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JOURNEY TO FRANCE: Searching for the Father I Never Knew

By Gilbert King George



Church steeple at Sainte Mere Eglise, France. On the left, Pvt. Chester Courville, HQ Co. 505th Parachute Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division. Born October 15, 1915, killed in action June 6, 1944 near Sainte Mere Eglise. To the right, Gilbert "Hoagie" King George, only child of Chester Courville.

"We're on My Father's Flight Path."

Nine hours into our "red eye" flight from Seattle to Paris, the clouds scattered as morning dawned over the English Channel. Deep emotions stirred as my wife Tallis and I realized that we were descending into France, along much the same route that my father had flown on D-Day, June 6, 1944. On that morning, Chester Courville, a man I never knew, returned to the country of his Courville ancestors a Native American man come home, to free a country that had been occupied by the Nazis for four grim years.

"Memorial to Honor and Give Thanks."

Our trip was our personal memorial to honor my father. More importantly, we traveled to Normandy, guided by our old teachings, to honor those who helped my father on his final journey: We hoped to find Mr. Yves De La Rue, the man who buried my father, and to honor the memory of Mrs. Simone Renaud, an extraordinary woman who tended my father's grave and those of thousands of Americans who perished during the Normandy invasion.

"Parachute Jump into German Fire - Suicide Mission?"

We knew that my father, Chester Courville, was killed in action on June 6, 1944, the first day of the Normandy invasion. I read every book I could find to learn about his experiences from those who survived. He was a mem-

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Veterans Are Honored



MUCKLESHOOT – On Memorial Day we honor our veterans that have passed on – especially those that made the ultimate sacrifice. Here at Muckleshoot, we honor the Fallen Four: Chester Courville, Melvin Ross, Turner Martin and Larry James.

On Veterans Day, we honor all veterans, and especially those

that still walk among us. Honoring veterans is a strongly-held tradition throughout Native America, for who knows better than Native people the importance of defending one's homeland?

This year's Veterans Day observations spanned a full week, beginning on Saturday, November 5th with the 46th annual Auburn Veterans Day Parade. It was a perfect day, but as the crowds gathered along downtown curbs a smaller gathering was carrying out a solemn ceremony several blocks away.

At 9:45, the Intertribal Warrior Society presented the colors at the Remembrance Ceremony and Lighting of the Flame, where a flame is lit and guarded through the night at Veterans Memorial Park. A wreath was placed, followed by a rifle salute, prayers and taps.

From there, they proceeded to the parade lineup location to march proudly in the massive mile-long parade. A crowd estimated at 3,000 was on hand to witness the event, which was kicked off by a military C-17 flyover from the U.S. Air Force at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

Muckleshoot Skopabsh Royalty led the Native unit, carrying the banner of the Intertribal Warrior Society. Unit after unit drew applause from the spectators, who also got to wave at lots of dignitaries, including U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell.

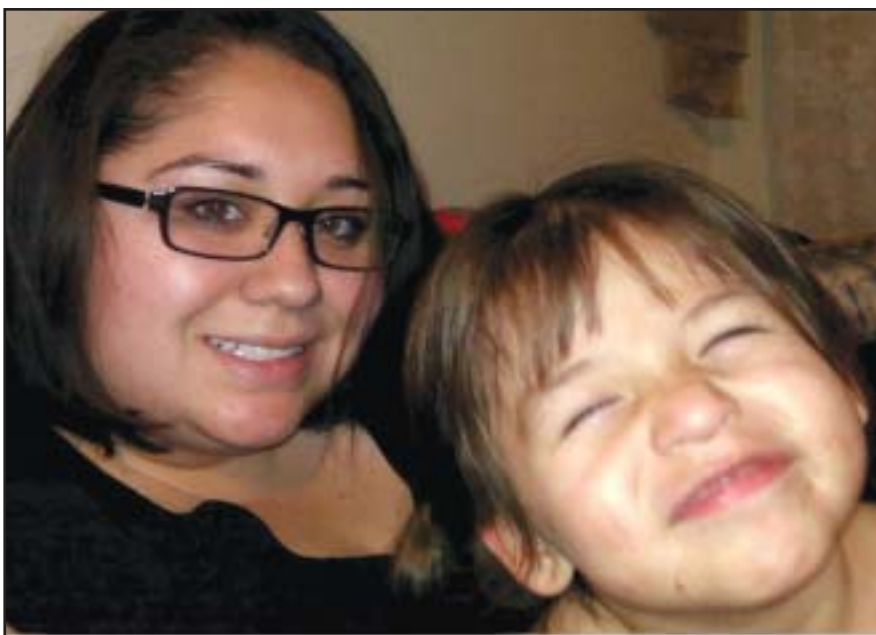
As the actual Veterans Day – November 11 – drew closer, the tribe sponsored several well-attended events on the reservation, including a Veterans Day assembly at the Tribal School on November 10th, a Veterans Day Dinner at the Pentecostal Church on the 11th, and a Veterans Pow-Wow at the Tribal School on Saturday the 12th.

All those who took part in these efforts, both in Auburn and on the reservation, deserve thanks for their service to the community.



PHOTO BY GARY KISSEL

A very BIG THANK YOU to Missy Brown!



Bailey Brown with Missy, at top, and Andrea, above.

As some of you guys on the reservation know, it's hard growing up here – growing up having parent(s) addicted to drugs and alcohol – so life wasn't at all what you wished it would be. As you grow up, you fall into your parents footsteps. I know I did – I started when I was 14. I snuck out and ran around with boys. I took my first drink when I was 15, and that was the start of it.

As I grew older, life was crazier and crazier. I was thrown out of my house at 15 and ended up in temporary foster care. When I decided to return home, my mother was into drugs bad. She didn't care what I did, so I moved in with my boyfriend. We were always off and on.

Over the years I struggled with a pill addiction – OxyContin. I snorted/smoked them. At age 18 I got pregnant. After I had my daughter, Bailey Brown, I decided I still wanted to use and not take care of her.

Her Aunt, Missy Brown, offered to take her temporarily. She took Bailey in for two years. She got to see her first time sitting up... rolling over... her first steps. She took Bailey off her bottle when she needed to. She potty trained her.

Missy witnessed all the things I wasn't able to because I was using. I lost my job, my apartment, and – most importantly – I gave up my child.

When I decided I wanted to get clean, I moved into the Recovery House and stayed there a little over a year. I eventually got my own place and a job. I now have my daughter back full time, but I would never have been able to do all this without the help of Missy. If it wasn't for her, I could've had Bailey taken from me, and who knows where she could've ended up?

I missed out on the most important things of my baby girl's life. Because of you, Missy, I get to be here now. I owe you a Very BIG THANK YOU! Thank you for doing what I couldn't because of my poor choices. Bailey loves you sooo much and is lucky to have you for an Aunt and a mother.

Love,
Andrea & Bailey

Andrea Gonzalez can be seen weekdays at her job in the Philip Starr Building, where she works at the reception desk and delivers the interoffice mail. But her most important job is being a Mom. Andrea now has a life and is looking forward to her future.

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Tribal Federal Recognition

Legislation extending federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribal Organization (DTO) has once again been introduced in the United State Congress and proponents have been working hard to generate support for passage of that bill. From the time this legislation was first introduced several years ago the Tribal Council has made its concerns known to the members of Washington's federal delegation. Because there are many popular misconceptions about the nature of Indian Tribes, history of the Duwamish people and their efforts to obtain federal recognition, we wanted to use this month's column to once again address those issues.

The issue of federal recognition rests on the central question of what it means to be an Indian tribe. Tribal status requires a clear demonstration that a group's present-day membership is descended from an historic tribe or group of tribes and that the group has maintained attributes of a self-governing community over time. This is an important distinction that separates tribes that possess sovereign rights to self-government from voluntary associations of common ethnic backgrounds organized to promote language and culture.

Recognized tribes have a legitimate concern about the impact of federal recognition of groups that are not functioning social and political communities. Treaty rights and the right to self-government are tied to tribes' status as sovereign political entities, something more than a voluntary association of individuals of common ancestry. Ignoring established standards for tribal recognition would threaten all recognized tribes.

In rejecting Duwamish claims to tribal status Judge George Boldt, U. S. Court of Appeals and Interior Department separately concluded the DTO had not shown it represented a continuously existing Indian community and did not constitute a political organization that had maintained influence over its members, as required for recognition.

Boldt found that many Indians who were consolidated on the Muckleshoot Reservation were considered Duwamish and represented by Chief Seattle in the negotiation of the Treaty of Point Elliott. And, the Department of Interior noted that in the years following establishment of the Muckleshoot Reservation, many of the prominent Indian families of the villages from which the DTO claims descent moved to the Muckleshoot and other reservations, like Suquamish.

Another popular misconception is that the Bush administration declared the Duwamish extinct by reversing a decision made in the waning hours of the Clinton administration to recognize the DTO.

This oversimplification omits crucial information regarding the failure of the Duwamish to obtain recognition. As laid out in detail in the February 2002 report of the Inspector General, department officials, "using a consultant with questionable credentials to bolster their position, were determined to recognize the six tribes that BIA staff had concluded did not meet the regulatory criteria."

The Acting Assistant Secretary of Interior's abortive effort to grant federal recognition to the Duwamish late in the evening before a new administration took office, despite the professional staff's recommendation against recognition, should not cloud the validity and accuracy of the tribal recognition process or undermine the professional staff's lengthy investigation and review of the Duwamish petition which concluded the DTO does not qualify for tribal recognition.

In May 2008 the Duwamish filed a federal lawsuit challenging the most recent decision denying recognition. The lawsuit will afford the Duwamish yet one more opportunity to prove their claim that they are in fact a tribe that deserves recognition.



ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB McKENNA VISITS TRIBAL COUNCIL. Washington State Attorney General Rob McKenna, who is also a Republican candidate for Governor, met with the Muckleshoot Tribal Council recently to confer about issues of mutual concern. Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Congressman Jay Inslee, has also sought the support of the Muckleshoot Tribe. Left to right: Mike Jerry Sr., Mark James, Virgil Spencer, Kerri Marquez, Virginia Cross, Atty Gen. McKenna, Charlotte Williams, Marcie Elkins and Donnie Jerry.



MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE

The Muckleshoot Tribal Council hosted an open house on November 17th from 4-7 PM in the Phillip Starr Building. Dozens of tables were set up so that tribal members could see what the various programs have to offer, ask questions and meet the staff. They also had the opportunity to enter into the general council drawings for \$100, bingo passes and gift cards.

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VOTE! Tribal Election January 16, 2012 2012 NOMINEES

Tribal Council

(3 positions)

- Monti Lozier
- Kerri Marquez
- Danny Ames
- Melvin Daniels
- Neil Foulkes
- Kenneth C. Williams
- Marcie Elkins
- Louie Ungaro Jr.
- Curtis Jerry
- Rhonda Harnden
- John Stevenson
- Carl Moses
- Tammy Byars
- Todd LaClair
- Greg Swanson
- Sonja Tuilata
- Donnie Jerry Sr.
- Fay Moses
- Mitzi Judge
- Marvin Moses Sr.
- Ada McDaniel
- Dawn Miller
- Susan Starr

School Board

(2 positions)

- Lana James
- Evelyn Eyle
- Janet Emery
- Mary Ann Moses
- Brandon Eyle
- Sandra Heddrick
- Luella Sandoval

NOTICE: Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots is Friday, January 13, 2012.

PER CAPITA REMINDERS

- When you turn 13 or 18 during a Per Cap Distribution and you have Direct Deposit you will need to turn in a New Direct Deposit form for your new Age group otherwise we will cancel your Direct Deposit until we receive a new one. Teen Direct Deposit Form (orange) or Adult Direct Deposit Form (brown).
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- If you or a family member are incarcerated and want to notify Tax Fund of what you would like us to do with your Per Cap (mail, put in someone else's name, hold it or just want someone to pick it up) We require a letter to be mailed to Tax fund directly from the jail so it is unopened when we receive it. This is the only way Tax Fund will follow the request being made from an incarcerated Tribal Member
- Things to double check before Per Cap Distribution to make sure Tax Fund has your correct information
- * Address Change has been updated
- * Your name has changed and you have a Social Security card showing your new name. Tax fund will need a copy of this before we can change in our system.

WALKING ON...

Sandra Lee Eldridge-Vestre

Sandra Lee Eldridge-Vestre of Morton, Washington, passed away on October 3, 2011. She was 69 years of age. She was born May 7, 1942, to Kenneth and Viola Eldridge.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Donald R. Vestre, Jr.

She is survived by her son, Darrin R. Vestre; brothers Jerome Eldridge, Theodore Eldridge, Bernard Eldridge and Daniel Eldridge; sisters Caroline Murray, Pamela Zozosky, and Earlene Shaw; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service was held at Mountain View Cemetery in Auburn, Washington on October 22, 2011.



"She was my best friend since we were 12 years old." - Bev Moses

Jamie Lee Kirk-Stuart

Jamie Lee Kirk-Stuart passed away on October 2, 2011 at the age of 31. Jamie was born October 28, 1979 to Sandra Johnson-Davis and Jimmy Kirk. She was a Muckleshoot Tribal member and loved to pow-wow dance when she was growing up. She was a cast member of the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant at the Pendleton Round up.

Jamie was a mother of four beautiful children. In her spare time she loved to cuddle up and watch movies. She left behind her parents; her four children, Gracia McCulloch, Jada Stuart, Aaliyah Angeles, Jerimiah Angeles; her grandmother Marie Johnson; her siblings, Thomas Claybrook, Melody Sykes, Rose Davis, Renee Davis, Gabrielle Davis and Wacey Kirk; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Services were held at the Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church on October 7, 2011, followed by burial at the New White Lake Cemetery.



Jamie's paternal great-grandmother Phoebe Ann Segears Parr, 1905.



Jamie picking huckleberries with her Dad, Jim Kirk.



Jamie's Grandmother Kirk

(See extended obituary on page 21)

Memorial to Sherman Andrew "Gub" Dominick



Born 10-24-40 to Sherman J. Dominick and Mary R. Davis Dominick had Josephine L. Gabel, Gladys M. Dominick, Ralph J. Dominick and Paul Dominick. All have passed on.

Norma R. Dominick of Muckleshoot resides there yet.

Gub was a very special Lil Brother. He went to Fall City Elementary School - 1st to 8th grade. He loved sports - played baseball, basketball. Went to Mt. Si High School, where he chose track, got good grades. My sis and I used to call him Professor. Anything we wanted to know, he knew. Used to play chess with some of the Fall City elder folks.

