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## ANNA MARIE SHARES HER STORY

Hello Readers,  
 I've decided to write this article in hopes that my personal story will heighten awareness about Covid-19, AKA Coronavirus, in our community. First, let me state that I am not writing this article as if I "know it all" in any way whatsoever. All I know is what happened to me, and I just want to share an extremely painful experience that I will never forget.



Anna Marie Ward Jerry

So let me begin: I was taking all the required precautions to protect myself, but then, gradually, I started feeling sick, with a sore throat and a dry cough. I went to the doctor's office, and he classified it as a viral cold that has to run its course. He did a Covid-19 swab test and it was negative. Meanwhile, the body aches, headaches and fevers began. Then I started having chest pains and my heart rate was elevated, so I called 9-1-1.

The medics arrived and examined me. They told me it was best that I go to the hospital right away, so I was rushed there in an ambulance. When we got there, the doctor there asked me about my symptoms, and after I told him he said, "Anna, I don't want to scare you, but we want to do an EKG to see if you might be having a heart attack." And then he added, "Do you know what a ventilator is?" I said yes, and he said, "You might need it if your chest pains continue and your heart rate is more elevated."

"Okay," I replied. "Am I gonna survive?"  
 "Yes dear, you will," he said, "because you are strong."

He told me he was sorry there's no vaccine or treatment medication yet, so all I had was an IV and pain meds that helped a little with the very painful body aches. They did a blood test for pneumonia, which was positive. As my symptoms worsened, he ordered a Covid test, which also turned out to be positive.

The doctor asked me if I'd been around anyone that was sick, and I told him yes, but that I was not aware that she was Covid-positive prior to her entering my home. Apparently it didn't matter to her if I got sick because of her, but as a matter of fact this is how I contracted Covid-19. She wasn't a member of our community, and I am slowly forgiving this person.

Then the nurse came in and said, "Anna, I need to ask you... do you have a will in case something happens, if you were to pass?" I said, "Yes, I do." My thought was, "Oh my God, this is scaring me!"

I prayed to live. It was emotionally hard to be in isolation and not have family members visit, but this was for the safety of my loved ones. I thank my family for the love, emotional support and prayers. I love you all dearly.

I went to the hospital on Easter Sunday and, after 12 days of intense suffering, came home on April 23. I survived, and am her to tell this story. I was told by my doctors that I am "one lucky lady" to have survived these viruses – both pneumonia and Covid-19 – and that I am strong. I am very humbled and blessed to still be here today, by the Grace of God, my strength, and family's prayers.

I am still in recovery, regaining my body strength back from all that I suffered and endured. I lost a lot of my sense of smell and taste. I pray to regain these senses. And finally, upon my release, I was retested for Covid and it was negative. So today I am Covid-free, and I pray to stay that way. I want to make sure everybody knows that.

I hope my article reaches many, and that they learn from my scary life-threatening ordeal. Please take this virus seriously, and take safety precautions to protect you and your loved ones from this serious illness.

I realize how blessed I am, and I'm humbled to be a survivor from all this. I am grateful to still be here, because it easily might've gone the other way and I would not be here to tell you this story. Be Safe, Everyone. May the Lord be with you and yours. I love you all.

Sincerely,  
 Anna Marie Ward Jerry

## Casino, Bingo Hall Announce Plans to Re-Open on May 26

The Muckleshoot Tribe has announced the re-opening of the Muckleshoot Casino and Bingo on Tuesday, May 26th.

"The Tribal Council's decision to close the Casino and Bingo more than two months ago was based on our deep commitment to protecting the health and safety of our guests, employees, tribal members and the greater community," said Muckleshoot Tribal Council Chairman Jaison Elkins.

"It is with that same commitment that we now move forward with a carefully planned, phased re-opening of our gaming establishments."

The tribe has been closely monitoring government policies regarding COVID 19, public health data, and the substantial and mounting economic impacts of Casino and Bingo closure. Only after careful consideration of those and other relevant metrics was the decision made to move forward with a limited and phased re-openings.

Some of the features of the re-opening program include enhanced safety measures



at both facilities such as mandatory physical distancing, aggressive deep cleaning and sanitation, multiple hand sanitation stations throughout the buildings, plexiglass shields in close contact areas and mandatory temperature checks for all guests and employees upon entering the building.

A complete list of operational changes and safety measure implemented to protect the health of Casino and Bingo guests and employees are published on page four in this edition of the newspaper.

For nearly 35 years, Muckleshoot gaming enterprises have been a significant part of

the region's economy, supporting hundreds of jobs, local businesses, and non-profit organizations. The Muckleshoot Casino and Muckleshoot Bingo are the tribe's essential businesses, just as just as other large employers around the state have been deemed to be essential.

Muckleshoot gaming revenue supports many tribal government programs and services such as health and wellness, housing, public works, social programs, public safety and educational programs and facilities. A prolonged closure of the tribal gaming would put many of those programs and services in jeopardy.

The Tribe will carefully monitor our Casino and Bingo operations and public health data and be prepared to make any needed changes as we gain more experience operating in this new environment.

The Tribe looks forward to welcoming our valued guests back to the Muckleshoot Casino and Bingo.

## Lummi Health Dept links new COVID clusters to families visiting relatives

LUMMI NATION – The Lummi Public Health Department reported on Friday, May 1, that five Lummi Nation community members under the age of 40 have tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

It also announced two more cases in the community Saturday, May 2, but ages for those patients were not included in the news release.

That brings the number of Lummi community members under the age of 40 who tested positive for the new coronavirus in that three-day period to at least 13.

Eight under-40 Lummi community members were reported Thursday, April 30, as testing positive for COVID-19.

"It is apparent that families and their children are not following the 'Shelter in Place' order and not practicing social distancing," the Lummi Health Department statement said. "Part of this new cluster involves families visiting other households."

The 15 new cases announced at the end of April brought the total number of infected Lummi community members to 40. The Lummi Health Department reported that of the 16 whose ages were reported on Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1:

- 44% were people 19 and younger.
- 50% were people between ages 20 and 29.
- 6% were people between ages 30 and 39.

Before Wednesday, April 29, Lummi had not reported a new coronavirus case since April 19.



A morning workout at Emerald Downs (photo by Heather Sacha)

## 2020 Race Meet Approved for Emerald Downs

On Friday, May 8, the Washington Horse Racing Commission voted to approve a 44-day season for Emerald Downs. The 2020 meet, which was originally scheduled to begin on April 18, will now begin on Monday, June 22. Initially, races will be conducted every Monday and Tuesday with no fans in attendance.

Horse Racing without public participation is included in Phase 3 of Governor Jay Inslee's "Safe Start Washington" plan. Upon entering Phase 4 at some point in the future, racing will open to the public and Emerald Downs will return to a traditional weekend race schedule.

Horses have been in training since February 1. Track president Phil Ziegler thanked all the workers in stable area. "They've done a terrific job of staying healthy and taking care of the 600 horses currently stabled at the track. We've followed all the CDC and state safety guidelines since the emergency began."



## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

As I sit here at home with my wife Lindsay and daughter Skuya, I am reminded of what I am grateful for – family, friends, and health (I try to think of 3 every day so they change based on the day). In order to protect those we know and love (and beyond) we must continue to adhere to the safety precautions that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommend:



- Practice social distancing (6 ft. away)
- Wash your hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wear a cloth face cover when in public spaces
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Clean and disinfect

By practicing these safety precautions we can ensure that we will protect ourselves and those who are at higher risk of severe illness. Within our community nearly half of our population can potentially be devastated by Covid-19 because the prevalence of conditions like diabetes, chronic lung disease, serious heart conditions, weakened immune systems, obesity, liver and kidney disease.

I have noticed some of our tribal members easing up on these precautions and it worries me. As many know, there have been spikes within other reservations when these safety precautions are not followed. We are not clear from this pandemic yet, and there is still no vaccination.

On the other hand, I have also noticed that a great majority of our tribal members are taking things seriously and adhering to the safety precautions and at times are calling out those who aren't adhering to the safety precautions. Thank you for caring for our tribe, our elders, and those who are ill.

I want to thank our first responders and healthcare team for protecting us during this health crisis and looking after our public health and safety.

Our leadership team, with all direct reports, has worked together tirelessly to put the tribe in a position to weather the storm. As many have said, this is unprecedented in our lifetime and there is no playbook. Given all circumstances, we are doing the best we can do. We are all in this together, so let's fight this pandemic together, and at the end we will all be stronger.

## TRIBAL COUNCIL MMIW National Day of Awareness

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we observed a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women. The sad and very real truth is that, as Native people, we have far too many examples within our very own families and community of lost and missing young women.



It is with this in mind that I share the attached flyer and remind all reading this that as you do so... today... RIGHT NOW... we have young women missing to their families and loved ones... in this exact moment!!!

These families long for and search for their young women and girls with every waking moment with every fiber of their being and with every breath they take...

Within every crowd they cross, on every TV broadcast, in the backseat of every vehicle they pass on the street... every single time they leave their own home, the potential to find their loved one and to return to whole by putting back together the pieces of their shattered hearts and lives!

Prayers to each of these missing girls. Prayers to all of their families and friends... everyone impacted by their absence... and on this day, prayers, specifically to Kaylee Mae and her family as they look to reunite and to find the missing pieces of themselves and their hearts with her return.

– Donny Stevenson, Vice-Chair

**NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN**  
MAY 5, 2020

**Kaylee Mae**

APD detectives are asking for the public's help in locating Kaylee Mae Nelson-Jerry. Kaylee has not been heard from for some time which is unusual for her. Kaylee is described as a 21 year old, Native American female. She is around 5'7" tall with a slim build, black eyes and black hair.

If you have any information as to Kaylee's location please contact the Auburn Police tip line at (253) 288-2403 or call 911 reference APD case number 19-11631.

## Congress Appropriates Coronavirus Aid to Tribes

The Muckleshoot Tribal Council has worked tirelessly with our federal partners to secure relief for our people in the face of the current pandemic. Congress passed four separate financial relief packages in the past two months aimed at providing aid in response to the fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 6, 2020, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Act was enacted. This package required the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to provide a minimum of \$40 million for tribes, tribal organizations, and Urban Indian Health Programs.

The CDC followed tribal input and went above this requirement by allocating \$80 million in funding. On March 18, 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was signed into law. This spending bill provided \$64 million to the IHS.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law on March 27, 2020 and is by far the largest of the relief packages for Indian Country. The package provided supplemental funding of \$1.032 billion for IHS, \$100 million for Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, \$453 million for BIA tribal government programming, \$69 million for BIE schools, \$300 million for Indian Housing, and \$15 million for SAMHSA programs.

The CARES Act also provided new funding lines: \$8 billion of direct funding for tribes, \$300 million for tribal fishers and industry, \$125 million for CDC allocation to Indian Country, and \$15 million for HHS.

## Tribes to Receive Coronavirus Funding from State

Prior to adjourning its 2020 Session on March 12, the State Legislature allocated \$200 million in COVID-funds statewide, with \$10 million of that amount being set aside for tribal communities.

Each tribe will receive an initial \$200,000 in funding, with the remaining amount – \$4.2 million – to be distributed according to a 75%/25% formula. The 75% portion will be based on tribal employment numbers (W3s), with the remaining 25% based on enrolled tribal membership, which will likely be based on the most recent HUD numbers.

This approach will likely be the baseline formula for any future funds as well. The distribution formula has not been "set in stone" yet, and some Tribes would prefer a model based in part on total land (such as Yakama), but so far the vast majority of Tribes are supporting the 75/25 model, according to the Tribe's lobbying

### Administration seeks to fund for-profit ANCs

However, tensions arose when it was discovered that the U.S. Treasury planned to include more than 200 for-profit Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) in the formula to distribute the \$8 billion of CARES Act funding to tribal governments. Several tribes filed suit against the Trump Administration citing that unlike Alaska Native villages,

ANCs are not tribal governments and would allow for the double, and sometimes triple, counting of Alaska Native populations. On April 27, 2020, a U.S. District Court Judge temporarily granted the tribal plaintiffs' request in part. The Judge required the Treasury Department to distribute the funds to tribes but allowed the Department to withhold any funds it would have distributed to the ANCs.

Well after the Congressional mandated deadline of April 26, 2020, the Treasury Department announced on May 5, 2020 that it will begin to distribute the \$8 billion CARES Act tribal government funding. Payments will be based on tribal population data and total number of tribal employees. Pending litigation, the Treasury will withhold the amount of funds calculated for ANCs.

The Muckleshoot Tribal Council would like to thank Congress, especially Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, Rep. Schrier and the whole Washington Congressional Delegation for their steadfast support of tribes and tribal communities in Washington. We appreciate their efforts and value their partnership with the Tribe.

team.

A special session of the legislature is expected this summer, with a new round of funding likely to be approved. This distribution model (once finalized and approved by the Governor) would also likely be used for the tribal share of any future federal funds that go to the state.

At present, \$2.9 billion in Coronavirus funding is coming to the State from the federal government. Keep in mind that this funding is separate from the BIA funds that were approved for direct allocation to Tribes. Negotiations are underway to determine the tribal share of the \$2.9 billion that the State will receive. Tribal lobbyists are discussing a figure in the neighborhood of \$70 to be divided among Washington tribes, but emphasize that this is still a "moving target." Stay tuned.

## Important Per Capita and Senior Assistance Payment Information

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe will continue to distribute Per Capita Payments and Senior Assistance payments – see below for distribution information.

### Per Capitas:

- Per Capita checks for 2nd quarter will be mailed on Tuesday June 2nd
- Direct deposits will be posted to your bank by Monday June 1st
- Amounts are \$720 for adults and \$100 for minors (with \$620 going into their minors trust)
- Enrollment deadline for 2nd quarter per capita was April 24th
- Direct deposit and Address change forms will be accepted through May 15th
- All checks will be mailed to the address on file

### Senior Assistance:

- Checks are generally issued on the 2nd Thursday of each month – For May and June, the payments will be a week earlier due to the COVID crisis
- Direct deposits are issued one day prior to the date of the checks
- Amounts are unchanged – (\$950 or \$1,000)
- All checks will be mailed to the address on file

### Other Information:

With all checks from Finance being mailed and not handed out, please make sure that your address and other personal information is up to date. There are two ways that this can be done:

- Information can be emailed to Heather.Evans@muckleshoot.nsn.us
- Forms are available at the Finance drop box located by the front door of the Finance building.

Direct Deposit forms will also be available to submit by the two ways listed above. You will also need to include a voided check or a Direct Deposit letter from your bank.

If you have any questions on updating your address and other personal information or signing up for Direct Deposit, please email or call Heather Evans at 253-294-5375.

## LOAN PROGRAMS

### For Tribal Members who:

- Reside in houses managed by MIT;
- Have loans through MIT home loan program;

**No rent will be collected for May or June**

### For Tribal Members who:

- Have loans through MIT car loan program;

**No payments will be required on car loans.**

**\*Also no payments on personal loans or principle or interest payments on their home loan (except for taxes, insurance and HOA fees)**

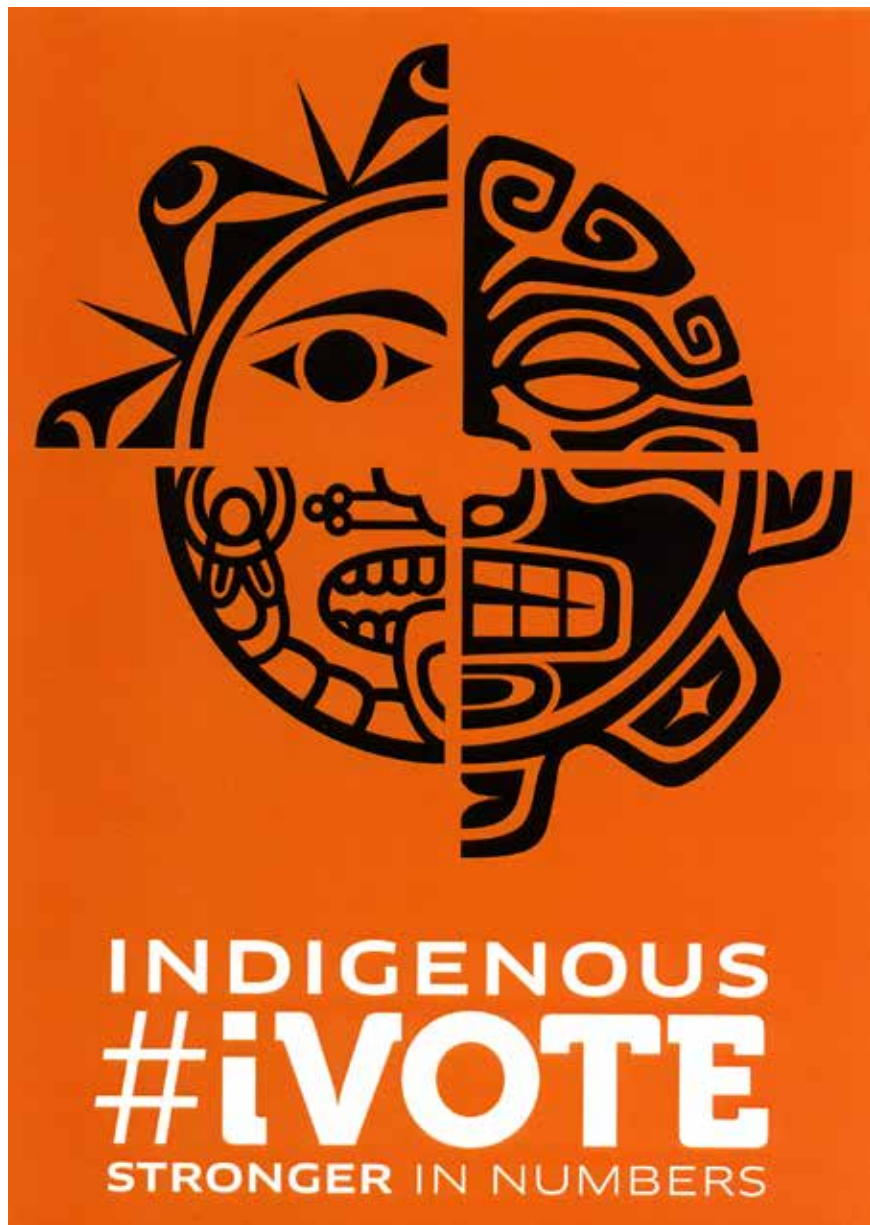
**The Muckleshoot Tribal Council has authorized the Housing Authority to research the need for housing assistance for Tribal Members renting from private landlords or for homeowners with mortgages services though outside lenders residing in the State of Washington**

**For more info call:  
253-833-7616**

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## North Dakota Agrees to Court-Ordered Relief Easing Voter ID Laws for Native Americans on Reservations

### A Sweeping Victory for Native Voting Rights

Bismarck, ND – On April 24, the Spirit Lake Nation and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe filed a binding agreement with the state of North Dakota settling a longstanding fight over voting rights for Native Americans.

Once approved by the court, the agreement will be enforceable by court order and will provide essential safeguards to protect Native Americans' right to vote, easing the financial and logistical burdens that North Dakota's voter ID law placed on tribes.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Campaign Legal Center (CLC) and represented the two tribes in the legal challenge, which was consolidated with a separate suit brought by NARF in 2016. The two lawsuits stem from the restrictive voter ID law enacted in 2013.

Collectively, the two tribes have over 7,000 residents of voting age that will benefit from the consent decree, which will be in force for the statewide primary election on June 9.

"For the last four years, we have fought hard to protect the voice of Native voters in North Dakota. The ability to vote should never depend on home ownership or whether the government has assigned your home an address," said NARF Staff Attorney Matthew Campbell.

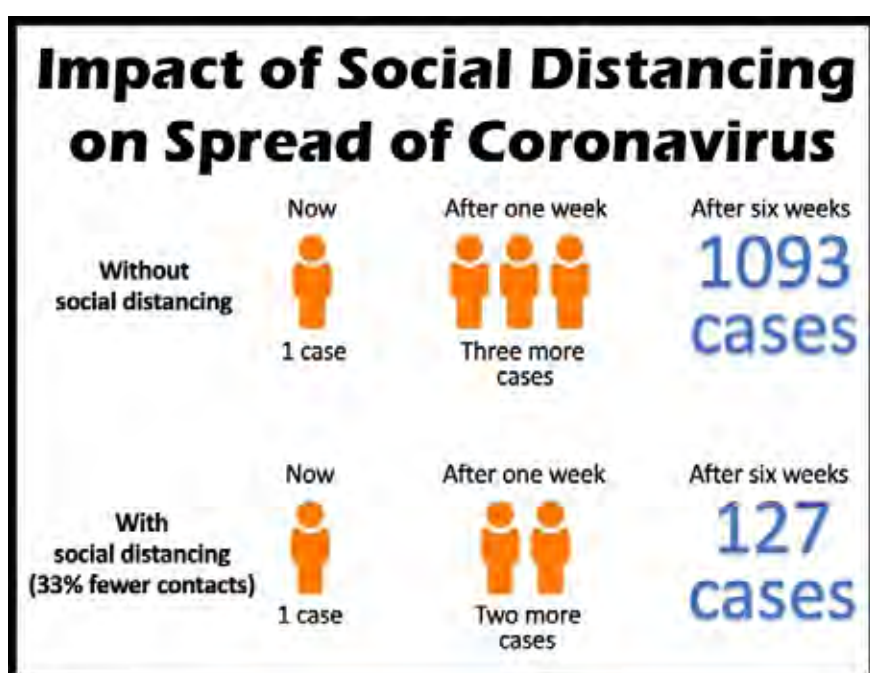
"We are relieved that North Dakota has recognized the need to hear all of its citizens' voices, and we commend the state for taking these steps to ensure that Native American voters are able participate in the political process."

"This is a sweeping victory for Native American voting rights, and one that should send a message to other states looking to impose restrictive voting measures that disenfranchise historically marginalized groups," said Paul Smith, vice president at CLC.

"We applaud North Dakota for moving beyond discriminatory schemes and agreeing to provide a meaningful method for Native Americans to verify their residency and protect their constitutional right to vote. In order to have a successful 2020 election, the state must follow through with a robust voter and poll worker education campaign to fully move past their failed addressing system."

