a \$10,000 match to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, a grant recipient in Alaska for the “Strengthening the Arts and Culture Infrastructure” initiative.

Feodorov’s and Telford’s grants will support individual artist projects. The Longhouse Educational and Cultural Center’s two grants will support community based programming and infrastructure needs. Ke Kukui Foundation’s grant will support community based programming. The Potlatch Fund’s grant will support infrastructure needs.

“It’s the NACF’s mission to provide financial support to artists and organizations to help our Native cultures flourish,” said Lulani Arquette, president and chief executive officer of the NACF. “We

look forward to creating opportunities to emphasize the shared values of Native communities, and to receiving applications next year from artists and organizations in all 50 states, and the District of Columbia.”

“After years of planning, it’s thrilling to embark on our journey to strengthen Native arts and cultures.”

*~Lulani Arquette,
NACFPresident*

“After years of planning, it’s thrilling to embark on our journey to strengthen Native arts and cultures,” said Arquette. “The arts have always played a significant role in Native cultures, and are a powerful path for connecting one generation to the next.”

To learn more about the NACF and to find out more about all of the grants awarded across the United States, visit www.nativeartsandcultures.org. Receive the free e-newsletter by sending an email to info@nativeartsandcultures.org and become a fan of the organization on Facebook.

(where Frank Dunn works now)



2010 GRANT RECIPIENTS:

Longhouse Education and Cultural Center Location: Olympia, Wash. Award: \$20,000
Project: “National Native Master Artist Initiative: Artists Teaching Artists” **Organization:** The Longhouse is one of the foremost Native educational institutions in the country, housed at the Evergreen State College. **Project:** Funding will support a residency program and will award three \$5000 grants to master Native artists to teach established or emerging artists within an intensive community workshop setting.
Outcomes: The key component in the project is artistic impact – artists work with masters in the field to polish their skills, explore new avenues for creation, and strengthen networks of native artists in traditional and contemporary art forms.

Lisa Telford (Haida) Location: Everett, Wash. Award: \$20,000
Project: “Lisa Telford/Preston Singletary Collaboration” **Bio:** Lisa Telford is a weaver whose traditional NW weavings have transformed into contemporary garments, shoes, and non-traditional objects serving as elucidating commentary on Native identity, stereotypes – even fashion. **Project:** Continuing explorations in weaving, funding for this project will support work with renowned glass artist, Preston Singletary, and will explore the new medium allowing a kind of permanence and luminosity not found in her previous work. **Outcomes:** The project will culminate in an exhibition in a venue yet to be determined.

Ke Kukui Foundation Location: Vancouver, Wash. Award: \$20,000
Project: “3 Days of Aloha in the Pacific Northwest” **Organization:** Ke Kukui Foundation supports the preservation of Hawaiian/Polynesian culture through community events, education, music and the art of hula in communities throughout Washington and Oregon for future generations. **Project:** Funding for the project will support the festival that features a hula competition, traditional Hawaiian dance and music performances, arts and crafts vendors, and traditional hula and craft workshops. **Outcomes:** The festival preserves cultural traditions, promotes traditional culture, and serves to educate participants in the historic significance of Hawaii on the region.



TRIVIA

Water that is safe to drink is referred to as POTABLE.

The second best selling game of all time is Jenga. Jenga is a Swahili word, meaning "to build."

Cinderella is known as Rashin Coatie in Scotland, Zezolla in Italy, and Yeh-hsien in China

The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."

Orcas (killer whales), when traveling in groups, breathe in unison.

There are six million parts in the Boeing 747-400.

For more than 3,000 years, Carpenter ants have been used to close wounds in India, Asia and South America.

Humans are born with 300 bones in their body, however when a person reaches adulthood they only have 206 bones. This occurs because many of them join together to make a single bone.



The Planters Peanut Company mascot, Mr. Peanut, was created during a contest for school children in 1916.