He almost made it to graduation, but got to fishing with Cecil and Lonnie Moses, then hunting, so he moved to Muckleshoot with Cecil and Thelma Moses. Worked in the fields - mill, also the smoke shop for a lot of years - became a part of the Boldt fishing rights, where a lot of our people marched to Governor's Building for the rights to fish and hunt, sat in jail more times. Dad and Mom became famous, because when Gub went to jail, he would use his whole name, Sherman G. Dominick. People used to say, hey, Sherm, you're so in the papers again!

His buddies he'd always come to Fall City with was Cal Rodrigues and Jr. Allen - our three musketeers. They were like brothers to us and we thank them for Gub's care and friendship.

He had two beautiful daughters, my nieces, Edith Jerry and Darla Dominick - with Jeanne Lozier Moses.

He's gone but not forgotten. He has grandchildren and great-grandchildren to carry on his love for sports and hunting and fishing if they'd like to be - And his great love for our baseball team.

Our memories will always keep him and his love close to us. So with fond memories for my brother and love for his daughter, I say many thanks, "Lil Brother" for great memories.

Always,

*His Sis Norma Dominick
Daughters Edith Jerry and Darla Dominick, my nieces
Jeanne Moses
His Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Nieces Monica Williams and Girls
Nephews Wil Murphy and Roy*

FROM THE FAMILY OF SHERMAN DOMINICK

Thank you to all who join us for our Father and Brother's Memorial:

- Thanks to Lauri Williams and Bud Moses for Blessing of Gub's Headstone.
- Thanks to all those that donated items - Peachie Ungaro, Berlinda Adair, "Toots," Pauline Lazard, Daniel Jerry, Jeanne Moses.
- Thanks to the Cooks Robin - her husband, Louie Ungaro, Pauline Lozier,
- "Lil Bebe Moses" for doing the great salmon - Joel -
- John LaClaire and Wil Murphy for the Deer for the dinner.
- Elaine Baker and Barry Anderson for standing with us during the give away.
- Monica Williams on girls of Auburn, Mary Koplun and Brandon Moses, JoAnn Dominick of North Bend, for being with us - Darlas Boys
- I would like to say a very special thank you to Darla Dominick for the beautiful headstone she - Jeanne and Edie chose.
- Those that spoke for Gub at the dinner, thanks for sharing the memories with us.



If I forgot anyone, "Thank You."

*Norma Dominick, Darla Dominick,
Edith Jerry & Our Families*

From the Family of Del Courville Sr.

I'm writing to thank our tribal people and friends!!! I know it's a late thank you, but I want to give a special thanks to my children and Del's family. They had done most of the funeral process, which went very well all the way through, with no problems.

Also a special thanks to Dennis Anderson, Sandy Heddrick, our pall bearers, grave diggers and cooks. The food was delicious. Of course, our two Tribal Council members that helped out a lot - Kerri Marquez and Virgil Spencer - just jumped right in and made sure everything was right. And thanks to our flower girls and for the help from the Shakers the three nights after. All of your prayers did help and all of our family appreciates all of the help.

Del loved his people. He's always picked berries, cooked fish, hunted and mechanicked for his elders. He always stopped to see if he could help anyone stuck on the road. He always said, "Well, I did my daily deed for the day!" And he did do a daily deed, always.

And thanks to all for food and money donations. It helped out in every way!

Thank you all,
The Del Courville, Sr. Family

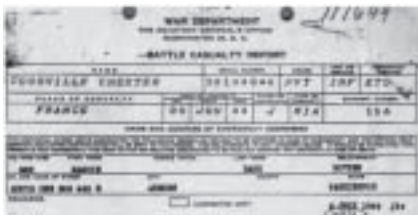
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ber of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment within the Army's 82nd Airborne Division. So we knew that he was part of the assault by 13,000 paratroopers whose mission was to capture and hold the village of Sainte Mere Eglise.

Sainte Mere Eglise is a beautiful village located at a supply crossroads where the Germans were expected to rush reinforcements after the surprise landing on Utah Beach. For those of you who saw the movie, "Saving Private Ryan," my Dad's job was to fly from England to France and parachute into the countryside, a few hours before the men landed on the beaches and to knock out the German supply lines. Many have written that this was a suicide mission, but those men were so gutsy that they did not intend to die. My father's regiment was the only one of the three to jump on D-Day that had already experienced combat. This was their third jump, having jumped in first in Sicily and then Salerno, Italy.

"My Father's Army Records Finally Arrive."

I sent letters to the Army's various records departments more than a year before our trip, to try to learn more specific information about what had happened to my Dad. Just a few weeks before our departure, we received the records: seventy-five pages of sobering reality and quite a few surprises. Probably the biggest surprise was learning that my Dad had been buried for *four years* in a cemetery near the village of Sainte Mere Eglise. Eventually, the military decided that the remains of 15,000 soldiers buried in that area would either be repatriated home or be buried at the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach.



One of the seventy-five pages of scanned army records I received shortly before we left for France. I had been requesting the records for more than a year.

"Grandma Maggie Wasn't Having It."

Military regulations specified that the serviceman's father would decide on repatriation arrangements. My grandparents, Amos Courville and Maggie Daniels Courville Barr were no longer together and Grandma Maggie expressed her displeasure clearly in letters to the authorities. The force of her will prevailed and my father was repatriated to Enumclaw cemetery where he rests today.



Retiring the colors at the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach. Hoagie King George and visiting veterans.

"We all choked up as Taps was played."

Guide and driver, Henri Leers, accompanied us throughout our ten-day journey. Henri opened doors for us everywhere we traveled. He set the historic backdrop for us by arranging trips to many of the key D-Day sites including the American Cemetery. I was invited by the Director of Visitor Services, Dwight E. Anderson and his Deputy Director, Shane Williams to help retire the colors as the sound of Taps played. That song has choked me up ever since I was a little boy. The veterans in our ad hoc color guard looked like they were holding back tears as well.



Monument at the temporary military cemetery at Bloisville, France where Chester Courville was interred for four years. From left, Hoagie King George, Mayor Jean Buquet of Carquebut and Mayor Marc Lefevre of Sainte Mere Eglise.

"We will never forget."

All of our research could not have prepared us for the emotionally charged day we spent in Sainte Mere Eglise. The cemetery where my Dad rested for four years has returned to a serene pasture. A monument marks his sacrifice and that of nearly 6,000 other soldiers. French and American flags fly alongside one another. On a clear, sunlit morning, marking the beat on the wooden fence rail, I sang my personal song to honor all those who had been laid to rest there. Mayor Marc Lefevre of Sainte Mere Eglise, and Mayor Jean Buquet of Carquebut soon joined us. Together we laid flowers at the monument. The banner across our flowers bore the French words meaning, "We will never forget."



Flag of Chester Courville's 82nd Airborne Division. From Left, Henri-Jean Renaud, Hoagie King George, Mayor Jean Buquet of the village of Carquebut, Mayor Marc Lefevre of Sainte Mere Eglise.

"Mrs. Renaud's son is here!"

We knew that squalid events were guiding events when Henri-Jean Renaud arrived unexpectedly to join our ceremony. We had planned to lay flowers that very day on the grave of his mother, Mrs. Simone Renaud. We had no idea that he would have heard about our visit and would join us to take us personally to his family burial plot.



Simone Renaud, wife of the mayor of Ste.-Mere-Eglise, placing flowers on one of the graves of American soldiers she has adopted, that belonging to Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., son of the former Pres.; he died of a heart attack six days after Normandy invasion. With permission of: Ralph Morse/Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images

"We saw this picture and knew we had to find her grave."

We wanted to thank Mrs. Simone Renaud for taking care of my father's grave and those of thousands of other soldiers. This selfless woman had witnessed the paratroopers descend into Sainte Mere Eglise where her husband served as mayor. She spent the rest of her life caring for the graves, writing to grieving mothers in the states and enclosing flower petals and photographs from the grave sites, organizing annual tributes and personally welcoming returning GIs.



Hoagie and Tallis King George with Henri-Jean Renaud, laying flowers at the tomb of his parents, Alexandre and Simone Renaud.

"Thank you from the Courville Family."

Henri-Jean was just age 10 when the paratroopers descended into their village. He and his brothers witnessed the liberation of their town, the death of neighbors, of German soldiers and of thousands of paratroopers. They continue their mother's work to this day. Mr. Renaud took us to his family's tombs where we laid our flowers. The banner, in French, said, "Thank you Mrs. Renaud, for laying flowers on the graves of our paratroopers. Courville Family."



Hoagie and Tallis being married again by the Mayor of Sainte Mere Eglise. My father's 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment raised the American flag, in the background, at 4:30 a.m. on June 6, 1944. It was the first American flag flown on liberated French soil.

"My Father's 505th PIR raises the first American flag over liberated French soil."

Director Stephane Lamache greeted us warmly at the Paratrooper Museum in Sainte Mere Eglise. Mayor Lefevre showed us the American flag that was raised over the town hall at 4:30 a.m. on D-Day marking the first town liberated in France. It has just 48 stars.



LaFiere on the Merderet River outside the village of Sainte Mere Eglise.

"Was my father killed at LaFiere? I'll never know for sure."

We could not leave the area without stopping at LaFiere, just outside of town. This was the vicinity of the "drop zone" for my father's regiment and the site of a bloody and protracted battle. The now-peaceful Merderet River meanders through lush farmland and I was tempted to join a lone fisherman perched on its bank. Instead, I prayed for all the men who fell there, my father perhaps among them. I will never know for sure.



Hoagie and Tallis wrap Mayor Jean Buquet in a Pendleton blanket. We are in the community center of the village of Carquebut.

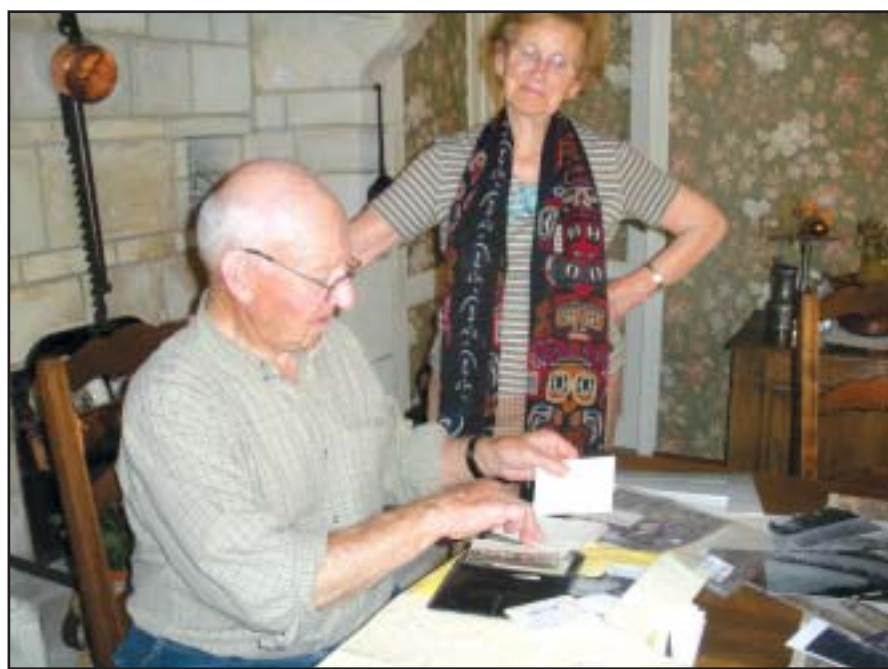
“Our first goal was accomplished.”

We had thanked Mrs. Renaud for caring for my father’s grave and had gained her son Henri-Jean as a dear new friend. But where was Mr. De La Rue, the man who buried my father? Our guide learned that Mr. De La Rue was traveling, so he arranged for the Mayor of Carquebut to receive the gift we brought, to be later presented to Mr. De La Rue.

Carquebut is a gorgeous village with a community center that reminded me of home. The Mayor’s assistant had prepared a reception for us complete with decorations and refreshments. With Henri and his son Frank serving as witnesses and translators, we wrapped the Mayor in the Pendleton blanket inscribed, “From a Grateful Nation” in honor of all veterans. We explained that this was our thanks, “From a Grateful Family.”

“It’s Him!”

Although it was nearly dusk, our tireless guide Henri suggested that we swing by Mr. Yves De La Rue’s home, “just in case.” Frank ran down to the courtyard of the complex of picturesque stone farm buildings where a car was parked, doors ajar. He ran back to us, “C’est lui!” “It’s him!”



Mr. and Mrs. Yves De La Rue sharing photos and mementos with us. Mr. De La Rue’s father owned the field where my father was buried. They were beautiful, warm and knowledgeable hosts.

“We were overjoyed to finally meet Mr. De La Rue and his wife.”

We were invited into the De La Rues’ lovely sitting room and were soon pouring over photos, old letters, and mementos. He told us that the field where my father was buried belonged to his father and is now his farm. He was only 17 when the army asked him to work with its repatriation officer, Col. Elbert E. Legg, to bury the soldiers during the intense early days of battle. Mrs. De La Rue was just 15 when the incendiary bombs annihilated her grandmother’s farm and cattle. They understood that they were fortunate to survive and knew that liberation had finally come. Mr. De La Rue showed me the outbuildings where General Eisenhower at one point had a base.



Hoagie with Mr. Yves De La Rue who helped bury the paratroopers in the early days of the Normandy Invasion. Now age 90, he was just 17 years old at the time.

“He understood completely why we had come and how we were feeling.”

Mr. De La Rue embraced each of us when it was time to leave, just as Mr. Renaud had. We felt a deep, spiritual kindness from each of these exceptional men. They both understood, in a profoundly personal way, why we had come and especially, how we felt.



Mr. and Mrs. Yves De La Rue wrapped in “From a Grateful Nation” blanket and silk scarf, from a grateful Courville family.

“The circle was whole.”

When we returned home, the Mayor’s office e-mailed the photographs showing the completion of our ceremony. The Mayor and his lovely assistant wrapped Mr. and Mrs. De La Rue in the blanket. The circle was whole.



Mayor of Courville sur Eure, Bernard Gautier, presenting Hoagie with the official medal of Courville.

“One more big surprise.”