One of its strongest protections in the proposed consent decree is a provision that allows Native American voters who do not have or do not know their residential street address to locate their residence on a map at the polls or when applying for an absentee ballot, be provided with their address by county officials, and have their ballots counted.

North Dakota's agreement with the two tribes will ensure that tribal IDs and tribally designated street addresses are accepted as valid. It also cements commitments made by state officials in February to seek reimbursement of the tribes' expenses in producing voter IDs and to coordinate with the Department of Transportation to visit reservations prior to each election to provide access to state-issued IDs at no cost.



## Darlene Elizabeth Bailey

Some people only walk this earth for a short time. Their departure reminds us that they become the stars that light the heavens and the night sky. Darlene Elizabeth Bailey (Muckleshoot Tribal Member) of Auburn, WA died peacefully on Sunday March 29, 2020 surrounded by her family.

Darlene was born June 19, 1940 to Napoleon Ross Sr. and Blanche Reed. She and her younger brother Napoleon Ross Jr. grew up on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation in Auburn, WA and later spent time on the Puyallup Reservation in Tacoma, WA. Darlene eventually returned to her ancestral land on the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation.

Darlene came from humbling beginnings. She raised her two daughters Patricia 'Patty' Filipo and Denise 'Baby' Hudson on the Puyallup Reservation in Tacoma, WA with the help of her lifelong mate, John Bellanger. Darlene also raised her grandson John 'Jonathan' Bailey.

Early in her career she spent time as a field worker in various farms in Washington State. She was also a fisherwoman, caretaker, and a cook at the Puyallup Tribe's Microdome and eventually the Muckleshoot Bingo Hall. She loved going to summertime powwows, yard sales, thrift store shopping, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Darlene is survived by her daughter Denise 'Baby' Hudson, grandson John 'Jonathan' Bailey, granddaughter Kathy Filipo Talebula, grandson Metotisi 'TC' Filipo, nephew Napoleon Ross III, niece Angela Ross, great-daughter Patricia Talebula, great-grandson Inoke Talebula, great-grandson Urijah Filipo, great-grandson Armani Filipo. She also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her lifelong mate John Bellanger, father Napoleon Ross Sr., her mother Blanche Reed, her brother Napoleon Ross Jr, and her daughter Patricia Filipo. Out of respect and the safety of Darlene's family and community during this pandemic, private graveside service was held on Saturday April 4, 2020.

## Richard Henry Hamilton

Richard Henry Hamilton was born December 13, 1989, in Tacoma, WA. He passed away April 6, 2020, Kent, WA, at age 30. His given name at birth was Richard Izquierdo. He was adopted, along with his sister Michelle and brother Benjamin, in September 1993 by Phil and Brenda Hamilton.

Richard loved sports, playing baseball, basketball through his school years with Auburn City and YMCA leagues. But his real love became hunting and fishing with dad. He graduated from Rhemaword Academy, and then worked at various positions with the Muckleshoot Tribe before landing a job as Fisheries Technician, where he worked for 4 years. After that, he worked as a laborer in various construction jobs. In 2010, he became part of the Muckleshoot Canoe Family, participating for four years with them.

The last six years of his life was spent on the streets, not only searching to find himself, but searching for those he could help. You see, he had a compassionate, caring heart; always putting others before himself, sharing whatever he had with others was his way, even when he was but a child. He exemplified a Pastor's heart to a world where few have walked.

Richard is survived by parents Phil & Brenda Hamilton, his two children, Mason & Brooks Reiter of Puyallup, WA; sister, Michelle Hicks of Des Moines, WA; brothers, Benjamin Hamilton, James-Robert Hamilton of Auburn, WA; and brothers Marcial Coats, Justin Coats, Aaron Beck. He is also survived by his, grandmothers Neva Hamilton of Auburn, WA and Bernadette Calvo of Saanich, BC, Canada, numerous Aunties, Uncles and Cousins.

He was preceded in death by grandfathers Levi Hamilton, Benjamin Calvo, and Ernest Whitford; sister, Veronica Izquierdo, nephew Titus James Hicks and His princess, Destiny Brisbois.

In Lieu of flowers, you can donate to Levi's House, where we provide hygiene packs to the Homeless. Paypal, [give@levis-house.org](mailto:give@levis-house.org) and Gateway International Ministries, Donate button, [www.gatewayim.org](http://www.gatewayim.org)

## Frederick Nelson

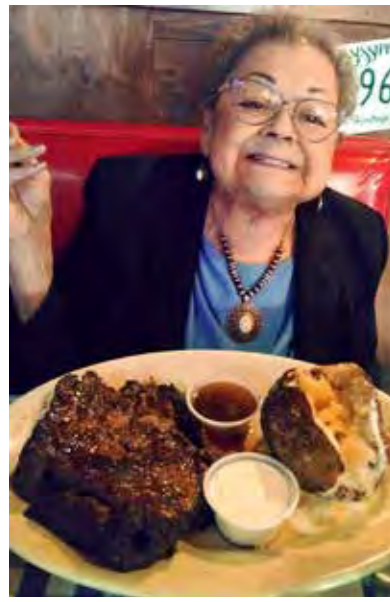
**Sunrise:** May 8, 1951 in Carnation, Washington

**Sunset:** 5:00 a.m. on March 21, 2020 in Auburn, Washington

Born and raised in Carnation, Fred was a Muckleshoot Tribal Member. He worked as a union worker, a long-time member of Seattle's Local 440 AFL/CIO, and later worked in heavy-duty house cleaning at the Muckleshoot Casino.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Alice Nelson; siblings Lester W., Henry, Richard, Lily, Viola, and Virginia. All of them were proud Muckleshoot.

He is survived by his brothers Bill Nelson and Amos Nelson; daughter Elizabeth Washington-Nelson; and grandchildren Melissa Washington-Nelson, Olivia Washington-Nelson, Alexis Washington-Nelson, Aisha Hydera, Karolina Jimenez-Billy, Amilla Jimenez-Davis, Jasmine



Jimenez-Billy, and Alexander Washington-Nelson.

Fred had a great sense of humor and will be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

## Sabrina Ann Daniels

Sabrina Ann Daniels was born July 6, 1968 at Auburn Hospital in Auburn, WA. She lived in Auburn/Muckleshoot Reservation most of her life and she worked at the casino as a Video Gaming Attendant.

Sabrina enjoyed traveling to the ocean, going to Pow-Wows, she enjoyed playing bingo, and playing machines at casino, going camping, and quality time with her Family.

She is preceded in death by her two sons, Shane M. Diaz and Alex J. Diaz; mother, Carol A. Maurice; father, Joe Daniels; her aunts and her cousins/siblings.

She is survived by her sister, Carma Moses; brother, Travis Maurice and nephews, Johnny, Jordan, Donnie, Travis Jr, and Ethan; two nieces, Rochelle and Lanita; and her significant other, Robert Thomas and her beloved dog, Nikki-Lynn.

The family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the hospital staff of University of Washington, staff of Valley Medical hospital and Evergreen Hospice Organization for the care of my sister. Thank you from bottom of our hearts.

## Bill Allcorn

I just want to take a moment to offer my condolences and prayers to the Bill and Evelyn Duncan Allcorn and family for the loss of once and always Muckleshoot Casino Security Officer, good friend and all-around great guy, "Wild" Bill Allcorn after losing him to his fight against complications from COVID-19 on April 21, 2020.

I had the pleasure of getting to know and love Bill over many years working together and he became part of the Muckleshoot family through his work with us; but, became our true friend through his great sense of humor, amazing heart and a sense loyalty that is a rare thing in today's world!

I won't say goodbye; I'll just say see you later big guy...  
Donny Stevenson, Vice-Chair  
Muckleshoot Tribal Council



Bill Allcorn and wife, Evelyn at the Seattle Center Fountain.

## William (Bill) Peloza

With sadness and respect, the Muckleshoot Tribe marks the passing of a good friend, former Auburn Deputy Mayor Bill Peloza. William "Bill" Peloza, 86, passed away April 29, 2020 peacefully at home with his loving wife, Joyce, and close friends by his side. He fought a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Bill was born in Ballard, WA to Joseph and Julia Peloza on January 12, 1934. He attended Catholic schools in Seattle, University of Washington and UCLA. He served in the US Navy on the Pittsburg Heavy Cruiser during the Korean War. He retired from a Boeing after a 38-year career in Contract Management.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Joyce; Dawn Nelson (daughter); Christian Peloza (son) and five grandchildren. Bill and Joyce celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this past October.

He had a passion for community service and dedicated many years and hours to various organization. He served on the Auburn City Council for 16 years and retired as Deputy Mayor, former Commander of local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, a member of Sons of Italy and Rotary, and many other organizations.

His life passions were gardening, laughing with friends, and golf, with two holes-in-1 at the Auburn course, and playing seven rounds of golf at Pebble Beach, CA.

Bill enjoyed many warm friendships with tribal leaders over the years and could always be seen at official tribal functions, looking very sharp in his fedora hat with lovely wife Joyce by his side. He was a huge fan of the Muckleshoot Tribe and took great joy in witnessing its amazing progress over the years.

The date of a celebration of Bill's life will be determined later. View the City of Auburn's tribute to Bill at <https://youtu.be/Mn0U8CPV3mY>



## Lynette Jean Jerry

November 27, 1962 ~ April 17, 2020

## Dick Bevins

Dick Bevins, beloved to many in the Muckleshoot Tribal Community, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020, as the result of a boating mishap on the White River. The Tribe extends its deepest sympathy to his family and his many friends. A more complete obituary, if available, will be printed in the next edition.



## WHAT TO EXPECT: Muckleshoot Bingo plans for a safe and fun experience

Muckleshoot Bingo has started the process to welcome you back as soon as safely possible! We are very excited to get back to Bingo, and in order to do so, we're making some changes to ensure your safety, the safety of our team and the community at large. Below are some of the changes that you can expect when you return:

### General:

- When we open, we will operate from **7am-Midnight daily**. This will allow a nightly deep cleaning of the facility.
- Guests and team members will access the Bingo Hall through the **South Entrance**. West Entrance will be closed in order to control high traffic areas. North Entrance will be utilized to access our new designated smoking area with no temperature check for re-entry.
- Upon re-opening, Muckleshoot Bingo will be **100% Smoke Free** inside the facility. Bingo will have a designated smoking area outside the North Entrance
- Temperature checks will be mandatory for all guests and team members before entering the building.
- Masks will be required for all guests and team members. Guests should be prepared to provide their own mask, as a limited supply will be available (while supplies last).
- Signage will be placed throughout the building, to remind guests and team members about social distancing. Social Distancing will be in effect for both Bingo and VGD Machines: We will reduce the number of guests allowed in the building at any one time. Bingo seats and tables will be spaced out to practice social distancing. VGD machines will be turned on in a pattern that will allow social distancing. Floors will be marked in high traffic areas like the Players Club, Admissions, Red Cedar and Corner Shoppe to assist in proper social distancing.
- In addition to the glass at Bingo Admissions and the Cage, there will be Plexiglas protection at the Red Cedar, Corner Shoppe and Players Club.
- Additional hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building and entrances.
- Self-Service beverage stations will now be staffed with a team member to assist guests with their choice and service of their complimentary beverage
- All team members will attend safety protocol training prior to returning to work.
- No outside food or beverages will be allowed inside Muckleshoot Bingo. We will be highly encouraging guests to use the table side food service available on the Bingo floor. Also To-Go Orders from Red Cedar and Corner Shoppe will be available.
- Upon opening, Twin Rivers Bar and Gift Shop will remain closed. We look forward to opening those outlets soon.

### GAMING AREAS

#### Bingo:

- Bingo will offer 3 sessions daily! The session times, buy-ins and payouts have been modified for the reduced capacity. **Sessions will begin at 1pm, 4pm & 7pm.** All games will be played on 6-ons which will be available for \$5. We will also offer \$20 electronic buy-ins.
- Tribal Passes, Points and End of Session Comp Cards may be used at buy-in.
- Upon reopening, there will be no bingo promotion days such as Good Neighbor, Five for five, Senior Discount, Double Down Tuesdays, Silver Saturday and Breakout Sessions.
- What about my unused bingo coupons from March, April and May? **Hold onto these coupons.** When we return to 9-on bingo play we will honor the coupons for 30 days from the 9-on launch.

#### VGD:

- VGD will operate from 7am-Midnight daily. For every machine turned on, there will be two turned off in between the next active machine. Machines will be sanitized multiple times each shift.
- What about my expired VGD ticket? We will honor all Muckleshoot Bingo cash-out tickets from before the closure. Please see VGD or Cage to redeem.
- The Scootin' into Spring promotion will be rescheduled. We will honor all entries that were earned before March 17th. Make-up earning period and drawing date will be determined soon.
- Birthday points and Monthly VGD coupons will be honored upon re-opening for 30 days. Please visit the players club to redeem.



## WHAT TO EXPECT: Muckleshoot Casino will put safety first for guests and team members

"Our focus is safety," says Conrad Granito, General Manager at Muckleshoot Casino. "Safety first for our guests, and safety first for our team members,"

To successfully reopen, and put into practice this high-level focus on safety, some things will look very different at the Casino. For one, both guests and team members will be subject to "thermal detection" which simply put, reads an individual's temperature. Prior to entering the casino, if a guest – or team member – shows signs of illness, guests will gently be asked to return another day. Team members will not be allowed back to work until cleared by a physician.

By implementing the new thermal screening process, along with the requirement that all guests and team members wear masks, management is confident in the timing of reopening the doors to the Casino. And, to avoid any inconvenience to guests, the Casino will provide masks at the main entrance.


From the parking garage and on into the Casino, guests will be reassured by numerous social distancing reminders including floor markers throughout showing the necessary social distance when standing in line. Other visible cues include reminders to cover coughs, wash hands frequently and use the many hand sanitizer stations on site.

For the immediate future, the Casino's maximum capacity may be reduced and, if needed, they may limit the number of guests if an area becomes overly congested. Between machines guests will see something very different – plexiglass barriers between the individual video gaming machines. As most of us have seen in banks, grocery stores and drive-thrus, the use of plexiglass barriers very effectively minimizes contact.

Although closed since March 17, the Casino has not been idle. The entire casino and its restaurants have undergone a deep cleaning, and top-to-bottom sanitizing of all video gaming machines, chairs, chair bases and buttons. According to Rocky Oliver, Executive Director of Support Services, his team has been using a wide range of approved cleaners, sprayers and foggers to accomplish this. Deep cleaning will continue daily, and around the clock for the foreseeable future.

In addition, any table game where playing cards and chips are used will remain closed as the casino management team continues to monitor the local, state and national trends. Limited food service will be available upon reopening for takeout orders and with reduced, distanced seating. More information on dining will be posted on their website at [muckleshootcasino.com](http://muckleshootcasino.com) in the near future.

Any questions may be directed to Muckleshoot Casino by phone at 800.804.4944. Also, check our website at [muckleshootcasino.com/contact](http://muckleshootcasino.com/contact) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/muckleshootcasinoresort](https://www.facebook.com/muckleshootcasinoresort).

### Muckleshoot Bingo

has started the process to welcome you back as soon as safely possible. We are very excited to get back to Bingo, and in order to do so, we're making some changes to ensure your safety, the safety of our team and the community at large. Below are some of the changes that you can expect when you return:

### For Your Safety...



When we open, we will operate from: **7am-Midnight daily**. This will allow a nightly deep cleaning of the facility.

Guests & team members will access Bingo through the **South Entrance**. The West Entrance will be closed in order to control high traffic areas.



Temperature checks will be mandatory for all guests and team members before entering the building.

Muckleshoot Bingo will be **100% Smoke Free** inside the facility. Bingo will have a designated smoking area outside the North Entrance



Masks will be **required** for all guests and team members. Guests should be prepared to provide their own mask, as a limited supply will be available (while supplies last).



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Self-Service beverage stations will now be **staffed** with a team member to assist guests with their choice and service of their complimentary beverage



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Additional hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building and entrances.



## THANKS FOR KEEPING YOUR SOCIAL DISTANCE

PLEASE RESPECT A SOCIAL DISTANCE FROM OTHER GUESTS AND ENGAGE IN ADDITIONAL SAFE HEALTH PRACTICES WHILE AT MUCKLESHOOT CASINO.



Face masks are required for entry. Mask should not cover your eyes.



Use hand sanitizer; additional sanitizer stations have been placed throughout the casino floor.



Do not shake hands or touch other guests.



Cover your cough and wash your hands.

### FOR YOUR PROTECTION:

- Muckleshoot Casino team members will be wearing face masks and are committed to offering you the best customer service.
- Casino is currently a non-smoking property; including vaping. Designated smoking areas have been established outdoors.
- Some restaurants are not reopening at this time.
- Table games may be limited.
- Poker will remain closed.
- Deep cleaning will continue for all surfaces and includes disinfecting all machines, chairs, chair bases, and machine bases and buttons.
- We have generous health benefits for our team members and a strict "DO NOT COME TO WORK SICK" policy.

TO SUPPORT SOCIAL DISTANCING, WE HAVE REDUCED OUR MAXIMUM GUEST CAPACITY AND MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF GUESTS IN AN AREA OF THE CASINO DURING YOUR VISIT.

WE ARE USING THERMAL DETECTION TECHNOLOGY TO MONITOR OUR GUESTS FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS AND WE WILL ASK YOU TO RETURN ANOTHER DAY IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS.

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF A MUCKLESHOOT CASINO TEAM MEMBER.



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## Gaming

- Bingo will offer **3 sessions daily** at 1pm, 4pm & 7pm. All games will be played on 6-ons which will be available for \$5. We will also offer \$20 electronic buy-ins.
- Tribal Passes, Points and End of Session Comp Cards may be used at buy-in.
- Upon reopening, there will be no bingo promotion days such as Good Neighbor or Five for Five
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- The Scootin' into Spring promotion will be rescheduled. We will honor all entries that were earned before March 17th. Make-up earning period and drawing date TBD.
- Birthday points and Monthly VGD coupons will be honored upon re-opening for 30 days. (Please visit the players club to redeem)



# Keta Creek Fishing Derbies Cancelled for First Time

For the first time in the history of the Muckleshoot Fisheries' famous fishing derbies, we are saddened to have to announce the cancellation of all derbies this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Staying at home helps to prevent the spread of the disease and we anticipate being able to have many derbies into the future! We look back and remember so many highlights and wonderful meals.

It was during the early 1980's that surplus fish from aquaculture experiments conducted by Dennis Moore were stocked into a pond at the Keta Creek Hatchery. These fish did very well but were very crowded. Then, in 1986, the idea was conceived to invite the Tribal Community to Keta Creek for a "Fishing Derby" on these healthy fish and help resolve the fish crowding in the pond.

This event was very popular and was such a great idea; Muckleshoot Fisheries repeated the event annually. The theme for the 1986 event was borrowed from a national movement called "Get Hooked on Fishing - Not on Drugs".

In the early 1990's, the success of the annual event and the number of participants had grown so much that a second pond was built and Dennis increased the number of fish planted to satisfy the demand during the events. Prizes were given and lunch was served at all of the events. The age to fish during the event was limited to 12 years and under so all Tribal kids could have a chance to participate and catch a fish. Four-year-old kids and under also participated in the now famous "PeeWee Pond" where prizes, not fish, are "fished for."

By 1996, the Kids 12 and under Derby was going so well that a Family Derby was added so everyone could fish together, and PeeWee's Pond had to move to a bigger building due to its success. That year, breakfast was added to the program so all tribal members and their families could share the meal together.

A third pond was built in 2000 and at times there was still not enough

room for everyone. To provide more fishing opportunity, a third annual derby "The Fall Classic" was added. Facilities were upgraded to support all of the new activities, increased participation and food preparation.

During the mid-2000's, PeeWee's Pond was moved again to a new bigger "pond" for the enjoyment of tribal kids. Also, kids 12 and younger started receiving gift cards for attending the event. Healthier food choices and a new "oyster bar" from the Tribe's Vashon property were added to the menus. Fisheries staff would assemble in the early hours of the morning to cook a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausage and bacon.

Hugo Hernandez helped the derby to become more competitive by stocking the ponds with rainbow trout from Troutlodge and eventually Nisqually Fish Farm ranging in size from 6-inch to 24-inch "Monster" trout. Harvest Management set up a weigh station for Fishers to weigh their prize winning catches. Prizes were awarded for the ten biggest and the ten smallest fish.

Over the years, many T-shirts, baseball caps, gift bags and trendy items have been given away as part of the fun. Fishers can borrow fishing poles and receive cups of worms to help get started on the fishing action. Bags of ice and a cleaning station are available for those who want to eat their fish for dinner!

Last year, the Health and Wellness trailer, the Ben and Jerry's ice cream truck and the Mountain View Fire and Rescue White Water Crew were added to the safety and pleasure of the Fishers.

From a total of 50 participants at the first 1986 derby, today up to 500 Tribal Members and their families attend the derbies. Those kids that fished the first derbies in the mid 1980's now bring their own children to fish during these successful events. Keta Creek Hatchery will be prepared to safely receive their grandchildren in the future. The derbies truly are an opportunity for kids and parents to be together and have fun and will continue to be so looking forward.

## Muckleshoot Fisheries Services

**Harvest Opportunities** – Information on openings and closures for salmon and shellfish will continue to be available on the Fisheries Hotline: 800-FISH-NOW (800-347-4669)

**For Fisheries Enforcement questions or reports, call 253-876-2927 – if life-threatening first call 911.**

**Contact for Services to Muckleshoot tribal members and general information:** For all services outlined below or for general information email or call Beatrice Jansen:

**Email:** [Beatrice.jansen@muckleshoot.nsn.us](mailto:Beatrice.jansen@muckleshoot.nsn.us)

**Phone:** 253-876-3335

### FISHER REGISTRATION

**New First time Fishers** – You will need to have the following information available: Full Name (including suffix if any), Date of Birth, Enrollment number, Height, Weight, Eye color, Hair Color, Home mailing address, Email address, phone number. If eligible, you will receive by mail or electronically a release form to sign. Once the signed form is received by mail or electronically, your fisher sticker and a copy of the Tribe's Fisheries Ordinance (Title 6) and relevant rules will be mailed to you.