The average number of bridesmaids at a wedding is four.



The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.

The expression cooked "al dente" means "to the tooth." What this means is that the pasta should be somewhat firm, and offer some resistance to the tooth, but should also be tender.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.



No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

The word Spain means "the land of rabbits."

The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

NATIVE ARTS AND CULTURES FOUNDATION GRANT AWARDS CON'T:

Longhouse Educational and Cultural Center Location: Olympia, Wash. Award: \$10,000

As one of five public service centers at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, the "House of Welcomes" mission is to promote indigenous arts and cultures. Originally focused exclusively on Pacific Northwest tribal artists, the Longhouse Education and Cultural Center now works on a national and international level with indigenous artists from the Pacific Rim. They maintain a Native artist marketing service, art sales, art exhibitions, artist gatherings, artist-in-residence

Potlatch Fund Location: Seattle, Wash. Award: \$10,000

Potlatch Fund is a grant-making foundation and leadership development organization serving Native communities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The foundation focuses on expanding philanthropy to Native communities by working with Tribal leadership, community leaders, nonprofits and Native artists. Potlatch Fund supports Native peoples in the arts, self-determination, governance, strategic planning, and media, non-profit and small business management. Through its grant-making, Potlatch Fund assists artists in professional development, collaboration, sustainable business practices, marketing and audience development, and the production of new work.

John Feodorov (Navajo) Location: Seattle, Wash. Award: \$7,370

Project: "Vision Project Solo Exhibition" **Bio:** John Feodorov is a conceptual artist whose work addresses New Age consumerism, humorously interjecting "sacred" items into recognizable consumer projects. **Project:** Funding for this project will support the creation of mixed media assemblages, 2D works, and a looped video production that topically explores the BP oil spill and delves deeper into broader issues concerning our connection and disconnection to the natural world, identity, and place. **Outcomes:** The project will culminate in a solo exhibition at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in Santa Fe.

SWINOMISH AND OTHER NATIVE VETERANS MARCH IN BURLINGTON PARADE

By Aaron Burkhalter, Skagit Valley Herald
November 2010

BURLINGTON — A large stone memorial on Fairhaven Avenue documents local military veterans who died in wars spanning nearly 100 years. The front of the slab is filled with names dating from World War I to the Iraq conflict following the Sept. 11 attacks. On the other side, Douglas Melville Vose III's name is carved under the newest war column, "Afghanistan." "They're younger than I am, and I don't like that," said Sue Gregg, member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5056 Ladies Auxiliary. Gregg — daughter of World War II veteran Herbert Gregg — joined other veterans and family members in Burlington to honor sacrifices of area military veterans in an annual parade that precedes celebrations and memorials on Veterans Day itself, Nov. 11. Gregg laid a wreath at the

memorial before the parade of veterans, police officers, firefighters and Boy Scouts began. Standing next to the memorial before the parade, and under an American flag hoisted between two fire truck ladders, the veterans and many children of veterans shared with each other the stories and indelible marks military life had left on them. Dave Willard, 62, of Burlington, said his personal habits reflect his time in the Navy. "I wear my watch still on the inside wrist of my right hand," Willard said. He broke too many watch crystals moving through the tight corridors of Navy vessels. Willard said events like this and the local American Legion posts have made all the difference for him following his military service. Willard served in the Vietnam War performing "amphibious" missions— taking vessels inland through river ways.

When he left the Navy during that war, he was aware that the military was fairly unpopular. In the last 10 years, he's noticed people are much more appreciative of the volunteers who join. Cathy Ploeg said that's why her father, Robert Smith, started the parade in Burlington 10 years ago. The 77-year-old Marine veteran watched the parade quietly from his wheelchair, wrapped in a red wool blanket with his American Legion hat sitting in his lap and covered in buttons. "I'm proud that my father served," Ploeg said. With Veterans Day following a hectic election season, Keith Fisher of Sedro-Woolley said he was happy the community could turn its attention to the men and women who have served in the military. "I think we should honor all our veterans," he said. "Get away from this political stuff and honor the real heroes."