Our final day in France held one more unforgettable surprise. Our phenomenal guide Henri had arranged for us to meet the Mayor of the village of Courville. Mayor Bernard Gautier and his staff were delightful hosts. We were presented with the key to the city and the official medal of Courville. We met Mr. Yves Badulcci, known as “Yves Indian,” from his lifelong dedication to native lifeways. He choked back tears when he met this Muckleshoot elder and we exchanged gifts and goodwill.



Francois Courville in the town of Courville meeting his cousin Hoagie.

“I knew you were coming.”

The airport was beckoning as we buckled up for the last leg to Paris. My spirit began to awaken and Tallis scrambled to get out of the van to help me sing. A man’s face suddenly appeared in the van’s door and we heard, “This is Francois Courville.” Oh my god! That’s what my spirit was telling me. He had been walking under the Mayor’s window as they were waving goodbye and the next thing I knew I was meeting my cousin. Francois explained that it isn’t known whether the Courville family originates from the town bearing its name, but he did know that some of the family settled in Canada. When I told him, “I knew you were coming,” he replied quietly, “Je connais” – “I know.”



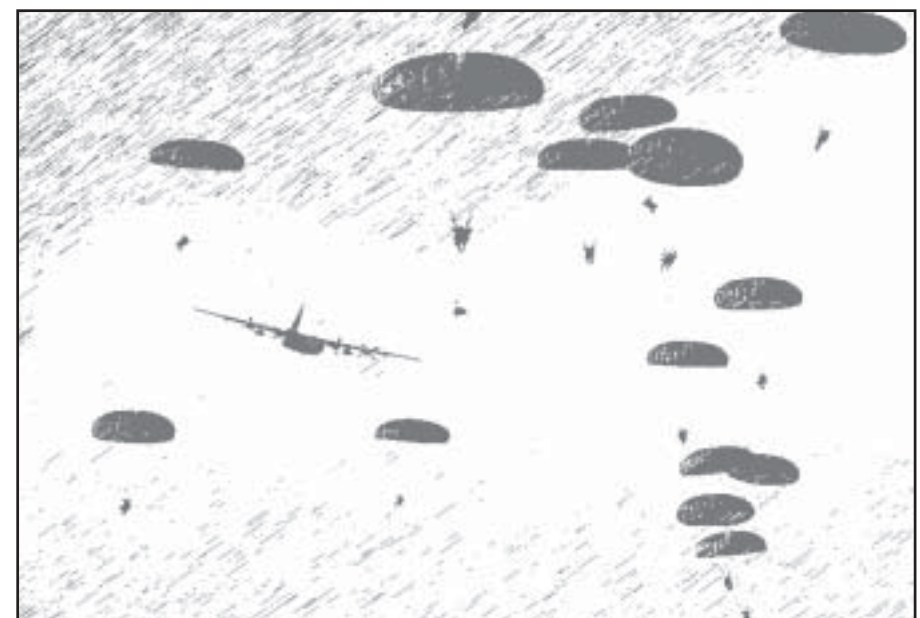
The monument where my father was buried reads: 6,000 American soldiers were buried here from June 1944 until 1948 for the liberation of France.

“I have a deep respect and empathy for my father.”

I told you that I never knew my father but after all our research and a 10,000 mile journey, I have a deep respect and empathy for him. Like me, we both made personal sacrifices to help raise our brothers and sisters. He chose to join the paratroopers, knowing it would bring more pay home to his family, even though the risks of this new type of warfare were so great. It was said of my father’s 505th PIR that it was arguably the “toughest, best-trained regiment that the United States Army has ever fielded.”

“Dedicated to my Aunt Bernice.”

All of my Courville aunts have been dear to me and I am grateful for my aunt Marge and all my cousins. Aunt Bernice Courville White was just a year younger than my Dad. She looked out for me throughout my life. She would have loved this story and I tell it here, as my tribute to her. Gilbert King George sqialapcub@msn.com, 253-740-7957

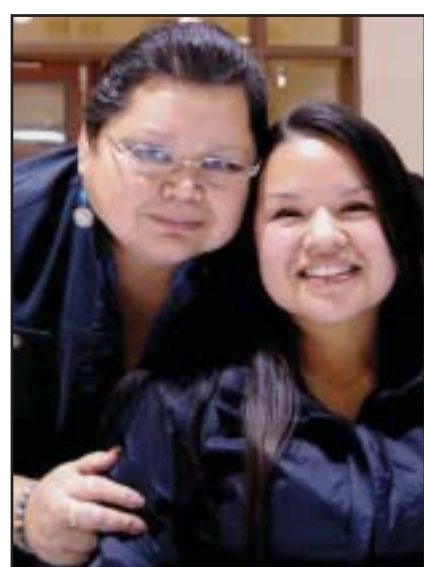
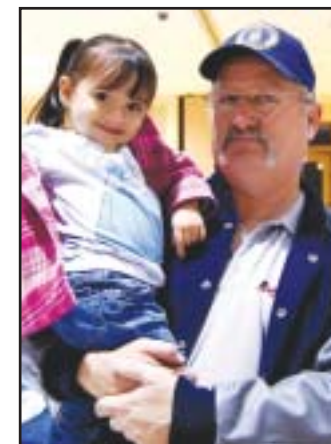
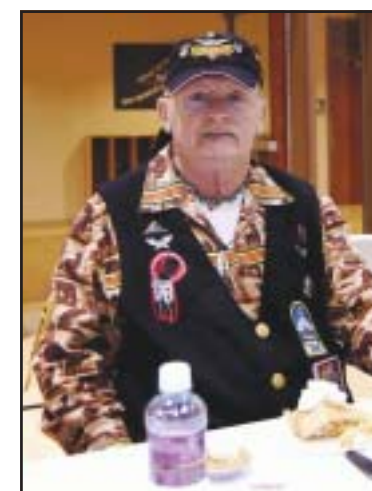
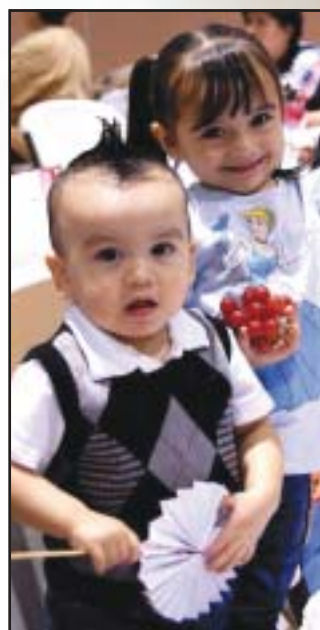
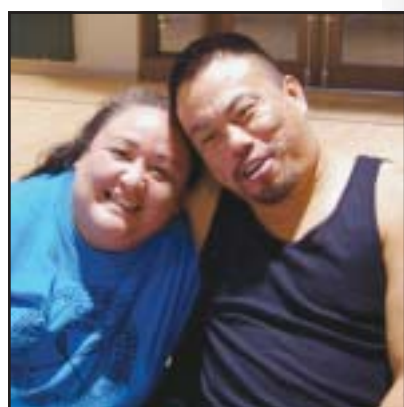
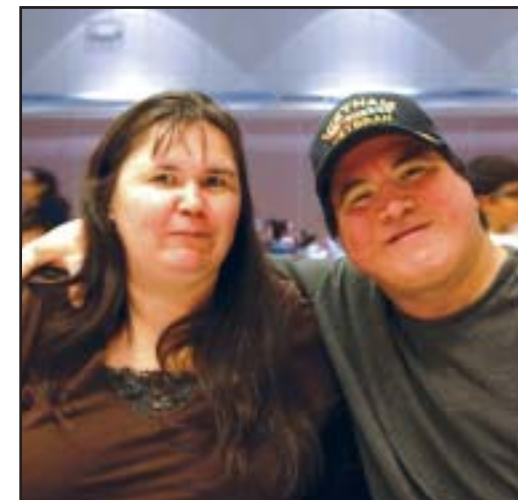


Veteran's Day Dinner 2011



MUCKLESHOOT PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY & PARADE

PHOTOS BY GARY KISSEL



Veterans Pow Wow

MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL SCHOOL

PHOTOS BY CHANTEL O'BRIEN





MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN TRIBE
Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy
Misty Taphorn, Pharmacy Manager
17500 SE 392nd Street,
Auburn, Washington 98092-9763
Phone: (253) 939-6648 • Fax: (253) 333-6853

Do you have questions about Medicare Prescription Coverage?

For more information contact:
Washington Statewide Insurance Benefits Advisors
1 (800) 562-6900
www.insurance.wa.gov
OR
1 (800) MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)
www.medicare.gov
Where you can compare plans that are best for you online!

The Optical Department at the HWC!



The eyeglass benefits are the same as they've always been.
 One comprehensive eye exam once every 12 months.
 New lenses once every 12 months. Adults eyeglass frames once every 2 years/children 2 per year.

If you are not eligible for the frame allowance, you will be allowed to purchase the frames at a very reasonable price. (Believe me there is a significant mark up when you buy frames in town/private practice!). No eyeglass benefits will be approved outside of the MHWC optical department. We are also offering contact lenses and necessary supplies for contacts.

The Optical Department is a Tribally-owned business. Patients must meet CHS eligibility requirements to get optical services. CHS eligible patients will need to obtain a PO from the CHS office before getting optical services.

For more information, please contact the CHS Office – (253) 939-6648. Optical Department open regular HWC business hours.



Birth Record

By Lisa Elkins

8/30/2011
 Proud Parents Samantha Munson & Kevin Williams
 Girl, Alexis Williams
 Proud Grandmothers: Elvena Williams, Tammie Anderson
 Great-Grandparents: Marjorie & Norman Williams Sr.
 Great-Great-Grandmother: Ellen Williams

10/03/11
 Proud Parents: Mary Ross Jr. & John Elkins Jr.
 Girl, Chelsea Elkins
 Proud Grandparents: Ramona & John Elkins Sr.
 Mary Ross & Dwayne Ross Sr.

10/7/11
 Proud Parents: Aurelia Greene & Byron Carmack
 Boy, Tristan Carmack
 Proud Grandmother: Michelle Greene
 Great-Grandmother: Rita Goudy

10/12/11
 Proud Parents: Phyllis Williams & Joshua Moses
 Girl, Marjorie Moses
 Proud Grandma: Vanessa Otero-Torres
 Great Grandmothers: Dorothy Williams & Joan Maurice

10/24/11
 Proud Parents: Diana Mae Tecumseh & Jorge Dominick
 Girl, Kiana Ethel Talia Dominick 6lbs 11 oz. 17 in.
 Proud Grandparents: Darla Dominick, Jonathan & Della Morrison-Sampson,
 Lawrence Tecumseh Sr.
 Great-Grandpa Dale Miller

10/25/11
 Proud Parents: Ursula & German Garcia
 Girl, Katiriann Garcia
 Proud Grandparents: Ramona & John Elkins Sr.

Congratulations to all our new parents!



Dental Clinic Location & Hours (253) 939-2131

We are located on the 2nd floor of the Health & Wellness Center.

Appointment Times		Emergency Walk In Times
Monday	8:00am-5:00pm	8:00-8:20 am.
Tuesday	8:00am-5:00pm	8:00-8:20 am
Wednesday	9:00am-5:00pm	9:00-9:20 am
Thursday	8:00am-5:00pm	8:00-8:20 am
Friday	8:00am-5:00pm	8:00-8:20 am
Closed Daily	12:00-1:00pm	

Massage Therapy

30 min. appointments

***Two 30 minute
 massage appointments
 Now Available Daily!!!**

- *Same day appointments often available!
- *Great for stress relief
- *All eligible members welcome

Muckleshoot Massage Therapy
 Mon - Friday 8am - 5pm
 Closed 12 - 1 daily for lunch
 253-333-3620

NEED A "MEETING" TO HELP YOU !! ?

Alcoholics Anonymous -AA & Narcotics Anonymous NA Meetings on the Rez

Monday 12:00-1:00pm A.A.
 M.I.T. Recovery House
 39225 180th Ave S.E.
 Auburn, WA.

Tuesday 12:00-1:00pm A.A. Tuesday 5:00-6:00pm A.A.
 M.I.T. Recovery House Phillip Starr Building "Cougar Room"
 39225 180th Ave S.E. 39015 172nd Ave S.E.
 Auburn, WA Auburn, WA.

Wednesday 12:00-1:00pm A.A.
 M.I.T. Recovery House
 39225 180th Ave S.E.
 Auburn, WA.

Thursday 12:00-1:00pm A.A.
 Pentecostal Church (In Church Sanctuary)
 39731 Auburn-Enumclaw Road S.E.
 Auburn, WA.

Sunday 7:00-8:30pm N.A.
 M.I.T. Recovery House
 39225 180th Ave. S.E.
 Auburn, WA.

Having a problem with pain pills? Does your life revolve around pills? If pills control you instead of you controlling the pills.....

Suboxone (Sub-ox-own) referrals and treatment now available @ HWC!

Help for prescription pain medication dependence is now being offered through the Health and Wellness Center. Suboxone is also used in the treatment of other opiate-based or synthetic opiate drug dependence. These drugs include: Oxycodone/Oxycontin, Hydrocodone, Vicodin, Heroin, and Morphine.

SUBOXONE is the first opioid medication approved under Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) 2000 for the treatment of opioid dependence in an office-based setting. The primary active ingredient in SUBOXONE is buprenorphine.

- SUBOXONE at the appropriate dose can:
- Reduce illicit opioid use
 - Help patients stay in treatment
 - Suppress symptoms of withdrawal
 - Decrease cravings for opioids

The Health and Wellness Center has a medical provider licensed to prescribe suboxone.

For more information please contact Behavioral Health at (253) 804-8752

Grief is painful and at times the pain seems unbearable, now is the time to seek support!

Grief and Loss Support Group

with Dr. Sarlak@ the Muckleshoot Health & Wellness Behavioral Health Program
Every Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:30pm

Open for everyone, please call Muckleshoot BHP for further questions.
253-804-8752

Notice to All CHS Eligible Patients

If you received a PO from the CHS office and now you are receiving a medical bill or statement, please bring them to the CHS office for review. This will ensure timely payment to your provider.

As always, you must obtain a PO # prior to your medical appointment and call us if you cancel or reschedule your appointment.