**Annual Renewal OR Replacement sticker (due to lost sticker)** – You will need to have the following information available: Full Name (including suffix if any), Date of Birth, Enrollment number, Height, Weight, Eye color, Hair Color, Home mailing address, Email address, phone number. If eligible, you will receive by mail or electronically a release form to sign. Once the signed form is received by mail or electronically, your new fisher sticker will be mailed to you and Fisheries Enforcement will be notified of your new sticker number.

### VESSEL REGISTRATION

**First time Vessel Registration** – You will need to have the following information available: Bill of Sale, WDOL Title, length of the vessel, outboard or inboard, hydraulics, and three photos of the vessel (one from the front, one from the side, and one from the rear). Once all information is received, if eligible, the MIT Annual Registration Certificate and annual Coast Guard vessel decal and important Coast Guard rules will be mailed to you.

**Vessel Registration Annual Renewals** – You will need to report any updates to your personal information or changes to the vessel. Once all information is verified your MIT Annual Registration Certificate, the annual Coast Guard vessel decal, and important Coast Guard rules will be mailed to you.

**Change of Vessel Ownership (between two Tribal members)** – Call 253-876-3335 or email [Beatrice.jansen@muckleshoot.nsn.us](mailto:Beatrice.jansen@muckleshoot.nsn.us) to report change of ownership and obtain required form.

### SALMON AND SHELLFISH CEREMONIAL REQUESTS

You will need to have the following information available: Name and enrollment number of person who the request is for, Requesters Name and Enrollment number, Phone number, Mailing address, Type & Date of ceremony, Place of Ceremony, Date product needed, Name & phone number who will pick-up the products. Note that the only types of Tribal Ceremonies that request can be made are: Funeral, Memorial, Wedding and Naming. Once your application is approved by the Fish Commission, you will be contacted to coordinate pick-up of the re-requested items.

### OYSTER PERMITS

You will need the following information available: Name, Date of Birth, Enrollment number, Home mailing address. If eligible, your Oyster Permit and the rules and helpful information will be mailed to you.

### VASHON CLAM DIGGING INFORMATION

If you would like information about going to Vashon Island to dig clams call or email the Fisheries contact listed above and the documents: "Oyster Permit Fact Sheet & Harvest Rules" and "Driving directions to the Tribe's Vashon property" can be sent to you.



## **ATTENTION FISHERS:**

**The annual tribal C&S fishery for spring Chinook on the White River will start Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please check the hotline message 1-800-fish now (1-800-347-4669) for further details**





# Philip Starr Building Department Contact Information

## Development Services and Construction Dept.

### Brian Ward

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3164  
Email: brian.ward@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Enrollment

### Cortney Rodarte/Melissa Calvert

Service Hours: M-W-F; 1-5pm  
Available by email M - F 8am to 5pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3196; 253-876-3266  
Email: Cortney.Rodarte@muckleshoot.nsn.us;  
Melissa.Calvert@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Fee to Trust

### Ken Lewis

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone M-F 8am to 5pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3136  
Email: ken.lewis@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Fisheries

### Isabell Tinoco

Fisheries Hotline: 800-347-4669 (800-FISH-NOW)  
For Fisheries Enforcement questions or reports, call 253-876-2927—if LIFE threatening first call 911.  
FishDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us  
https://www.facebook.com/Muckleshoot-Fisheries1784009081856444/

## IT Department

### Steve Stewart/Nick Bennett

Office Hours: M-F 8a to 5p  
Phone Number: 253-266-4899 (Steve) & 253-797-0929 (Nick)  
Email: steve.stewart@muckleshoot.nsn.us & nick.bennett@muckleshoot.nsn.us  
Alternate Email: Service.desk@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Mail Room/Reception

### Wanita Courville

Hours of Operation - M-F 8am-5pm  
Main Phone Number - 253-939-3311  
Email- Wanita.courville@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Planning Department

### Krongthip Sangkapreecha

Available by email and phone M-F 8am to 5pm  
Service Hours: M-W-F 1pm to 5pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3329  
Email: ktsang@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Preservation

### Laura Murphy/Melissa Calvert

Closed to the Public. Available by email M-F 8a to 5p  
Assistance available by appointment  
Phone Number: 253-876-3272; 253-876-3266  
Email: Laura.Murphy@muckleshoot.nsn.us;  
Melissa.Calvert@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Student Incentives

### Myckenzi Courville/Alex James

Service Hours: M-W-F 1pm-5pm  
Phone Number: (253)876-3278  
Email: Student.Incentives2@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Trust Services

### Holly Sprague

Available by email and phone M—F 8am to 5pm  
Service Hours: M-W-Th 8am to 4pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3160  
Email: holly.sprague@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Wildlife

### Melissa Calvert

Available by email M-F 8am to 5pm  
Permits and Hunting Tags available by appointment.  
Main Phone Number: 253-876-3266  
Main Email: Melissa.Calvert@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Wildlife Enforcement

### Dave Melton

Phone Number: 206-459-5595  
Email: Dave.Melton@muckleshoot.nsn.us.

## Finance - Payroll

### Candy Starr

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone M-F 8am to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: 253-876-3103  
Emails: PayrollDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – Payables

### Heather Evans/Wah'leah Wight

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: 253-294-5375 (Heather)  
Emails: Heather.Evans@muckleshoot.nsn.us or Wahleah.Wight@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – Purchasing / Banking / Deposits / Notary

### Michelle Morrow (POs, notary and banking)

### Latasha Hamilton (CSAs, vendors and deposits)

Closed to the Public. Available by appointment, email or phone M-F 9am to 4pm  
Phone Numbers: 253-876-3328 (Michelle) and 253-876-3142 (Latasha)  
Emails: Michelle.Morrow@muckleshoot.nsn.us or Latasha.Hamilton@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – Grants & Contracts (Administration and Compliance)

### Allison Laird

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-3114  
Emails: Allison.Laird@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – Grant Development

### Sharon Curley and Andrew Burdette

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Phone Numbers: 253-876-3155 (Sharon) or 253-876-2871  
Emails: Sharon.Curley@muckleshoot.nsn.us or Andrew.Burdette@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – General Ledger

### Nancy Storrs

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: 253-876-3363  
Emails: Nancy.Storrs@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Finance – Other

### Jeff Songster

Closed to the Public. Available by appointment, email or phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: 253-876-3316  
Emails: Jeff.Songster@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Compliance and Risk Management

### Kari Leal | Chief Risk Officer

Phone Number: 253-876-3186 |  
Email: Kari.Leal@muckleshoot.nsn.us  
Risk and Safety Management—Stori Powers  
Phone Number: 253-876- 3371  
Email: Stori.Powers@muckleshoot.nsn.us  
Hours of Operation: Closed to the public.

## Tribal Court

### Bobbie Jo Norton

Available by phone and email M—F 8a to 5p  
Service Hours: - T & Th 8a to 12p  
Legal aid clinic services are available telephonically.  
Call the Court Clerk's office to set up a call.  
Phone Number: 253-876-3203  
Email: Court.Staff@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Human Resources

### Peter Hixon/Celeste Adame

Available by email and phone Mon—Fri 8am to 5pm.  
Service Hours: Monday and Friday 1pm - 5pm  
253-876-3135  
HR@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Tribal Operations

### Darren Redthunder/Mike Bujnowski

Call Monday- Friday between 8:00am-5:00pm  
Service Hours: Not Open to the Public  
Main Phone Number: (253) 939-3311  
Main Email: Darren.Redthunder@muckleshoot.nsn.us or Mike.Bujnowski.muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Tribal Council Dept.

### Venecia Barrera/Sylvia Agaton

Service Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 1p to 5p  
Available by Phone: Mon-Fri. 8a-5p (253)204-0166  
Email: Venecia.Barrera@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Public Works – Transfer Station

### Steve Daniels

Service Hours: Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm  
Available by email and phone M-F 8am to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: 253-876-3338  
Main Email: steve.daniels@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Public Works – Water Treatment Bldg.

### Misty Jones

Available by email and phone M-F 8am to 5pm  
Service Hours: M-W-F 8am to 12pm  
Phone Number: 253-876-2975  
Main Email: misty.jones@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Transportation – Fleet, Transit

### Riley Patterson

Days/Hours : M-F; 8am - 5pm  
Services Hours: By Appointment Only  
Phone Number: 253-545-1187  
Email: riley.patterson@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Muckleshoot Child and Family Services (MCFS)

### Mahogany Timmons, Itauu Atimalala, and Alex James

Not Open to the Public. Available by phone and email M-W-F: 9a to 1p and T & Th—1p to 5p  
Main Phone Number: (253)833-8782  
Main Email: MCFSManagement@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## General Services

### Darrell Jametski /Melissa Calvert

Available by email Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
Please call or email for assistance  
Main Phone Number: 253-293-3800; 253-876-3266  
Main Email: Darrell.Jametski@muckleshoot.nsn.us; Melissa.Calvert@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Family Resource Center

### Rena Anderson Ward/Alex James

Service Hours: M-W-F: 9am to 1pm and T & Th : 1pm to 5pm  
Main Phone Number: (253)876-3336  
Main Email: ResourceDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us

# Muckleshoot Health & Wellness Contact Information

**Hours for Health Clinic** –Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8a to 5p (Pre-Screened at Triage Tent)  
Main Line Phone Number: (253) 939-6648—you are able to ask for person you are trying to each or name the extension of person (listed below)

## Admin/Health and Wellness

### Maritza Leonard

Phone Number: M-W-F Ext 3104  
Cell on Tues & Thur 253-293-3082  
Email: Maritza.leonard@muckleshoot-health.com

## Adult Chemical Dependency Program

### Dave McLeod

Main Phone Number: 253-804-8752  
Main Email: David.McLeod@muckleshoot-Health.com

## Adult Recovery House

### Dan Cable

24 hours a day (closed to the public)  
Service Hours: 7 days a week  
Phone Number: 253-333-3629  
Email: dan.cable@muckleshoot-health.com

## Business Office - General Needs and Managed Care

### Lisa Crawford

Ext 3122 M-W-F  
Cell on Tues & Thur 253-886-1691  
MainEmail:Lisa.Crawford@muckleshoot-Health.com

## Business Office – PRC (including Purchase Orders)

### Marlena Lyons

Ext 3350 : M-W-F  
Cell on T & Th 253-293-9545  
Email: Marlena.Lyons@muckleshoot-Health.com

## Business Office – Pt Registration

### Lisa Elkins

Ext 3312 Mon, Wed, Fri  
Cell on Tues & Thur 253-259-6000  
Main Email: Lisa.Elkins@muckleshoot-Health.com

## Elders Complex

### Alexandra James/Helen Jameson/Suzette Louie

Not Open to the Public. Call M—F between 9a to 3p  
Main Phone Number: (253)876-2888  
Main Email: SeniorsDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Muckleshoot Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)

### Program Manager, Julia Anderson

Closed to the Public. Available by email and phone Monday thru Friday 8am to 5pm  
julia.anderson@muckleshoot.nsn.us or 253-876-3079  
Provider Contact Person: Monalisa Garcia  
monalisa.mendoza@muckleshoot.nsn.us or 253-876-3224

Tribal Education Officer, Joseph Martin  
Assistant Tribal Education Officer, Cathy Calvert  
Service Hours: Closed to the public. Available by email and phone Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm  
Joseph Martin 253-261-2914  
joseph.martin@muckleshoot.nsn.us  
Cathy Calvert 253-204-1013  
cathy.calvert@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Muckleshoot Tribal School (MTS)

All are available by phone and e-mail Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Superintendent, John Lombard

Contact Information: 206-965-0915  
john.lombardi@muckleshoot.com

### Elementary Principal: LaWonda Smith-Marshall

Contact Information: 253-294-0218  
lawonda.smith@muckleshoot.com

### Secondary Principal and Technology Needs: Jay Hirst

Contact Information: 703-587-8506  
jay.hirst@muckleshoot.com

### Director of Student Services Heather Scheidt

Contact Information: 253-329-8178  
heather.scheidt@muckleshoot.com

## CPH/Optical Clinic

### Jeremy Pangelinan

Closed to public. Available by phone M/W/F from 8a-5p for general questions. (Closed 12-1 pm for lunch)  
Main Email: HWC@muckleshoot-health.com  
Health / Dental Clinic—Kristy Kenyon  
Closed to the public. Available by email & phone M-F 8a to 5p  
Phone Number: 253-939-2131  
Email: Kristy.Kenyon@muckleshoot-health.com

## Health/BHP/FYS

### Joan Green Ferguson

Closed to public. Available by telephone only Mon—Fri  
Phone Number: (253)8048752 (BHP)  
Email: joan.ferguson@muckleshoot-health.com

## HWC Facilities Department

### Larry Hutchens

Service Hours M-F 8a to 5p  
Phone Number: 253-350-5016 work cell  
Email: Larry.hutchens@muckleshoot-health.com

## In-Home/MEIHSS

### Eve Austin

Hours of Operation: M-F 8am-5pm (closes 12-1pm)  
Phone Number: 253-879-3050, 253-409-3882  
Main Email: Eve.Austin@muckleshoot.nsn.us

## Medical Clinic

### Jeremy Pangelinan

On-Call Medical Provider Number on Tue & Thu ONLY from 8 am - 5 pm by phone at 253-294-5449  
Main Email: HWC@muckleshoot-health.com

## Mental Health

### Jenaya VanHorn

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# ARE YOU PREGNANT? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS PREGNANT?

Right now COVID-19 is on everyone's mind, especially for those that are pregnant. For some people that are pregnant, things might be scary. What is important to know is that the medical field is making some important changes to keep pregnant mothers and babies safe. For you pregnant moms, we want you to be aware of these changes so that you can prepare for them. Each medical provider and hospital is doing things a little different to protect you during the COVID-19 outbreak, so we wanted to give you an idea of some questions you can ask your provider. This will hopefully make you feel more comfortable about your upcoming birth.

Questions for your Provider regarding COVID-19 and how it affects your Pregnancy and Birth:

- How many people can come to my prenatal appointments?
- Can I bring someone with me to my ultrasounds?

- Are my appointments in person or are they virtual visits (and if they are virtual how do I set up my virtual visits?)
- How many people can be with me during labor and birth?
- Can they come and go? Or swap with someone else?
- Who can come and visit after the baby is born?
- Will there be any other changes that I may not be aware of?

If you have any questions about your pregnancy or upcoming birth, or want some great support during your pregnancy and labor, the Muckleshoot Pregnancy and Labor Support Program is available to you. To learn more about the program or get connected to one of the specialists please call the Muckleshoot Medical Clinic at (253) 939-6648.

## Tips for Elders and Their Caregivers About COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

People of all ages with heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19, the new virus also known as coronavirus. In addition, older adults are at greater risk because as they get older, it's harder for them to stay well.

Avoiding getting sick with COVID-19 is especially important for elders and people at higher risk.

### How to keep Elders and others safe

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**Stay at home.** "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others as much as possible.

- Try to stay 6 feet away from others, especially when outside of the home.
- Avoid gatherings with other people. This may include family too. Gatherings should be less than 10 people.
- When leaving the home to get food and supplies, send only one person to do the shopping.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others outside of your home.
- Sleep 7 to 9 hours a night to stay strong to fight sickness.
- Drink plenty of water and eat fruits and vegetables.
- Get outside for fresh air and exercise.
- Limit news and social media. Sometimes too much information causes anxiety and added stress.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, phones, light switches, etc.

### Activities to do with elders while staying safe

- Going outside for walking, gardening, hiking, stretching.
- Brain exercises and games like word searches, Sudoku, crossword puzzles.
- Relaxation, including breathing, meditation, praying.
- Reading books and magazines.
- Phone and video calls with family and friends.
- Listening to music.
- Finding ways to laugh.



### What else should caregivers do?

The best protection for the people being cared for is for their caregivers to stay healthy. Caregivers should follow the guidelines to be safe and make sure others in the home are too, especially children and others who spend time with the elder.

Watch for symptoms (fever, cough, trouble breathing) in everyone in the home. Separate anyone who is sick from others.

Practice self-care. It can be hard for caregivers to take care of themselves as well as others, but self-care is important.

- Relax, take deep breaths, stretch, or pray.
- Take part in sacred practices.
- Do activities you enjoy.
- Talk with loved ones and friends, share feelings and experiences.
- Try to stay hopeful and thinking positively. Write down things you are grateful for or that are going well.

### If you have concerns, get help

Call your healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit with any concerns.

Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist if prescriptions can be filled for a greater number of days to reduce how often trips are needed to the pharmacy.

For more information:  
**CDC.gov/coronavirus**

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Source: CDC

## How to Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Home

Many people with coronavirus (COVID-19) or symptoms of COVID-19 like cold symptoms, cough, fever, or shortness of breath, are told to stay home to recover. If someone in your home is recovering, take steps to prevent spreading COVID-19 to others inside and outside the home.

### Help with recovery

Help the sick person follow their healthcare provider's instructions for medications and care.

If they are getting sicker, call their healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit for medical advice. If they have a medical emergency, call 911.

### Keep the sick person away from others as much as possible

- **Stay home** and avoid having visitors.
- **Separate the sick person from others** in the home. If possible, have the sick person use a separate bedroom and bathroom that no one else uses.
- Prepare meals for them and have them eat in their own area.
- **Avoid sharing items** like dishes, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items. After the sick person uses the items, they should be handled with gloves and washed with hot water. Wash hands after removing gloves.
- Keep pets away. While the animals won't get sick, they may carry it to other people on their fur, collar, etc.
- Make sure that shared spaces in the home have good air flow, such as by an air conditioner or an opened window.
- The sick person should wear a facemask around other people. If disposable ones are not available, have them wear a bandana or something else to cover their nose and mouth. When the mask or bandana gets moist or wet, it needs to be changed. The bandana can be washed and reused.
- Others can still talk, sing, play, etc. with the sick person from a safe distance (at least 6 feet) or by phone or video.

### Healthy practices for everyone

Everyone in the home should **wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds** or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry.

They should also **avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth**.



### Clean and disinfect

- Cleaning removes dirt and germs with soap. Disinfecting kills germs with chemicals.
- **Clean and disinfect all "high-touch" surfaces**, such as counters, tables, doorknobs, light switches, faucet handles, toilets, phones, etc. multiple times each day.
- For disinfecting, use common household disinfectants like Lysol or Clorox, diluted household bleach solutions (4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water), or alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.
- Gloves should be worn for cleaning, but they should only be used for cleaning surfaces for COVID-19. **Wash hands immediately after gloves are removed.**
- If a separate bathroom is not available for only the sick person to use, the bathroom should be disinfected after each use by a sick person.
- Wear gloves when you touch or have contact with the sick person's body fluids, such as blood, saliva, mucus, or urine. Wash hands immediately afterwards.

### Wash laundry thoroughly

- Immediately remove and wash clothes, towels, or bedding that have body fluids on them.
- Wear gloves while handling dirty items and keep them away from your body. If gloves are not available, wash hands immediately after putting items in the wash.
- Use a normal laundry detergent according to instructions and dry thoroughly using the warmest temperatures recommended on the clothing label.
- Clean and disinfect clothes hampers.

For more information:  
**CDC.gov/coronavirus**

Effective March 23, 2020  
Source: CDC

## What Tribal Members need to know about COVID-19

### What is coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)?

Coronaviruses are a type of virus (germ) that can cause cold-like symptoms and sometimes serious problems with lungs and breathing. COVID-19 is a novel (new) coronavirus.

### What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Mild to severe respiratory illness, or problems with lungs and breathing. Symptoms include:

- **Fever, cough, and shortness of breath**

### How does COVID-19 spread?

Person to person by coughing, sneezing, or personal contact like touching or shaking hands. Someone with mild symptoms may spread the disease without knowing they are sick.

### Who is most at risk?

Anyone can get COVID-19. Those at risk of severe illness include:

- **Elders and adults over 60 years of age,**
- **People with heart disease, lung disease, or diabetes.**

### How can I protect myself and my family?

**Stay at home.** "Social distancing" is recommended. This means keeping your family at home and away from others who may be sick.

- If you must go out, try to stay 6 feet away from others.
- Avoid gatherings with other people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not shake hands, hug, or touch others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.

### Have there been cases of COVID-19 in our state?

Yes, there have been cases in all 50 states.



### If someone gets sick, what can they do?

- **If someone thinks they have been around someone with COVID-19 and they get a fever and symptoms such as cough or trouble breathing, they should call their healthcare provider or local Indian Health Service unit for medical advice.**
- In an emergency, call 911.
- People who are mildly sick with COVID-19 do not need to see a healthcare provider and are able to recover at home.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash hands.
- Stay home and away from others for 14 days to avoid getting others sick.
- Caregivers should keep sick family members away from others in the home and clean and disinfect surfaces and items that are touched often, like door handles, sink handles, toilets, remote controls, etc.

### Is there a vaccine or treatment?

There is no vaccine. The best way to reduce the risk of getting sick with COVID-19 is to practice social distancing and healthy habits like washing hands regularly.

There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but medical care can help relieve symptoms. If you are sick, call your healthcare provider for instructions.

For more information:  
**CDC.gov/coronavirus**

Effective March 26, 2020  
Source: CDC



**Please remember to wash your hands...and fill out the Census! Do your part: Prevent the spread of germs, but please do spread the word about the Census. The Census count determines funding for life-saving services such as medical clinics, emergency response and more.**

1. Respond here: <https://my2020census.gov/>
2. Remind your friends and family to do the same





**COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

MIT Clinic Test Reports							
Results for week of	Pending	Positive	Increase or NoChange previous week?	Negative	Increase or NoChange previous week?	Inconclusive/ Recovery	Deaths
Mar 16-Mar 20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 23-27	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 30-Apr 3	2	2	+2	12	+12	0	0
April 6-10	9	2	0	14	+2	2	0
April 13-17	5	4	+2	21	+7	2	0
April 20-24	3	4	0	26	+5	2	0
April 27-May 1	1	4	0	28	+2	2	0
May 4-8	0	4	0	31	+3	2	0

Self Report from other Location							
Results for week of	Pending	Positive	Increase or NoChange previous week?	Negative	Increase or NoChange previous week?	Inconclusive/ Recovery	Deaths
Mar 16-Mar 20	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
Mar 23-27	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
Mar 30-Apr 3	No Data	3	+3	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
April 6-10	No Data	3	0	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
April 13-17	No Data	5	+2	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
April 20-24	No Data	6	+1	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
April 27-May 1	No Data	6	0	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
May 4-8	No Data	6	0	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data



**Coronavirus 2019 Hotlines**

If you feel you have been exposed to COVID and need guidance please contact the COVID hotline.