Phil Dan, Swinomish Veterans Committee chairman

Photos taken and submitted by Kay Knott
To see the entire parade album, log onto facebook, Keeyoks Newspaper, "photos."



Dennis Dan (Swinomish Public Works)

Laura Kasayuli (Swinomish Dental Clinic)



During WWII, because a lot of players were called to duty, the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined to become the "Steagles."



HORSES WILL WALK UP STAIRS



The stairs were used to keep the horses on the ground level



Why Do Firehouses Have Circular Stairs?

By Danielle Odom, eHow Contributor

Up until the late 19th century, the firehouse traditionally had a spiral staircase. Across the country there are a few fire stations that still contain the original spiral staircases and brass poles that were to replace them. The staircases served a dual purpose all those years ago, and this is also why the fireman's pole was to surpass the spiral staircases. Nowadays most fire stations are built with only one story, or have straight stairs.

HISTORY

During the 19th century, firefighters used hand-powered water pumps to put out fires. Then, during the industrial revolution, the steam engine came into play. In 1853, the steam engine was introduced in Cincinnati. The new equipment was too heavy to push by hand, so firehouses began keeping horses to pull the steam engines.

SIGNIFICANCE

- Most stations built around this time were basically large sheds. This made keeping the horses close to the steam engines easy. This was an acceptable arrangement until the horses learned how to climb the stairs. The problem with that is, horses cannot walk down stairs as easily as they can walk up them.

FUNCTION

- To keep the horses on the lower levels of the stations—for the safety of the horses and the firemen—these stations began installing spiral staircases, making it impossible for the horses to walk upstairs. The spiral staircases, however, slowed down the firemen when they all tried to head to the truck at once.

REPLACEMENT

- In the late 1870s a Chicago firefighter, in a hurry to get to the truck, slid down a pole that was nearby. His captain, David Kenyon, liked the speed at which the firefighter responded and installed a proper pole in the Engine 21 firehouse. This company was able to respond quicker to any scene than any other company in Chicago.

PRESENT DAY

- Today both the spiral staircases and the fire poles are kept as a reminder of days past. As America spread from coast to coast, land was not so scarce. Instead of building higher and making a fire station two or three stories tall, they made them bigger and all on one story, eliminating the need for the stairs or pole.

Read more: Why Do Firehouses Have Circular Stairs? | eHow.com http://www.ehow.com/about_6456113_do-firehouses-circular-stairs_.html#ixzz16Yt7PqQ0

FROM THE EDITORS



Caroline J. Edwards
Assistant Editor

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Ann Smock
Editor





OUR WATERS AND OUR WEATHER

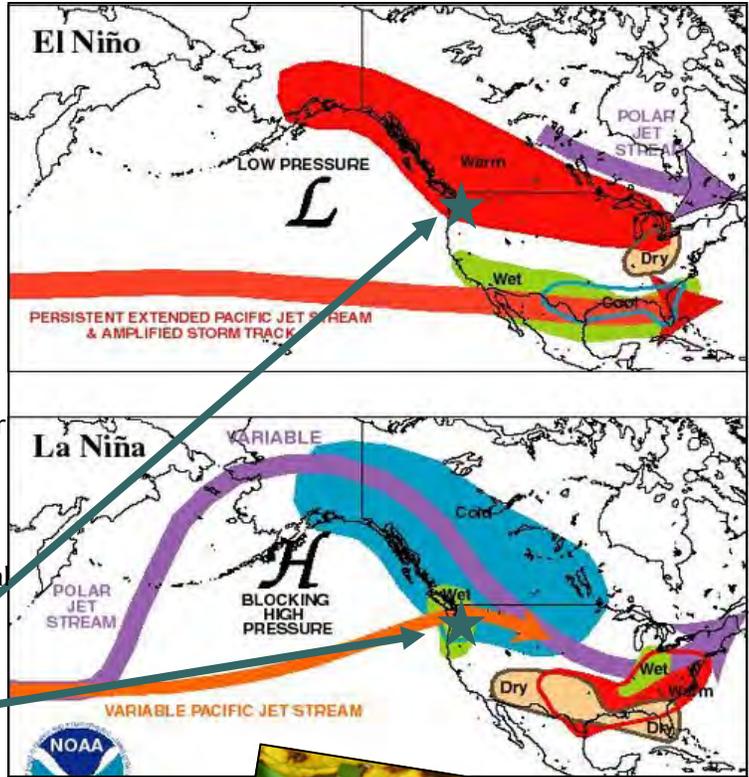
Scientists say we are in for a La Nina year—But what does this mean?