CHS Office Hours:
Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm
Closed for Lunch 12pm – 1pm
Phone: 253-939-6648

BEHAVIOR HEALTH PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Behavioral Health reception window is now open throughout the lunch hour (12:00 to 1:00 pm) so that we will be better able to serve our clients and the community. Please feel free to stop by to schedule appointments and to drop off/pick up paperwork. If you have any questions, please call us at: (253) 804-8752

Harvesting Health

by the Nutrition Team:
Colleen Crossett, Dietitian
and Pam Drake, Nutritional Therapist

Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center
Medical Clinic 253-939-6648

The Nutrition Team welcomes you to submit your favorite healthy recipes to our Harvesting Health

Recipe Contest!

Top recipes will be chosen by:

- Whole food based (minimum use of processed ingredients)
- Traditional food option (elk, fish, huckleberries, nuts, etc.)
- Easy to follow instructions and TASTE!!!

Any seasonal recipe okay, any category (side, salad, main, dessert)

From The Kitchen of

Win a \$25 gift card and a newspaper feature!
(with permission)

Submit recipes by **DEC. 21st:**
Hand deliver to Medical Clinic at the HWC or email Colleen at colleen.crossett@muckleshoot-health.com
Make sure to list your contact information so we can tell you if you won and distribute your prize!

Submit recipes by **December 21st** to be entered!!!

Is Heroin Running Your Life?

There is help.

Call 253-804-8752

Help in Quitting Smoking!

The Muckleshoot Health & Wellness Center uses and endorses the **Washington State Quitline** to assist in stopping smoking.

Call 1-800-QUITNOW for free and effective help in quitting smoking.

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICE (CHS) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

CHS OFFICE (253) 939-6648

- Notify CHS office before any non-emergent services are rendered to determine patient eligibility, medical priority and to set aside funds for payment. Pre-authorization is mandatory and failure to comply is reason for denial of payment for claim(s).
- In true medical emergencies, notify the CHS office within seventy two (72) hours of start of services. Failure to comply is reason for denial of payment of claim(s).
- Prior notification does not guarantee CHS pay for services, unless all other CHS requirements are met. There are some services CHS can not cover.

ALTERNATE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS:

Muckleshoot CHS is a residual resource and not an entitlement program. In addition to CHS, other resources for health care are available from various state, and federal programs, as well as individual and group health insurance policies. By federal law, CHS must ensure that all resources, where and when applicable, are utilized before CHS can assume financial responsibility for your care.

This means that CHS will not be authorized if you are eligible or would be eligible upon making an application for an alternate resource such as: Medicare (over age 65 or disabled at any age), Medicaid (medical coupons), crippled children or have private insurance etc. Failure to comply with a CHS office referral to an alternate resource will terminate your CHS coverage. You are required to use these benefits as your first source of payment of your medical-related costs.

The CHS office is required, as per IHS Federal Rules and Regulations, which requires all CHS denials to patients be sent by certified mail to the address on file.

“Your Suggestions Count”

The Muckleshoot Health & Wellness Center offers “suggestion boxes” where guests can fill out forms to share thoughts, comments or suggestions. The purpose of these forms is to help us improve the quality of services offered to the community. These forms are not “incident reports”, but rather confidential and private opportunities to share your thoughts on what we are doing well or on ways we might improve.

The suggestion boxes are located in each reception area and the main lobby of the building. The feedback forms are located next to the boxes. The boxes are checked at least twice a month by the Facilities Secretary and then delivered directly and confidentially to the appropriate department manager. Suggestions are then discussed privately at Quality Improvement committee meetings.

If possible, please provide contact information on the suggestion form so the appropriate manager can contact you to address your particular suggestion or area of concern. Again, this would be a confidential and private conversation.

We want to hear from you. Please take a moment to stop by the Health & Wellness Center and fill out a suggestion form today. Your thoughts matter!

Thank you

Health & Wellness Center Program Hours

Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center

	Pharmacy	Wellness Center
Monday	8-5 pm	10am-8 pm
Tuesday	8-5 pm	10am-8 pm
Wednesday	9-5 pm	10am-8 pm
Thursday	8-5 pm	10am-8 pm
Friday	8-5 pm	10am-8 pm
Saturday	8-6 pm	10 am-2 pm
Sunday	All Programs Closed	

Program Name	Phone No.	Closed-Lunch
Main Number to HWC	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00
Behavioral Health (Mental Health & Chemical Dep)	(253) 804-8752	Open
CHS/Registration Office	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00
Community Health/CHRs	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00
Dental Clinic	(253) 939-2131	12:00-1:00
Medical Clinic	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00
Optical Clinic	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00
Pharmacy	(253) 333-3618	Open
Recovery House	(253) 333-3629	Open
Wellness Center	(253) 333-3616	Open
WIC Thurs Only 8-4:30	(253) 939-6648	12:00-1:00

Health & Wellness Center Program Closures for November 2011

Day	Date	Times Closed	Reason for Closure
Wednesday	11/23/11	1-8 pm	Thanksgiving Day Eve
Thursday	11/24/11	All Day	Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday	11/25/11	*All Day	Tribal Holiday

*Essential Services will be open from 1-4 pm
CHS, Pharmacy & Medical Walk In Clinic.

Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center Medical Clinic Appointment and No-Show Policy Effective 07/05/11

To be as efficient as possible and to better serve you and your family members as soon as we can, we are going to be making some changes and implementing an Appointment and No Show Policy for medical-related, dental, optical, massage therapy, CHRs/transportation and behavioral health services. This change is happening because there are too many people that continually make appointments for these services and they never show up to the appointment. This impacts your appointments, because they make an appointment, don't show up and your appointments are made around these chronic No Shows. Your appointments are set back every time they don't make it. If we have four (4) No Shows in a week, that means your appointment will be made later because they will want to schedule another appointment again for the next week. These are appointments that could “you” could have had – you could have been seen sooner. The people who break appointments, hold up appointment times for you and your family. For those of you that are always make your appointments on time, you won't even notice the change – the people that will have a problem with this new policy are the ones that continuously have trouble keeping their scheduled appointments.

In order to ensure that we see everyone in a timely manner, we are going to ask that you call to cancel a scheduled appointment 24 hours prior to a scheduled appointment. This allows for our providers to schedule other people who may be waiting for an appointment. If you do not call to cancel at least 24 hours in advance, you will be considered a “no-show” for that appointment, there may be exceptions to this depending on the circumstance.

If you fail to show for an appointment, it is your responsibility to call and reschedule.

Anyone who misses a scheduled appointment in the morning will not be allowed to see a provider at the medical clinic during a same-day or walk-in appointment that same afternoon.

You should arrive 10 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time. If you do not arrive by the scheduled appointment time, you will be considered a “no-show” for the appointment and you will have to reschedule your appointment to another time or date. There will no longer be a 10 minute grace time for you to be late for your appointment. If you have a 30 minute appointment and come in 10 minutes late, your appointment is now reduced to 20 minutes and you also have to factor in that you need to be checked in by the Med Assist (to get your vitals etc), now your appointment is down to maybe 15 minutes. The providers can not provide good quality care to you in 15 minutes.

If you fail to show for three appointments in a row OR if you have three no-shows in a three month period, you may be restricted to a selected date/time such as a Tuesday 8:30-9:30 am appointment.

After attending the restricted date/time appointment, you will be able to schedule advance appointments once again at the medical clinic.

To make sure that you are aware:

- We will be sending you a letter every time our records indicate that you no-showed for an appointment.
- Once you have accumulated three no-shows in a row OR three no shows within a three month time frame, we will send you a letter indicating that you will only be able to be seen at a restricted selected date/time appointment.
- If you are given a restricted selected date/time appointment and succeed in keeping that appointment, we will send you a letter to let you know you are eligible to make advance appointments once again.

Also, to help you remember your scheduled appointments, we will continue to try and reach you by phone the day before the appointment to remind you of the time and date of your appointment. However, it will be your responsibility to keep us updated on any address/phone number changes.

Please keep in mind, we are making these changes to make sure everyone can be seen in a timely manner at the HWC.

Thank you,
Lisa James, Health Director



Happy Holidays from the MTS Cheerleaders!

Birdies are flying everywhere at MTS!

Muckleshoot Tribal School students at all levels – elementary, middle school, and high school – are taking part in a badminton unit during PE classes. Even some staff members are getting into the action. Birdies flying everywhere at MTS!



Shane Moses



Astraiya Penn



Kaylea Hamilton



Leila Sam



Shaleen WhiteEagle



Brandon Moran

Our Trip to the National Congress of American Indians Portland, Oregon, Oct. 30- Nov. 4, 2011

The National Congress of American Indians Conference took place at the Oregon Convention Center in downtown Portland, Oregon recently. Par educators Mary Goddard and Richard Vendiola from the Muckleshoot Tribal School chaperoned four students from the high school. Kalli Comenout, Sid Lazzar, Angelika Esparza-Bennett, and Ryan Oldman all participated in discussions and presentations emanating from the Youth Commission which is an integral part of the NCAI governing body.



MTS students at NCAI in Portland with chaperone Mary Goddard.

Some of the discussion included going over Robert's Rules of Order and participation in a mock tribal leader's summit. The students were to come up with a motion which was seconded by another group, and the motioning group would have to argue their "case" as to why they thought their motion was important enough to be considered by the legislative body.

Another presentation by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America had the students involved in a talking circle where a feather was passed around and the person holding the feather would have the floor to give his or her take on the concerns of their tribe including the need for mentors for young people.

There was also a presentation by the Center For Native American Youth who introduced marathon runner and suicide prevention advocate, Dirk Whitebreast who gave an enthralling presentation of running a series of marathons that amounted to a staggering 262 miles in one summer in an effort to bring attention to suicide prevention among our Native youth.

The students made many connections with the youth that were involved with the running of the Youth Commission who advocated the benefits of joining the NCAI and running for an official position. One such benefit would be a free ride to the college of your choice through the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

Our students were afforded many ideas and much information about what direction to take after they got out of high school, but the main thing was to have fun and to experience what an NCAI conference was all about. I cannot say enough of the integrity and willingness that the students exhibited during the course of the conference and they are very appreciative of the Muckleshoot Tribe for allowing them the chance to experience NCAI.

I myself was very proud of our Muckleshoot Tribal School students who represented their school, tribe, and community in outstanding fashion.
– Richard Vendiola

The National Congress of American Indians Conference

By Kalli Comenout

The conference was insightful to me. It was a really great experience for me. I learned a lot about leadership, and how to be a head chairman in our society. I learned how to take matters into your own hands. Robert's Rules of Order helped in many different ways. You can learn how to respectfully debate.

I learned main motion and motions to amend, the principles of debate, and voting. I listened to a woman named Star Naye talk about how music saved her life. She sang a song from her homeland and spoke of her life stories. She survived genocide in the early twentieth century.

They also talked about teen suicide. They had a project called THRIVE. We were asked to come up with ideas to help stop teen suicide. We came up with texting, talking, and counseling as ways of telling someone you trust about this sensitive subject.

They want to help stop bullying and substance abuse as well by having Big Brother and Sister Programs. SAIGE is another program that helps with leadership designed to help kids with college and to be able to speak up.

This conference helped me to see that everyone is a leader, not just one, but all. Together we can make a difference; individually we will continue to struggle. So if we stand up for our rights, we will accomplish more for our future that lies ahead.

Red Ribbon Week

PHOTOS BY ERIKA GONZALEZ



Honoring our Tribal Cooks

Written by Valerie Segrest, the community nutritionist and coordinator of the Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project. Contact her at: vsegrest@gmail.com

“A time to experience togetherness.” This was the theme and intention behind the October 28th gathering of nearly a dozen tribal cooks who are currently working within the Muckleshoot Education and the Human Services Departments. This one-day workshop was held at the Muckleshoot Drop-In Center and focused on congregating the cooks for a day of rest, rejuvenation, inspiration and a little strategic planning. With the collaborative efforts of tribal administrators and the Muckleshoot Food Sovereignty Project, the gathering began with the prayer and focus of esteemed Elder, Pete Jerry.

“We must focus our work on the medicine of our food. Our traditional foods carry the power to address both our physical and spiritual health. These teachings need to be brought out and must be carried in your work in order to serve the health and well-being of our community.”

With just that intention, a series of food demonstrations began that focused on traditional and modern healthy food fusion. Cooks witnessed the making of several recipes that built up to quite a lunch menu. These included:

- Elk & Quinoa Chili
- Wheat-Free Cornbread
- Massaged Kale Salad with Currents
- Wild Rice & Cranberry Stuffing
- Baklava with Rosehip Syrup
- Swamp Chai Tea & Chilly Sparkling Rose Lemonade


After lunch, the cooks sat down and discussed what it means to “set the table” and the significance of cooking and feeding people. Outcomes from this rich discussion included many approaches to maintaining a healthy work environment. Some cooks talked about how they see each other as brothers and sisters with whom they can laugh and have a good time with in the kitchen. Senior Center Cook, Robyn Rivera shared, “Every morning I say a prayer to put happy thoughts and good feelings in my heart.” Elder Pete Jerry urged that if you see someone who is down, that it is your responsibility to try and lift them up.

With that in mind, the discussion moved to the responsibility and role of these kitchens in maintaining the health of those they serve. Several approaches are in the works to make a strong effort towards revitalizing Muckleshoot Food Culture. In 2012, these kitchens will be working from a menu program that cycles with the seasons and collaboratively purchasing healthy quality food items to serve to the community. These cooks will also be participating in seasonal workshops that will enhance their incredible culinary talent and support community health initiatives.

The day concluded with fierce benedictions of what we can all achieve in our mutual efforts to restore the health of a community. It was truly an honor to be a witness to this discussion and to really feel the invigorating energy of our valued cooks. It is very clear that we are all looking forward to actively pursuing the notion that increasing the quality of food consumed will ultimately increase the present health of our community as well as those who are yet to come.



Pete Jerry



Math Tutor Wanted

Northwest Indian College at Muckleshoot is looking for a part time math tutor for 20 hours a week at \$12 per hour. The tutor needs to be able to pass a math test.

Tutor Qualifications

1. Content-competency is required (math 70-math 124).
2. Good interpersonal and communication skills are required.


Primary Activities

1. Familiarize self with Math syllabi of courses supported by NWIC.
2. Assist students with course related questions.
3. Facilitate individual and small group study sessions.
3. Keep and update records.

Secondary Activities

1. Create supplemental handouts for use in working with students.
2. Ascertain course requirements and maintain contact throughout the term with the NWIC Math teachers and site staff.
3. Other duties as assigned by the director or supervisor.