MIT COVID Concern hotline: **1-253-294-8159**  
Available M-F 8 am – 6 pm

WA DOH COVID hotline: **1-800-525-0127**  
Available 7 days a week 24 hours

**Opt-In for MIT COVID-19 Alerts**

Sign up to receive periodic important COVID-19 alerts from Muckleshoot Tribal Government. At your choice, alerts will be sent by email, text message, or voice message. Use the link below to fill out an online form. <https://form.jotform.com/201187970502150>

**If you have any questions, contact us at 253-294-8148 to leave a message.**

**Native Community Helpers**

Muckleshoot Behavioral Health Program is Recruiting Community Members to be Trained as **Native Community Helpers**



**As a Native Community Helper You Will Receive:**

- Training in Suicide Prevention and Drug & Alcohol Addiction
- Learn the warning signs of suicide and how to respond to potentially save a life
- Ongoing support from Behavioral Health Program

**You Will Become Part of an Important Community-Wide Effort! It's Easy To Sign Up And Receive More Information To Become A Native Community Helper:**

**Just Provide Your Name And A Contact Number One Of These Ways:**

Call Muckleshoot Behavioral Health Program: **(253) 804-8752**

Or

Send a Text to: **(253) 740-4586**

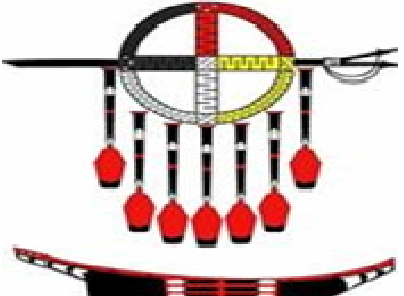
Or

Click or Go To the Link Below:

<http://surveyanyplace.com/s/qtxbejby>



**MUCKLESHOOT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



**PROBLEM GAMBLING RESOURCES**

Muckleshoot Resources

Behavioral Health Gambling Outreach

Julia Joyce, MA, MS, CDP, WSGCC-I is available Monday through Friday 8am-5pm (253)804-8752 x3207

Call and setup an informational session

Local Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

Winner's Circle—Wednesday at 12:00pm, MIT Family Outreach Center

Tuesday & Friday Noon, South King County Alano Club

Tuesday 7:00pm, Crossway Church, 209 M St NE, Auburn

Friday 7:00pm, VRFA HQ, 1101 D St NE, Auburn


Sunday 6:30pm, New Hope Baptist Church, 14024 Stewart Rd, Sumner/Pacific

State/National Resources

Washington State Gambling Helpline 1-800-547-6133

**Muckleshoot Needle Exchange Program**

Muckleshoot Behavioral Health



**Services Offered at Behavioral Health Monday—Friday 8-11:30am and 1-4:30pm:**

- Exchange used syringes for clean syringes
- Receive safe injection supplies
- Receive overdose prevention education and Narcan
- Receive tips on how to inject drugs safely


Mobile unit every Wednesday from 2 to 4pm  
Location: East side of Powwow Grounds.

Any Questions? Contact Carol VanConett at Muckleshoot Behavioral Health: 253-804-8752

**WARNING**

**FENTANYL IS KILLING KING COUNTY RESIDENTS**


“Oxycodone” and “Percocet” pills sold on the street or online are **FAKE** and likely contain **fentanyl**.



Fentanyl can also be found in **white powders**.

**HOW TO PREVENT OVERDOSE**

- Don't use pills/powders from the street or online
- Don't mix drugs
- Don't use alone
- Have Naloxone (Narcan) ready Find it near you at [stopoverdose.org](http://stopoverdose.org)
- Call 911 if someone overdoses





IF YOU ARE NEEDING A REPLACEMENT:  
- MEDICARE CARD  
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD  
- MEDICARE BENEFIT LETTER

THERE ARE TWO SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE LOCATIONS THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU.

**KENT**  
321 RAMSEY WAY SUITE# 401  
HOURS OF OPERATION:  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**PUYALLUP**  
811 S HILL PARK DR  
HOURS OF OPERATION:  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MAIN SOCIAL SECURITY PHONE NUMBER: 1-800-772-1213

**SCAM ALERT!**

- **MEDICARE WILL NEVER CALL UNINVITED TO ASK FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION OR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR NEW OR OLD MEDICARE CARD.**
- SCAM CALLERS MAY SAY THAT YOUR ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED & DEMAND PAYMENT IN THE FORM OF A PREPAID DEBIT CARD, CASH OR A WIRE TRANSFER.
- SOME SCAM CALLERS EVEN THREATEN TO ISSUE A WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST.
- **DO NOT GIVE ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION, HANG UP AND DO NOT CALL BACK!**
- YOU CAN REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS PHONE CALLS TO THE OFFICE of the INSPECTOR GENERAL AT PH #1-800-269-0271.

**Beware of Phone**

MANAGED CARE DEPARTMENT  
MUCKLESHOOT HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER  
PH: 253-939-6648

State of Washington  
**Services Card**

MARTHA WASHINGTON  
123456789WA  
Date issued 5/10

**ARE YOU NEEDING A NEW PROVIDER ONE CARD?**

YOU CAN GET A REPLACEMENT THREE WAYS!

- CALL 1-800-562-3022 EXT 15616
- ONLINE <https://www.waproviderone.org/client>
- COME INTO THE MUCKLESHOOT MANAGED CARE DEPARTMENT!  
17500 SE 392ND ST AUBURN WA 98092  
253-939-6648



## Medicare 101

Why do I need Medicare when I turn 65 yrs. old?  
What does Medicare pay for?

**Part A (Hospital Insurance)**  
Helps cover:

- Inpatient hospital stays
- Skilled nursing facility care

**Part B (Medical Insurance)**  
Helps cover:

- Services from Doctors and other health care Providers
- Outpatient medical visits
- Durable medical equipment (like wheelchairs, hospital beds, and medical supplies)
- Preventative services (screenings, shots & Wellness)

**Part D (Prescription Drug coverage)**  
Helps Cover:

- Costs of Prescription Drugs/Medications

**Come in to learn more about Medicare coverages**

Muckleshoot Health & Wellness Center  
Managed Care Department  
17500 SE 392nd Street  
Auburn, WA 98092

# Relative & Foster Care Program

## We Need YOUR Help to become a Licensed & Loving Safe Home for OUR CHILDREN

**MIT Children & Family Services**

MCFS Office Location: 39017 172nd Street SE, Auburn WA 98092    MCFS Main: 253-833-8782  
Foster Licensor: Trudi Moses 253-876-3397 Cell: 253-880-6968    Director: Cynthia Orie 253-876-3396

## Want Your Medical Bills Paid Quicker?

If you are getting statements from a doctor, hospital, x-ray, ambulance, lab and you received a PO number from CHS.

If you have insurance and got a PO number from CHS, please bring in the EOB, paper from your insurance stating how they processed/paid your bill.

Please bring the statement(s) and anything from your insurance to the CHS office, so we can pay your medical bills faster.

Many times, your doctor does not send the CHS office your bills, then you keep getting statements... bring anything in that you get for your bills if you got a PO number.

The CHS office can't pay a bill if we don't have it. Thank you  
CHS Team  
(253) 939-6648

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Inquire within at:  
**Muckleshoot Optical**  
Muckleshoot Health and Wellness Center  
Direct Line 253-735-2020 • Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm. Closed daily 12:00-1:00 pm for lunch

## MUCKLESHOOT HEALTH DIVISION

### WARNING:

1. Beware of counterfeit pills that may look like prescription drugs. They likely contain fentanyl (a synthetic drug 100 times more powerful than other opioids). Oxycodone pills that are sold on the street or online likely contain fentanyl.
2. Do not consume any pill that you do not directly receive from a pharmacy or prescriber.

**WHERE HAS FENTANYL SHOWN UP LOCALLY?**  
In King County, fentanyl is most commonly seen in blue, greenish, or pale colored counterfeit pills. There may be other colors. These pills may be marked as "M30" and sometimes as "K9," "215," and "v48." Fentanyl may also be in white powders.

**Fentanyl has been found locally in these substances:**

**M30 pills**  
These are the most common pills containing fentanyl in our area.

**V48 & A215 pills**  
These pills, although less common, may also contain fentanyl.

**Powders**  
Fentanyl can also be found in white powders.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT FATAL OVERDOSES?**

1. If you witness an overdose, call 9-1-1 right away. Washington State's Good Samaritan law will protect you and the person who is overdosing from drug possession charges.
2. Give Narcan, a nasal spray that counteracts the life-threatening effects of an opioid overdose. Find out where you can get Narcan at [stopoverdose.org](http://stopoverdose.org) or go to the HWC pharmacy or Behavioral Health.
3. If you think someone is overdosing, do not let them fall back asleep and stay with them until the emergency responders arrive.

**IS THERE TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDERS?**  
Yes, Muckleshoot Behavioral Health has several different treatment options for those who have Opioid Use Disorder. **Call us today and we can help 253-804-8752. If after hours call the Crisis Connections at 866-427-4747.**

# NATIVE COMMUNITY HELPERS

Are you having a rough day? Have you been feeling down for a while? It can be difficult to reach out but talking to someone can help. You are not alone.



**What are Native Community Helpers?**

- Your Community Members
- Trained in suicide prevention

**How Can They Help Me?**

- Offer a listening ear and open heart
- Help you access available resources and reach out to professional help

**Remember that you have people in your community to talk to – friends, family members, Elders, Native Community Helpers, counselors. Those people would be glad to help you access the help you need.**

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You are not alone.

To get help for yourself or someone you know who is suicidal call:  
Behavioral Health Program at: (253) 804-8752  
King County Crisis Line after hours at: (206) 461-3222  
In an Emergency call: 9-1-1



## SHANE LOU MOSES

My name is Shane, have things been boring and slow at home? If so this is for you. I know being stuck at home because of quarantine has been really boring and that's why I'm going to share with you the things that I've been doing and you can too.

The first thing I did was make sure I'm getting at least 7 to 9 hours of rest a night. Waking up from a good night's rest helps you function at your best and give you good energy.

Second is making a full nutrient breakfast, having your full nutrition helps you feel full longer and reduces the number of trips to your pantry for snacks.

The third is making new daily challenges or tasks, here are some of the challenges I've set for my self. Daily workouts, drinking only water, and healthy eating. Healthy eating is a big help in losing weight and a set of abs. Make sure you are getting a full nutritional lunch and dinner. Eat tons of greens to push out stored fats. Start a new garden to make your own produce for cooking. Doing the only water challenge will help clear skin and give you more natural energy. The first few days of only water can get tough if you depend on morning caffeine, use this time to break that morning caffeine craving.

Fourth is making new healthy habits. Try to avoid using social media or the internet first thing in the morning, instead start the day off with 5 minutes of breathing. 5 minutes of breathing allows you to be more focused throughout the day and will help calm the brain. After breathing read a book for 30 minutes, this gives you the opportunity to start the day off with good positive energy generated by yourself.

The fifth is learning something new or getting certified in something you really enjoy doing. I've been working on my business management/leadership certificate on Shaw academy, you can take lessons on Shaw academy to get a certificate on fun subjects like photography, photo-shop, and many more. Four months' worth of Shaw academy is equal to getting your associates in any field they offer, some lessons aren't as long so won't compare to associates but you will still be certified in that



area. Harvard also has free lessons to get you certified in the select subjects, you only pay for the certificate and fees. I've also been studying the tribe's history and language, it hasn't been easy but it's definitely awesome to learn more about the tribe.

Number six is the fun family stuff. My family has been doing tons of puzzles, board games, a virtual zoo, a virtual aquarium, and virtual museums. You can virtually view live cams of animals, aquarium fish, and art museums all from the comfort of your home. There are too many sites to choose from but you can find them on any browsing software on any device. Basic dinner can be boring, add a fun theme to your dinner. Have different themed days for dinner and see what fun creativity comes from it. It can be a movie, a vacation you had planned, or even your favorite restaurant, its all in your hands and creativity.

Well, I hope this gave you ideas or even sparked a new idea for yourself to not feel so bored and distant. Thank you for reading, much love to the community!



# Vashon Clam Digging Open & Oyster Permits Available

The Muckleshoot Fisheries Division is pleased to announce that the Tribe's Vashon Island tidelands are OPEN for Clam Digging and Oyster Harvest Permits are now available at the Fisheries Office.

Fisheries staff routinely sample the clams and oysters at the tidelands and analysis by the Washington State Department of Health has shown that the level of the toxin that causes paralytic shellfish poisoning – also known as red tide – is within acceptable limits, allowing harvest of all bivalve species at the beach. Check the Fisheries hotline (1-800-FISH-NOW) to get the latest update.

To harvest oysters, Tribal members – 18 years or older – must first obtain an Oyster Harvest Permit from the Fisheries Office in the Philip Starr Building. Each permit allows the subsistence harvest of 60 oysters on three separate occasions – no commercial harvest is allowed. After using the Oyster Permit for three days of harvest, the permit holder must return it to the Fisheries office for another permit to be issued – **so please make sure to return all old Oyster Permits even if you didn't harvest any oysters.** This allows MIT Fisheries to monitor and keep an up-to-date inventory of the oyster resource at the tidelands.

For individuals who cannot walk the 1/4-mile trail down to the Tribe's beach, special oyster requests from Tribal Elders and disabled Tribal members can be made at the Fisheries office or by telephone 253-876-3335.

The natural populations of butter clams, little-neck steamers, cockles, and horse clams at the tidelands are in good condition, see the accompanying harvest information or contact Andy Dalton (253-876-3131) about harvesting opportunities. Please remember to always check the hotline (1-800-FISH-NOW) in the morning before going clam digging.

### Things You Should Know About Clam Digging



1. Beware: You can get sick from clams harvested at Adelaide Beach, Alki Beach, Redondo, Lincoln Park, Salt Water State Park and all other beaches between Seattle and Tacoma. They are all potentially polluted and are closed by the Department of Health.
2. Tribal members can dig clams at the Tribe's property on Vashon Island. There are lots of butter clams and some steamers, horse clams and cockles at the beach. Driving directions are provided at the end of this list.
3. Fisheries staff will be routinely testing the clams at the Vashon beach for "red tide" to insure the clams are safe to eat. Always check on the Fish Hotline (1-800-FISH-NOW) for results to see if the Vashon tidelands are open.
4. Use a small clam shovel (not a fork or garden shovel). The Vashon tidelands are rocky and digging clams is more difficult than at sandy beaches. A clam shovel works best.
5. If you want to go to the property by personal boat, the Fisheries Division will provide you with a chart to locate the tidelands and a good place to anchor or beach your boat.
6. For driving directions on Navigation Apps use: 13060 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon Island, WA.
7. The driveway at the property has a locked gate so call the Fisheries Division: 253-876-3131 to get the combination to the locked gate and updated red tide results.
8. Check the ferry schedule that is printed here with the tide charts. There is a fee for the ferry from either West Seattle (Fauntleroy) or Pt Defiance (Tacoma) to Vashon Island.
9. Fisheries staff will also be organizing clam-digging trips to Vashon Island for tribal members who would like to visit the property for a half-day outing, call Andy at the Fisheries Division, if you may be interested.
10. There are various shellfish enhancement projects going on at the Tribe's tidelands. Do not harvest any of the shellfish in areas marked with RED stakes
11. Tribal members, 18 years and older, can get an Oyster Harvest Permit from the Fisheries office. Permits are not issued at the beach.

### CLAM DIGGING TIDES - VASHON ISLAND May 2020

Day	Date	Time to Dig	Low Tide level: time
Friday	May 22nd	10:30 am – 1:00 pm	-1.2 ft @ 11:37 am
Saturday	May 23rd	10:30 am – 2:00 pm	-1.7 ft @ 12:10 pm
Sunday	May 24rd	11:00 am – 2:30 pm	-2.0 ft @ 12:46 pm
Monday	May 25th	11:30 am – 3:00 pm	-2.2 ft @ 1:25 pm
Tuesday	May 26th	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	-2.0 ft @ 2:09 pm
Wednesday	May 27th	1:30 pm – 4:30 pm	-1.7 ft @ 2:55 pm

# Tim Milne Walks off the Pounds

It's taken over three years, but Tim Milne has walked his way back to fitness after a bad health scare. Here's his story:

Back in the fall of 2016, I got sick with bronchitis. I was taking over-the-counter meds, and then saw the doctor and had blood work done. I was always borderline diabetic. I was about 335 pound and was hardly able to walk. I got a call back from the doctor and he said I needed to get in there right away. So I went in, and he told me I was diabetic. I was surprised, because I didn't really feel sick at the time.

About a week into getting diagnosed in October 2016, I just got slammed real hard. My sugar level was over 560, which is sky high. And to walk 20 steps took me about 20 minutes, just one way, because I had to get up and go to the bathroom and I didn't have any energy. Every step took all my energy, and I was practically blind, too.

My wife Noreen got me meds and everything that the doctor prescribed, and she would cook me stuff to eat, but I couldn't eat very much. That went on for a good part of 7 to 12 days. Then my blood sugar level dropped below 500 and I was still feeling bum, but I was able to walk a little bit better. I still couldn't see – everything was very, very blurry. Even with my hand right in front of me, it was blurry.

And so eventually, as my sugar level kept going down, I was starting to get a little bit more energy from just walking in the house a little bit and was able to eat a little bit more, even though it wasn't very much. So, I was happy to get the sugar down to 400, and then I got slammed, was real sick, and lost 30 pounds, down to 290.

Eventually, the doctor said it was okay for me to go back to work at my job. I'm a floor supervisor for table games at the Muckleshoot Casino. By then, could see again at least. My eyesight took about two months to get better.

All of this scared me enough to make changes in my lifestyle. I didn't want to lose any limbs, because I heard how bad that was. So that's why I started walking. I started out at like 2,000 steps, and that was a lot at first. Every two weeks, I stepped it up just a little bit, doing what I could. By about mid-January of 2017, I was able to at least do one or two miles. So that went on and on.

I walked at Game Farm Park, and I met a lot of people there. They all know who I am now, and they wave when they see me. Virginia Cross walks



Noreen and Tim Milne

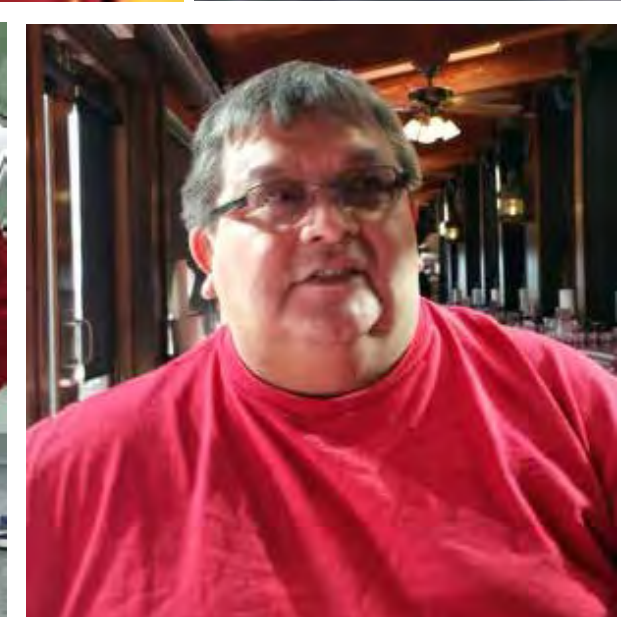
there, too. There's an elderly lady that walks there, and finally, one day we introduced ourselves and I told her why I was walking. She told me that when she first saw me, I was sweating like crazy. It was true. I'd felt like I was falling over to the right all the time. It was the way the diabetes made me feel, but I didn't want to stop because of that, so I kept going.

By the end of the year, I was up to, like 8,000 or 9,000 steps, and I started losing about 20 pounds a month. And then I'd go to work, and walking around the casino added another 4,500 to 6,500 steps per shift, so that jumped up my mileage.

As my weight go down to the lower 200s, people were noticing that and I was wearing baggy clothes to work – I mean, literally, really baggy clothes. Like, "Wow! You need to get new clothes." So that's what I did – I got new clothes. I went from a size 60 blazer and 54 pants to a 48 chest and a 38 waist.

I'm glad that my family cares so much. They went and looked for a treadmill for me. With this virus stuff going on, they felt it was safer for me to walk on the treadmill than to go to the park. And now that I have it, rather than walk in the rain, I'll walk on my treadmill. And so, since starting at 2,000 steps a day, I'm up to 18,000 to 20,000 steps a day. I just got done doing 17,000 on my treadmill, and yesterday I did 20,000. It takes about two-and-a-half hours.

I have my moments, though, where I get lazy, and fight with myself about going to the park, or on the treadmill, but, I always tell myself, "I didn't get like this by laying here," so I end up getting up and doing my steps. In only 36 more miles, I'll hit 10,000 miles, and I'll be happy to accomplish that. It will be 20 million steps, and I'm feeling fine.





# Muckleshoot Census 2020

The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe aims to improve the community's understanding of and trust in the Census so that the 2020 count is a thorough and accurate reflection of our community.

Census 2020 will determine how billions of Federal funds are distributed, the number of seats King County has in Congress, where critical infrastructure is provided and much more. The Tribe is working to make sure the Tribal community has a thorough and accurate count. Learn more about the Census and how you can make a difference below:

**How it Works**

Every 10 years, every household in America is surveyed on demographics such as race and age. The result is a beautiful portrait of America. This year, we'll be asked to respond online.