We all heard about El Nino last year. Now the weathercasters are talking about La Nina. What’s going on here? La Nina is the sort of opposite of El Nino. El Nino is a climate pattern where the water in the Pacific Ocean near the equator gets hotter than usual and affects the atmosphere and weather around the world. During a La Nina, the water in the same area along the equator gets colder than usual. This, too, affects weather around the globe.

The name El Nino stands for “the Christ child” because it reaches its full strength in late December. La Nina means “the little girl.”

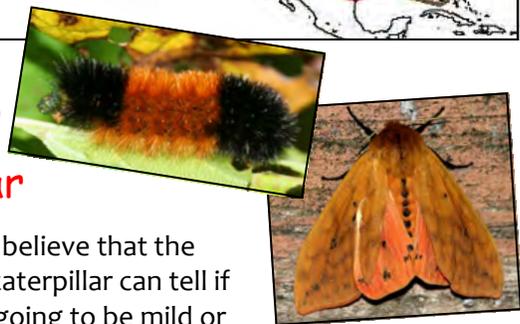
The Jet Stream is a long narrow wandering current of high speed winds blowing from a generally westerly direction several miles above the earths surface. During La Nina, the jet stream moves north and hurricanes tend to form more easily without Interference. Extreme weather in all forms usually accompany El Nino and La Nina years. Major droughts and wildfires in the drier areas, while major

So what is La Nina going to do to the weather right here in the Pacific Northwest? Cooler than normal winter temperatures are expected and above normal precipitation. Basically it is going to be cold and wet this winter!



Can you find the star identifying where we live in the Pacific Northwest? Do you see the jet stream pattern? Notice the weather patterns predicted

Woolly Bear Caterpillar



Some people believe that the Woolly Bear caterpillar can tell if the winter is going to be mild or rough. If the stripe on the woolly bear is narrow, it means the winter is going to be mild. If the stripe on the caterpillar is wide, it means the winter is going to be easy. This is only folklore but see if you can find some and discover your own theory! These fuzzy little guys are everywhere in the fall/early winter months eating leaves before they hibernate until spring. When the weather warms they start spinning their cocoon where they will transform into a Isabella Tiger Moth, laying eggs and starting the whole cycle again.