For more information please contact:
Harmony Blancher at 253.876.3274 or hblancher@nwic.edu
Jeramie Smith at 253.876.2631 or jsmith@nwic.edu



Northwest Indian College

Earn your Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in Native American Studies or a General Transfer degree at NWIC at Muckleshoot. We offer a variety of evening face-to-face, online, interactive television and independent learning classes to allow flexible scheduling for the working professional. Make an appointment with a Muckleshoot Tribal College advisor today by calling 253.876.3183.

Important Dates to Remember:

Registration begins.....	Nov 14
Advising Day.....	Dec 1
Running start deadline.....	Jan 9
Winter Quarter classes begin.....	Jan 9
Martin Luther King Jr Day—campus closed.....	Jan 16
Presidents Day —campus closed.....	Feb 20
Last day of Winter Quarter.....	Mar 23

For more information please contact:
Harmony Blancher at 253.876.3274 or hblancher@nwic.edu
Jeramie Smith at 253.876.2631 or jsmith@nwic.edu



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39811 Auburn Enumelaw Rd SE, Auburn, WA 98002 www.muckleshoottribalcollege.com

MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COLLEGE

WINTER QUARTER

ADVISING DAY

WHEN: DECEMBER 1, 2011

**WHERE: 39811 Auburn Enum. Rd. SE
Auburn, WA 98092**

TIME: 10:00a.m. thru 2:00 p.m.

~LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED~

Native Quest seeks vendors for holiday bazaar

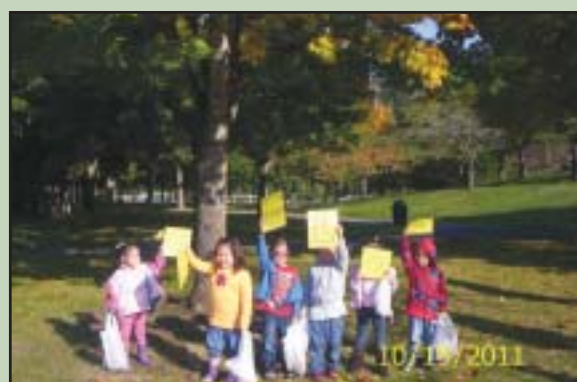
Tacoma's new Indian community center, Native Quest, will hold its First Annual Holiday Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Dec. 10. If you are a Native American craftsperson (or if you know someone who is) and have items to sell, a \$25 donation will get you a six-foot table to sell your goods at the bazaar. Each vendor will be responsible for making sure that he/she can transact business in Tacoma for this event. Contact the store at (253) 627-8033 for more details or to sign up. Spaces are limited and on a first come basis. Native Quest is located at 2354 Jefferson Ave.

Happy Holidays!

Head Start Trick or Treat



Leaf Hunting at Game Farm Park



Orcas Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



Head Start Thrilled About Parent Night Success

What fun we had at our homemade beauty products event. Families had a blast creating custom cleaning spray, sugar scrubs and laundry soap. The best thing about this event insists Leonie Rodarte the Head Start Family Service Manager is that "families left equipped with the information on how to quickly put together indispensable household items that are good for them and their pocketbook". Everyone Had a good time, staff included. The childcare room was packed full with sixteen children who also had a lot of fun. Juanita, one of the attendees said that she "could not believe how fun and easy making laundry soap was, I will definitely be doing this from now on." Another attendee and staff member commented on how "nice it was helping families and watching them enjoy something so much" With this success, Head Start is planning more similar events beginning with our Christmas Gift Making Extravaganza at the end of November. We hope to see YOU there!

Kindly,
Leonie Rodarte, Family Service Manager
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
(253) 876-2997
leonie.rodarte@muckleshoot.nsn.us





Drop-In Center Celebrates Halloween With Style!

The Muckleshoot Drop-In Center celebrated Halloween with style. On Saturday, October 29th we hosted a Halloween dance. The highlight of the night was the pie eating contest! In order to survive the first round the contestants had to see who could eat the most pie without using their hands. We had two heats that each lasted 90 seconds and the top three contestants advanced to the finals.

Surprisingly, we went to the final with three females (Leesa Lozier, Melissa Ho, and Leanne Red Thunder) and three males (Louie Moses Jr., Brian Sicade, and Aarin Grant). We also had Siaosi Migi (BBQ Chef extraordinaire) represent for the staff in the finals.

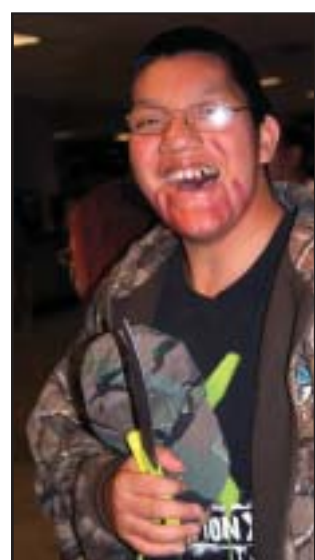
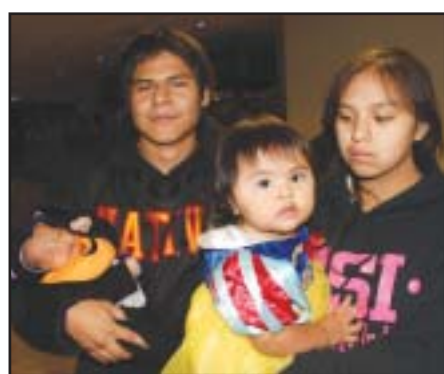
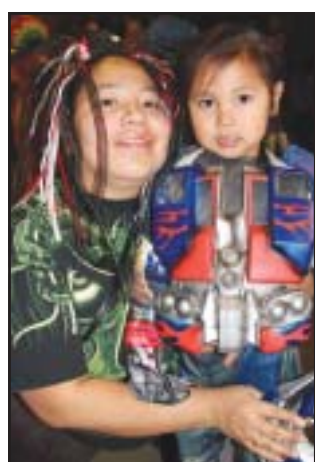
In the final round there was no time limit and contestants were allowed to use their hands. The finals got off to a fast start, but we quickly had a couple of the competitors fall by the wayside. The crowd was cheering for their favorites and the race was tight. Aarin and Brian were neck and neck when the underdog Leanne came out in front.

Leanne finished first! Aarin came in a close second with Brian right behind him. Siaosi represented well for the staff with an honorary first place although he didn't have to endure the first round. We finished off the night with a dance contest and costume contest.



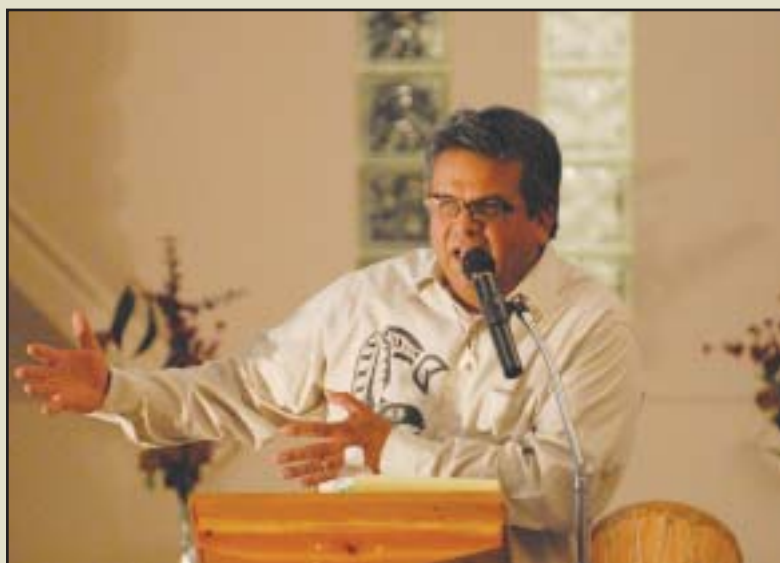
Tribal Halloween Party

PHOTOS BY JOHN LOFTUS



Jerry Chapman returns to Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church

After an absence of two years, Jerry Chapman returned to the Pentecostal Church to drum, sing, and speak in the 11:00 a.m. church service. Jerry is a long-time drum builder, drummer, singer, and songwriter, and encourages native believers to worship God with their native drums and with dancing. Jerry played on the drum set he built for the church several years ago, and there were several other drums available for anyone wanting to join the drumming. The service was well attended, and there was a sense of release as dancers with shawls once again danced before the Lord in the front of the church. For more information about Jerry Chapman, go to the website for his ministry, Drumspeaker to the Nations, at <http://jerrychapmanministries.wordpress.com/>.



Muckleshoot Adventures Winter Camp



December 27-30 2011

Ages 7-17

Drop off Phillip Starr 8:30 AM and Pick up Phillip Starr at 11:00 AM

Activities to include: Fishing, Archery, Hiking, Sports, Arts & Crafts, Mini Golf, Life Skills Training, Cooking, Paint ball (**kids 13 & older need own fishing license**)

MUST SIGN UP BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 9 2011

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL, DRUG, & ELECTRONIC FREE EVENT!

CALL STEPHANIE FLESHER AT 253-876-3357

THIS IS A MUCKLESHOOT HUMAN SERVICES EVENT

Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church

Kenny Williams, Pastor

SCHEDULE

Sunday	11:00 AM	Church Service
Tuesday	12:00 Noon	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Support Group Meeting
Thursday	7:00 PM	Spanish (language) Church
Friday	7:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
3rd Saturday	10:00 AM	Prayer Meeting



36th Annual American Indian Film Festival wraps up in San Francisco



Michael Smith, founder and executive director of the American Indian Film Institute, hosts of the AIFF.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – The American Indian Film Institute (AIFI) announces the winners from this year's American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show, which was held on Saturday Nov. 12 at the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco.

Prominent Sponsors of the festival included Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tule River Tribe, Jackson Rancheria, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians and Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation.

The American Indian Motion Picture Awards Show, recognizing excellence in USA American Indian and Canada First Nations cinematic achievement, making the annual awards show one of the most prominent Indian Country and Native Cinema showcases.

Outstanding performances varied across the talent venue, on awards night including: Blues singer/songwriter Derek Miller, Punk/Indie band Miracle Dolls, Hip Hop/ R&B duo The Battiest Brothers, comedian JR Redwater, and violinist Swil Kanim.

Three feature films garnered the most attention, competing again and again for honors in all the top categories. They were:

- **SHOUTING SECRETS** – a universal story about a family coming back together under the chaotic event of a parent's sudden illness. Siblings separated by their past along with their misunderstood father are left dealing with each other both in the tight confines of the hospital where their mother June now lays in a coma and back at the old family home on a Native American reservation in the Southwest.

- **ON THE ICE** – the first feature-length fiction film made in Alaska by an Inupiat writer/director with an entirely Inuit cast. A suspenseful feature-length drama that follows two teenage boys on the snow-covered Arctic tundra, who are trapped by a dark and tragic secret.

- **EVERY EMOTION COSTS** – starring Michelle St. John, Tantoo Cardinal, Nathaniel Arcand and Roseanne Supernault. Darlene Naponse's second feature film explores the struggles of returning home and the challenges of facing long-buried family demons.

Award winners in the various categories were as follows:

- **BEST FILM** - *Shouting Secrets*, Korinna Sehringer, Director
- **BEST DIRECTOR** - Andrew Okpeaha MacLean, *On The Ice*
- **BEST ACTOR** - Chaske Spencer - *Shouting Secrets*
- **BEST ACTRESS** - Michelle St. John - *Every Emotion Costs*
- **BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR** - Tyler Christopher - *Shouting Secrets*
- **BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS** - Roseanne Supernault - *Every Emotion Costs*

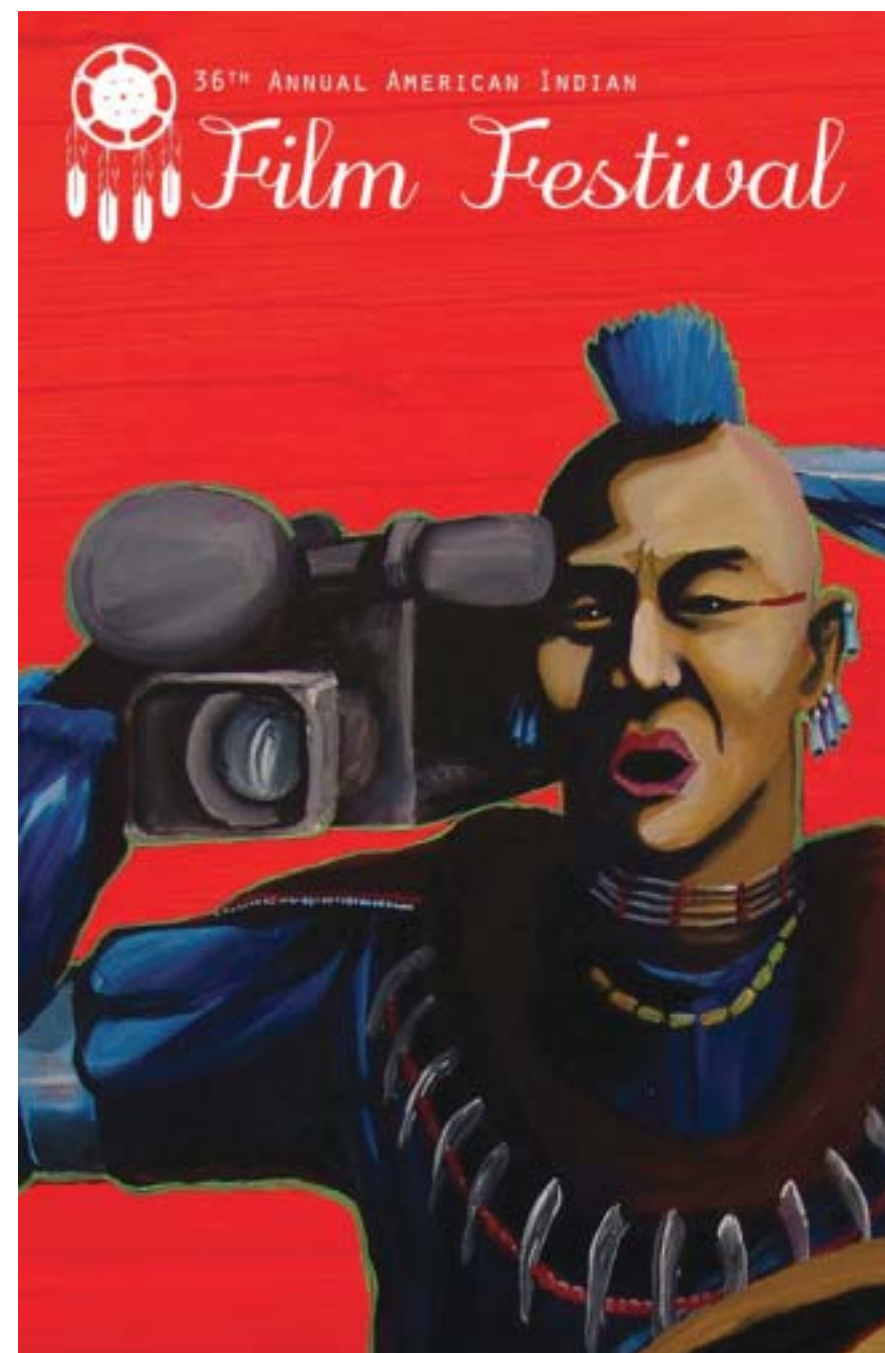
- **BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE** - *The Thick Dark Fog*, Randy Vasquez, Director

- **BEST MUSIC VIDEO** - *The Storm*, Steven Paul Judd, Director

- **EAGLE SPIRIT AWARD HONOREES**. Special Achievement awards, the Eagle Spirit, were presented to persons that exemplified outstanding character, fortitude, and career accomplishments in music/ media-arts, eco-political/ fishing rights activism and governmental accountability. The 2011 Recipients were:

- **Everett Freeman**, Chairman of the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians in Northern California from 1994 until his death in 2010, was posthumously honored for the contributions he made by leading the charge to obtain federal recognition for his tribe and for guiding it to economic prosperity; and
- **Jessie Little Doe Baird**, a Native linguist in Massachusetts who led a movement to recover her tribe's Wampanoag language, which had not had a single native speaker in over a century.