**When it Happens**

In mid-March, households were mailed an invitation to participate. Although the invite will come in our mailbox, we'll be asked to complete the questionnaire online. The online questionnaire portal opens March 12 and April 1 is Census Day!

**Why it Matters**

Our representation in government and funding for programs like schools, fire stations and roads all depend on a complete Census count. The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe will lose over \$30,000 per person missed. That's funding that could have been used for after school programs, healthcare and more. We cannot afford to lose that!

**How Safe is it?**

U.S. Code prevents the U.S. Census Bureau from releasing or sharing any information that identifies you individually. The Bureau cannot share your information with anyone-not your landlord, Homeland Security or anyone else. Every Census Bureau employee and contractor is sworn for life to always protect your information.

**Who Counts?**

Everyone living in the United States as of April 1, 2020 counts! A baby born April 1, a person who is 150 years old, folks who have lived here for generations, foreign exchange students, folks who are undocumented, people who live in any types of houses, folks who don't have houses all count!

**How to Participate**

Most of Muckleshoot Tribal Members will receive a letter in the mail that includes a unique code. We'll be asked to use that code to access the online questionnaire. We can still request a paper copy or complete the process over the phone.

## Self-response deadline has been extended to 31 October 2020

For those who receive their mail at home or have already received mailings with the Census ID numbers, **Self-Response online, by phone, or by mail** remains the best way to complete the 2020 Census and avoid the need for Census enumerators to visit homes later in the year.

**Mailing of Paper Questionnaires.** Households that received a census invitation in the mail but have yet to respond will receive a paper questionnaire in the mail by April 30. This operation has been extended for two weeks in light of operational changes made because of COVID-19. Please see table below with Operations update:

### Operations Update

Operation	NEW SCHEDULE	Previous Schedule
Self-Response Period	<b>March 12 – Oct. 31</b>	March 12 – Aug. 14
Field Operations Begin	<b>June 1</b>	April 15
Non-Response Follow-Up	<b>Aug. 11 - Oct. 31</b>	May 28 – Aug. 14
Group Quarters (paper and e-Response)	<b>April 2 – Sept. 3</b>	April 16 – June 19
Group Quarters (in-person enumeration)	<b>July 1 – Sept. 3</b>	April 16 – June 19
Transitory Locations	<b>Sept. 3-28</b>	April 23 – May 18
Counting the Homeless	<b>TBC</b>	April 29 – May 1
Mobile Questionnaire Assistance	<b>TBC</b>	April 13 – Aug. 14

**CENSUS 2020: WHAT'S AT STAKE?**

- Billions in public funds for education, housing, roads, fire stations & more.
- The number of seats we have in Congress.
- Your community. Your voice.

**Get Counted in the 2020 Get Census**

- IT'S SAFE**  
The Law is Clear. No personal information can be shared.
- IT'S IMPORTANT**  
Why respond to the Census?  
Census data affects... Schools + Children, Local Public Safety, Health, Highway Construction, Economic Development + Jobs, Healthcare + Social Services, Nonprofits.
- IT'S EASY**  
10 Minutes, 10 Questions, 10 Years of Impact.

An easy way to have a huge impact

From birth, we've been assigned a race based on how someone thought we looked. The 2020 Census is our chance to self-identify based on how we live!

**WE ARE STILL HERE. BE COUNTED.**

**How to Make Your Tribal Nation Count in the 2020 Census:**

**Rule 1:** Mark only one box for the race question  
*Multiple boxes count as multicultural, which receives no consideration for program funding*

**Rule 2:** Write in the name of your primary tribal nation  
*If you are more than one tribal nation write the one with which you are enrolled or reside*

**What is this person's race?**  
Mark  ~~one or more boxes~~ **AND** print origins. **ONLY 1 BOX**

American Indian or Alaska Native -- Print name of enrolled or principal tribe(s), for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.

**WRITE YOUR TRIBAL NATION HERE**

**COUNT ALL KIDS**

**IN THE 2020 CENSUS**

United States Census 2020  
INDIAN COUNTRY COUNTS  
OUR PEOPLE. OUR NATIONS. OUR FUTURE.

**In 2010, we in Indian Country were grossly undercounted!**  
**Let's not let that happen again in 2020.**  
**We need to be counted to Count!**



**Census 2020**  
Make yourself count: April 1, 2020

**BREAKING NEWS**  
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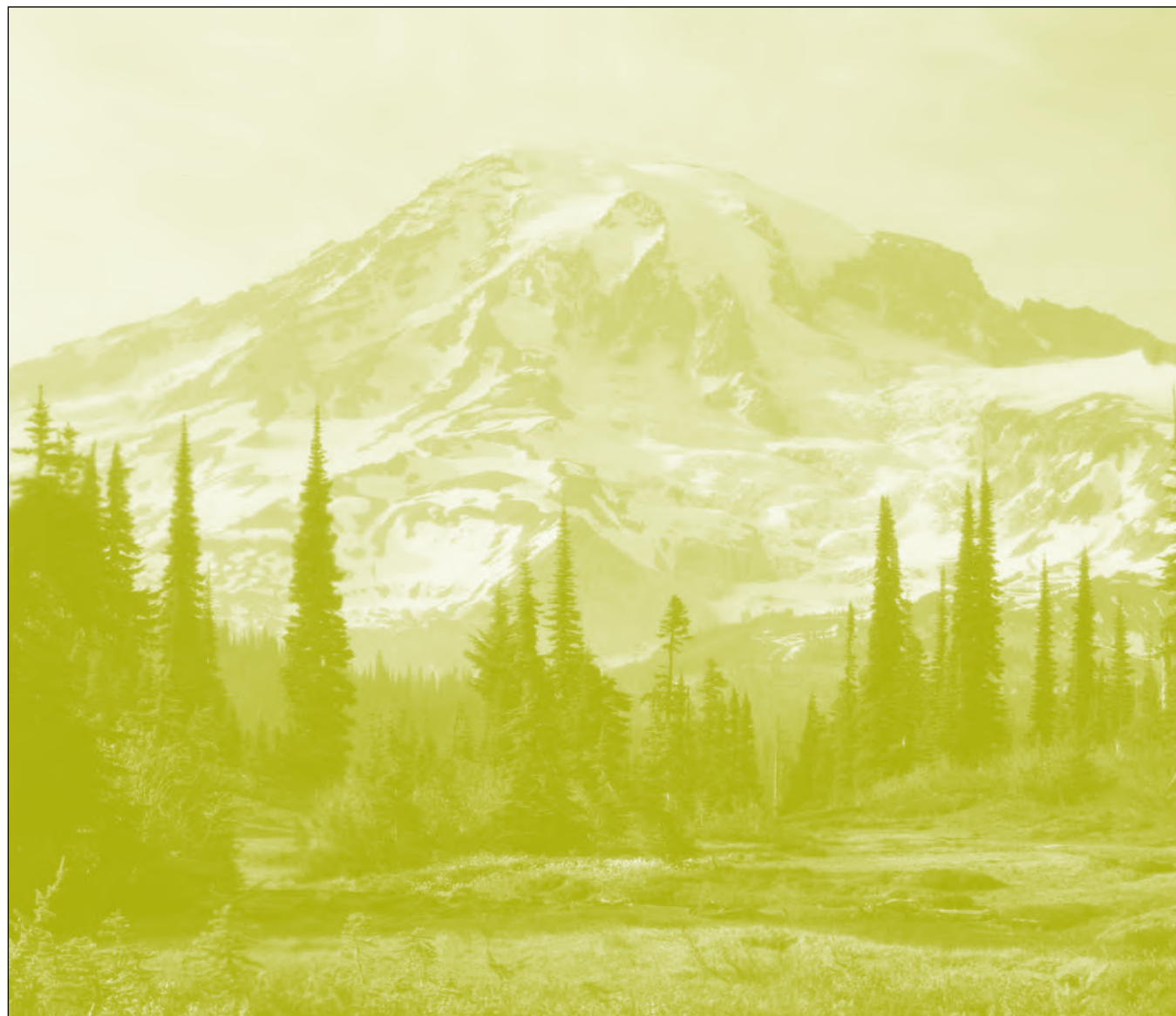
**UNTIL OCTOBER 31**  
Let's Make Washington Count!







**TAHOMA AND ITS PEOPLE.** I was humbled and honored to speak and offer a welcome and introduction for this evenings National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA) Park Talk via Zoom featuring the recently released book *"Tahoma and its People"* by teacher, friend and mentor (to not only myself but to many in our community), Jeff Antonelis-Lapp. Congratulations Jeff... It's awesome to see you be able to share and continue to teach about a topic you are so obviously knowledgeable and passionate about! People following their passion is always inspirational! – Donny Stevenson, Vice-Chair, Muckleshoot Tribal Council



# Footprints of Days Past

An excerpt from *Tahoma and its People*

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By Jeff Antonelis-Lapp



The vine maples demand my attention this September morning, ablaze in a fiery display of fall glory. Scattered on the green hillsides, the oranges and rusts, ochres and crimsons signal the turning of the season as I arrive at the park's most recent archaeological excavation. Prior to the installation of new underground utility lines in the Ohanapeosh Campground in the park's southeast corner, cultural resources staff tested for archaeological artifacts. The first people who came to Mount Rainier hunted and gathered with stone tools that they used to cut, pierce, and scrape game and other materials. Sharp-edged stone tools work well, but are brittle and fragile, requiring frequent repair and replacement. Wherever people made, used, or repaired these tools, they left behind a shower of chipped, fine-grained stone fragments. These remains became clues for archaeologists about the people who left them.

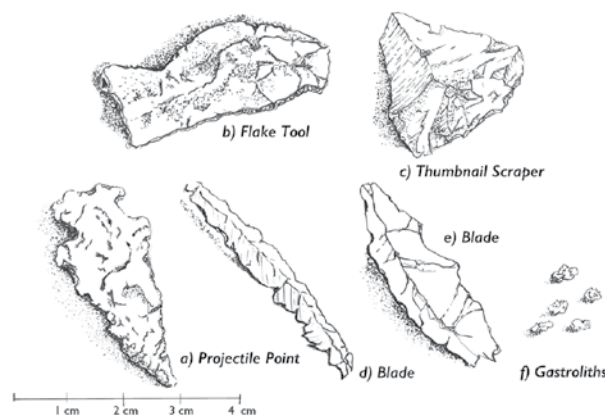
Park staff recovered stone tool remnants during initial testing at Ohanapeosh, and when sampling the landscape more broadly, they found more chipped tool remains at over a dozen locations, probably small campsites. Dating them was easy because of Mount Rainier's unique layer cake stratigraphy. Numerous eruptions at the mountain—and from other volcanoes—have deposited ash and other volcanic material in layers on the ground. These layers relate to the known age of volcanic events and thus the approximate age of the tool-stone fragments contained within them. The earliest Ohanapeosh sites sit below the Mount Mazama ash layer, left by the eruption that created

Oregon's Crater Lake at about 7,700 years ago, indicating that people occupied the sites at about that time.

Although the Ohanapeosh finds are some of the oldest at Mount Rainier, they matter for another reason. Most archaeological sites at the park occur at 4,000 feet or higher in elevation, but those at Ohanapeosh are among the first precontact sites found below 2,000 feet. Precontact refers to the period prior to Native American encounters with European and Russian explorers in the late eighteenth century.

Park archaeologist Greg Burtchard greeted me when I arrived at the Ohanapeosh Campground. This would be my third time assisting on excavations, and Burtchard had spent considerable time helping me understand the park's archaeological record—all of the physical evidence of peoples' presence at Mount Rainier. This record includes camping and butchering sites, fire hearths, stone tool artifacts, and other clues of human presence. After introductions and a quick tour of the project, Burtchard put me to work. From one of the original sample holes, the crew had excavated a unit that measured over nine feet square and over three feet deep. Standing chest deep in the unit, one of the researchers carefully skimmed and scraped away small bits of dirt, hoping to locate artifacts in situ. She brushed the loose material into buckets and handed them up and out of the unit for screening. I helped the others shake and sift the dirt through fine wire-mesh screens, looking for any pieces of chip stone tools.

OPPOSITE: View of Mount Rainier from Pinnacle Meadows. Asahel Curtis, July 8, 1930. Washington State Historical Society, 1943.42.56823. OVERLAY IMAGE: An excavated side hill at the residential base camp near Sunrise, the site of McClure's 1990 finds. Photo by J. Antonelis-Lapp.



A selection of flaked-stone tools from a subalpine site at Mount Rainier. These are among the thousands of artifacts and tool-stone fragments found in the park. Those pictured range between 2,000 and 5,000 years old: a) projectile point; b) flake tool; c) thumbnail scraper; d) microblade; e) macroblade; and f) gastroliths, the small, polished stones found inside the gizzards of grouse and their relatives. Drawing by Lucia Harrison.

The day's finds were few and unsensational in appearance, little more than fingernail-sized fragments of tool-stone material. Over lunch though, Greg showed me two intriguing items. One was a broken projectile point of a style typically associated with cultural deposits ranging between 7,000 and 9,000 years old. Technically not arrowheads, since bow and arrow technology did not gain widespread use until around 3,000 years ago, projectile points like this were affixed to small shafts to make darts. Socketed into longer shafts, the darts were launched with atlatls. Atlatls served as a fast-moving extension of the throwing arm, delivering about 60 percent more thrust than the conventional means of throwing a spear, much like the plastic ball throwers that people use today to play fetch with their dogs. The other was a stone scraper about the size and shape of a large guitar pick. Perfectly carved and unblemished, the milky white stone looked as if it had never scraped bark off a twig or fat from the inside of an animal's hide. Holding it, I tried to imagine its origins 7,300 years before. How did the toolmaker acquire the source stone? Where did the artifact take shape—around a nearby campfire? How was it dropped, lost, and forgotten?

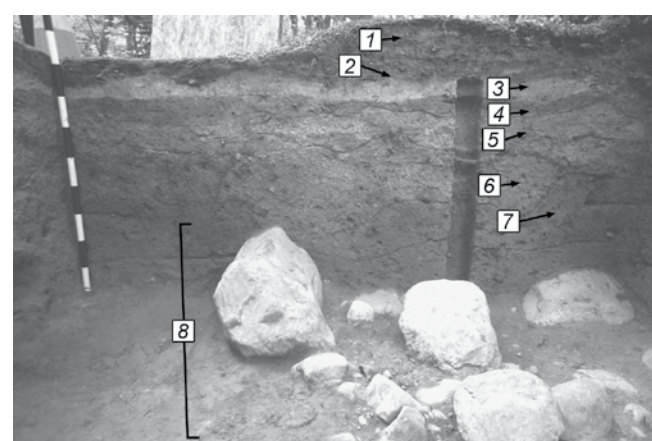
For Burtchard and his crew, the challenge—and the reward—of their work comes from working out the complex puzzles of how people used these areas over the ages, and from seeking the highest possible degree of scientific validity so that their conclusions transcend mere conjecture. Excavations at the Ohanapeosh Campground sites suggest that Native Americans, possibly of Yakama, Klickitat, or Upper Cowlitz ancestry, made short-term camps here beginning at least 8,000 years ago. They were passing through, travelers on their way to somewhere else, probably to Mount Rainier's resource-rich mid-elevations or back to their lowland villages.

## The Myth: "Indians Were Very Superstitious and Afraid of It"

When European Americans began settling the Puget Sound region in the 1800s, they encountered Native American villages at strategic locations along the major waterways. Long-standing Indian settlements were numerous at present-day Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, and hundreds of other locations. There was little knowledge, however, of Indian travel into the mountains.

Native stories tell of people in the mountains in general and at Tahoma specifically, but accounts differ regarding the heights to which they ascended. Nisqually tribal member, historian, and writer Cecelia Svith Carpenter told of a boundary "where trees stop growing and eternal snowfields lie deep...the sacred demarcation line that encircles the entire mountain." Nisqually people did not pass beyond this line. It was a combination, Carpenter wrote, of respect for and fear of *Tacobet*, the Nisqually name for the great white mountain, which kept people from traversing its uppermost flanks.

Other stories present differing views of the Indian relationship to Tahoma. Arthur C. Ballard grew up in Auburn, Washington, not far from Muckleshoot villages on the Green and White Rivers that had stood for generations. His lifelong passion for language compelled him to translate stories he heard from Indian elders. He recorded and translated two versions of "Young Man's Ascent of Mount Rainier." The first version begins with the words, "This story is not a myth. The man in this story was a real man." The second version begins, "The grandfather of my grandmother



Ohanapeosh Soil Stratigraphy. In an archaeological unit in the Ohanapeosh Campground, the tephra layer sequence extends back nearly 8,000 years: 1—Mount St. Helens eruption, 1980; 2—Mount St. Helens "X" eruption, 1837; 3—Mount St. Helens "W" eruption, 1472; 4—Mount Rainier "C" eruption, about 2,330 years ago; 5—Mount St. Helens "Y" eruption, about 4,270 years ago; 6—Mount Rainier "L" eruption, about 7,390 years ago; 7—Mount Mazama "O" eruption, about 7,670 years ago; 8—over-bank flood deposits, between 8,070 and 10,570 years ago. Courtesy of Greg Burtchard, Mount Rainier National Park archaeologist (retired), modified by Kirsten Wahlquist.

went up to the summit of Mount Rainier." In the stories, the young man finds a lake at the summit while searching for magic powers. A lake does, in fact, exist in an underground cave on the mountaintop.

In 1886, a young European American named Alison Brown accompanied a group of about 30 Yakama Indians on a hunting expedition up Cowlitz Divide on the mountain's southeast flank. Failing to find any game, they continued upward until seven or eight of the group—with Brown in tow—decided to climb toward the summit. Brown later said, "We did not try to reach the highest pinnacle," but on their descent spent the night at the base of Gibraltar Rock.

These accounts, supplemented by extensive archaeological remains and the well-known Indian trails system, clearly show that for ages people were drawn to the place "where the waters begin." Ignorant of such evidence, the newcomers assumed that Native Americans avoided mountainous areas, and believed that primitive superstitions restrained Indian people from venturing into the mountains.

Historians and anthropologists now believe that travel by native groups was sufficient to create and maintain routes that linked lowland areas to the high country. There is evidence of frequent and long-lived travel between the eastern and western sides of the Cascades and that some of today's trails, roads, and highways follow these earliest pathways. In addition, Native Americans contributed substantially to the successes achieved by early European American explorations of Mount Rainier. A rich historical record details Indian involvement in a variety of adventures.

Take the example of Dr. William Fraser Tolmie. Freshly graduated at age 20 as a medical doctor and surgeon from Scotland's Glasgow University, Tolmie arrived at Fort Nisqually in the spring of 1833 to serve as doctor and trader to the local people. Just three months after arriving at the fort between present-day Olympia and Tacoma, Tolmie received permission for a botanizing trip to Mount Rainier. He wrote in his journal, "I am going to Mount Rainier to gather herbs of which to make medicine, part of which is to be sent to Britain and part retained in case intermittent fever should visit us—when I will prescribe for the Indians." The familiarity with the route and the prospects of good hunting enticed the Nisqually Indians Quilhiash, Lashima, and Lachalet, a Puyallup Indian named Nuckalkur, and a fifth unidentified individual to serve as guides. Their 10-day trip to the park's northwest corner marked the first time that a non-native approached the mountain.

Like others before him and multitudes ever after, Mount Rainier mesmerized Second Lieutenant August V. Kautz. Of the mountain 60 miles east of Fort Steilacoom, the quartermaster and commissary officer wrote in his journal in 1857, "On a clear day [the mountain] does not look more than



TOP: A fire hearth being excavated at a residential base camp near Sunrise. Photo by J. Antonelis-Lapp.

BOTTOM: The exposed hearth, bottom right. The rocks scattered about the unit are manuports, having been carried to the hearth long ago by the people using the site. Photo by J. Antonelis-Lapp.

ten miles off...a grand and inspiring view." The strong-willed Kautz made plans for a summit attempt that summer. With scant information about a route and under the prejudicial influence of the times, he wrote, "Information relating to the mountain was exceedingly meager; no white man had ever been near it, and Indians were very superstitious and afraid of it."

Kautz befriended the brilliant Nisqually Indian war strategist Leschi, who suggested that he take a route up the Nisqually River drainage. Leschi probably also recommended that Wah-pow-ety, who lived in the same village, guide his group. Kautz outfitted each man with an alpenstock and shoes with four-penny nails driven through from the inside for traction on the steep, icy slopes. No one made it to the top, but Kautz ascended solo to within 400 feet of the summit.

The Stevens and Van Trump 1870 expedition, regarded by most historians as the first successful climb of Mount Rainier, featured Hazard Stevens, son of Governor Isaac I. Stevens. His account of the climb, like Kautz's before



him, carried the prevailing attitude of the times. He wrote that, "Takhoma had never been ascended. It was a virgin peak. The superstitious fears and traditions of the Indians, as well as the dangers of the ascent, had prevented their attempting to reach the summit."

Stevens and his climbing partner Philemon Beecher (P.B.) Van Trump made the summit after a harrowing climb only to realize that they lacked enough daylight to make it safely back to camp. At the summit crater, they found a cave with thermal vents that emitted hot gases from the mountain's core. There they spent a damp and miserable night, alternately baking and freezing. Van Trump took a nasty fall during their descent and once reunited with their Indian guide Sluiskin, the pair relied heavily on his expert knowledge of the terrain to lead them back to safety.

Despite these—and other—examples of Native American presence and expertise on and around the mountain, the belief about Indian superstitions and fears persisted well into the twentieth century. It would take years of growing archaeological evidence and an unlikely partnership to dispel the mistaken idea. University professors and graduate students, tribal elders, Mount Rainier National Park staff, and other experts would eventually work together to set the record straight.

**Emerging Truth, Stubborn Bias**

In the summer of 1963, there was little reason for Native people in the Mount Rainier area to cooperate with Allan H. Smith. An anthropologist at Washington State University, he had few connections with local tribes, whose people were understandably suspicious of outsiders. With his colleague Richard H. Daugherty, he held a contract with Mount Rainier National Park to determine the extent and use of the mountain by Indian people. Smith planned to gather ethnographic information about their use of the mountain, which Daugherty would then use to guide an archaeological survey.