Swinomish Water Resources Program

DEC 2010

TIDE TABLE DEC '10 - 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
Wed 01	01:41 8.37 ft	06:51 4.54 ft	12:58 11.85 ft	20:15 0.15 ft			7:40	16:17
Thu 02	03:06 9.41 ft	08:03 5.58 ft	13:39 11.81 ft	20:59 -1.07 ft			7:41	16:17
Fri 03	04:14 10.48 ft	09:11 6.29 ft	14:21 11.69 ft	21:41 -1.97 ft			7:43	16:16
Sat 04	05:09 11.34 ft	10:13 6.71 ft	15:03 11.47 ft	22:22 -2.47 ft			7:44	16:16
Sun 05	05:56 11.89 ft	11:09 6.89 ft	15:45 11.15 ft	23:03 -2.61 ft		New Moon	7:45	16:16
Mon 06	06:39 12.15 ft	12:01 6.91 ft	16:29 10.73 ft	23:44 -2.43 ft			7:46	16:15
Tue 07	07:19 12.18 ft	12:52 6.79 ft	17:14 10.24 ft				7:47	16:15
Wed 08		00:25 -2.00 ft	07:56 12.08 ft	13:42 6.56 ft	18:02 9.66 ft		7:48	16:15
Thu 09		01:06 -1.35 ft	08:32 11.92 ft	14:33 6.23 ft	18:52 9.02 ft		7:49	16:15
Fri 10		01:48 -0.51 ft	09:07 11.73 ft	15:27 5.79 ft	19:48 8.34 ft		7:50	16:15
Sat 11		02:29 0.51 ft	09:43 11.55 ft	16:23 5.21 ft	20:51 7.68 ft		7:51	16:15
Sun 12		03:12 1.70 ft	10:18 11.37 ft	17:20 4.48 ft	22:07 7.19 ft		7:52	16:15
Mon 13		03:57 3.00 ft	10:54 11.19 ft	18:13 3.62 ft	23:37 7.07 ft	First Quarter	7:53	16:15
Tue 14		04:49 4.34 ft	11:31 10.99 ft	18:59 2.69 ft			7:54	16:15
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Fri 24		00:54 -2.09 ft	08:09 12.38 ft	14:00 5.96 ft	18:40 9.85 ft		8:00	16:19
Sat 25		01:38 -1.32 ft	08:45 12.48 ft	14:54 5.10 ft	19:44 9.22 ft		8:00	16:20
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CLAM PSP



Turner's Bay:
Manilla Clams
sampled by Skagit
County Health
Department and
analyzed By WA
Dept of Health for
Paralytic Shellfish
Poisoning (PSP) on
9/07/2010 were
found to be

SAFE TO EAT!

Happy Holidays from all of us in the Water Resources Program!



We hope you have a wonderful time spent with family and friends, We also want to remind you to celebrate the earth and treat it with appreciation too. Try to purchase local items for those special dinners, conserve water and energy, and go enjoy the outdoors! Get out and take a hike, walk the beach or simply just watch the birds. Winter is a great time of year in the Northwest to spy for wildlife and find new open space places to enjoy with the whole family. Enjoy the season!

- Todd, Tiffany, Tanisha, Joe, Karen, Jamie & Annitra



**MEMBERS BORN
IN DECEMBER**

Happy Birthday!

- Dec. 1 Larry Wayne Campbell, Sr.
- Dec. 2 Liliana Jasmine Gonzalez
- Dec. 2 Sandra Lee Wilbur
- Dec. 2 Andrea Rose Johnston
- Dec. 2 Courtney Arin Finkbonner
- Dec. 2 Lenora Irene Siddle
- Dec. 2 Frederick Richard J Cayou
- Dec. 3 Madison Jo Miller
- Dec. 4 Dorothy Annaaldean Cladoosby
- Dec. 4 Dario Meguire
- Dec. 6 Cathi F. Bassford
- Dec. 6 George Villaluz, Jr.
- Dec. 6 Madeline Marie Jack
- Dec. 7 Martin Paul Cladoosby
- Dec. 7 Jennie Nguyen
- Dec. 7 Kevin Michael Lamon Hunter
- Dec. 7 Notah Edwards
- Dec. 8 Jonathan J. Bill, Sr.
- Dec. 8 Richard Anthony Vendiola
- Dec. 9 Dennis David Dan
- Dec. 9 Kevin John Day, Sr.
- Dec. 9 Diane Vendiola
- Dec. 9 Benedict Martin Sampson
- Dec. 9 Brandy Justine James