Donna Starr and Bev Moses were on hand to represent the Muckleshoot Tribe, and both report that they had a wonderful time.



Housing Employees of the Month

SHAUNEEN DANIELSON
Finance Director I

Housing was pleased to name Shauneen Danielson as Employee of the Month for September. Shauneen's dedication is unsurpassed by most. She is one of the most positive employees at the Housing Authority and is always going above and beyond to help our clients and her coworkers. Shauneen is one of the first employees to arrive and one of the last to leave. Shauneen, we truly appreciate all that you do!



MITCH SCHMIDT

Mitch Schmidt has been chosen for the Employee of the Month for October. Some of the reasons he has been chosen is that he puts our tenants needs first before requesting time off. His units are turned accurately and when completed, they are beautiful. This shows the pride that he takes in his work. Mitch always keeps the sports atmosphere alive here at Housing. Whether it is wearing his Seahawks helmet, his Green Bay jersey, or giving me heck about my Yankees. It's all in f.u.n!



Thanks Mitch!
Lisa A. Perez
Construction Manager



Guess Who!!

HUMAN RESOURCES WELCOMES EVELYN WIEBE

Human Resources is excited to announce a new addition to our department. Evelyn Wiebe has been hired as the Employee Relations Specialist. She is responsible for providing guidance, advice, counsel and leadership on various aspects of the employment relationship to all levels of employees. Evelyn will utilize the disciplines of human resources management, employment law, internal procedures, policies and practices to support Tribal Administration.



Evelyn is a seasoned Human Resource professional dedicated to finding creative and innovative ways to increase employee satisfaction, smooth transitions and foster employee loyalty. She comes to us with an impressive HR background and a number of years of experience having most-recently played a number of HR leadership roles with Good Samaritan Hospital and MultiCare Health Systems. She has Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management and is also certified as a Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

Evelyn will take over the facilitation of processes related to employee relations and can be reached at ext. 2844 or via email evelyn.wiebe@muckleshoot.nsn.us

Once again, please join us in welcoming Evelyn to the Tribe!



NEW FIREWOOD REQUEST PROCESS: - Public Works

Effective immediately, please help us to serve you better by following these simple steps when you request firewood to be delivered to your home in this winter season:

Before requesting for wood:

1. You must be a tribal member and have enrollment card ready
2. Come to the water treatment plant (39620 176th Lane SE, off 400th) to update your wood request application if you have not done so this year
3. Make sure you have filled out the household income information at the Finance Department

Requesting wood:

1. Fill out the wood request form either by:
 - Come to the Water treatment plant to fill out the wood request form in person, or
 - Fill the form out on line, go to the tribal "Pilchuck" website, under PW tab, find the form there, fill it out and send it to Dena Starr via email: dena.starr@muckleshoot.nsn.us or
 - Call 253-876-3147, Dena will help you to fill out the form over the phone.
2. Please allow at least 3 business days for the wood to be delivered after your request is made
3. Think of a day and time that you will be at home when the wood is delivered to your home

Wood Delivery:

1. Be sure that you are at home to sign off the delivery. We are scheduling only 6 deliveries per day.
2. Make sure no vehicle or items are in the way for the truck to access to the site where woods are dropped.
3. Please keep the wood in a clean dry place. Elders are eligible to request wood to be stack.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND ENJOY THE WINTER !

MUCKLESHOOT SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Use of Dumpster

Due to limited number of dumpsters available, we encourage everyone to bring your disposable items to our Public Works transfer station, but if you still need a dumpster, the below listed are some important information that will help you.

You must be an enrolled Muckleshoot Tribal member residing within the boundaries of the reservation to request a dumpster. All tenants of the MIT houses are required to request dumpster through Housing.

If you need a dumpster for your home clean up this is what you need to know.

- We need at least 3-5 day's advance notice. All dumpsters are scheduled for 3 days usage. So, please plan ahead prior your request.
- You need to fill out a work request form (on-line or in person at Public Works Office or call 253-876-3030, prompt #2).
- We can only serve your primary residence and for 2 times a year.
- Do not overfill dumpsters, we need to close the lid while in transit.
- Do not block truck access.

The following items are restricted from put inside the dumpster:

- No hazardous materials in dumpsters.
- No appliances in dumpster such as refrigerators, freezers, washers or dryers etc.
- No electronics such as computers, Televisions, VCR's etc.
- No paint, oil, antifreeze, gasoline etc.
- No batteries.
- No metal.
- No fluorescent light bulbs or tubes.
- No yard waste.

In order to serve you better, any violation of the above could jeopardize future usage and other member's need. Your corporation is appreciated!

The Tribe is starting to recycle Household waste in your neighborhood.....

If you live in Davis, Cedar Village or Skopabsh, Your garbage cans will be replaced!!!

In order to provide a better service at a more affordable rate, Public Works will replace all of your existing garbage cans with new ones for homes in these three neighborhoods during the month of September.

Every home will receive a new grey color 96 gallon can for garbage and also a new blue color 96 gallon can for recycling waste. All residents will be asked and encourage to recycle your household waste in order to help save the environment and at the same time save costs of disposing the waste.

You will receive more detailed informational brochure in the next weeks in your mail or at your door on how this program is going to help you to take advantage of this program.

Think GREEN and Preserve the environment and save money!
For further questions, please call Public Works at 253-876-3030

PS: The rest of the homes within the Utilities District will enjoy a similar program in a few months!

Keta Creek Fall Classic 2011

PHOTOS BY ALAN STAY




Holiday Gathering
December 16, 2011
 @
Emerald Downs
From 11-5
Lunch @ 12:00-2:00 pm
Games
Available






Happy Holidays!
 from the
Muckleshoot Tribal Council



2011-2012 MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COUNCIL
 FRONT ROW, L - R: VIRGINIA CROSS, CHAIR; CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS, VICE-CHAIR;
 VIRGIL SPENCER, SECRETARY; MARCIE ELKINS, TREASURER. BACK ROW: KERRI
 MARQUEZ, MARK JAMES, DONNIE JERRY, MIKE JERRY SR., MARIE STARR

Muckleshoot Elders Newsletter

Happy Birthday

Norma Dominick	11/01	Renee Lozier -Rojas	12/02
Lloyd Barr	11/01	Gerald Cross	12/02
Irene Kai	11/04	Elson Moses	12/10
Stacey Marquard	11/04	LeeRoy Courville	12/11
Brenda Hamilton	11/05	Pete Jerry	12/11
Philip Hamilton	11/05	Regina Morrison	12/11
Sandra Ross	11/06	Elwood Irving	12/12
Vera Jansen	11/06	Janice Starr	12/12
Myrna Nelson	11/06	Thelma Moses	12/14
Myrna Nelson	11/06	Norman Williams	12/14
Georgiana Smith	11/07	Norma Williams	12/14
Katherine Arquette	11/07	Robert Allen	12/14
Hoppy (Frank Jerry Sr.)	11/10	Anthony Nelson	12/15
Brinnon Aasted	11/11	Sharon Calvert	12/15
Antonio Perez	11/14	Larry Slaughterback	12/17
Anita Burns	11/16	Ken Williams	12/21
Roger Jerry	11/16	Mike Curley	12/22
Nelson Kahama	11/18	Joseph Simmons	12/22
Florence Nelson	11/19	Robert Simmons	12/22
Virginia Nelson	11/19	Eugene Brown	12/23
Tyrone Simmons	11/22	Loretta Moses	12/26
John Stevenson	11/23	Helene Williams	12/27
Ricardo Villasista Sr.	11/24	Earnestine Starr	12/27
Effie Keeline-Tull	11/26	Bud WhiteEagle	12/27
Millie White	11/26	Tim Milne Sr.	12/28
Ralph Elkins Jr.	11/26	Gilbert Jake	12/28
Joe Williams	11/28	Dwayne Ross Sr.	12/31
Benedict Williams	11/28		

Elders Fundraising

The Silent Auction began on Thursday, October 6th. We will be accepting bids until Friday, November 18th. Come on in, take a look at the merchandise and place your bid.

We would like to thank the following Elders for their generous donations:

- Bena Williams
- Bernie & Joe Lewis
- Jeannie Moses
- Marcia & Bill Brendible
- Lorraine Cross
- Lorraine Moses
- Susan Davis
- Virginia Cross



Elders Winter Bazaar

November 21st through November 23rd

After Christmas Luncheon

The After Christmas Luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday, December 29th, Muckleshoot Casino, Coho Room Noon

A few of our Elders have been working throughout the year to make gifts for the luncheon. We would like to take this opportunity to give them our thanks.

- Bena Williams
- Christine Purcell
- Hazel & Roland Black
- Sherene Berry

If you have any gift ideas or would like to help make gifts, please come in and see Noreen.

Upcoming Dates of Closure

The Muckleshoot Senior Center will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, December 23rd Tribal Holiday
- Monday, December 26th Christmas
- Friday, December 30th from 1pm to 5pm Tribal Holiday

Designated Hunters

Noreen is coordinating with Tammy James to assure that our Elders & Seniors are matched up with Designated Hunters. If you are interested in obtaining a Designated Hunter, please contact Noreen directly.

Seattle Seahawks

The Senior Center holds raffles for Seahawk ticket for home games. Enrolled Muckleshoot Tribal Elders and Seniors are eligible to win one pair of tickets per season. Please leave a contact number when you sign up so that Noreen can contact you if you are the winner.

Happy Holidays from the Staff of the Muckleshoot Elders Program!

Happy Holidays

Rain or Shine, Construction Goes on at New Elders Center



Thank you!

We would like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Mark James for bringing the Saltwater Saints to our last BBQ of 2011. Elders, Seniors and Senior Center Staff really enjoyed the music. Thank you!!!

2011 Royalty Banquet

This annual event takes place after the new royalty members have been announced. It's a time to acknowledge and celebrate the outgoing and incoming royalty. This time provides the opportunity for royalty members and their families to share a meal and become better acquainted with one another. Attendees are afforded the opportunity to say a few words of thanks, praise, appreciation, and/or encouragement. It is always very touching to hear the youth speak so genuinely about their families and their supporters. This year's event was another success, filled with laughter, good words and, of course, food.

The Pow-Wow committee would like to express our great appreciation to all the family and friends that were able to make this year's banquet. Thank you again for showing your support and pride in our Skopabash Royalty. Also, a very special thanks to the Tribal Council for supporting our committee; to the Pow-Wow committee for their planning efforts and their time; and to the casino staff for their work at this event.

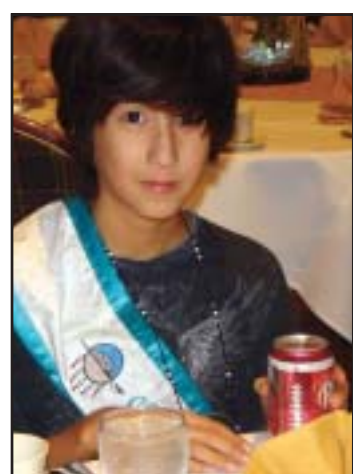
Thank you,
Madrienne Salgado
Pow-Wow committee chair



SKOPABSH ROYALTY 2011-'12. Peachy Ungaro, Jenel Hunter, Tyler Headress-Wilson, Sancha Moses, Silas Simmons and Lyena Gopher.



Charles Williams, Pow-Wow Committee member.



Rosie Fish, outgoing Jr. Miss Skopabash.



Olivia Courville, outgoing Miss Skopabash.



Kathy Crombie, outgoing Kaya.



Indian Child Welfare

For the Children The Angel Tree

It is time for us at that Muckleshoot Child and Family Services (MCFS), to focus on the fast-approaching holiday season. We have been lucky in previous years with help from outside services to provide Christmas gifts for our children in care, although there has been a slight change.

As mentioned in previous articles to the *Muckleshoot Monthly*, we strive to use relatives as the first choice when children need to be placed outside of their home. CFS strongly feels that relatives are the backbone of our program. We make a strong effort in keeping Muckleshoot children with relatives, tribal members and within the community. At this time we are asking for your generous gift donations once again to sponsor one of our "Angels."

For our Muckleshoot Tribal employees who have the means, MCFS is reaching out once again. In light and success of the past few years the employees have made a child happy while receiving a special gift that you have donated for the "Angel Tree." Our staff will be decorating the Christmas tree with Angel ornaments and each of those ornaments will be dedicated to one of our children in relative care, in-home with parents and guardians. The decorated tree will be displayed here at CFS building conference room. We are asking for sponsors from the employee community to help purchase gifts for the children. Please spread the word to your fellow employees about the "Angel Tree."

We are always looking for donations at MCFS. We have a visiting room in the back of our office that needs extra toys for children of all ages. If you have any extra children's movies, nice toys, clothing etc... please consider donating to MCFS before you throw them away.