From his interviews on the Yakama, Nisqually, and Muckleshoot reservations, Smith learned that Yakama, Taidnapam (present-day Cowlitz), Nisqually, Puyallup, and Muckleshoot people seasonally frequented and laid loose claim to particular areas on the mountain. While boundary lines proved arbitrary with some overlap, ridge crests generally served as approximate dividers. Smith's informants told stories of trips to the mountain in late summer to early fall where they picked huckleberries, gathered plants, and hunted elk, deer, bear, mountain goat, and other animals.

In the project's second phase, Daugherty conducted field surveys in hopes of identifying potential archaeological sites. His team located chipped stone tools in a roadcut near Bench Lake on the mountain's southern slope. They also followed up on park naturalist Terry Patton's report of a rock shelter on the eastern slope in the Fryingpan Creek drainage. These two locations marked the highest known archaeological sites in Washington at that time. The work that followed would soon change our understanding of human activity at Mount Rainier.

David G. Rice and Charles M. Nelson, members of Daugherty's survey team and anthropology graduate students, began test excavations at the rock shelter in September 1964, the first study of its kind at the park. The shelter was about the size of a modern backcountry campsite, with a back wall arcing upward to form a protective roof about 16 feet overhead. There Rice and Nelson recovered chipped stone fragments indicating tool maintenance and repair,

nearly one-half of which were smaller than a fingernail. They also found 13 formed tools that included knives, scrapers, and projectile points that they believed indicated connections with native people in eastern Washington. Key finds included bits of bone and tooth enamel from goat or sheep, which indicated that people had hunted nearby and had dressed and roasted their kills there over 1,000 years ago.

The upper valley of Fryingpan Creek, at an elevation of 5,400 feet, remains under snow from October through June, so the ancient hunters probably used the site during snow-free times between July and September. Rice suggested that their home villages may have been in the Yakama lands east of the Cascades, or the lowlands west and north on the White or Green Rivers. Horse travel did not become commonplace until the 1700s, so people walked—sometimes for up to several days—from their villages to the camp.

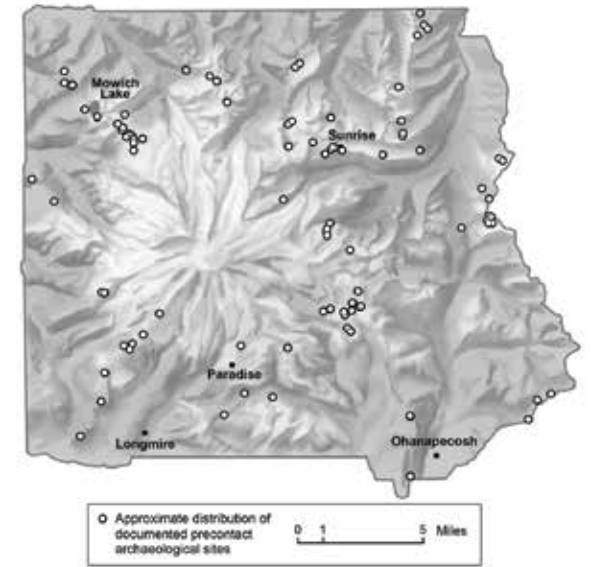
The combined challenges of weather, terrain, and distance suggest that people had strong reasons to venture onto Tahoma's uplands. They often passed through the area as they traveled across the Cascades to visit family, trade, or for other purposes. It's possible they came for religious or spiritual practices. Most importantly, anthropologists and archaeologists believe that people came to specific locations on the mountain for the express purpose of extracting resources—plants and animals—in short supply or unavailable in the lowlands.

Near their lowland villages, people enjoyed regular access to salmon and cedar. Deer and elk were abundant, and camas was common in lowland prairies. But the dense, lower elevation forests up to about 3,500 feet in elevation held fewer valuable items than those found in the meadows or in open subalpine settings a thousand feet further up the mountainside. The forest's edge, subalpine parks, and meadows held the greatest variety and quantity of plants and animals that people sought, available during the snow-free summer season.

People hunted deer, elk, and bear wherever they found them, but they especially prized those animals not available in the lowlands. Hoary marmots were valuable for their pelts that people sewed into blankets or robes. Mountain goat hides were treasured for their wool.

Many plants grew at mid-elevation (between about 3,000 and 5,500 feet) that benefitted native people. The long, narrow leaves of bear grass were used as part of a decorative pattern in basket making, imparting a light color to the design. Medicinal plants such as Gray's lovage were harvested to treat colds, coughs, and cramp.

The subalpine meadows provided Native Americans with important food plants, too. They dug the roots of some plants and the corns of avalanche and glacier lilies. Nuts of upland plants like whitebark pine were also harvested. There is little doubt, though, that the several varieties of huckleberry that have purpled the fingers of berry pickers for innumerable generations were an essential subalpine food plant at Mount Rainier. People may bicker whether they are "huckleberries" or "blueberries," but the three



Mount Rainier's archaeological sites encircle the mountain, the majority at mid-elevation, resource-rich locations. Image courtesy of Greg Burtchard, Mount Rainier National Park archaeologist (retired) modified by Kirsten Wahlquist

varieties of *Vaccinium* were a powerful draw to Tahoma's mid-elevations. Native people favored the black huckleberry (*Vaccinium membranaceum*). Even today, a half-gallon bag of fresh, clean berries brings top dollar in Indian communities. Other varieties also flourished in the mountain's main berry picking areas that lay between 3,000 and 5,500 feet.

Smith and Daugherty's work and Rice's subsequent findings should have provided a new compass bearing to direct archaeological surveys on the mountain. Surely now, the stories of tribal elders supported by physical proof would unmake the myth of the region's native people as "superstitious and afraid" of Tahoma. Unfortunately, their seldom-read work moved only within small academic circles. The stone tool artifacts and bits of bone landed in a university storeroom, forgotten. Smith's report languished on a dusty shelf in the park library. The bias lingered and ignorance prevailed for another 30 years.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Mount Rainier National Park could do little to help visitors understand that they walked in the footsteps of the ancients. Park staff and visitor centers lacked the information to tell park guests that ancestors of people living nearby on all sides of the mountain had hunted and gathered plants there. The absence of place name information prevented people from connecting features like the Nisqually or Puyallup Rivers, Wapowety Cleaver (as spelled on park maps), or Sluiskin Falls to the area's original inhabitants, early guides, and travelers.

The rock shelter along Fryingpan Creek and the Bench Lake location remained the park's only documented archaeological sites until the late 1980s. In 1990, archaeologist Richard J. McClure Jr. identified four additional sites. His work to organize the growing collection of precontact



TOP: Units being excavated at the residential base camp near Sunrise. Photo by J. Antonelis-Lapp.

BOTTOM: A feature believed to be a "stone griddle," in situ, at a residential base camp in the park's northeastern corner. Courtesy of Greg Burtchard, Mount Rainier National Park archaeologist (retired).

artifacts served as the foundation for the landmark work of Greg Burtchard and Stephen C. Hamilton in 1995. Working on contract with the park, the pair conducted archaeological reconnaissance on more than 3,500 acres. They added an astounding 32 finds to the park's record.

In addition to documenting new sites, Burtchard brought order and form to the increasingly robust collection of precontact artifacts. Probably his most significant contribution lay in his development of a spatial model that sought to explain why indigenous people valued mountain environments, and why they favored some landscapes over others. He reasoned that seasonally productive subalpine ecosystems stretching around the mountain answered the questions of "where" and "why" people came to Tahoma over the ages. He also developed a temporal model to explain when precontact use of the mountain began and how it changed over time. Testing and refining the models to predict where and when people frequented Mount Rainier continues to guide the park's archaeological trajectory and provides a frame of reference for evaluating and interpreting the finds.

Burtchard began reaching out to tribes near the mountain, forming partnerships on a variety of projects. Training sessions for seasonal and permanent rangers soon included workshops led by local natives who knew their peoples' history at Tahoma. New interpretive programs told the stories of the original park visitors. When the new Jackson Visitor Center opened its doors, it featured cultural displays with the latest information telling the stories of indigenous people at Mount Rainier. The remodeled Sunrise Visitor Center soon followed suit. Finally, the park had gotten the story right about the precontact presence of people on the mountain.

**Like Beads on a Necklace**

Several factors coalesced to enable park staff to learn and tell about Native Americans at Mount Rainier. Stories from the ground played a primary role. Isolated finds like projectile points, clusters of chipped tool-stone, and tools provided clues about locations and activities. Through field reconnaissance projects, experts discovered and traced the paths of early people and formed ideas about how they used the mountain. Archaeological excavations added extensive detail to the picture of when people first came to the mountain, what they did, and how often they returned. A growing relationship with local tribes helped park staff learn their narrative. This comprehensive body of work allowed them to share with visitors the full account of the first people who came to Mount Rainier.

In his 1998 overview of Mount Rainier archaeology, Burtchard proposed distinct site types that had been, or would be, identified on the mountain. Among these are hunting or limited-task field camps similar to the one found along Fryingpan Creek in 1963. Small groups occupied these sites for up to a few days at a time, hunting and

gathering in the vicinity. While there, they maintained and repaired tools, butchered animals, and cooked, ate, and slept.

Butchering locations make up another type of site at Mount Rainier. Typically located at exposed and windy places that reduced the number of pesky flies, hunters used rock flakes or flake tools as cutters and scrapers to process game. A spot on the alpine tundra west of Sunrise suggests that people butchered and partially dried meat there, most likely marmot or mountain goat.

A larger type of site, residential base camps, dot Mount Rainier's parklands near the forest edge at a number of locations. Family groups probably used these sites repeatedly for extended periods during late summer and early fall to access upland plant and animal resources that they then transported back to base camps and eventually, to lowland villages. Fire hearths, small shelter depressions in the ground, and a broad mix of light and heavy tools identify these camps.

One of Mount Rainier's most extraordinary residential base camps lies in the park's northeasternmost corner, where Burtchard and colleagues conducted excavations over several field seasons. The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe lent logistical support and field assistance that enabled the team to recover nearly 20,000 stone tool artifacts. Projectile points representing both bow and arrow and the earlier atlatl technologies, scrapers, other tools, and a high density of chipped tool-stone debris comprise the bulk of the finds. Site features included a flat rock "griddle" used for cooking and multiple fire hearths with fire-cracked rock that date to about 4,200 years ago. Also found were over 300 pebble-like objects called gastroliths, the gizzard stones of grouse, a common chicken-sized game bird. Finding these stones tells the story of people roasting and eating the birds there. Similar, deeper finds allowed Burtchard to estimate that use of the area began (at least) between 8,000 and 9,000 years ago.

One way to appreciate the value of Mount Rainier's growing archaeological record is to compare it to the precontact currency system of Native Americans in the region—the dentalium shell bead necklace. As shells were added, the value of the necklace increased.

A little more than 50 years ago, Mount Rainier's precontact record consisted of a small collection of isolated finds enveloped in a cloud of misunderstanding about the presence of Native Americans on the mountain. The sustained cooperation of local Indian tribes, park staff, and other experts finally prevailed in dispelling the mistaken idea that indigenous people avoided mountainous terrain. For over 9,000 years at more than 100 locations, native people have hunted marmots, mountain goats, and other game. They have gathered huckleberries, bear grass, and other plants. Tahoma's archaeology now places people on all sides of the mountain, encircling it like shell beads on a necklace, becoming ever more valuable as new finds are added with each passing year. ☪



Jeff Antonelis-Lapp



SCHOLARSHIP

**Private School Assistance Program (PSAP)**

We hope this correspondence finds you, and your family well. The PSAP programs top priority is supporting our families. We know that during this time of uncertainty the most important thing we can do is be in regular communication with you.

Please let us know how we can best support you and your student(s), during this time of remote learning. Also if there are any important correspondence from your academic institutions related to closures, COVID-19 updates or payment deadlines, please forward them to the PSAP Program.

We will continue to accept applications for the next academic school year, and make PSAP related payments, as well as provide support services in an online capacity. We are located at the Muckleshoot Tribal College and our building is currently closed to clients/students.

The PSAP program will be adhering to the limited hours, and services of the MIT Scholarship Department. Our staff will be working remotely from 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

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Thank you,  
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MIT Scholarship Department  
Office: 253-876-2830  
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**Update from NT+**

The Native Technology Plus degree program is adapting our teaching methods to keep our students and staff safe. Our program has gone completely digital. Muckleshoot Tribal College educators and our partners at Green River College are using technology to continue meeting with our students from a safe distance. With the help of Zoom (a video calling service) for our digital lectures; students get to video chat with their staff and peers, as if they were in the classroom together. We also utilize Canvas.com to host all class assignments and discussions. Our students are just as connected now as they have ever been. Our students have access to digital advising and tutoring services as well. This quarter is only three weeks in but we are seeing a lot of success already. Muckleshoot Tribal College is grateful for the flexibility and persistence of our students, faculty and partner educators at Green River College! We look forward to finishing the quarter strong.

Vicky Murray CTE Advisor | Muckleshoot Tribal College

**A Word from our Partner Institution Green River College**

"As we near the graduation of the first cohort of students from the Muckleshoot Tribal College, it is important that we recognize the hard work of our students. The IT program at Green River College has been, and will continue to work closely with the faculty & staff at the Muckleshoot Tribal College. A commitment to quality education in every detail from curriculum, classroom environment & labs, staff & faculty have created an environment for success.

Soon, students from Cohort 1 who wish to continue their education, may enter into the Bachelor's of Applied Science Cybersecurity & Networking program at Green River. Furthermore, additional pathways have been created by GRC for MTC students to continue past the BAS to the University of Washington - Tacoma and their Master of Cybersecurity & Leadership program."

Tim Mason Division Chair for Technology & IT Faculty | Green River College

**Muckleshoot Tribal College Student of the Quarter | Winter 2020**

Muckleshoot Tribal College and the NT+ program would like to congratulate Kathy Buggs on being awarded the Student of the Quarter! Kathy excelled in two certificate programs, the CompTIA A+ and the Microsoft PowerShell Scripting Cert. Kathy was the only student to attempt the PowerShell cert, one of the most challenging certificates we offer in our program. She had perfect attendance and completed both classes with an A. Kathy is a pleasure to have in class and we look forward to seeing her in more certificate programs in the future. Great work Kathy!

Vicky Murray CTE Advisor | Muckleshoot Tribal College

**MIT Scholarship Message to the Community**

Dear Muckleshoot families,  
We understand the gravity of our current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic and how it has disrupted many lives. We are thinking of you, of the health service employees and all others in service industries who make it possible to ensure that our daily lives, our families and our community continue to move forward.

Our Tribal Council has been keeping track of what's happening around the world and here at home. They are continually assessing the state of the pandemic and making decisions that put the health and safety of our community and employees first.

While the Tribal College building is physically closed, we are still operating remotely to ensure our students' needs continue to be met. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We can be reached by email at [ScholarshipsDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us](mailto:ScholarshipsDept@muckleshoot.nsn.us). We ask that all email correspondence be sent to the Scholarship department email as we will be working with limited staff.

Thank you for your patience as we adjust our program to best serve the community. Our thoughts remain with you and your families during this unprecedented time. Together we'll get through this!

Summer Registration: April 10 – May 22

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**Are you over the age of 21? Did you not finish high school but would like your diploma? Do you have 8 or more credits? Do you need 12 or less credits for WA State requirements? (20 total credits needed) Do you feel your life experiences should count for something? Do you want a diploma and not just a GED? If you answered "YES" to these questions, then what are you waiting for? Let's get that diploma!!**

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**ATTENTION NEW PROGRAM: for enrolled Muckleshoot Tribal Members.**

**MIT PRIVATE SCHOOL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The Muckleshoot Private School Assistance Program (MIT-PSAP) is now accepting applications for the 2019-20 academic school year. The MIT-PSAP will pay for the following items:

1. Application Fee – two application fees per academic year.
2. Deposit fee (to reserve space in program)
3. Private school testing fees.
4. Private school fees and trips that are mandatory and that other MIT Programs will not cover the cost.
5. Tuition for academic year and summer school tuition.

NOTE: The MIT-PSAP is not an income based program. The MIT-PSAP funds can be applied to any Private Preschool, Private Pre-Kindergarten, Private Early Childhood Education Programs, and Private School, it does not matter where it is located. Please do contact our offices to make sure that the Private School does meet the eligibility criteria.

For more information please contact the MIT Scholarship Office, located at the MIT College

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## Finance Department – Staffing during Emergency Operations period

During the EOS period, the Finance department has 10 employees who are active. Our building is closed but we have a drop box outside the main entrance for submitting paperwork. We also have several forms posted on the wall above the drop box (address change, direct deposit, etc.). All checks are being mailed to the address on file.

Jeff Songster will be in the office every day. Michelle Morrow and Latasha Hamilton are each in the office about half of the time and working from home the other half. The three of us are the main contacts if you need anything in person to/from the Finance department.

The best times to coordinate this are Monday through Friday from 9am to Noon and from 1pm to 4pm. We prefer electronic documents and using the drop box though. Extensions for the three of us are: Jeff - 253-876-3316, Michelle - 253-876-3328 and Latasha - 253-876-3142.

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<b>BACHELOR DEGREES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ BS in Native Environmental Science</li> <li>→ BA in Native Studies Leadership</li> <li>→ BA in Tribal Governance &amp; Business Management</li> <li>→ BA in Community Advocacy and Responsive Education in Human Services</li> </ul>	<b>ASSOCIATE DEGREES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Native Environmental Science</li> <li>→ Business and Entrepreneurship</li> <li>→ Public and Tribal Administration</li> <li>→ General Direct Transfer</li> <li>→ Life Sciences</li> <li>→ Information Technology</li> <li>→ Early Childhood Education</li> <li>→ Chemical Dependency Studies</li> <li>→ Individualized Program</li> </ul>
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<b>FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ On-Campus Day and Night Courses</li> <li>→ Interactive Tele-Courses (ITV)</li> <li>→ Independent Learning Courses</li> <li>→ Online Courses</li> </ul>	<b>SEVEN CAMPUS LOCATIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Lummi (Main Campus)</li> <li>→ Muckleshoot</li> <li>→ Nez Perce</li> <li>→ Nisqually</li> <li>→ Port Gamble S'Klallam</li> <li>→ Swinomish</li> <li>→ Tulalip</li> <li>→ Nisqually</li> </ul>
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## WAYS TO GET MY GED

<h3>INDIVIDUAL TUTORING</h3> <p>Both instructors are available for individual tutoring Monday - Friday on both a walk-in and scheduled basis. The best times for instructor availabilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Mondays 9am to 3pm</li> <li>o Tuesdays 12pm to 3pm</li> <li>o Wednesdays 12pm to 3pm</li> <li>o Thursdays 12pm to 5pm</li> <li>o Fridays 12pm to 5pm</li> </ul> <p>(Times subject to change.)</p>	<h3>SELF-PACED STUDY</h3> <p>Students are welcome to study at their own pace.</p> <h3>HYBRID/COMBINATION</h3> <p>Students are welcome to and encouraged to use multiple modes of study to match their learning style, comfort level, and desired testing time frame.</p> <p><b>CONTACT INFO:</b> ABE/GED Instructor: Cary Hutchinson Cary.Hutchinson@muckleshoot.nsn.us 253-876-3375 ABE/GED Instructor: Melissa Reaves Melissa.Reaves@muckleshoot.nsn.us 253-876-3256 Muckleshoot Tribal College 39811 Auburn Enumclaw Road SE Auburn, WA 98092</p>
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## 2020 MUCKLESHOOT FIREWORKS TIMELINE AND HEALTH REGULATIONS

- 1. Preliminary Plan:** These special regulations are subject to change at any time. As the Fireworks Commission noted in its previous message, we are monitoring the quickly changing circumstances and will adapt as needed. Permittees are encouraged to carefully read any materials provided by the Fireworks Administrator.
- 2. Shortened Timeline:** No stands may be placed prior to June 1, 2020. The retail sale of fireworks will only be permitted from June 19, 2020 through July 4, 2020.
- 3. Special Dimensions:** All stands must be placed a minimum of 20 feet apart from every other stand. No stand may be longer than 32 feet.
- 4. General Health Guidance:** If you feel sick, stay home. Then call your medical provider and follow their advice. If your staff is sick, send them home. Regularly wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer. Avoid touching your face. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or inside of your elbow. Regularly disinfect frequently used items and surfaces. Consider wearing a face covering or mask. Stay 6 feet from other people and do not gather in groups.