- Dec. 10 Michelle Marie LaPointe
- Dec. 10 Winona Kaye Morris
- Dec. 12 Jasmine Cayou
- Dec. 13 Shirley Anna Cassimere
- Dec. 13 John Charles Thomas
- Dec. 14 Aryana Villaluz
- Dec. 14 Noelia Nyssa Juarez
- Dec. 15 Loren Timothy David Edwards
- Dec. 15 Nancy Lorraine Wilbur
- Dec. 16 Roger Clark, Jr.
- Dec. 16 Nicole Edwards
- Dec. 16 Robert Michael LaPointe
- Dec. 17 Nancy Dutton
- Dec. 17 Isabella Bryanne Long
- Dec. 17 Gladys Homchick
- Dec. 18 Jeremy John Cayou
- Dec. 18 Katarina Justine Edwards
- Dec. 18 Ariana Irene Isabelle Siddle
- Dec. 19 Melinda Ann Edwards
- Dec. 19 Philysia Raquel Deleon
- Dec. 19 Haleigh Wanchena
- Dec. 19 Timothy Octavius Reid
- Dec. 20 Susan Emily Billy
- Dec. 21 Juliette Denise Charlie
- Dec. 21 Pamela Mae Thomas

- Dec. 22 Michael Gregory Perry
- Dec. 22 Linda Eileen Day
- Dec. 22 Mary Elizabeth James
- Dec. 22 Lawrence Charles Edwards
- Dec. 23 Alisa Mary Hatchell
- Dec. 24 Darla Louise Stone
- Dec. 24 Henry Earl Hook
- Dec. 25 Herbert Joseph Bill, Jr.
- Dec. 26 Mary Jacqueline Cisneros
- Dec. 26 Holle Ann Edwards
- Dec. 27 Nathan Allen John
- Dec. 27 Clarissa Wrayann Wilken James
- Dec. 27 Ivan Charles Willup, Jr.
- Dec. 27 Jacob K. Keith Billy
- Dec. 28 Andy Garrett John, Jr.
- Dec. 28 Julia Lynette Cassimere
- Dec. 28 Sandra Elizabeth Keo
- Dec. 28 Darryl Francis Cassimere, Jr.
- Dec. 29 Talon Joseph Brian Egbers
- Dec. 29 Emily Anna Montoya
- Dec. 30 Sharon Louise Edwards
- Dec. 30 Michael Francis Bobb
- Dec. 31 Delarosia Kandie Souryavong
- Dec. 31 Dora Annette Finkbonner
- Dec. 31 Justin Jarrod Billy



*Birthstones: Blue Topaz
and Turquoise*



*December Flowers:-Holly
and Narcissus (aka Paperwhites-
they will bloom inside in the
winter, and they smell really
nice!)*

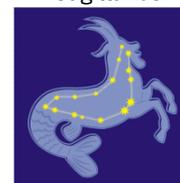


Historic days in December:

- First human heart transplant performed by Christiaan Barnard, South African surgeon, December 3, 1967.
- Motion-picture producer Walt Disney born December 5, 1901.
- Japanese forces attacked the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii in World War II, December 7, 1941.
- Chinese Nationalists flee the mainland, moving their capital to Formosa (today Taiwan), December 8, 1949.
- John Lennon shot and killed in New York City, December 8, 1980.
- The first 10 amendments to the Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, ratified, December 15, 1791.
- Composer Ludwig van Beethoven born December 16, 1770.
- Orville Wright made first heavier-than-air flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C., December 17, 1903.
- Christmas, celebrated by Christians as the birthday of Jesus Christ. December 25
- Clara Barton, "Angel of the Battlefield" and founder of the American Red Cross, born December 25, 1821.
- Louis Pasteur, French chemist, born December 27, 1822.