Just a note, last year we asked that those who sponsored an "Angel" bring the gift to the Employee Christmas luncheon on 12/16/11. That worked out great for our program and the reason being we were able to gather up most of the donated gifts at that time and mailed the gifts that were not living in close proximity to be delivered directly to the homes. This way we can get the gifts out to the children before Christmas. If you are able to bring the gifts back to the MCFS before the 16th, please do. Our heartfelt thanks to all Tribal employees from us here at MCFS.

If you can help with sponsoring one of our children for the Angel Tree, please contact us at (253) 833-8782.

MUCKLESHOOT CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
Foster Parenting and Relative Care for Kids

Foster Care Trainings

To become a licensed **Foster Parent** you must complete the following trainings.

ORIENTATION: Must attend an Orientation session in person or view video's and take quiz online. **PRE-SERVICE TRAININGS:** You are required to take (27) hrs. of pre-service trainings. **First Aid / CPR & Bloodborne pathogens course.**

MCFS PROGRAM
Susan Starr,
Foster Care Licensor
39015 172nd Ave. S.E.
Auburn, WA 98092-9763
Direct # (253) 876-3397

On-Line Trainings:
(Orientation and PRIDE -pre-service locations)
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ica/fosterparents/preService.asp>

After finishing on-line training please have Certificates forwarded to us at MCFS

Front Desk Line:
(253) 833-8782
Fax: (253) 876-3095

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

PRIDE TRAINING AT:

39015 172nd Ave. S.E.
Auburn, WA 98092
Administration Bld.
(In Cougar Conference Room)

"Snacks will be provided"

Guardians of Dependent Children & Kinship Families are welcome to attend all classes

Evening PRIDE Classes

Starting on:

Thurs., Feb. 2nd 4:30 pm-9:30 pm
Fri., Feb. 3rd 4:30 pm-9:30 pm
Sat., Feb. 4th 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Thurs., Feb. 9th 4:30 pm-9:30 pm

To register for classes contact:
Yolonda Marzest at Yolonda.Marzest@dshs.wa.gov
or for questions call (206) 923-4955
E-Mail Registrations are preferred



MUCKLESHOOT POLICE



Muckleshoot Police October Recap

10/01/11 7:00 PM 11-219034 White River Amphitheater Drug Possession/Assault

An adult male punched a staff member after he was refused entry into the beer garden. The male was being escorted away by deputies when he pulled away and had to be taken to the ground. In a search incident to arrest a prescription pill was found in the male's pocket that he did not have a prescription for. The male was booked into the King County Jail for the drug violation. Charges for the assault are pending.

10/03/11 8:45 PM 11-220578 41200 block 180 AV SE Driving While License Revoked

An adult male was stopped for a traffic violation. The male's driving status was revoked in the second degree. The male was booked into the King County Jail for "Driving While License Revoked in the Second Degree."

10/05/11 11:00 AM 11-221820 Muckleshoot Seafood Products Trespass

An adult male was trespassed by deputies from all Muckleshoot Administrative Campuses to include Muckleshoot Seafood Products for a period of one year at the request of Muckleshoot Tribal administration.

10/05/11 3:51 PM 11-222083 40100 block 180 AV SE Burglary

A house was entered while one of the residents was inside sleeping. A Toshiba laptop, an acoustic Fender guitar, women's jewelry and pocket knives were taken.

10/05/11 9:00 PM 11-222404 Youth Facility Vandalism

The glass on a sliding window on a Youth Facility bus had been broken between 11:00 PM on 10/04/11 and 2:00 PM on 10/05/11.

10/06/11 3:00 PM 11-222972 36900 block Auburn-Enumclaw RD SE Theft

An adult male runs a landscaping business from his home. Two weed eaters, a hedger, two blowers, two mowers and two grass catchers were taken from his yard.

10/07/11 10:00 AM 11-223809 Muckleshoot Indian Reservation Child Abuse

Child Protective Services (CPS) referral of child abuse. Details are being kept confidential due to the nature of the case and an ongoing investigation.

10/07/11 9:20 PM 11-224160 Swan Flats Trespass

An adult female was trespassed from selected Muckleshoot Tribal Housing addresses at the request of a Housing Authority staff member due to numerous lease violations and damage to the house.

10/10/11 3:00 PM 11-225956 41400 block Auburn-Enumclaw RD SE Auto Theft

An elder female reported her silver 2003 Pontiac Grand Am stolen from her driveway. The car was noticed missing on 10/09/11.

10/12/11 2:10 PM 11-227578 Muckleshoot Tribal School Assault

One juvenile student attacked and assaulted another juvenile student without apparent provocation. The assault was stopped by a school security officer. The victim did not desire to be a victim and pursue criminal charges. The attacking student was suspended for five days.

10/13/11 8:45 AM 11-228169 Behavioral Health Warrant Arrest

An adult female called Muckleshoot Police from Behavioral Health to turn herself in on two misdemeanor warrants. The first warrant was out of King County for "DUI" with a \$5,000 bail. The second warrant was out of Auburn for "Failure to Appear for Theft in the Third Degree" with a \$10,000 bail. The female was arrested and booked into the Regional Justice Center Jail.

10/13/11 11:30 PM 11-228778 Swan Flats Drug Overdose

An adult female overdosed, she had been taking Vicodin, Valium and drinking alcohol all day. The female was unconscious when found, she had four small children in the house. The female went to the hospital via ambulance for medical treatment. Indian Child Welfare and Child Protective Services were notified of the incident and the children's living conditions.

10/14/11 3:00 AM 11-229262 Skopabsh Village Attempted Burglary

An adult female heard a noise outside of her bedroom window at 3:00 AM. When the female investigated she saw someone dressed in all black flee from the scene. The incident was not reported until 4:30 PM.

10/14/11 12:10 PM 11-229088 Swan Flats Trespass

Deputies went to a house in Swan Flats with Housing Authority staff at their request. An adult female was found in the house that had previously been trespassed from that location. The female was arrested and booked into the Regional Justice Center Jail for "Trespass in the Second Degree."

10/14/11 6:00 PM 11-229357 36800 block Auburn-Enumclaw RD SE Burglary

An adult female left her house at about 3:30 PM and returned home at about 6:00 PM. The female discovered that her rear door had been kicked in. Nothing was known to be missing at the time the report was made.

10/18/11 1:45 PM 11-232041 Skopabsh Village Burglary

An adult female left her house at about 10:15 AM and returned home at about 1:45 PM. The female found the front door and kitchen window open. There were no signs of forced entry. A 20" RCA flat screen TV was missing.

10/19/11 9:04 AM 11-232713 New Senior Center Construction Site Burglary

A Honda generator and two 5 gallon propane tanks were stolen from the fenced area of the new Senior Center construction site.

10/19/11 9:17 AM 11-232722 14400 block SE 368 PL Theft

An adult male discovered fishing nets, anchors and jack lights missing from his yard after his sister called him when she heard about some tribal members trying to sell fishing equipment.

10/19/11 4:00 PM 11-233672 Muckleshoot Tribal School Assault/Vandalism

A juvenile student pushed then punched a School Security Officer in the stomach. The student also punched two holes in an exterior wall. The security officer did not wish to pursue criminal charges. The student was suspended for five days and orders to pay for the damages to the school.

10/20/11 8:20 AM 11-233592 Skopabsh Village Assault

Deputies were called to a house for a verbal disturbance between an adult male and adult female who live together and have a child in common. No crime at the time but it was discovered that the male assaulted the female several days prior. The male is being charged with "Assault in the Fourth Degree DV."

10/20/11 12:19 PM 11-233745 1900 block Auburn Way S Warrant Arrest

An adult male was walking along the roadway, a duty spotted him, they knew he had warrants for his arrest. The male was arrested for a felony no bail Department of Corrections (DOC) warrant and an Auburn misdemeanor warrant for Failure to Appear for a Theft in the Third Degree charge. The male was booked into the Enumclaw Jail.

10/20/11 3:00 PM 11-233863 Twin Firs Theft

An adult female reported the theft of five WIC vouchers from her unlocked vehicle.

10/20/11 9:40 PM 11-234165 Skopabsh Village Warrant Arrest

An adult male was contacted looking into an unoccupied police vehicle. The male lied about his name but the deputy was able to discover his real name. The male had a felony \$80,000 warrant for Vehicular Assault from King County. The male was arrested and booked into the King County Jail on the warrant.

10/21/11 2:00 AM 11-234305 Swan Flats Trespass

A deputy charged an adult female with "Trespassing" from a contact he had with her on 10/16/11 when she overdosed at the house she had been trespassed from. The female had been trespassed from the house on 10/06/11 by a deputy at the request of a Housing Authority staff member.

10/23/11 5:20 PM 11-236083 Dogwood ST/Auburn Way S Drug Violation

A deputy observed a drug transaction occur at the car wash and casino lots. The deputy stopped the adult male that drove away in a truck. Three Percocet 30 MG pills were recovered from the vehicle. Charges are pending.

10/24/11 2:18 PM 11-236694 White River Amphitheater Theft

20 to 30 foot sections of 10 gauge copper wiring were stolen from a fenced, locked and enclosed area at the amphitheater.

10/24/11 2:21 PM 11-236703 Resource Center Theft

142 tablets of Diladid (pills) were taken from an adult female's purse while the purse was unattended in her office.

10/26/11 8:46 PM 11-237760 15800 block SE 383 PL Family Disturbance

Verbal argument between girlfriend/boyfriend that resulted in a window being broken accidentally.

10/27/11 10:30 AM 11-238998 15500 block of SE 376 ST Warrant

Male subject arrested on his outstanding misdemeanor warrant and transported to jail.

10/27/11 8:25 PM 11-239518 38500 block 161 DR SE Warrant

Male subject arrested on his outstanding misdemeanor warrant after walking into residence that was not his due to his intoxication level.

10/29/11 12:30 AM 11-240428 SE 383 ST/158 AV SE Warrant

Male subject with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant transported to jail after a traffic stop.

10/29/11 12:38 AM 11-240433 41800 block 180 AV SE Trespass

Unknown subjects entered an abandoned home and appeared to have a party.

10/30/11 7:30 PM 11-241576 SE 391 ST/164 AV SE Warrant

A male subject was arrested on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant and female subject arrested on an outstanding felony DOC warrant. Both transported to jail.

10/30/11 8:37 PM 11-241653 16100 block SE 368 WY Burglary

Suspect(s) enter residence through bedroom window and took electronics.

10/31/11 2:55 PM 11-242756 15500 block SE 376 ST Theft

Female subject reports her son's cell phone taken sometime on October 25th from the Tribal School.

Dear Community Members,

I am working on starting an intertribal "Traditional Food Gifting" exchange program. Our students will trade traditional Pacific Northwest foods for traditional foods around the United States. The purposes of the program will be;

- 1) to teach our students about traditional foods from the different tribal regions around the United States
- 2) to teach our students more about their own foods and traditions
- 3) to help students make connections to other tribal communities
- 4) to help students make connections between the historical and contemporary practices of Native communities.

Currently, we have two connections to the Great Lakes region. The first is an ethno botany class at Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College. They have sent my class wild rice that was harvested and processed in a traditional way by the students themselves! The second is a 4th grade class at Lake Superior Intermediate School in Wisconsin. We also have a connection to a Maidu tribal school in California.

We will be sending Muckleshoot traditional foods in exchange for traditional foods from other tribes. *If you have canned or smoked salmon or another canned or dried traditional food/plant that you could donate to my third grade classroom, we would really appreciate a supply to exchange with other tribal schools throughout the year.*

If you have any ideas or resources for us, please contact me soon. Thank you!

Ms. Cinnamon Bear Enos

3rd Grade Teacher
253-931-6709 x3755
cinnamon.enos@muckleshoottribalschool.org

White House Highlights Native American Youth as "Champions of Change"

WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, December 1st, eleven Native American Youth leaders will be honored at the White House as Champions of Change. These young people are Champions in their tribes and communities as they work to improve the lives of those around them through innovative programs that help others, raise awareness of important issues like suicide and bullying prevention, energy efficiency and healthy eating.

The Champions of Change program was created as a part of President Obama's *Winning the Future* initiative. Each week, a different issue is highlighted and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs to community activists, are recognized for the work they are doing to better their communities. Honorees include:

Teressa Baldwin, Native Village of Kiana, Sitka, AK

Teressa Baldwin has been directly impacted by suicide and wanted to take action to help reduce the rate of suicide in her home state of Alaska. As a junior in high school, Teressa was appointed by Governor Sean Parnell to the Statewide Suicide Prevention council and became one of the youngest appointed representatives in the state of Alaska. Following her appointment, Teressa started her own organization teaching her peers about the signs of suicide and sharing her own story about how suicide affected her life. After facing common hurdles to suicide prevention

Iko'tsiskimaki "Ekoo" Beck, Blackfeet, Missoula, MT

Iko'tsiskimaki "Ekoo" Beck is an advocate against bullying and after earning the My Idea Grant from AT&T and America's Promise Alliance, she was able to fund her project "Inspire to Lead." With this program, Ekoo has implemented a program which is providing peer led prejudice reduction, violence prevention trainings for high school, middle school and elementary school students as well as after school programs. In the course of these trainings, participants learn more about the effects of bullying, prejudice and racism and how to end it. Ekoo's program has impacted hundreds of students in Missoula through community and peer leaders. Due to Ekoo's work on this important issue, she was appointed as a youth representative on the Board of Directors of America's Promise Alliance led by and founded by General Colin Powell and Alma Powell.

Emmet Yepa, Jemez Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo, NM

Emmet Yepa from the Jemez Pueblo tribe in New Mexico, is an environmental advocate in his tribe and wants to find solutions to help educate his people and future generations about the importance of recycling. Emmet helped to form the Walatowa Green Stars Recycling Group in 2010 which consists of four youth members and is focused on preserving and keeping their ancestral lands beautiful through recycling. Since 2010, Walatowa Green Stars had been recognized with numerous awards and given opportunities to speak at local and national conferences. Emmet's ultimate goal is for his tribe to eventually have its very own Recycling Center.

Lorna Her Many Horses, Rosebud, Rosebud, SD

Lorna Her Many Horses is dedicated to honoring the American Indian soldiers and veterans who serve this country at a higher per capita rate than any other ethnic group. She has worked with elders and language teachers to translate the Star Spangled Banner into Lakota and Dakota because she feels that our soldiers and veterans deserve to be honored in their own language. To make this a reality, along with the help of others, she was able to record and produced CD's in her own community that have been given out to hundreds of Native American veterans and soldiers, and more than 50 schools and youth organizations.