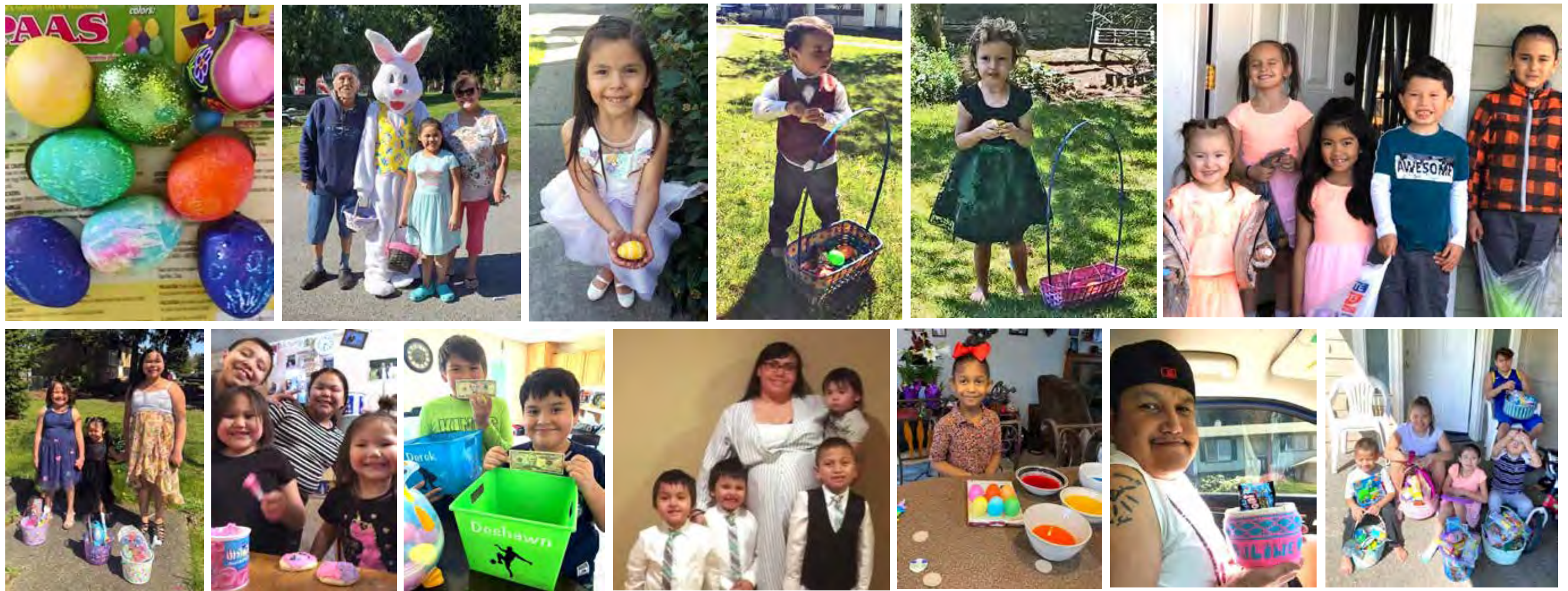
## Rosalie Fish Earns Victim Counselor Certificate

I'm super excited to announce that I've completed my initial certificate for becoming a victim counselor. I wanted to gain this skill because as an advocate for MMIW, I began to encounter a lot of families who experienced trauma from various types of violence. I wanted to gain some skills on how to better serve these families and provide them with resources. I still have a long ways to go, but this tiny certificate makes me so happy!  
 ~ Rosalie Fish



# Happy Easter!

Although there were no large community Easter Egg hunts, church services, or dinners this year, community members still colored eggs with their children, dressed them up in their Easter best, and had lots of good family fun hunting eggs in their own yards.



**DID YOU KNOW...**

...the Muckleshoot Tribe has a historic collection of books, photographs, oral histories, artifacts and other memorabilia? Many items are listed by family names, especially photographs.

It is a great resource for all tribal members who might be family genealogists, local historians, students, artists or members interested in the tribe's culture, traditional skills and history. We also provide editing and scanning services for your photograph collection.

The collection is housed in the Philip Starr Building for all Tribal members to use. Please call 253-876-3273 for more information, or stop by the front reception and ask for Donna.

**Come Visit us soon!**

Eva Jerry, ca. 1970s, on the White River, taken for the book "Fall Fishing with Muckleshoot."

## UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**MONDAY AND FRIDAY**  
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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE FOLLOWING:  
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# Teacher Parade!

The MTS staff and teachers held a car parade through various neighborhoods on April 14<sup>th</sup> to say hello to students and their families. Staff made signs and decorated their vehicles. Families also made signs to say hello to teachers! The weather was perfect – sunny and warm. We were so excited to see everyone waving and cheering. There were over thirty cars in the parade!

Teachers and staff miss all of the students. We hope that everyone is safe and healthy during these times. We can't wait to be able to welcome everyone back to the buildings!



## Communities Are Important to Ending Human Trafficking

By Carolyn DeFord

You have probably witnessed human trafficking, maybe even know of establishments where prostitution most likely occurs. But this is only the tip of the iceberg. Human trafficking happens not only in casinos and hotels. It also happens in schools and at events like concerts, sporting events, powwows, and car shows.

Although human trafficking is a violent crime against individuals, it also affects entire communities. One reason it is so rampant is human trafficking remains largely hidden. Predators rely on the “blindness” of their community and the shame of their victims. The stigma of being prostituted comes largely from unrealistic Hollywood stereotypes that portray them as complicit criminals. This stigma often prevents victims from seeking help, effectively cutting them off from many available services and further hiding them from community awareness.

Combating human trafficking starts in the community. It begins with the community learning what it is and how to recognize it. Simply put, human trafficking is controlling another using force, fraud, or coercion to compel that individual to work, provide services, or perform sex acts in exchange for something of value. This might be money, shelter, food, protection, acceptance, trendy clothes, or drugs.

Children compelled to engage in commercial sex acts are victims regardless of the presence of force, fraud or coercion. Traffickers may be the victims’ family members, peers, romantic partners or potential employers. They control their victims with various methods such as physical or sexual assault, making them dependent on drugs, or taking advantage of their victims’ need for love, safety, and acceptance. They may manipulate them with humiliation, shame, false promises, and threats of harm to them or their family members.

Another factor traffickers exploit is the prevalence of Historical Trauma among minority groups, especially Indigenous people. His-



### Human Trafficking Training Session

On March 4th the Muckleshoot Victim Services Program hosted a Human Trafficking Training for the staff from Muckleshoot agencies. The speakers were Jeri Moomaw and Erik Gray from Innovations HTC. This is a Native and Survivor led program. They use their experience to help others. Though they are based in the local area they travel and assist agencies, organizations and Tribes across the nation to train and build programs to educate and help develop protocols.

torical Trauma has created vulnerabilities at the individual, family, and community levels. Traffickers exploit the weaknesses of people already suffering as victims of Historical Trauma often by playing on their basic needs for housing and food or their emotional needs for love and belonging.

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention reports that the average age children are lured into sex trafficking is between 12 and 14. Thus traffickers target the most vulnerable among us: our children, runaways, and youth in foster care. Other vulnerable groups targeted by traffickers are LGBTQ two-spirit people, individuals with low support systems, those with gang affiliations and drug addictions, or those living in poverty.

The good news is, this is preventable. Through providing informed services that educate our youth and community members, we can remove the stigma, prevent further victimization, and build safer communities for our future generations.

The language we use is important. It influences our perceptions

and changes the way we look at things. Looking at human trafficking through a victim-centered lens allows us to see prostitutes for what they are, victims who have been forced into sex trafficking by violence, lies, and manipulation.

We are a close-knit community with strong natural protective factors ingrained into our way of life. These tools and resources are available to protect our people. We just have to take off the blinders that prevent us from seeing the whole picture. Through primary prevention, like in the “Babies Up the River” story, we need as a community to start upstream in protecting our children instead of waiting until they’ve already been tossed into the river of sex trafficking. Community events that create safe spaces to build relationships and strengthen social supports reduces victimization and re-enforces the resilience of our young people.

Youth programs teach young people to recognize and respond to signs of potential exploitation. These programs can be implemented in schools, youth centers, after school activities, camps and other peer groups. Additionally, govern-

ment agencies and Tribal Councils are creating legislation and codes to equip communities with the tools they need to respond.

However, for these tools to be effective, vigilant community action is required. Traffickers make it their job to know how and where to operate undetected. They understand our policies, laws, social customs, and who is who, so they can target our weaknesses and exploit our most vulnerable. This is our home. No one loves our community and people more than us. And no one has more at stake, considering the threat to the safety and wellbeing of our community posed by human trafficking, than our children.

If you believe you are the victim of a trafficking situation or have information about a potential trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) at 1-888-373-7888. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, with specialists available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### A word from a fellow tribal member

You know, when I went to treatment it was crazy. Every day was the same, and I tried to be present but it just didn't do that much for me. I thought if I had taken the drugs out of my system and life it would change everything. Granted, drugs as a whole are not a positive addition ever. For me it was a neutralizer for an emptiness I could not fill with anything – my loving, caring, beautiful wife or amazingly wonderful children.

But I realize now that it wasn't taking something out of my life but adding something to it that I needed to do. It wasn't until I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior that I started to accept myself.

It may sound absurd, but I had a hard time looking at myself in the mirror before. In treatment, they had me do mirror therapy and my counselor, who is pretty good at her job, strategically made me go last because she knew I would be the hardest.

Well, It was rough, to say the least, but now that I've opened my heart to God and made a major change to my appearance I can look in the mirror and see a glimpse of what he sees in all of us – the potential of a brighter future.



### Tenant Rights During COVID-19 Pandemic Washington State Landlord Requirements

The COVID-19 Pandemic has resulted in financial distress to many families. Job losses, unemployment, and reduced hours can make paying rent difficult. Washington State has issued several Proclamations during this time to provide extra protections to tenants to assist in preserving housing. Effective immediately, and until June 4, 2020, please be aware of these changes:

#### Notices to Vacate & Evictions

Landlords currently cannot serve, enforce or threaten residents with notices to vacate the premises. This includes resident's whose contract has expired or will expire during the Proclamation period. The tenancy would continue on a month-to-month basis.

Your landlord can take action if your household has engaged in activities that threaten the health or safety of the neighborhood or dwelling unit.

#### Charging Late Fees

Landlords currently cannot charge, or threaten to charge, late fees for the non-payment of rent or other charges associated with a rental unit. This applies to any fees that have occurred on or after February 29, 2020. Landlords cannot attempt collection through agencies, unlawful detainer or other judicial actions, withhold any portion of security deposits or report debts to credit bureaus. Residents and landlords must work together to establish reasonable payment plans based on the individual's financial, health, and other circumstances.

#### Rent or Deposit Increases

Landlords cannot increase your rent or deposit at this time. This applies to contract renewals and month-to-month contracts. The rent charged on April 15, 2020 should be the rent charged today and through the Governor's Orders. If you were charged an increased rent after this date, you are entitled to a refund of the overpayment.

If you are unable to pay your rent, make sure you communicate with your landlord. If you are not materially affected by COVID-19, you must continue to pay rent to avoid unnecessary and avoidable economic hardship to landlords, property owners, and managers.

Please call the Muckleshoot Housing Authority (253) 833-7616 if you have questions about these Proclamations or need assistance with your landlord in resolving any violations of these Orders.



## PENTECOSTAL NEWS

By Beautiful Seed Jong Youn Park



Charlotte Williams April 12 at 10:07 AM

Charlotte Williams April 19 at 10:00 AM



Charlotte Williams March 29 at 10:00 AM



Charlotte Williams April 5 at 7:03 PM



Iglesia Restauracion El Calvario AD was live. April 5 at 6:50 PM  
This service in appreciation towards Pastor Kenny and Charlotte Williams.

Charlotte Williams April 6 at 9:09 PM

I received this Word today on my phone. I asked the Lord last night for a sign to help me deal with the recent loss of Robbie. The Lord is always faithful and speaks to us through the Word. We all have the same appointment. We need to be ready, as the song goes, to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**  
April 6  
Hebrews 9:27-28  
27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

**Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church**  
Kenny Williams, Pastor

### SCHEDULE

Sunday	10:00 AM	Church Service
Tuesday	12:00	Noon Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	6:30 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

Please come join us for  
**MASS & Catechism**  
At the Muckleshoot Catholic church

Catechism starts at 3:00pm  
Mass starts at 5:00pm  
As always, enjoy a nice dinner with us and Father Pat Twohy after Mass  
For more info. Please contact me at  
[Tara.Vasquez@muckleshoot-nsn.us](mailto:Tara.Vasquez@muckleshoot-nsn.us)  
Or by phone at (253)347-6937

**RELIGIOUS CONTACTS**  
*Please feel free to suggest additions*

**Muckleshoot Indian Shaker Church**

Dennis Anderson Sr., Minister  
Sandy Heddrick, Assistant Minister  
Theresa Jerry, 1st Elder  
Lee Stafford, 2nd Elder  
Thadious Lozier, 3rd Elder  
Trudi Moses, Secretary/Treasurer  
Carl "Bud" Moses, Traveling Missionary

**Muckleshoot Pentecostal Church**  
Rev. Kenny Williams, Pastor

**Sweat Lodge**  
Doug Moses, 425-301-60811

**St. Leo The Great Catholic Mass**

Tacoma Kateri Circle of St. Leo Church  
710 South 13th Street  
Tacoma 98405

Catholic (Native) Mass with Father Patrick J. Twohy  
1:30 pm every Sunday

Circle meetings 2nd and 4th Sunday  
Potluck every 3rd Sunday

[www.katericircle.com](http://www.katericircle.com)  
Facebook: Tacoma Kateri Circle





### Coronavirus 2019 Hotlines

If you feel you have been exposed to COVID and need guidance please contact the COVID hotline.

**MIT COVID Concern hotline: 1-253-294-8159**  
Available M-F 8 am – 6 pm

**WA DOH COVID hotline: 1-800-525-0127**  
Available 7 days a week 24 hours

### OFFICIAL MUCKLESHOOT SOCIAL MEDIA SITES


Here are the links to the official Muckleshoot Indian Tribe social media accounts. These profiles will be used to provide updates regarding COVID-19 news/services.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Muckleshoot-Indian-Tribe-100533941592033/posts/>

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/social\\_mit](https://twitter.com/social_mit)

**Instagram:** @mit.social | <https://www.instagram.com/mit.social/>

### FAMILY TREE BOOK UPDATE



The Muckleshoot Family Tree is being updated! The last edition was 2008. If you have family that was not included in the last book, please notify Pat Noel Fleming at [pnflem@comcast.net](mailto:pnflem@comcast.net) with name, parents' names and family's they belong to. I am also at the Philip Star Building on some Thursdays with Kerri Marquez. ~ Pat Noel Fleming

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

FOR FIRE, MEDICAL, OR POLICE EMERGENCIES CALL 911 FIRST

- TRIBAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING — AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY LINE (4PM — 7AM) (253) 561-1297
- GENERATOR — ELDER AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING EMERGENCY LINE Gregorio (253) 409-3885 | Brook (253)736-3891
- SECURITY EMERGENCY LINE FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911 FIRST THEN SECURITY (253) 261-7707
- TRIBAL HOUSING EMERGENCY LINE (253) 261-0779
- PUBLIC WORKS EMERGENCY LINE (253) 876-3030
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Ada McDaniel (253) 261-4724
- TRANSPORTATION Phillip James | Transit Manager (253)876-3326

### Muckleshoot Child and Family Services (MCFS)

**Contact Information for the MCFS Program**

**Address:**  
1220 "M" Street SE  
Auburn, WA 98002

**Main Phone:** 253-833-8782  
**Fax:** 253-876-3095

**CPS Intake Hotline for afterhours Call of Concern report of neglect/abuse:**  
1-866-ENDHARM (363-4276)



### The Little Free Library Project

PRESENTED BY  
**MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COLLEGE**

**CALLING ALL BOOKS!!** Located: at the Flag Pole in front of Health and Wellness Center 17500 SE 392nd St, Auburn, WA 98092

We need your help keeping our Little Free Library full of fun and interesting books for all ages!!

Drop off new/ used BOOKS @ MTC OR Leave them in the Little Library Box @ HWC

Sci-fi • Non-Fiction • Biography • etc.



### Get 20% OFF

with your Muckleshoot Tribal ID!  
1201 Pine Street - Seattle, WA 98101

### WARNING FENTANYL IS KILLING KING COUNTY RESIDENTS

"Oxycodone" and "Percocet" pills sold on the street or online are **FAKE** and likely contain **fentanyl**.

Fentanyl can also be found in **white powders**.



### HOW TO PREVENT OVERDOSE

- Don't use pills/powders from the street or online
- Don't mix drugs
- Don't use alone
- Have Naloxone (Narcan) ready Find it near you at [stopoverdose.org](http://stopoverdose.org)
- Call 911 if someone overdoses

### FREE WILL DRAFTING FOR MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL MEMBERS, NON-TRIBAL SPOUSES, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY



Please call or email to schedule an appointment:  
**Law Offices of Kate Jones**  
[katejoneslaw@gmail.com](mailto:katejoneslaw@gmail.com)  
(206) 370-1034  
[www.lawofficesofkatejones.com](http://www.lawofficesofkatejones.com)


Basic Estate Planning Includes:  
• Will  
• Power of Attorney  
• Healthcare Directive  
• Disposition of Remains

Office hours are the first Wednesday of every month at the Philip Starr Building, Office #283.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY:  
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Wills & Estate Planning Services

### Go the distance to protect our clean water future.

Visit [KingCounty.gov/CleanWaterPlan](http://KingCounty.gov/CleanWaterPlan)



### Clean Water Plan

Making the right investments at the right time

**King County**  
Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Wastewater Treatment Division

### Do You Have What It Takes? Become A Volunteer Firefighter

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### Human Trafficking Awareness Month

#### Tip 4 Ways of Identifying Victims

There are a total of 5 informational tips like this around the business buildings on the Muckleshoot Reservation. Take a picture of all 5 tips and bring them to the Tribal Court Annex to receive a gift.  
Expires February 28, 2020


- Not free to come and go as they please.
- Recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of their work.
- Opaque, boarded up or bars on windows, security cameras, etc...
- Not in control of their own money, bank accounts or financial records.
- Not in control of their own identification documents.
- Not allowed to speak for themselves (a third party must be in the room or translate for them).
- Doesn't know what city they are in.
- Little sense of time or date.

For more information or assistance call: Muckleshoot Victim Services Program  
Christine Mandry, Victim Services Specialist 253-876-2910 or Tara Howe, Intensive Case Advocate 253-876-2980  
Or the National Human Trafficking Hotline 1 (888) 373-7888 or SMS: 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")



**STUCK AT HOME?**

# COMPLETE THE CENSUS



Respond: [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

Looking for something to do while you're stuck at home? Fill out the Census!

**IN THE MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON**

No.: MUC-J-04/20-053

**NOTICE OF FACT FINDING HEARING AND FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN HEARING**

**IN RE: THE WELFARE OF:  
J.A.G.  
DOB: (04/02/2020)  
An Indian Child/Children**

**TO: VERONICA GONZALEZ, MOTHER  
JORGE GUTIERREZ, FATHER  
MCFS  
DORRY PETERSON, PROSECUTOR**

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that a Status Review Hearing regarding the above-mentioned youth has been scheduled for Tuesday the 9th day of June, 2020, AT 11:00 AM 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 YOUTHS 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 actions necessary for the youth's best interest; 5) whether filings were timely and appropriate.

You may pick up a copy of the MCFS Case Manager's Court Report from the Court Clerk's office three working days prior to the hearing. Pursuant to Section 12.A.03.070; Title 12, a Petition for Fact-finding must be filed within fifteen days of the Preliminary Inquiry and sent to all parties. The Parties shall be notified of the hearing at least (10) 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.03.080, 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 a party fails to appear the Court may, in his or her absence, take legal custody of the child, make the child a ward of the Court, and take any other action that is authorized by law.

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 1st day of May, 2020.  
/s/ clerk of the county  
MIT-Clerk Of The Court

**IN THE MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON**

No.: MUC-J-02/20-013

**NOTICE OF FACT FINDING HEARING AND FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN HEARING**

**IN RE: THE WELFARE OF:  
A.L.-R.  
DOB: (11/30/2018)  
An Indian Child/Children**

**TO: CHRISTIANO REYES, FATHER  
MCFS  
DORRY PETERSON, PROSECUTOR**

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that a FACT FINDING AND FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN Hearing regarding the above-mentioned youth has been scheduled for Tuesday the 9th day of June, 2020, AT 10:30 AM in the Muckleshoot Tribal Court of Justice located at 39015 172nd Avenue SE, Auburn, WA 98092.

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MIT-Clerk Of The Court

**IN THE MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT  
FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION  
AUBURN, WASHINGTON**

No.: MUC-DIV-10/19-124

**SUMMONS**

**Decree of Dissolution  
Legal Separation  
Annulment**

**MELISSA STARR  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
ISAAI CARBAJAL  
Respondent.**

**SUMMONS**

To the Respondent of this matter Isai Carabajal, TAKE NOTICE:  
The Petitioner, Melissa Starr, listed above has started a legal action through the Muckleshoot Tribal Court to:

Annul your marriage.

There may be additional requests made in the petition, such as a request for a parenting plan or child support, if applicable. You must read the petition carefully to determine the scope of this action.  
**YOU MUST SERVE A WRITTEN RESPONSE ON THE PERSON SIGNING THIS SUMMONS AND FILE THE ORIGINAL WITH THE CLERK OF THE COURT 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU WERE SERVED WITH THE PETITION.**

**A FAILURE TO APPEAR OR FILE A RESPONSE MAY RESULT IN A DEFAULT JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU.** This means that the Court could grant all the requests of the petitioner without any input or response from you.

You can obtain a form to respond to this petition through the Clerk of the Court located at 39015 172nd AVE SE, Auburn, WA, 98092.

You must file your response with the Clerk of the Court at the Muckleshoot Tribal Court located at 39015 172nd AVE SE, Auburn, WA, 98092.

If you need assistance in your response, inquire with the Clerk of the Court if you are able to set up an appointment with the legal aid clinic. The clinic may be able to assist you, but there is no right or guarantee of legal aid. You are ultimately responsible for your own response.

There is a hearing set in this matter for the following date and time:

Date: May 19, 2020  
Time: 1:00 PM

## \$45,000 Housing Assistance Program – Increased to \$90,000 per Tribal Member

The Tribe's commitment to providing housing opportunities to its members is once again exemplified with recent policy changes to the \$45,000 Grant Program. Tribal Council recently approved that the \$45,000 Grant Program be increased to \$90,000 per Tribal member. These funds can be used for home ownership activities including down payment, mortgage reduction, home improvements, self-help and safe housing repairs. In addition, the Tribal Housing Ordinance has been updated to allow Muckleshoot enrolled couples to each utilize their \$90,000 grant towards eligible program services for a total grant of \$180,000. *\$20,000 of each member's assistance shall be reserved exclusively for safe housing repairs.*

## ELIGIBILITY:

**Muckleshoot Tribal Enrollment:** Applicant must be a Muckleshoot Tribal member at least eighteen (18) years of age and enrolled in the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe for a minimum of five (5) years or be enrolled in the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and have resided within the Muckleshoot Reservation their entire life.

**Proof of Ownership:** Applicants must provide proof of ownership for the assisted property and utilize the home as their primary residence.