Sagittarius



Capricorn

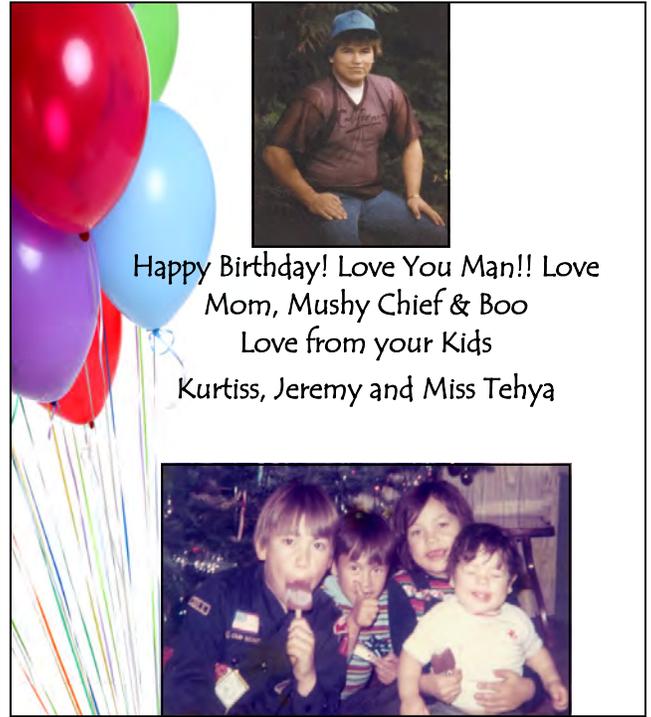
CELEBRATIONS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY CATHI!

YOU'RE THE BEST.

LOVE FROM THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Happy Birthday! Love You Man!! Love Mom, Mushy Chief & Boo
Love from your Kids
Kurtiss, Jeremy and Miss Tehya



Student of the Month!

Darrell Williams, son of Joe and Kristi Williams, has been named Student of the Month for November by the La Conner Kiwanis Club. Darrell is an 8th grader at La Conner Middle School. He is active in soccer and leadership. He would like to attend college after graduation. Congratulations Darrell!

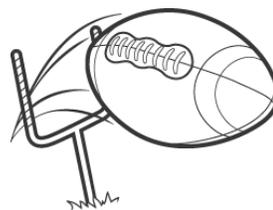


KEEYOKS photo



Congratulations
to
Zeb and Collin Joe
for their Braves football participation awards received after the last game of the season.

photo by Steven Joe



FIRST BIG SNOW OF THE SEASON



Monday, November 22. Robin Carneen sent these photos, of our Public Works crew plowing and sanding during the snow storm, along with words of praise for making driving a lot easier during our first snow of the year.

Offices closed earlier than usual due to icy roads and Meteorologist seem to agree that we should prepare for freezing temperatures and more snow this winter.

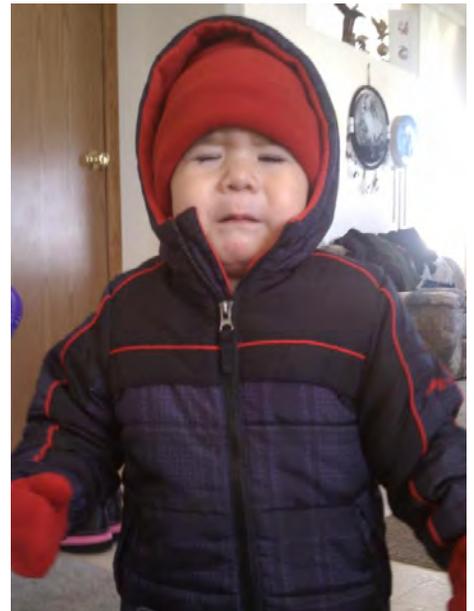


Lorena Edwards liked (eating) the snow!

photos by Greg Edwards



Her brother, Alfonso Sampson, liked playing in the snow!