Dallas Duplessis, Alaskan Native, Tulalip, WA

Dallas Duplessis is an advocate for healthier eating on her reservation. After seeing firsthand the negative effects of unhealthy eating habits, Dallas was focused on making a difference. Dallas and her family have been involved in the Hilbulb Cultural Center program "Growing Together as families" which teaches families healthy eating habits. From her involvement with the Cultural Center, Dallas was inspired to start the Tulalip Youth Gardeners Club to inspire other kids to garden together with their families. Since the start of the club, they have been able to teach kids to learn about gardening during the opening of the Hilbulb Center, at the Boys and Girls Club and at the Evergreen State Fair where they won ten ribbons. As their club says, their goal is not to be couch potatoes but to grow some potatoes.

CULTURAL WELLNESS GATHERINGS

AA Meeting Time

Muckleshoot Recovery House Mondays 12:00 Noon
39225 180th Ave. SE,
Auburn, WA 98092

Feather Healing Circle

39015 172nd Avenue SE Tuesdays 5:00 pm
Auburn, WA

Grief and Loss

Grief and Loss Support Group Wednesday's 6:00pm -8:00pm.
Behavioral Health, Bear Lodge

Women's Group

Muckleshoot Tribal College Thursdays 5:00 pm

Boys Mentoring Group

Muckleshoot Behavioral Health Thursday's 4:30 pm to 9:00pm

Al-Anon Meetings

Auburn First United Methodist Church Monday 10:30 a.m.
E. Main & N St. S.E.
Auburn, WA 98002

Federal Way Sunrise

United Methodist Church Monday 6:30 pm
150 S. 356th St.
Federal Way, WA 98003

**MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT OF JUSTICE
IN AND FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION
AUBURN, WA 98092**

IN RE THE WELFARE OF: } Case No.: MUC-J-10/11-232
C.L.K. }
DOB: March 11, 2010 } NOTICE OF FACT
 } FINDING HEARING (as to Father
 } only)
 }
 }
 } An Indian Youth)

TO: CARLA DENISE KAHAMA, Mother
GUILLERMO J. GUEVARA, JR., Father
LAUREL KELLY, ICW Case Manager
ANNIE HARLAN, Presenting Officer

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that a FACT FINDING Hearing regarding the above-mentioned youth has been scheduled for TUESDAY the 24th day JANUARY, 2012, AT 3:30 P.M. in the Muckleshoot Tribal Court of Justice located at 39015 172nd Avenue SE, Auburn, WA 98092.

The purpose of this hearing is to: 1) Hear testimony on the facts of the case; 2) to determine whether or not there is CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE that the youths are YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE, and in need of Tribal Court supervision as wards of this court; 3) whether out-of-home placement of the youth is necessary and 4) any other action necessary for the youth's best interest, 5) whether filings were timely and appropriate.

You may pick up a copy of ICW Case Manager's Court Report from the court clerk's office three working days prior to the hearing. Pursuant to Section 12.A.09.130; Title 12, a Petition for Fact-finding must be filed within seven days of the Preliminary Inquiry and sent to all parties. The Parties shall be notified of the hearing at least (5) days prior to the hearing. The Fact-Finding hearing must be conducted within 40 days after the Petition for Fact-Finding is filed or the conclusion of the Preliminary Inquiry, whichever comes last, pursuant to Section 12.A.09.130, Title 12 of the Youth Codes.

The parents, guardian and custodian of the youth are each entitled to have someone represent them at the hearing at your own expense-meaning that they will be solely responsible for any fees charged by the person.

If you have any questions regarding the nature of this hearing or the location of the court, please call the Court Clerk at 253-876-3203.

Dated this 03rd day of NOVEMBER, 2011.

/s/Bobbie Jo Norton
MIT-Clerk Of The Court

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ATTENTION MUCKLESHOOT LANDOWNERS:

Reminder to update your address & or phone number when there is a change in services. The Muckleshoot Realty department 253-876-3170 and OST toll free number 1-888-678-6836. This will enable us to provide important notices of meetings and or signing authority. The BIA/OST will contact you if they have issues that need immediate attention such as but not limited to your IIM statements and Probate hearing notices. *Thank you, Realty staff*

(This extended obituary was written by Jamie's loving father, Jim Kirk.)

Jamie Lee Kirk-Stuart

October 28th 1979 to October 2 2011

Jamie Lee Kirk - our beloved daughter, granddaughter, sister, mother and auntie - passed away unexpectedly October 2nd, 2011, just 20 days before her 32nd birthday. Jamie was taken from all those that loved her far too soon. She was born October 28, 1979, in Seattle, Washington, while her father, Jimmy Kirk, was away on a forest fire for 13 days and came home to a wonderful surprise. She was named after her father, James.

She was a Muckleshoot tribal member. Her mother's Muckleshoot blood line could be traced back to 1851. She was related to nearly everyone at Muckleshoot, and she had relatives in Canada, Yakima, Umatilla, and Stites, Idaho.

She was the Daughter of Jimmy Kirk and Sandy Johnson. She spent her early years living with her Grand Parents Jim and Evelyn Kirk in Pacific, where she attended Alpac Elementary School. She and her Grand Mother Evelyn were inseparable. She loved picking Huckleberries with her Grand Mother Evelyn

Her Grand Parents were Gilbert and Marie Johnson of Muckleshoot and Jim and Evelyn Kirk of Pacific.

She had Great-Grand Parents from her father's side, John W. Parr, 1884 to 1967, and Phoebe Ann Segears Parr, 1886 to 1961.

She took great pride and love of dancing at Pow Wows. She loved fancy dancing. Her Pow Wow regalia was made by her Grand Mother Evelyn and another Grand Mother Armenia Miles of Seattle. She was a former Indian village participant at Pendleton Round Up and a Happy Canyon Indian Pageant cast member.

She was a joy to her parents, Aunts, Uncles, Sisters, Brothers, Children, Grand Parents and all who knew her. Her favorite Auntie was Diane Johnson Daniels. She was a loving mother, Daughter, Sister, Niece, Grand Daughter and friend.

She is preceded in death by her Grand Father Gilbert Lyle Johnson of Muckleshoot, Grand Parents Jim and Evelyn Kirk of Pacific; her Great Grand Parents from her Father's side, John W. Parr 1884 to 1967, and Phoebe Ann Segears Parr, 1886 to 1961; and step Mother Carol Ann Kirk, (Hum-a-py-nen) Grizzly Bear Arriving, of Mission, Oregon.

I remember Jamie, her Step Mother Carol, and her Brother Wacey were swimming at their favorite spot on the Umatilla river at the base of a waterfall, when a rattle snake came over the waterfall swimming toward them. Her Step Mother Carol started hollering and Jamie picked up a rock and threw it at the snake and hit it, the snake went down stream upside-down.

As her Father, Jimmy Kirk, I would like to thank everyone at Muckleshoot that helped to put my Daughter Jamie away and that was there with us and supporting us at our time of loss and great need.

And thank everyone that was there and helped. I'd like to ask everyone to join us in one year at Jamie's memorial. Thank you again from the bottom of our heart, love you all, from me and all our family.

Sincerely,
James L. Kirk, Jr.
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Pendleton, Oregon 97801
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Submit your events to:
muckleshoot.monthly@yahoo.com

- December 1** Tribal College Advising Day - 10am - 2pm
39811 Auburn-Enum Rd. SE, Auburn, 98092
- December 16** Holiday Gathering - Emerald Downs from 11-5pm. Lunch from 12 - 2pm
- December 27-30** Muckleshoot Adventures Winter Camp - Ages 7-17. Sign up by December 9th. Call Stephanie Flesher at 253-876-3357 for more info.
- January 13** Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots
- January 16** Tribal Elections and Annual Meeting of the General Council

PER CAPITA REMINDERS

- When you turn 13 or 18 during a Per Cap Distribution and you have Direct Deposit you will need to turn in a New Direct Deposit form for your new Age group otherwise we will cancel your Direct Deposit until we receive a new one. Teen Direct Deposit Form (orange) or Adult Direct Deposit Form (brown).
- If you want someone else to pick up your Per capita Check you need to fill out an Authorization Form and have it notarized and turn it into Tax fund. We will not accept forms or letters that are not notarized.
- If you have closed your Bank Account please notify Tax Fund As Soon As Possible so that we can cancel your Direct Deposit. If you wait and we have already send in your Deposit to the Bank you will have to wait until the Bank sends a letter to Tax Fund stating that the deposit did not go through (this can take 1-5 days), then we have to print you a check. This will delay you getting your money in a timely manner.
- If you or a family member are incarcerated and want to notify Tax Fund of what you would like us to do with your Per Cap (mail, put in someone else's name, hold it or just want someone to pick it up) We require a letter to be mailed to Tax fund directly from the jail so it is unopened when we receive it. This is the only way Tax Fund will follow the request being made from an incarcerated Tribal Member
- Things to double check before Per Cap Distribution to make sure Tax Fund has your correct information
 - * Address Change has been updated
 - * Your name has changed and you have a Social Security card showing your new name. Tax fund will need a copy of this before we can change in our system.

Come work for Your Tribe and make a difference!!!

The Muckleshoot Tribal Administration is looking to hire Tribal members to fill its new openings. Please visit us in the Tribal Administration Human Resources Department to see if we have any openings that you might be interested in.

Also see our opening on-line at www.muckleshoot.nsn.us



Seasons Greetings!




Have you ever considered a career in
gaming regulation?

THE MUCKLESHOOT GAMING COMMISSION regularly posts openings at the Casino, Tribal Headquarters, and the Commission office. Because resumes and/or applications are accepted for open positions only, check often or call 253.735.2050 for current openings.



Catholic Mass
with Father Pat Twohy

St. Claire's Mission Chapel
Muckleshoot Reservation
Saturday Afternoons at 5:00 PM





Happy 2nd Birthday Makai

Love Grandma & Grandpa, Tamicka, Mike, Lindy & Eli and baby Eli

A sister's Love

A sister's love is special in oh so many ways
Now miles stretch between us and minutes turn to days.
We've shared so much as children the tears, the joys, the pain
A lifetime spent together those memories remain.
In times gone by we've pondered the paths our lives have taken
Knowing that in spite of this our sister love unshaken.
A sister's love is special in ways that are unspoken
Still that binding force exists our sister love unbroken.

This poem was written/submitted by Cute Fairy.
Happy Birthday to my dear Sister, Myrna Lynn Nelson
Luella Jean



I had an enjoyable time taking my dad, son and brother hunting. Just wanted to share a special time we had up the mountains! Michael Jr lives for hunting – that's all he wants to do these days! When he knows we're going hunting, he asks "Are we picking granpa up?" ~ Mike Jerry Sr.



Guess Who?



KIANA ETHAL TALIA DOMINIC

Baby girl Kiana Ethal Talia Dominic, orn to Jorge Dominic and Diana Tecumseh on October 24th 2011. Proud parents and a Happy Family. A very Welcome Addition to the Family.



Tamicka Elkins learning to ride early, November 2, 2011
~Submitted by Byron Lloyd



Janet Lynn Darden
My beautiful grandbaby =) SHE'S WALKING NOW!
Look out! =*O)
Here you go :)
Hope you like it!

~ Janet Emery

Trapped in a Box ☐

I'm trapped in a box ☐ with no intentions to survive
Praying, asking God why am I still alive
I go to sleep each night, knowing everything I say is a lie
Knowing that is enough for me to breakdown and cry
My father taught, me to be tough and conquer your fears
My mother taught me how to love and it's ok to shed a couple tears
I struggle each day to survive living my life with doubt.
I'm trapped in a death hole with no hopes of getting out
I've been tormented by the devil ever since I was a little boy
He is the puppet master and I'm his #1 toy
I've been bullied, misunderstood, charged with guilt to my heart
Slowly but surely I'm losing my mind.
And my heart and soul is falling apart
I can't help myself no matter how hard I try
I need to find a way the clock is winding down to the day I die
It's like the devil has control over me at least that's how it seems
He usually gets me like Freddy Krueger,
When I'm asleep, in my dreams
I was raised in the church my mom said
when you're in trouble look for a way in the light
But I'm to lost in the world and blinded by the night
At this point in my life I am mentally unstable
But I'm going to keep my eyes on God because I know he is able
I have worn a mask all my life nobody knows or understands me
They think I have Stall good, look harder and you will really see
I love you mom and I'm really trying to find a way
But the only way you can help me is to continue to pray
There were times you never listened to what I had to say
That's part of the reason I am who I am today
But I'm on the right track I'm determined to find my way
All because you said you loved me and it will be ok
I used to live each day with no hopes for tomorrow
Walking with my head down filled with shame and sorrow
There were times where I felt I was on the worlds hit list
So depressed my face looking like death ready to slit my wrists
As a man I feel for myself I have to provide
It's enough pressure for a man to commit suicide
As I engraved death in my arm I started to bleed
Even though god is all I want and all that I need
Stress is building up in my heart and mind
Wondering when my time is up and if I'm ready to die
I put the gun to my head and closed my eyes
I said lord take me now I'm ready to die
As I pulled the trigger no bullet came out
Then I thought to myself aren't I suppose to be dead now
I opened my eyes and saw the light
A voice said I love you with all my might
If it was my mom I don't know why
Then they said I love you it's not time for you to die
So as I look to the sky I thank God for saving me
If it weren't for him I don't know where I would be
I know it's all over my faith has been restored
I have no thoughts of death, evil can't touch me anymore
Now you know who I used to be and how I became the new me
When I was trapped in a box ☐☐... But now I'm free

Why Blue Jay has black feet?

By Maggie Lewis



A long time ago there was a Blue Jay. He saw a bird swoop down and grab a fish. Blue Jay wanted to try that and the Blue Jay swooped down but he hit his head on a rock and was knocked out. A bear found him and took him to his house. The Blue Jay woke up and Bear asked, "Do you want something to eat?"

"I want some salmon with sauce," Blue Jay replied.

"I don't have any sauce, but I know a trick!" So bear put his foot above the fire and some sauce came out. Blue Jay said, "Cool, can I try?"

"No you can't, your feet are not thick like mine are."

"I am getting some salmon," bear said. "I will be right back."

So Blue Jay put his feet above the fire, and they burnt and turned black. The Bear came back and saw the feet. He said "your feet will be black forever."

That is the story of how Blue Jay got black feet.