**Proof of Insurance:** Applicants must provide proof that the assisted property is covered by an insurance policy or sign a Homeowners Insurance Acknowledgment.

**Release of Information:** Applicants must sign a Release of Information to allow the Muckleshoot Housing Authority to obtain and verify information relative to eligibility for assistance.

**Residency/Payback Agreement:** Applicants, including any additional parties with ownership of the assisted property, must sign a Residency Payback Agreement agreeing to payback terms and refinance restrictions during a five (5) year payback period.

**Please contact our office with any questions or for further assistance with applying for this program.**

Muckleshoot Housing Authority | 38037 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE | Auburn, WA 98092 | (253) 833-7616

## TRIBAL MEMBER TIRE DISCOUNTS

- All 1 year warrantied alignments discounted from \$79.95 to \$60.00
- All 3 year warrantied alignments discounted from \$169.95 to \$120.00
- 15% off all wheels and 10% off all tires
- Early Bird Special - get an additional \$20.00 off when you come in Monday through Friday between 8:30 AM and noon.
- We also offer \$49 down & 100 days no interest with Snap financing. Just text 17392 to 48078, no credit needed. Must be 18 years or older. Must present Muckleshoot ID card at time of write up. We also promise to meet or beat everyone's prices on wheels and tires.



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**Muckleshoot tribal court of justice  
In and for the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation  
Auburn, WA 98092**

Case No.: MUC-J-03/20-047  
**NOTICE OF STATUS REVIEW HEARING  
IN RE THE WELFARE OF:**

**M. K.  
DOB: 08/03/2015  
An Indian Child**

**TO: Jose Barraza, Father for Madelyn  
Annaliese Ferrera, MCFS PAL  
Dorry Peterson, Presenting Officer**

YOU AND EACH OF YOU will please take notice that a Status Review Hearing regarding the above-mentioned youth has been scheduled for Tuesday the 26th day of May, 2020, AT 2:30 PM in the Muckleshoot Tribal Court of Justice located at 39015 172nd Avenue SE, Auburn, WA 98092.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide a review of the status of the child, including: 1) determine the continuing necessity for and appropriateness of the Court's jurisdiction and the child's placement, including whether the child should be returned to his/her parent or other family member; 2) to discuss services that have been offered, including their appropriateness and delivery, how these pertain to the goal of family reunification or other permanent plan, as well as the extent to which all parties have complied with any treatment plan or other provisions of the Child and Family Protection Orders, and achieved the goals described in such plan and orders; 3) a summary of progress toward alleviating or mitigating the circumstances necessitating the original placement, and 4) a target date by which the child will be returned home, or proceedings for review of the status of the permanency plan or alternative permanent placement begin.

Pursuant to Section 12.A.03.120; Title 12, a Status Review hearing shall be conducted by the Court at least once every six (6) months after the entry of an order of placement of a child removed from his/her home, unless MCFS requests an earlier status review. The Parties shall be notified of the hearing at least (10) days prior to the hearing. MCFS shall prepare a written report addressing the matters specified above and provide its recommendations, pursuant to Section 12.A.03.120, Title 12 of the Youth Codes. The Report shall be presented to the Court at least ten (10) days before each hearing and served upon parties.

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 16th day of April, 2020.  
/s/ Katie Avila  
MIT-Clerk Of The Court

**Free Legal Services for Native American  
Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes**

**Northwest Justice Project's** Coordinated Legal Education Assistance and Referral program (CLEAR) has new services available for Native American crime victims through the **CLEAR-CV-Native American Program**. An NJP attorney is available to provide advice, brief services and referrals in civil (non-criminal) legal matters stemming from the client's experience as a crime victim.

**Examples of legal problems include:**


- **Family Law** matters such as divorce, custody and protection orders involving domestic violence or sexual assault, especially when the case is in tribal court or the client believes it should be in tribal court; or when tribal court orders are not enforced.
- **Health** matters including denial of health care services or assistance in obtaining mental health services to deal with victimization
- **Housing** problems such as evictions or needing to break a lease due to a crime in the home
- **Economic security** issues such as medical bills, utility access and other consumer problems caused by an assault, abuse, or fraud.
- **Other** legal problems resulting from being a victim of crime

If you are a Native American crime victim seeking legal assistance, ask a tribal service provider or a staff member of an organization that serves Native Americans for a referral. Social services staff or tribal advocates refer clients to the CLEAR-CV-Native American program by sending a referral form.

**Questions?** Contact Jennifer Yogi at [jennifery@nwjustice.org](mailto:jennifery@nwjustice.org) or (206) 464-1519 ext. 0921

**What is Northwest Justice Project?**

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a statewide non-profit organization with 13 offices in Washington State that provides free civil legal services to low-income people. NJP's mission is to secure justice through high quality legal advocacy that promotes the long-term well-being of low-income individuals, families, and communities.



# BECOME A CHILD CARE PROVIDER!

*Do you love children? Have extra time on your hands?  
Want to make some money? Have a clean background?*

If you answered yes, we have the program for you; help our tribal families with childcare by becoming an approved childcare provider.

**How to become a family, friend, or neighbor provider:**

Visit the Muckleshoot CCDF program at the Muckleshoot Early Childhood Education Center, located on the Tribal School Campus (15599 SE 376th St Auburn, WA 98092) and request a CCDF Home Provider Application.

Fill out the application completely and attach all required documentation including a copy of your first aid/CPR card, a valid picture ID, background check questionnaire & forms, completed W-9 form, and a copy of your social security card (front and back.)

Submit completed application to the Muckleshoot CCDF office (must have original application – no faxed applications accepted.)

A CCDF representative will contact you within three business days to notify you about the status of your application review and/or to coordinate pre-screening. Once pre-screening requirements are met, a home-health, and safety inspection will be performed at the residence where childcare will take place.

Upon a cleared inspection you will be eligible to care for approved Muckleshoot CCDF Families.

**Contact:** Monalisa Mendoza, CCDF  
(Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm)  
**Phone:** (253) 876-3056 \* 3915  
**Email:** [Monalisa.mendoza@muckleshoot.nsn.us](mailto:Monalisa.mendoza@muckleshoot.nsn.us)

**Free Legal Services for Low Income  
Native Americans and Alaska Natives**

**Are you facing an issue in school? Do you need help with your attendance or performance in school? We can help!**

The **Native American Unit at Northwest Justice Project** provides free civil (non-criminal) legal services to eligible Native American / Alaska Native students and their families in Washington. Cina Littlebird at the Native American Unit is available to provide advice and representation to Native American youth and their families in civil legal matters that can impact the student's attendance or performance in school.

**Cina can work with you on (among other things):**

- **Education matters** including:
  - o Expulsion, suspension, & truancy
  - o Discriminatory discipline
  - o Special education & learning disabilities
  - o Parents' rights
  - o Other situations impacting a student's ability to participate in school
- **Foster & homeless student issues**
- **Health matters** including denial of health care services or assistance in obtaining mental health services
- **Housing problems** such as evictions, discrimination, or deposit issues
- **Public benefits matters** including applying for, denial of, or reduction of public benefits
- **Emancipation** (students seeking to be legally independent of their parents)

To find out if Cina or the Native American Unit can help you, contact Cina at [cina.littlebird@nwjustice.org](mailto:cina.littlebird@nwjustice.org) or (206) 464-1519 ext. 0919.

**What is Northwest Justice Project?**

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is a statewide non-profit organization with 13 offices in Washington State that provides free civil legal services to low-income people. NJP's mission is to secure justice through high quality legal advocacy that promotes the long-term well-being of low-income individuals, families, and communities.



## EXCLUDED FROM MUCKLESHOOT RESERVATION

The individuals pictured here have been legally excluded from the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation. If you see any of them on the reservation please call 911 and report the sighting to the Muckleshoot Police Department.



Edward Warner, Jr.

Byron John      Benedict Williams      Darnael Brown

Gerald Robert Elkins      Jorenda Proctor      Leslie Guy Wilson

Rajon Ray Hoff      Robert Wayne Weed      Rodney Darrell Hopper




# MUCKLESHOOT POLICE REPORT

Those subjects listed as "arrested" or "arrested via citation" means there is enough evidence for the police to prefer charges but have not been convicted.

## Weekly Recap for April 2020


- 4/01/2020 1351 Hours C20011293 17200 BLK/SE 386th LN Vandalism**  
A homeowner called 911 when she learned someone had crashed through her fence overnight. Deputies came out and took a report. There were no witnesses or suspect information available.
- 4/10/2020 1530 Hours C20012219 17200 BLK/SE 386th LN Runaway**  
A parent called 911 to make a report about their daughter running away. Deputies came out and took a report.
- 4/11/2020 0539 Hours C20012235 38900 BLK/172nd Ave SE Mental Complaint**  
Citizens called 911 when they saw a female standing in the middle of the street screaming. The female is known for using meth and showcasing this type of behavior. When deputies arrived they had the female involuntarily treated at the nearest hospital.
- 4/11/2020 2337 Hours C20012304 39700 BLK/HWY 164 Family Disturbance**  
Several family members got into an altercation when their dogs got into a fight. During the altercation punches were thrown and the police was called. A police report was taken and charges were recommended via the courts.
- 4/15/2020 1056 Hours C20012658 SE 414 PL/179 LN SE Vehicle Recovery**  
A citizen called 911 to report an abandoned vehicle in their neighborhood. When deputies arrived they learned the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was processed for evidence and taken out of the system. The owner was notified but didn't want the car anymore.
- 4/16/2020 1143 Hours C20012755 39600 BLK/172nd LN SE Runaway**  
A parent called 911 to report her child as a runaway. This isn't the first time the child has run away. A report was made and she placed into the system as missing.
- 4/16/2020 1811 Hours C20012812 17200 BLK/SE 386th LN DV Assault**  
Deputies were called to the hospital after a female claimed she was beat up by her intoxicated boyfriend. A report was taken and charges were recommended.
- 4/17/2020 2120 Hours C20012942 15700 BLK/SE 381st PL Death Investigation**  
A female was found unresponsive at her house. Medics tried to revive her but was unable to do so. A death investigation was conducted on scene and a report was taken.
- 4/22/2020 2200 Hours C20013328 15800 BLK/SE 383rd PL DV Vandalism**  
An ex-boyfriend got into an argument with mother of his three children. He shattered their bedroom window and flat screen television. The boyfriend left before deputies arrived and the other didn't want to press charges.
- 4/24/2020 1617 Hours C20013580 38000 BLK/158th Ave SE DV Assault**  
A male assaulted his pregnant girlfriend and fled from police in his vehicle. His girlfriend was taken to the hospital for medical attention and he was cited for DV assault through the courts.
- 4/25/2020 2200 Hours C20013632 39200 BLK/165th Ave SE Warrant**  
Deputies contacted a male who fled from the police. He was wanted for domestic assault and several misdemeanors & felony warrants. He was transported to SCORE jail and booked on several charges.
- 4/26/2020 0514 Hours C20013703 38200 BLK/158th Ave SE Warrant**  
A male was contacted and detained on his felony warrant. He was later released because all of the local jails were full.




**DUE TO THE GROWING CONCERNS REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC, EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL TRANSIT HOURS OF OPERATION HAVE CHANGED**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY  
10:00AM - 7:00PM**

**EXPRESS SERVICE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



**DOWNLOAD THE RIDE SYSTEMS APP FOR MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL TRANSIT INFORMATION**



"Good mail day! I Received my high school diploma today... feeling pretty good about this, never did think I'd get one of these!"  
- Rich "Gutts" Penn, May 2, 2020

**MUCKLESHOOT TRIBAL COURT FOR THE MUCKLESHOOT INDIAN RESERVATION AUBURN, WASHINGTON**

Case Nos.:  
MUC-J-04/20-056  
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY  
NOTICE OF FACT FINDING  
NOTICE OF FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN HEARING

IN RE THE WELFARE OF:  
B.B.J.  
(DOB 04/22/2020):  
AN INDIAN YOUTH

TO  
(MOTHER): LENORA JANSEN  
(FATHER): BENJAMIN SANCHEZ

YOU AND EACH OF YOU are hereby notified that a REQUEST FOR PRELIMINARY INQUIRY and REQUEST FOR FACT FINDING have been filed in the Muckleshoot Court Youth Division and a PRELIMINARY INQUIRY HEARING will be held on JUNE 23, 2020 at 2:30pm and a FACT FINDING AND FAMILY PROTECTION PLAN HEARING will be held on the JULY 14, 2020 at 3:30pm in the above-titled court, located at the Muckleshoot Legal Building, 39015 172nd Avenue SE, Auburn, Washington 98092, to determine for Preliminary Inquiry: 1) The tribal status of the youth; 2) Whether probable cause exists to believe that the youth is/are YOUTH IN NEED OF CARE, and tribal court supervision; 3) Whether out of home placement of the youth is necessary and 4) Any other action necessary for the youth's best interest pending further proceedings.

The purpose of Fact Finding 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 MCF's Case Manager's Court Report from the court clerk's office three working days prior to the hearing. Pursuant to Section 12.A.03.070; Title 12, a Petition for Fact-finding must be filed within fifteen days of the Preliminary Inquiry and sent to all parties. The Parties shall be notified of the hearing at least (10) 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.03.080, 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 a party fails to appear the Court may, in his or her absence, take legal custody of the child, make the child a ward of the Court, and take any other action that is authorized by law.

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 5/13/2020.  
OFFICE OF THE MIT COURT CLERK

## Muckleshoot family support center

39819 Auburn Enumclaw rd. Auburn WA. 98092

**Meetings noon and 7pm daily, closed on Sunday**

**Lunch and dinner provided**

We offer A.A, N.A. and G.A. and the medicine wheel, we also have women's meetings and Men's meetings. Children are welcome.

Birthday meeting on the last Friday of the month

**Come down and share your recovery with us.**

**Everyone welcome**

Meetings and dates vary and are subject to change. We also have an open group on FB with dates and times



## Attention Muckleshoot Tribal Members and Community Members:

The Muckleshoot Gaming Commission has reviewed the list of patrons barred from the Casino and Bingo Hall and has lifted many of these barrings.


To see if your barring has been lifted, please call  
**253-804-4444 Ext. 1428**



Attention:  
**Muckleshoot Tribal Members**

The Water, Sewer & Garbage Assistance Program has now been extended to King and Pierce Counties.

Please call (253) 876-2975 for details or stop by Public Works Office (Water Treatment Plant) topick up an application.



Office of Child Care and Development

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe Child Care Development Fund

**Do you need assistance with your child care expenses?**

Are you?

- > Employed
- > Enrolled in educational courses
- > In Job training
- > Or participating in job search activities

Is your child(ren)?

- > 12 years of age or younger
- > Enrolled in a federally recognized tribe or a descendent(parent must be enrolled)of a federally recognized tribe

Child care is based upon your family size and monthly income that is at or below 85% of King County's median income (100% for Muckleshoot Tribal Members). You may qualify, if your family's monthly income falls below the following income range:

Family Size:	85% Median Monthly Income	100% Median Monthly Income (MIT Members Only)
1	\$0-\$5,490	\$6,458
2	\$0-\$6,276	\$7,383
3	\$0-\$7,062	\$8,308
4	\$0-\$7,841	\$9,225
5	\$0-\$8,472	\$9,967
6	\$0-\$9,102	\$10,708
7	\$0-\$9,725	\$11,442
8	\$0-\$10,356	\$12,183

To apply or if you have any questions contact the Muckleshoot CCDF Program at 253 876-3056 or Vanessa Simmons at 253 876-3016

e-mail: [Vanessa.Simmons@Muckleshoot.nsn.us](mailto:Vanessa.Simmons@Muckleshoot.nsn.us)

Located at the Muckleshoot Early Childhood Education Center, 15599 SE 376th ST. Auburn, WA 98092

## Brush Clearing Service

Muckleshoot Tribal Members that are **18 years of age or older** can receive brush clearing service from Building Maintenance with mechanical equipment or our eco-friendly alternative, goats.



Brush Clearing Service Forms are available at the Elders Center Front Desk and Building Maintenance. For inquiries, call (253)285-4063

## BAD CREDIT? CAN'T GET APPROVED?

Our Goal Is...  
**100% CREDIT APPROVAL**

Muckleshoot Tribal Members Don't Pay Tax! Show Your Tribal Card for More Savings! We Have Over 100 Vehicles To Choose From!  
[www.deltoroautosales.com](http://www.deltoroautosales.com)



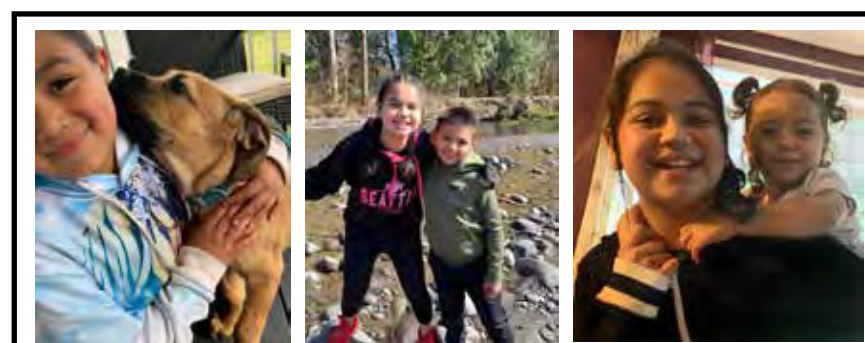
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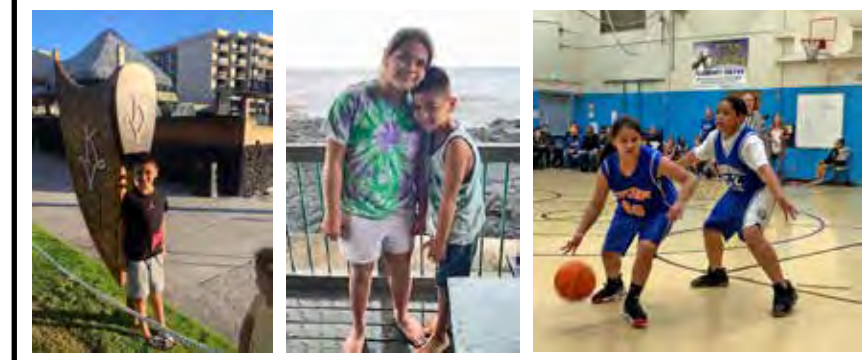
Here's rare old photo from the collection of Norma "Babe" Eyle. It shows her mom, Norma "Wassie" Eyle and uncles Stanley "Sut" Moses and Cecil Moses being sworn in to office on the Muckleshoot Tribal Council. These generations fought tirelessly to help bring the Muckleshoot Tribe to where it is today.



**Happy 8th Birthday Keanu & Happy 11th Birthday Natalia!**

Your birthdays will be anything but normal this year, but don't let it take away from all the amazing things you guys have done. We will make this an extra special birthday for you two!

Love,  
*Mom, Dad & Ansley*



Watched this amazing woman sign the deed for her new house yesterday! We packed everything, moved it, and had everything unpacked by tonight. I'm so blessed to have you as my best friend and to watch you succeed at anything that you are determined to accomplish! Love you Brianna Perez!  
~ Stephanie Lindgren



**Creek Poet Joy Harjo appointed to 2<sup>nd</sup> term as U.S. Poet Laureate**

If the name of this year's U.S. Poet Laureate sounds familiar, that could be because Joy Harjo was also last year's pick for the job. In a statement announcing the reappointment, Librarian of Congress Carla Hayden called Harjo "an inspiring and engaging poet laureate," who would "help the Library showcase Native poets from coast-to-coast."

Harjo is the nation's first Native American Poet Laureate, and her own poetry often draws on her Muscogee Creek background, as well as feminist traditions. As Laureate she has been working on an upcoming anthology of Native poetry as well as an online map that the Library says will include "Native poets' biographies and recordings of them reading and discussing one of their poems."

Harjo recently kicked off a Washington Post/Library of Congress series, The Poetry of Home, where she read her poem, "Perhaps The World Ends Here," which follows:

**Perhaps The World Ends Here**

*The world begins at a kitchen table. No matter what, we must eat to live.*

*The gifts of earth are brought and prepared, set on the table. So it has been since creation, and it will go on.*

*We chase chickens or dogs away from it. Babies teethe at the corners. They scrape their knees under it.*

*It is here that children are given instructions on what it means to be human. We make men at it, we make women.*

*At this table we gossip, recall enemies and the ghosts of lovers.*

*Our dreams drink coffee with us as they put their arms around our children. They laugh with us at our poor falling-down selves and as we put ourselves back together once again at the table.*

*This table has been a house in the rain, an umbrella in the sun.*

*Wars have begun and ended at this table. It is a place to hide in the shadow of terror. A place to celebrate the terrible victory.*

*We have given birth on this table, and have prepared our parents for burial here.*

*At this table we sing with joy, with sorrow. We pray of suffering and remorse. We give thanks.*

*Perhaps the world will end at the kitchen table, while we are laughing and crying, eating of the last sweet bite.*

~ Joy Harjo



**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Prevails in Court as Federal Judge Strikes Down DAPL Permits**

FORT YATES, ND – On March 25, a federal court granted a request by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to strike down federal permits for the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline.

The Court found the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it affirmed federal permits for the pipeline originally issued in 2016. Specifically, the Court found significant unresolved concerns about the potential impacts of oil spills and the likelihood that one could take place.

The Court ordered the Corps to prepare a full environmental impact statement on the pipeline, something that the Tribe has sought from the beginning of this controversy. The Court asked the parties to submit additional briefing on the question of whether to shut down the pipeline in the interim. (The

Court later amended the schedule for the parties to file briefs about whether to shut down the pipeline while an EIS is being completed. The issue will be fully briefed by May 27, with a decision expected sometime after that.)

"After years of commitment to defending our water and earth, we welcome this news of a significant legal win," said Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Mike Faith.

"It's humbling to see how actions we took four years ago to defend our ancestral homeland continue to inspire national conversations about how our choices ultimately affect this planet. Perhaps in the wake of this court ruling the federal government will begin to catch on, too, starting by actually listening to us when we voice our concerns."