Quentin Edwards, however, did not want anything to do with the snow!!

photo by Katie Bassford

BULLETIN BOARD

Employment opportunity: The *Swinomish Chevron* is looking for a permanent fill in person to work when we are short handed. This is a cashier position. Those who apply must be available on an on-call basis. This position could lead to a full time position if one comes available. Starting pay is \$8.55 an hour. You may apply with Alethia at the HR building or in person at the gas station.

ALSO:

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CHEVRON
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THANK YOU LETTER

Swinomish Tribal Community Members,

I just wanted to extend a special thanks to everyone who helped make my AMARC 10 experience a reality, and who kept me in your hearts and prayers during the nerve racking final leg of my trip home, which ended up with me spending two days in the hospital in Dallas when I got stateside, which was part of my reason I fell behind on posting on the website. But regardless, it was an amazing journey, which brought together hundreds of broadcasters from every corner of the globe to tackle issues ranging from the role of fair and equal communications in relation to furthering human rights, showing solidarity to broadcasters facing violence for bringing their people information, to broadcast methods utilizing media to cater to under-

served populations. The summit was a wealth of knowledge and information, content which, over the coming months, you'll notice on the program. I was able to accomplish a lot in Argentina, more so then I can write in an email. But please do enjoy the below listed link, which links to a website put out by members of the Australian delegation. Its a story talking about a resolution I helped put forward with Australian Aboriginal broadcasting representative Jim Remedio in the AMARC General Assembly, which now gives an official representation to indigenous broadcasters within AMARC. With more indigenous Native broadcasters from around the planet a part of AMARC than I can probably count, the resolution would give each AMARC region an official representative for their respective communities. With one of these indigenous representatives going on to a vice presidency position on the international board of AMARC.

Lastly, I just wanted to thank everyone again who made this all possible. It was truly an honor to represent our country, our state, my tribe, and our beautiful Skagit Valley Community to the world. :o)
Jerome "DJ Defkawn" Edge
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"Remedio and me at the AMARC General Assembly after I put forward their resolution for indigenous people's representation within AMARC"

(submitted photo)



La Conner's 2nd Annual "Season of Giving"

For the second year in a row, many businesses in the town of La Conner will be celebrating the "Season of Giving" this holiday season. For three Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas, up to 10% of sales at participating merchants will be designated to a different charity.

The program began on Sunday, November 28th, with the proceeds benefiting the Hospice of the Northwest Foundation.

Sunday, December 5th will benefit the Humane Society of Skagit County, and on Sunday, December 12th, the Skagit County Boys and Girls Club will be the recipient.

There were 14 businesses who participated in 2009. This event has touched the hearts of La Conner and an overwhelming total of 31 businesses have signed up for 2010!! Each of the participating businesses will have a special poster in their shop.

Participating businesses:

A Class Act, Calico Cupboard, Cottons, Courtyard Gallery, Crescent Moon Yoga, Earthenworks Gallery, Edward Jones, Fairy Godmothers Unlimited, Ginger Grater, Go Outside, Hotel Planter, Katy's Inn, La Conner Brewing Company, La Conner Channel Lodge, La Conner Country Inn, La Conner Seafood & Prime Rib House, Mary Davis Vintage Lighting, Morris Street Antiques, Nasty Jack's Antiques, Nell Thorn, Olive Shoppe, Palmer's, Seed's Bistro & Bar, Sempre Italiano, Skagit River Boutique, Skagit River Traders, Step Outside, The Stall, The Wild Iris, Wood Merchant, and Wyman Park.

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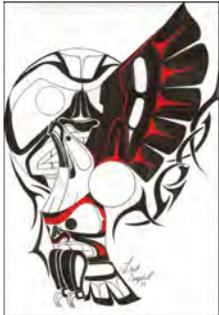
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HERE COMES WINTER!



(from left) Cora Clark, Roger Clark, Jean Mae Clark, Krista Bailey and George Clark and built themselves a giant snowman!
~photo by Brian Cladoosby



Merrissa, Andrea and Tiffany sledding on Solahdwh
~photo by Robin Carneen